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Luchins Bitterly Disappointed By Israeli Summer Conclave

By CHARLES BERNSTEIN

A great many members of the academic community at Yeshiva spent their summer vacations in Israel and have returned with the beauty of the sights, sounds and smells of that place still fresh in their minds and extolled in their speech. Among the roars of praise, however, a voice of bitter disillusionment is heard. That is the voice of David Luchins.

Mr. Luchins, a former student and now a political science instructor at Yeshiva and Brooklyn Colleges participated in the Israeli Summer Institute program designed to better equip young Jewish men and women throughout the world to combat Arab propaganda. Mr. Luchins, who went in his capacity as chairman of the Jewish caucus of this past year's White House Conference on Youth, was joined by YCSC vice president E. J. Shapiro and former Stern

College Student Council president Chami Chinn as part of the American Conference of Orthodox Jewish Youths delegation to the Institute.

Although the program was designed for Jewish youth from outside Israel, nearly half of the delegates were Israelis. This situation was most pronounced in the twenty member Italian delegation where eighteen of the members were Israeli students who had been studying in Italy.

Instead of combatting Arab propaganda, the government officials who addressed the participants tended to mix complete condescension for the Arabs with justifications of the approaches of the Israeli government towards its domestic problems.

It was in this latter effort than an especially raw nerve was touched in Mr. Luchins and others. The officials seemed to feel that many of Israel's domes-
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Socol Assumes New Post; Expects To Resolve Crisis

By JOSEPH STECHLER

In an interview with **THE COMMENTATOR**, Dr. Sheldon Socol, recently appointed chief University fiscal and business officer, predicted that the brunt of Yeshiva's financial difficulties would be resolved within two years. Dr. Socol stressed, however, that the present fiscal situation was "very serious" and that "a year or two of real belt-tightening" was to be expected. Nevertheless, he stated that at this time no serious consideration was being given to additional economy measures which would significantly affect the student body.

Dr. Socol explained that under "optimal" conditions the fiscal measures that had been put into effect to date together with those that are planned for the current

budget would wipe out the University's huge deficit by the end of the school year. Thus, the basic goal of the present budget is to eliminate one-half of the deficit through cuts in expenditures and remove the other half by increasing the University's income. However, Dr. Socol stressed that realistically this goal would not be attained within a year due to the great number of variable factors, such as the state of the nation's economy, which help determine the University's financial posture.

The cuts in University expenditures will not, however, be borne directly by the student body, Dr. Socol emphasized. No economy measure involving reducing the number or sizes of scholarships awarded to the students has been adopted. "At worst," Dr. Socol stated, "we looked a little more carefully" at the financial aid applications. In fact, he pointed out, several undergraduates had received increases in their scholarship grants.

Dr. Socol added that no cutbacks had been ordered in the number of students to be enrolled on the Work-Study rolls. While certain departments whose budgets had been cut might request fewer students to work under their jurisdiction than previously,



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Dr. Socol — from Red to Black

other departments might ask for an increase in the number of their student personnel to offset the loss of staff members removed as a result of budget restrictions. Dr. Socol predicted that, on the whole, there would be as many students involved in the Work-Study program as before. He also mentioned that students would be getting their work assignments as soon as the various departments worked out
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Historical Society Strives Against Plans To Demolish Old Synagogue

In 1876, at a corner one mile from the United States Capitol Building, President Ulysses S. Grant and Vice President Ferry attended the dedication of the new Adas Israel Synagogue. It was an historic occasion, for the building was the first house of worship originally dedicated

and the Jewish landmark was forgotten. For the sixty years since Adas Israel vacated it, the structure has housed a Greek Orthodox church, an evangelical church and most recently, a barber shop, grocery store and the Dixie Pig Carry-Out. The second story served as a storeroom for

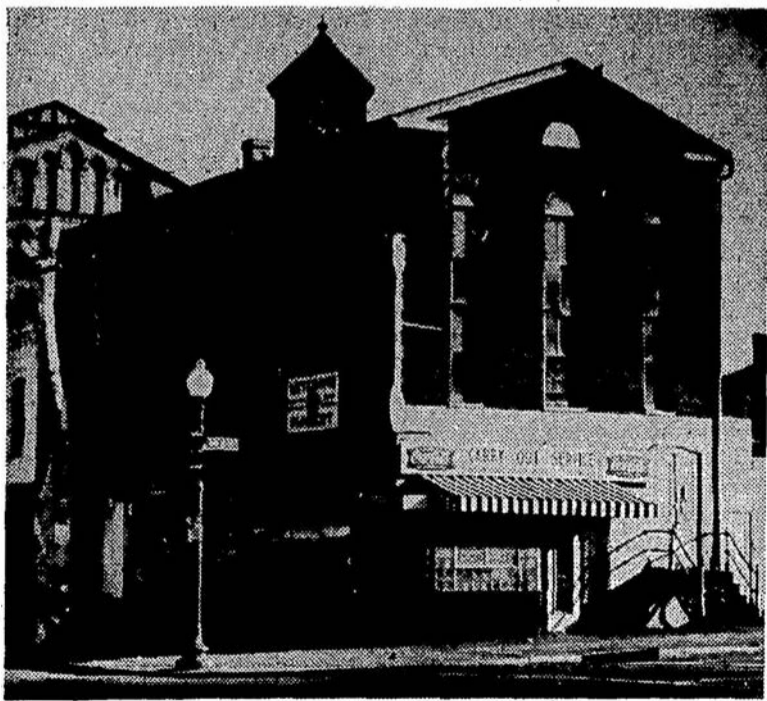
Hebrew name of the congregation and the Hebrew year of the synagogue dedication, 5636.

In their investigations of the building the Historical Society to its surprise and delight discovered that the second floor was almost totally preserved in its original state. The *aron kodesh* — also styled in the Washington federal architecture — was intact, as were the *bimah* and one of the women's balconies. Uncovered under three levels of floor was a *mikva* mentioned in old synagogue documents.

However, despite the official recognition obtained for the synagogue as a National Capitol Historic Landmark, the Jewish Society was unable to change the course of the subway. The only measure left was taken in December 1969. Aided by private donations, a Housing and Urban Development grant and a D.C. government land grant, the Society moved the 270-ton building to a site three blocks away.

To move the 58 foot long, 25 foot wide, and 24 foot high structure and to assure its safety, walls were braced inside and out, and the building was laced with beams and cables. The move, which averaged an hour per block, was completed successfully. The only damage incurred was one dead pigeon and a small gas fire caused when a gas main burst under the weight of the building and moving equipment.

The new location of the synagogue is at 3rd and G Streets in northwest Washington. It is presently being restored by the Washington Jewish Historical Society to be used as a tourist synagogue, a Jewish museum and offices for the Society.



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The Adas Israel Synagogue

and built as a synagogue in Washington, D.C. It was a simple, two-story, red brick building constructed in the Washington federal revival style. The *shul* itself and the women's balconies were housed in the second story, and the ground floor contained a *beit medrash* and classrooms.

In 1907 the congregation moved to a new building; their old building and the property were

the Dixie Pig.

In 1968, when Washington Metro subway planners doomed the building and scheduled demolition for early 1969, the Washington Jewish Historical Society began work to save the building. The Society had become interested in the forgotten structure after Mrs. Meyer Greenberg, Research Chairman for the Historical Society, had noticed on a small plaque on the facade the

Charlop Named New YP-RIETS Director

By AVI FRELICH

This past summer, Rabbi Zevulun Charlop became the new administrator of the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary and the Yeshiva Program. He replaced Rabbi Reuven Aberman, who left the Yeshiva to become the director of *Michlalah*, a girls school in Israel.

Rabbi Charlop is a graduate of Yeshiva University, and received his *semicha* from RIETS. He has been an instructor of Talmud in the James Striar School and has taught American History in Yeshiva College. Besides his posts at YU, Rabbi Charlop has been Rabbi of the Young Israel of Moshulu Parkway since 1954 and was at one time the president of the Council of Young Israel Rabbis. In addition, Rabbi Charlop has served as editor of *Chavrusa*, a scholarly Judaic journal published by the Yeshiva University Alumni Association, and is currently the treasurer of the Alumni Association.

Speaking of his new position, Rabbi Charlop said that he took over the post because he considered the Yeshiva to be the most important institution in the United States. The new RIETS Director added that in his opinion Yeshiva sets the pace for all



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Rabbi Charlop — from JSS to RIETS

other Jewish institutions in the country.

Although feeling it too early to announce any innovations in the RIETS curriculum and program, Rabbi Charlop said that he did have definite plans regarding the improvement of the level of the learning and raising the *ruach* among the students in RIETS.

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Despite the dramatic growth in YC and Stern student participation in the one-year overseas program at The Hebrew University, YU's administration still provides only a token leave of absence service which does not even barely answer the needs of those students who journey to Jerusalem.

Last year's YU students at Hebrew U. experienced various dilemmas which would have been entirely avoided if immediate help had been available on the Israeli campus.

Almost all Yeshiva men were not granted dorms while their student counterparts from universities, having organized joint programs, had such facilities guaranteed.

Students from YU had to send letters back to either the YC or Stern Registrar's offices to find out how much credit they would be given for their courses and into what specialized areas their courses would fall. Such a process often wasted a month. To add to the chaos, the Registrar's office often combined two student replies, thus forcing a student to travel to another side of Jerusalem just to find out information which could have been mailed directly to him.

Yeshiva students did not have a qualified advisor who could help them plan an academic program at Hebrew U. with respect to the general and major requirements of Yeshiva and Stern Colleges.

Finally, Yeshiva failed to notify the overseas students of important events and decisions which could directly effect them upon their return. A student on leave paid a thirty-five dollar fee for a "maintenance of registration" service which in reality provided nothing more than the mailing of financial payment information and registration material to the student's home address. No student received dormitory application material and many seniors who were in Israel have unjustifiably been placed in Rubin and Riets Halls. Even what Yeshiva did provide resulted in failure, as the Registrar's office either lost or never received many registration cards sent to them from Israel.

Upon consideration that YC and Stern are the only schools in this half of the world that send a substantial percentage of its students to Hebrew U., it is easily apparent that *ab initio* Yeshiva University should have an organized joint program with The Hebrew University. Such a program could model the University of California's or SUNY's which even includes direct admission through the American

University and tours and programs for the students once they are in Israel.

Last year the combined number of YC and Stern students at Hebrew U. overwhelmingly surpassed the representations from every American and Canadian university including the State University of New York and the University of California. Yet students from the latter institution received much help and guidance from their respective home university counselors at Hebrew U. while YU's students were without aid or counsel.

The time has come for YU to encourage rather than merely allow its students to participate in overseas study at the Hebrew University. Such encouragement can only come through the establishment of a formal joint program with the university.

A Word Of Welcome

On behalf of the student body, THE COMMENTATOR congratulates Rabbi Zevulun Charlop on his appointment as director of RIETS and YP.

Rabbi Charlop assumes his new post at a time of dire crisis for RIETS. Never before have so many students been disenchanting with the quality and content of education provided by the school's largest religious division. Enrollment has declined sharply as a result of record numbers of students transferring to EMC and JSS in an attempt to acquire a more meaningful program of Jewish studies.

Accordingly, it is imperative that Rabbi Charlop assert himself as an independent and progressive administrator. He must carefully weigh all suggestions and directives issued by rebbeim and university administrators to determine if they hinder the reformation of RIETS and YP from becoming the dynamic schools they should be.

We once again urge that new directions for reorganizing the YP program be found. Investigation into THE COMMENTATOR, Sukenik, and other such plans for change, which have hitherto been ignored for years, must commence immediately.

If RIETS is to remain as the nucleus of Yeshiva's religious divisions, efforts to regain its lost stature and enrollment must be made. We hope, therefore, that Rabbi Charlop will act decisively, while there is still time.

A Word Of Warning

Once again, despite the Soviet arms buildup in Egypt, the Nixon Administration is postponing its decision on resuming military sales to Israel. This step is part of the administration's "even-handed" policy which, it thinks, will encourage the renewal of peace negotiations in the Middle East. Yet, under the guise of "even-handedness," the United States has recently increased arms supplies to Jordan. The U.S. decision to supply Hussein's army with tanks, personnel carriers, M-16 rifles, radar, and other equipment will undoubtedly transform an infantry-oriented army into a strong mechanized force. Combined with a massive Russian arms supply to Egypt, British aid to the Jordanian Air Force, and French plane sales to Arab nations, the U.S. decision to delay aid to Israel, and its assistance to Jordan are serious threats to Israeli security.

The U.S. military aid to Jordan may have been influenced by the current relative quiet along the Jordan-Israel border and by the recent border clashes along the Jordan-Syria frontier. The Nixon Administration, however, must be reminded of events this summer in Morocco, Jordan, and the Sudan, and must realize that no Arab leader, King Hussein included, is assured of long tenure in office or even long life. The guns along Jordan's northern border today may tomorrow join the Egyptian guns pointed at Israel and her soldiers. The only deterrent for such an attack lies in the arms now being delayed in Washington.

From the Editor's Desk



Pride And Prejudice

By Mel Hoffman

A rather disturbing situation is developing in the United States Congress with regard to the Koch bill or the proposal that the U.S. make available to the Jews of the Soviet Union thirty thousand entrance visas. It appears that opposition to the bill is centered in a Jewish organization and the House committee where the bill is presently being studied is reluctant to decide on it when a group which by definition is so intimately involved in the problem of Jewish emigration opposes it.

The Zionist Organization of America believes that adding thirty thousand visas would be purposeless since the U.S., which grants emergency visas and parole visas, has already made available means for aliens to gain entrance to the country. The Z.O.A. persists in these arguments even when told that neither of these emergency measures could help in this situation. The emergency parole is never granted en masse, and the emergency visa is only granted after the prospective immigrant has left his home country and is applying for entrance from a second one.

It is well known that Jews don't always do a thing for the reason they say. When dealing with Jewish organizations of a political nature this generalization becomes axiomatic. Whether it is the result of the Talmudic complexity of the Jewish mind after centuries of *pilpul*, or just plain deviousness, this phenomenon can sometimes be disastrous. One can spend so much time devising intricate rationalizations for simple selfishness that one loses sight of the circumstances surrounding the situation.

What the Z.O.A. really wants is to keep Russian Jews from immigrating to the U.S. Being concerned with the promotion of Israeli immigration the Z.O.A. naturally wishes to see those Russian Jews who want to leave the Soviet Union settle in Israel.

Unfortunately the Z.O.A. has become preoccupied with protecting its personal ideology and has forgotten to examine the situation from an overall vantage. It has in a sense been staring closely at one point of the picture instead of backing up and seeing what else lies on the canvas.

The Congress, if it were to approve a measure such as Representative Koch proposes would merely be acting symbolically. To say otherwise would be to believe the Soviet propaganda that claims that the Jews of Russia are unwelcome in other countries and consequently remain in the Soviet Union because they have no place to go. Obviously the U.S. can approve thirty thousand or three hundred thousand visas and the Soviets will not automatically open the gates so that large numbers of Jews can leave. All that the Koch bill can accomplish is to remove one more opportunity for Russian excuse making. The less sympathy the Soviets can garner by making plausible rationalizations for national cruelty the more they will have to realize that they must relent to world opinion. They have their backs to the wall and they must be forced back up against it.

If the Z.O.A. gets its way, not only will the Russians have further proof of U.S. rejection of the Soviet Jews but they will also point to the failure of the Koch bill as proof that American Jewry has rejected them as well. And they will be right.

It is difficult to believe that men would do intentionally that which the Z.O.A. advocates. To call the Z.O.A. anti-Semitic or inhumanitarian would be an exaggeration. To call them blind, selfish, and incredibly stupid would not. Thirty five years ago while half the world bickered and the other half looked away, the fate of East European Jewry was sealed. Today, for the first time since then we have a chance to save the heirs to that experience and at the same time perhaps to redeem ourselves for the failure of our parents. The Zionist Organization of America must not be permitted to stand in our way.

The Governing Board invites all freshmen to join the staff of THE COMMENTATOR. Positions are available in all departments. Aside from the obvious need for qualified writers, THE COMMENTATOR offers opportunities in such areas as photography, proof reading, headline writing, layout, circulation, and typing. This is a chance to not only become involved in student activities, but also to enjoy oneself and improve one's skills.

Applications are now being accepted for the position of Sports Editor of THE COMMENTATOR. The written application should include name, local address, class year, and previous newspaper experience. It must be submitted to Morgenstern 224 or THE COMMENTATOR mail box in Furst Hall no later than Thursday, October 14, 1971.

The President Speaks The Active And Passive Case

By Dov Butler

With the new semester upon us, as we slowly reorient ourselves to the rigors of Yeshiva College life, we are once again faced with the decision as to whether we should become involved in the goings on about us or be carried along with the tide of daily occurrences. The question is simply whether we will choose to become active or remain passive.

For those who choose the course of action, the options are numerous. Within the Yeshiva College community itself, Council activities and projects should provide ample opportunity for fulfillment. Numerous committees have been formed and will hopefully begin their activities soon. The committee chairmen alone will not be responsible for their projects, nor will they be expected to do all of the work. Theirs will be the job of coordinating, but only through the collective efforts of all committee members can fruitful results be had. It will be up to the committees to initiate and innovate through council rather than following the patterns of years gone by.

Within the Jewish community, on such projects as Israel, So-

viet Jewry, and Jewish education, manpower is desperately needed. Jewish youth organizations are hungry for new members, and with the prospect of some federation funding, their activities and services can be substantially increased.

Community projects such as the neighborhood youth corps and voter registration drives are aspects of involvement which offer tangible results in direct proportion to efforts expended.

The upcoming presidential primaries and conventions will be, for many of us, our first opportunity to become involved in national politics—and it would only be proper to work and rally support for a candidate who best represents our interests.

These are but a few avenues that will be open to those who are interested in acquiring more than just an education during the course of their college careers. The practical benefits and personal satisfaction that may be reaped from such activities are tremendous.

For those who choose to remain passive, however, and opt for the life of the bystander—enjoy the view, but don't get lost in the crowd.

Security Office Outlines Ways For Improving Safety—Parking

With the start of the new academic year, the Yeshiva University Security and Safety Office has asked **THE COMMENTATOR** to list several security and parking policies which will assure student safety and prevent undue financial loss.

Students eating in the cafeteria often leave books, coats and school supplies outside or by the doors of the lunchroom. To protect their possessions from theft, students are urged to keep their coats and books with them or place them in the rear of the cafeteria lunchroom.

Suspicious objects (bundles, boxes, etc.) left unattended should be reported to the security guards immediately.

Double-parking is not legal, but it is usually tolerated by police if:

1. Cars double-parked are left with signs telling where the drivers can be found should the cars require moving.
2. Cars are not double-parked along bus routes. Amsterdam Avenue is a bus route.
3. Cars are not double-parked on the side of the street under an 11:00 to 2:00 p.m. restriction for that day. Cars parked at the curb



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A typical YU street scene.

pulling away will leave the double-parked cars, in effect, parked in the middle of the street.

There is no parking in front of Morgenstern Dormitory from the fire hydrant northward to the corner. Nor is parking allowed in front of Rubin Dormitory

from the fire hydrant southward to the end of the bus stop zone.

Police will be called to ticket any parked car blocking Yeshiva driveways.

Parking is not permitted on the sidewalks in front of the Belfer Science Building. Violators will be ticketed.

Socol Assumes New Office Attempts To Resolve Crises

(Continued from Page 1, Col 5) their exact budgets and assessed their staff needs.

Dr. Socol then explained some of the ways in which expenditures have been reduced. Every department has been forced to reevaluate its budgetary needs in the light of the University's fiscal situation. Cuts have been made among teaching, administrative, and maintenance personnel. Attrition of other members of Yeshiva's staff has not been followed by automatic replacement. Many administrative departments, formerly located in the Graduate Center, have been moved uptown to the Main Center to eliminate some duplication in clerical staffs and to save communication and transportation costs.

Dr. Socol pointed out that Yeshiva College has very few expendable areas and was therefore "not hurt as much" as other parts of the University by these measures. Dr. Socol stressed that despite the grave financial situation much effort was being made to maintain the academic standards of Yeshiva's unique program.

The wage-price freeze recently instituted by President Nixon has

not significantly affected Yeshiva, according to Dr. Socol. The Union currently negotiating with YU has adopted the stance of many labor organizations across the country and has refused to be bound by the wage-price guidelines. In addition, a freeze had been in effect at Yeshiva for several months before the President's action. Thus, Dr. Socol stated, the national wage-price freeze would offer no specific relief for the University's problems.

(Dr. Socol was appointed chief University fiscal and business officer on July 1 of this year. In addition, he holds the positions of Secretary of the university, and Director of Student Finances. Dr. Socol is also a member of several University-wide committees and councils dealing with governance, labor, and financial matters. A member of the YC class of '58, Dr. Socol graduated from the New York University School of Law in 1963. In announcing the appointment, Dr. Samuel Belkin, President of the University, wrote, "Dr. Socol's familiarity with the University and its concerns, and his dedication to his alma mater bode well for the future.")

Luchins Expresses Disapproval Of Israeli Sponsored Meeting

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 2) tic problems could and should be solved by molding all Israelis, especially the religious and the Sephardic segments, into the Eastern European Social-Democratic image of those in power. Sending religious *olim* to irreligious absorption centers, for example, was no more considered cultural genocide than showing a man who plants seeds with a stick how to use a plow, an official explained.

Another official referred to "religious Zionism" as a contradiction in terms and it was even blatantly suggested that Mr. Luchins and others "stay in America" if they so vehemently

disapprove of the government's policies.

Adding to Mr. Luchins' disappointment was the fact that

The Editor-in-Chief and the Governing Board of THE COMMENTATOR extends a hearty mazel tov to Andy Geller '71, last year's Editor-in-Chief of THE COMMENTATOR, on his marriage to Beverly Kolat.

he felt less at home as a religious Jew at the Institute than he had in Colorado at the White House Conference. No provisions for Kosher food had been made, working sessions were held on

Shabbat and the times of *Tefilah* were not announced so as not to offend the irreligious delegates. These moves backfired, however, when many irreligious non-Israeli delegates, including a leftist American youth who had never before put on *tefillin*, began coming to *minyan* as a symbol of where their sympathies lay in the matter.

Mr. Luchins' experience has taught him that the Jewish state is not a Utopia. What he hopes others can learn from his experience is that their *Ahavat Yisroel* must be strong enough to overcome these disappointments and enable them to continue working toward the dream that is Israel.

Georgian Jews Demand Freedom; Student Endorsement Requested

Below is the photo of a group of Soviet Georgian Jews who recently sat in at the Kremlin to demand emigration to Israel. Their slogan, "Israel or Death!", has spread rapidly throughout Russia. **THE COMMENTATOR** urges each of its readers to take a moment and

write New Year's cards to them, telling them that you saw their photo and support their desire to emigrate to Israel. Letters should be sent airmail, by registered mail with return receipt if possible.

Top row (l-r): Pinchas Merelashvili, David Kreechely, Elia

Katzoshvili, Elkazar Gaznelishvili, Yaacov Katzoshvili, Reuven Adjashvili. Middle row (l-r): David Moseshvili, Elia Davarashvili, Michael Mamystvalov, Shalom Kreechely, Philchoz Isralashvili. Bottom row (l-r): Lova Aheevazashvili, Abram Choochashvili, Nodari Kreechely.

Send the cards to the following addresses:

Elia Katzoshvili, 7 Abviana Street, Tbilisi, Georgian SSR, USSR.

Yaacov Katzoshvili, 12 Pochtovaya Pereulok, Tbilisi, Georgian SSR, USSR.

Reuven Adjashvili, 2 Khushchishvili, Tbilisi, Georgian SSR, USSR.

David Moseshvili, 4 B. Chmelnitsky Per., apt. 20, Tbilisi, Georgian SSR, USSR.

Elia Davarashvili, 40 Internationala, Sulami, Georgian SSR, USSR.

Nodari Kreechely, 24 Chemoskina Street, Gori, Georgian SSR, USSR.



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Intramural Season Begins; Squads Equally Matched

By ALLAN KAPLAN

Monday night at Yeshiva University: some students will spend their first night of the school week studying for their school work ahead; some will crowd into the several rooms equipped with televisions to watch the weekly football games. But a few able-bodied athletes can be found making their way to George Washington High School ready to compete in the school's intramural basketball program.

Under the direction of Professor Hy Wettstein, the intramural program has grown and captured the interest of many students. With greater participation likely this year, the class rivalries should be keener and more competitive than ever before. The sophomore, junior and senior classes are all well balanced and quite evenly matched. The lack of one dominant team manifested itself last year when the sophomore team found the going quite easy in the fall term but faltered and lost the spring title to the more experienced senior squad. They did, however, redeem themselves with a resounding victory in the title match winding up the 1970-71 season.

The new season promises to bring several surprises. The junior class, which seemed to have the strongest team of last year's performers, is now hurting for a big man due to the loss of Zvi Greisman. However, their potential is still above that of the other teams and with steady performances from Chuck Levner and Elliot Feinerman they should find themselves fighting for the top spot. The senior class, because of a lack of organization and participation, has never been able to reach its peak. They will need steady play not only from regulars Marc Levy and Toby Bernstein but also from the remainder of their squad to pose any threat for the fall. The sophomore class could be the real surprise of the league as they pulled several upsets in their first year playing together. They should improve even more with the addition of Dennis Metz, a

former HILI star, to complement Lenny Friedman in the backcourt. The freshman class cannot be written off from first place. They have several experienced ballplayers from the Metropolitan Jewish High School League and it remains only to be seen how well they can jell together. The freshmen should be encouraged to participate in the program.

With the completion of the holidays, the program will get into full swing. It is hoped that the games will not be scheduled in the Yeshiva gym. The quality of the refereeing was not what it could have been last year and with greater student participation, this important aspect of the game can be greatly improved. Thus, the overall basketball intramural program can remain one of the few bright spots in the circle of Yeshiva University sports.

Knock-Hockey Players Face Grueling Second Season

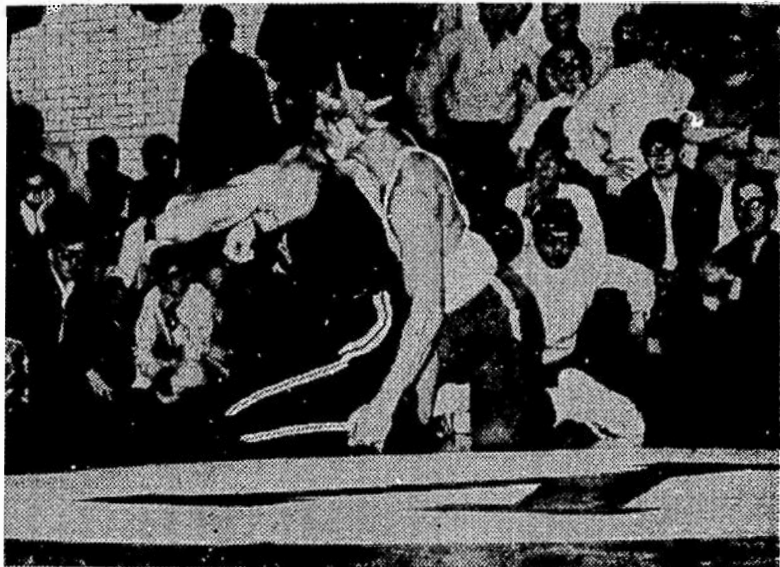
One of the least publicized intramural programs of last year was the knock hockey elimination series. The game is familiar to most students at YU but the following list of rules was supplied by Josh Miller (former chairman of the knock hockey program) as follows:

- 1) Eleven points to a game with a win only registered if won by two goals.
- 2) Four games out of seven wins a match and once a contestant has lost a match he is eliminated from the competition.
- 3) The game starts with the face off in the center of the knock hockey board. The object is to bring the puck to your side of the blue line (the defensive line), but you can score on the face-off.
- 4) Once behind your blue line a shot may be taken, although an alley shot is not allowed.
- 5) A puck which goes out of the rink is replaced by the other contestant behind

Grapplers Obtain New Quarters As Wrestlers Gain Added Aid

By LEONARD PRESS

In viewing the difficulties experienced by many universities in the maintenance of varsity sports, it is no coincidence that wrestling has managed to survive at Yeshiva. Wrestling is one of the most physically demanding sports, and a summary of the rules is a testimonial to its intricacies. There are three periods in a match, the first consisting of two minutes while the latter two are three minutes each. The match begins with the two opponents standing, probably the last time you'll see them both in that position. Two points are awarded for a takedown, two points for a reverse, one point for an escape and three points for a near pin. There are three possible paths to the culmination of a match: a) a pin, for which the team is awarded five points; b) when one wrestler has accumulated more points at the end of the three periods than his oppo-



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Intramural Season Begins; Grapplers Obtain New Quarters As Wrestlers Gain Added Aid

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Monday night at Yeshiva University: some students will spend their first night of the school week studying for their school work ahead; some will crowd into the several rooms equipped with televisions to watch the weekly football games. But a few able-bodied athletes can be found making their way to George Washington High School ready to compete in the school's intramural basketball program.

Under the direction of Professor Hy Wettstein, the intramural program has grown and captured the interest of many students. With greater participation likely this year, the class rivalries should be keener and more competitive than ever before. The sophomore, junior and senior classes are all well balanced and quite evenly matched. The lack of one dominant team manifested itself last year when the sophomore team found the going quite easy in the fall term but faltered and lost the spring title to the more experienced senior squad. They did, however, redeem themselves with a resounding victory in the title match winding up the 1970-71 season.

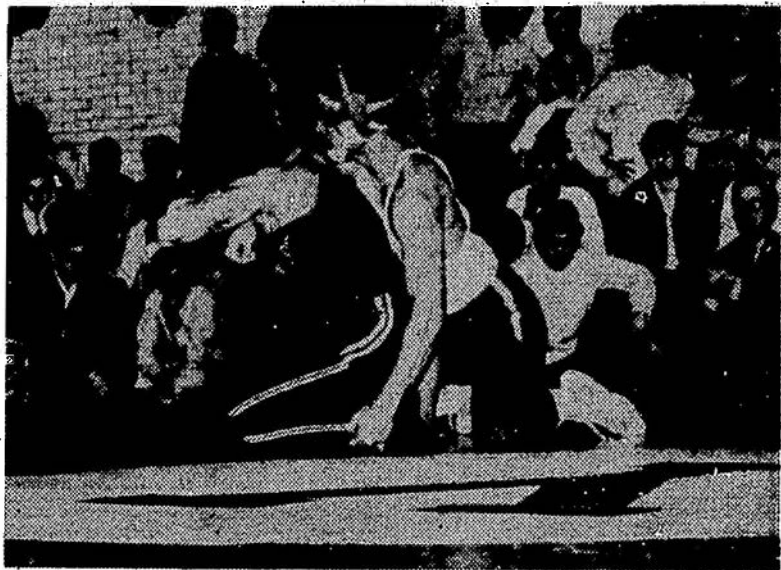
The new season promises to bring several surprises. The junior class, which seemed to have the strongest team of last year's performers, is now hurting for a big man due to the loss of Zvi Givman. However, their potential is still above that of the other teams and with steady performance from Chuck Levner and Elliot Feinerman they should find themselves fighting for the top spot. The senior class, because of a lack of organization and participation, has never been able to reach its peak. They will need steady play not only from seniors Marc Levy and Toby Bernstein but also from the remainder of their squad to pose any threat for the fall. The sophomore class could be the real surprise of the league as they pulled several upsets in their first year playing together. They should improve even more with the addition of Dennis Metz, a

former HILLI star, to complement Lenny Friedman in the backcourt. The freshman class cannot be written off from first place. They have several experienced ballplayers from the Metropolitan Jewish High School League and it remains only to be seen how well they can jell together. The freshmen should be encouraged to participate in the program.

With the completion of the holidays, the program will get into full swing. It is hoped that the games will not be scheduled in the Yeshiva gym. The quality of the refereeing was not what it could have been last year and with greater student participation, this important aspect of the game can be greatly improved. Thus, the overall basketball intramural program can remain one of the few bright spots in the circle of Yeshiva University sports.

By LEONARD PRESS

In viewing the difficulties experienced by many universities in the maintenance of varsity sports, it is no coincidence that wrestling has managed to survive at Yeshiva. Wrestling is one of the most physically demanding sports, and a summary of the rules is a testimonial to its intricacies. There are three periods in a match, the first consisting of two minutes while the latter two are three minutes each. The match begins with the two opponents standing, probably the last time you'll see them both in that position. Two points are awarded for a takedown, two points for a reverse, one point for an escape and three points for a near pin. There are three possible paths to the culmination of a match: a) a pin, for which the team is awarded five points; b) when one wrestler has accumulated more points at the end of the three periods than his oppo-



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- 1) Eleven points to a game with a win only registered if won by two goals. 2) Four games out of seven wins a match and once a contestant has lost a match he is eliminated from the competition. 3) The game starts with the face off in the center of the knock hockey board. The object is to bring the puck to your side of the blue line (the defensive line), but you can score on the face-off. 4) Once behind your blue line a shot may be taken, although an alley shot is not allowed. 5) A puck which goes out of the rink is replaced by the other contestant behind

his blue line and a shot is taken. 6) A score is made when the tip of the puck crosses the back of the goal mouth.

Last year, because of the lack of publicity the tournament was held almost exclusively in Morgenstern dorm. The series was first started in March and after five rounds, one finalist was realized. This year, however, the new chairman, Marty Kerzer hopes to have one finalist a semester with a playoff match between them.

Games are generally played in the contestants' room with the possible exception of the championship playoff match which might be held in 501 Furst Hall. The new contestants will have competition from knock hockey favorites such as Elliot Feinerman, Ted Mirvis, Neal Rosenblum and Joel Baum, last year's champion player. Signs will be posted in both dorms when tournament play begins.

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