

Freedom of speech — the right to formulate and present one's opinions without hinderance — is a fundamental of particular significance and sanctity to a newspaper. For it is only so long as this freedom, together with its corollary, freedom of the press, is preserved, that journalism as we know it can continue to exist. Therefore, in order to editorially advocate, in any manner, the impingement of this right, it would follow that considerable forethought had occurred and an overwhelming necessity was felt to exist. Such is the case here.

For the past two years the so-called "Semicha Student Coalition" has made it its avowed purpose to bring about the resignation of Dr. Samuel Belkin as president of YU. Under the combined leadership, and

seemingly majority membership, of Jeffrey Silver and Solomon Appel it has mercilessly exploited every issue that in any way involved Dr. Belkin in order to place him in the most unfavorable position possible.

During the prolonged controversy surrounding the attempt by YU to acquire the state Bundy funding, Silver and Appel concentrated their activities on attempting to prove the University's ineligibility for such funding, and at the same time working to undermine the reputation of Dr. Belkin and the University wherever possible. With the resolution of this question in favor of YU, the pair turned to the exploitation of other issues. Recently, the dismissal of Løbe Scheinberg as Dean of Einstein has provided an adequate platform for

the denunciation of the president.

It is the nature of these denunciations as well as the so-called "Semicha Student Coalition's" tactics in general that force this editorial. The name, "Semicha Student Coalition," which implies a formal group or organization where no such group exists (if it does it is so small as to be insignificant) is of great importance when assessing this situation. When Silver and Appel hand out leaflets at a YU event, make inquiries into the University's private affairs, or send correspondence, they do so not as Silver and Appel but as the "Coalition." Their credibility (slight as it is) is thus enhanced because it is felt that a significant number of students are speaking.

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Nachum Goldmann Discusses Problems Jews Face Today

What are the long range problems facing the Jewish people throughout the world? Dr. Nachum Goldmann, President of the World Zionist Congress, answered this question March 16 in an address in Silver Auditorium attended by nearly 300 students and faculty and administration members and sponsored by the combined undergraduate councils of YU. Dr. Goldmann discussed the problems facing world Jewry in face of the changing world power structure and the problems which will exist in future relations between the Diaspora and the State of Israel.

According to Dr. Goldmann, the 20th century represents "a difficult century for weak people" and even "a dangerous century

for strong people." The turbulence and the revolutionary character of our era threatens world Jewish communities more than any previous menace—even antisemitism. The threat, said Dr. Goldmann, is perhaps most apparent in Latin America where often-silent social revolutions are ruining Jewish middle class communities, as evidenced by the demise of the Cuban Jewish community.

Furthermore, the Zionist leader stated, the Jews, as "protégés of the democratic powers," must recognize the danger of the increased political and military strength of the Communist Bloc and the emergence of a powerful Third World Bloc, including Communist China, which simply does not understand "the Jewish problems."

Jews In Russia

In remarks on Jews in Communist countries—particularly Russia—Dr. Goldmann stated that it is nothing but "short-sighted illusion" that the majority of Russian Jews could emigrate to Israel and that Israel could absorb them. Instead, Jews must recognize that millions of Jews will remain in Russia, and

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BA - MA Proposal Undergoing Study To Allow Option

By MARVIN WERTENTHEIL

Dean Isaac Bacon announced recently that the university is studying a plan to initiate a combined B.A.-M.A. program at Yeshiva College.

In essence the program would allow an undergraduate student to take certain graduate courses and have the credit count simultaneously toward his bachelor's and masters degrees. Presently, qualified students who take graduated courses must decide if credit earned will go toward their B.A. or graduate degree—but not for both.

The Dean is presently chairman of a university committee that is currently working out details of the program now that permission has been granted by the State Education Department in Albany.

Research Needed

Much research is ahead, the Dean said, both on the part of his committee and on the part of the deans of the various other schools of the university in order to work out the exact nature of eligibility requirements and courses.

As the Dean envisions it, Yeshiva College, Stern College and Erna Michael College would all be able to participate in the program which would probably involve the Belfer, Revel and Ferkhauf graduate schools. (Difficulties are encountered with

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Davis Wins In Presidential Runoff Ballot; Ostreicher And Ruchelsman Also Elected

In a special run-off election held on Thursday, March 16, Hillel Davis was elected president of the 1972-73 Yeshiva College Student Council, defeating Joe Belitzky by a vote of 357 to 329. This special balloting came one week after the regular presidential contest, the results and validity of which were a source of contention—with Mr. Davis at one point declared the victor—until student council, on March 13, voted to hold a run-off battle between the two top candidates.

At that previous election of March 8, the two other spots on next year's YCSC Executive Council were filled.

Picked for the office of vice-president was Yussie (Marvin) Ostreicher, who emerged victorious over Dore Schriebman on the second ballot, 360 to 287. The secretary-treasurer post was won by Manny Ruchelsman, who defeated a write-in candidate, Nate Kline, by 455 to 144.

Uncertainty over the outcome of the original March 9 presiden-

tial race began when the results were tabulated and it was pointed out that while Mr. Davis had received a majority of the third ballot votes (excluding abstentions)—351 out of 667 total votes—737 ballots had been cast for the first ballot, perhaps requiring a 369 (368.5) tally for the necessary majority under the preferential system.

The preferential system—the method specified in YCSC's constitution—requires a majority for victory. If no candidate achieves a majority on the first ballot, the ballots of the lowest candidate are checked to see who was named as a second choice and these votes are then added to the totals of the other candidates. If still no candidate has a majority—as was the case here—the next lowest candidate's ballots are likewise checked and these figures are then added to the totals.

After the election had once been declared invalid due to these problems, it was later decided to check with parliamen-

tarians and thereby arrive at a decision.

When on Friday, March 10, the parliamentarians questioned ruled that Mr. Davis had won, the election was ruled valid with Mr. Davis as the victor.

Regarding the election, it was

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Senate Discusses Non Lab Science; Hebrew Exempts.

By CHARLES BERNSTEIN

At its meeting of March 9, the YC Senate discussed courses in Parliamentary Procedure and in The History of Physical Thought, waiver of final examinations and exemption from Hebrew 1-2.

Before the meeting began, Dean Bacon announced that a joint bachelors-masters program was being worked out with the State Education Department. Under such a program, an undergraduate could credit any graduate courses he takes toward both his bachelors and masters degrees.

Dr. Tauber brought the question of the Parliamentary Procedure course to the senate once again, and asked the senate to overrule Dr. Tendler's decision of the previous meeting. Viewing the matter as an appeal from the curriculum committee, which had turned down the course, Dr. Tendler had ruled that the senate could not deal with the course until after it had been brought to the faculty assembly. However, based on Dr. Tauber's contention that the course was being brought to the senate *de novo*, Dr. Tendler reversed himself and set up a committee to study the course.

Non-Lab Physics

While continuing to urge the formation of an interdisciplinary non-lab science course, the senate took up the matter of a new non-lab, primarily physics course which is being set up. The senate

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President-Elect Hillel Davis.

Council Examines Tuition Rises; Move Still In Preliminary Stage

At the March 13 meeting of student council, YCSC President Dov Butler reported that the administration has proposed a tuition and dormitory rental hike to go into effect September, 1972.

(For details of YCSC's actions regarding the presidential election, see story, page 1, column 3)

For all students presently enrolled in the college, the proposal would involve a \$150 per year tuition increase (from \$1850 to \$2000) and a \$50 rise in dormitory cost (from \$450 to \$500). New students would face a \$200 jump in tuition and the same \$50 boost in the dorm fee.

Dr. Sheldon Socol, chief university fiscal officer, had first informed student leaders of the administration proposal at a recent meeting of the Presidents' Council, a group composed of the presidents of YU's five undergraduate councils.

Preliminary Level

In relaying the information he had received at that meeting, Mr. Butler emphasized that the entire

matter was at a very preliminary level of consideration and that actual negotiations had not even yet begun.

During council's discussion of the issue, several council members indicated their opposition to the administration's proposal. Some made reference to decreases in student services and to promises made following last semester's Union 1199 strike that

only as a last resort would additional funds be sought from the student body.

Council took no immediate action on the matter, voting instead to delay further consideration until more facts become available.

Regarding another fiscal issue, it was reported that Dr. Socol, in speaking to a council representative

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Shafer Heads Commission On Marijuana; Compiles Information About Drug Abuse

Just before Thanksgiving 1971, a group of better-known minds gathered at MIT's Endicott House for three days of talking about central influences on American life. Those present included historians, economists, psychologists, anthropologists and political scientists.

The group was trying to spell out how we as a people and a society got from 1960 to where we are today. Agenda topics included "The Passing of the 100% American"; "The Educational Debate"; "The Universities in the Revolt against the System"; and "From Puritanism to Pornography."

One of the two observers watching the proceedings was 54-year-old Raymond P. Shafer, former governor of Pennsylvania. The other was Dana L. Farnsworth, a psychiatrist who had just retired from a professional career caring for the health of college students, the past 17 years at Harvard. Both are now involved in something that is bringing people of many different disciplines together — the national concern over whether this country is heading irrevocably into a social disaster wrought by the rising incidence of drug use and abuse.

Shafer is chairman of the National Commission on Marijuana and Drug Abuse. Farnsworth is vice chairman. The men and women doing the talking those three days at Endicott House were what might be termed the "420 Project." What they concluded there was solely for the benefit and guidance of Shafer, Farnsworth and the other 11 members of the National Commission. Ultimately it might benefit and guide the Congress, the President and all the people.

The National Commission, created by Congress, is mandated to

report to the President and to Congress separately on marijuana, this month, and on drug abuse generally in March of 1973.

In less than a year, Shafer and his executive director, Michael R. Sonnenreich, have assembled a brilliant staff, including a group of youth consultants, and have managed to commission nearly 50 studies on marijuana and drug abuse.

Since last May, the Commission has compiled 2000 pages of testimony as well as held a series of informal hearings on college, university and high school campuses during which the Commissioners have talked with more Americans under 25 about drugs than any other legally constituted body.

Even though the informal hearings from time to time tested the patience of the Commissioners in sometime abrasive give and take, Shafer and his 12 associates are more than quick to point out that talking with students has been and will continue to be one of the most important experiences for the Commission as a whole.

Shafer pointed out that it is from this sort of informal give and take that he has come to realize the extent of marijuana use among both young and over-30 Americans.

On the other side of the fence, there isn't a campus the Commissioners have visited that doesn't respect the common sense approach, the genuine searching for the truth, and the informality the politically and philosophically mixed Commission has consistently shown.

Only One Has

Only one member of the Commission can openly admit he has smoked marijuana and he is

Maurice H. Seevers, M.D., former professor and chairman of the Department of Pharmacology at the University of Michigan and one of the foremost experts on pharmacology in the country. He has not only smoked marijuana but has used himself over the years as a laboratory "animal" to learn the effects of other, harder drugs.

Governor Shafer has probably had to give his own answer on the "Have you smoked pot?" question a hundred times. His answer is that there are two schools of thought on the question. Explains the Governor, "You can't know anything about marijuana if you haven't tried it. The other school says that if you try marijuana, you can't possibly remain objective. We have both schools of thought on the Commission."

The Commission was created in Section 601 of Public Law 91-513, the Comprehensive Drug

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Council Proposes Files Of Faculty Evaluations

A permanent recommendations file to be kept in the Office of the Registrar will be instituted at Yeshiva College before the end of this term. The file, proposed by senior class vice-president David Merzel and passed unanimously by student council, will operate as follows:

(1) Upon completing a course, the student may request that the instructor write an evaluation of the student to be placed in a special file in the office.

(2) The instructor may add to the evaluation new information felt to be pertinent after the student has taken additional courses with that teacher; or when graduate school (or transfer) recommendations are required, the teacher may add information relevant to the specific graduate study area sought.

(3) Evaluations specified by the student will be sent, upon request, to graduate schools to-

gether with transcripts.

(4) The file will be kept private; only the instructor and the Dean (for the purpose of "Dean's evaluations") will have access to it.

Final implementation of the system is being worked out by Mr. Merzel and Dean Bacon, who has approved the file.

As pointed out by Mr. Merzel, chief among the file's advantages are the accessibility of recommendations to students and the prevention of backlog for faculty members. Also, recommendations will be made while knowledge of the student is still fresh in the instructor's mind.

Mr. Merzel also stressed that for the system to be successful, the student must take advantage of its establishment by requesting evaluations from teachers and ascertaining that such have been placed in the file.

Schiff Calls For Greater Interest In Jewish Education By Parents

By HOWARD WIEDER

On Tuesday, March 7, Dr. Alvin Schiff, Vice-President of the Board of Jewish Education and Professor of Jewish Education at Ferkauf, spoke about the topic of "Jewish Education-Whose Obligation?" His speech was followed by a discussion among Dean Rabinowitz of EMC, Rabbi Dr. Menachem Brayer, Professor of Bible and consultant psychologist at YU, and Cheryl Ritter and Bernhard Rosenberg, who are students in the graduate division at the Ferkauf Graduate School.

Dr. Schiff's speech centered on the idea that the obligation of Jewish education falls upon four groups: parents, community, the total Jewish community and the Jewish professional. He said that parents are unwilling to assume their obligation. Of total Jewish school-age children, fourteen percent are enrolled in day schools and only seven percent in yeshivot. Even those parents who do send their children for a Jewish education are unwilling to support the schools.

Dr. Schiff believed that the reasons for parental apathy are twofold. Firstly, parents don't have the time, money and energy. Secondly, parents believe that they have done their duty by sending their children to Jewish schools.

Community Apathy

As far as the individual community is concerned, Dr. Schiff said that most synagogues have not put the proper stress on Jewish education. The education committee of a synagogue is usually on the lowest level.

Dr. Schiff also believes that the total Jewish community is not doing enough. He noted that in 1957, the United States felt that higher education was no more a luxury, but rather in the interest of national security. The Jewish community, however, feels that a Jewish education is a "con-

sumer good" rather than a necessity for Jewish survival and therefore, not enough funds have been allocated to Jewish education.

The reason for the apathy of the overall Jewish community, Dr. Schiff feels, is a lack of organization. He stated that the Orthodox Jewish community has trouble organizing itself and therefore cannot express its needs adequately.

In addition, he said, there is a need for Jewish educators and administrators. The United States has only six thousand Jewish educational professionals, but there are a great many opportunities which exist in the field of Jewish education. The ascendancy of the Jewish educators will be even more assured with the cooperation of the Jewish Federation.

He declared that Jews who have been educated have an obligation to the Jewish community. Parents, however, are not that

willing to say, "My son, the Jewish educator."

Dr. Schiff concluded his speech by saying that Jews who have benefited from their Jewish education and are knowledgeable should realize they have an obligation to serve the entire Jewish community.

Rabbi Rabinowitz added that Federation supports Jewish education in other cities but not in New York. He said that it is not enough to support Jewish education with money. Jewish educated youth must be willing to enter the field. Three hundred and seventy-five thousand Jewish college students have no Jewish education while even greater numbers of pre-collegiate Jewish youth are not being reached.

Rabbi Dr. Brayer stated that the urgency of the matter is a case of "Pikuach Nefesh." He cited the verse of "and thou shall teach them diligently unto thy children;" the need for "Hat-zalot Nefashot" is in the hands of Jewish youth today.

WYUR Calls Jews Inside Soviet Russia

The dissenting voice of Russians Jewry will be heard tonight by Yeshiva's WYUR audience. In telephone interviews taped last week with Gavriel

have experienced since applying for exit visas.

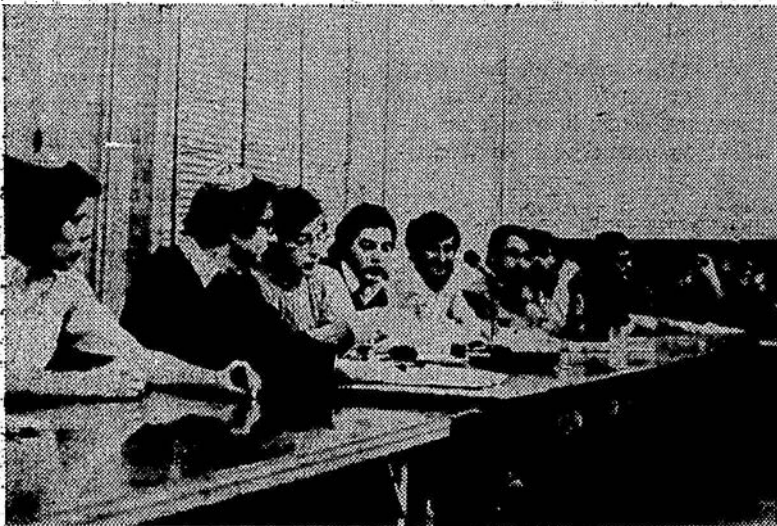
Dr. Lerner and Mr. Shapiro are leading critics and dissenters of the Russian policies concerning Jewish cultural and emigration rights. Dr. Lerner's apartment was the scene of the arrest of Congressman Scheuer of New York two months ago while the Congressman was meeting with Russian Jews.

In the interview—made in conjunction with the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry—Lerner disclosed that his request for an exit visa for himself and his family had just been semi-officially refused. The interviews were conducted in English, although much of Shapiro's conversation was in fluent Hebrew.

The Editor-in-Chief and the Governing Board of THE COMMENTATOR extends a hearty mazal-tov to Mr. Walter Maybruch, President of the Student Organization of Yeshiva, upon his recent engagement to Miss Joan Lenoff. May they have all the happiness together that we wish them.

Shapiro and Dr. Alexander Lerner of Moscow, listeners will be able to hear the Russian Jews describe the discrimination they

YCSC Studies Tuition Hike; Move Still In Early Stages



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YCSC at year's hottest meeting.

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 4) tentative, had said that the "First money" reportedly earmarked for athletics facilities had been pledged but not fulfilled.

Reacting to this and reports that other monies designated for athletics had vanished, council voted to send out a letter to the administration requesting that it be made clear where such funds have gone.

Still another monetary matter discussed concerned the fund

raising campaign for Israel to be conducted at YC. Zvi Rogin, pointing out the need for religious help for newly-arriving immigrants, particularly Georgians, asked that council use the money to support religious programs for Russian immigrants.

The money collected was originally to have gone to the UJA's Israel Emergency Fund. No final decision was made at the meeting as to exactly where the money would be sent.

Shakespearean Theatre Premieres At Yeshiva Dramatics Society Performs A Modern Hamlet

Culture Receives Strong Response From Students

Shakespeare's *Hamlet* is probably the most famous and popular play written by the Elizabethan. It is also one of his most controversial plays with myriad interpretations of the very complex characters of Hamlet, Ophelia, and Claudius and the play's messages of duty, morality, and revenge. It is therefore a feat of much ambition and courage that the Yeshiva College Dramatics Society performed the play, its first Shakespeare performance, on March 18, 19 and 20, and all involved deserve admiration for it — especially considering the Society's lack of adequate facilities, time, and money.

The production, titled *A Rehearsal of Hamlet*, was performed as a rehearsal, with the actors, therefore, in modern dress. Director Anthony Beukas was thus able to project the play as a more intimate and timely experience rather than just a view of a great Elizabethan drama. Furthermore, the format allowed an easier acceptance of a mustachioed Gertrude and a mutton-chopped Ophelia, a necessity because of the Society's limitation to all male casts. True, Shakespeare didn't use women

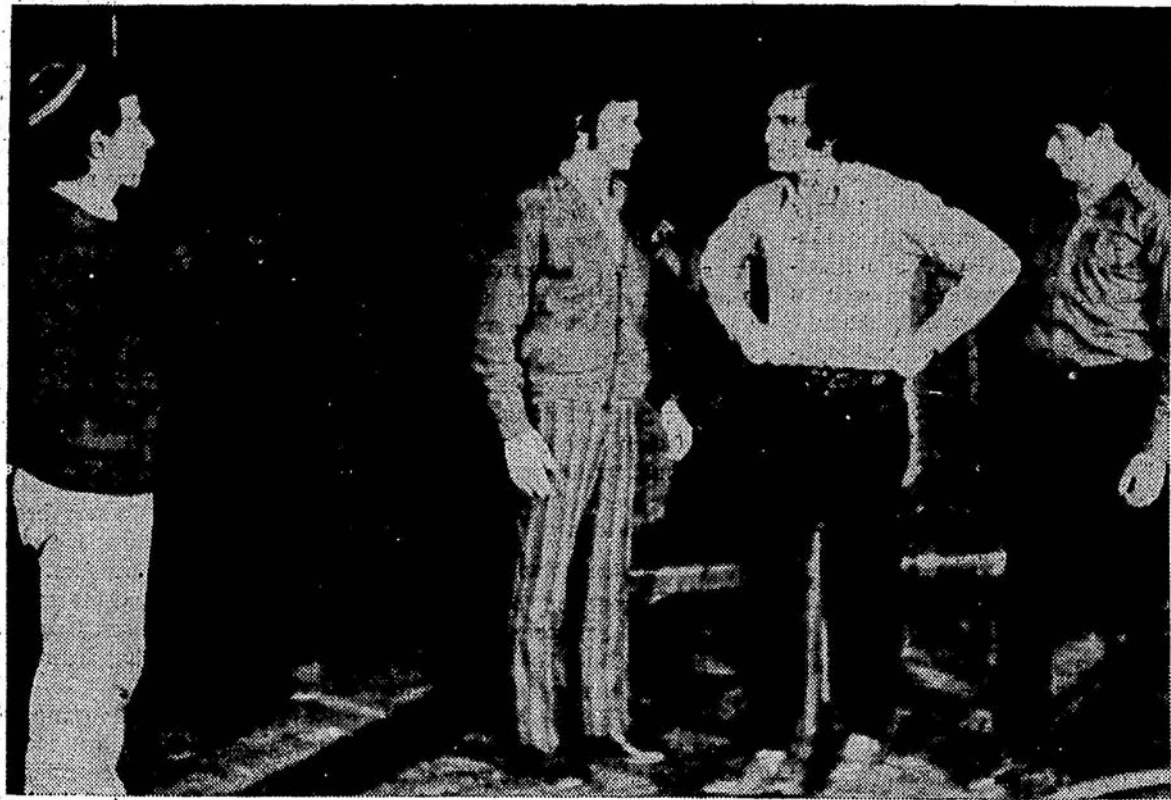
Mr. Nunberg played his role so well that some members of the cast appeared all the more mediocre. Mr. Goldin's Polonius was so naive and funny that it was truly a shame he had to be killed in the third act, before the intermission.

Harold Steinberg's portrayal of Gertrude, especially in her confrontation with her son, was successful, as was Jesse Cogan's performance as the dastardly/bastardly Claudius. Mr. Cogan's commanding curtness, however, was often cut to the point that he was not understood.

Lack of space prohibits mention of all cast members, although thanks must be extended to Harry Schick, Neil Dick, Isaac Nutovic, and Jeff Green for making the most of their small roles. Congratulations, too, to the lighting and sound crew for the ghost scene (and John Gielgud?).

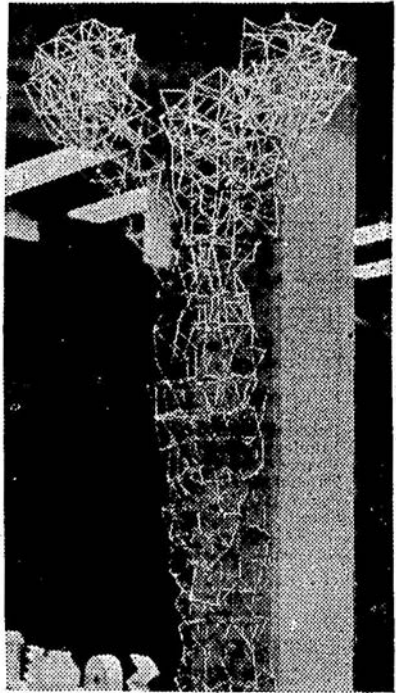
It may be a shame that to make the presses I had to view the opening performance of *A Rehearsal of Hamlet*; by the time the rehearsals were over, the Society's *Hamlet* may have been much improved. (Lenny Davis)

Two events which occurred in Yeshiva last week, other than the reliable Yeshiva Dramatics Society presentation, may help put to rest the common complaint of Yeshiva's lack of culture. Sponsored by the newly formed Cultural Club of Yeshiva College Student Council, a music recital and an art exhibit received both a large turnout and a very favor-



Molsh Gaerman

Center stage: Noah Nunberg (right) as Hamlet and Michael Kaabe as Horatio after disclosure of the appearance of the ghost of Hamlet's father.



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able reception from Yeshiva students.

The recital of music for cello and piano was held March 7, and was heard by over one hundred (Cont. on page 10, Col. 1)

Tel Aviv University Program Rivals Hebrew Univ. Studies

The following article is part three of a series on Israeli educational opportunities, written by Sidney Rosman.

Students who plan to spend a year in Israel often wish to change their environment and attend a secular university rather than a *yeshiva* or even Bar-Ilan. The vast majority of these students look to Hebrew University's One Year Program as their place of study, giving little consideration to a very similar program offered by Tel Aviv University. Their reasons, however, are frequently quite unfounded or, ironically, work the opposite way. They naively state that if one wanted to meet Americans (which, they believe, would happen at Tel Aviv University) one might as well stay at Yeshiva University.

The truth is, surprisingly, that Tel Aviv University has a fully integrated program in which Israelis and foreign students share the same classrooms, dormitory space, and social activities, while Hebrew University One Year Program is housed in an isolated "overseas students" building with the overwhelming number of one on Givat Ram.

Campus Location

Tel Aviv University offers all the benefits of being located in Ramat Aviv, a beautiful suburb of Tel Aviv, with none of the disadvantages of a busy, crowded city. Theaters, operas, movies, and the Tel Aviv nightlife are only a short 15 minute bus ride away while the most popular discotheque in the city is located right on the campus.

The program, which costs \$800 for the year, not only offers a wide range of courses in all fields of Judaica, but also permits attendance in all regular university courses—including the natural

sciences. While they are not required, university sports courses are open to any student and include everything from weightlifting to karate to ballet.

The school itself is run on a standard two-semester basis (with large vacations), avoiding the problems of overlapping (Continued on Page 8, Col. 1)

actors, but the roles were usually played by boy sopranos in female garb.

But the format of a rehearsal may have had another purpose — to serve as an admission of the near-impossibility of the Dramatics Society's tackling such a difficult drama. Such was the case; except for several exceptional personal performances, *A Rehearsal of Hamlet* fell below the Dramatics Society's high standards and performances. It was too unpolished, too much of a rehearsal.

Of special mention though, are Noah Nunberg as Prince Hamlet and Stanley Goldin as Polonius, the garrulous and pompous counselor to the king. Although Hamlet's changing moods and sanity were difficult to discern at times,

Jewish Chaplains Suggest Reform In Four Areas Of State Prisons

In this second part of a series on inmates within the correctional system of New York, the role of the American Jewish Correctional Chaplains Association (AJCCA) will be discussed in reference to their suggestions for prison reform.

By MARK KOSLOWE

This year we read of beatings, riots, and deaths within the State Prison System. Uprisings took place in the "Tombs," Attica and in other correctional institutions throughout the country. As a result, many suggestions have been made to help each state develop better rehabilitating programs in their respective penal systems.

Specifically, in New York, a special committee of the American Jewish Correctional Chaplains Association (AJCCA) of the New York Board of Rabbis, submitted a list of suggestions for prison reforms.

In the preamble to these suggestions the committee wrote: "The following suggestions were arrived at after careful study and evaluation and are respectfully submitted in the hope that they will shed light as to the direction in which we should move, in trying to alleviate the problems of the correctional sys-

tem, which is of such great concern to everyone."

The reforms were split into four central categories: Communications, Training, Parole, and Facilities.

Request Reforms

The requests made in Communications were similar to the system now being used within the

Heights Group Forms Patrol To Forestall Violent Crimes

By HOWARD SCHRANZ

WHISP, the Washington Heights Inward Safety Patrol, was formed nearly three months ago after a member of the *Breuer Kehillah* was attacked on his way home from *shul* on a Saturday night. Conceived over a year ago, WHISP attempts to prevent violent crimes in the Washington Heights area by co-operating with the police. Between 7:30 and 10:00 every night (surprisingly few violent crimes occur in New York after 9:30) except Friday, about three or four unmarked cars are dispatched from WHISP headquarters at the Hirsch Yeshiva to

patrol sectors between 167 and 197 Streets.

Each car, carrying an observer and a radioman as well as the driver, cruises through a sector at about 10 m.p.h. and reports all suspicious occurrences to the dispatcher who contacts the local precinct. Clearly not vigilantes, the observers are totally, unarmed and virtually never try to handle a situation on their own. When quick action is required, though, they will try to stop the crime by making their presence known or by following would-be assailants. In addition, WHISP follows stolen cars until the police arrive.

No Dramatic Action

Rarely does dramatic action occur. In fact, WHISP cannot say with certainty that they prevented any individual serious accident. But, although official crime statistics have not yet been computed for the past three months at the Heights, the police believe that the crime rate has significantly decreased since the group's birth. A potential mugger, say WHISP people, is more cautious about committing crime when he realizes that his act may be witnessed by an unmarked car waiting to call the cops.

WHISP works closely with various community groups as well as with the police, to whom they radio all suspicious occurrences and to whom they submit a nightly report of all action. The *Kehillah*, who strongly supports WHISP, donated over \$1200 to buy the Lafayette TELSAT 924, used for their radio work. Moreover, they are the group that most volunteers their (Continued on Page 9, Col. 3)

Federal Prison System. This would even include a liberalized censorship policy of incoming mail and no censorship of outgoing mail for inmates. Reforms for Training include continuous inservice training for correctional officers, work for suitable inmates that would help pay for (Continued on Page 8, Col. 1)

Survey Indicates Shift In YC Career Planning

By ELI SEIDMAN

A nationwide survey on college enrollment, quoted in the December 27 issue of *The New York Times*, revealed that an increasing number of American students are majoring in fields that are more closely related to their chosen vocations.

The survey showed a decline

the study, is the shortage of doctors.

Psychology and sociology are also growing rapidly since, the survey feels, today's student is more socially aware and therefore wishes to learn about society and how to change it.

Statistics for the YC Office of the Registrar seem to show that the situation among YC majors

YESHIVA COLLEGE MAJORS

(numbers in parenthesis are percents)

Major	Fall '71	Fall '70	Fall '69	Fall '68
Political Science	83 (9.9)	78 (8.4)	91 (8.6)	105 (9.7)
Biology	39 (4.7)	51 (5.4)	68 (6.4)	58 (5.3)
Chemistry	27 (3.2)	34 (3.6)	59 (5.5)	58 (5.3)
Classical Language	4 (0.5)	1 (0.1)	5 (0.4)	3 (0.3)
Economics	76 (9.1)	67 (7.2)	47 (4.4)	60 (5.5)
English	26 (3.1)	46 (4.9)	49 (4.6)	68 (6.3)
French	2 (0.3)	2 (0.2)	3 (0.3)	1 (0.1)
Hebrew	—	3 (0.3)	3 (0.3)	4 (0.4)
History	84 (10.1)	112 (11.9)	123 (11.6)	118 (10.9)
Jewish Studies	18 (2.2)	15 (1.6)	14 (1.3)	19 (1.7)
Mathematics	80 (9.6)	102 (10.9)	153 (15.4)	146 (13.5)
Music	3 (0.4)	3 (0.3)	9 (0.8)	7 (0.6)
Philosophy	13 (1.6)	14 (1.5)	16 (1.5)	18 (1.6)
Physics	20 (2.4)	35 (3.7)	60 (5.6)	49 (4.5)
Political Science	83 (9.9)	78 (8.4)	91 (8.6)	105 (9.7)
Pre-engineering	12 (1.4)	19 (2.0)	18 (1.7)	20 (1.8)
Pre-med	225 (26.9)	209 (22.1)	107 (10.0)	184 (17.0)
Psychology	68 (8.1)	110 (11.7)	103 (9.7)	108 (10.0)
Sociology	25 (2.9)	29 (3.1)	40 (3.8)	50 (4.6)
Speech	10 (1.2)	10 (1.1)	6 (0.6)	8 (0.7)
Totals	835 (100.0)	940 (100.0)	1063 (100.0)	1065 (100.0)

in engineering, education and physics and an increase in pre-med, sociology and psychology.

Biology, a very popular course among future physicians, enjoyed a large increase in enrollment. The reason for this, according to

generally corresponds to that in the rest of the country's colleges.

Compared to Fall, 1970, pre-engineering, physics and similar courses have lost many students, while pre-med continues to grow even stronger.

Rosenthal Examines Plight Of Soviet Jews; Feels Russians Will Ease Up The Pressure

The following article is based on an interview with Congressman Benjamin Rosenthal of Queens. The interview was conducted January 28, 1972, by Howard Weider.

Mr. Rosenthal has represented the Eighth Congressional District in Queens since 1962. He is a member of the House Governmental Operations Committee, and is also a member of the House Foreign Affairs committee and chairs a subcommittee on Europe. He recently completed a hearing on "The Denial of Human Rights to Soviet Jewry."

According to Congressman Rosenthal, ever since the Israeli victory in the Six Day War in 1967, Jews in Russia have suffered overt acts of anti-semitism in the colleges and universities and in the civilian and military establishments. These are part of a "concerted campaign by higher authorities."

Representative Rosenthal reported that an eloquent girl, Rita Guzman, appeared before the subcommittee. The Russian authorities allowed her to leave the country, but without her husband, Mrs. Guzman asked the subcommittee if anything could be done to have her husband released. Congressman Rosenthal and his colleagues sent a telegram to Secretary of State William Rogers and to Ambassador Dobrynin. The husband was subsequently released and the couple were reunited in Israel.

A Resolution

The result of the subcommittee's findings was the Anderson-O'Neill Resolution. The provisions of the resolution include: that the U.S. make a declaration of policy in favor of Soviet Jews; that the U.S. solicit support and bring the matter to the attention of the United Nations; and that when President Nixon visits Mos-

cow in May, he make the necessary arrangement with the Russian leaders to permit Jews to leave Russia and allow those who remain to practice their Judaism without fear. The Resolution was favorably reported from the subcommittee and expects passage by the full House.

Student Group Forms To Recruit Applicants

By STEVEN WOLINSKY

For the first time in its history, Yeshiva College has formed a Student Admissions Society (SAS) an organization through which students will have a role in admission procedures.

The society was formed as a result of efforts last year by Rabbi A. Groff, Director of Admissions, and Brian Frohlinger of the JSS Student Council.

Along with Mr. Frohlinger, Lenny Schlangel serves as coordinator of the society. He explained that the society's main function is to seek applicants for Yeshiva College. This recruitment procedure is implemented by the group's forty-two members.

Another of the functions of the SAS is to speak to applicants before they are interviewed by the YC Office of Admissions in order to answer questions that one would not generally ask his interviewer (e.g. regarding dorm life and social life at YC).

However, at the present, there are no plans to give the society any power regarding decisions of admittance and rejection to Yeshiva College.

Applications Drop

One of the reasons for the formation of the Student Admissions Society has been the steady

decrease in applications to YC since 1970 when a high of 563 applicants was recorded. Last year, there was a drop-off of 107 from that figure, and as of January of this year, there have been 64 less applications than in 1971.

Rabbi Groff told THE COMMENTATOR that these figures should not cause great worry since the figures are representatives of a general nationwide trend related to economic and population factors. Also, 1970's high was reached during an exceptional year and Rabbi Groff is confident that the figures will level off in future years.

Rabbi Groff also stated that the lower number of applications would not lead Yeshiva College into lowering its admission standards, and the mean average of the entering freshman class in September, 1972, will not be any lower than that of previous years.

Thus, although YC's administration is not pessimistic about the decline in applications, it still felt, along with some Yeshiva's students, that it was necessary to form a society in which students would take an active role in recruitment and other admissions procedures.

Wachtel Remodels Guidance Department; Students' Committee Initiates Programs

By MAYER PARKER

The Guidance Department at Yeshiva College has experienced a metamorphosis. From an invisible commodity tucked away in Reits Hall it has become a viable department in its new headquarters located in the Student Union Building. Together with YCSC's newly formed "student guidance committee," several new innovations have been made in the field of career and psychological guidance.

Mr. Ronald Wachtel, the head of the department has organized a staff to keep students up to date on the latest career and graduate school information. He has compiled a complete library to provide students with graduate school catalogues and financial aid information, as well as entrance examination booklets.

Vocational interest and aptitude testing are also provided by Mr. Wachtel's office. Yet all of this takes a secondary role to his personal interviewing on Mondays through Thursdays from 1:30 to 5:30, where Mr. Wachtel serves as a concerned listener to the entire gamut of student problems.

Future Projects

On the planning board are projects for campus recruitment, on-

the-job opportunities to gain insights into certain professions, and workshops for students taking graduate school exams.

When asked about the guidance office's rejuvenation, Mr. Wachtel commented, "student interest, especially the student guidance committee and their initiated projects have filled a vacuum in guidance."

YCSC's committee works in the areas of career, academic and psychological guidance. After years of neglect and inefficiency, it is their hope to reorganize the guidance system.

Their major project this year was the recent "Career Days" in which 500 Yeshiva and Stern College students heard panels of experts discuss fields ranging from Jewish education and the Rabin to Medicine and other science related fields. There were also sessions in law, business, and aliyah career planning. Speakers were chosen mostly from among alumni and faculty members. The programs were conducted by student moderators.

Student Reaction

Student reaction to the career conferences has been extremely favorable. Much of the credit must go to the organizers of the events, Mr. Ronald Wachtel and Manny Ruchelsman. The program will be continued next year with the hope of expanding into humanity related fields.

Another project of the committee is a soon-to-be-released 8

page booklet describing guidance services. It will also contain a list of teacher and counselor office hours to aid students with academic guidance.

The committee has also attempted to establish group counseling sessions which would enable students to air personal and academic problems. It was hoped that minor difficulties could be solved in these sessions, leaving the counselors more time to devote to emergencies. Unfortunately, student response has been poor.

In the field of psychological guidance, Drs. Ernest Simon and Manny Sternlicht have attempted to help students seeking emotional, personal and academic help. Their program has thus far been successful to those students in need.

Reappraisal

Until last year, Yeshiva College had no full time guidance services to offer its students. Last year, both the administration and Student Council began laying the groundwork for a re-vamping of these services. Approximately 300 students sought out their assistance last year, and already this year that figure has been surpassed.

"Those students who come into the Guidance Office are mostly curious freshmen," according to Mr. Wachtel, "but I have more to offer upperclassmen. They just don't seem to come. I don't think (Continued on Page 9, Col. 5)

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Deans Discuss Credit Option

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regard to the inclusion of the Wurtzweiler graduate school.)

According to Dean Bacon, the program would benefit students as they would be able to more quickly attain their intended careers. Also, the Dean said, the program should attract prospective students to the college for this same reason.

The Dean further emphasized that the program would allow students, if they so chose, to spend more time on Hebraic studies and still be able to attend graduate school.

The Dean stressed, however, that the program is in the "pre-planning" stages and that it would be a while before the details are worked out and the plan implemented.

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Davis Wins In Presidential Runoff Ballot; Ostreicher And Ruchelsman Also Elected

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pointed out that the ballot handed to the voters did not explain the preferential system whereby the voter is to signify his choices in order of preference (first, second, third, etc.). An explanation of the system had reportedly been posted on a blackboard in the voting area approximately 1½ hours after the polls had opened.

At the regularly scheduled student council meeting of March 13, this matter came up. Referring to "the fact that the preferential system was not explained to a majority of voters" and to "other inconsistencies," Mr. Chernikoff, junior class vice-president, moved that council invalidate the original election and hold a run-off between the two top candidates on Wednesday, March 22.

Considerate debate followed including an open discussion from the floor.

An amendment to Mr. Cherni-

YCSC ELECTION RESULTS								
For President (March 9):			1	2	3 For Vice-President (March 9):		1	2
Joe Beltzky	277	288	316	Yussle(Marvin)Ostreicher	351	360		
Zev Hillel Davis	227	235	351	Dore Schrieblman	276	287		
Gugy Pollack	39		—	write-ins/abstentions	111	94		
Felix (Tzvi) Rogin	178	193						
write-ins/abstentions	8/8	21	70	For Secretary-Treasurer (March 9):				
Special Run-off for President (Mar. 16):				Manny Ruchelsman	455			
Joe Beltzky	329			Nate Kline (write-in)	144			
Zev Hillel Davis	357			abstentions	138			

koff's motion which would have allowed all the candidates to enter the new election lost by a vote of 7-3-3. A second amendment setting the date of the run-off for Thursday, March 16 (6

days earlier), passed by a vote of 10-1-2.

Finally, council voted by an 8-3-2 margin to invalidate the original election for president and hold the run-off on March 16.

Shafer Heads Marijuana Study; Compiles Report On Drug Abuse

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Abuse Prevention and Control Act of 1970. President Nixon signed it into law on October 27, 1970.

The President of the Senate appointed Senator Harold E. Hughes, the Iowa Democrat, and Jacob K. Javits, the senior Senator from New York and, of course, a Republican. The Speaker of the House appointed Democrat Paul G. Rogers of Florida and Tim Lee Carter, a Kentucky Republican. President Nixon named the Commission's 9 remaining members.

Offices opened up in February 1971. From the outset, the Commission has worked closely with the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs, the Bureau of Customs, and with the National Institutes of Mental Health and Department of Defense.

Questioned Many

Besides its thousands of miles of criss-crossing the U.S., the Commission has met with officials and just plain people in Europe, the Far East (where they talked at length with both commanders and enlisted men of the U.S. military) and Middle Asia. They plan further study trips to Spain, Morocco, Turkey, and Greece. They have already met with members of the Canadian Commission now making a marijuana study and have toured the U.S.-Mexican border to observe U.S. customs operations.

At its first commission meeting, the Commissioners decided to bring in youth consultants because of the importance of a young point of view in the total Commission study. The young people worked all last summer in Chicago, Dallas, New York, Boston, and the District of Columbia on various projects and studies the Commission has now underway. Additional youth consultants will work with the Commission in 1972 and 1973.

Shortly before the end of the past year, the 13 Commissioners gathered with their staffs and began deliberations and discussion of all they had heard and read and studied in the preceding year. And there is still one more informal hearing — with high school students in Denver.

Comprehensive Study

Then the writing began, and come today, the most comprehensive study of marijuana ever made in the U.S. will become the property of the Congress, the President and the peo-

Senate Argues Over Courses

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agreed that when this course is established it would fulfill the college's science requirement.

The senate sent to the Scholastic Standing Committee a new proposal on the waiving of final exams. Under the plan any teacher could offer any student the option of not taking a final.

The senate also passed a motion under which any entering freshman who achieved a grade of 650 or better on the College Board Hebrew Achievement test would be exempted from Hebrew 1-2.

Los Angeles for a second formal hearing, this time on multi-drug use.

In June an informal hearing will be held in Detroit's inner city and finally, later in June, the Commission will meet formally on Government organization in the drug field. And there will be more beyond that — more hearings, more projects, and more studies.

Nachum Goldmann Discusses Problems Jews Face Today



Dr. Goldmann awaiting introduction. To his right Rabbi J.B. Soloveitchik, to his left Rabbi Israel Miller.

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efforts must be exerted to protect their Jewish life there.

According to Dr. Goldmann, Jewish political life today exerts itself in only two areas: fund raising and protest. But, Dr. Goldmann continued, these functions do not solve the problems of Jews spread all over the world.

Of particular danger to Jews of the world is the danger on the "internal front" rather than the "physical or economic front." Jews must not give up in their insistence on "never disappearing." After the destruction of the Jewish communities of Europe and the disappearance of the bastions of spiritual ideals, Israel took on the responsibility of the new center of world Jewry. For the Jewish people to remain united and thereby continue to exist, firm ties between the new center and the Diaspora must be established.

While many Jews take solidar-

ity of Jews in Israel and the Diaspora for granted, Dr. Goldmann stated that he did not. That solidarity may be strong today, in the lives of Jews who lived through the monumental experiences of the Holocaust and the creation of the State of Israel, but Dr. Goldmann questioned whether it would continue in future generations — generations which will hopefully not see holocausts and the creation of Jewish states.

Dr. Goldmann concluded that he saw no solution that would insure the security of this tie, but the danger if it be broken must be recognized, particularly by Israel, which may break the ties with the Diaspora by continually ignoring the Diaspora's moral and spiritual concerns. Israel cannot expect the Jews outside to "sit still and admire," but must take the responsibility of accepting the Diaspora as its "junior partner."

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ing. As reported in the March 8 issue of THE COMMENTATOR, upon the dismissal of Dean Scheinberg, the Coalition sent a telegram to Charles Bassine, Chairman of the Einstein Board of Overseers, giving the attempt to overrule Dr. Belkin's dismissal of the dean, the group's full support. Consequently those at Einstein who opposed the President's action used the telegram as proof that they were further supported by a formal and presumably substantial group of Yeshiva and semicha students.

The pair's written material, rather than factually or objectively stating a position, is often filled with unsupported and malicious statements. Their most recent piece entitled "Dr. Belkin's Vatican" is typical of the hysteria, faulty logic, and hastiness that characterize much of the writings of such fringe groups.

Jeffrey Silver is not even enrolled as a student in any division or any school of this university. As such he is no more than an outside agitator and has presumptuously assumed the "responsibility" of speaking for the students. It is wrong for one to claim support for an endeavor when such support does not exist, but it is intolerable when the claimant himself is not

even a member of the body he purports to represent.

The reason the University has tolerated Silver and Appel for so long is a result of its peculiar phobia about bad publicity — in this case perhaps justifiable. Obviously anyone who would go to the lengths of Silver and Appel to discredit this school would not hesitate in turning any University action against them into a *cause celebre*. Moreover, such action, the University fears, would rouse student indignation over an apparent stifling of opposition views. It is ironic that in its consideration for the right of dissent by Silver and Appel the school, by not refuting their statements, has forfeited its own right of free speech.

It is a combination of all these factors, the blatant misrepresentation of the student body, the vile denunciation of Dr. Belkin, and the reverse censorship (nothing more than indirect blackmail) being perpetrated by Silver and Appel that make this an intolerable situation.

A university by definition is a place of intellectual activity and ferment and thus a divergence of opinion is expected. But not a divergence such as the one the so-called "Semicha Student Coalition" repre-

sents. This sort of irrational, know-nothing type of intolerance is the absolute antithesis of all that the university stands for, particularly this one which is founded on Jewish halachic principles as well as academic and educational ones.

The student body of this college must unite against Silver and Appel in order to finally end the destructive influence that they have been exerting on this school. The students must make it clear to these two that they will no longer be tolerated and must press the University administration, namely Dr. Miller, to take action against them assuring it that in case Silver and Appel resist that the students will lend public support to the University. In the end, however, it must be the University who takes the final action — and this action must be immediate and decisive. Appel must be dismissed as a student of this institution and both he and Silver prohibited from ever entering the private property of any of its campuses.

The solution is extreme but after two years of accepting, for the sake of fair play, the absolutely unfair tactics of Jeffrey Silver and Solomon Appel, the time has finally come to demand action.

Election Reform

Now that the YCSC executive elections have been decided, student attention will shift to the class elections, and under present procedure the classes will choose their presidents, vice presidents, and secretary-treasurers to represent them in Yeshiva College Student Council.

It is about time, though, for YCSC and Yeshiva students, as well, to recognize and eliminate the legal fictions these offices represent. There exists no practical difference between these offices. Other than seating patterns, they are all equal on Student Council, and they should be elected as such — three class representatives chosen from only one slate of candidates.

The procedure for the election of the three representatives is a simple one. All candidates for that class' representative positions would be listed on one slate, and the voter would select his three choices. The three candidates with the most votes would represent their class on YCSC.

The advantages of the measure are numerous: The most capable class leaders will not be forced to fight out elections for the same office in which one will inevitably be defeated; the unavoidable personality and one-to-one political clashes of the past elections will be avoided; and the cumbersome preferential election system could be eliminated.

Yeshiva College classes can be better represented on Council; YCSC should, therefore, consider this proposal for immediate implementation.

Committee Praise

Last issue's editorial regarding the frequent overlapping of student activities should also be taken as a sign of the increased activity of the college's Student Councils. Particularly, the Jewish Affairs and Career Days committees and the Undergraduate Council's Speaker's Bureau each deserve special commendation for the excellent programs that have recently been provided for the study body.

The Jewish Affairs committee, responsible for the latest success of the *mesibat rosh chodesh* and Reverend Grauel's discourse, has also announced that Shlomo Carlebach will be performing at YU. The

students were also presented with one of this year's most informative and relevant events by the Career Days committee and its Career Days Program. It should be noted that credit must also be extended to the Office of Career Counseling for its invaluable help in this area. Finally, the invitation of two Knesset members as well as Dr. Nachum Goldmann to discuss problems relating to Israeli and world Jewry was due to the arduous efforts of the Undergraduate Council's Speaker's Bureau.

The activity of these committees is deserved of student support and praise. In future events, with proper planning, the student body can continue to avail itself of the fine opportunity to increase its knowledge of extra-classroom material, compliments of Yeshiva's hard-working committees.

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From The Editor's Desk



Making It Perfectly Clear

By Mel Hoffman

Did you know that one of President Nixon's three top speech writers is Jewish? Or one of his highest economic advisors? Or the head of his National Endowment for the Humanities? I didn't either until last Monday when these men, plus a few more, dutifully displayed themselves to about one hundred editors of Jewish publications who had been invited to the Executive Mansion.

Ostensibly to brief Jewish editors on issues of major importance to the Jewish community the sessions were mildly interesting but afforded no really new information on either of the topics of interest — Israel and Soviet Jewry. One of the most interesting briefings came from Stanley Baruch, head of the Agency for International Development's housing department, not so much for the information he gave (a detailed description of the U.S. multi-million dollar housing loan to Israel) but for the personal sensitivity, pride in accomplishment, and commitment to Israel that he exhibited.

Clearly the motive behind the conference had more to do with the fact that this is an election year than with the fact that President Nixon wanted to keep the Jewish press informed on the issues. By first establishing an all-Jewish editors briefing and then stocking it with Jewish briefers, the President hoped to make it perfectly clear where his administration has stood and presumably would continue to stand with relation to the Jews.

Indeed President Nixon has been a friend of the Jews, and it was not from a weakness in this area that I believe the conference failed to achieve its objective. It was a lack of sensitivity, probably the single greatest failing of Nixon and his administration, that precluded the possibility of any favorable impressions, political or otherwise, resulting from this event. The Administration's astuteness in discerning the recent trend among Jews toward greater Jewish awareness and religious pride (a fact which seems to have generated the idea for the all-Jewish conference) was surpassed only by its opacity in failing to associate this renaissance with the right group. It is the Jewish youth, those under thirty, who represent today's increased emphasis on Jewish identity. The average age of those attending the conference was at least forty-five — probably older. A rather conservative group, representing the more traditional attitude of appearing only "alightly" Jewish, they would have been far more impressed had they been invited not to a conference of all-Jewish editors, but to a conference of all editors, say, of major weekly newspapers. They wanted their existence legitimized less as members of a particularist faction and more as a significant section of a respected segment of the Establishment.

It was typical Nixonian overkill that Dr. Ronald Berman, head of the National Endowment for the Humanities, who found himself both Jewish and at the White House on the day of the conference was unexpectedly added to the list of speakers.

But the outstanding example of insensitivity came at noon when the guests were ushered to the New Executive Office Building for a buffet luncheon. The Administration after having gone to all the trouble of inviting the Jewish editors and preparing a program of briefings by top Jewish personnel, didn't even serve a kosher meal. Those who wished it were provided with airline-type kosher dinners.

While eating, I remembered something Bill Safire, the President's speech writer had said earlier. He pointed to the dislike of President Nixon as being an example of what he called "the Dr. Fell Syndrome." This refers to a poem by Thomas Brown:

I do not like thee Dr. Fell,
The reason why I cannot tell;
But this alone I know full well,
I do not like thee Dr. Fell.

As I ate my salami and potato salad I began for the first time to realize why I didn't like Richard Nixon.

Speaking Out



Politics And Religious Renaissance

By Edward Burns

"What's it going to be then, eh?"

THEY had billed the election as a contest between the religious and the indifferent, the good guys vs. the hooligans. It was a slanderous piece of filth, to say the least, since Joe has always been deeply committed to orthodoxy. Maybe, this school will finally learn that campaign workers are a liability to a candidate. But anyway, we lost, but we were still concerned about THEIR promises. Were they genuine? Would they innovate, or just administrate. The sincerity of THEIR candidate gave us consolation, but we were still asking, "What's it going to be then?"

An American dream had soured and the plague of assimilation was ravishing us once more. Judaism in the United States has taken on, for the most part, the vestiges of the Christian sacraments—meaningless rituals highlighted by a few "mystic" rites; Milah, Bar Mitzvah, Marriage, and Kaddish. We watched this tragic cycle of the Jewish people, their corporeal survival and spiritual demise. We couldn't blame the other yeshivot, for their influence was limited by their rigidity and single purposeness. So we thought back to our original premise, that only the one institution proclaiming itself to have a messianic role in the rebuilding of American Jewry was to blame. And we contemplated the coming year, asking whether President Davis would carry out OUR plans, true to HIS ideals. "So what does the future hold?"

Yeshiva University has failed to bring the Jewish people of this country together. Yeshiva University has failed to provide the majority of Jewish youths with the motivation and drive for maintaining their cultural identity. Its colleges' graduate schools and Rabbinical Seminary have benefited only a fortunate few, leaving the masses of Jewish youth untouched by its vast spiritual and educational resources. By virtue of its size, reputation, and potential influence

Yeshiva assumed the responsibility for the religious welfare of the entire Jewish community, but it has, thus far, not lived up to its total moral obligations.

We had a plan to change things.

The masses of Jewish youth are ready subjects for cultural and religious indoctrination. One need only look at the great religious revival taking place in the Christian world to see the parallels. The Jesus revolution has swept the country, drawing countless young men and women away from drugs and violence towards the constructive practices of faith. Yet the church's successes have not materialized out of a void. Today's youth has been raised with the anti-life consciousness of a whole century hanging over them. They have

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On The Shelling Line



By Sheldon Toibb

Elections And Other Absurdities

A Yeshiva melodrama—this year's YCSC Presidential election—degenerated into nothing more than an amateurish selling of a president. Never before did students base their votes upon sheer appeal to their emotions. Never before did student not want to care about an election, but ended up going to the polls to satisfy what they believed to be were their own consciences.

There were three major candidates in the election; Dick Davis, Joe Humphrey and Felix Wallace. Wallace, an extreme right-winger, ran against pointy-headed student intellectuals, THE COMMENTATOR and the twentieth century. The energy for his campaign was provided by sheer religious zeal. He castigated liberals who supposedly diluted the values of Torah in Yeshiva University with their nonsense ideas and promised to bus them down

to Alabama if elected. His slogan was "Under your Tzitzis you know he's right." But the basic problem with his campaign was that few people bothered to check.

Religious crusades and jihads theoretically went out of style in the thirteenth century. But Dick Davis, sensing the possibility of riding the crest of an irrational reactionary student sentiment, decided to throw his yarmulka into the ring. But in this instance, it was the case of the campaign creating the candidate instead of the candidate creating the campaign. In fact the major question at the end of the election was, "Who is Dick Davis?" Students were voting not for him, but for Torah. And the one poster which capsulized the mood of the election was plastered outside Rubin Shul by someone who probably was as apolitical as

could be. The poster simply read, "Vote for G-d."

Davis' candidacy was backed by two cliques. One was extremely vocal, the other extremely silent. The former was a group of students who had no respect for established experience and sought a viable candidate around which they could articulate their religious views. The latter was the Republican corporate power establishment, headed by the Chevrolet division of General Motors, who sought to defeat Humphrey, the titular head of the exiled Democratic party.

Thus these groups created the Davis candidacy as they had done with Warren Harding many years earlier. And for lack of any other substance, the Davis camp in effect stated that a vote for Dick was a vote for the concept that Torah standards should govern all aspects of the undergraduate uptown colleges. In other words, Yeshiva University should be the oldest and largest institution of higher learning under orthodox Jewish auspices as is already well known by everyone.

Davis had a more clever ploy than Wallace's censorship board of suppressing freedom of the press for THE COMMENTATOR. He advocated THE COMMENTATOR's joining with HAMEVASER to form HAMECOM-MIE an idea which would be hari-kari for the distinct identities of each newspaper.

Joe Humphrey had been preparing for the YCSC presidency for many years. Quietly and without hoopla he dedicated himself toward bettering the lot of Yeshiva College students. Yet he was burdened with running on the record of the last three student council presidents, Ricky Lyndon, Bob Baines and Dov Johnson. A victim of the student council structures as well as a victim of the know-nothing religious backlash, Humphrey was fated to defeat.

But as high as the Davis camp was on religion, it was equally as low on ethics. Firstly, it purported a false issue of religion. Secondly, it sought to polarize

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Letters To The Editor

SOY Resolution

To the Editor:

The following resolution was passed by SOY at its meeting of March 14, 1972, concerning the Semicha Student Coalition:

The Student Organization of Yeshiva is the only official council that represents Semicha students. While some of the policies of the administration need to be questioned, we do not agree with the methods employed by the Semicha Student Coalition.

Student Organization of Yeshiva

Anti Coeducation

To the Editor:

We write this letter in response to Mr. Toibb's column of December 22 concerning the issue of co-education at Yeshiva. Mr. Toibb's column was not only an affront to us as "healthy Orthodox Jewish" individuals (using Mr. Toibb's terminology) but

even more so to the dignity of the Yeshiva community.

It is our firm conviction that in order for YU to remain or even approach being a "yeshiva" college, it must stay as a separate entity from Stern College. Despite what Mr. Toibb may think, this still is a Makom Torah and we strongly oppose cheapening it to anything less. It is the very dignity of Yeshiva that is on the line.

Let us be honest with each other. The average individual comes to YU for one of the following reasons: Either pressure from parents, the desire to learn, or the need to have both a religious as well as secular education. Eliminating the first (a situation that is without remedy) we are then left with the meat of the issue. If Mr. Toibb so desires a coeducational environment, he has more than ample opportunity to find it elsewhere; but we, personally, came to YU from "liberal," non-religious backgrounds because we wanted to learn, and yet we wanted secular, intellectual educations.

Realistically, YU is not the Utopia we expected it to be; far from it. But the time we have been here, we have managed to grow intellectually and religiously and also are not totally isolated from the outside world (contrary to Mr. Toibb's generalization). Our point is this: Despite all the flaws that do exist (and no one denies them, Mr. Toibb) the answer to the problem isn't the total cop-out of co-education. One just can't totally sacrifice Jewish education for the sake of secular education, which is in essence what would be the resultant.

Leo Frischman '74
Jeff Silverberg '73

Assorted Gripes

To the Editor,

Fraud. That is the crime being perpetrated on the student body of Yeshiva. With nary a smile, the administration regularly demands tuition from those attending Yeshiva College. Yet at each reg-

istration period, the same administration presents the students with an educational program so lacking in substance, so narrow in scope, that one wonders how anybody would have the audacity to call this institution a good "college."

The faults in the "college education" that is offered fall mainly into two major categories: the lack of an adequate curriculum and the lack of an adequate faculty. The first major problem becomes evident with a quick glance through the amazingly thin Schedule of Courses. The meager number of survey courses accompanied by the ragtag collection of electives found therein must necessarily be stifling to the student seeking a liberal education that includes a reasonable mastery of one's area of concentration. This dearth of courses is most painful to the upperclassmen, who have an increasingly limited, and sometimes non-existent, choice of

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News

THE YO PRE-RABBINIC SOCIETY presented the first installment of their Spring Lecture Series on Tuesday evening, February 15. The symposium, entitled "The American Orthodox Pulpit Rabbinate," included Rabbis Irwin Borwick, Herbert Dobrinsky, Joseph Grunblatt, Abraham Kupchik and Maurice Schwartz, all from the New York area. The audience of fifty participated in the major portion of the program, a question-and-answer period.

ELLIOT DICKMAN, AN ALUMUS OF YESHIVA and third year MD-PhD student at AECOM, presented a lecture intended to interest Yeshiva College students in careers in medical research. Mr. Dickman described various approaches to biomedical research, and noted some of the prerequisites for a career in this field. In the balance of the lecture, he described how biochemical research has been used to investigate and to attempt to cure sickle-cell anemia (M.D.G.)

PI GAMMA MU, the social science honor society, sponsored a talk about narcotic addiction by Patrolman Mel Clark of the thirty-second precinct on March 9. In his speech, Clark criticized several of the methods now being used in the war on addiction. Targets for criticism included the Treasury Department ("The enforcement branch of the Treasury Department has not done its job in decreasing the number of heroin addicts"); New York City's Methadone Maintenance Treatment Program ("... taking away a man's cane and giving him a crutch..."); and law enforcement agencies ("What if you stop eighty-six to a hundred pounds of heroin? What about the five hundred pounds that you missed"). Patrolman Clark's conclusion: "Education is the best tool of prevention."

Capsules

FOUR FACULTY MEMBERS will retire at the end of this semester. They are Dr. Gershon Churgin, Professor of Hebrew; Dr. Nathan Goldberg, Professor of Sociology; Professor Abraham Hurwitz, Professor of Health Education; and Dr. Ralph Rosenberg, Professor of German. Regarding these losses, Dean Bacon said that if need be, more instructors will be hired to bolster the affected departments.

LARRY WACHSMAN has recently been appointed Registrar of the Rabbi Issac Elchanan Theological Seminary. Mr. Wachsmann, who also teaches mathematics at Yeshiva University High School for Boys-Manhattan, has been a member of the YU registrar's office since 1963.

AMID JOYOUS DANCING, lively music (Epstein Brothers) and sometimes sumptuous feasting) Mesibut Rosh Chodesh Adar was held on February 17. Sponsored by the Jewish Affairs Committee, the gala affair provided for many students a pleasant interlude to the routines of academic life. The focal point of the evening was the guest speaker, Rabbi Avi Weiss, of Monsey, N.Y., and Stern College. The topic of his speech being "Syrian Jewry and Kiddush Hachodesh," Rabbi Weiss emphasized the significance of the Jewish lunar calendar and its uniting effect on all Jews. Extending this theme to the baleful plight of Syrian Jews held captive, he stressed that "if Syrians can't pray, it's as if we can't pray." About those who ascribe blame for the Holocaust and the present conditions of Soviet Jews to G-d, Rabbi Weiss asserted, "We've placed the blame on G-d when it should be on man. Everyone shouldn't be concerned with asking 'Where is G-d?' but with 'Where is man?'"

Tel Aviv University Program Rivals Hebrew Univ. Studies

(Continued from Page 3, Col. 2) courses and lost credits involved in the Hebrew University three semester system. Though private apartments are available, most students prefer living in the four-story suites of the on-campus dormitories. The rent is only \$250 per year and each suite is provided with refrigerator, cooking facilities, bathroom, and shower. Various social activities are arranged by the university including use of the Ramat Aviv Hotel

swimming pool and health facilities. Tours are conducted by the One Year Program to all parts of the country including extended trips to the Golan and Sinai.

Any further information may be obtained from the Tel Aviv University office in New York City. Before you make any final decisions as to which school you will attend, be sure you are fully informed of all possible aspects of every program available and choose wisely.

Jewish Chaplains Suggest Reform In Four Areas Of State Prisons

(Continued from Page 3, Col. 4) their keep during incarceration, and a recommendation that community organizations help integrate inmates back into the community upon their release.

Inequities in the Parole system were the third category. Some suggested changes are legal representation at both parole hearings and parole violation hearings, to allow law students to voluntarily assist inmates, and correct the inequity of sentencing and disparity of new and old criminal procedures and before different judges. The major reform requested for Facilities was the implementation of a First Offenders institution with an improved classification procedure.

Implemented Reforms

The State of New York's Department of Correctional Services has informed the AJCC committee of its reforms. Some reforms within the penal system of New York are already under study while others are in the process of being implemented.

Within the Training category new Federal grants for a comprehensive program of in-service training for correctional officers is well under way. The Department has also encouraged, within certain limitations, the participation of organizations to integrate parolees to life in the community. Finally, modern law li-

braries have been installed in the six largest institutions.

The Department's answer to the Parole inequities gives an excellent summation of a major problem within New York City and other cities. The Department has sponsored requests for legislation to correct the differences between the old and new penal laws. However, it is not within the jurisdiction of the department to rule on the sentencing of any judge. "Certainly an important aspect of this situation is the overcrowding of the Courts, particularly in the New York metropolitan area where 90% of all individuals sentenced are processed as a result of 'plea bargaining.' In upstate situations where the court calendars are not as crowded, a man is likely to be sentenced, if convicted, for the crime for which he was originally arrested and indicted. This is a grave matter and does violence to the criminal justice system in this country . . ."

Innovations

Recently, there have been several innovations for the general population of the correctional institutions. The establishment of inmate liaison committees is one such example. This committee is based on a "direct proportion to the ethnical breakdown of the entire population. In order to insure 'equal representation,' a certain number of seats are assigned to each ethnic group." (In Ossining Correctional Facility — formerly known as Sing Sing Prison — the "popular election" was broken down into 18 men: 9 Black, 6 Spanish, and 3 White.)

A second example is in "accordance with Department policy legitimate beliefs, convictions and practices of bonafide religious denominations or groups." Under this policy Jewish inmates may celebrate all the Jewish calendar holidays. (This year at Ossining, *Savior's Day* was recognized as a fast day for Muhammad Muslims.)

Still, many new problems beset the Department of Correctional Services. In *The New York Times*, February 8, 1972, an article described the request for

Haganah Member Addresses Student Body Expounding On Israel's Pressing Problems

By STEVEN MANDELSBERG

Reverend John Grauel, second-in-command of the Israel independence ship "Exodus," and the only non-Jewish member of the Haganah, addressed Yeshiva's student body on March 6, 1972. Sponsored by the Jewish Affairs Committee, the talk or "rap session" (as Rev. Grauel termed it) was marked by informal conversation, pleas for Israel, historical

anecdotes and moments of wry humor.

The recurring theme throughout Rev. Grauel's talk was importance of fervently supporting Israel. Nothing that in 1947, American support for Israel independence was meager, he stressed that "Israel's survival today is dependent upon the support of both Jews and non-Jews."

Having just completed a speaking tour encompassing fifteen universities in eleven days, Rev. Grauel said that he had spoken to a virtual cross-section of Jewish college students, exhorting them to become more active in Israel's affairs.

Jewish Rights

Rev. Grauel expatiated upon the old-age question of the Jewish right to Israel, and considered Arab rights to territory seized during the 1967 Six-Day War. "No Arab state is older than the intent to create Israel." Israel's most pressing problem lies in the ever-increasing tide of Russian immigrants: "Russia unwittingly might be doing to Israel what the Egyptians tried to do shortly after the '67 War, that is, wreck her economy by flood-

Beel
Reverend John Grauel. The only non-Jewish member of the Haganah.

ing the country with immigrants."

A vibrant, emotional speaker possessing a sharp sense of humor, Rev. Grauel was asked why he ever became involved with the Jewish effort to establish an independent state. His reply: "I tried it and I liked it."

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Chicago's Religious Zionist Leaders Sell Shul To A Proselytizing Buddhist Missionary Group

The first week of this past February the leadership of the Religious Zionists of Chicago sold their Synagogue and activity center to the Nichiren Shoshu of America, a missionary idolatrous, Buddhist group.

At a November Council meeting of the Religious Zionists of Chicago attended by representatives of the various chapters of the RZC and members of the *Vaad Hapoe* and The Executive a motion stating that the RZC should sell their Center for no less than \$190,000, and amended to the effect that this sale must be subject to *Halachic* clearance, was passed. Rabbi Aaron Soloveichik was designated as the Posek in this matter. The Nichiren Shoshu of America offered the required \$190,000 for the Center, and the chairman of the committee who was designated to procure a *Psak Halacha* concerning the sale, asked Rabbi Soloveichik whether it is permitted to sell the RZC Center to a social organization that is like the Boy Scouts, which will conduct an occasional religious service there. Two days after Rabbi Soloveichik authorized the sale he heard that the Nichiren Shoshu of America was not primarily a social organization, and therefore instructed the leadership of the RZC not to go through with the sale until a further investigation could be conducted. Extensive inquiries revealed the Nichiren Shoshu of America was really a highly missionary, ido-

latrous, group whose most important religious tenet is *Shakubuka*, proselytizing. Visitors to the headquarters of the Nichiren Shoshu of America witnessed altars upon which incense was burned to the gods of this Buddhist sect, the Gohonzon, and were invited to enter the sanctuary and chant to the gods. Furthermore, with just a store-front as their Chicago base of operations, within six years of activity, the sect succeeded in attracting 3-4,000 members, 1,000 of which are Jewish.

The leadership of the RZC mainly consisting of members of the *Vaad Hapoe* and The Executive was immediately informed of the nature of this organization and the corresponding prohibition against the sale. Subsequently, although the leadership of the RZC stated that it would not proceed with the sale until it would receive *Halachic* clearance, it went ahead anyway and signed the contract.

Because of problems with the transfer of title, however, the sale was not consummated until the first week of February. Within four days after the consummation of the sale, a special council meeting was called at which a motion mandating the leadership of the RZC to do everything in their power to rescind the sale of their building was passed 35-17.

As a result of this decision, a committee was formed to carry out the chosen course of action.

The committee chairman was assured by RZC leaders that he and his committee would have access to all legal documents and minutes pertaining to the sale of the building to aid them in their fight to save the building from the missionary group. The RZC leaders refused to hand over to the committee important information, essential to the committee's effectiveness. Their work thus stifled, the committee proved to be ineffective.

Other aspects of RZC leadership behavior were likewise hindering. Though the Buddhists were not willing to let the RZC buy their building back, legal advisors, well-acquainted with the situation made it quite clear that

there were several legal avenues open for the RZC to follow in hope of saving their building. Upon becoming aware of this, the RZC leaders took legal council with lawyers who were not made acquainted with the situation and hence were not qualified to give an objective legal opinion. These misinformed advisors saw no way to escape the sale of the building, and as a result of their opinion, at a council meeting convened on March 2, 1972, at which spokesmen opposing the sale of the building were forcibly prevented from stating their view, a decision was made to retract the previous plan of

Guidance Program

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my time is taken full advantage of by the students."

Guidance has made great strides forward in the past two years. Though there is still room for progress, the future holds promise. Bob Benedek, chairman of the "student guidance committee" had this comment to make:

"We look back upon our success with pride and upon our failure with regret, but most of all we look towards the near future when the full objective of guidance will be realized."

Washington Heights Group Create Patrol To Prevent Violent Crimes Within the Area

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time and cars. Most tenant groups also support WHISP, as do the Community Action Board, a Black organization, and a similar safety patrol band of Latin-Americans further downtown.

WHISP has no ties with the JDL. Unfortunately, some non-Jews are apprehensive about supporting WHISP, and, of course, all the neighborhood gangs oppose the group. Frequently, they will throw snowballs at WHISP vehicles. Ham

radio operators, introducing themselves as Snowbird, Seaweed, and Scorpio, deliberately interfere with WHISP's radio reception by playing records over the patrol's airwaves. WHISP is trying to collect funds for a better quality receiver that will not pick up the interference.

Mishmar Route

In addition to regular patrol routes, WHISP patrols a *mishmar* route. Here an additional car will be stationed outside community events, such as sisterhood meetings. The *mishmar*

car follows the people home. Most community groups report increased attendance at meetings, as well as fewer assaults on their members.

But WHISP's true test is yet to come. Crime generally rises as the weather gets warmer, and it is during the spring that most violent crimes occur. Fort Tryon Park perennially proves to be a source of summer trouble. If the crime rate stays low, WHISP will have proved its value as a crime deterrent in a changing neighborhood.

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Culture Receives Strong Response From Students

(Continued from Page 3, Col. 5) students in a packed faculty lounge. The large audience is exceptionally noteworthy since the recital was competing with three other student activities scheduled for the same time in different sections of the campus. The recital performers, Eliezer Dreyfus at cello and Yocheved Kaplinsky at piano, performed a mixed program of music by Beethoven, Saint-Saens, Bloch, Brahms and Fauré.

The art exhibit of original paintings, sculpture, and photography was held March 12-16 in the Jesslson Museum of the Gottesman Library. The exhibit consisted solely of works by nearly 30 student, faculty, and administration members of Yeshiva University. According to Cultural Club Co-Chairmen, Abraham Blank and Joseph Blank, the exhibit was visited by over half the student body of Yeshiva College.

The Blank brothers, co-founders of the Cultural Club, related that the concept of the club was first suggested last year by Ms. Sheila Hershow and Mr. Henry Morgenstein, then-instructors of English at Yeshiva College. The idea was rekindled this year by Dr. Joan Haahr, YC Professor of English.

Besides encouraging the Yeshiva College community members to develop their own talents, the club hopes by their endeavors to help "bridge a widening gap between students, faculty, and administration."

Many faculty and administration members visited the exhibit, as reported by club leaders, and there was an optimistic participation of faculty and administration contributors to the art showing.

The general enthusiasm and response which the Cultural Club's first exhibit has received may lead to a second and expanded exhibit to take place after Pesach, and all students are urged to participate.

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President Davis Must Organize A Coalition For Religious Revival Among Jewish Youths

(Continued from Page 7, Col. 2) lived through and heard of the Nazis, Hiroshima, and Vietnam, so that they have a definite psychological need for something positive and morally right to believe in. Religion is this force.

But we realized something crucial.

Catholicism, Protestantism and all other denominations of the church offer nothing in their credos that is morally superior to that which is found in the Torah. Yet we seem to be enveloped primarily by Jesus freaks, youth turned on to an ethics which, in reality, is an offshoot of Mosaic law and tradition. So why is it that we don't hear of a Moses revolution? Inevitably the facts indicated that

the Christians have a better public relations department than we. They sell their morality while we self righteously bask in ours. They return to Christianity while we wander aimlessly towards gnosticism.

Now we were faced with a critical problem.

Jesus has Billy Graham and Oral Roberts working for him. He is a superstar in his own million dollar rock opera, and he occasionally rents out Madison Square Garden and Channel 11 to spread his word. But the Jews, by right of an unquestionable faith in G-d have always felt the paltriness of using gimmicks to sell their religion.

So we formulated a policy. True, such strategems should

not be used to encourage conversions to Judaism, halacha opposes this practice. But the Torah is obligatory on all Jews and, as such, any type of inducement is justified in order to educate the Jewish populace in their religious responsibilities. Therefore we felt that since only one youth can truly spark the imagination of another, the students of Yeshiva and Stern Colleges should assume the task of spreading the orthodox gospel to America's young Jews.

And this is where we stand today.

Hillel Davis emerges from the recent presidential election as a sincere but untried student leader. Hopefully, his integrity will manifest itself, and he will divorce himself from the political animals who aligned themselves with him and besmirched his image with their own unorthodox campaign practices. As president he need not be indebted to any student or clique but should organize an apolitical religiously oriented coalition government which will strive to bring to fruition the promises of a religious renaissance on the Yeshiva campus as well as work towards achieving significant academic reform.

Equally important, though, must be his commitment to using the now latent power of student council to ultimately make next year's YCSC administration one

of destiny. President Davis must embark upon a program which would send Y.U. students out to the young Jews living in the rural areas of this country, not merely to convince them to attend this university, but more important, to make them aware of their own ethnicity. The rest will follow. He must raise money so that literature can be distributed to New York's non-religious college students, urging them to "turn on to religion." Ultimately, he must also sponsor a kind of Jewish, religious Woodstock, so that the raw spirit of *emunah* can be conveyed to those yet untouched by its feeling.

Together with Mr. Davis we should all work to effectively utilize the name and resources of Yeshiva University to rekindle the light of Torah in the hearts of America's alienated Jewish youth. Indeed, if we will it, it is no legend.

Letters To The Editor

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The faculty has even deeper problems. The caliber of the faculty as a whole is harmed by the overuse of staff members whose graduate educational achievements are not completely satisfactory. There are too many without doctorates and not enough with doctorates from the top schools.

However, the administration should not be too quick to cry "financial crises" to justify the present state of Yeshiva.

Yet a line must be drawn around those areas where budgetary reductions cannot be made without destroying the very nature of a school. It would take no financial wizardry to solve the monetary woes of modern universities by performing surgery on college curriculums and faculties.

But one does not cure leg pains by amputation.

It is time that the student body and the faculty join together to pressure the administration into realizing what the priorities of this educational institution must be, even during these difficult times. The curriculum must be imaginatively enriched and expanded, and the faculty must be improved and enlarged. Let's turn Yeshiva "College" into Yeshiva College.

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Elections, Candidates; and Other Absurdities Highlight the Campaigning at Yeshiva College

(Continued from Page 7, Col. 5) the student body and set one student against another. Thirdly, some of its canvassers went door-to-door with THE COMMENTATOR under their arms, trying to convince students that last issue's From The Editor's Desk was a back-door endorsement of their candidate, thus wishing to violate the official neutrality of this newspaper and its editors. Fourthly, it tried to convince students the night before the first election that Wallace had withdrawn and that Davis should be the ultimate beneficiary of his support. Fifthly, a member of the campaign openly acknowledged that he ripped down Humphrey platform statements. Lastly and most vital, it attempted by inference to slander the religious character of Joe Humphrey until the issue almost blew up in their faces.

The first election proved nothing as any winner would not have had a clear mandate to head the student body. The second election was very close. As it was, Humphrey lost by a nose-picker.

What were the underlying reasons behind the Davis victory? Besides this being an issueless election, Davis had neither the Camaro SuperSport of George Grossberg nor the Vega of Dov

Butler. What kind of image would be portray?

Why did students view the YCSC president as a titular head? Why did they not care to become involved in the campaign? The answer is because the power and scope of YCSC is greatly limited due to the existence of parallel councils in each of the religious divisions.

But much more important the influence which YCSC could possibly have on the highest levels of the university administration is severely hampered by the latter's tendency to place each individual religious council on an equal plane with YCSC. It will be interesting to see what becomes of Council's proposal on possible visitation rights for women in the dormitories. A power analysis of the undergraduate council reveals that the interests of the religious divisions, which for all practical purposes are the same, outnumber the interests of Yeshiva College by a margin of three to one. The effect of YCSC is therefore greatly diminished.

This proliferation of power between councils can only lead to YCSC achieving only limited results. The Cambodia experience of two years ago clearly demon-

strates this point. Council and Senate approved a resolution giving a student the option to follow his conscience and work against the war in Vietnam instead of attending class. But in the world outside Yeshiva how much can be accomplished after three o'clock in the afternoon? The religious divisions did not enact corresponding resolutions and thereby refused to grant equivalent deference to individual morals. Thus the practical implementation of Yeshiva College's action was greatly thwarted.

Within Council itself there is no real representation of interests. Class officers are elected under the guises of President, and Secretary-Treasurer. There is no distinction on Council between these offices. These representatives voice no opinion but their own, represent no significant interest and do not conduct dialogue with their constituents. Moreover, this arrangement has led in many instances to machine politics and the seeking of office for no other reason than self-aggrandizement. At least the notion that a high position on Council can aid one in being admitted into a top notch graduate school has finally been buried somewhere in a historical pile of rejection letters.

In my first two years at Yeshiva, students felt that election results were crucial. But when it is seen how all the time and rhetoric have effectuated only small and inconsequential reforms, the feeling has developed that in reality, student elections for YCSC officers do not make a difference

Thus Joe Humphrey emerges as the tragic figure of the 1972

campaign. And as Dick Davis begins to reckon with more than he expected, I just wonder if this election produced a winner at all. And expecting nothing, that is what students are going to get.

Religious Leaders Sell Synagogue To Missionary Group

(Continued from Page 9, Col. 4) attempting to regain title to the building.

Prior to this meeting, representatives of the RZC leadership presented this issue to Rabbi Moshe Feinstein who issued a statement declaring it incumbent upon the leaders of the RZC to pursue even the slightest chance of saving the building no matter how great the odds against them. This, according to Rabbi Feinstein is obligatory even if it were true that they were not aware of the religious and missionary nature of the group with whom they were dealing.

RZC leaders contend that they were not aware of the religious and missionary nature of the Nichiren Shoshu of America, yet the validity of these claims is questionable since the document of sale itself specifies the religious nature of this group. At present an urgent appeal to all Jews has been voiced, asking for widespread opposition to the clearly forbidden actions of the leadership of the Religious Zionists of Chicago.

Soviet Jewry Plight Viewed By Rosenthal

(Continued from Page 4, Col. 3) state... they're just abnormal in their understanding of foreigners and in their understanding of their own people.... it was a childish, silly act."

The Congressman believes that the Russians will allow more "easing up of the tension" as a result of world opinion. He expects that the flow of emigration from Russia will increase, but cautioned that in light of the Scheuer incident, the Russians are "capable of reversing engines at a moment's notice."

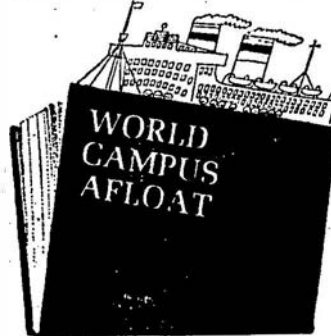
Rosenthal said that Nixon's not responding enough to Israel's military needs. Rogers is pushing Israel to withdraw from secure boundaries before any real negotiations. Israel should negotiate directly and, in principle, should not agree to any pre-conditions to negotiations. "If the parties sit... you get a viable peace. Anything short of direct negotiations will be a very shaky agreement."

Speaking about the Presidential elections, Rosenthal maintained that Nixon can be defeated. Though the President will "pull off" spectaculars as a China and Russia summit, the main issue will be the economy. "The President would like to achieve some distinction in the field of foreign affairs.... that's always risky... and people vote with their pocketbooks... and who's out of work today and tomorrow." He cited a poll showing that less than fifty percent of the American people believe that he is doing a good job in office. The Democrats have a good number of significant candidates. Congressman Rosenthal said that he has not indicated any preference yet, but he favors McGovern or Muskie.

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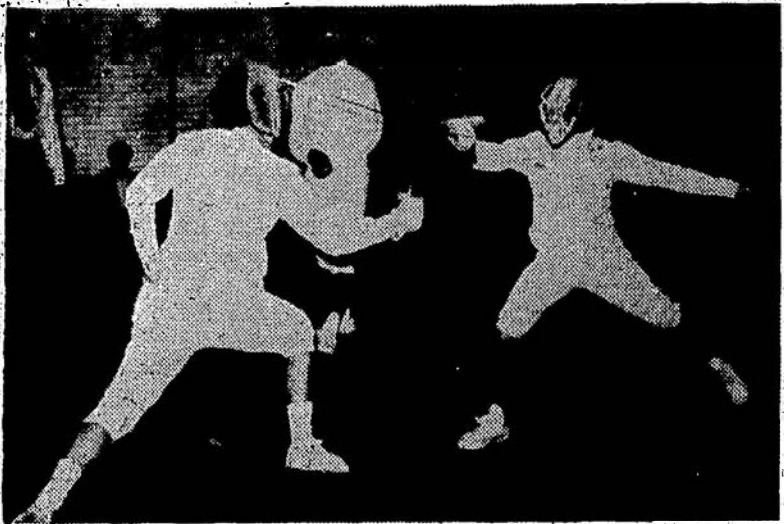
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Alumni Team Beats Fencers; Sabre Showing Disappointing



FENCERS FROM THE PAST. Alumni return and defeat Taubermen.

Last Wednesday night, Yeshiva's fencing team suffered defeat at the hands of a strong and powerful alumni contingency. It was expected that this year's team would win although they were matched against the outstanding stars of recent years. Leo Brandstatter, Larry Rosman, Lawrence Gelb, Murphy Rothman of recent years' teams represented the alumni. They all won their matches easily giving Alumni a decisive 18-9 victory.

The sabre squad, which is the most seasoned and experienced squad, led by Captain Marty Knecht, could manage but one win while losing eight.

Nobody expected the sabre squad to do so poorly, and the foil and epee squads to perform

so well, but it must be pointed out that the sabre squad faced much tougher competition in the form of Brandstatter and Rosman. Even so, nothing can be taken away from the fine performance of the foil and sabre squads. They are both young and talented squads, and if Yeshiva will make it to the top it will be achieved through strenuous practices and a lot of sweat.

Even though the varsity lost 18-9, Coach Tauber and all team members gained much. In this match all players were exposed to competitive fencing and many did well. This pre-season match gave Coach Tauber a chance to pick his starting lineup for the opening match against Cooper Union.

Nunberg Graduates; Dedicated Wrestler

By LENNY PRESS

There are two facets generally utilized when evaluating an athlete's career—capability and performance. Working in close association with him this season as co-captain, I have come to know Noah Nunberg as a capable athlete, and marvel at his ability to perform.

Noah's interest in wrestling was aroused as a high school student in MTA. Attending practices regularly, he accrued the skills which were to serve him so well as a collegiate wrestler. Perhaps it was fate that pitted Noah against tougher more experienced opponents in his early bouts. But fate only served to nurture his aggressiveness on the mat, as the years of practice and determination coaxed success into fruition. Noah has developed into a fierce, alert competitor who exemplifies the art of wrestling as a science. When coupled with physical fitness and endurance, his talents border on the sublime. I used to enjoy watching the smile form on Coach Ellman's face as Noah systematically broke down his opponent and drove for the pin. Perhaps he spoiled his followers, but we all anticipated victory when his name was announced over the loudspeaker; and rarely were we disappointed.

Noah's personality off the mat belied his aggressiveness in uniform. He was as dedicated to his friends as he was to the sport.

It is obvious that he had the same handicap as most Yeshiva athletes—lack of team practice. But Noah was a dedicated leader and his effort to get in shape and practice on his own elsewhere earned him the respect and admiration of his teammates.

Noah culminated three and one half years of excellent wrestling with his best year this past season. He was the team leader in pins and victories.

Juniors And Sophs Are Victors In Hockey Intramural's Openers

By ALAN SILVERSTEIN

Unlike many intramural sports at Yeshiva that require some skill and knowledge, the recently established hockey intramurals do not. In a recent interview with THE COMMENTATOR, hockey coordinators Heshy Ginsburg, Effie Lifschitz, and commissioner of intramural sports Harold Steinberg stressed the fact that for hockey intra-murals no background is needed; anyone can come and play. The one thing a prospective player needs is an interest in hockey. He can be assured that he will play, he will enjoy himself, and he'll get an exhausting workout.

The fact that there hasn't been any type of coordinated hockey at Yeshiva makes its future encouraging. Witnessing the fact that although only ten players are out on the floor at any one

All Classes Play Full Intramural Game Schedule

By ALLAN KAPLAN

The intramural basketball league found itself in the heaviest play of the spring term as three games were played in a period of eight days. During this time, the fall champion hurlers realized they would not find the road to the championship that easily as they lost to the seniors. They then bounced back and defeated the disappointing sophomores, who have not yet been able to find the winning combination despite an abundance of talent. In the last game of this period, the surprising freshmen upped their record to 2-0 as they defeated the seniors.

On March 6, the juniors met the revamped senior squad. The juniors never managed to catch up, and suffered a defeat in their opening game, 60-50. The juniors, who sorely missed the aggressive play of Chuck Levner, were led by the steady play of Mike "Inky" Smith, who scored 21 points. The seniors, who had a balanced scoring attack, had four men in double figures, Mike Paretsky with 15, Howie Hecht and Tobi Bernstein with 14, and Mark Levy with 11.

On March 13, the sophomores met the junior team. The juniors were led by Smith, with 24 points, while the sophomores' Dennis Metz, with his ten point outburst in the fourth quarter, finished with 15 points.

On March 14, the third game of the period pitted the seniors and freshmen squads. The freshmen, looking for their second straight win, opened up the game with an offensive spurt, but the seniors closed the gap and trailed by only a point going into the second quarter. The freshmen couldn't find the strings in that period, and the seniors forged ahead by outscoring them 13-6 and took a 22-16 lead at the half. Both teams shot well in the third quarter, with Sonniker hitting from the outside for the freshmen and Howie Hecht muscling points in for the seniors. The freshmen outscored the seniors 22-17 in that frame, and went into the final quarter trailing by only a point. In that fourth quarter, the freshmen played excellent team ball, forging ahead early and maintaining a small lead that they never relinquished, scoring a 53-49 victory.

time, and some forty students have turned out to play. Lifschitz and Ginsburg hope that sometime in the near future, a hockey team which would compete with other schools would be formed and managed by capable students.

Hockey Club

Although there is no official hockey team now, there is a hockey club. Through the efforts of Effie and Heshy, Yeshiva acquired basic hockey equipment consisting of two nets, four player sticks, two goalie sticks, and three pucks. More equipment was acquired once the club was formed. As opposed to the intramurals, the hockey club and hockey team would require players with a knowledge of the game and experience in the game itself. The coordinators are now trying to set up a hockey game after the *Pesach* recess against the Jewish

Ellmen Nearly Upset CCNY; Finish Successful Campaign



WE'RE ON TOP. Wrestling team co-captain Noah Nunberg pinning opponent.

By NATHAN KLINE and ALAN HERSKOWITZ

Wrestling their toughest competition of the season, the Yeshiva Ellmen lost to City College by a 30-24 margin in a match broadcast live on WYUR.

City, which began the season as one of the most highly rated college wrestling teams in NYC, was surprised by the fine performance of the YU team.

Brooklyn Poly

Hoping to even their record for the season, an extremely handicapped YU wrestling team traveled to Brooklyn Poly on March 2.

Without injured starters co-captain Lenny Press and Steve Edell the Ellmen were still op-

timistic. To compensate, Coach Neil Ellman, altering the usual lineup, inserted a new 118 lb. wrestler forcing the next three grapplers to wrestle above their weights.

Sam Marcus, co-manager Alan Herskowitz in his first match as a substitute for co-captain Lenny Press, and Manny Ruchelsman again wrestling at 177 lbs. were pinned by their opponents although all three wrestled well. Wrestling at 190 lb., Reuben Koolyk finished the season with a last period pin giving the Ellmen their final six points. Simeon Vogel at heavyweight was also pinned finishing the scoring 42-18 Brooklyn, leaving the Ellmen with an improved 5-7-1 record.

Mites Season Ends; Halpert Takes Over

By MARTY GOLD

Yeshiva has once again completed a losing basketball season. Their overall record was 2-16; their record in the conference was 0-8. It is important however, to point that statistics do not always tell the complete story. Although their record for the first half of the season was 0-9, that basically can be attributed to a lack of cohesion and more important, a lack of a rebounding center. But perhaps the

best way to sum up this year's season, is by speaking of the hopes for next season.

Johnny Halpert

"Taking over as coach will be John Halpert. "Johnny" is well known to Lion fans, as the coach of their junior varsity. He handles his players well, and will run a much tighter ship than the past coach. John has already held a meeting with the team and told them that fundamentals will be stressed. The team will not only have to play better but will be more knowledgeable in basics. Johnny said that not only will the Mites improve their record, but they will also be in the game every time that they will walk on the court.

In addition, Johnny has done something which has not been done at Yeshiva before; recruiting. He realizes that the future of the Yeshiva basketball program rests with the abilities of MJHSL stars past and present. So Coach Halpert has been scouting, talking to these athletes, and talking to the administration about financial aid for these athletes. This aid is common practice in all colleges, so why not at Yeshiva?

Defense And Rebounding

Johnny is to be commended for his efforts, and we hope that he solves the obvious problems of the Mighty Mites — defense and rebounding.

All in all, Mites fans can be comforted in knowing that there is a dedicated man working behind the scenes to improve the basketball situation at Yeshiva.