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Yeshiva College Students Change Leadership For Next Year; Council Members Confirm Commentator Board And Senators

By ALLAN KAPLAN

In concluding a year of student representation, the 1971-72 Yeshiva College Student Council held its final meeting on May 9, 1972. The agenda for the meeting consisted mainly of a reflection upon the accomplishments and shortcomings of the old council, and ushering in of the new council, and approval of the new governing board of THE COMMENTATOR and the Senate appointees.



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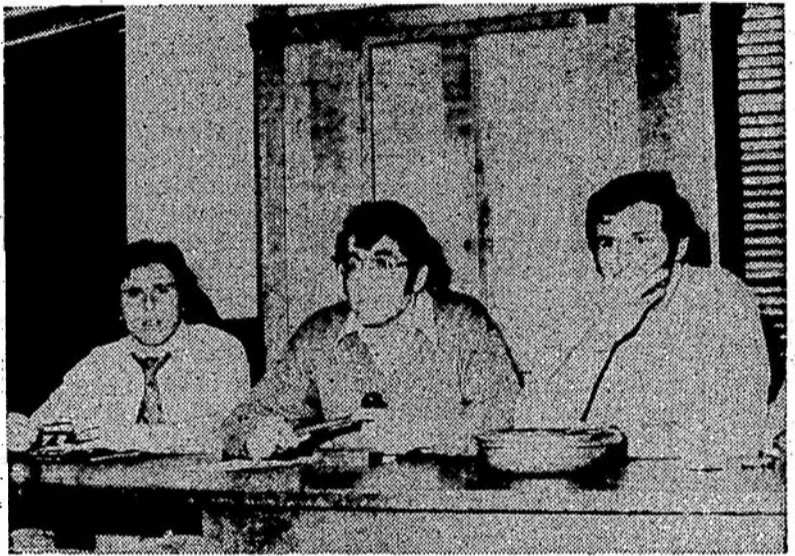
NEW STUDENT SENATORS: Joining senior representatives Ted Mirvis and Larry Bernstein are (from left) Joe Belitzky, Elliot Tannenbaum, Joseph Ratzersdorfer and Charles Bernstein.

Reflecting on the past year the student representatives stressed the disinterest most of the students exhibited toward Council. As one member expressed, "The council this year lacked both the support of the students and a dynamic force behind council to drive them forward."

President Butler, in review of the accomplishments of the past year, made special mention of the student admissions society, modification of the degree requirements, and expansion of Jewish affairs within and without the school. He added that a major reason for these successes was the liaison he maintained with other undergraduate councils of the University stressing the importance of "strength in unity." In his concluding statement, Mr. Butler stated, "I can only hope that the new council can set aside those areas in which they feel there will be conflict, and work toward the betterment of all."

New Council

The installation of the new council was brief as the gavel passed from the hands of Dov Butler into the hands of Presi-



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NEW FACES ON COUNCIL: YCSC President Hillel Davis is flanked by Vice-President Yossie Ostreicher (right) and Secretary-Treasurer Manny Ruchelsman.

dent-elect Hillel Davis. Davis began his first words as president, "My main objective next year will be to involve the student body in the workings of the student council. If the students don't come then there is no reason to even have a council."

The first item to be taken care of was introduction of the new council. The sophomore officers include Howie Wieder, president; Hilton Soniker, vice-president; and Steven Schuss, secretary-treasurer. Representing the jun-
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Soy Seeks Changes; 'Learn-In' Considered

By HOWARD WEIDER

On May 4, the Student Organization of Yeshiva met to discuss a Yeshiva Program course evaluation. The new program would entail the study of Chumash on a higher level, and Halachah. The resolution, which was passed by a vote of 8-0-1, was implemented the week of Monday, May 8.

During that week, Kollel students taught Chumash. Beginning with Monday, May 15, Rabbi Moses Tendler, among others, will give courses in practical Halachah.

The program was started this week to prove to the administration officials that students are interested in the study of Chumash. The newly installed SOY officers, President Maury Bach, Vice-President Abe Blank and Secretary-Treasurer Irwin Gross, were pleased by the attendance at the shiurim.

Semicha Program Changed

Another subject of discussion at the SOY meeting was the proposed change for the Semicha Program. The Program is being redesigned to enable its graduates to cope with the American Jewish community.

The course additions include: "relevant" tractates of the Talmud, practical Halachah, Tefillah, Chumash with Midrash, Jewish Philosophy and Hebrew Upan. Administration officials are said to be in agreement with the students concerning the Semicha Program re-evaluation.

The third subject of discussion was the need for more Rebbeim. In light of the fact that some Rebbeim, including Rabbi Chaim Soloveitchik, will be leaving this year, President Bach submitted a list of rabbis to the Administration for their approval to teach in the Yeshiva Program next year. SOY officials are seeking rabbis who would be able to

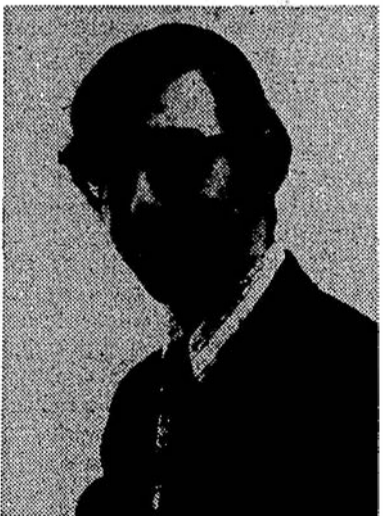
"relate" to their students.

Rav's Support

President Bach and other SOY officials had met with Dr. Belkin on Tuesday, May 2. Since then Mr. Bach has written two letters to the President of Yeshiva University urging him to meet and discuss these topics. A future meeting between the SOY officers and administration officials

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Koslowe Elevated To Editor; Rosenblum, Burns To Assist



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Editor-in-Chief Mark Koslowe.

Mark Koslowe '73 was elevated to the position of Editor-in-Chief of THE COMMENTATOR for the academic year of 1972-73 at the governing board meeting held Wednesday, April

26. Assisting him will be veterans Neal Rosenblum '73, Edward Burns '73, Theodore Mirvis '73, and Leonard Davis '73 along with eight newcomers to THE COMMENTATOR governing board.

Editor-in-Chief Koslowe is an economics major and attends YP. He has served on both the University Space Committee and the undergraduate council. This past year "Kos" was Copy Editor of THE COMMENTATOR.

Filling the position of Associate Editor will be Neal Rosenblum. Last year's make-up editor has made the dean's list in YC and attends EMC. Neal is also a member of the pre-med honor society.

Former Research Editor Edward Burns will now function as Executive Editor of THE COMMENTATOR. Eddie has served
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Russians Try To Draft Jewish Activists; Hope To Destroy Emigration Movement

By AVI BITTON

During a two week period between April and May, at least 27 Russian Jewish activists were threatened with forced military induction. All the 14 activists who live in Moscow went into hiding on the weekend of May 6. As of Friday, May 12, four of them were seized by the Soviet Secret Police (KGB).

This new action by the Soviet Government is in retaliation to appeals by the activists to Presi-

dent Nixon, and world bodies for the right of freedom of emigration. This freedom is guaranteed by the UN Declaration of Human Rights, of which the Soviet Union is a signatory.

Of the 27 Russian Jews known to have received induction threats, despite the fact that they have already fulfilled their military obligations, 14 reside in Moscow, eleven in Riga, one in Sverdlovsk, and one in Kaunas (Kovno). There is a "strong possibility," according to Glenn Richter, National Coordinator of the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry (SSSJ), that more than the above 27 activists have received draft notices. Telephone contact with several Soviet cities, including Kiev and Leningrad, has been lost, thereby effectively cutting off all information concerning Jewish activism.

The crisis began on Tuesday, April 25, when ten Moscow Jews received draft notices. That Thursday, the "Moscow 10" sent a letter to Kurt Waldheim, Secretary General of the United Nations, and to chairmen of various other world bodies, such as the

Federation of the Rights of Man, informing them of the latest action, and announcing that on that day five of them—Baruch Ein-
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Students Exhibit Growing Interest In Class' Election

By MARK KUTNER

On Thursday, May 4, the annual elections for president, vice president and secretary treasurer for each class were held. Students seemed to display a relatively greater concern about their class officers than they had in previous years.

Lenny Schlangel, secretary-treasurer of this year's junior class, was elected president of the class of '73. In his campaign Mr. Schlangel pointed to his previous functions as co-founder of the Student Admissions Society and chairman of the Student Council Co-op Committee. He was also initiator of the council resolution to let a mark of D be
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Underground Torah

In the last three years, several plans have been presented to improve the undergraduate and *semicha* curriculum in YP-RIETS. All suggestions were invariably shelved.

Last week, following frustrating meetings with Yeshiva University administrators including Dr. Samuel Belkin in which new programs for the undergraduates were rejected, Student Organization of Yeshiva instituted *shiurim* in *chumash* and *dinim* taught by *semicha* and *kollel* students. The *shiurim*, scheduled from 9 to 9:45 a.m., a time when the *beit medrash* is sparsely attended, received a large and enthusiastic response from YP-RIETS students.

Congratulations and encouragement must be extended to SOY for its courageous and decisive action. It is regretful that such "illegal" actions were deemed necessary, but in the absence of any initiative and meaningful response by President Belkin and the RIETS administration, no alternative was available.

In light of the success and the strong endorsements SOY's program has received from students and many *roshei hayeshiva* including *HaRav* Joseph B. Soloveitchik, the need for changing YP-RIETS' lethargic curriculum can no longer be ignored. A revitalized YP-RIETS program should and could be officially implemented for next semester. What occurred last week was not a radical campus movement; it was *talmidim* demanding to learn more Torah.

Library Woes Again

Since criticism of the Pollack and Gottesman libraries is nothing new to the pages of this newspaper, it is unfortunate that editorial space must be utilized to once more castigate the university administration for its insensitivity to the needs of this academic community. Over the past few years the libraries' operating budget have been slashed some 80% creating a situation

wherein meager services could conceivably put the college's accreditation by the Middle States Association in jeopardy.

Magazine subscriptions have been cut by one-third, library hours and services are totally inadequate, and university funds have not been made available for the purchase of new books. That no replacement for the departing Dr. Duker has been named is also a matter of intense concern to those who use the Gottesman Library.

It was difficult to imagine how the library could properly function when the first budget cuts were made. It is now impossible to conceive of the libraries' operating under further reductions. The administration must come to realization that the Pollack and Gottesman libraries are essential to this university's existence as a true academic institution. If the administration miraculously found money to pay for the salary increases of its maintenance workers, then it can surely afford to respectably maintain its libraries.

Congratulations

It is with enthusiastic optimism that THE COMMENTATOR takes this opportunity to congratulate the newly elected members of all four student councils, the four newly appointed student senators and the new governing boards of the other school publications. We sincerely hope that they will all live up to the student body's great expectations by striving diligently toward fulfillment of their new responsibilities.

With the end of the school year rapidly approaching, THE COMMENTATOR would also like to wish its best to all those members of the academic community who will be leaving Yeshiva at the end of this year. May the future see fulfillment of their brightest hopes and leave them with fondest memories of their stays here.

Lastly, THE COMMENTATOR wishes the entire Yeshiva community a very pleasant summer and an early, but nonetheless sincere, *Ktivah Va'chatimah Tovah*.

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Letters To The Editor

Phone Repairs

To the Editor:

Your recent editorial entitled "Wrong Number" casts aspersions on YCSC finances which I feel must be answered. To answer the charges directly would be meaningless, for indeed the nature of the editorial was one of a *Purim* parody and would have more appropriately been placed in your recent *Purim* edition.

Unfortunately, although good humor may have been intended, as a former Secretary-Treasurer of YCSC I must consider the charges more seriously. For they imply mismanagement and finagling both on my part and on the part of the entire YCSC. I can only assure you that our books are indeed in order and that fact can be verified by a certified financial report. I deeply regret any discomfort resulting from problems involved with the outgoing Editor-in-Chief's phone.

What should be explained now are the budgetary cutbacks which YCSC was forced to make for the spring semester. That, in truth was the financial dilemma of the 1971-72 YCSC administration. It is by now common knowledge that our council was saddled with an outstanding *Masmid* bill of \$7,000 from two years ago. Briefly, what occurred is the following:

David Gottesman, Secretary-Treasurer of YCSC 1970-71 received a bill in June 1970 for that year's yearbook. For one reason or another Mr. Gottesman failed to pay the bill. Let it not be implied that any mismanage-

ment of funds was involved. The *Masmid* ad money remained in the account for future payment of the *Masmid* bill. The problem arose from the fact that the 1971-72 YCSC executive council were not informed of the outstanding *Masmid* debt. We proceeded to plan our budget, utilizing the funds which should have been set aside for *Masmid*, for other budget items. The American Yearbook Co., which published *Masmid*, ignored the debt until this year. We were thus forced to cut back all accounts quite significantly, including telephones.

I hope this will prove to be a significant explanation for THE COMMENTATOR, on behalf of YCSC 1971-72. Perhaps now THE COMMENTATOR can return to an editorial policy which is constructive for the entire student body and save its humorous reflections on YCSC for its next *Purim* Issue.

Joe Boltzky
Secretary-Treasurer
1971-72

Ode To Fleisher

To the Editor:

I have just learned of the creation of the Abraham Wouk Family Chair in English Literature at Yeshiva College, and I wish to take this opportunity, through THE COMMENTATOR, to congratulate the University on its selection of Professor David Fleisher to fill this position.

Professor Fleisher is the true humanist; he subscribes to Terence's statement, "I deem nothing human foreign to me." He knows and appreciates, lives and trans-

mits that which is best in the Western tradition; for he realizes that the "liberal" arts, which some would regard as irrelevant, are, when approached *sub specie humanitatis*, those that make a man truly free by enabling him to share the insights of great men of the past. In an era in which Western civilization is painfully examining the credentials of its own existence, he stands for *traditio*, the linking of the finest values of the past to the present. We at Yeshiva should be particularly concerned with supporting his respect for the past; for is it not regard, indeed love, for the chain of tradition fundamental to Judaism as we know it? It is easy to join the tide of secular universities that have severed their links with the traditions of the liberal arts; but, to his great credit, Professor Fleisher has always, and never more than now, fought for the preservation of these values. The greatest literature and art of the past — and here I include both Jewish and secular classics — have something abiding to teach us in explaining the nature of our present spiritual crisis; for theirs is not the realm of verbal and conceptual *hapax legomena* but of ever-recurring, eternal truths. From personal experience of sixteen years at Yeshiva I must stress that whereas our students, sometimes the most brilliant ones, have little appreciation of literature and the arts, Professor Fleisher has always, through his vast reading and critical reflection, sought to illuminate their beauty and wisdom. Many generations of students at Yeshiva have come to know the beauty of English poetry, particularly Mil-

ton, through his keen analysis. We have had many of the same students; and the sound training in exegesis which they have received from him was manifest whenever we came to close examination of a text. His students are now teaching in some of the most prestigious universities, from Stamford to McGill to Harvard to Hebrew University. Surely one of the most unforgettable experiences in my years at Yeshiva remains the sight of Professor Fleisher faithfully coming to my classes in Greek and diligently doing every assignment (he would often call me on the telephone to have me explain difficulties in the torturous sentences which I enjoyed composing in order to bedevil my students) so that he might obtain a first-hand acquaintance with the language and literature which have so profoundly influenced our own. This was truly learning *lishmah*.

When I first came to Yeshiva our Faculty were not even permitted to vote in Assemblies. There were no sabbaticals, salary scales, pensions, tenure, or procedures for grievances against the University. No one, in my opinion, was more effective than Professor Fleisher in exposing and remedying all these basic deficiencies and in working to give dignity to the Faculty. No one has contributed more than he in time and wisdom to the preparations for the visits of the Middle States Association. No one has contributed more than he in Faculty Assemblies to reaching sound conclusions, for he is, above all, endowed with common sense. I have always been able to count on him to enliven those

sessions by cutting the Gordian knot of absurdity with his keen thrusts. He sees the oxymoron in a real-life situation in the best tradition of Juvenal and Swift.

It is to me ironic in the utmost that Professor Fleisher should now be under attack by THE COMMENTATOR for his role in the senate. No one — and I fear no contradiction in this statement has done more to ensure student extra-curricular right than Professor Fleisher through his work as chairman of the committee which produced the Fleisher Report. I was a member of that committee; and no one, I can assure the student body, fought harder than he, particularly to ensure the right of THE COMMENTATOR to publish what it saw fit without administrative interference. If Yeshiva has avoided the head-on collisions between administration and students which have characterized other colleges and universities, I believe that a great deal of credit must be given to Professor Fleisher for the foresight which he displayed a dozen years before revolutions broke out on other campuses. That our students have shown, on the whole, a sense of mature responsibility in discharging their freedom is a tribute to the *faith* — and that is the right word — which David Fleisher had in them many years before it was fashionable to act thus.

Students should also know what Professor Fleisher's home hospitality has meant to generations of their predecessors through the years. An evening at the Fleishers is always marked by the charm and delight of civilized (Continued on Page 10, Col. 2)

'Action' Plays Active Role In Pursuing Arab Interest

By JOSH SCHWARTZ and MARC HANFLING

On May 4, two reporters of THE COMMENTATOR were granted an interview with Dr. M. T. Mehdi, the secretary-general and founder of The Action Committee on American-Arab Relations in New York. In explaining the nature of his organization, Dr. Mehdi said "that the broad goal of his group is to change the ultimate totality of American politics in the Middle East which heretofore has been to the detriment of the Arabs, to the detriment of international peace and also to the detriment of the Jewish people." Dr. Mehdi also stressed that although there are many Arab-American groups in the U.S., his group is the only one that is political in nature and has a national power base. The group also serves as, and is called, the Arab Anti-Defamation League, a title which has elicited a strong response from B'nai B'rith.

Concerning the forthcoming Presidential election, "Action," as the group is more euphemistically known, has endorsed the candidacy of Mrs. Shirley Chisholm. However, when questioned concerning the efficacy of the endorsement, Dr. Mehdi said that his group would ultimately support Sen. George McGovern, "a gentleman and a scholar."

Action

Regarding the financial structure of "Action," Dr. Mehdi claims that his group is self-sustaining, supported by the donations of members and friends and receives no funds from any government or organization.

Commenting on the various incidents of harassment in New York, Dr. Mehdi complained bit-

terly regarding a recent episode which occurred when his group was commemorating on one hand the tragedy of Deir Yassin and on the other, the tragedy of Auschwitz. While demonstrating, certain groups were shouting "more Deir Yassin." "These thugs," as Dr. Mehdi referred to them, "are not Jews, not even Zionists. They are animals, not human beings."

Zionism

Turning to the question of political Zionism, Dr. Mehdi asserted that he considers Zionism just as dangerous and noxious as anti-semitism. "Zionism does not believe in the essential integrity of human beings to be and to live." (Continued on Page 11, Col. 3)

Comment On...

Whither RIETS?

By Lenny Davis



Last week, SOY took actions that were years overdue. For too long students in YP, RIETS, or whatever it's called, have felt pangs of frustration at the emptiness and stagnation that characterizes their "religious program." Tragically, the recent TEMPO cartoon showing a YP-

student envying his JSS and EMC counterparts is only too true. RIETS is losing its status as the *sanctum sanctorum* of Yeshiva University. (And I'm not even talking about its position in PR propaganda where it's virtually deleted.)

The factors for RIETS' ineffectiveness are numerous, even discounting those which are forbidden to discuss. There is a pervasive sense of directionless drifting, and it is this feeling that depresses and "demotivates" many of YP's students.

Another reason, to no fault of RIETS, is the improper methods of learning taught in yeshiva high schools. Little attempt is made to prepare students for higher level *shiurim* by teaching

them to prepare *gemarah* on their own. But if the problem exists, RIETS has no right to ignore it.

The capability to ignore a problem is a feature that is commonly accepted in the administration of YP-RIETS. However, when inconsequential action is taken to illustrate that "the problem is not being ignored," and when that inconsequential action is called the panacea for all that ails YP-RIETS, one does not know whether to scream with rage or to pity. Interviewing all the students in YP may be a vast and praiseworthy project, but it does nothing by itself to correct the wrongs in the institution. If anything, it just fur-

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Hebrew Christians Still 'Jews' But Accept Jesus As Messiah

By HOWARD SCHRANZ

A current advertisement in newspapers and billboards throughout the eastern United States and Canada asks, "Why are these people smiling?" beneath nine snapshot-size portraits of grinning men and women. According to the ad's text, they are Jews who have seen the light and have begun believing that Jesus of Nazareth was the true Messiah, the prophesied *Mashiach ben David* of the Scriptures. The advertisement is paid for by the Beth Sar Shalom Hebrew Christian Fellowship.

Beth Sar Shalom (House of the Prince of Peace) was founded at the end of the nineteenth century by Rabbi Leopold Cohn. Through the study of the Scriptures, Rabbi Cohn reportedly became convinced that Jesus Christ was the true Messiah. However, Cohn realized that he must remain a loyal Jew despite his new belief. Together with some Jewish friends he formed the He-



New York's Beth Sar Shalom.

Paul Millman

brew Christian Fellowship.

Reconciliation

According to the Reverend Charles Eisenberg, Sar Shalom's executive director, the Fellowship has several goals. The first is to promote the idea of recon-

ciliation. "We feel that God would have us perform a special ministry to help the people of the Christian Church to appreciate the meaning of the existence of the Jewish people in the world today and to gain the benefit and value of the rich Jewish heritage in their Christian faith," he explained, "as well as to help the Jews understand the meaning of Christ."

A second goal is to provide religious instruction. About twice a week, graduates of various divinity schools and seminaries lecture on the Bible, giving equal weight to the Old and the New Testaments, ultimately stressing the eschatological references in the Prophets. Occasionally special lectures and programs are held, such as a recent eight-week survey course in Jewish History.

A third objective, Eisenberg explained, is to provide fellowship for those who have discovered the joy of belief in Christ. The programs and services tend to be a combination of Messianic (Christian) conviction and Jewish culture. The worship services and congregational activities are designed for those people who are seeking something to "serve as a bridge between *shul* and church."

A fourth aim, stressed Eisenberg, is to meet the special needs of interfaith families. According

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Democrats For President Speak On Jewish Issues

By MICHAEL KRAMER

THE COMMENTATOR has solicited statements from several Democratic candidates concerning their stands on the issues of the Middle East and Soviet Jewry. Senators Humphrey, Jackson and McGovern have responded. Senator Muskie's response was sent special delivery, but has not as yet been received. The follow-

ing article is based solely on the contents of the materials received.

of increasing Soviet involvement in the Middle East and has failed to grasp its full significance for the security of Israel." McGovern states that Israel's survival depends on force of arms and "that peace will not come if the balance of power is precarious." McGovern makes a point of stating that he is not in favor of a military victory to

Cable TV Air Yom Ha'atzmaut YU Style; Film's Producers Planning Similar Ventures

During the last week of April, YU Yom Ha'atzmaut festivities were aired on cable television. The program, which was shown every night of that week, consisted of interviews with various students and film clips of the actual dancing and singing. The two students who were responsible for the show and who supervised the technical matters were Ira Bejell and Ben Ettlinger.

Ben Ettlinger explained to THE COMMENTATOR how the idea to film the Yom Ha'atzmaut festivities originated. "The whole thing started in our mass media class when we got the idea to do a TV program project for the course," said Ettlinger. "In my capacity as news director of WYUR and because of my interest in the media," added Ettlinger, "I felt that it was a golden opportunity to introduce the YU community to TV." Naturally, the notion of YU on television

was greeted either skeptically or indifferently by the students. "People thought we were nuts," said Ettlinger. "The usual negative attitude of YU guys prevailed, and they laughed in disbelief at the nut with the camera." When Ettlinger and Bejell tried to enlist people for inter-

views, they encountered some difficulties. Ettlinger asked "at least thirty Stern girls before getting one. As often is the case with girls, the Stern girls were too self-conscious and thought they were going to look like idiots."

The Yom Ha'atzmaut film il-

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Senator Hubert Humphrey

ing article is based solely on the contents of the materials received.

All three of the major presidential candidates claim to support Israel. Senator Humphrey writes, "In sum, it is in the national interest of the United States to maintain our commitment to Israel... Unfortunately, our own government has been too slow in recognizing the trend

Senator George McGovern

secure peace, but that it is "clearer today than ever that peace will come to the Middle East only through negotiations entered into without preconditions by all parties... but it is also clear that if we cease to supply arms to Israel, there will be, not negotiations, but war." He also recognizes the existence of Soviet support to the Arab (Continued on Page 9, Col. 2)



"Lights, camera, action" on Danziger Campus.

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In Prospect

By Mark Koslowe

In prospect — two words that mean the most for any Editor-in-Chief. They represent what the newspaper will do and say in the coming year, excluding particular events. In prospect — each year a new theme or a revival of an older theme, as history, even at one college, repeats it does for the world.

Does this phrase mean a re-hashing of the much abused word "synthesis" or does it mean the sudden re-awakening of religion within our school? Will the student body, which came alive during the elections, continue to question or provoke or will they quietly recede like so many classes in the past? Can the University emerge from a scarred year of Scheinberg's, Coalitions, and general discontent — or will it, too, crawl sideways, looking neither to the right nor the left but hoping that all will work out.

In prospect — the new look of the SOY in its drive to make RIETS-YP into the viable program it once was and must be. In prospect — the Senate broadening its powers to change the ruling of a Dean and add new vigor to our curriculum. In prospect — THE COMMENTATOR constructively criticizing more than before within and without the University community by editorial or personal letter.

What does the future hold in store for us as students, as Jews? For our Brothers in the Soviet Union, Syria, and in any country where they are oppressed? Will we continue our student "Jewish Affairs," and will we finally establish contact with Jewish students throughout the metropolitan area?

In prospect — Council proposes . . . the administration proposes . . . the faculty proposes . . . will anyone act? Will THE COMMENTATOR propose then fail to follow through with editorials, letters, or whatever is within our means? Will the student organizations re-establish contact with an almost thoroughly apathetic student body? Can the granting of columns to students, faculty, and alumni in the newspaper really re-awaken school interest?

A break — the summer comes and questions are pushed aside for the following year, for October. The college breathes easier, a rest is needed after a difficult year.

But can we afford a break? Time is running out on the SOY proposals — will administrators act before the summer or will the new program drift along until it floats away forever? Will the "new direction" indicated by our new council president, dissipate over the four-month period or will it increase to a carefully formulated program for the student body?

October — Orientation for incoming students. A waste of time, or will they join the "experienced" students in creating a viable student community? The first COMMENTATOR issue is on the twelfth, will we have to produce it—to show the new and the old students we're alive and kicking?

In prospect — can one editor among thirteen really sway or direct a student body? Can a student president force his constituents to act to "help themselves?" Can an editor and a president work together or will they engage in a futile deadlock which has happened so often in the past?

Next year will be a year of decision for this college, our country, and the world. The college must climb out of a financial morass, the country must decide who will be President, and the world must ponder if it will last another day. We must be self-centered however, we must concentrate on YU, to improve and refine it.

The goals of THE COMMENTATOR are quite difficult to describe. Our foremost duty is to the college community. We must lead, guide, and formulate innovations for the new semester. Through editorials, columns, and articles we will try to indicate where the problems lie and provide suggestions to correct the dilemmas. When there is a delicate matter that cannot be discussed publicly, THE COMMENTATOR will act by working within the system and not disclose its details.

We must communicate with the Administrators; a concept which I, as the new editor have already done. Avenues to the faculty must also be charted in order to alleviate any ill-feelings because of an article in the paper. Lastly, the contact with alumni must be re-established, to provide a stream of experienced thought to help the student body in its endeavors.

Our secondary duty is to reach out and include the Jewish youth on other campuses. We will do this through an expanded city edition, an edition of a "respected" rather than a "radical" voice of Jewish thought. We will use the power of this college newspaper to write letters to the Times or any other publication which we feel has not covered a Jewish interest area sufficiently or correctly.

In prospect — the financial situation will not be brighter during my editorship. The problems of maintenance salaries, tenure restructuring, and even "synthesis" will constantly plague the student body. There can be no hiding behind the double-program facade; for a student to achieve, he must want to work.

THE COMMENTATOR's purpose is to put in words what the student is unable to say or describe. We will not hesitate to criticize when the moment arises. We will not hold back on important areas of general concern to the student body — constructive criticism must always be heard. Finally, we will continue to be both objective and truthful in all editorials and newsprint to the best of our abilities.

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The first column of the editor is rarely used to thank those members of the board who have helped him considerably over the year. However, I would like to thank Stan Zimmerman and Sheldon Toibb. Stan, for without him copy might never have been finished and Sheldon, for without him copy would have slept longer.

There is one more student I would like to thank — a student who was a roommate and a friend for three years of my college life, and a dedicated member of the governing board George Jakubovic.

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I would like to wish everyone a pleasant vacation. A *ketivah, va-chatimah tova* — see you next October.



Governing Board
Back Row: (left to right) Joseph Stechler, Bernie Kamnietzky, Elliot Tannenbaum, Chuck Bernstein, Norman Blumenthal, Mitch Wolfson, Marv Goldstein.
Front Row: (left to right) Lenay Davis, Neal Rosenblum, Mark Koslowe, Eddie Burns, Ted Mirvis.

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In Preview

By Hillel Davis

Traditionally, the first article by the new President is an attempt to outline the policies that will dictate his year in office. As I look to the future, however, I have to make an effort to avoid profound pessimism.

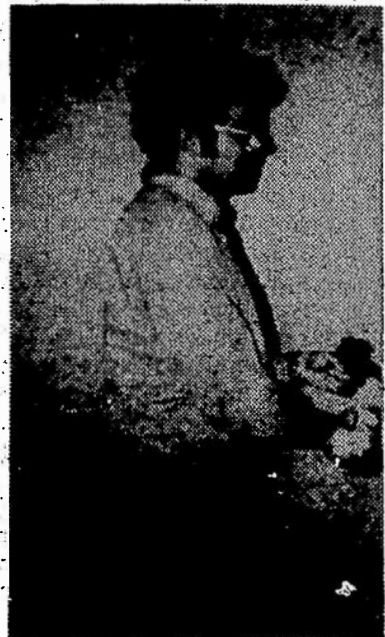
No one needs to be told of the deep financial difficulties that plague Yeshiva. Thus far, this has manifested itself in a tuition raise, a hike in dormitory fees, cutting back in services, and a cutback in curriculum. Unfortunately, it will extend even further.

Right now we are in the process of negotiating a student council budget for next year. The Rabinowitz Plan has expired and after an extensive study, council has sent their proposal to the university. No one can be sure what will eventually evolve. However, since the amount of money council receives is based on the college enrollment, and since the enrollment for next year will be down again, prospects are not good.

Council faces its own economic bind. Due to some mismanagement of some years ago, we are faced with a huge bill that was never paid to the American Yearbook Co. We have accepted upon ourselves the responsibility of paying off a good part of the

instilled with a bit of idealism that can help us through these crises. If we truly believe that Torah U'madah is something to be strived for, then we must be willing to sacrifice to keep it alive.

I'm not speaking in terms of coeducation or "liberal Orthodoxy" or "right wing" or whatever. To everyone here, Yeshiva must have a purpose. If not, he's wasting his own time. We may



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Davis takes over . . .

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debt. This money will have to come at the expense of some of council's activities. In other words, "cutbacks" will become a common word in council also.

While we're speaking of troubles we'll be facing—we can also mention 1199 again. This year's settlement was temporary, so negotiations will be resuming again soon. Hopefully, a recurrence of this year's difficulties can be avoided.

There is no pat solution to this set of problems. But to ever hope to weather this, the student body must come together. We must make an attempt to forget our differences and work for a common goal. We must be sincere in our efforts to make Yeshiva University an institution of which we can all be proud. We must realize that Yeshiva and its goals are unique. All of us here are

not agree on this purpose—it may be an individual goal. We must all work together to protect that ideal. Whatever it may be, I wish I could spell out exactly what it entails, but unfortunately, we are going to have to be flexible enough to adapt to the situation. The main thing then, is to always remember—why are we here, what we are doing here, and how this affects our attitude towards every policy we will eventually adopt, and every action we eventually take.

I hate being pessimistic, especially in my first article, but I have to be realistic. In a sense, if I may borrow a phrase, this is a call of "forward together." The emphasis is on "together." While it is much more difficult to agree, in the end run it tends to be a lot more profitable.

SOY Seeks Changes; 'Learn-In' Considered

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The students' hope for implementation of these changes in the coming year has been raised by the support they have received from Rabbi Soloveitchik, who has also supported the students' tactics.

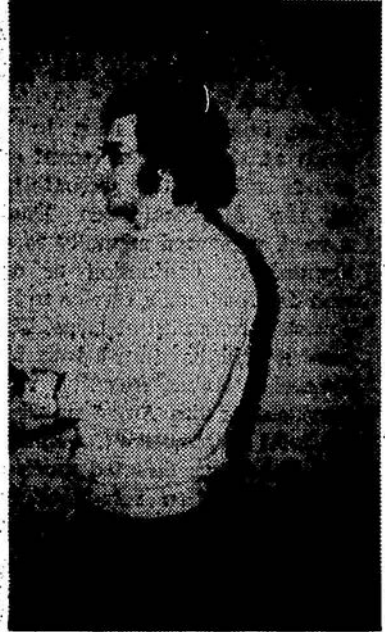
SOY officials, in addition, are considering a "learn-in" if they believe the Administration to be totally unreceptive to their proposals. Apparently, such action would only be taken with the approval of Rabbi Soloveitchik and with the popular consent of the students.

In Review

By Dov Butler

I find it difficult to review this past year without placing it in the perspective of a four year Yeshiva College experience. In the course of four years we have witnessed the coming and going of various movements in Yeshiva, each leaving its mark upon us while taking a small part from us.

We began with the senate which promised hope and academic betterment for our college community. Though the senate



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... Butler relinquishes.

dividuals who still need to be educated as to what Yeshiva needs, but this can only be realized through meaningful and honest dialogue. The senate, as such, remains the most promising organ for this type of exchange.

The opening of the faculty assembly to interested students when items of senate concern are being discussed was initiated by this year's council, and promises to be another step in the development of dialogue at Yeshiva. In turn, faculty members should feel obliged to come to council meetings to better understand the needs and desire of the student body, and to take advantage of the opportunity to make their individual opinions known. Students as well should feel compelled to attend council meetings. If you are not there to voice your concerns you can hardly expect council to act upon them.

This year's council has worked on a number of fronts. There is little point in lamenting the inactivity of certain individuals who accepted responsibilities on various committees, for at this point we bury them along with such greats as the Edsel and DeSoto. It is those who have worked who deserve our attention and appreciation. Many council

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has definitely taken major steps forward in the direction of academic advancement, its achievements have been met with an air of cynicism which clearly is a destructive rather than constructive force. It seems that no matter what the senate does, there is some faction left muttering about undercurrents of conspiracy to destroy the integrity of Yeshiva College.

This air of despair is not healthy. Face it, we're all looking to make Yeshiva a better place. Granted, we may have different ideas as to how this may be best effected, but the net result will be minimal unless we can gather forces to work for some common good.

This will be no easy task. The administration and faculty must be made to realize that the efforts of the student body are not geared toward undermining Yeshiva College, but rather are healthy questioning of the YC educational system with an eye to improving things. The student body, on the other hand, must remove the veil of distrust that has been cast over "the establishment." It is pure folly to believe that people whose lives have been dedicated to an institution would actively campaign for its demise.

Perhaps there are certain in-

members accepted a wide variety of responsibilities and developed such programs as the Student-Faculty Guidance Committee which directed the Career Days Program, the Student Admission Society, a detailed proposal for a student co-op, ticket sales for numerous Jewish events including Freedom Lights for Soviet Jewry and many others. The expanded Jewish Affairs Committee sponsored Shabbatons, lectures and rallies, and has bright prospects for the coming year. The Financial Affairs Committee and the Dorm Committee have done extensive work this year as have the Speakers Bureau and many of the clubs which fall under student council.

But perhaps one of the most rewarding aspects of this year's experience for me has been working with the undergraduate council presidents on activities for the entire Yeshiva community. Beginning with the maintenance strike in September through our Yom Hashoa, Yom Ha'atzmaut and Saluato to Israel Parade programs, it was due to the cooperation of these people that all of these activities were possible. It is to these presidents and to Rabbi Miller that I must direct special thanks for their assistance, direction and leadership. (Continued on Page 6, Col. 1)

In Retrospect

By Mel Hoffman

In a few weeks I and my class graduate (I hope). In many ways this represents the end of an era for YU — the dividing line between two clearly defined periods. With this class leaves the memories of YU's better days. When we were freshman we had maid service every day. And floors that were polished once a week. Furst Hall was immaculate. There were lots of secretaries. Food was cheap. And best of all YU had money. Money for everything — books, teachers, buildings, scholarships . . . We lived in the lap of luxury.

By our sophomore year things became perceptibly different. The talk of financial crisis grew louder. Services began to disappear. And today, we are smack in the middle of that crisis and things will probably get worse before they get better.

With us gone the memories of prosperity will fade fast. Those of you who remain and who never experienced the real prosperity won't be able to remind anyone about the way it was in the good old days. And those days, of course, will never return. For even if the University recovers financially, the memory of this period will act as a strong restraint on any attempt at extravagance. But that's all right because no one will be around who remembers and who could compare the new prosperity to the old anyway. The Class of '72 is the last class before the crisis — the last class B.C.

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The question of course arises, will YU ever crawl out of its financial hole? From what the Administration tells us about the seriousness of the crisis — and there is no reason to believe that it is not the truth — it would seem doubtful. Costs are being cut and money is being saved everywhere but as a result of rising prices and the spiraling cost of living, for every one foot the school manages to pull itself up, it sinks back two.

There is another way in which next year will mark a turning point in life at Yeshiva. Next year the student body can look forward to having its very own religious schism. The recent elections in all areas of student government clearly exhibited a tendency among both the candidates and the electorate to view issues on a religious versus non-religious (or very religious versus just plain religious) basis. Oh well, I suppose in the long run an inquisition (or reformation—depending on which side wins) will prove to be quite beneficial. It will add some much needed vitality to the religious ideology of the Yeshiva student body. To paraphrase Thomas Jefferson — the tree of religion must be watered with the blood of somebody.

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The previous assorted ramblings have been brought to you by someone who has a tough time saying hello or goodbye gracefully. Last year I avoided an introduction by writing a topical column rather than an "in prospect." This time I'm just not particularly struck by anything going on around here to comment about it at any length — probably because the only thing I can keep my mind on for any extended period is graduation. Hence the unrelated short subjects.

There is, however, one thing I must do before I end this final column. I must acknowledge some people — both on and off THE COMMENTATOR staff—without whose guidance, inspiration, and devotion my year as Editor-in-Chief would have been immeasurably more difficult if not absolutely impossible.

Rabbi Morris Besdin, probably the finest academic administrator in this university. The man who built, and by his absolute presence runs, what is without a doubt Yeshiva University's greatest achievement to date — J.S.S. For his advice and criticism — of which there was plenty — but most of all for his patience I thank him.

The other administrator to whom I am greatly indebted is Mr. Alfred Parker. It would seem unusual that the director of food service should have had anything to do with THE COMMENTATOR and he didn't, not directly. But after working for Mr. Parker for four years in another capacity, I have learned to understand what diligence, dedication, and sacrifice really mean and to appreciate it when it is shown. In a school where too many people do just enough work to get by

it is nice to know there is still someone you can emulate.

This leads me to THE COMMENTATOR staff — a group of people who also showed great diligence, dedication and sacrifice. There are four of them, in particular, who merit singling out: Benjy Yazgur, Ira Bejell, Marc Aaronson, and Duke Ehrenberg. Their jobs weren't very glamorous and their names weren't often publicized but they were always ready when I needed them and I needed them plenty.

Finally the Governing Board. There are five people who I want to thank and to whom I think must go the lion's share of any credit that this year's paper receives. They are the Juniors.

Neal Rosenblum was without a doubt the finest make-up editor in THE COMMENTATOR's history. How a page looks may not, on the surface, seem very important but in reality, it plays a



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Mel Hoffman working on farewell column.

large role in the newspaper's continuing quest for maximum impact. A page that looks interesting is read. Neal was the best.

Eddie Burns had the difficult job of assuming a newly created position, defining its role, and establishing it within the newspaper organization. With his great ability and typical devotion he succeeded admirably. He and his research staff put together some of the best and most important pieces that appeared in this year's COMMENTATOR.

Ted Mirvis has been an outstanding News Editor. His skill, creativity, and ability to lead and organize have made the news section of this

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year's paper not only thoroughly informative but also interesting and readable. He is unique because as an editor and senator he was able to excel at both.

Lenny Davis was the ideal feature editor. He combined intellect with a real understanding of what the people wanted to read. His general optimism and amiability were always welcome in the hectic and not always gratifying work of running a newspaper.

Last but not least is Mark Koslowe the new Editor-in-Chief. As Copy Editor this past year, Kos put in more hours of work than anyone else on the paper. He did his job and was always ready to help anyone else if it became necessary. His great industriousness alone is enough to insure his being a success in his new position.

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Well that just about covers everything—goodbye.

Senate Rejects New P-N; Science Degree Is Tabled

By STEVE MANDELSBERG

Consideration of a proposal allowing two first-term courses to be taken P-N, and discussion about the possible implementation of a Bachelor of Science degree, were the principal preoccupations of the YC Senate at its last two meetings of April 27 and May 11.

Arising out of a suggestion by student senator Sukenik, the P-N proposal, which specifically would permit students to have courses English 1 and Speech 1.1 graded according to the pass-no-credit system, stirred wide objection among administration and

tain a B.S. was once again offered by Mr. Sukenik. But some senate members were unsure of this plan's efficacy. Dr. Tauber, for example, asked that a B.S. degree be awarded by YC but only administered by those departments that desire it.

Because only one more meeting of the current senate remains, and since debate on the B.S. degree proposal was not yet completed, Senator Knecht proposed that further discussion on the matter be tabled. Mr. Mirvis followed with a committee report on the Parliamentary Practice and Procedure course and recommended that it be offered as an inter-disciplinary course. In the same vein, Senate Chairman Dr. Tendler accentuated the need for a course on medical ethics, emphasizing the social and ethical implications involved in the medical profession.

The Editor-in-Chief and the Governing Board of THE COMMENTATOR extend their sincere wishes for a refuah shelemah to Mrs. Florence Miller, secretary to Professor Hurwitz.

faculty. Dean Bacon demurred because the subjects are presently required of all students (required courses may not be taken P-N) and indicated that, in any event, freshmen are unable to take any YC courses P-N. Dr. Connolly exhorted the maintenance of the standardized grades because of their motivational effect on the student, although he termed grades an "inhibitory factor" which force the student to satisfy the teacher but impede his own intellectual growth.

P-N Rejected

Dean Bacon reported of the P-N proposal's rejection by the respective departments. In a text read aloud, the English and Speech departments enumerated the absence of incentive and a lowering of standards to the "lowest common denominator" as the chief reasons for not adopting the proposal. In a letter to the senate, Dr. Linn, acting head of the English Department, concurred with the department's reasons and added that an elimination of competition would result were the proposal to go into effect.

After having sent a letter to Albany requesting permission for the institution of a B.S. degree, Professor Silverman explained that YC would not be permitted to initiate a B.S. degree unless "essential differences" were effected between the B.A. and B.S. requirements. To rectify this deficiency, a change in the degree requirements substituting six additional credits in place of a language, allowing either art or music to be taken, and instructing the particular department to specify the courses needed to ob-

In Review

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Finally, the value of attending Yeshiva College should not be viewed solely as an academic educational experience. For

The Editor-in-Chief and the Governing Board of THE COMMENTATOR extend their sincere condolences to Aaron Siegal, on the passing of his father. May he be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

those who approach it as such, your tenure may prove to be a rather boring and tedious one. During these years especially, the opportunity to become involved in university, local and national affairs is before us, and to miss such a chance is to deny yourself a tremendously rewarding educational experience. If only the forces of negativism which pervade Yeshiva could be directed to positive activities both in and out of the school, Yeshiva College would be a much better place for all of us.

Graduation Exercises To Honor Harriman And Noted Dignitaries

By PAUL GORFINKEL

Yeshiva University will hold its annual commencement exercises this year on Thursday, June 8. Close to 900 graduates and several dignitaries have been invited to attend.

The graduating students, of whom only slightly more than half plan on attending the ceremonies, come from twenty-two states and numerous countries. Among the men's undergraduate schools, a total of 271 students will graduate Yeshiva College, 40 from EMC and 35 from JSS. The seniors have elected a valedictorian and their choice will be announced after the faculty has approved it.

Several dignitaries, of whom eight will be awarded honorary degrees from the university, plan to be on hand. A doctorate of divinity will be rewarded to Rabbi Herschel Schachter, past chairman of both the Presidents

of Major Jewish Organizations and American Jewish Conference on Soviet Jewry.

Hon. Abraham Beame

The Honorable Abraham D. Beame will receive a Doctor of Humane Letters. Mr. Beame is presently serving his second term as comptroller of the city of New York. Also receiving a Doctor of Humane Letters are Dr. Milton R. Konvitz, professor of Law and of industrial and labor relations at Cornell University and founder of the magazine *Judaism*; The Honorable Herbert Tenzer, a founder of the UJA and president of the National Council to Combat Blindness; and Mr. Roy Wilkins, executive director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

A Doctor of Science will be conferred on Professor Yuval Neeman. He is one of the world's prominent physicists and president of Tel Aviv University. The

Honorable Joseph Zaretsky, minority leader of the New York State senate will receive a Doctor of Law.

Hon. W. Averell Harriman

The commencement address will be delivered by the Honorable W. Averell Harriman. He will also receive a Doctor of Law. Mr. Harriman has held many prestigious governmental and international positions including United States ambassador to both the Soviet Union and Great Britain, Secretary of Commerce, and governor of New York from 1955 to 1958. He is currently United States Ambassador-at-Large, a position he has held since 1965.

One final presentation to be made at the commencement exercises will be the presentation of the Mordecai ben David Award, presented annually to an alumnus of distinction or one who has rendered a service to the Jewish community at large. This year it will be awarded to Mr. Samuel L. Haber, executive vice-president of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee. Mr. Haber has directed much of his activities on behalf of the Jews of Poland and the surrounding countries.

New Governing Board Commences Work; Koslowe And Rosenblum To Direct Staff

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on the College Committee on Curriculum and Instruction, and as secretary of the pre-med honor society. He attends a RIETS *semicha* shiur.

Managing Editor Theodore Mirvis is a second year man not only on THE COMMENTATOR but on the YC Senate as well. The gentleman from Hampton, Virginia was last year's News Editor of THE COMMENTATOR. Ted is a political science major and attends EMC.

Also a political science major, Leonard Davis will serve as Contributing Editor after completing a year as Feature Editor. He is on the YC dean's list and attends YP. Not restricting himself to campus activities alone, Lenny has worked in the press office of U.S. Senator Montoya and is presently working for the Near East Report.

Sidney Rosman, the newly appointed Projects Editor, was designated as Sports Editor for last year's COMMENTATOR but relinquished the position in order to attend Hebrew University. Sid is presently a member of the pre-med honor society as well as the varsity fencing team. He is on the YC and EMC deans' lists.

Senior Editor Joseph Stechler is captain of the debating team,

president of the pre-law society, and on the deans' lists of YC and JSS. He is a political science major and plans to transfer to YP next year.

Marvin Goldstein will also serve as Senior Editor for THE COMMENTATOR. He is on YC dean's list, member of the Psi Chi honor society, and attends EMC.

After a year's work as a member of the research staff, Mitchell Wolfson will be the new Feature Editor. Mitch is on the YC dean's list, a member of the pre-med honor society, and a student at EMC.

A transfer from the feature department, Norman Blumenthal will serve as News Editor. He is a member of the Psi Chi honor society and attends EMC.

Newly appointed student sen-

ator Elliot Tannenbaum will hold the post of Make-Up Editor. He is a co-founder of the students admission society and a representative on the student council. Elliot attends JSS and is an economics major.

After a year of serving on the associate copy board, Bernard Kaminetsky has been promoted to Copy Editor. Bernie is on the dean's list in both EMC and YC and is a member of the pre-med honor society.

After a year of active reporting for the News staff, Charles Bernstein will serve as the new Research Editor. Chuck is on the YC dean's list, a member of the student council research and advisory committee, and a student at YP. Also he is a newly appointed student senator and a pre-engineering major.

Students Choose Next Year's Calendar; Classes Scheduled To Begin In October

On Thursday, April 27, Yeshiva College students voted on two plans for the upcoming academic year. "Plan A," which won by a sizable margin, calls for the opening of school on October 5, following Succoth. Under "Plan B," school would have begun on September 14.

The following is the plan that has been tentatively accepted:

FALL SEMESTER 1972
ORIENTATION FOR NEW STUDENTS, REGISTRATION:
Monday-Wednesday, October 2-4
FIRST DAY OF CLASSES: All schools: Thursday, October 5
LAST DAY TO ENTER A NEW CLASS: All schools: Wednesday, October 18
LAST DAY TO WITHDRAW FROM A COURSE: All schools: Wednesday, November 1*
ELECTION DAY: Tuesday, November 7
YC: No sessions
EMC, JSS, YP: Regular sessions
LAST DAY TO FILE APPLICATIONS FOR JANUARY DEGREES:
All schools: Friday, November 10
MIDTERM EXAMINATIONS:
EMC, JSS, YP: Week beginning Monday, November 13
YC: Beginning Sunday, November 20
THANKSGIVING: Thursday-Friday, November 23-24
All schools: No sessions
HANUKKAH RECESS: Sunday, December 3
All schools: No sessions
PERIOD TO FILE FOR P-N GRADE: EMC, JSS, YC: Monday-Friday, December 4-8
FAST OF TEVET: Friday, December 15
YC: Regular sessions to 1 P.M.
NEW YEAR'S DAY: Monday, January 1, 1973
YC: Tuesday, January 9
EMC, JSS, YP: Regular sessions
LAST DAY OF CLASSES:
YC: Tuesday, January 9
EMC, JSS, YP: Thursday, January 11
READING PERIOD: YC: January 10-16
EXAMINATIONS:
YC: Monday, January 15
EMC, JSS: Friday-Tuesday, January 12-16
YC: Wednesday-Tuesday, January 17-23
ACADEMIC REGISTRATION:
All schools: January 2-8
FIRST DAY OF CLASSES:
All schools: Sunday, February 4
LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY: Monday, February 12
All schools: Regular sessions
LAST DAY TO ENTER A NEW CLASS:
All schools: Friday, February 18
WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY: Monday, February 19
All schools: Regular sessions

UP TESTS: YC: Sunday, February 25
LAST DAY TO FILE APPLICATIONS FOR JUNE DEGREES:
All schools: Monday, March 5*
PURIM RECESS, no sessions:
All schools: 1 pm Thursday, March 15 through Sunday, March 18
MIDTOWN EXAMINATIONS:
EMC, JSS, YP: Week beginning Monday, March 19
YC: Beginning Sunday, March 25
PERIOD TO FILE FOR P-N GRADE:
EMC, JSS, YC: Monday-Friday, April 2-6
PASSOVER RECESS, no sessions:
All schools: Sunday, April 15-Wednesday, April 25
TO FOLLOW A MONDAY SCHEDULE: EMC and JSS only: Thursday, May 3
ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE DAY: Monday, May 7
All schools: No sessions
LAG BAOMER: Sunday, May 20
All schools: Regular sessions
LAST DAY OF CLASSES:
YC: Monday, May 21
EMC, JSS, YP: Thursday, May 24
READING PERIOD: YC: May 22-28
EXAMINATIONS:
EMC, JSS: Friday-Tuesday, May 25-29
YC: Monday, May 28
YC: Tuesday, May 29-Monday, June 4
SHAVUOT: Wednesday-Thursday, June 6-7
COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES:
All schools: Tuesday, June 12
LAST DAY TO FILE APPLICATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER DEGREES:
All schools: Friday, July 27
Examinations will be scheduled on Memorial Day, May 28. The only YC examinations on May 29 will be in subjects taken only by YP students.
*This is the last day to withdraw in writing from a course, and to add Hebraic studies transfer credit to YC, without the need to receive special permission from the dean or director and without academic penalty, although the usual change-of-program fee will be charged. (The last day on which the YC dean will grant special permission to withdraw without academic penalty and to add Hebraic studies transfer credit is December 8 in the Fall and April 13 in the Spring. This is the day by which withdrawal must be completed.)

Bevan Chosen Senior Prof; Dinner Scheduled On June 7

Dr. Ruth Bevan of the political science department of Yeshiva College has been chosen by the class of '72 to receive the annual senior professor award. During her seven years at Yeshiva College, Dr. Bevan has gained a reputation for her scholarship and the unusually high caliber of her classes. However, despite the relatively demanding nature of her courses, she has been able to achieve a generally good rapport with her students particularly those of the political science department.

While considering this reward a "distinct honor" Dr. Bevan expressed a degree of doubt whether her activities were "generalized enough to all seniors to warrant this honor." Though in doubt about her deserving this reward, Dr. Bevan has high regard for the tradition of annually honoring professors.

Leave of Absence

Dr. Bevan will spend next year on a leave of absence from Yeshiva, the purpose of which is to concentrate on research and writing. She anticipates a year of solitude but will be available for political science majors who need recommendations. Unsure of



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Dr. Ruth Bevan, winner of Senior Professor Award.

whether she'll return to Yeshiva, Dr. Bevan only predicted a year free from the "normal routine of college" in order to accomplish some writing.

Dr. Bevan will be honored at the senior dinner, June 7, along with Martin Knecht, the recipient of the Phillip Lieberman Memorial Award, and the as yet unconfirmed valedictorian of the senior class.

Seniors Elect Schlangel President Wexler And Wieder Join His Rank

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 5) graded as a P in the P-N system. In addition to the normal student council functions the senior class president will be responsible for coordinating the senior dinner and supervising the publication of *Masmit*. Mr. Schlangel's only opposition came from Felix Rogin who had conducted a vigorous, overnight, write-in campaign. Avi Weiss and Joel Fruchter were elected vice-president and secretary-treasurer of the senior class, respectively.

Junior's Representatives

Next year's juniors elected Shaya Wexler president of the class of '74. Mr. Wexler's platform called for the institution of a junior newsletter, an increase in the number of *Shabbaton* programs at YU to attract and influence irreligious Jewish collegiates, and the re-institution of the Teacher-Course Evaluation program.

Sol Krupka was elected Junior class vice-president. Among the issues raised by Mr. Krupka's campaign were the re-opening of the student lounge in Room 024 in Furst Hall, the installation of coffee and other snack machines in Furst Hall, and a "seminar day" for secular studies.

Agreed upon by all candidates for secretary-treasurer in every class was the policy of not printing political platforms or campaign flyers. Baruch Twersky, secretary-treasurer elect of the junior class conducted a successful oral campaign.

Surprising Majority

By a surprisingly overwhelming majority, Howard Wieder, an SOY representative, was elected president of the class of '75. Many sophomores-to-be seemed to have reacted favorably to Mr. Wieder's intensive personal campaigning and enthusiasm. Mr. Weider called for the formation of a union between YU and Jewish organizations of other cam-

pus along with the installation of traffic lights or a city-installed pedestrian bridge to limit the possibility of traffic accidents. President-elect Wieder stated that he will do all he can to oppose the increases in tuition and cafeteria prices.

Hilton Soniker was elected vice-president of the sophomore class. He pledged to make YU a center for Soviet Jewry activism, and plans to call class meetings twice a term to inform the uninformed majority.

Mouth-to-Mouth

Following the ground rules, Steven Schuss, conducting an in-

YU Aired On Cable; More Films Planned

(Continued from Page 3, Col. 5) lustrates a relatively new and growing interest in cable television and its potential. The concept of cable TV is not only to provide improved reception by means of a community antenna. It also allows the community served by the cable television company to get involved directly in the TV media. By presenting community-oriented programming on the cable channels and by providing air-time for responsible organizations on its public access channels, cable television encourages more community participation. In addition to such special and feature presentations, cable TV offers various community services as continuous weather and news reports and sports events.

Though the *Yom Ha'atzmaut* broadcasts were the first ventures into the cable television medium, Ettliger informed THE COMMENTATOR that YU will become increasingly involved in all aspects of cable TV. Next year, it is hoped, YU will get their own equipment, so that it will no longer be necessary to "go all over NYU trying to bor-

New Senators Laud Predecessors' Work; Members Of '72-'73 Council Introduced

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 5) iors on council next year will be Shaya Wexler, president; Sol Krupka, vice-president; and Baruch Twersky, secretary-treasurer. The senior class officers are Lenny Schlangel, president; Avi Weiss, vice-president; and Joel Fruchter, secretary-treasurer.

The final two items on the agenda was the approval of the governing board of THE COMMENTATOR and the introduction and approval of the new

Senate members. Both items passed the council. The new Senate appointees include senior members Joe Belitzky and Joseph Ratzersdorfer and junior members Elliot Tannenbaum and Charles Bernstein.

The New Senators

Joe Belitzky has served on council for the past three years and has just finished a term as Secretary-Treasurer of the executive council. He is a speech major and attends EMC. Joseph Ratzersdorfer, who will be a fifth-

year student at Yeshiva next year, spent his junior in Israel and attends YP. He is a history major. Elliot Tannenbaum served on council for the past two years, is one of the founders of the student admissions society, and will serve as Make-Up Editor of THE COMMENTATOR next year. Elliot is an economics major and attends JSS. Charles Bernstein will serve as Research Editor on THE COMMENTATOR next year. He is a pre-engineering major and attends YP. These new members will be joined by Ted Mirvis and Larry Bernstein, who have served on the Senate this past year.

The new senators discussed the accomplishments of this past year's Senate. They cited the modification of the degree requirements, the establishment of a double major and minor at Yeshiva College, and the increase in possible credits earned for honor's work. For the coming year, the new members stated some of their major goals. They hope to reinstate the PN proposal so that a mark of "D" will be recorded as a "P" and not an "N." They will push for the establishment of a B.S. degree at Yeshiva. Finally, they will strive for an increase in the say that the Senate has over the firing and hiring of teachers.

No Pat Solutions To The Problems Facing Yeshiva U

(Continued from Page 3, Col. 4) ther frustrates already frustrated students.

YP-RIETS, it is true, does serve well a number of students who find the traditional and European-type structure of the yeshiva useful. But what happens to the majority of the students who find their present program of study unfulfilling and the empty spaces in their program glaring?

A rabbi (a graduate of YC and a musmach of RIETS) of a large shul told me recently that he now finds learning enjoyable, and he's sorry he didn't learn when he was at Yeshiva. His comments show that the RIETS dilemma is not new, but they also raise the question of whether the large number of bal'abatim Yeshiva lets loose into the world will be able, like this rabbi, to find the enjoyment of learning years after they leave YU. The answer seems painfully doubtful.

SOY's actions, therefore, are of great importance to the meaningfulness and the success of YP-RIETS. SOY may not call it as such, but what it is asking for and what many of the students need, is, in effect, an advanced JSS-type program. The four years in YP, and even the additional three years in RIETS, does not, as things currently stand, give young Jewish men the tools to build the firmest and strongest orthodox homes and lives.

Undoubtedly, SOY's initiative at setting up unauthorized *shiu-rim* — as well as this column — will be regarded as gross violations of *derech eretz*. That simply is not the case: both are expressions of desire for something worthy of respect; both are expressions of the desire to learn Torah.

Groff Specifies 'Economic Squeeze' As A Factor In Enrollment Decline

(Continued from Page 6, Col. 5) reasons for declining admissions. He cited the City University's open admissions policy as one cause, but believed that the nation's fiscal state was a more primary factor. "Because of the tight economic squeeze," Rabbi Groff explained, "most families cannot afford to pay the tuition of a college like Yeshiva. Even those that can afford it, do not pay because they usually are

busy paying off mortgages or buying a second car."

Applications Decline

The number of student applications to YU has dropped considerably, especially from the peak of three years ago. Exact figures for that span were unavailable but Rabbi Groff reported that as of April, 1972, the number of applications to YC totaled 480 compared to the 540 applications received last year. Asked if this trend represented a possible dilution of academic standards, he rebuffed speculation that a high acceptance standard cannot now be maintained. "This may sound like a copout, but the fewer number of potential YU students has allowed the Admissions Office to consider applications more carefully." He added that the criteria for admission have been expanded to include a more complete evaluation of the student, so as not to rely solely upon the results of the College Boards.

Rabbi Groff believes that the most effective way to persuade

The Editor-in-Chief and the Governing Board of THE COMMENTATOR extend their sincere condolences to Rabbi Chaim Ber Gulevsky, on the passing of his wife, Yemima. May he be comforted among the corners of Zion and Jerusalem.

students to attend YU is through groups like the young alumni associations and Student Admissions Society. Enthusiastic about their incipient success, he explained that groups of this kind can effectively relate to students considering attendance at YU.

Student Society

As one illustration, he pointed to the student-administered Society's efforts to "personalize" the admissions process by sending to each applicant a letter expressing a desire to aid the student in easing the transition from high school to YU. Employing these means, Rabbi Groff was optimistic that an upturn in applications would result.

Among other proposals to stimulate interest in attending YU, Rabbi Groff said that a small advertising campaign in the form of posters promulgating Yeshiva's advantages would be implemented. He suggested that the Open House program, designed to familiarize the student with the University's operation, be enlarged to include a *Shabbat* spent at the college. Another suggestion would entail using the National Conference of Synagogue Youth (NCSY) to inform students across the country about YU.

tensive mouth-to-mouth campaign, was elected secretary-treasurer of the sophomore class.

Many student leaders noted that more interest was shown in this year's elections than in past years. It is also interesting to note that, following the contested election of Hillel Davis as YCSC president, 7 out of 9 elected candidates were RIETS students.

However most of the newly elected officers emphasized that their particular Jewish studies department was not an important issue and would have little bearing on the council's activities.

row equipment.' Each unit will cost about \$2500, and, as of now, Ettliger is attempting to procure either a grant or a donation to help defray the costs. Several projects are now in the planning stage, as Ettliger told THE COMMENTATOR, "We are now preparing to broadcast the wrestling matches, and the karate exhibition has already been taped, and will be aired during the week of May 15."

A particular area which will be developed extensively by Ettliger and his squad is Jewish affairs. Ettliger himself will have a weekly show next year on Channel 10, concentrating on Jewish news. His staff will consist mainly of Yeshiva College students, though the project itself will be independent of any Yeshiva branch. While he has already amassed a staff, Ettliger is still looking for students living in the local area, who can act as field representatives and correspondents. Anyone interested in the media who would like to expand his scope and gain valuable experience now has a fine opportunity.

Soviet Secret Police Seize Jews In Moscow For Forced Induction Into Communist Service

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 5) bender, Dan Roginsky, Vladimir Lerner, Shmuel Gurevich and Pavel Abramovich — had renounced their Soviet citizenship.

Simultaneously, seven of the ten requested Israel citizenship, which would hopefully obviate their forced military service. (The other three had previously received Israeli citizenship.) The Israeli Foreign Minister, however, did not respond to the request.

The "Moscow 10" also sent a letter to Soviet Minister of Defense Gretchko, describing the above citizenship repudiation and stating, "We cannot serve in the Soviet army."

On that same day, Levi Yaffe, a 28-year-old former mathematician, was called, in a similar move, to his military station in Moscow, and informed that he would be drafted for two years.

It was now the "Moscow 11." Genoviy Levitsky, of Kaunas, was also told he'd be drafted, despite the fact that he has high blood pressure, which ordinarily is sufficient basis for exemption.

That Friday, six o'clock in the morning, Victor Yachot was dragged from his house by the KGB and brought to his local military office. There he was forced into a psychiatric session, and told by the woman psychiatrist that "according to my professional opinion, I cannot understand why you want to go to Israel." Yachot's passport was then confiscated.

According to Gavriel Shapiro, that Shabbat, April 29, militiamen and KGB secret police brutally dispersed old people and women from the Moscow shul. First Lieutenant Kanacotin of Militia #26 threw Isolda Avar, who is seven months pregnant, down the shul steps.

These incidents were described and protested in a letter sent that day to Nikolai Podgorny, President of the Soviet Presidium; by Mrs. Avar, Gavriel, and other Jews present at the shul.

On May 1, 20 Moscow Jews sent a letter asking President Nixon "to use your influence to

on May 7, they released a letter to Golda Meir, in which they state: "Now, at this most dangerous hour, we are taking an oath: 'In spite of all kinds of persecution, in spite of all oppression, we are — and shall remain — true Jews, Jews devoted to Israel, and there is no force which will

was set by the military for their appearance for induction. The Military Regional Commander told Jacob Shapiro, Gavriel's father, that if they do not appear by then, they will be subject to seven years' imprisonment in Siberia — the maximum penalty for such an offense.



Solidarity Day, April 30: Some of the 155,000 people assembled to give a message to President Nixon.

assist us in carrying out our inalienable rights to leave for Israel."

By May 6, Leonid Kellner, Prof. Alex Voroner and Leonid Tsippin were added to the roster of draft-notified Moscow activists.

That weekend, the "Moscow 14" went into hiding. From there,

make us stray from this path of leaving for our sacred Motherland! "Help us!"

Continuous harassment against the families of the Jews in hiding followed, with the KGB storming into their houses and apartments at all hours of the night.

Deadline Set
A deadline of 9 a.m., May 10

On Thursday, May 11, Victor Yachot, Michael Kliachkin and Leonid Tsippin were arrested by the KGB at the apartment of a leading Moscow activist, and brought to the military regional office.

On Friday, Shmuel Gurvitz surfaced from hiding and went to work. He was also immediately arrested by the KGB and taken to the military regional office.

The spark that ignited this most recent Soviet campaign against Jewish activists seems to (Continued on Page 9, Col. 1)

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RABBI SHLOMO GOREN, the Ashkenazic Chief Rabbi of Tel Aviv-Jaffa and former Chief Rabbi of the Israeli Defense Forces, spoke to the Yeshiva University student body on Wednesday, May 3. The discourse of the prospective candidate for the Ashkenazic Chief Rabbi of Israel centered upon the concept of *Shmita*. Rabbi Goren praised Yeshiva University and its *Roshel Yeshiva*. He concluded his speech by urging *Allyah*.

YOM IYUN at YU featured a series of lectures by *rebbeim* on diverse topics. Sponsored by SOY's *Yom Iyun* Committee, the program included Rabbi Fulda ("The Core of Commitment"), Rabbi Bleich ("Abortion and *Halacha*"), Rabbi Parnes ("Women's Lib"), Rabbi Prof. Feldblum ("An Evaluation of Scholarly Methods in the study of Talmud and *Poskim* and its Importance for *Halachic* Development"), and Rabbi M. Tendler ("Torah Values in a Changing Society: The Drug Culture"). The day's activities culminated in a seminar on "The *Halachic* Aspect of *Yom Haatzmaut* and *Yom Yerushalayim*" with Rabbi Steven Riskin.

DANIEL GREER, Director of the NYC Firearms Control Board, announced last Wednesday that he will seek the Democratic nomination for the New York State Assembly in the 67th A.D. on the West Side of Manhattan in the June 20th primary. A member of Rabbi Steven Riskin's Lincoln Square Synagogue, Commissioner Greer has been an activist in humanitarian and Jewish causes, particularly in the struggle for religious freedom for Soviet Jews as well as their fight to emigrate. He also played an important role in the campaign to provide kosher meals in city hospitals.

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Soviet Police Hunt Leaders For Induction

(Continued from Page 8, Col. 4) have been. President Nixon's forthcoming trip to Moscow, Vladimir Lerner, one of the "14" said, "I am sure that the recent action's aim is to isolate us from other people, so we don't have the chance to contact the people who accompany the President."

Here in the United States there are differing opinions as to whether the President will mention the Soviet Jewry issue at all. Congressman Bertram Podell of Brooklyn is convinced that he will. "If it's humanly possible without starting World War III," said Congressman Podell, "Nixon will bring up the issue."

Columnist William F. Buckley is not so sure. "I would be astonished," states Mr. Buckley, "if Nixon brought it up publicly."

In the meantime, Jewish groups are mobilizing their resources in the face of this crisis that is, according to Leonid Rigerman, "more serious than the Leningrad trials." SSSJ has mounted a strong campaign of letters and cablegrams to President Nixon and Soviet officials, while maintaining telephone contact with Moscow activists.

Despite these efforts, according to Glenn Richter, the American Jewish community has not nearly fulfilled its tremendous potential for relieving the severe pressure that Soviet Jewry is now being subjected to."

"Soviet diplomatic policy is a schizophrenic one," continued Mr. Richter, "by releasing some Jews, establishing a fraudulent Moscow 'Yeshiva' for the Nixon visit, and simultaneously [emphasis supplied] conducting a terror campaign against Russian Jews. It is nothing less than terror, real terror."

Democratic Candidates For Presidency Declare Positions On Subjects Of Importance Concerning American Jewry

(Continued from Page 3, Col. 2) countries and states, "As long as the Soviet Union supplies arms to the Arab countries, we must supply arms to Israel; and we must do so firmly, to make it clear that attempts to undermine Israel's margin of security will be futile."

Secure Borders

Senator Jackson, does not specifically mention the Russian build-up as a reason for American support, but that "this country and Israel . . . are bound together by shared values, cultural affinities, and a common ethical and religious heritage . . . Israel is a stable democracy; and a profoundly egalitarian and spirited one . . . Today, Israel is serving as the front line of Western defense in the Middle East."

He also comments on the problem of Israel's new borders. "It is my belief that the hope for lasting peace in the Middle East lies in American support for a map of Israel with secure and recognized borders whose defense can be assumed by the Israelis . . . I believe the Israeli government has properly rejected the view that external guarantees can substitute for defensible borders. He adds, "For Israel to abandon the security of her present borders in exchange for ephemeral concessions from the other side would endanger not only Israel's survival but the peace of the world as well."

Humphrey comments on the suggested internationalization of Jerusalem, "I have proposed that the United States recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel . . ."

All three candidates recognize

the importance of sending Phantom jets to Israel. Senator Humphrey writes, "Only after substantial congressional and public concern did the administration act appropriately. I joined with seventy-seven other U.S. Senators in October, 1971, in introducing a resolution urging the sale to Israel of Phantom jets which were essential to maintain her defense capabilities."

McGovern cites several in-

stances in which he, along with other senators, warned the administration that the Russians might be misinterpreting American tendencies "not only on the national debate over the Indochina war, but of the administration's decision to withhold the sale of jets Israel has requested." They urged the president to make aircraft available to Israel. He also writes, "I voted on November 23, 1971, for the Jackson amendment to provide half a billion dollars for sales and credit sales and guarantees for Israel, half of that sum to be available for Phantom jets."

Jackson introduced that bill by saying, "I am convinced that at this moment the single most important step this country can take to help bring a measure of stability to the troubled Middle East is to make plain our determination that we will not prejudice Israel's ability by further denying her the aircraft she needs to prevent an invasion across the Suez Canal or a renewal of the war of attrition against her defensive positions in the Sinai."

The second issue to which the candidates responded was that of Soviet Jewry. Again, all three senators recognize the persecutions suffered by the Jews in Russia.

Support for Soviet Jews

Senator McGovern lists three instances in which he has interceded on the behalf of Soviet Jews. In 1970, he sponsored a Senate resolution condemning the unjust treatment of Soviet Jewry — particularly the death sentences which had just been imposed on two Jews in Leningrad. He has also advocated that the Voice of America beam Yiddish language broadcasts to the Jews of the Soviet Union. Lastly, he sponsored the Soviet Jews Relief Act of 1971, "which provides visas for Soviet Jews wish-

ing to enter the United States." From the floor of the Senate, Jackson urged, "that as the leading representative of a country that prides itself on a tradition of religious and cultural freedom, the President shall exert America's diplomatic and moral resources in support of the courageous Soviet Jews who daily incur great risks and suffer inhuman privation rather than submit to the destruction of their Jewish identity." He introduced the Soviet Jewish Refugee Relief Act of 1972, by saying that "my measure would authorize and direct the President to establish a program of financial aid and other assistance to Israel and other countries for the movement of Jewish refugees from the Soviet Union and for the resettlement and support of such refugees."

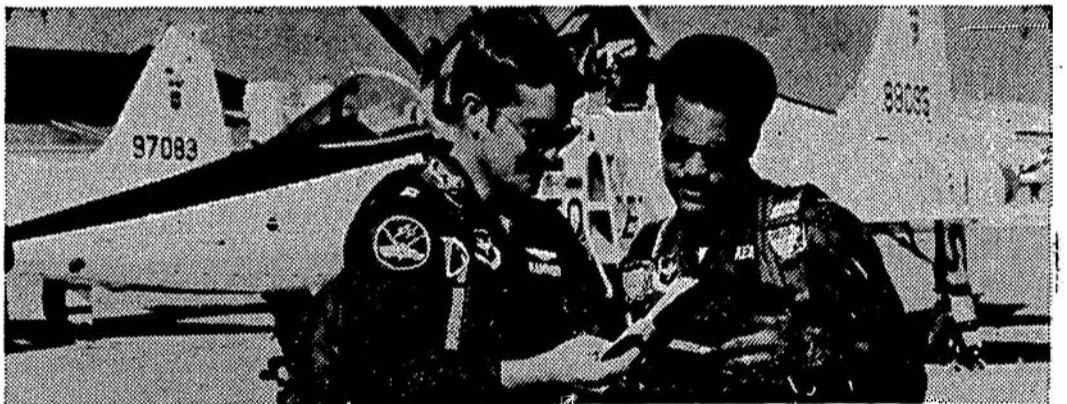
Finally, Senator Humphrey writes, "I have urged repeatedly that President Nixon make every effort to discuss with the Soviet Union the question of the persecution of Soviet Jews, their right to emigrate, and the establishment of ethnic cultural exchanges between each of several minority groups with sizable populations in both the United States and the Soviet Union. I have urged the President to do this during his scheduled trip to Moscow. I have joined with other Senators in co-sponsoring legislation which would provide 85 million dollars in special assistance for the settlement of Soviet refugees in Israel."

Senator Humphrey also expressed concern about 5,000 Syrian Jews "now suffering under a heavy yoke of persecution."

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Newsweek Senator Henry "Scoop" Jackson

stances in which he, along with other senators, warned the administration that the Russians might be misinterpreting American tendencies "not only on the national debate over the Indochina war, but of the administration's decision to withhold the



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EMCSC ELECTIONS

for executive officers were held on Thursday, May 4. Elected were David Zwillenberg '73, Joshua Miller '73, and Hyman Sasson '74 for President, vice president and secretary-treasurer respectively. President-elect Zwillenberg was EMC's secretary-treasurer for this past year and is a pre-med major at YC.

YOM YERUSHALAYIM

was celebrated by students of YC and SCW last Thursday night at Stern College. This celebration of the fifth anniversary of a unified Jerusalem included performances by Israeli folk singer Tzachi Ben Ari and the Ruach Revival Band. Rabbi Saul Berman, head of Judaic studies at Stern delivered a talk on *Yom Yerushalayim* which was followed by a recording of the Kol Israel broadcast of the capturing of Jerusalem during the Six Day War.

MASMID

following tradition of recent years, will once again have co-Editors-in-Chief. Mr. Bob Benedek and Mr. Ira Bejell will head *Masmid* 1973, the Senior class publication. Only two applications for the position were received so an election was unnecessary this year. Mr. Bejell, a Dean's List History major in YP, has vast experience working on publications. For the past year and a half he has been photography editor of *THE COMMENTATOR* while helping out with such publications as *Masmid* 71, *Hamevasser* and the Stern College yearbook.

Mr. Benedek, a psychology major in EMC, has been on the Dean's List of YC and the Dean's List of EMC for the past two years. He was recently elected President of the Psi-Chi Honor Society. Mr. Benedek has gained experience as feature editor of his High School paper and as a writer for *THE COMMENTATOR* and *Tempo Magazine*.

The editors will call for editorial board applications at the start of next semester.

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Hebrew Christians: "Loyal To Judaism" Yet They Profess A Belief In Messiah

(Continued from Page 3, Col. 5) to the reverend, Beth Sar Shalom has helped many couples overcome their unique problem by stressing that the partners share a common faith, rather than abandon either Judaism or Christianity. "On a Biblical basis, Christians become Jews, yet remain Christians; Jews become Christians, yet remain Jews." In such a family, Eisenberg went on to elaborate, circumcision, Baptism, and Bar Mitzvah are all observed, as well as the distinctive Hebrew-Christian wedding and funeral ceremonies.

Major Goal
The last major goal of the Hebrew Christians is to seek social justice and peace. The members of Sar Shalom feel that contemporary man's problems stem from his innermost flaws. "If men would seek God's way, truth, and life, they could find the security and spiritual strength to overcome their besetting problems. Love, peace, and spiritual prosperity, as taught by *Moishe Rabenu* and Jesus, are the results of this experience."

Beth Sar Shalom is located on the West Side, a predominantly, but changing, Jewish area. Although the outside seems an office building, the wood-paneled lobby bears a striking resemblance to most modern synagogues. The sanctuary itself looks even more like a *shul*, even though there is mixed seating in the pews. The *hima* bears what appears to be an ark (it is actually a doorway leading to the *mikvah*), and the red *porochet* is embroidered with the traditional two lions flanking the Ten Commandments, beneath the Hebrew verse blessing "those who come in the name of the Lord."

Most Sunday services begin with a song led by Miriam Slechter, a folk guitarist and a graduate student at NYU. Although born a *sibka*, Miriam speaks fluent Hebrew and Yiddish and teaches such songs as *Oseh Shelom Bimromav* and *Hatkevah*, as well as *Der Groyseh Goyel fun Yisroel*. Next, the congregation spontaneously reads a Psalm dealing with a vague Messianic reference. Following some brief announcements, a guest lecturer, recently someone as eminent as McLandish Phillips of the *Times*, delivers a sermon on some topic in Jewish philosophy,

Kabalah, or Bible research, ultimately proving that the Hebrew prophets, particularly Moses, had predicted Christ's coming. The service regularly concludes with the reverend's blessing of the congregation.

Sharp Criticism
Needless to say, the Fellowship has drawn sharp criticism from all types of concerned Jews. Rabbi Marc Tenenbaum, of the American Jewish Committee, has strongly censured the Hebrew Christians. "Any Christian or Jew with any real commitment has to object to their trying to sell Christianity the way you sell toothpaste," he said after the Boston *bet din* (the Rabbinical Court of the Associated Synagogue of Massachusetts) declared that the Hebrew Christians are in no way members of the Jewish faith. Subsequently, a Toronto newspaper refused to run any further ads and branded the Hebrew Christians as "pernicious soul snatchers." Sar Shalom congregants see these decisions as ironic. In an interview with THE COMMENTATOR, a medical student congregant bitterly explained his position. "When I was an atheist and a Communist, I was considered to still be a Jew. Now that I believe in the God of Abraham,

Isaac, and Jacob, I am suddenly officially a *goy*."

In any case, there is strong evidence that the tactics of the Hebrew Christians, devious or otherwise, are beginning to pay off. Although there are no official figures, estimates say that as many as 5,000 Hebrew Christians, almost all of them born Jews, worship regularly at their twenty-odd chapels throughout the country. Furthermore, estimates run as high as 100,000 for the number of converts who worship at established Protestant churches. Equally frustrating to traditional Jews is that it is obvious that many leading "legitimate" Protestant denominations provide substantial financial, as well as moral, support to the Hebrew Christians.

In any case, Jewish membership is clearly increasing in the Fellowship with most converts coming from the ranks of young Jews with little Jewish education, many of them former "Jesus freaks." Although individuals have been trying for years to oppose the Hebrew Christians, they have met little success. It is unlikely that anything less than an organized resistance from the Jewish community will have any effect on the evangelists.

Students Plan Spring Games On Campus And Ball Courts

(Continued from Page 12, Col. 4) middle court's rim is short bent and slanted. Add to this the fact that there is no visibly evident foul line and that the whole yard is in bounds except for the fences and one has five excuses for losing before he even starts.

Outdoor basketball at YU is truly a cosmopolitan experience. Athletes and other people from various city colleges all make their presence felt at YU, resting from their studies to spend an enjoyable afternoon at the hoops. Lehman, NYU, Brooklyn, Baruch and City colleges all have their weekly representatives. Among the high schools all the metropolitan yeshivot send their potential varsity men to YU to get further seasoning among the actual varsitymen themselves. Nearby, George Washington High School sends a few "ringers" of their own too. And, while the administration frowns upon such disclosures, the other day some Stern girls were reported heaving a ball around, in the general direction of the hoop.

Yes, outdoor basketball has arrived at YU and it is here to stay. And, while hurrying through your whirlwind week, you decide to take out "just ten minutes" before lab "to catch some game" remember these passwords and, if your shot is "ON" that day, you

will wind up wasting the rest of the afternoon playing ball—"What's the score? Seven game. I've got next!"

The 'Doc' To Retire

(Continued from Page 12, Col. 5) feels that teachers should show more of a personal interest in their students.

According to Professor Hurwitz, the students attending YU in its earlier years were scholarly students from European *yeshivot*. However, many students now are attending YU to evade the draft or because their parents sent them here. He says

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that even so, the caliber of the YU student is very high.

He feels that the teachers are stressing marks more than subject material. "Doc" has always tried to find the best in each student and bring it to the surface. The highest compliment he ever received was the very high attendance in his classes.

After his retirement, "Doc" Hurwitz plans on keeping himself busy. He is a health advisor at the spas around the city and gives lectures. He is also writing and awaiting the publishing of several books. In leaving YU he reminds the students of Governor Lehman's words: "You get what you fight for."

Letters To The Editor

(Continued from Page 2, Col. 5) talk, to which, I may add, Mrs. Fleisher always contributes so much. His contacts with students do not end at graduation; he follows their progress in graduate school and has been instrumental in aiding many of them in their careers.

His students and fellow faculty members congratulate the University in its choice of Professor Fleisher as Abraham Wouk Professor of English Literature. This letter is but a small token of the gratitude that I personally feel toward him for stressing Socrates' precept that the unexamined life is not worth living, for transmitting the values of the liberal arts that have given strength and meaning to our society, and for inculcating in us, his colleagues no less than his students, a devotion to the University — and above all its student body — which is an integral part of his life.

Louis H. Feldman
Professor of Classics
Benel Beraq, Israel

To the Editor:
As one of the many students attending Yeshiva I participated in the celebration of *Yom Ha'atzmaut*. The program was opened with an address by the vice president of our institution Rabbi Miller, who spoke about the religious significance of the day. During his presentation the student body interrupted him thereby making it difficult for him to continue. I cannot understand how students at YU have the *chutzpah* to interrupt a rabbi who devotes his free time to lecture to us. Where is the respect and courtesy toward a man of his position?

When Tzachi Ben Ari performed the student body's behavior continued and got worse. Here stands one of our own fellow stu-

dents who voluntarily gives of his time and talent to entertain us and there is no appreciation from his friends.

The department of Yeshiva students at this gathering convinced me of their extreme immaturity.
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Hockey Team Formed; 'Theeneys' Undefeated

(Continued from Page 12, Col. 5) will be very strong in hockey, and perhaps a winning tradition will finally be established here.

The game played against Columbia University on May 3 was by far the most convincing win this year. The Fheeneys took the game 9-5 and as many students said afterwards, everything went perfectly. The goaltending of Dave Miller, the defensive work of Mark Breslow, Isaac Mosezon, and Bob Listenick, and the offensive playing of Judah Gopin, Abe Katz, Seth Pransky, and Dov Zeffren were excellent as all players on the court worked together well.

The first period of play was very close as each team matched goals till the score was knotted at 3 apiece. But, after the first few minutes of the second period, Yeshiva exploded and scored 3 goals in a very short period of time. One of the smoothest plays

of the game was a picture-perfect pass play set up between Zeffren, who scored with Pransky assisting; another highlight was Katz's score on the hat trick.

The intramurals have been a great success this year for the Freshman, Sophomore, and Junior classes, all posting 2-1 records; the Seniors have had a rough time, losing all three of their games. As always, the latest hockey intramural game generated a lot of excitement. In a sudden death playoff, the Juniors beat the Seniors 3-2.

With the proposed hockey league next year, many are optimistic and say that Yeshiva will definitely be the team to beat.

YU's Karate Club Performs In Honor Of Prof. Hurwitz

(Continued from Page 12, Col. 2) tionally recognized rank) and 350 Purple Belts. The Purple Belt is considered a high intermediate rank and equivalent to a starter on a team.

Besides being a strong influence on Jewish life in N.Y., the Club is self-sufficient. It is sustained by the minimal student fee of 15 dollars a month. (Sensei Sober only received \$1500 for teaching Karate as a course.)

Any equipment needed, or any fees incurred, are paid by the Club. YU has kindly supplied the gym to the Club in the past six years.

Ten Instructors

In fact, so successful is the Karate Club, that it supplies ten worthy instructors to Orthodox

The Editor-in-Chief and the Governing Board of THE COMMENTATOR extend a hearty mazal-tov to Steven Winter, Editor-in-Chief of TEMPO MAGAZINE, upon his engagement to Florence Stein.

Synagogues and organizations around the city. The YU Karate instructors teach men, women and children in their own localities. The Club also is associated with six other dojos (self-defense institutions) in NYC. There are currently over fifty Yeshiva Col-

Arab Leader Denunciates Israel; Stresses Plight Of Palestinians

(Continued from Page 3, Col. 2) in their place of birth." While heatedly pointing out that "an invading minority has no right to make a new state," he stressed that "those Jews who wanted to go there as human beings were permitted to do so by the historic tolerance of Moslems."

Elaborating further on his concept of the Jewish State, he said, "I am one hundred percent opposed to a Christian state, a Moslem state and a Jewish state. These are all stupid concepts which do not belong to the twentieth century and they are repugnant to my tastes." When questioned further concerning defining the Jews as a national entity, Dr. Mehdi, in his own mind, denied such a possibility

but rather preferred to consider the Jews either as a religious group, racial group, or cultural-ethnic group and he considered such a state as invidious as either a Christian, Caucasian, or WASP United States.

Legitimacy of Israel

In response to a question concerning the legitimacy of the State of Israel and its de jure establishment as sanctioned by the United Nations in 1947, Dr. Mehdi responded, "I do recognize the State of Israel just as I recognize evil, just as I recognize cancer and just as I recognize Hitler's Germany. I do not say it is good, of course, but it is ugly—a racist state is ugly. Whether the U.N. had created it or not, whether G-d had created it or not, to me a Jewish State is ugly."

In an effort to strengthen his position, Dr. Mehdi claimed that "the Arabs were in Palestine long before your parents were converted into Judaism some two hundred, five hundred, or one thousand years ago." He asserts that the former, original inhabitants of the land, were Jews, while some were converted to Christianity and some later to Islam.

Double Standard

At this point, Dr. Mehdi charged that Zionism has a double standard, claiming that a Jew from "Montana" has some sort of attachment to a homeland lost 2,000 years before, while denying Palestinians their homeland and specifically denying them access to homes lost a mere twenty-four years ago. Regarding Jewish feeling as "human beings" and their suffering and desire for a homeland, Dr. Mehdi first of all pointed out that he does not believe in collective rights, but if for some reason the Jews should wish to have a homeland, no country more than Germany owes them one and "they should chop out part of Germany and make a Jewish state right there in the heart of Germany."

Regarding prospects for the future, Dr. Mehdi commented that the Israeli leaders seem to always "miss the boat" in their quest to negotiate directly with the various Arab leaders. More important than Arab leaders, he feels, is the Palestinian people and "if Mrs. Meir showed a bit of concern and a bit of human feeling, she would realize that this land is the land of a poor

son of a b--- who is now a refugee." If such direct negotiations were to take place, of course with the Palestinian people, Dr. Mehdi feels only one prior concession should be demanded of the Israelis: the dissolving of the Jewish State.

In response to a question concerning the heavy turnout in recent municipal elections in the West Bank and the comparative economic prosperity of Israeli Arabs, Dr. Mehdi quickly shifted the scene to those Arabs who had left Israel and are now refugees. Dr. Mehdi specifically stressed the plight of poorer refugees, peasants whose sole attachment and in some cases possession in life was a small plot of land to which, he claims, they are now denied access.

Al Fatah

Dr. Mehdi was quick to eschew any support for violence as a means to repatriate the Palestinians. At the same time, however, he supports Al Fatah in so far as they "demand the right to liberate their land and to establish a pluralistic, multi-religious and non-sectarian state."

In view of the ever growing Russian presence in the Mid-East, Dr. Mehdi felt that Russia's overpowering primary concern is, and always was Russia. The Russians, as he sees it, are dependent upon the existence of Israel in order to make the Arabs dependent upon them. They would in no way wish to see Israel destroyed,

Key To Peace

The key to peace in the Middle East is, as Dr. Mehdi views it, the education of American Jews "to emancipate themselves from their commitment to Zionism, its double standard and heavy burdens. The Jewish people had a state here long ago and will have a state here long after Israel is gone."

With regard to the pressing issue of Soviet Jewry, although condemning oppression of Jews as he condemns the oppression of all people, Dr. Mehdi feels that "Jews are no better than the rest of human beings. They deserve no special rights or obligation, special prerogatives are as wrong as special disabilities. To make all the fuss about Jews and to forget about all other human beings is not healthy." In the final analysis, Dr. Mehdi is of the opinion that "the effort to uproot Soviet Jewry is an effort to establish a precedent to uproot American Jewry. You American Jews are the victims. You are the next residents of the Middle East and citizens of Israel."

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lege students going for a Karate belt, plus a number of students from the Semicha Program, Yeshiva High School, Dov Revel and Ferkauf Graduate Center. Only YU Karate Club members are allowed in the dojo.

Master Sober recently commented, "I want to thank YU for letting us use their facilities. It has become the center of all non-political Jewish self-defense activity in the country. The reputation of the Club is known throughout the east coast. The black, brown and purple belts we turn out are a result of the six years of cooperation between myself and the administration. We are looking forward to many years of increased cooperation. We hope that the boys who work twice as hard for Karate as for most courses, will be allowed to take Karate for one credit. We will go into east-coast tournaments the coming year at no cost to YU, all expenses will be absorbed by the Club." A man of many talents, Master Sober is a Hebrew teacher at YU and is also working for his Doctorate in Ancient Near-East Languages and Philology at Columbia.

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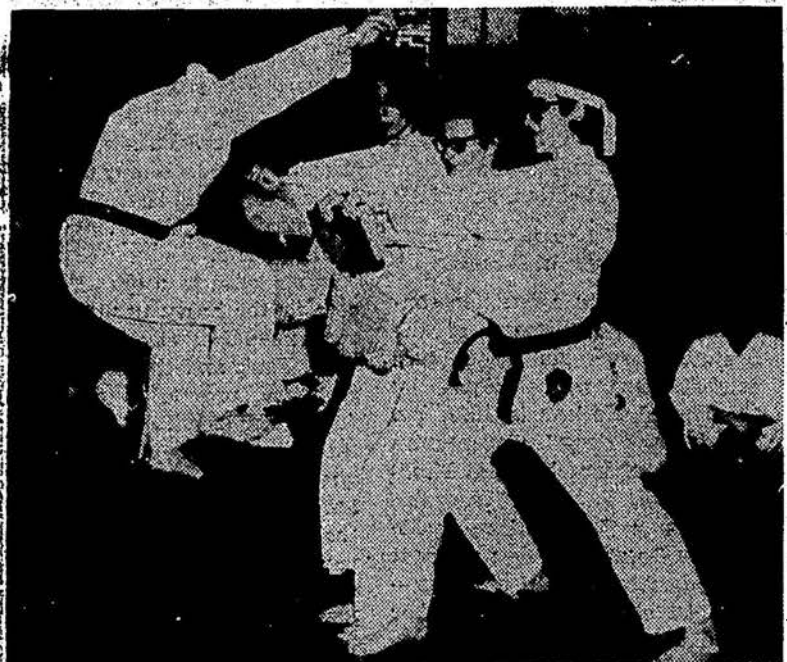
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Paul Millman

FOUR AT ONCE: Yeshiva Karate experts show their stuff in a special exhibition led by Sensei Sober.

By ELI GOLDNER

The 1972 YU Karate Exhibition got underway with a bang, literally, as Master Sober smashed a 10" square, 2" thick solid concrete block into bits. Four hundred people jammed the YU gymnasium as one eye-opening event followed another.

The exhibition was held in honor of Professor A. B. Hurwitz, who after 44 years as head of the Physical Education Department at Yeshiva, is retiring. Professor Hurwitz was one of the founders of the Karate Club. Also noteworthy were Mike Bermish ('72), and Gary Shulman ('71) who both received their Brown Belts at the exhibition.

The afternoon saw some impressive advanced board breaking and beautifully performed kata. Kata is a series of Karate

moves performed consecutively and fluidly. Joseph Beatus and Jeff Glanz demonstrated advanced fighting both barehanded and with weapons. Louis Aaron, Ju-Jitsu black belt holder, showed amazing control in his weapon kata. He also fought with Sensei Sober in breathtaking staff combat. Master Sober, holder of the esteemed black and red belt, not only demonstrated a sickle kata, but also the ancient Monkey Style of Kung-Fu, rarely seen, if ever.

Dojo

The Yeshiva University Karate Club is the only dojo on earth that teaches self-defense to so many Jews. Thus far, in its six years of existence, it has had 500 students. It had produced four Black Belts (the interna-
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YU Bowlers Continue To Improve Showing

By ALLAN KAPLAN

Although the bowling team is one of the most unheralded sports teams of Yeshiva University, it is certainly one of the most active. Playing in matches every Sunday since October, the team finished out its schedule on Sunday, April 23 with a victory over Pratt. The bowling team finished tenth in the fifteen-school league, competing against such schools as New York University, Queens College, St. John's University, Fordham University and Cooper Union. The team average was 785 for the year, which was below the 908 average recorded by the league champions, Baruch, but significantly higher than Cathedral, which finished last.

The team this year was led by Captain Jay Rosenberg, who bowled an average of 162, and by freshman Mark Breslow, who led the team with a 182 average and who won a trophy for one match in which he bowled over 250. E. J. Shapiro, Lou Katz, and Hymie Keller all contributed to the team's successes. This included 69 victories in 154 matches: among them sound victories over Cathedral, Fordham, and St. Francis Universities.

The captains for next year's team will be Leo Frischman, a sophomore, and Naham Swinkin, who is presently taking his junior year at Hebrew University. This year's squad received solid support from its regulars, but will need several new members to fill

the openings created by graduating seniors. Anyone who wishes to secure information about joining next year's team should contact Leo Frischman in Rubin 522. All underclassmen are urged to participate.

Springtime Sports Fill Danziger Campus Frisbee, Baseball Playing Rival Basketball

By ALLAN ZOLDAN

Springtime has come to YU, and, while some of the students' fancies may be turning to thoughts of love, others have a different kind of thought on their mind—outdoor basketball. Temporarily at least, the throbbing of a heart in love (or, equally as likely, in mortal fear of impending finals) can be replaced by the rhythmic pitter-patter of a

dribbled basketball. On any given clear day one is sure to find all the baskets in the "Danziger Playground" occupied by player and spectator alike, and with good reason. What else can one do for recreation at YU?

Thus, outdoor basketball serves a vital recreational role at YU. Not every student is athletically gifted enough to be able to enjoy playing on a varsity team. Indeed, the majority of the students are not. Besides, for many students the rigorous practice and playing schedule which is a part of varsity and intra-mural sports would be more work than fun. How else, then, can students exercise themselves on campus? Outdoor basketball's nearest competitors, stickball playing, frisbee flinging

Sophs Split Two; Win And Lose In Intra Games

By ALLAN KAPLAN

Two intramural games were played in the period between the week beginning the Pesach recess and the week ending April 16. The sophomore squad was involved in both contests, losing the first game to the seniors and upsetting the freshmen in the second.

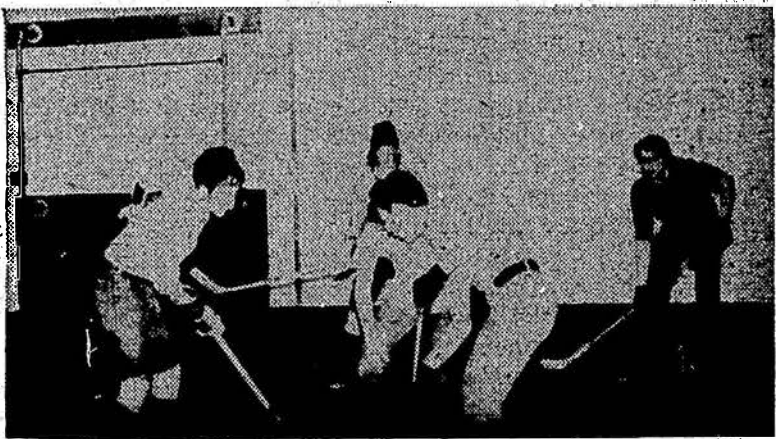
On March 27, the winless sophomores met the then first place seniors. The sophomores started out fast and led at the quarter's end by three points. They maintained the small lead throughout the second quarter, as both senior and sophomore squads pumped in 17 points each in a well played quarter. Once again, however, the third quarter proved disastrous for the sophomores as their big men got into foul trouble and they faltered, going into the final quarter trailing by five. The seniors pressured the sophs with a tenacious defense from the opening of the final quarter, and forced them into numerous mistakes. The outcome was a 61-54 victory for the senior squad, which was led by Mark Levy with 19 points and Tobi Bernstein with 15.

Upset!

On April 11, the same sophomore squad met the upstart freshmen team that had beaten the sophs earlier in the term. The sophomores displayed a wide-open offense from the start with considerable movement and passes, and played excellent team ball in the first quarter, leading 15-14 at its end. The sophomores continued their fine play in the second quarter, as each starting player scored at least one basket and the sophs led at half-time 32-25.

The freshmen, although playing a steady game could not catch the sophs in the second half, as Elliot Tannenbaum and Dennis Metz moved the ball well for the sophs through the freshmen defense. These two back-court men combined for 40 points, 22 of them by Tannenbaum as the sophs won their first game of the term, 70-64. The freshmen played a good game, and were led by Sid Taubefeld with 23 points and Herb Insel with 21.

Fheeney's Future Optimistic Hockey Program Instituted



Paul Millman

FACE-OFF: Stick-handlers vie for control of the 'puck' as another floor-hockey game begins.

By ALAN SILVERSTEIN

Despite the demanding double program and limited sports facilities here at Yeshiva, the newly instituted hockey program and team has been successful beyond many students' expectations. Originally, coordinators Heshy Ginsburg and Effie Lifschitz set up the program so that anyone who came down to the gym could play. As students came down and interest rose, regular hockey intramurals were started between the four college classes.

Recently, THE COMMENTATOR interviewed both hockey players and students who came down to watch the games. The consensus was that hockey at Yeshiva would have a bright future. Generally, the students reiterated the same thing: the kids here enjoy playing hockey and enjoy watching the games. Many, though, were quick to include

that it would be successful only if it were well coordinated. Some also expressed the hope that Yeshiva would start a hockey gym which would directly benefit the program and the team.

School Hockey Club

Ginsburg felt that the school and student council would have to recognize the hockey club as a regular school team and possibly subsidize the team equipment and other expenses for it to function properly. Commenting after the Columbia game, Ginsburg pointed out that the hockey intramurals, besides allowing more students to get involved, also attract more students than do the basketball intramurals. Lifschitz, noting that the Yeshiva Fheeney's are undefeated in competition (4-0) said, in effect, that next year Yeshiva
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'Doc' Hurwitz Retires From Yeshiva Ends Forty-Four Years Of Service

By STEVE REISBAUM

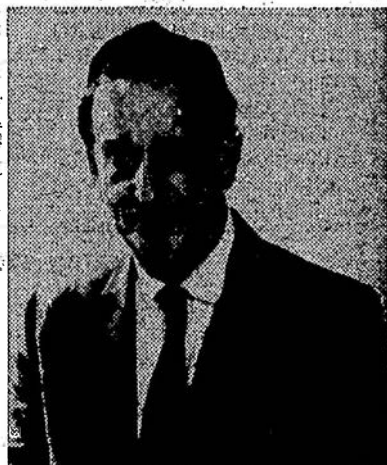
Professor Abraham "Doc" Hurwitz, head of the physical education department for the past forty-four years, is retiring at the end of this term. During his stay, he has held, among other positions, the first director of dormitories, assistant to the President, and director of student activities.

"Doc" Hurwitz is pleased with his department except for three

annoyances. First, he believes that the swimming requirement which was dropped should be reinstated. Not only is knowing how to swim handy, but it can often present excellent summer job opportunities.

Requirement Change

Secondly, he would like to see the one year physical education requirement changed to a two year requirement. He feels that in one year, a student doesn't have enough time to try the many different gym programs. Third, undaunted by the talk of administration, "Doc" would like to see us move out of the base-



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Professor Abraham Hurwitz

ment of the main building into a new gym.

In his 44 years here, "Doc" Hurwitz has seen many changes in both teachers and students. Although he believes that the gym teachers are devoted, he comments that many teachers have changed from devoted to "teach and run" teachers. He
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situations arise when there are conflicting interests, but the resulting arguments only serve to enliven even more an already lively sport. Besides, those colorful arguments often turn out to be even more exciting than the actual games. Where else but on the courts can our aspiring rabbi show his practical application of Gemarah logic? Only at YU can glib tongue win more games than agile hands. Only at YU are the sidelines commentators more slick than the players.

The courts themselves can cause much controversy. It is generally conceded that the first court's rim is too high, the last court's rim is too short and the
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