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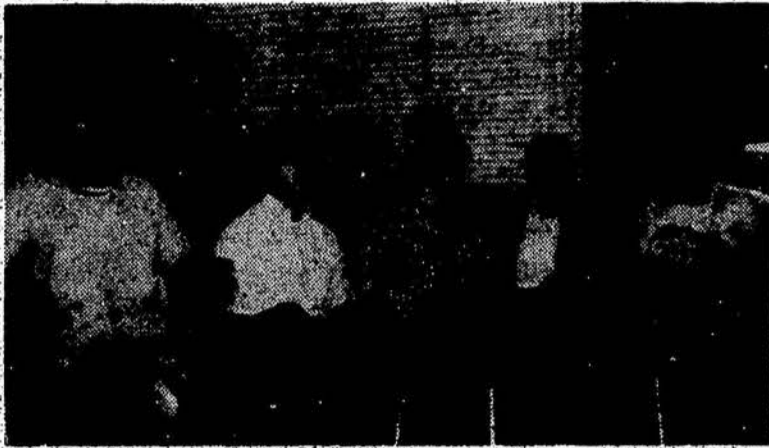
Yeshiva College Students Change Leaders For Next Year; Council Members, Commentator Board, Senators Elected

Council Names New Senators

By RICHARD SCHIFFMILLER

The five candidates for student senator positions for 1971-1972 were approved by the Yeshiva College Student Council at the May 18 meeting.

After a thorough screening of all the aspirants by the YCSC Executive Council, three juniors and two sophomores were nominated. The juniors, who will fill the four senior positions next year, include Chaim Sukenik, a chemistry major, past president of the junior class, chairman of the senate committee investigating degree requirements, and author of the "Sukenik Plan" for revising the morning YP schedule and curriculum; David Wolfson, executive editor of THE COMMENTATOR, past YCSC officer, and a member of the pre-med honor society; and Stuart Zweiter, history major, secretary-treasurer of Pi Mu Epsilon (social science honor society), and a member of the undergraduate



Senators Bernstein, Mirvis, Wolfson, Zweiter, and Sukenik respond to Council's questioning.

are especially important as they will serve for two years on the senate and hope to use their first year to gain experience. They are Larry Bernstein, newly-elected vice-president of EMC Student Council and a pre-med major; and Ted Mirvis, news editor of THE COMMENTATOR and a political science major.

Student council questioned the nominees at a closed-door session last week and the open meeting served to allow the candidates to

tors, along with this past year's junior senator, Marty Knecht, will assume their posts at the end of this academic year.

New Heads Installed At Council Meeting

By MARVIN WERTENTHEIL

The last meeting of the Yeshiva College Student Council of 1970-1971 was held on Tuesday, May 18. As is customary, the outgoing council members delivered their farewell addresses. For the most part, each member slowly thanked the students for the opportunity offered them to be members of the council; some offered criticism of this year's council and some offered advice for next year's.

Finally, President Bob Weiss began his final remarks as YCSC president. Calling the moment an "emotional one," he

summarized his year's work in two words — "regret" and "disappointment." He said that he had not performed as well as he should have and that the primary achievements to his credit were the establishment of the Jewish affairs committee and the initiation of the *Mesibat Rosh Chodesh* programs. He suggested that he may not have achieved his goal, possibly because "no one pushed council" and because THE COMMENTATOR had not, he believed, put forth any workable suggestions. President Weiss added that he (Continued on Page 9, Col. 4).

'Leningrad Nine' Trials Provoke Protests; SSSJ, JDL, ACSJ Organize Major Rallies

By CHARLES BERNSTEIN

In response to a second hijack trial in Leningrad, a new wave of activity on behalf of Soviet Jewry has begun. Demonstrations took place near the Soviet Mission on East 67 and Lexington Avenue.

On Tuesday, May 11, the new trial began, the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry called an emergency rally at the mission. In order to facilitate Yeshiva students' participation in this rally, Dean Bacon cancelled attendance requirements and examinations. Three buses hired by the Student Council transported many students to the sight of the demonstration.

The rally was SSSJ in style although other organizations, including JDL and Student Activists for Soviet Jewry, were well represented among the nearly two thousand demonstrators. The crowd marched up and down 67th between Lexington and Park singing, shouting slogans and carrying placards and pictures of Jewish political prisoners in the Soviet Union.

Prominent Speakers

Several speakers addressed the crowd, among them Rabbis Steven Riskin and Avi Weiss,

popular figures in the Soviet Jewry movement. They both stressed that the struggle for Soviet Jewry could no longer end at the Soviet Mission. Yeshiva students were urged to participate in the demonstration.

Accordingly, the crowd then marched down to Hammarskjold Plaza where a delegation was sent to the U.S. Mission to the UN to demand, among other things, that the President issue

down 67 by heading around the entire block, much to the chagrin of Special Events Squad policemen and Bar Association legal advisers. The crowd then returned to the Soviet Mission.

Organized by the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry, the march organizers. Noticeably absent was Rabbi Meir Kahane, who was released several hours earlier after having been arrested on charges of violating federal gun control laws.



Students continue to protest the treatment of Soviet Jews — this time near the Soviet Mission.

a statement of concern for Soviet Jewry and that the Voice of America broadcast Hebrew and Yiddish programs behind the Iron Curtain.

Two days later, on Lag BaOmer, another demonstration, organized by JDL and SASJ was held near the mission. In spite of the cold, wet weather, over one thousand people attended. Even when the rain began to come down quite heavily, the demonstrators continued marching, using umbrellas and cardboard signs to keep themselves dry.

Several times the crowd broke the monotony of marching up and

Two hours after the demonstration began, the crowd, marching five abreast, headed slowly toward Park Avenue, up East 68 Street, and around to the other side of the block from the mission. There, after failing in its attempt to sit down in the intersection of 67 and Third, the crowd contented itself with sitting and standing between two rows of police barricades at the mouth of the block.

Finally, with no place else to go, the crowd headed down Second Avenue to Hammarskjold Plaza. There, after several Russian flags were burned, the cold, (Continued on Page 7, Col. 3)

Hoffman Becomes Editor; Jakubovic, Wolfson Assist



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Editor-in-Chief Mel Hoffman

Melvin Hoffman '72 was elected editor-in-chief of THE COMMENTATOR for the 1971-1972 academic year at the governing board meeting held Thursday, May 7. George Jakubovic '72 and David Wolfson '72 were selected to fill the positions of associate editor and executive editor, respectively.

Editor-in-chief Hoffman is a history major and attends JSS. This past year Mr. Hoffman served as technical editor of THE COMMENTATOR.

Also a history major attending JSS, Mr. Jakubovic served as last year's copy editor. He is also the incoming managing editor of Tempo, and formerly was secre-

tary-treasurer of his freshman class in YC.

Make-up editor this past year, Mr. Wolfson is a member of the pre-med honor society and a student in YP. A newly-appointed student senator, he was on the senate scholastic standing committee and is on the YC dean's list.

The remaining governing board members elected are: Stanley Zimmerman '72, managing editor; Ronnie Maslansky '72, senior editor; Sheldon Toibb '72, contributing editor; Mark Koslowe '73, copy editor; Neal Rosenblum '73, make-up editor; Theodore Mirvis '73, news editor; Leonard Davis '72, feature editor; Edward Burns '73, production editor; and Sidney Rosman '73, sports editor.

Incoming managing editor, Mr. Zimmerman was associate copy (Continued on Page 6, Col. 4)

Commentator Uncovers Plot To Bribe Rabbi Yehuda Levin

By EDWARD BURNS

After a lapse of three years, the story of a plot to demoralize the Jewish population of Russia by robbing it of its spiritual leader has been revealed. In an exclusive interview with THE COMMENTATOR, a Yeshiva College faculty member disclosed the plan's details. Because of a delicate diplomatic situation, he asked to remain anonymous.

The story began several years ago, when the professor's brother journeyed to the Soviet Union to confer with professors of Moscow University's department of Middle-Eastern studies. While there this man, a prominent educator from Philadelphia, met with Rabbi Yehuda Levin, Chief Rabbi of Russia. The educator spoke to Rabbi Levin as a personal (Continued on Page 3, Col. 2)

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Credit Change

Form P-6, issued by the Office of the Registrar for undergraduates planning a year in an Israeli yeshiva, states, "The University believes in the value of study abroad." YU's true interest in study abroad, however, is now highly in doubt as a result of its credit policy towards *limudei kodesh* in Israel.

Students returning from a year in an Israeli yeshiva had always been granted sixteen credits by the college. The new administration policy, affecting students returning in September 1972, however, will be to grant only ten credits. Any additional credits will be conditional on examination. THE COMMENTATOR protests this change and urges restoration of the full sixteen credits.

The administration claims that students have been receiving credit for study at substandard *yeshivot*. If the administration truly wishes to protect the standards of YC and the religious divisions, it should advise the students of those *yeshivot* which meet university approval, rather than unilaterally denying them the right to attend any yeshiva and still receive full credit.

Although credit is not the prime motivation for learning, the prospect of fewer than sixteen credits for a year spent abroad may discourage some students from studying in Israel. Even if a student is idealistic enough to be willing to sacrifice credit for *limudei kodesh*, he knows that in the harsh reality of Yeshiva College credit is the only thing that matters.

The administration has consistently shown itself to be opposed to any proposals that would allow students the right to graduate in less than four years. With this new regulation it is attempting to make it difficult for a student even to graduate in four years. How much must a student sacrifice?

The administration has further shown great inconsideration in the manner in which it issued the actual regulation. In instituting this rule in May to apply to those students leaving for Israel in August, it has made it impossible for those who are adversely affected to change their plans.

THE COMMENTATOR therefore condemns this change in policy together with the manner in which it was instituted as an example of the administration's bending over backwards to hamper students striving for meaningful and useful educational goals.

Congratulations

Imagine a quick, efficient registration without the inequities and inconveniences of previous years. Impossible? Not any more, because the reforms instituted by the Committee on Registration have alleviated these aggravations. THE COMMENTATOR commends these new registration procedures and hopes that additional improvements and innovations will be forthcoming.

Specifically, THE COMMENTATOR recommends that the faculty play a larger role in the new registration procedure. This should be especially easy considering the fact that the faculty has already expressed this desire in their self-evaluation of June, 1968. It is essential that they be available during registration hours to waive prerequisites, to consent to open previously closed courses and, in general, to advise students on problems that may arise.

We further recommend that such innovations be extended to the registration procedures of the religious divisions in order that the difficulties that exist in their systems also be resolved.

Commitment

With expectations of excellence, THE COMMENTATOR congratulates the new student senators on their appointments. We sincerely hope that their responsibility will encourage a progressive rather than a complacent spirit. We further hope that the student delegation brings with it to the senate an attitude of diligence.

The new senate should concentrate on effecting significant reform rather than dawdling on trivial technicalities. The need for quick action is especially vital with regard to updating degree requirements. The future of the college depends greatly on whether our curriculum becomes more relevant to our modern needs.

Increased productivity, however, can only be accomplished by having the faculty and administration senators adopt a more positive attitude. They must strive to initiate reform, instead of relying on the students to take the offensive.

One step in the direction of improving the senate would be to lengthen its meeting time. One "forty-five minute hour" per week is absurd. It is not presumptuous for us to ask that the body which decides the academic policy of the college should meet longer and more frequently.

The interests of the entire college must be served. It is crucial for all of the senators to show the greatest commitment to the principles upon which the senate was founded.

Cap-Out

As this editorial is being written only 145 reservations have been made for the annual senior dinner on June 10. Last year 250 people attended this affair.

The response of the senior class, always somewhat disappointing, is approximately the same this year as it has been in the past. However, it is the response of the faculty that is especially appalling.

Last year, when faculty members had to pay only \$5 per person to attend, over 125 reservations were made. This year, when the covert charges have risen, less than 30 reservations have been placed with the dinner committee. It appears, therefore, that the faculty is willing to participate with students in extra-curricular activities only when they are in no way inconvenienced by them.

We find it hard to believe that, even in these days of recession, members of the Yeshiva University faculty cannot afford to pay \$12 as a parting gesture to their students of four years. We hope that our instructors will prove that their interest in the student body extends beyond the classroom and will attend this last activity of the senior class.

Letters To The Editor

To the Editor:

Probably the most important proposals concerning academic reform are in the report by the committee on degree requirements presently before the senate. The task of accumulating all of the facts for these recommendations was not an easy one. Having served on this committee, I can attest to its diligence and dedication in interviewing representatives from all departments, in evaluating research concerning requirements of other schools, and in thoroughly discussing various alternatives. Naturally, the full impact of the committee's report can only be felt if it is accepted in its entirety. If, however, only parts are approved by the senate, there will be minimal improvements at best.

Perhaps the most serious deterrent to full acceptance of the report would be that of vested interests of individuals. The fear that a faculty senator will vote against a reduction in his department is a very real one. If he does not succeed in defeating the motion in senate, there is always the possibility that deals would be made within the faculty to vote against one proposal in return for a negative vote against a subsequent motion that might harm another faculty member. In this way the faculty would exert their veto.

The problem of vested interests does not only concern the faculty, but apparently it also applies to the students. At the senate meeting of May 14, the committee's proposal that the gym requirement be reduced to two semesters was passed. At the first YCSC meeting (May 18), interest was shown in increasing the requirement to four semesters. The chief proponents of this idea were student leaders who were members of athletic teams. They feared that the reduction of the gym requirement would harm their various teams. (The argument of "sound body sound mind" was only a peripheral matter in which some students displayed their paternalistic tendencies.) Considering the fact that less than 10% of the student body participate in teams sports, it strikes me that the thinking of the backers of the motion was quite narrow and selfish. Fortunately the majority of Council had the sense to back the two semester requirement.

The point is that there must be a realization on the part of the college as a whole that our direction should be towards change that best benefits the majority of the students. I, therefore, hope that in dealing with this much needed and well researched report, all elements involved will follow the example set by the members of the committee and carefully consider the issues and attempt to divest themselves of their personal interests and successfully work toward the betterment of the school and a more progressive academic atmosphere at Yeshiva.

David Gottesman
Secretary-Treasurer
YCSC 1970-71

To the Editor:

Your May 5 issue contained a letter from Danny Kramer. I would like to respond to some of it.

1) The phrases that Kramer used to describe me and some of my friends (such as "one sick

man's hatred," "old and feeble," "Jordanian Semicha student") and his wild and untrue accusations (such as "Silver's seeking to break into and steal"), will not be replied to. Epithets do not deserve a reply.

2) Mr. Kramer makes no effort to deny my charges that the university is misappropriating money donated, bequeathed or granted for Student-aid as well as falsifying its applications for such funds. I documented for Mr. Kramer (using publicly available information) the diversion of at least 500,000 a year of such funds; I also showed him a New York Times article dated 4/4/65 about a State Supreme Court ruling which bar certain other YU attempts to divert money for building purposes from funds earmarked for student-aid, which had come to the court's attention. The only conjecture that I made to him was that the total was higher. Mr. Kramer says in his letter, "Jeffrey Silver might be correct in claiming that some of the university's actions concerning various wills and bequests are not the most desirable procedures, but they do meet legal and halachic specifications." Since when does this activity meet Halachic specifications? Who is his Posek? Diverting mamon tzedaka violates halacha as well as American law.

3) The letter distorts the facts concerning the semicha curriculum problem. The original committee chaired by Dr. Rachman, had the ratio of one Rosh Ha Yeshiva to eight administrators, and was formed in order to bring the Semicha curriculum in line with the charter changes which transferred the MHL degree from the YU corporation to the newly created RIETS corporation. The committee met in secrecy and drew up a plan which offended many students and Rosh Ha Yeshiva. The Concerned Students coalition made the committee's abolishment one of its goals, and Dr. Belkin agreed, and signed an agreement giving control of the Semicha curriculum to the RIETS faculty, an arrangement that has been common to YU's other graduate schools where the faculty establishes curriculum requirements. (No modern university could be accredited if all control of its academic programs was in the hands of the administration.) The Rebbeim then appointed a committee chaired by Rabbi Lichtenstein consisting of Rav Parnes (as chairman of the RIETS faculty), Rav Bronspegal, Rav Lifshitz and Rav Bleich, to formulate the program. The program drawn up by the committee and Rav Soloveitchik, would have, as a start, substituted a requirement for the study of Halacha L'Maaseh and Chumash with Ramban for the present Bernard Revel Graduate School and S.R. requirement. Rav Soloveitchik then presented the plan to Dr. Belkin who approved it in June. After the summer Dr. Belkin broke his agreement and substituted instead a minor change in the present program. When Dr. Rackman announced this, Mordecai Feuerstein, chairman of last year's Concerned Student's Coalition, raised the point that this violated last semester's agreement. Dr. Rackman replied, "Over the summer Dr. Belkin (Continued on Page 9, Col. 1).

Speaking Out



Jews Of Silence

By Edward Burns

"We are Jews. We couldn't be prouder, and if you can't hear us we'll shout a little louder."

The shout was a whimper. The silence was deafening. Marching mechanically, chanting mindlessly, the veteran rally goers seemed pleased with the block long line of students gathered near the Soviet mission prior to Lag BaOmer. For them, this pitifully small crowd was a triumph. For me it was a tragedy.

On a December morning in 1944, the sun shown brightly over the snow-covered barracks of Auschwitz. Somewhere near the edge of the camp a long line of naked women stood despondently by a freshly dug trench, shivering in the bitter wind. A young Aryan soldier approached the group and brutally ripped a small infant from his mother's arms. Jovially he tossed the defenseless child in the air, disregarding the mother's terror-stricken screams. The silence of the morning was shattered by the explosion of bullets, smashing against the babe's frail body, scattering tiny arms and legs in all directions.

Would this scene have taken place if the Jews of America had not kept silent ten years before? If the paranoid, assimilation aspiring, callous Jews had taken the time to participate in protests and petition the U.S. government then perhaps that baby, that human being, that Jew would be alive today. But they didn't. They were too uninterested to get involved, preferring instead to watch the Yankees win the World Series and go to parties where they could mingle with their Gentile paragons. It is now thirty-eight years since Hitler's rise to power. The times have changed; the people haven't.

In a Soviet prison near Kiev, a young man lies sprawled on a stone floor, rotting away in iron chains that enslave his body but not his soul. Beaten, interrogat-

ed, and subjected to the vilest degradations imaginable he refuses to confess to a false indictment. The charge: Attempted sabotage and treason. The penalty: Death. The crime: He is a Jew.

For us, persecution is not a matter of history repeating it-
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Egyptian Press Councilor Evaluates Current Situations In Middle East

By CHAIM BRICKMAN

In the middle of a predominantly Jewish neighborhood, a few steps off Park Avenue at 67 St., stands the modest, red brick apartment which houses the Egyptian Mission to the United Nations. Except for a rusty emblem of two crossed scimitars hanging precariously over its barred entrance, the building is indistinguishable from those around it.

On Lag BaOmer, May 13, I penetrated the embassy through

its heavy wrought-iron doors. I was met by two female receptionists, who welcomed me and offered their assistance. I told them I had an appointment with Mr. Mohammed Amr. They relayed this information to a dark, stocky Egyptian who called Mr. Amr's office and announced my arrival. My hosts, meanwhile, led me along a short vestibule, lined with potted palm trees and pictures of ancient Egyptian artifacts, to a large gloomy office. Over a desk to the right hung a

poor painting of Nassar displaying a yellow set of evenly filed teeth.

At 3:28 a middle-aged man entered the conference room. Mr. Amr, dark, moustachioed and balding, motioned to one of the couches. I sat with my back to Nassar.

I asked Mr. Amr to describe his background, training, and in what capacity he serves at the embassy. After a frightened silence, my host finally said that he is the press councilor at the mission. Mr. Amr suggested that we move on to the Middle East as soon as possible. (I understood consequently that he had consented to such an interview with the sole purpose of indoctrinating some of my reading audience.) I decided to build up slowly:

C.B.—"Can you please define the goals of Egyptian social reform, and how successful has the program been since its inception?"
AMR—"Since the revolution in 1952, Egypt has developed the most advanced social security system in the world. Equality, among workers has become a reality, and industry has replaced farmland. The myth of a purely agricultural Egypt has finally been destroyed as a result of arab socialism."

C.B.—"Has there been any change in policy with regard to social reform since the passing of President Nassar?"

AMR—No, President Sadat, immediately after Nassar's death, stated that he would continue to support social reform as well as all of his predecessor's other programs."

C.B.—"Has the Kremlin's financial support been a major factor in the apparent success of Arab socialism?"

AMR—"That is one misconception the American people have accepted from their press. Russia has not always supported Egypt. At first the American government supported Egypt's economy and military. For example, American dollars helped build the High Dam until Zionist forces pressured the U.S. into deserting the project. Russia
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Russians Met With Rabbi Levin In Home Of Yeshiva Professor

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emissary of the Lubavitcher Rebbe. His mission was to confer with Rabbi Levin on the progress of the secret extrication of Jews from Russia.

The Plot Unfolds

In April 1968, following his return to the United States, the educator was visited by the secretary to the chief Russian delegate to the United Nations. Carrying a letter of introduction from the Russian Embassy, the diplomat stated that he wished to learn about Middle Eastern culture. Subsequently, the two men met again for this innocent purpose. Unknown to them both, however, their encounters were under the surveillance of FBI agents. Under subsequent questioning by Federal agents, the educator admitted that a secret meeting between the Soviet diplomat and the Chief Rabbi of Russia, who was scheduled to arrive in the United States, would take place in June.

In the beginning of June, the educator asked his brother in New York whether he could use his apartment for a meeting. Unaware of any link between the educator and Rabbi Levin, the YC professor consented. The meeting was scheduled for a Tuesday night in mid-June. The fact that the educator's brother was scheduled to address a convention of the Rabbinical Coun-

cil of America that night, would divert any attention from his home.

Rabbi Levin arrived from Russia accompanied by the cantor of the Moscow synagogue. Jewish leaders knew, at the time, that the cantor was a paid informant of the Soviet government, sent along to spy on Rabbi Levin's activities in America. Accordingly, ten days prior to the secret meeting, the New York Cantorial Bureau sent an invitation to the chazan to attend a reception in

appointment with Rabbi Teitz and long before the cantor's return.

Subsequent events have shown that Rabbi Levin refused the offer. Yet there are many questions regarding this episode of intrigue. Why was the offer presented in the United States rather than in the Soviet Union? Did Russian secret service men follow Rabbi Levin to the meeting? One can only surmise a possible explanation. Perhaps only one faction of the Soviet government wanted Rabbi Levin out of Russia. Understandably they could not risk antagonizing their opponents in Moscow and therefore waited until Rabbi Levin came to the U.S. to execute their plan. Although the details are not clear, it is logical to conclude that had Rabbi Levin defected to America, the Russian diplomat would have accomplished his goal without Soviet authorities knowing of any Russian involvement.

It is impossible to judge whether Rabbi Levin's refusal was a wise decision. Had he decided to go to Israel and spoken out on the problems of Russian Jewry, then a powerful voice might have helped to awaken the world's conscience. His departure, though, would have left millions of Jews in Eastern Europe without a religious figurehead to follow. History alone will decide whether Rabbi Levin's choice was correct.



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Rabbi Yehuda Leib Levin

his honor. The cantor, knowing that Rabbi Levin was scheduled to stay in his hotel suite that night to greet Rabbi Pinchas Teitz, agreed to the invitation.

The Offer

In the interim, Rabbi Teitz was contacted and told that his appointment would have to be postponed two hours until 10 p.m. On Tuesday night, after the cantor's departure, Rabbi Levin was whisked from his Manhattan Hotel to the professor's apartment in the Bronx. He arrived at 8 p.m. accompanied by his friend, the Philadelphian educator. The educator's sister-in-law greeted them and for twenty minutes the small group spoke about American Jewry.

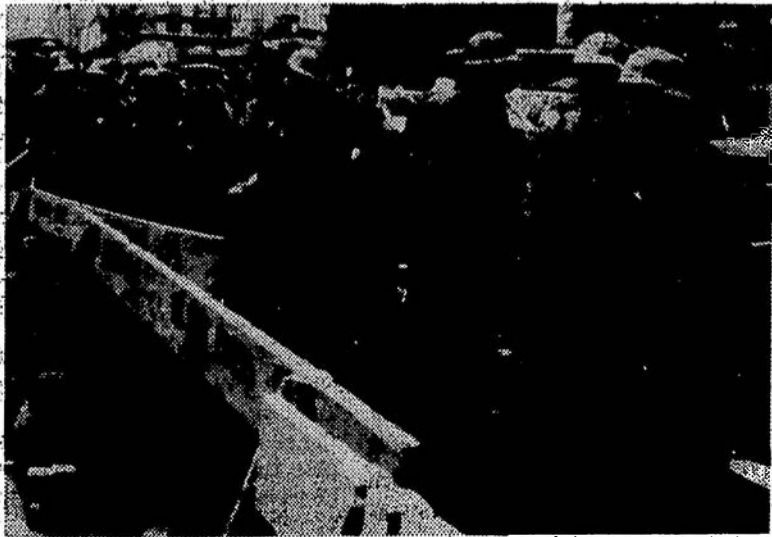
Finally, at 8:20 two men arrived, the Russian diplomat and an attache. The two men seemed very self assured and immediately began the meeting. The two hour session was conducted in Russian behind closed doors. The Russians had come to offer Rabbi Levin a bribe. In exchange for some unknown promise, they would guarantee safe passage to Israel for the rabbi. It was the Russians' hope that once deprived of their spiritual leader millions of Soviet Jews would eventually abandon their religious practices and beliefs.

The meeting concluded, and the educator brought Rabbi Levin back to his hotel in time for his

Captain Emphasizes Cops Role At Rally

By NATHAN KLINE and NORMAN BLUMENTHAL
In many demonstrations, marches and rallies, we tend to emphasize the viewpoints of the protesters and those toward

whom these protests are aimed, whether it be the Nixon administration's opinions versus the Mayday tribe's or the American Jews' versus the Soviet Union's.
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New York's Finest at work during recent demonstration.

Reporter Interviews Red Party Chairman

By MITCHELL WOLFSON

Several members of the New York State Communist Party, on Monday, May 10, visited YU, armed with anti-JDL flyers. The flyers stated that the JDL is promoting the big lie — that the Soviet Union is anti-Semitic. To find out more about the Communist Party's opinions concerning JDL, Israel, Russia, etc., I telephoned the Party's headquarters and arranged an interview.

I arrived at the Party headquarters, and a smiling secretary informed me that Comrade Rashied Storey, chairman of the New York State Communist Party, would talk to me. (Incidentally, Mr. Storey ran for President of this country in 1968.) Storey's office reminded me of every cartoon I've seen concerning a Communist, as the walls were decorated with portraits of Lenin, Stalin and Marx.

The first question I asked Mr. Storey was why did the Party call the JDL a "misnamed" organization. He immediately responded, saying that JDL is not a defense league, rather, an organization "dedicated to creating a misunderstanding among national minorities." I then asked him if he saw any similarity between the JDL and the Black Panthers. He emphatically denied any similarity, explaining that Panthers are "involved in a struggle to liberate the Blacks," while JDL is a "piss-assed organization of racists." He continued and said that the Panthers are not anti-Semitic.

By now, the so-called interview turned into a friendly debate. I began to argue with him, asking him to explain why the Panthers are not anti-Semitic. He said that the Israeli people
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By Mel Hoffman

When I have nothing to say and am forced to say something anyway, I invariably say it badly. It is logical for the outgoing president and editor-in-chief to present reflections on their college careers and to summarize their year in office. This is their last chance before being consigned to that great filing cabinet in the sky. The incoming president, as well, can outline his plans and define his goals, for as the students' leading spokesman, he must embark on his program by publicizing it. I am neither a retiring student nor a group representative. I am yet ready to wax reminiscent and I have no constituency, save perhaps my associates on THE COMMENTATOR, for whom I must present future plans. So why waste valuable space writing platitudes, and making predictions that may never come true?

This is the first issue since May 5, and the last issue before the summer holiday and as a result I have decided to break from traditional practice and write a topical column. To paraphrase Socrates: As editor-in-chief I am "sort of a gadfly" and the administration "is a great and noble steed, who is tardy" and "requires to be stirred into life." To keep the horse moving in these last days before summer vacation let me give it one last sting.

The thesis that a university exists for the benefit of its students has been quoted often. It has been shouted, irrationally and impulsively, and spoken, logically and calmly, until it has become a deformity like a softball that has been batted and bounced around in an extra-inning ball game. In spite of this notoriety, however, it appears that to the Yeshiva College administration the thesis remains unnoticed, if not actually ignored.

One is almost afraid to make such an accusation because it sounds so absurd in light of the statement's overwhelming logic. Who else but the students can be called the justification for all that we see around us — for the buildings and the books and the programs? Surely not the faculty. If the university exists to provide employment for teachers, then the whole system of examinations and marks that attempts to insure that a student has successfully absorbed that which the professor has professed becomes superfluous. Surely not the administration. It is merely a recent phenomenon to the university structure brought on when the increasing size and complexity of the institution reached a point where the faculty could no longer capably execute its primary pedagogical responsibilities. Despite the logic, however, and despite the natural human tendency to want to believe that all people operate on at least a minimal plane of rationality, there is no other way to explain much of the administration's performance unless we conclude that even such a basic theory as the one stated above is not adhered to.

Why else, for example, does the administration obstinately insist that all teachers give final examinations during the official exam period even though it is aware that some teachers in fact give early finals (or no finals at all) and as a result a significant number of students are forced to come to the scheduled final merely to sign the attendance list? Why else does the administration insist that all students pass a swimming test before being allowed to graduate even though it is aware that a significant number of them receive their degrees without being able to successfully negotiate a mud puddle let alone a swimming

pool? (I am aware that the senate has recently passed a resolution which removes the swimming requirement but this resolution has not yet gotten into the clutches of the Faculty Assembly.)

Even a seemingly logical regulation can, upon close examination, be exposed as a further example of administrative-inconsistency. Take the rule that no student may register for seventeen and a half credits in one semester unless he has better than a 3.4 index. On the surface this appears to be an honest attempt to benefit the student since it is felt that only those students who have produced high quality work while undertaking the normal academic responsibilities will be capable of successfully carrying a greater load. This argument falls wholly to the ground, however, when one realizes that the normal load itself can consist of as many as seventeen credits. If you haven't yet grasped the irony here, read on. The difference between the maximum load of any student with an average over 2.0 and the maximum load of a superior student with an average over 3.4, is one half credit. The only course Yeshiva College offers for one half credit is physical education. Thus the only benefit that the superior student derives from his scholastic achievement is the privileges of bouncing a basketball around a gym for a couple of hours a week. The rule could easily be restated as follows: "Any student whose average is above 2.0 may register for seventeen credits. If, however, a student wishes to take physical education as well, his average must be 3.4."

Even though the above mentioned regulations serve no real regulating function and consequently don't directly harm anyone, I find them intolerably loathsome. The administration accuses the students of being mistrustful and prone to dealing with it in a spirit of bad faith. Perhaps now the students' motives become understandable. Try and imagine the feeling of a student as he considers these nonsensical regulations. Some of them aren't being enforced and the ones that are don't serve the purpose for which they were intended anyway. They therefore can't be thought of as attempts to benefit the student (for whom the university exists) and must merely be considered as attempts to restrict him for the sake of restricting him. Further imagine the feeling of the student as he finds himself performing one of the tacitly accepted ruses I mentioned in the first two examples. He feels that the intellectual honesty that is so stressed by his educational system as a whole is being blatantly ignored by the very group that presumes to guide it. What student wouldn't lose faith in an administration characterized by such attitudes?

As I pointed out earlier, the purpose of this column is to sting the noble horse and thus arouse it to action. It is crucial for the administration to realize that the student's attitude towards it is to a great extent predicted on a feeling that their best interests are not being served and that this feeling has a definite basis in fact. There can be no hope for any lasting improvement in student-administration relations unless the manufacturer of all "ersatz" regulations, and the corresponding attitude which accompanies them is quickly and permanently terminated.

To end on a cheerful note let me, on behalf of the entire staff of THE COMMENTATOR, wish all our readers a restful and interesting summer. See you in September.

In Preview

By Dov Butler

The effectiveness of any program depends upon the cooperation of all those involved in it. If student council is to become an effective and responsive organ of the student body, it is up to the student body to work with and for it. During this past year we have witnessed individuals who were genuinely concerned with the situation at Yeshiva, and were willing to endeavor to the fullest of their capabilities for the betterment of the institution. Those areas and projects which depended solely upon their own initiative and dedication were successful. However, once they came to the level of student support or cooperation they failed. There is no real solution to the problem of student lethargy, but perhaps with the realization that without a combined effort on the part of the entire student body there will be nothing to look forward to, some concerned individuals may rise to the challenge.

The efforts of Student council during the next year will be directed in three main areas. First and foremost will be that of academic progress and reform. At present there are two vital reports before the college, that of the Student Council Research and Advisory Committee and the Senate Committee on Requirements for the Degree. Both reports contain substantial recommendations based upon detailed and painful research and analysis, and should be respected as such by both the senate and student council. Ultimately it will be the job of the senate to legislate on these matters, but it will be student council's responsibility to work with the senators in an effort to accomplish that which will best benefit the academic atmosphere of the college.

The second area will be that of Jewish affairs. In addition to expanding the council committee responsibilities with regard to Jewish affairs, council will hopefully work with other major Jewish organizations in an effort to make the voice of orthodox Judaism more effective. It is definitely a source of embarrassment to the YU community that with our tremendous numbers we are unable to produce impressive representation at most rallies and functions of Jewish concern. Somehow the feeling of responsibility has left us, and what is needed is a reevaluation on the part of each individual as to his responsibilities to the Jewish community and a rededication toward more involvement and participation. Our power lies in our numbers, and we must exploit this strength to its fullest.

At present we have an application before the Jewish Association of College Youth for an allocation to subsidize part of our intercollegiate shabbaton program. Though I do not expect the full amount requested, I still hope for some funding which should aid us greatly in the planning of the events and the fulfillment of our responsibilities to

the Jewish community.

The third area is that of student services. Aside from the regular day to day administrative aspects of council responsibilities, we will be working toward the overall betterment of the physical aspects of Yeshiva for the students. A meeting is planned for the near future with Rabbi Miller to discuss and finalize plans for the student union building. Hopefully there will be enough room for a fully equipped recreation room-lounge as well as combination office-meeting room space for active clubs and organizations on campus. In addition to lecture series and movies offered by council, we hope to institute a cultural program series



Butler takes over . . .

whereby talented individuals from around the city will be invited to perform here. A new guidance committee has already been established, and with the proper cooperation it should prove to be very successful.

By now we are all well aware of the gravity of the university's financial crisis, and every effort is being made to keep increases in costs and reductions in services to a minimum. The existence of Yeshiva is at stake and here, too, unity and understanding is of the essence. The present union labor negotiations threaten to destroy the institution financially and our only hope is that each segment of the university, from administration to students, will be willing to shoulder their part of the burden.

With all of these ideas, however, nothing can be accomplished without full support and cooperation of the student body. The response to the committee applications was impressive, and hopefully this is an indication of a revitalized student body with a willingness to work and cooperate.

The members of our new council are dedicated individuals, ones who have expressed an honest desire to work for the students and the school. We are all your representatives, and it will be your responsibility to encourage and direct us in the coming year. To a great extent we "stand on the shoulders of giants," and are able to learn from the mistakes of past years. It is my hope that together we will be able to make Yeshiva College what it should and is expected to be.



Governing Board

Top Row: Mel Hoffman, Second Row: (left to right) George Jakubovic, Neal Rosenblum, Dave Wolfson, Third Row: (left to right) Sid Rosman, Mark Koslowe, Ronnie Masliansky, Stanley Zimmerman, Bottom Row: (left to right) Eddie Burns, Lenny Davis, Ted Mirvis.

In Review

By Bob Weiss

The purpose of this article is not to serve as a defense or justification for the action or inaction of my administrations. Though admittedly falling victim at times to human fallibility, I do not regret the tenor, direction, or emphasis of Student Council this year. My regret is that there are those in the student body who do not share my sense of values and who gauge the success of a Student Council in terms of the number of confrontations and their ferocity, the ensuing practical result of at best secondary importance. It seems to many that the "rukus" is more important than the result.

To Yeshiva students the president of Student Council should



Bob Weiss

... Weiss gives up everybody the wisdom of Solomon, the leadership of Moses, and the radicalism of Abbe Hoffman. The students expect and demand the alleviation of all problems during an administration's eight months in office. Surely it is not too much to expect that forty years of entrenchment, mismanagement, and insensitivity can be reversed and the flowering of academic freedom, progress and cooperation will be realized dur-

ing a president's term of office. The course structures and requirements at Yeshiva are archaic, and vested self-interest of various department heads and faculty members is an undeniable fact of life at Yeshiva. It is the responsibility of Council to act on these matters and it has. The inequities perpetuated through the years will not be corrected by one Student Council, and to think so is unfair and dangerously over-optimistic. Progress has been made; An exemplary "Course Evaluation" and follow-up proposal for the creation of a joint Faculty, Student and Administration committee to act on firings and the continuance of contracts, has brought us two steps closer to achieving our goals.

Yeshiva College has the greatest potential and consequently the greatest responsibility to provide the leadership and direction in terms of Jewish Affairs for the American Jewish community. If we shirk this awesome responsibility, the results will not be as crucial as whether there will be one less requirement to burden ourselves with, but rather with whether 3,000,000 Jews will survive spirituality and thousands of American Jewish college students will be lost to Judaism forever. Council has a prime responsibility to upgrade and streamline the academic requirements, however, I must emphasize that Council has a dual role. It's unspeakably selfish, moreover it is criminal to put our own interests above that of our fellow Jews.

Fortunately or unfortunately, the span of office of a single administration lasts but one year, decisions must be made and priorities set. I do not regret my emphasis on Jewish Affairs. If I have somehow, in a small way, sensitized the Academic Community to the problems facing the Jewish Community then one of the two major roles of council has been fulfilled. If I have set the stage to bring about the upgrading of academics at Yeshiva, then we also have take a giant step in the realization of the other one of council's roles.

In Retrospect

By Andrew Geller

The last column is the hardest to write. It is the one in which I want to say so much, but how is it possible to compress four years on the newspaper and eight years at this school into several hundred words. Or, more important, after all the ink has been spilled in this year's COMMENTATOR, does it really make any difference what I say?

THE PAPER

THE COMMENTATOR this past year and in previous years, has been a fine newspaper. It is not the Harvard Crimson or the Columbia Spectator, but neither is its staff composed of journalism majors or its printer devoted exclusively to this paper. Those people who would criticize THE COMMENTATOR on technical grounds are the same people who flatly refuse to work for it. Their criticism only testifies to their hypocrisy.

This year's paper featured an abundance of editorials and columns. I think that we proposed a number of significant and constructive changes, and in a year in which there was no real cause celebre, on or off campus, this was no mean accomplishment.

What is upsetting, though, is the attitude with which our editorial suggestions were met. I do not mind when editorials are discussed and debated, and the decision is made not to follow our advice. Such was the case with our support for graduation

and intelligent individuals sat on THE COMMENTATOR governing board this year. Whatever we wrote sprang from an abiding interest in bettering this school. That interest deserved to be rewarded in kind.

This same observation concerning the role of the paper in Yeshiva has been made by numerous editors-in-chief, and I fear that we have not heard the last of it. My plea to the university community in this last column is, please prove me wrong.

THE SCHOOL

I first came to YU in September, 1963. Since then the school has added a dormitory, library,



Big Tag

Andrew Geller writes his final column.

senate, unlimited cuts and P-N, several new courses and some teachers.

Since then enrollment has dropped significantly at the college, not because our academic standards have risen, but Yeshiva is becoming a less attractive choice to a growing member of high school seniors. Religious observance, at least that which can be measured by minyan and religious division attendance, has declined. Little attention has been given to these problems.

A comparison of the two preceding paragraphs will reveal what I believe is the most difficult problem at Yeshiva today. We have been so busy dealing with the secondary issues that we have neglected those matters which determine the very character of the university.

I do not want it to appear that I leave Yeshiva after so many years with a totally negative view of the school. I must confess, with apologies to Dean Bacon, that Yeshiva is not a first rate school. The demands of the dual program preclude such aspirations. But, given the limitations of time placed upon the faculty and student body, I think that we are doing a most satisfactory job.

Of course Yeshiva is an all-Jewish school, and this limits the variety cultural experiences one can have here. But I remain unconvinced of the necessity of "broadening one's horizons" at the expense of placing oneself in a semi-alien environment. In any case, the universalist YU student

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after three years. The senate disagreed with the paper, and the eight semester requirement remains.

But at least there was a decision in that case. Many more times THE COMMENTATOR made proposals that were merely ignored. Prominent examples include ideas for the guidance department, reform in the religious divisions, major innovations in the curriculum and an overhaul of the athletics association. These are surely not trivial matters, and yet no one in the school, whether student, faculty member, or administrator, seemed to care enough to say something about them.

This is not a personal injustice that I am complaining about. I am soon leaving this campus, and most of those issues are no longer of great personal significance to me. But thirteen serious

In Review Of The Year's Senate Resolutions

1. To create a committee on degree requirements to study the YC curriculum and recommend changes. (passed)
2. To set the opening hours of Pollack and Gottesman Libraries at 10 a.m. (passed)
3. Students with a cumulative average below 2.0 are subject to all the restrictions placed on students on probation unless specifically exempted by the scholastic standing committee. No record of his probational status shall be kept. (passed)
4. The freshman tea is canceled but the guidance office may, at its discretion, be allowed to inform parents of all students in danger of failing any subject at the mid-term of the freshman semester. (passed)
5. (a) Pre-dental majors shall have the option of taking the Biology or Chemistry GRE or to substitute the Dental Aptitude Test Total Science Score, with a minimum "coded score" of 4. (passed)

- (b) Pre-medical majors shall have the option of taking the Biology or Chemistry GRE or to substitute the MCAT in Science. They will be required to receive a 400 minimum score this year and 500 next year. (passed)
6. In all courses except those prescribed for graduation or required for the student's major, an upper senior in his final semester may choose at the usual time to take a P-N grade. (passed by the senate — vetoed by the faculty assembly)
7. Students shall be permitted to transfer to Yeshiva College up to 12 credits a summer, but no more than 4 courses from summer sessions at other institutions. (passed by the senate — vetoed by the faculty assembly)
8. The college faculty shall publish a revised and updated list of scholarly books in various fields to be made available to the students. (passed)
9. The faculty will have the right,

- in exceptional cases of the gifted student, to vote graduation and the degree to a student without regard to the eight semester residency requirement. (passed)
10. A Committee for Residency requirements shall be created which shall consist of the Scholastic Standing Committee and its student members. This committee shall recommend specific cases for reduction of the residency requirement. (passed)
11. Second semester upper seniors may be exempt from final examinations in courses not prescribed for graduation or in the student's major. Such an exemption will be predicated on approval of the instructor, who along with the approval will submit a grade. The student will then have the option of exemption and that grade, or of taking the final examination. (passed)
12. In principle, any student accepted to an accredited profes-

- sional (or graduate) school prior to his completion of the 128 credits required for a B.A., degree would be granted a B.A. from YC upon successful completion of his first year in professional or graduate school, provided he has fulfilled both his major and college requirements (excluding fourth year requirements) while in attendance at Yeshiva College. (passed by the senate — vetoed by the faculty assembly)
13. A student may be permitted to take a total of 43 credits in any consecutive 12 month period (fall, spring, summer). (passed)
14. The faculty veto should be abolished with the President, having sole veto power. (tabled)
15. The grade of A shall be assigned to students even if they register for a P-N; the grades of B, C, and D shall be the equivalent to P; and the grade F shall be equivalent to N. (passed)

Besdin Feted

Rabbi Morris J. Besdin, director of JSS, was honored on Sunday, May 16, at an evening of tribute sponsored by JSS students. The ceremonies, held in room 501-Furst Hall, were in recognition of Rabbi Besdin's 25 years of service to Yeshiva University.

Rabbi Besdin joined the University in 1946 as a lecturer in Talmud. In 1956, two years prior to his assumption of the directorship, he joined the Jewish Studies Program, the predecessor of the James Striar School, as an instructor in Bible.

Speakers at the event included Rabbi Israel Miller, Rabbi Pesach Oratz, Rabbi David Berezin and JSS student leaders, past and present. Marvin Metzger, outgoing JSS student council president, presented Rabbi Besdin with a plaque and a gift in appreciation of his dedication to the students of the school.

As the final speaker, Rabbi Besdin praised the students of JSS, citing their devotion, energy, and desire to become bnei torah.

Soy Picks Maybruch EMC Elects Pulver



M. Reich

Newly elected SOY executive council. From left to right: Daniel, Maybruch and Hirsch.

By JACOB T. BUCHBINDER

Balloting for next year's executive boards of the Student Organization of Yeshiva and the Erna Michael College was held on May 6. The voting was marked by an almost unprecedented turnout, reversing the recent trend of general student apathy.

The newly-elected executive board of SOY will consist of Walter Maybruch, Joshua Daniel and Leonard Hirsch. Many candidates ran for the three offices and campaigning was fast and spirited. The presidential race, in which personalities as well as issues were debated, was won by Mr. Maybruch, who defeated Dov Frimer by a 292 to 155 margin. The winner, a junior, pre-dental major, was this year's SOY secretary-treasurer.

The vice presidency was won by Joshua Daniel on the second ballot. The junior, pre-dental major collected 248 votes in comparison to the 153 votes amassed by Yacov Stollman and the 54 obtained by David Weiss. Next year's secretary-treasurer will be sophomore, political science major, Leonard Hirsch who received 271 votes. Erwin Gross polled 80 votes and 54 votes were

accredited to Myron Chaitovsky. Over seventy percent of the YP-RIETS student body voted in this election.

Newly elected President Walter Maybruch said that during this period of fiscal retrenchment and

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Classes Pick Councils Many Run Unopposed

By AVI FREILICH

Following the controversial elections for YCSC Executive Council, the May 6, YCSC class elections were rather quiet. The turnout was mediocre, and for five of the nine offices there was only one candidate.

The smallest class turnout was for the senior elections, with approximately 130 people casting ballots. In the race for president, Stan Goldstein, a write-in candidate, upset Bernie Hammer. David Merzel, also the only candidate for his office listed on the ballot, defeated Terry Gans, a write-in, by over a two to one margin. In the only senior election void of a substantial write-in, Jeffrey Benjamin lost the position of secretary-treasurer to

Erwin Gross, who was the guest speaker at the dinner. He outlined the progressive changes necessary in the field of health care. "Medicare and medicaid are inadequate," he said, "in as much as they provide funds for medical care without increasing the number of people active in the medical profession." Dr. Gordon predicted an increase in importance of paramedical workers and group practices. "The necessity for a medical complex in which people can receive personal attention and expert care is of supreme importance."

Finally, Dr. Hirschaut, president of the Raphael Society of orthodox doctors and dentists spoke about the work of pre-med advisor Dr. Saul Wischnitzer. He stated that Dr. Wischnitzer is the catalyst of everything that occurs in the pre-med society. "He is the man that turns the student's dreams into reality."

Senate Acts On Courses And Professional Option

At its past three meetings, the Yeshiva College Senate dealt mainly with the second report of the subcommittee on degree requirements. The senate also concluded discussion of the P-N revision and the "professional option" measure.

The May 6 meeting began with Dean Bacon's report on the Faculty Assembly meeting which had been held the previous evening. He announced that the faculty had approved the senate measure which allowed students to take 43 credits within any one year period. Regarding the "professional option" motion, the Dean reported that the faculty favored the measure with one proviso: that the senate add guidelines to be worked out by the scholastic standing committee and then submitted to the Faculty Assembly for approval.

Dr. Fleisher, declaring that "a little honesty won't hurt," pointed out that the faculty had vetoed the measure. It was noted, however, that the original motion which the senate had passed implied the addition of procedural regulations.

The motion, originally passed

by the senate on April 1, would allow students leaving Yeshiva College after 3 years for graduate school to receive a B.A. upon completion of their first year of graduate study. The senate scholastic standing committee is presently drawing up regulations to put this policy into effect.

The senate then turned to the matter of revision of the P-N system. As a substitute motion to the original revision plan submitted by the scholastic standing committee, Dr. Tendler had proposed that any student receiving an A or B in a course after filing for a P-N be given the A or B; a C or D would be recorded as a P while an F would appear as an N.

Senator Butler expressed his objection to this plan, noting firstly that a student might prefer a P to a B, and secondly, that the P would then obviously represent a grade of C or D:

After further discussion, Dr. Tendler modified his motion to propose that, in the case of a student who filed for a P-N in a course, an A be recorded as an A, grades of B, C, and D and P, and F as N. This substitute motion passed the senate by a vote of 9-2 with three abstentions.

At the meeting held Friday, May 14, the senate began acting on the second report of the subcommittee on degree requirements. The report, which had been introduced by committee chairman Chaim Sukenik at the end of the previous meeting, includes eight separate recommendations for changes in degree requirements and related college procedures.

The first recommendation reads as follows: "The present requirement of Health Ed 9;10 be discontinued. In its place, a 2-credit, one-semester course in Hygiene be offered as an elective. This elective should include all major areas of mental and physical health and should be taught by professionals (i.e. doctors and psychologists)."

Senator Butler proposed that the senate accept this first suggestion minus the last phrase regarding "professionals." In ex-

plaining his reasons for advocating this change, Senator Butler noted the possible financial inability of the college to secure such a faculty to teach the new course.

Dr. Fleisher objected to this change, expressing his belief that the course would be inadequate without professional instruction. As a substitute motion, Dr. Fleisher then proposed the first committee recommendation in its entirety. This motion passed the senate by an 8-7 margin.

The second recommendation of the committee dealt with the gym requirements. The first part reads as follows: "The present requirement that each student take six semesters of Physical Education (for 1/2 or 1 credit per semester) and pass a swimming test in order to graduate, be changed to the following: All students must take 2 semesters of physical ed. in either their freshman or sophomore year." Regarding the swimming test, the second part of the recommendation would require all freshman to either produce evidence of their ability to swim or take a swimming test. Passing the test would not be a requirement for graduation; rather, those who failed would be advised of the facilities available to them for learning how to swim and of the benefit of their taking advantage of them.

Senator Jaskoll moved that the senate accept the first part of the recommendation with one change: that the measure state that the two required semesters be taken "preferably," i.e. not necessarily, during the freshman or sophomore year.

Dr. Tauber then proposed to amend this motion to require four semesters of gym and exclude a "non-physical substitute" such as recreational leadership or team managing. After the difficulties of such distinctions and the need for team managers were pointed out, Dr. Tauber withdrew the later stipulation. His amendment was then defeated by a vote of 8-7, with Chairman Kirschbaum's vote breaking a 7-7

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Pre-Meds Pick Ganeles To Head Med Society

By SANA BLOCH

On Thursday, May 6, 1971 the pre-medical society of Yeshiva College held its annual election of officers. Elected were David Ganeles as president and Sam Wilchfort as vice-president. The junior officers are Avi Freilich-treasurer, Daniel Wogheleinter-secretary, and Sana Bloch-historian.

Inaugurating this year's activities was the third annual Doctor's Day dinner held on Sunday, May 16. Hosted by Dr. Saul Wischnitzer, YC pre-med advisor, the evening's highlight was the presentation of honorary awards to Dr. F. Glaubach, D.D.S. and Dr. I. Krana, M.D., graduates of Yeshiva College class of '55. They were honored for their contribution to the yeshiva ideal of *Torah u'Mada*. Norman Turoff, pre-med of the year, received a certificate honoring his achievements in scholastic endeavors.

Dr. Gordon, former dean of the Albert Einstein College of Medi-

Bernie Horne.

In the junior class, also, two of the three positions had only one candidate on the ballot. Running unopposed, Bob Benedek, last year's secretary-treasurer, was elected president of the class. Although he was unopposed, he was the only junior candidate to publish a platform. It stressed that he believed in "integrity." By "integrity" he meant that he would only make proposals that could be accepted with few modifications; he would not propose outlandish motions and then depend on compromises to placate the students. In the race for vice-president, Allan Chernikoff handily defeated his two opponents, Jay Nadlebach and David Zimmerman. Missing a clear majority by one vote, Mr. Chernikoff received 126 votes on the second ballot to Mr. Nadlebach's 59. Lenny Schlangel, running unopposed, had no trouble getting the job of secretary-treasurer of the junior class, getting 160 out of the 200 votes cast.

The sophomore class had by far the most heated election, with signs plastered all over Furst and Rubin Halls, and position sheets handed out by many of the candidates. The presidency was won by Manny Ruchelsman on the first ballot after he collected 116 votes to Mitchell Wolfson's 54 votes and Heshy Greenberg's 35. Mr. Ruchelsman stressed in his campaign that there should be more interest in council for Jewish Affairs. He also stated that the students should be better informed of council's activities. In the race for vice-president, Elliot Tannenbaum easily defeated two write-in candidates, Mitchell Flaum and Avi Dachman. In a five way race for secretary-treasurer, Steve Newman was finally victorious on the fifth ballot. Receiving 71 votes, he defeated Nathan Kahan, Bernie Kaminetsky, Nathan Tuchman and Will Greenberg.

Commentator Chooses Hoffman As Editor

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 2) editor this past year. Active in the dramatics society, he is a member of the pre-med honor society and is on the YC and EMC dean's lists.

The post of senior editor will be held by Ronnie Masliansky. Manager of the wrestling team, Mr. Masliansky is a political science major and a member of Pi Gamma Mu. A student in EMC, he served as associate sports editor last year.

Sheldon Toibb, newly elected contributing editor, is presently attending the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. He was associate news editor during the 1969-1970 school year.

A math major and YP student, Mark Koslowe, copy editor, served as last year's associate copy editor.

Neal Rosenblum was this year's associate make-up editor. He is a member of the pre-med honor society and EMC student council. Newly-appointed student sen-

ator Ted Mirvis will hold the post of news editor. He served as last year's associate news editor and is majoring in political science and attending YP.

The new feature editor, Leonard Davis, has served on THE COMMENTATOR news staff and *Tempo* feature staff. He is also a political science major and a student in YP.

Besides serving on the senate curriculum committee, production editor Edward Burns has been chairman of the YCSC research and advisory committee and a member of the associate feature staff. He is a member of the pre-med honor society, is on the YC dean's list and attends YP.

Sports editor Sid Rosman is also a member of the pre-med honor society, as well as the dean's lists of EMC and YC. He served last year as associate sports editor and is a member of the varsity fencing team.

EMC Students Elect Pulver Maybruch Defeats Frimmer

(Continued from Page 6, Col. 2) program cutbacks. "the B'nai HaYeshiva must help strengthen the Yeshiva from within and create more 'achdut' among the members of our Yeshiva community." In relationship with the rebbeim and Dr. Belkin, he said, "we must be diplomatic, I wouldn't want to be responsible for widening the gap." The new president expressed hope that the administration would not renege

EMC student body voted in the election.

Mr. Pulver, the winning presidential candidate, stated that his administration would attempt to nurture a more understanding relationship between EMC students and their instructors. He expressed the hope that discussions now being held would result in the relaxation of some attendance regulations. The participation of council and the student body in the area of Jewish affairs will be broadened next year, Mr. Pulver promised, since they are "of paramount importance in the molding of the character of EMC." Vice-president elect Larry Bernstein echoing Mr. Pulver's words said, that student council hopes to work hand in hand with the faculty towards improving the general level of instruction, courses and curriculum. The council intends to acquaint the student body with the difficulties it has been encountering for the past few years. Mr. Bernstein also voiced the hope that the administration would adopt a more mature attitude toward students in terms of relaxed attendance requirements.

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on its promise to provide a *Mashgiach*. A positive approach toward the yeshiva was called for; the talmidim must—in any way possible—help the yeshiva solve its problems. In conclusion, Mr. Maybruch stated that one of his major endeavors would be to strengthen and reinforce the yeshiva atmosphere and reduce the disenchantment with RIETS that so many lower-classmen share.

In contrast to SOY, campaigning for EMCS executive board offices was lackadaisical, late and limited. Appeals for votes were generally withheld until the two nights preceding election day. Two candidates ran unopposed and only the presidential job was contested.

David Pulver was elected president of Erna Michael College Student Council defeating Eliyahu Ladell by a 110 to 46 margin. Mr. Pulver is a junior, pre-medical major, who served as associate editor of *Hamashkif* during the past year. Sophomore, pre-medical major, Larry Bernstein running unopposed garnered 111 votes (write-ins and abstentions totalled 56) and captured the vice-presidential spot. Another lone candidate, sophomore, pre-medical major David Zwillenberg will be next year's secretary-treasurer. Mr. Zwillenberg collected 98 votes while abstentions and write-ins were numerous (70). Over 80% of the

'Leningrad Nine' Trials Create Protests; SSSJ, JDL, ACSJ Organize Gatherings

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 5) wet and tired crowd soon dispersed without incident.

A Second Rally

On Sunday, May 16, yet another rally was held, this time under the auspices of The American Conference on Soviet Jewry, an umbrella organization which

is supposed to coordinate all Soviet Jewry activity. The demonstration took place at the Park East Synagogue which is directly across the street from the Russian Mission. Among the dignitaries was Congressman Edward Koch, who has proposed a bill in Congress which would

allow 30,000 Russian Jews above the present quota to enter the U.S.

The high point of the afternoon occurred when Mrs. Rivka Alexandrovich arrived to speak to the audience of over one thousand people. Just released from the Soviet Union, she is the mother of Ruth Alexandrovich, the 24 year old Jewess who was arrested in October, one week before she was to be married.

After a long ovation by the audience which sang *Am Yisroel Chai*, Mrs. Alexandrovich surprised the crowd by addressing them eloquently in both Hebrew and English. Her speech was followed by another long ovation during which the audience sang and the people on the dais danced around Mrs. Alexandrovich.

Schachter Speaks

The most pronounced demonstration of a lack of unity in the Soviet Jewry struggle took place when Rabbi Herschel Schachter, Chairman of The American Conference on Soviet Jewry, rose to

Jewish Leaders Cable Israel; Urge Adoption Of Lamm Plan

JTA Thirteen American Jewish leaders last week called for the enactment by the Knesset of a Labor Law Amendment encompassing the *Rosh Chodesh* Plan in order to avoid further friction over Sabbath-observance in Israel.

In a cable to Prime Minister Golda Meir, the group urged her to use her influence to secure passage of the amendment, formally introduced into the Knesset by M.K. Zevulun Hammer of the National Religious Party.

The Plan was devised by Dr. Norman Lamm, professor of Jewish philosophy at Yeshiva Univer-

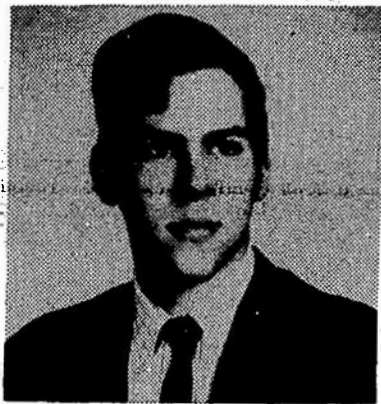
sity and Rabbi of The Jewish Center in New York City, in response to the bickering and animosity surrounding Sabbath-observance in Israel. Religious Jews feel offended when national sporting contests and other public events take place on Saturdays, and the non-observant feel constrained by Sabbath legislation which limits their activity on the one free day of the week.

The Lamm Plan calls for declaring *Rosh Chodesh* (the first day of each Hebrew month) as an official day of rest. The new Moon was observed in ancient Israel as a day of public festivity, but travel and other Sabbath restrictions do not apply to it. Because *Rosh Chodesh* sometimes falls on Saturday, and *Rosh Hashana* is always the New Moon, there are about nine days per year that would then be available for all national athletic, cultural, and other activities, satisfying all segments of Israeli society.

The Labor Bloc has so far opposed the amendment on the grounds of the additional strain it would cause to the economy. Sponsors of the Plan, who consider it a way-station to the eventual five-day week, have proposed various ways of compensating for the extra holidays. Whatever extra economic burden it would cause beyond this, they argue, costs the State less than the acrimony and strife in the wake of the periodic outbreaks over Sabbath violations.

Senders of the cable to Mrs. Meir, who signed as individuals, include leaders from all factions of American Jewry, including Prof. Eugene Borowitz of Hebrew Union College and Rabbi Arthur Lillyveld, President of the American Jewish Congress (Reform); Rabbi Wolk Kellman, executive vice-president of the Rabbinical Assembly, and Prof. Seymour Siegel of the Jewish Theological Seminary (Conservative); Dr. Emanuel Rackman of the Executive of the Jewish Agency, Rabbi Hershel Schacter, Chairman of the American Conference on Soviet Jewry, Rabbi Israel Miller President of the American Zionist Federation, and Prof. Norman Lamm (Orthodox); Robert H. Arnow, President of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, and Stephen Stulman, Joint Deputy Director (Continued on Page 8, Col. 4)

Kirschbaum And Kreiser Win Annual Senior Class Award



Masmid

In recent balloting, the class of 1971 chose Myron Kirschbaum as its valedictorian and selected Rabbi Aron Kreiser to receive the Senior Professor Award.

Mr. Kirschbaum, who has been a student in the Rav's *shiur* for the past three years, is presently completing his term as chairman of the Yeshiva College Senate. A departmental assistant of the political science department, he will enter Harvard Law School this fall.



Masmid

Rabbi Kreiser, Instructor of Talmud in EMC, joined the school's faculty in 1958. Upon being named to receive the award, Rabbi Kreiser emphasized that he felt it was given in appreciation of his relationship with his students but was not a measure of his success as a teacher. "Success for a teacher is in the classroom, not a dinner," Rabbi Kreiser commented, adding, "My job is *Mesorah* and I'm still before that."

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speaking. A group of half a dozen young people in the balcony tried to drown the rabbi out with shouts of "We want action!" and "When is the next demonstration?"

When Rabbi Schachter tried to placate the disrupters by conceding, "We are not doing enough," one of the youths shouted down, "You are not doing enough. We are trying. You are not even trying!"

Rabbi Schachter tried to end his speech on a note of solidarity and the formal part of the program ended with the singing of the *Hatikvah*.

Outside of the synagogue, presented with a rare opportunity to be directly in front of the mission, the crowd closed the first wave of reactions to the new trial, by singing, and davening *minchah* before dispersing at the request of the police.

Other major actions planned in the next few weeks are a student strike for Soviet Jewry on May 27 and a Jewish Identity Week for Soviet Jewry, in Washington the week of June 20 to 27.

Ellmen Aid Recruiting Of Future Grapplers

(Continued from Page 12, Col. 5) grapplers. The equipment will make the Yeshiva wrestling room one of the finest in the area, second only to the New York Athletic Club.

However, Coach Neil Ellman realizes that building one team is not enough. If Yeshiva wants to maintain a good team, a constant influx of wrestlers is needed. To help attain these goals, a recruitment program has been established. Circulars have been sent out to many of the high schools which have wrestling teams to inform the students of the benefits of wrestling at Yeshiva. No house can be built without a foundation and a strong foundation is being built for Yeshiva wrestling.

A New Era

Without any aid from the administration, the team is trying to build itself into a high calibre squad. They are taking an active

part in the recruitment program so that the fine team they are going to build will endure.

The feeling for sports among the matmen is quite unique. They are not interested only in making themselves better wrestlers, but they also want to build a future for athletics at Yeshiva. If their new ideas work, there will be a new era in our sports program. The team will set a precedent at Yeshiva by devoting its summer to wrestling and by recruiting new talent so that at least this Yeshiva team will never again be laughed out of a gym.

At the Yeshiva College Athletic Dinner, guest speaker Marty Glickman spoke about the absurd situation of those colleges which were dropping their athletic teams. The matmen are taking an entirely different approach. They desire not only the continuance of the athletic program but also growth.

Cantor Nulman Stresses Jewish Music Programs

By HOWARD SCHRANZ

Cantor Macy Nulman, director of the Cantorial Training Institute, explained to THE COMMENTATOR last week the importance of the study of Jewish music and the need for a more serious approach by the Jewish student to his musical heritage. Cantor Nulman stressed that while it is not necessary for all to perform, an intelligent listening public is essential to our music's future. Placing high educational values on classical music, he said, has largely ensured general music's survival.

Jewish music is no modern phenomenon. Music has been an integral part of the liturgy since Jubal, the biblical father of music. Many Psalms begin with brief instructions to the choirmaster. Religious music became increasingly more popular

after the sixth century, at the Gemara's completion. During the Spanish Inquisition and subsequent times of oppression, Jews hiding in caves and forests regarded a stranger's knowledge of synagogue music as positive proof of his Jewishness. Today, however, even in Israel, only a small percentage of the music produced is suitable for the synagogue.

Cantor Nulman used the Israeli tourist song, *L'shana Haba'a* to illustrate the evolution of a Jewish tune. Originating as the Hasidic tune, *Mipnai Mah*, the melody found its way into the 1922 production of S. Ansky's *The Dybbuk* in Moscow. Recently, Aron Copeland, impressed by *The Dybbuk*, developed the tune and named it "Vitebsk," the home of the original Hasidic composers. Only six months ago did El Al rediscover and reinterpret the melody.

"To truly appreciate music, then," Cantor Nulman concluded, "the listener must be steeped



YUPR Cantor Macy Nulman

in tradition. Through transfer courses at CTI, Yeshiva has created new avenues whereby students can avail themselves of this tradition and explore it."

Egyptian Press Councilor Evaluates Current Situations In Middle East

(Continued from Page 3, Col. 5) then offered to help Egypt and Egypt accepted her aid."

C.B.—"If another outbreak of war would only set back Egypt's economic gains, why encourage hostilities?"

AMR—"Israel in '67 took our land; they have no right to that territory. Look who started the wars! In 1967, who started the war?"

C.B.—"Well, Israel might have physically attacked first, but Egypt left Israel no choice after the strait was closed..."

AMR—"Well, in 1948, 1956, . . . and in 1967 the enemy began guerrilla attacks against Arab settlements. In Deir Yessin, 254 men, woman and children were massacred. Menachim Begin, an Israeli cabinet member today, the Israeli general who led the massacre, came to America and was paraded down the streets as a hero. All this has been confirmed by Arnold Toynbee."

C.B.—"With the ouster of Mr. Sabry, are there any officials remaining in President Sadat's cabinet more conservative than President Sadat?"

(At the time of the interview the six Egyptian cabinet ministers had not yet resigned.)

AMR—"As you know my government is non-aligned. We have no set ideology."

C.B.—"Will the newly formed

federation have any foreseeable effect on Egypt's foreign policy, in particular with respect to Israel?"

AMR—"The federation was formed with both economic and military aims in mind."

C.B.—"There have been reports recently concerning rising tensions between the Russians in Egypt and the Egyptian people. Can you substantiate these reports?"

AMR—"I am not aware of such reports."

C.B.—"In what capacity are the Russian technicians and pilots serving in Egypt?"

AMR—"Technicians are technicians. They operate machinery."

C.B.—"Are they also along the canal?"

AMR—"Some are along the canal."

C.B.—"What about pilots?"

AMR—(hesitating for a few seconds and looking at the ceiling) "Ah . . . there are no pilots that I know of."

C.B.—"What about the report in the papers?"

AMR—"I told you, papers give you what they want to make you believe or what the people want to hear. You see, actually, America never backed Israel. It was the Zionists who helped Israel. America allows double loyalty which undermines the

American government. (Here he quoted the closing paragraph of George Washington's Farewell address: "The danger of foreigners in government undermining America's security.") Israel realizes that as soon as hostilities flare, the American Zionists began donating. As one UJA speaker said, "When the blood flows, money flows. This is not a war between Arab and Jew, but rather Zionist versus Arab."

C.B.—"Do you think that Egypt and Israel will ever sit face to face at the peace table and work out a final, true peace?"

AMR—"Israel has not complied with any of the United Nation's resolutions."

Israel has only complied with the U.N. resolution calling for a State of Israel. Israel continues to ignore the future of the Palestinian refugees. It has not responded yet to the Jarring mission, while we answered almost immediately. It is immoral for Israel to deny the rights of the refugees."

After thanking Mr. Amr I hurried out of Egyptian territory. Time: 4:05.

Who's Whose

- Asher Tuchman '72 to Sharon Blitz
- Shmuel Kohn '67 to Meryle Cherrick
- Allen Lebovitz '71 to Judy Sayovitz
- Philip Landa '72 to Shari Spilky.
- Larry Bruckner '71 to Rivka Chait
- Victor Fried '71 to Mindy Grunberger.

Lamm's Plan

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of the Board of the Weitzman Institute; and philanthropists Jakob Michael and Max Stern.

Separate messages urging passage of the Amendment have been sent by the Union of Orthodox Congregations of America, the Rabbinical Council of America. Similar communications have arrived from South Africa and elsewhere.

"The *Rosh Chodesh* proposal is a creative solution," the cable read in part, and "will contribute to greater understanding and less friction among Jews of different persuasions, and make *aliyah* easier for American Jews accustomed to a five-day week."

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Jews Must Rally To Save Their Brethern

(Continued from Page 3, Col. 2) self. We have lived through it continuously from time immemorial. There is no excuse for forgetting millions of Jewish martyrs; there hasn't been enough time for the memories to fade. Our problem is not forgetting, it is not feeling. We do not reflect upon the torturing of an innocent Russian Jew. His unpronounceable name and strange customs put him in the game category as some nameless South Vietnamese peasant. Unfortunately, the bond of religion holds no special significance to most American Jews.

The uncommitted, Reform Jew, who purposely shuns his denominational ties to avoid antagonizing his Wasp neighbors, cannot be expected to actively identify with his people. **HOWEVER, THERE CAN BE NO EXCUSE FOR ANY ORTHODOX JEW, WHO UNDERSTANDS THE PRINCIPLE OF ACHDUT, TO BE NEGLIGENT IN HIS DUTY OF SAVING THE RUSSIAN JEWS.**

The time to radicalize our thoughts and actions is now. The old-fashioned stigma of being associated with protest demonstrations is an anachronism. "Rally" is no longer a dirty word. The Orthodox Jew, so terribly afraid that protests are a chillul Hashem, must be made to realize that any deed which can save the life of a fellow Jew is a kiddush Hashem. Because of numerous events it is now obvious that the only way to invoke a positive response from the Soviet government is to create a great enough stir about an oppressed minority in Russia to shock the consciences of the "liberal" world.

Self righteous preaching, however, is not the answer to the Soviet Jewry problem. If Yeshiva University is the "oldest and largest university under Orthodox Jewish auspices" then it would seem logical that it should do something to give its trite title some real meaning. It should be the responsibility of the students of Yeshiva College to coordinate all efforts on behalf of the Russian Jews. From this point onward, we cannot afford to waste our time and money on ventures which may prove ineffective or counterproductive to our cause.

The Yeshiva College Student Council must establish, with

sincere administrative cooperation, a Soviet Jewry Action Committee entrusted with the following powers and responsibilities:

1) To plan and execute a limited number of carefully organized mass demonstrations each year. These must remain few if they are to succeed in attracting the vast number of people necessary for a demonstration's success. To insure a large turnout, major personalities from the political and entertainment worlds must be induced to speak at these rallies.

2) To speak with the rabbis of all major congregations in the tri-state area, urging them to conduct appeals on behalf of the Russian Jews. The main problem in attracting large crowds to a demonstration is insufficient and poor advertising. With large sums of available monies it will be possible to provide saturation advertising in the mass media before every major rally. Additional monies can be utilized for sending telegrams and letters to appropriate world leaders.

3) To have the authority to demand that all Jewish schools in New York suspend classes on the days when major demonstrations are held. We must establish the priority that responsibility to our own kin precedes dedication to secular studies. If we cannot get the cooperation of our own religious schools, then to whom can we turn?

The course we embark upon will help determine the future of millions of Jews who yearn for freedom. Freedom now. We must act decisively and responsibly, conferring constantly with knowledgeable authorities for advice and guidance. We cannot afford to be silent at a time when the tortured voices of millions cry out to us for our help. Remember the haunting plea of Isay Auerbach, bridegroom of imprisoned Ruth Alexandrovich, heroine of the Jewish resistance in Riga.

"Jewish People! You are our only support and hope. Let each person who considers himself a Jew raise his voice in defense of all Jews arrested for their love of their people and their wish for an exodus to the land sacred to us, because their fate is truly our common fate."

To vindicate our past and insure our future we cannot remain the Jews of silence.

Captain Rickard Comments On Special Policies' Role At Rally

(Continued from Page 3, Col. 2) Despite his apparent role in these demonstrations, the policeman's reaction is often disregarded. As the peacekeeper, he is often accused of being too lenient, either by Attorney General Mitchell or by the Soviet Union, and of course, he is often accused of being too harsh.

This discussion becomes very pertinent to us, as Jews, when anti-Soviet rallies, in particular the one for the Leningrad Nine, are brought up. The Leningrad trial of nine Jews, a continuation of the trials stemming from an alleged hijacking attempt last June was marked by an emergency rally held on Tuesday, May 11.

These reporters of THE COMMENTATOR spoke with Captain Rickard of the nineteenth precinct, located opposite the Soviet Mission, regarding these rallies and the police involved. Capt. Rickard is a tall, heavy-set man about 45 years of age. Despite a rough exterior, he proved to be amicable, humorous and responsive. Although admitting that he was a "mongrel" and a 4th generation American, he showed sympathy towards both the Jewish religion and the plight of Soviet Jewry.

Need Cooperation

The Captain began the conversation by emphasizing the need for cooperation between demonstrators and police, and said that he is usually in contact with leaders of all protest groups. "The prime objective is to permit groups to marshal themselves without police intervention.

He stressed that New York police use "more restraint" than other police forces. With the exception of the Jewish Defense League, which usually doesn't announce its demonstrations to police, The Captain found Jewish protest groups especially cooperative.

Once a rally begins either the Special Events Squad of the Tactical Patrol Force have the difficult task of protecting the rights of the demonstrators, the public and those toward whom the demonstration is directed. This involves both closing a street for demonstrators while still maintaining the mid-Manhattan flow of traffic, as well as posting a twenty-four guard on the target area, in this case the Soviet Mission. Additional problems include repeated complaints from nearby apartment dwellers because of

the constant noise and inconvenience. Despite all these difficulties Capt. Rickard claims that the police "bend backwards" to facilitate demonstrations. Theoretically, he remarked, the police could legally prohibit demonstrations because of the proximity of, for example, a school.

SES-TPF

The Special Events Squad is a police group which supervises rallies during the mornings and the early afternoons. The SES' job is to supervise small demonstrations while the TPF, a more stringent group, supervises during the late afternoons and evenings, and concentrates on more difficult assignments.

During the Lag BaOmer demonstration on May 13, the difference between these police groups was greatly evident. When the TPF came on the job, the JDL who had tried to stage a sit-in and to block traffic, quickly disbanded. An observer from the mayor's office called the TPF "hitters;" while also saying that "late afternoon rallies are definite 'no-nos'" because of the SES-TPF changeover.

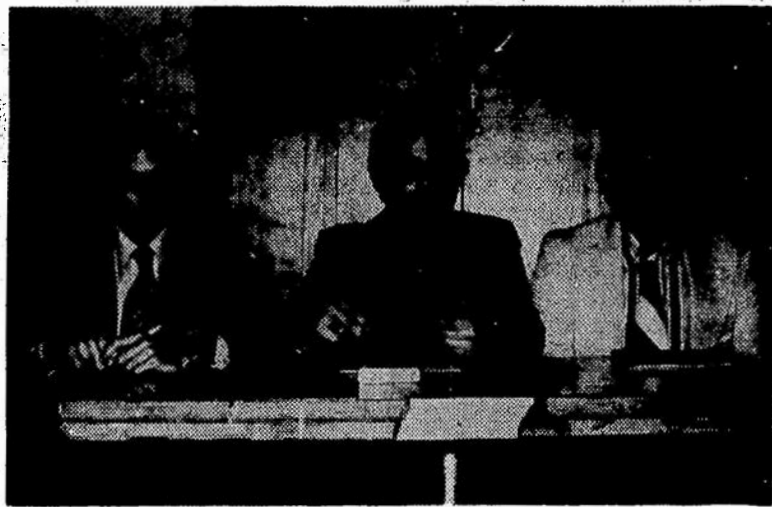
Captain Rickard also expressed his opinion about violent actions taken by the JDL. While expressing an understanding of the role that violence plays in increasing publicity, he still felt compelled

to denounce it. Furthermore, he said, "their action towards their own people aren't too good and it brings disfavor." For example, he mentioned the recent JDL attacks on the Board of Rabbis. Bombings and attacks often affect people to whom they are not directed as well. For instance, the Captain related to us a story concerning the JDL's mistaking a residential apartment for an Arab headquarters. They smashed windows and molested "innocent" people.

The Captain denounced claims of police brutality by stating that police injuries usually outnumber JDL injuries ten to one. Ironically, he added, it is often the Jewish policemen that receive the brunt of the violence. He explained that they feel additional responsibility and are the ones who go in to pacify the crowd and end up getting hurt. In conclusion, he advised the average concerned Jew to protest for Soviet Jewry in every way possible, but without violence.

Regarding the important objective of such demonstrations, namely the effect on the Soviet Mission, the Captain came right to the point. "On weekends you are wasting your time, you might as well forget about it. You might as well be home because they are not here anyway. They don't give a damn."

New Heads Installed



The men who led the first meeting, (from left) Joe Bellitsky, Dov Butler, and E. J. Shapiro.

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 5) hopes the new council will work together with THE COMMENTATOR in achieving the students' goals.

The installation was short: President Weiss presented the gavel to Dov Butler, the new president; the new council members took their seats, President Butler called the first 1971-1972 council meeting to order and the role was taken.

President Butler, speaking for the first time as YCSC president, thanked his supporters and said that he would heed the warning, and try to dodge the mistakes of the previous council. He stressed the importance of student unity and student involvement, urging students with ideas to speak to their council representatives. In line with this theme, President Butler reported that a council suggestion box is being readied and that a new bulletin board to be placed in Furst Hall for council and senate news has been ordered. Also, President Butler emphasized the significance of the Jewish affairs committee, noting that it has been enlarged and will hopefully see increased success this coming year.

The Senate nominees were confirmed after a brief period of questioning from the floor. The President's appointments to the various YCSC committees were also confirmed.

A new committee to look into the matter of the poor guidance program at Yeshiva was established.

President Butler then told of the strenuous labor negotiations going on with the maintenance workers' union, Local 1199. He said that there is a chance the tuition or the student activities fee would be raised. A committee was formed to negotiate with the University on any proposed increase in tuition or fees, or cuts in student services.

A committee was also set up by council to investigate the recent cut in the number of transfer credits for yeshiva study in Israel.

The last item brought up concerned the Senate's approval of a measure to decrease the minimum gym requirement from 6 terms to two. After a lengthy discussion, a motion carried by a 7-4 vote to support the senate proposal, and with that, the meeting ended.

Letters to the Editor

(Continued from Page 2, Col. 5) overruled Soloveitchik and if you boys press the issue one of them will have to leave." Mr. Kramer is wholly out of line in laying the blame for this betrayal on what he calls "the intransigence of some Roshel Ha Yeshiva." Similarly Dr. Belkin broke his signed agreement promising for the hiring of new mashgichim, for giving Stern a separate religious division, and his agreement to release the "lawyer's" report, etc.

4) Rabbi Aberman did make the statements quoted in the leaflets, "I know him personally. He's the only one I can have confidence in." When I spoke to Rabbi Aberman later he said that he did not remember his exact

words. He maintained that he did not know Dr. Furst personally, but that Dr. Furst was recommended to him by another YU administrator who did. This distinction is not very relevant in establishing Dr. Furst's impartiality.

In general Rabbi Aberman's and Rabbi Miller's handling of the situation has been irregular to say the least. The American Civil Liberties Union, in a letter to Rabbi Aberman dated April 3, 1971, called various of Rabbi Aberman's threats and procedures "coercive and unreasonable," lacking "minimal standards of due process of law," and "in violation of fundamental standards of fairness."

5) I accused Dr. Miller and the

administration of spying upon students of trying to obtain psychological guidance information on them, and using the following tactics against them — selective 'leaks' of guidance information, trumped up charges, letters to draft boards, denials of admission into the Rav's shiur, attempted firing of a counselor, expulsions from Kollel, phony tuition bills, and outright blackmail." The letter does not deny these charges but characterizes these actions as Dr. Miller's "fulfilling one's position of responsibility towards the institution within the framework of professional ethics." I think that the term "hatchet man" was equally appropriate.

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Yeshiva Students Become Cab Drivers; Make Money And Also Attend Classes

By MORRIS WRUBLE

The next time you step into a cab, look carefully at your driver. He may very well be one of your schoolmates. Already, there are seven Yeshiva students driving cabs in New York City. With the unusual hours a Yeshiva student must keep, driving a cab

and very similar to the tests given to army inductees. The future cab driver undergoes a series of physical and mental examinations which are almost impossible to fail. According to Leo Beer, one of the Yeshiva students who drives a cab, "As long as you're breathing, you're in."

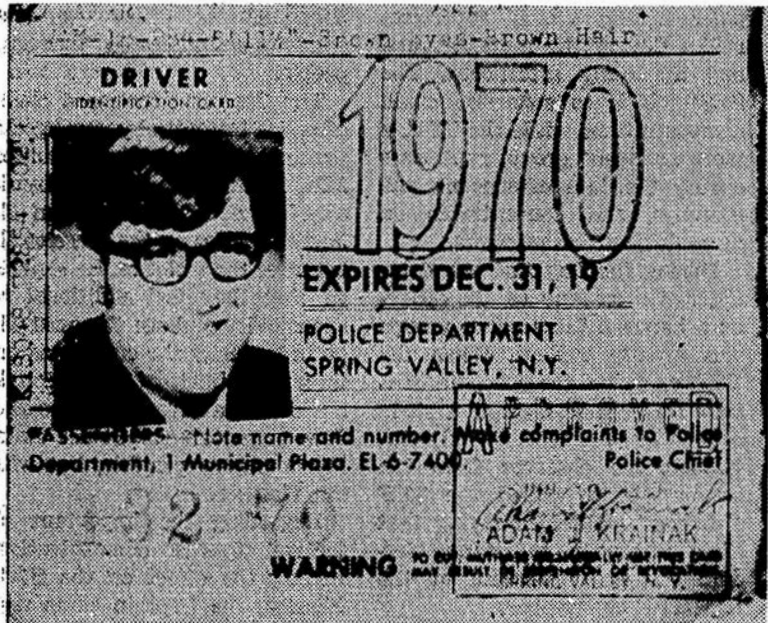
types of people and add a little excitement to his humdrum existence. On his first night of work, Billy Schechter picked up a Greek, a group of hippies and a prostitute. While cruising in his cab, "Curly" Mermelstein picked up a drunk who threatened to kill him. "Curly" looked in his rear view mirror and saw that the drunk was carrying a gun.

He immediately put on his bright headlights to catch the attention of passing police cars. When this plan failed he decided to try surprising the drunk by crashing into another car. While stopping for a red light he noticed a cab near the curb and two policemen standing nearby. When the light turned green he rammed his car into the other cab and ran straight for the cops. The drunk was arrested.

The Rewards

The element of danger notwithstanding, being a hack can be very rewarding. The cab driver gains a sense of responsibility, accomplishment and satisfaction. Lenny Kramer, who left Yeshiva to concentrate his talent as a full time cabby, has helped to deliver a baby, driven a heart-attack victim to the hospital and assisted the police in catching a ring of thieves.

Most of the Yeshiva cabbies agreed that they enjoyed their work. When I asked them however, if they would recommend cab driving to any of their friends they answered, "Are you crazy? You have to be a little sick to drive a cab."



Cab driver Lenny Kramer as he looked when he began his career.

provides an excellent opportunity to make good money and still be free to attend class.

There are not many requirements necessary for graduation as a cab driver (anyone from Yeshiva knows what a pain requirements can be). If you have a driver's license you can easily qualify for a New York City hack license. All you have to do is go down to the motor vehicle department at 80 Center Street and obtain a chauffeurs' license.

There are no prerequisites for this provided you are a New York driver. Simply pay six dollars and receive your license. The out-of-state driver, however, must also take a simple test on New York City driving rules.

Sponsor

The next step is to find a cab company to sponsor you. Your sponsor will aid you in filling out the forms from the motor vehicle

Hebrew University has announced the formation of a course in Talmud in the memory of Harvey Greenberg, z'l. The university will provide rebbeim to instruct interested students during their free time. Yeshiva College students who plan to spend next year at Hebrew University are urged to consult the university's catalogue or the Office of Overseas Students for any further information.

department and prepare you for the geography test which you will receive at the hack license bureau. You then take your papers down to the hack license bureau which is located at 300 W. 58 St.

The experience at the hack license bureau is almost as frustrating as Yeshiva College regis-

tration and very similar to the tests given to army inductees. After these tests are completed, you are shown how to work different cab meters and instructed in safety procedures. You then wait a week or two and return to the police hack bureau to pick up your cab license.

New Experiences

Cab driving gives the cloistered Yeshiva student a great opportunity to meet different

Letters To The Editor

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6) The Semioha Student coalition will be glad to submit a list of its members as soon as the university guarantees that there will be no reprisals against them. Last year's concerned students' coalition made the mistake of revealing its members and supporters and was subjected to reprisals. We will not give Dr. Miller a new reprisal list.

7) Mr. Kramer's letter conveniently forgets to respond to the other charges against the administration specifically:

- a) the opening of the science laboratories on shabbat and yom-tov
- b) the small portion of the university's budget (considerably less than 10%) that is devoted to religious education.
- c) that the current financial crisis is caused by the graduate school construction deficits (these deficits are documented using federal figures open to public inspection)
- d) the university's condoning and abetting anti-semitic bigotry when it removed Dr. Einhorn and Dr. Smith from their positions for "ethnic" reason. (Via N.Y.

Times Nov. 18, 1970 42, 3, Nov. 23 1; 4)

Finally, I would like to raise the question as to why Mr. Kramer's alumni association contains only 414 dues paying members (a disproportionate number of whom have jobs connected with YU) out of thousands of our alumni?

Evidently the school must be doing something wrong to retain the loyalty of so few of its graduates.

Jeffrey Silver '68

To the Editor:

The last issue of THE COMMENTATOR contained a letter by Daniel Kramer attacking Jeffrey Silver for his criticism of YU. I wish to question several points and bring into focus certain facts which Mr. Kramer suppresses.

Mr. Kramer appears to have set himself up as a "responsible student [who is] in search of answers and improvements in a fair and honest manner," and then proceeds to "lead vilifications and attacks upon our distinguished mentors and leaders."

Mr. Kramer accuses the Rav, Rav Lichtenstein, Rav Gorelik,

Senate Debates Plan; Relaxes Requirements

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Senator Jaskoll's original motion for a two semester gym requirement then passed by a 12-1 vote.

Swimming Requirement

As to the swimming test requirement, Senator Jaskoll moved that the senate adopt the committee's suggestion. Senator Rubin then proposed that the swimming test not be mandatory, explaining that to merely require the test would serve no purpose. Dr. Miller added that he felt it was not for a university to declare to a student what it feels are his best interests. Senator Jaskoll accepted both these amendments, making his motion simply to no longer require for graduation proof of the ability to swim. The motion passed unanimously.

The fourth recommendation of the committee proposed a change in the science requirement: "That 2 semesters of a natural science be required of all students at Yeshiva College. This requirement can be fulfilled in either of two ways: by taking the first year course in any specific science (i.e. Chemistry 5, 6, or Physics 1R, 2R, and 1I, 2L, etc.) or by taking an integrated interdisciplinary science course which will be offered as a 2-semester lecture course of 3 hours a week for 3 credits per semester."

Dr. Simon then moved that the senate request the natural science division to come up with a new course to fulfill a no-lab science requirement. After con-

siderable discussion regarding the feasibility of a two semester course covering three areas of science, Dr. Simon agreed to change his motion to allow the science departments to devise either a one-year course or a six credit interdisciplinary sequence (possibly being a three semester course). That plan would then come back to the

The Editor-in-Chief and the Governing Board of THE COMMENTATOR extend a sincere mazal tov to Ronnie Masliansky '72, senior editor of THE COMMENTATOR, on his engagement to Susan Chez.

senate for approval. This motion, passed the senate by a 9-1-2 vote.

As Dr. Tauber had been unable to attend the meeting, the senate postponed action on item five of the committee report which dealt with the speech requirement. The recommendation of the committee would change the requirement to a one-semester elementary Speech course for 3 hours a week and 3 credits for the semester.

Exemption

Item six of the report stated: "That conditions and procedures for exemption from any required course (as determined by the department involved) be made known to all entering freshman in advance of, and during, orientation week." Professor Silverman, Registrar, said that this is already the policy of the college.

The seventh suggestion recommended: "That all courses designated as general degree requirements be offered by the college with at least 2 instructors teaching them each semester in order to provide that a student be required to take a course rather than a particular instructor."

Senator Knecht moved that the senate adopt this measure as a recommendation to the college. This motion passed 9-0-3.

Regarding the art-music requirement, the eighth recommendation of the committee proposed that the present requirement of a one-credit course in

GOOD LUCK ON FINALS!

either Art or Music would be introduced as the requirement.

After some discussion of the nature of the present courses, Dr. Simon proposed that in addition to the present Art and Music courses, the student have the option to take either a two credit art or music course to be defined by the respective department. Dean Bacon then moved to adjourn and as there was soon no quorum present, the meeting ended.

The next senate meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 28, at 1:30 p.m.

Retiring Editor Bids Farewell

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who seeks to commune with his brothers and sisters of all colors and creeds can meet them all in this metropolis of ours.

Perhaps the most accurate reflection of my overall view of the school is that, if I had the chance to make once again, I would still come to Yeshiva.

The two most important leaders of the student body are the editor-in-chief of THE COMMENTATOR and the president of YCSC. I am especially proud that next year both of these positions will be filled by former members of my governing board. I have great confidence in the abilities of Mel Hoffman and Dov Butler, and I wish them both the best of success.

Mr. Kramer also takes very lightly the fact that the administration has not answered the criticism Mr. Silver has brought to the fore. Notably, why hasn't the administration answered the charges of secularization, mis-

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Sensei Sober Builds Karatekas' Attitudes

In Karate, three factors are very important: correct teaching, perseverance, and natural physical ability. Of the three, correct teaching (or right method) is the most important. Without it, there is no success even if a student of high natural ability works himself beyond human

Jewish style in history, has achieved the distinction of producing the first Jewish Black Belts within a Jewish institution.

It is, of course, obvious to any of the over four hundred people who saw Master Sober in action at the test several weeks ago, that his technique and power as



Freddie Marton exhibits flying kick.

endurance. On the other hand, given the right kind of instruction, success can be achieved through perseverance, even if one's natural talent is below average. In essence, two of the three factors—correct teaching and perseverance—are prerequisites for success. Natural talent is only helpful when the other factors are also present.

There is a wonderful passage in Confucius which says: "Some are born with knowledge, some derive it from study, and some acquire it only after a painful realization of their ignorance. But the knowledge being possessed comes to the same thing. Some study with a natural ease, some from a desire for advantages, and some by strenuous effort. But the achievement being made, it comes to the same thing."

The members of the Yeshiva College Karate Association, recognize the true dedication and excellent teaching ability of our Sensei, Harvey I. Sober. It is through his painstaking devotion and unending efforts that our Karate system, the first such

well as graceful movement are of the highest quality. What is not quite so apparent, however, is the tremendous energy which this man continually exerts to train not only good Karate practitioners but good teachers as well, requiring much more than a pure physical mastery.

Karate training fuses together many disciplines and perhaps leans heavily toward the spiritual maturity of the individual. When preparation of the mind, perfection of technique, and condition of the body are brought into harmony, they can be compounded as are the elements in a chemical substance. The result is a more complete and capable man.

It is no ordinary teacher that can guide his student to the realms of such an understanding. In this case, it is in the hands of a knowledgeable and dedicated Jew as well as a true Master of the Art that we place our confidence and trust.

Local Communist Party Discusses Antagonism To Jewish Ethnicity

(Continued from Page 3, Col. 5) are ruled by a "bourgeois, colonialist, imperialist, racist ruling class" which is a tool of the American bourgeoisie and imperialist government. Furthermore, he said, Zionism is a political, racist movement, which is a distortion of a legitimate desire to live in Israel. Because of this, the Panthers and the Palestinian guerillas are waging a justified war against Israel. Mr. Storey remarked that it is unfortunate that Jews find it hard "to consider themselves as part of an ideology that borders on Hitlerism."

I argued with Mr. Storey, citing the fact that Nazi officers helped the Arabs before and during the '48 War. Mr. Storey said, "I'm not talking about that." Trying to press the issue, I asked him to comment on the many acts of Arab aggression, the Arab vows to destroy the Israeli State, etc. He maintained that the Arabs are totally justified in any of their actions, because they are fighting to eliminate the "bourgeois, racist, colonialist, imperialist ruling class of Israel."

Party Polemics

Perhaps as a final attempt to "win" an argument, I told Mr. Storey that he seemed to be painting a pretty picture of the Soviet Union. I asked him if he could insist that the Soviet Union was a democratic state which could be called the ideal Marxist state. He maintained that Russia is a totally democratic and just state. When I asked him about the Russian display of force in Hungary and Czechoslovakia, he explained that the Soviet Union was saving the Hungarian and Czech peoples from imperialist corruption.

Though I had heard much about the so-called New Left hatred of Israel and Zionism, I had hoped before the interview that I would find the Communist Party more intelligent and more enlightened. It disappointed me, therefore, when I heard Mr. Storey's remarks and arguments. He seemed to be labelling everything as either "bourgeois and imperialist" or "justified and

noble." By such labelling, he could easily explain away every fallacy in his arguments. Herbert Marcuse, in one of his essays, comments that the American government tries to program the people. It is rather ironic to see how programmed the Communist Party members are. I got the impression that it was not Mr. Storey talking to me, but rather a Communist platform.

The saddest part of the story is

the fact that too many young people, including many Jews, are allowing themselves to become programmed, and by doing so, they are rapidly losing their mental independence.

Before I left his office, Mr. Storey gave me some literature to read. Perhaps he was hoping to "educate" me, in order to win over one more person to the cause. After listening to his arguments, however, I am sure that his efforts will be in vain.

Swimming Gym Improves

(Continued from Page 12, Col. 2) substantial advances. Stanley Schneider, a former Maccabiah Game swimming champion and a *Musmach* of YU, has worked diligently to build an effective program. Five years ago, in 1967, Gary Schulman received his Water Safety Instructor's (WSI) from Rabbi Schneider. Schulman finished the course with outstanding grades and also received perfect scores on all seven required swimming strokes.

In 1968, Schneider and Schulman combined their talents and produced an excellent WSI course. Instructors, such as Jack Silvera and Harvey Bennett, became the basis for the expanding program.

In 1969, a working group of skilled instructors became the teaching backbone of the water safety program. The goals of the program were now in sight. Swimming enrollment soared to 176 people (and has remained steady since). A full swimming curriculum was established on all levels: Beginner, Intermediate, Swimmer, Senior-Life-Saving, and WSI. Never before had Yeshiva witnessed such a rise in the ability of the non-swimmer and the weak swimmer.

By September 1970, the elementary classes were almost empty while the advanced classes were at their capacity. Because of the success of the swimming program, Rabbi Schneider, who is also a First Aid Instructor Trainer, began a parallel first aid course for Water Safety Instructor's. Stan's close affiliation with Harold Bassett, head of the

Red Cross in Greater New York, greatly reduces red tape, so that the Yeshiva WSI need not be burdened. Stan puts out for his instructors because he appreciates their competence. Schulman, for example, supervises the teaching, as well as sounds out special case problems and handicaps.

In the future, we can look for similar dedication by Herbie Schneider (Stan's brother) an already accomplished Water Safety Instructor.

Athletic Dinner

(Continued from Page 12, Col. 5) of certain aspiring varsity teams which will maintain club status. were invited. Whether they belonged at the varsity dinner or not is another question, but, except for Bob Eichenbaum, none of the captains showed up.

Despite the awards, the main issue at the dinner was the state of Yeshiva College athletics. Billy Schechter, in presenting THE COMMENTATOR sports awards, stated that athletics here is slowly dying, and unless we get a full time athletic director to work actively for the teams, we might as well give them up. Though we may not have the potential to be a major athletic power, this is no reason to disgrace ourselves and our religion while on the court.

Point Of View

Red Sarachek disputed this point of view, stating that every Yeshiva athlete can be proud of his showing and that the YU athlete does a great service for the school.

Marty Glickman, however, presented a different angle in his funny and touching speech. Mr. Glickman pointed out that the ultimate reason for athletics is the joy of competing. Therefore, the size of the crowd and the won-lost record become secondary. He also stated that we need not fear that we are disgracing Judaism, for just by showing up, we are demonstrating our equality. It is quite easy for Mr. Glickman to preach this philosophy. In his own time, he was an All-American running back at Syracuse and an Olympic sprinter of great acclaim.

Despite this conflict of opinions, however, the athletic dinner was generally enjoyable experience. With genuine Parker cuisine and Marty Glickman, how could it lose?

Letters To The Editor

(Continued from Page 10, Col. 4) management of funds, Dr. Miller's use of "selective leaks of guidance material," reprisals against students who have criticized YU, etc. How can Mr. Kramer expect "any student with a sense of decency and *hakarat ha'tov*" to make any judgment when such serious charges are not answered publicly by the administration. How will our "friends and backers" react when serious accusations are made and no answers are received?" If our administration does not answer these accusations fully and completely "how are these people to get all the true facts?" Instead of responding to the charges, the administration required Mr. Silver to see a psychiatrist of the university's own choosing, three months before he was to receive *semicha*.

Mr. Kramer implies that administrators who have former reputations should not have to answer criticism. But any repu-

tation built on a solid basis should be enhanced by openly facing criticism. Not only does a man's reputation rest on his ability to respond to criticism, but it is undercut by criticism lying under the surface.

As for my personal involvement in this case, I graduated Yeshiva College and will receive *semicha* next month from RIETS. I am presently working for my doctorate at Belfer and am also a member of the Yeshiva College faculty. My only reason for speaking out is my "regard for this institution." I don't even like Silver. Therefore, "I am not 'stooging' for anyone" either.

In summary, I feel that the administration should openly and fully answer Mr. Silver's charges. If he is truly guilty of lies and half truths, then he should be expelled for those reasons — not sent to a psychiatrist. If the administration does not answer Mr.

Silver's charges it will be fairly obvious that something is being hidden somewhere.

Samuel Kohn

To the Editor:

In the Editorial "Financial Solution" which appeared in the March 25 issue of THE COMMENTATOR, you state: "Four years ago, Masmid ran up a debt of \$4,000 which the student council is still paying today."

Apparently this was a typographical error, since the Masmid '67 account was paid in full. It was three years ago that Masmid '68 ran up that \$4,000 debt.

Robert Pick '67
Editor, Masmid '67.

Editor's reply:

When we wrote "four years ago" we were referring to the fourth previous Masmid to appear, including this year's yearbook. That was Masmid '68. We regret any misunderstanding that may have occurred.

YOUTH MOBILIZATION FOR ISRAEL
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Sport Shorts

Senator Marty Knecht has been elected captain of next year's fencing team. He's confident that, under his leadership, the Taubermen will have a highly successful season. . . . Neil Chernofsky will be his co-captain. . . . The tennis team lost another one. This time it was Maritime Academy who took the honors. . . . Bob Eichenbaum has been re-elected as captain — congratulations? . . . 52 students are participating in the first Yeshiva College Knock-Hockey intramurals. The winner has to buy the 25c pucks that the athletic office couldn't afford. . . . Jerry Fruchter, a junior, won the fencing epee intramurals. He'll be back next year — good luck! Murphy Rothman won in both sabre and foil. Unfortunately, he's leaving Yeshiva — exchanging his sword for a scalpel. . . . Balanced Basketball beat Fordham 72-70 but lost to Manhattan 63-60, 1-1: that's balanced, all right. . . . Forty students signed up for Chocch's ping-pong tournament. The winner gets a one-way ticket to China to further his training. Chocch — have the best of luck. . . . Harold Perl was elected as next year's captain of the YC basketball team, good luck and congratulations. . . . Feinerman, Steinberg, and Fink take over as the co-chairmen of the intramurals. Good luck. You'll need all you can get.

Swimming Prospers; Programs Expanded

Yeshiva College can not boast much about any branch of their physical education program. Swimming, however, an activity that usually goes unnoticed, is an extensive program. Under the direction of Rabbi Stanley Schneider, swimming co-ordinator and Red Cross City Examiner and Gary Schulman, a senior Red Cross Water Safety Inspector, the swimming program has overcome many hardships. The worst difficulty, of course, is the lack of a house pool. Students must walk to George Washington High School in all types of weather. Whenever George Washington is closed, swimming must be

Glickman Speaks At Awards' Reception; Sarachek Disputes Schechter's Charge

By GERRY SKOLNIK

Amidst differences of opinion as to whether it was a wake or celebration, the twenty-first annual Yeshiva University Athletics Award Dinner took place Tuesday night, June 21, in Rubin Hall



Red Sarachek addresses student athletes at award dinner.

cafeteria. Highlighted by the presentation of awards and a very entertaining, if not entirely realistic, speech by Marty Glickman, a well-known sports personality, the dinner marked the close of another season of Yeshiva College athletics.

After a pleasantly brief wel-

coming speech by Marvin Hershkowitz, assistant director of athletics at YU, a series of athletic department awards was presented by Professor Abraham Hurwitz, chairman of the department of health and physical education. The recipients were, except for Nathan Rothman, non-varsity members who received the awards because of services rendered to "Doc" Hurwitz and the phys. ed. department. Sheldon Aron received the Mortimer Kogon Memorial Prize for his work in recreational leadership and physical education, and Ira Jaskoll received the Norman Palefski Memorial Prize for staging the annual "Lag Ba'Omer Sports Exhibition." Gary Schulman was awarded the American Legion Medal for Patriotic Service, Richard McNally, Post 263, New York, for his direction of Yeshiva's swimming program, and Nathan Rothman received the Emil Ofenbacher Memorial Prize for his fencing prowess and work for THE COMMENTATOR.

Following this, Professor Hy Wettstein, director of intramurals, presented the Norman Palefski Memorial Award for outstanding scholastic average, activity on a varsity sport, and student government to Larry Rosman. Rosman's qualifications for the award are excellent — outstanding sabreman, successful academician and student-faculty intermediary. Professor Wettstein also saluted five intramurals basketball players who were voted the best by the coaches of the teams. These players are Larry Schiffman, Chuck LeVner, Zvi Greisman, Mark Levy and Lenny Friedman.

Awards Presented

Billy Schechter, sports editor of THE COMMENTATOR for 1970-71, then proceeded to present THE COMMENTATOR sports awards. The basketball award was presented to Stule Poloner, the widely-acclaimed record-breaking star, whose prolific scoring helped keep the

Mites in many games. The fencing award was given to Larry Rosman. Last, but not least, Bob Weiss was awarded the wrestling award. His dedication and record throughout his college career can stand as examples to any aspiring wrestler in YU.

The Dave Weiss Memorial Award in Basketball was awarded to Danny Weiner, a ballplayer who was a dedicated member of the Mites for four years. Dave Weiss was a member of a sportsmen's organization which helped YU athletics financially, and Red Sarachek, a close friend of Weiss, saw fit to establish this award for a worthy Mite.

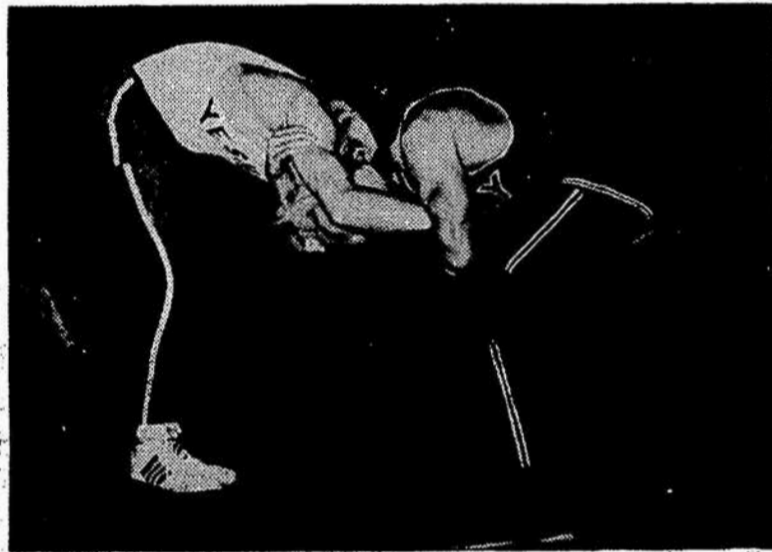
The coaches' awards were then given. In basketball, Harold Perl was the recipient. Tough and dedicated, Harold will be back to

lead the Mites next year. Gary Rubin received the award for wrestling. His muscular frame contributed greatly to the success of the wrestling team, and his dedication was indicative of his character. The coaches' award for fencing was split into three: the sabre winner, Larry Rosman, whose achievements have already been noted in this article; the foil winner was Tom Weiss, whose dedication to the sport led him to a well-deserved winning season this past year; and, the epee award went to Nathan Rothman, a competitor of great character who, during his career, defeated the number five epeeman in the country.

Due to the shortage of money for the banquet, only the captains

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Attractive Additions Assist Ambitious, Eager Wrestlers



Wrestling: hope for the future?

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By MARK URKOWITZ

The past season was a disappointing one for the wrestling team and for its fans. The team was beset by many problems, which attributed to its poor record. However, the team benefited in one very important way, it

gained experience.

Half of the wrestling team consisted of freshmen and their inexperience contributed to many of the defeats. Wrestling for a full year has given the matmen much needed experience. Every wrestler has progressed, and were the season able to start anew, they would win many more matches. With a year of experience deep in their pockets, the grapplers' future looks brighter.

A Wrestling Room

Experience on the mat is an important factor in having a winning team, and the team is not letting a summer go by without it. All of the members of the team will work out during the summer. Many team members will be aided by Captain Bob Weiss at Camp Morasha. Other members will be at Y's and colleges throughout the country, so that they can improve their wrestling. Constant work by the grapplers is a key to their success.

A new setting will be waiting for the matmen when they return to Yeshiva in the fall, a wrestling room. With money donated by outside sources, the team will have a place to work out every night. The lack of equipment, an old problem of Yeshiva wrestling, has been eliminated. Various types of equipment have been received to aid in the future improvement of the

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On The Sidelines

Second Chance

By Sid Rosman



During recent years a growing uninterest in athletics has become prominent on college campuses throughout the United States, and, of course, Yeshiva is no exception. The Senate, in keeping with the times, has passed a resolution limiting the physical education requirement to only two terms.

The rationale behind the resolution lay in the dubious academic value of physical education in light of what should be required for a Bachelor of Arts degree. I would like to ask the Senators, both students and faculty, what is the purpose of receiving a college education? Is it to mechanically grind out "Intellectuals" who will subsequently spend the rest of their lives in a world of test tubes and computers, or is it to prepare and mature an individual to function as a responsible and working segment of society? Is it the senate's aim to typify the Yeshiva student as a weak, flabby 4.0? In an age when 25% of all adults have coronary ailments, a physically unfit man is no more prepared to successfully live his life than the high school dropout.

What will become of our intercollegiate teams? Coach Tauber gives his fencing team no more than two years before it dies for lack of participants. The wrestling and basketball teams, I'm sure, will fare no better. This is not, as most cynics will say, because varsity members must be coerced into playing for their teams. Any-

one who competes interscholastically must begin as a freshman and perhaps required to come as a sophomore before he develops a love for the sport that will suffice to carry him through two more years of competition. Can anyone say that varsity sports are of dubious value? Not only does a student master his sport but the experiences he gains while dealing with people and circumstances not usually found in Yeshiva are far more important than any factual information acquired in class.

However, I've heard many people claim that most gym classes are a joke—nobody ever has to attend. Is that a reason to abolish four terms of physical education? Assuming a math teacher doesn't teach his students — does Senate propose to eliminate math? Granted — the problem of sign-in gym courses exists. So pass resolutions to improve the system, not to abolish it! I demand that the Athletic Department institute long overdue and desperately needed improvements that will change the department into an organized and well developed system of instruction. If any member of the athletic faculty is unwilling to devote the full time required to do his job, let him resign — or be fired!

Let me remind the faculty — a brilliant mind is worth less than nothing if it's not accompanied by a sound, healthy body. Vote NO on the Senate's resolution to reduce the physical education requirement to two semesters.