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JSSSC To Leave Hamevaser Citing YP Control As Reason

By MARK KUTNER

The JSS Student Council has recently announced its intention to discontinue its support of and representation on **Hamevaser**. The religiously oriented newspaper will, however, receive the participation of EMCSC.

Brian Frohlinger, President of JSSSC, cited **Hamevaser's** failure to interest JSS students as well as the paper's financial demands as the main reasons for withdrawing support.

President Frohlinger charged **Hamevaser's** Governing Board of following a policy of favoritism towards RIETS-oriented news and problems. He added that there was no JSS student on the Governing Board, except for the newly created "token position" of JSS Editor.

Subsidized Seforim

On the financial level, it was the feeling of the JSSSC that the money allocated to **Hamevaser** can be more beneficially used to fill other needs of the JSS student body. It has been suggested that the funds be directed to help establish a "Sefer of the Month Club" whereby JSSSC will purchase *Seforim* and sell them to their students each month at a subsidized cost. In lieu of its participation in **Hamevaser**, JSSSC will publish a bi-monthly literary magazine entitled the **JSS Forum**.

For the first time since 1965 EMCSC has decided to co-sponsor the publication of **Hamevaser**. As a result of the mounting costs and increasing technical burdens of publishing **Hamaahkif**, EMC's Hebrew magazine, EMCSC has decided to publish one Hebrew

page per issue of **Hamevaser**. The policy decision to sponsor **Hamevaser** was made weeks before JSS Student Council decided to discontinue support and appears not to be related.

Expected Withdrawal

Israel D. Benedek, Editor-in-Chief of **Hamevaser**, accused many of the JSS Council members of "not fully comprehending the potentialities of a newspaper sponsored by all the Jewish Studies divisions of YU. He claimed that JSS's withdrawal was expected and everything possible was done to avoid it.

It was also noted that with the

addition of EMC as a co-sponsor, **Hamevaser** will not lose an edition as had been expected when JSS discontinued support.

Mr. Benedek denied that **Hamevaser** has in any way "discriminated" against JSS. He pointed, in particular, to the fact that the paper's editor emeritus, Jeffery Feinstein, was a former JSS student.

Speaking on behalf of his Governing Board, Mr. Benedek stated that if JSS ever decides to return, they will be readily accepted.

The paper intends to continue coverage of JSS events despite the recent withdrawal.

YC And Stern Yavneh Groups Organized, Many Useful Programs Are Contemplated

By STEVEN MANDELBERG

As the new academic year commences, students have the opportunity to join numerous on-campus clubs, organizations and societies. One of these organizations, Yavneh, is making a concerted effort to arouse student interest and revive a YU branch.

A nation-wide organization, Yavneh has for twelve years sought to cultivate Jewish students' interest in Israel, establish a forum for discussion of religious issues and facilitate observance of *mitzvot* by providing kosher food; establishing *minyanim* in dormitories and attend-

ing to the problem of exams on *shabbat* and holidays. Although these goals have already been achieved at YU, Yavneh plans to initiate new program which president Aaron Reichel promises will delve into pertinent intellectual issues.

Jews for Judaism

Forming a group called "Jews for Judaism," for example, is expected to combat the "Hebrew Christians" and "Jews for Jesus" movements as well as to reach out to the general Jewish community on-campus. A new aim of the rejuvenated Yavneh, as formulated at their thirteenth national convention, is "to make all efforts to attract the non-committed, unaffiliated Jews on campus to Judaism."

By holding many social activities and observing holidays together, Yavneh has consistently strived to unite Jewish students. At YU a complete slate of various activities featuring lectures, social gatherings and an expanded program of *Shabbatons* is planned. On November 21, for example, a symposium will be held featuring Shlomo Carlebach and several prominent rabbis, focusing on how to approach the apparent problems posed by such groups as "Jews for Jesus."

Although Yavneh is urgently in need of volunteers possessing cars and willing to make several trips to Stern College, which is jointly involved in the Yavneh revival, president Reichel remains optimistic that student interest will be sufficiently stimulated to promote an increase in membership. "Whether you join out of



Paul Millman

YCSC: "Give me your tired, your poor . . ."

YCSC Debates New Issues, Jewish Poor Amongst Them

A committee to help Jewish poor, a benefit concert for Soviet Jewry, refrigerators in the dormitory, and the date of graduation were among the items discussed at the Yeshiva College Student Council meeting of November 1.

Yeshiva College student Michael Klein brought the issue of the Jewish poor to council's attention while declaring his intention to continue to pressure student representatives to act for this and similar causes. Stating that the Jewish aged and poor have not been receiving just treatment at local government agencies, he

suggested the formation of a committee that would recruit YC students to go to these agencies and aid the Jewish elderly and poor in asserting their rights. The proposal was unanimously endorsed by the council and Mr. Klein was appointed chairman of this committee.

5 Cubic Feet

Mr. Davis announced that a letter will be posted urging students not to bring a refrigerator to the dormitory unless it is urgently needed. Under circumstances when a refrigerator must be used, the student is asked that it be no larger than five cubic feet.

A request to change the date for this year's graduation from June 12 to June 4 was conveyed by council to the administration. Since YC's last final will be held on June 4 this would allow students to go home before *Shavuot* without having to return for the graduation ceremony.

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YU Rabbis Differ In Views Of New Israeli Chief Rabbi

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New Chief Rabbis Yosef (l.) and Goren.

By ALLAN KAPLAN

The election of Israel's chief rabbis has given rise to a variety of responses and opinions. Chosen by a special electoral college to head Israel's Ashkenazic Jews was 54 year old Rabbi Shlomo Goren, a former chief of army chaplains and the Tel Aviv rabbinite. Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, 52, is the new leader of the Sephardic Jews and is the former chief rabbi of Tel Aviv. The two leaders are the youngest ever to be elected to the post, and take over from the 86 year old and 76 year old incumbents. To discover

some of the reactions to this election, several prominent rabbis of the Yeshiva community were asked about its significance and ramifications.

Rabbi Morris Besdin, director of the James Striar School of General Jewish Studies, completely welcomed, without any reservation, the election of Yosef and Goren. He feels that both are *halachic* scholars, and have demonstrated qualities of leadership, love and dedication to the State of Israel.

Since these two new chief rab-

Time

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Dramatics Society Offers 'A Canticle For Leibowitz'

By JACOB BUCHBINDER

The Dramatics Society of Yeshiva College opened what promises to be another successful year with the casting and opening of rehearsals for the Dec. 23, 24, 25 presentations of Walter Miller Jr.'s futuristic *Canticle for Leibowitz* (adapted by Clark Fuller). The play was chosen after withdrawal of the play's production rights granted for Ken Kesey's *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*.

As in previous years Mr. Anthony Beukas, a speech and drama instructor at Yeshiva College, will direct the play. He has already expended numerous hours in studying the play in order to make it suitable for an all-male cast and to prepare its production.

Dedicated Students

The Dramatics Society is an extra-curricular activity that is available to the Yeshiva student. Much dedication is exhibited year in and out by Mr. Beukas and the approximately fifty students who give 6 to 10 hours a week of their spare time to participate in this group activity.

The society is funded mostly by student council and partially by the sale of inexpensive admission tickets. Recently, after the closings of the Broadway musical *Dude* and *The Neil Diamond*

Show at the Winter Garden, officers of the society received permission to truck away a large amount of plywood and set pieces which will be used in this and future YC productions.

Invalid Criticisms

Criticism that has been leveled against the acting and technical quality of Yeshiva presentations are, according to Mr. Beukas, both unreasonable and invalid. The students must work with limited funds, time and equipment necessary to achieve an aesthetically appealing production.

Mr. Beukas has emphasized that audience entertainment is merely a secondary aim of dramatics at Yeshiva. Academic theater should be an educational exercise, a vital feature of the college's education. Too often colleges are expected to train professional actors for the commercial theater. According to Francis Fergusson, an eminent critic, the effect of this is "to lose the point of university theatre. It is no longer thought of as the protege of liberal education, but as a technical school."

A Poor' Situation

Although a great part of the education received at Yeshiva is directed toward instilling a sense of responsibility for the welfare of one's fellow Jew, we seldom practice these teachings in any meaningful fashion. That we live in a city whose Jewish population includes thousands who live in sub-human, demoralizing squalor is only one indication that we have been remiss in our duties.

To remedy this situation it is necessary that the Yeshiva College student body place itself in the forefront of a new intra-community movement dedicated to providing aid and comfort to the lives of these unfortunate Jews. We applaud the resolution passed in Council on November 1, concerning the organization of this movement at YC. However, our geographic location, far from the primary areas populated by the Jewish poor, makes personal anti-poverty work by most YC students exceedingly difficult.

The Stern College Student Council has already developed a committee of student volunteers which plans to work along with existing anti-poverty agencies on the lower east side of Manhattan. With proper funding, though, Stern would be able to create its own group which would exclusively deal with the unique problems of the Jewish poor. THE COMMENTATOR suggests that rather than the two committees working separately, a pooling of resources would be better. Yeshiva and Stern College Student Councils should undertake a fund-raising drive to collect money for the establishment of a Yeshiva University Community Action Program comprised of students of YC and Stern and charged with the task of giving spiritual and financial aid to indigent Jews throughout the metropolitan area. Adequately endowed, such a group could perform great humanitarian services and, through carefully arranged publicity, spark a new movement of Jews concerned with the needs of our local *kehilla*.

Congratulations . . . Almost

The many problems of YP-RIETS have been subject to much public debate and scrutiny in recent months. But one problem which has arisen is so basic to the functioning of a yeshiva that there can be no question about the wisdom of the immediate actions taken.

The success of any yeshiva lies in its *rebbeim*. And a situation whereby whole *shiurim* of boys are left without a *rebbe* is intolerable.

We therefore commend the quick action of Rabbi Charlop in hiring a substitute for the ailing Rabbi Volk. We regret, however, that similar immediate action was not taken in the case of Rav Lipshitz who has been busy campaigning for a rabbinical post in Israel.

We hope that in the future the course of action taken in the case of Rav Volk's *shiur* will be followed when similar situations arise.

Traffic Jam At YU

The recent wave of parking tickets once again underlines the overwhelming inadequacy of parking facilities for students. Many sound proposals have been offered by students to ameliorate the present situation. Among these are: establishing angle parking along Amsterdam Avenue and along 185th Street to allow for more space, permitting student to park in the faculty lots during the night hours (the cars would be removed in the mornings before classes begin), utilizing half of the basketball court to provide parking space for students, and changing the "No Parking" hours to 7-9 or 8-9 as opposed to the current 11-2. Finally, the empty lot behind Furst Hall should be used to provide the student body with a parking lot.

The present conditions cause only disturbances and confusion for everyone. Frequently, classes are interrupted because a student must move his double-parked car or because of a meter-maid raid. Most important is the fact that commuting students

must all too often come late to classes because they have to drive around searching for a spot.

It is in the best interests of the entire community to provide ample parking facilities for Yeshiva students. THE COMMENTATOR has been informed that the grounds behind Furst Hall will in fact, be utilized to build a parking lot in the near future. Because of the intolerable and unfair conditions to the students, the administration must designate this as a parking lot exclusively for students' use. We also urge the administration to consider the various proposals and to respect the students' rights to have efficient facilities.

Nixon - The Next Four

The election is over. The promises and charges presented to the American electorate are already being forgotten and, as a country, we are going back to the job of getting from day to day.

But for the Jewish electorate the case is not so routine. As a group, we were in the forefront of this campaign as never before. The results of this exposure and the impact of the final tally of the Jewish vote — early estimates give Nixon 39%, or about two and one-half times the percentage he got against Humphrey — will not be fully ascertainable for years.

One thing, though, can and must begin in earnest today. Those Jewish leaders — self-appointed or not — who worked for the President must now turn around and demand their due. Most basic is that channels into the White House guaranteeing a strong input of Jewish viewpoints be established in a manner that cannot later be easily sabotaged. Once this is accomplished, every Jew with newly-found political pull must use every lever at his disposal to ensure that his voice is heard where it counts.

In short, our Jewish political sophisticates must squeeze the sponge dry: every ounce of influence must be effectively and untiringly directed toward our concerns, domestic and foreign.

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From the Editor's Desk



An Open Letter To The Board Of Trustees

By Mark Koslowe

Dear Honored Members of the Board,

It is quite unusual for any student to write letters to the Board of Trustees on behalf of himself or the student body. But I find myself in a quandary concerning the financial situation of this newspaper and the various student councils. I am told that the entire University is under extreme duress and yet I am still writing this letter to ask for more student funds.

Several arguments can be raised against this position for increased funding. Foremost, is that the University has suffered similar percentage cutbacks, so why shouldn't the student body? Secondly if the students are in desperate need of more money, why not raise it themselves? Thirdly, why don't the newspaper publications of the college combine and lower cost of production? Lastly, why write to the Board of Trustees, we should discuss finance with Dr. Socol?

The key answer to the first question is that the college was established before the University: that the largest segment of the University population is the college student at YC and Stern. If cutbacks are made throughout the University system including this student body, the heart of Yeshiva, the results will be all the more pronounced.

The student has little time to expand his efforts to fund-raise for Yeshiva. With the advent of the Student Admissions Society and other programs where students are brought to speak to audiences, the school has benefited. In several cases the students do, in a manner of speaking fund raise for YU. The parents are brought into contact with the school through their children and contribute effort or money to the college.

It has been suggested that student council pare down its budget by careful rationing and the combination of duplicating publications. The YC Student Council has already been cut from slightly over \$21,000 to \$18,240 of which \$1,500 cannot be spent. They have sliced WYUR, the college radio station, by 40% (to \$600) — just when the potential through its use of Cable TV has risen to cover the upper West Side of our area. The money that could have been used to aid Jewish poor and other projects must now be raised by means of fund-raising by the students (an aforementioned difficult task).

There are some administrators that are under the misconception that the combination of THE COMMENTATOR and Hamevaser would save funds and still provide service to this student body. The two papers are separate and distinct. THE COMMENTATOR represents the college: covering local news via editorial and column and when possible to expand itself to other campuses. Hamevaser provides for views on RIETS and now, through the addition of Hamashkif, the paper has a Hebrew section for EMC. The combination of the two would bring the destruction of these separate identities and only a jumbled conflagration will result.

Finally, why not bring these arguments and rebuttals to Dr. Socol, the administrative head of finance? The student leaders are presently trying to set up a second meeting (the first had little result). The degree of difficulty in arranging a time for all councils concerned is great — and one such arrangement ended in failure to meet.

Even with such a meeting Dr. Socol can only respond with "everything is tight." Therefore I appeal directly to you, the Board of Trustees. I do not ask for a separate pool for the publications. Enough pressure is already exerted on the newspaper without having to go to the administration for funding. I only ask for funds to go to the "general pool" of all the councils to divide up accordingly.

Once before generous members of the Board used their personal funds to avert a continuance of the Local 1199 strike. I ask help in preserving the status quo of last year's budget. For this base of money is needed to run effective student services.

Sincerely,
Mark Koslowe, Editor-in-Chief

Letters To The Editor

KNOCK, KNOCK

To the Editor:

"Knocking the Establishment," has long been a favorite pastime of any given student body. I must take exception, though, to Mr. Davis' recent column which characterized the Rabinowitz plan for distribution of student funds as "unfair."

Until 1938, YCSC had usurped a large portion of student funds on the premise that its functions were both of major importance and that they affected the entire student body. This policy almost forced the other three student councils into financial oblivion. The Rabinowitz plan, in essence, states that student funds were to be distributed to the student councils in direct proportion to the number of students that each

one represents. Until that time, student funds were distributed in direct proportion to the priority of the activities which were to be financed. The fallacy in this policy was simply that the priority of activities to be financed was determined (in effect) by YCSC. This "unfair" situation precipitated the more equitable Rabinowitz plan.

While it is true that there is no provision in the plan for the University's changing financial climate, the plan in no way prohibits any of the student councils from jointly sponsoring any activity. (i.e. — Masmid, COMMENTATOR, and the Dramatics Society). If any of the other three student councils refuse to jointly sponsor an activity it may (Continued on Page 5, Col. 3)

Notes From The Underground

Divided We Fall



By Marvin Goldstein

About a week ago, a young black was beaten to death by a gang of white teenagers in the South Village. According to an eyewitness, adult bystanders encouraged the youths. Thirty-one black children enter a junior high school in Canarsie. Though the basic issues there pertain to community control and conflict between different economic groups, blacks and whites face each other in a seeming racial confrontation.

These are but two local examples of a rising tide in America. People have become more racist and more hateful. This has not occurred by chance. Rather, the President's policy has been to encourage these emotions, to set off race against race, class against class.

These tactics have apparently paid off handsomely. Mr. Nixon has received the mandate he has desired and so cunningly and cynically orchestrated. Both he and the citizens of the United States, however, must now face the consequences of his actions over the last four years.

Americans of different races and religions have always segregated themselves; every city has had, for example, its rich and poor areas, its Jewish, Italian and Black neighborhoods. Indeed, the much heralded "melting pot" has actually existed only on the pages of history books. Despite this, for more than a decade before the present administration came into office, this country was moving toward the ideal of equality and prosperity for all.

Most people supported, or at least paid lip service to, this goal. Though some resistance smoldered beneath the surface, this did not appear sufficient to alter the nation's course. Mr. Nixon, however, through his appointments to the Supreme Court, his "Southern Strategy," and the general tone of his administration sought to and has reversed this trend.

The President chose to exacerbate rather than diminish antagonisms between groups. Instead of calming fears and condemning divisiveness, he has decided to exaggerate the differences that once gave this pluralist society

its strength. He has thereby destroyed this country's frail and precious fabric of unity. In the process, he may have irrevocably weakened this nation.

This strategy has affected many people. Almost all have become a little more selfish and bigoted, a little less reasonable and accommodating. In a country which consists of people from diverse backgrounds, such a climate will only intensify existing differences. If Richard Nixon ever goes to the conference table "as head of the second strongest nation in the world" it will not be due to lack of arms. It will be because the discords he himself has fostered will have sapped the nation's strength.

Our Cantors--Historical Perspective
A Picture Of The 'Shliach Tzibbur'

By VIRGIL KAHN

"In the early 1900's in Eastern Europe, the Jews looked to the shliach tzibbur as a source of inspiration. Today, unfortunately, we're not living in this type of community . . .

Something must be done to make the service tolerable and to rekindle a feeling of awe and inspiration in the Jewish people for the chazzan." This, in the words of Cantor Macy Nulman, director of the Cantorial Training Institute of Yeshiva University, is one of the main purposes for the publishing of a new book on the historical development of the cantor.

The Cantor: A Historic Perspective, written by Dr. Leo Landman is unique in that it is the first of its kind. The book deals with all aspects of the chazzan and traces the status, functions, obligations, and importance of the cantor in Jewish communities since ancient times. Dr. Landman examines many features of the cantorate which have heretofore been ignored in evaluations and histories of the chazzan. There are chapters discussing conflicts between rabbis and cantors, the legal status of chazzanim regarding taxes and the draft, the cantor in litera-

ture, and the possibility of having jazz and rock cantors.

Chazzan vs. the Draft

An interesting aspect in the history of the cantor concerns the relationship between the chazzan and the government with regards to military service. During World War II, the Director of the Selective Service System refused to recognize chazzanim as ministers of religion, who were deferred from the draft. The Jewish Ministers-Cantors Association of America then acquired the services of attorney Leon Shapiro to represent the cantors' interests. Shapiro drew up a brief in which he maintained that Jewish law considers the cantor of great importance in Jewish religious life.

Despite appeals by Shapiro, the Synagogue Council of America, and others, the Selective Service System refused to change the status of cantors. Even appeals to Franklin Roosevelt were to no avail. According to Dr. Landman, the cause for the unfavorable decision "can be traced directly to the fact that no schools for cantors existed, so that preparation for the cantorate was usually accomplished through private teachers and professors."

Even as late as 1967, cantors met with difficulty in attempting to obtain a IV-D classification. "However," writes Dr. Landman, "for the first time it was implied that a full-time cantor who is a graduate of a cantorial school and who can prove to his draft board that his duties and responsibilities are such as to deserve a ministerial deferment, would be granted the classification of a minister."

New Innovations

In a section dealing with innovations and new techniques, Dr. Landman discusses various attempts by cantors to integrate rock and jazz music into the services. The influence of opera on chazzanim is discussed in detail. Various opinions and reactions of the Jewish communities (Continued on Page 4, Col. 4)

Yeshiva Students Spend Vacation
As Researchers Of Jewish Issues

By ELI SEIDMAN

Summer vacation is a period of great potential. Whether spiritually, intellectually or materially, students are in an excellent position to advance themselves through their own efforts. Yeshiva's four-month interval was utilized for a wide spectrum of activities by its students.

Four Yeshiva students and assorted Yeshiva and Stern College alumni spent their summers on Capitol Hill working for Jewish and other interests through a variety of mediums. Three seniors and a sophomore, all political science majors, worked in Washington, D.C. for the support and furthering of such issues as Israel, Soviet Jewry, and aid to Jewish poor.

Ted Mirvis, who is chairman of the Yeshiva College Senate, spent his summer working in that larger legislative body from which we borrowed our name, the United States Senate. Mr. Mirvis, an EMC senior and managing editor of THE COMMENTATOR, worked for the much publicized

National Center for Jewish Policy Studies. Headed by YU alumnus Nathan Lewin, the Center was organized by a group of Washington Jewish professionals. Affectionately nicknamed "Nat's Gnats," the Center researches pertinent facts and presents their findings to the American Jewish population.

Mr. Mirvis concentrated his efforts on compiling a Congressional rating system. An unprecedented project, it will be of immense value when published in the near future. Senators' voting records of the past five years on key Jewish issues and similar facts can be swiftly found and acted upon. Jewish communities can mobilize for or against a candidate for office with this information at their disposal. The new rating system will be an essential addition to the Jewish lobbyist's arsenal.

Also working on Capitol Hill was Leonard Davis, contributing editor of THE COMMENTATOR. Mr. Davis, who last summer worked in Senator Joseph Montoya's (D-N.M.) office, worked as a Congressional researcher for the American-Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC). He monitored Congress and Congressional hearings for events of Jewish importance, such as U.S. oil consumption and its relation to U.S.-Mideast policies. Mr. Davis researched many Israel-related issues and the results of his extensive studies were published in AIPAC's weekly publication, Near East Report.

Joseph Stechler, COMMENTA-

TOR's Senior editor, spent two months as a legislative intern for Senator Montoya of New Mexico. Mr. Stechler did a legislative report on problem areas in legislation before Congress.

In addition, Mr. Stechler was assigned a project of consumer interest. He concentrated on proposed legislation in regard to governmental standards for the flammability of fabrics. As part of this endeavor, Mr. Stechler interviewed officials at the Department of Commerce and the National Bureau of Standards and studied current legislation to determine their effectiveness. He is still involved in writing proposed legislation to outlaw fabrics of high flammability. Mr. Stechler's work for Senator Montoya also included working in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Mr. Stechler used his spare time to work for Jewish interests by speaking to influential figures. His position enabled him to enlighten many uneducated people.

Stanley Gruen, a sophomore in YP, worked in Congressman Podell's office as an intern. Mr. Gruen, too, was involved with Jewish interests. His duties included research, speechwriting and lobbying. He was influential in fighting against adverse legislation affecting Soviet Jewry, emigration, demonstrators, and similar anti-Jewish legislation.

All four emphatically agree that their summer was an incomparable learning experience and an excellent opportunity to obtain on-the-job training for their chosen professions.

Comment On...

The Election
And Israel



By Lenny Davis

Nixon got his four more years and he got it impressively, albeit crookedly. However, the magnitude of his victory and the sheltered race that he ran -- leaving the security of the White House only to venture into "secured territory" where vocal political opposition was minimal -- may now create for Nixon a dangerous illusion.

Historically, landslide winners have interpreted their victories as public mandates for their plans and policies and as carte blanche approvals for the next four years. For example, Roosevelt expected full public support for his attempts to stack the Supreme Court, and Johnson believed that the American people would follow him all the way into a quagmire named Vietnam. Despite their impressive electoral victories, they were wrong.

Looking beyond the statistics, President Nixon has not won a popular mandate from the American people. He won in a landslide only because his opponent was too busy destroying his own foundations to attack Nixon's. In short, Nixon won because McGovern lost.

Despite his victory, he is still the same Richard Nixon, Watergate, ITT, Agnew and all. He is the same Nixon who went to China and Russia, reversing his political ideology (thank God) in the name of unborn American generations and political expediency. And he is the same Nixon who may now be performing still another political piroquette preparing to sell South Vietnam and Thieu down the Mekong River. (Isn't this the same Thieu the Nixon women said they were willing to die for?)

These two Nixon traits -- a possible sense of invulnerability because of his landslide win and policy inconsistency -- should alert everyone concerned for Israel's security to diligently watch for change in U.S. Middle East policy.

Nixon, in his campaign, boasted that his administration gave more aid to Israel than all previous administrations combined. The flow could very well continue. But when dealing with Nixon, every precaution should be taken. Too much is at stake.

There exist several hints that (Continued on Page 4, Col. 3)

A Danforth Group Meets:
Vastness Of America Felt

By MANFRED WEIDHORN

During the week of August 21, 1972, Mrs. Weidhorn and I, as Yeshiva College Danforth Associates (with the task of "humanizing" the educational process), attended the annual national conference of the Associates. The proceedings took place at the YMCA of the Rockies, near Estes Park, Colorado, and the Rocky Mountain National Park. The magnificent setting -- a valley surrounded by awesome peaks -- gave the conference the quality of a religious retreat, an exercise in spiritual stock-taking and in looking at things under the aspect of eternity. The organizers consequently left afternoons free for explorations of the pristine nature all about us.

The theme of the conference

was "The Politician and the Professor," and at the numerous plenary sessions we heard a succession of men from either calling talk about such matters as the relationship between the university and society, ethical dilemmas in either field, the politics of financing higher education. We heard also about American Foreign Policy in Asia as seen by a professor and a foreign service officer and about the Democratic and Republican conventions as seen by Associates who were both delegates and academic observers.

Workshops

Interspersed with the plenary sessions were workshops on various issues. Here small groups of people sat in circles and held in (Continued on Page 4, Col. 1)

The President Speaks

Misplaced Values

By Hillel Davis

George Bernard Shaw wrote: "Those who can — do; those who can't — teach." Far truer than we can afford it to be in Jewish education. Yeshiva alumni make a considerable contribution to Jewish education but this is not nearly enough in both quality and kind. The need for the dedicated and capable teacher ranges from elementary level. But for the most part our very best seem invariably drawn to other professional fields. Why this need is so pressing is quickly evident from a glance at the success achieved in education.

Some of the products of elementary and high school Jewish education aside from the usual ignorance (with exception to outstanding programs such as JSS) have acquired a set of values that are more detrimental perhaps than if they had not been educated. New York seems to be the best example of religion in modern Orthodox circles being accepted as a social principle. It has ceased to be the central control of people's lives. It has become an aspect of life rather than the core of being. I would go so far as to say that Judaism is treated with something less than respect.

Why? Quite simply because the students are subject to teachers who are, in a large degree, concerned with a teaching process in which they themselves are learning, because they are not presented with material in which they can find pride, beauty, and stimulation. Is it any wonder that second-class studies are of second rate significance in life?

There is yet another developing area of study where the Yeshiva trained student of the highest quality is needed. Judaic studies in undergraduate programs are becoming increasingly popular — courses are always oversubscribed. There is obviously a need to be filled — Jewish college students are beginning to struggle in increasing numbers to find their identity. But the people who are teaching Jewish studies are often those who have not lived or are not living within the tradition. They thus invariably misrepresent the tradition. Yeshiva students of the highest calibre find their way in academic circles from medicine to sociology. Why can't they rather be dedicated to meeting the challenge of contemporary scholarship so as to better meet the needs of often misled Jewish college students?

The pity is that the entire student body had has similar experiences throughout their Jewish studies careers, constantly bemoans the situation and constantly points out the specific failures. Why can't this concern about these failures be carried beyond the personal experience and not be forgotten in the wake of more "important" careers. What could be more important?

Annual 'Danforth' Group Gathers True Vastness Of America Felt

(Continued from Page 3, Col. 2) formal discussions gently guided by a politician, an academician, and a member of the Danforth cadre. Topics included the future of higher education, technology and the Humanities, problems in minority group education.

Towards the end of this busy week of lectures, discussions, and sightseeing, one confronted inevitably the question: what was all this about? What had we all learned? No simple answer presented itself. We were entertained as well as enlightened by addresses by a black professor, Samuel Proctor, on the problems of black education; by a noted political scientist, Martin Diamond, on keeping the university out of politics; by Congressman Albert Quie (R-Minn.) on educational legislation. We were bored by some of the other speeches, and we were exasperated by the abstractions, the monologues, the oracular utterances and gaseous exhalations which often dominated the workshop discussions — as sometimes happens when a professor or politician is present.

For me, at least, the most important experience of the week was the discovery of America. To people who live in New York, the rest of the country often seems as unreal as a landscape painted on a highway billboard. Far-flung trips take one naturally to Europe, where originated the subjects some of us in the Humanities teach. How curious, therefore, to find oneself at a tourist site in the National Park and hear not French, Italian, Spanish, Hebrew, German, or Swedish but only English, and American English at that!

However inane the workshop sessions sometimes became, they remained interesting to this observer because of the rare chance they offered of hearing people from all sections of the nation. There was something invigorating about hearing problems in higher education or ideas from the various cultural disciplines expressed not in the usual New York intellectual, educated British, or cultivated American Northeast dialects but in the

Israel Still Has Foes In Congress With Second Nixon Administration

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an Administration shift could be possible. With Viet Nam phasing out and Berlin under negotiation, the Middle East remains the major obstacle to Nixon's "generation of peace," his place in history, and his Nobel Peace Prize. One month ago Columnist Jack Anderson reported the State Department was, in fact, gearing up the old and hated Rogers Plan.

Furthermore, last month Arab governments in the Middle East won important concessions from American oil companies, who also happen to be contributors to the Republican Party. The Arab countries will be receiving 20 percent interest in the oil companies' Middle East holdings and will take over 51 percent of all oil facilities by 1980. The implications of this change of ownership are serious and were explained recently in the *Near East Report*.

"National [oil] companies, which operate at the pleasure of the ruling government, must be more responsive to local political trends than international companies. The new participation agreements could eventually transform oil supply companies into arms of the native governments and mechanisms of their national policy. When that policy is anti-Israel in nature, U.S. policy could come under pressure." For the sake of U.S. security,

U.S. policy could change very quickly.

In this season of paying-off political campaign debts, Nixon has the choice of repaying the Jews for their votes or the oil companies for their millions. Few will be surprised by his choice. And, of course, since Nixon is a second term president, there is no way of applying pressure in the reverse direction.

Of necessity, therefore, the protection of the interests of the Jews and Israel may eventually have to rest on Congress. The opportunity for influencing Congress is greater simply because of frequent elections.

How does the new Congress look on Israel? More or less, it will keep its pro-Israel posture, but there could be some changes. Now, after the election, Congressmen's political motives are missing.

In the Senate, while non-

friends Smith (Me.), Ellender (La.) and Cooper (Ky.) will be gone, Mark Hatfield (Ore.) will be returning for another six years to help William Fulbright and the Arab cause. In addition, the election of half-Lebanese James Abourezk (S. Dak.) could give Arabists another champion in the Senate.

In the House, the important changes are the loss of several

THE COMMENTATOR wishes to make the following announcement concerning student functions and YCSA. A master calendar will be set up by student council to insure that there are as few conflicting student activities as possible. All chairmen of clubs and societies are requested to submit their probable schedules for the coming month to Secretary-Treasurer M. Ruchelsman — Rubin 211 as soon as they are ready.

Jewish congressmen who were always reliable on Jewish and Israel issues. Among these are Abner Mikva (Ill.), Seymour Halpern (N.Y.), and Emanuel Celler (N.Y.). One or two other Jews will be entering the House, but it will certainly be impossible for them to have the same influence as someone like Celler.

Chess Club Indicates Boost In Attendance As Sign Of Success

Last summer's Fischer-Spassky chess championship classic has brought an increase in popularity of chess which has spread to YU. The attendance of the chess club, which meets every Thursday during club hour in room 213 Furst Hall, has nearly doubled. President Joe Bonder and Vice-President Nathan Vogel are planning an intramural tournament so Yeshiva's best can form a team to participate interscholastically next semester. They also plan to invite a master to take on the entire club at once. All chess players and beginners are invited to attend.

Historical Picture Of The Chazzan: A Shliach Tzibbur

(Continued from Page 3, Col. 3) to chazzanim performing on the stage are examined by Dr. Landman, including actual incidents.

Dr. Landman elaborates on the role of female cantors in the Middle Ages. In Worms and Nuremberg, during the thirteenth century, women with musical talent were appointed to lead female services, which were conducted in a separate building. Several of these female cantors, such as Richenza of Nuremberg and Urania of Worms, became well-known.

Cantor Nulman, who wrote the foreword to the book, told THE COMMENTATOR that the objective of the book is "to make it possible for the student as well as the layman to once and for all get a complete picture of how the shliach tzibbur functioned through the years." Though the book sells for six dollars, Cantor Nulman said that Yeshiva students can buy the book for five dollars.

Southern sing song, the Southwestern or Midwestern drawl. It was refreshing to travel distances which in Europe would have involved crossing a half dozen countries and cultures and still be in this vast realm with a common, if often zany, civilization. This Whitmanesque sense of the vastness, variety, and ultimate unity of America is what the Danforth people, wittingly or not, instilled in at least one participant.

A Review Of Last Year's Senate Resolutions

1. That on an ad hoc basis, and when the issue so warrants, a Senate-Faculty Conference Committee shall be established. This Committee shall have the power to bring its decision back to the Faculty and Senate for further consideration. [tabled]

2. The existing Social Science requirement shall be maintained. The Senate recommends that the Social Science Division look into the institution of a new integrated Social Science course, consisting of a two semester sequence, and report back to the senate with regard to the feasibility of this proposal. [passed]

3. All students at Yeshiva may fulfill a two credit Fine Arts requirement by taking either a two credit, one semester, "Introduction to Art Appreciation," or a two credit, one semester, "Introduction to Music Appreciation," or by taking the existing one credit, one semester, introductory courses in art and music.

[passed by the senate—vetoed by the faculty assembly]

4. A student may fulfill his Fine Arts requirement by taking the course in Art or Music in any one of his eight semesters at Yeshiva College. [passed]

5. The requirements in English for science and non-science majors shall be a one semester three hour, three credit course in English Composition (with a strict limit of ten students per section of this course), and a two semester sequence in English Literature. (English 3-4). [passed]

6. The foreign language requirement for non-science majors shall be the 2 level of proficiency in any foreign language other than Hebrew. The foreign language requirement for science majors shall be the 2 level of any foreign language (except Hebrew), or the 07-08 sequence of one of the scientific languages. [passed]

7. Any student meeting all

the requirements (including the UP examination requirement) of two departments at Yeshiva College, on his request shall be considered as having majored in both departments and have such recorded on his transcript. [passed]

8. Each department of Yeshiva College shall establish a minor whose requirements are to be set up by the department. A student need not take a UP examination in his minor as a requirement for graduation. Any student who wishes to pursue a minor in a department, may do so, by fulfilling that department's minor requirements, and will have such recorded on his college transcript at his request. [passed]

9. The Constitutional requirement for a quorum shall be changed from two from each group to one from each group, although twelve members would still be necessary. [tabled]

10. The maximum number

of credits given a student for an honors project shall be raised from two to three credits. In each case, the number of credits granted shall be determined by the sponsoring professor with the approval of the Scholastic Standing Committee. The sponsoring professor shall be invited to attend the meeting of the Scholastic Standing Committee at which the student's honors project is being considered. A maximum of six credits a semester may be granted a student for honors work. [passed]

11. An honors system for examinations shall be established at Yeshiva College. [tabled]

12. In courses taken for P-N, the grade of A shall be recorded as A, the grades of B, C, and D as P, and the grade of F as N. [passed by the senate — vetoed by the faculty assembly]

13. Courses recommended for a student's major may be taken for P-N with the per-

Pre-Med Society Plans For Films And Shabbatons

By MARTIN ELSANT

The Pre-Medical Honor Society was established at Yeshiva College a number of years ago by Dr. Saul Wischnitzer. It has grown to the point where today it represents the students of the largest academic major on campus. It is recognized by the prestigious international organization Alpha Epsilon Delta.

Although Dr. Wischnitzer continues to contribute much of his time to the Society, he prefers to allow the students to manage most of the society's activities. This year it is under the direction of Yale Shulman, president and Marvin Snow, vice president.

Basically, the students are the ones who arrange for the speakers and movies that help acquaint pre-meds with issues relevant to them. Last year, the Society organized a *Shabbaton* at which YC graduates, who were then attending medical schools, discussed various topics. These include merits of a three year medical college, the impact of curriculum changes in their respective schools and the special difficulties they encountered as Orthodox Jews.

This year, the Society is planning to have numerous activities and distinguished speakers. On Thursday, November 9, for example, a Ph.D., D.D.S., from Columbia will discuss the current admission policies of the Columbia medical school. A *Shabbaton* for this year is also being considered.

Any student wishing to submit LITERARY articles for the upcoming Literary Edition may do so by either handing in his typed articles to Isaac Mozeson-M205, Mark Koslowe-M221, or to THE COMMENTATOR mail box in the JSS office. Faculty and administrators are also invited to submit articles. The deadline is November 16.

YU Rabbis Differ In Halachic Viewpoints Concerning The 'New' Israeli Chief-Rabbi

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bis have spent most of their lives in Israel, Rabbi Besdin is confident that they are intimately aware of the country's issues and problems. When asked about the labeling of Goren as a liberal who tries to find "loopholes" in *halacha*, Rabbi Besdin stated, "There should be no doubt in anyone's mind that Rav Goren will not impinge on the *halacha*. A *maikel* in accordance with *halacha* has no less validity or standing than a *machmir* does."

Rabbi Besdin feels that Rav Goren's idea to convoke a worldwide council of rabbinical scholars is a marvelous one and that he should be commended for his willingness to consult with *gedolim* outside of Israel.

Desire For Change

Rabbi Israel Miller, President of the American Zionist Federation and Vice President for Student Affairs of Yeshiva University stated that the election expressed a desire by the voters for a change in Israel. He feels that the prominent theme and force behind the election was "a time for change." However, Rabbi Miller also believes that those who think that there will be radical change in Israel will be disappointed. Both Rabbis Goren and Yosef are *halachic* Jews though they may have a more liberal attitude towards life.

Rabbi Miller feels that there will be some difference felt because of Rabbi Goren's presence. According to the Rabbi, Rav Goren will not be afraid of the extremist element which adopts the position that only *chumrot* are valid.

Rabbi Miller also believes that since Rav Yosef has lived among the people, he is familiar with their life style and culture. It may be because of this that Yosef has stated that it is preferable for Sephardic girls to wear slacks rather than mini-skirts.

Civil Marriage

When asked about the problem of permitting civil marriages in Israel, Rabbi Miller stated, "One does not solve a problem by creating a bigger problem. Po-

litical ramifications and advantages become as important in such an issue as the religious aspect." It is Rabbi Miller's contention that Israel now lives in a time of strife and there is little possibility for a unification of all her diverse parties and factions. "War has swept the internal problems under the rug in the past. However, because of the comparative tranquility which exists now in Israel, these inner problems will emerge." Rabbi Miller does not feel that an international council of Rabbis is feasible and realistic at this time.

Good Motivation

Rabbi Yehuda Parness, a *rosh ha'yeshiva* in RIETS, feels that the motivation behind the election of Goren and Yosef is probably a good one. He believes that the Israelis wanted a Chief Rabbi who is more active in guidance and has a dynamic personality. However, Rabbi Parness feels that this motivation may be clouded by a desire for *hetarim* and the political aspects of the election. He stated that Rav Goren gives the impression of being a liberal and we must see action on Goren's part to prove that he, in actuality, passes a traditional, *halachic* outlook. "Go-

ren must clear up these charges through his own actions and speeches."

Rabbi Parness also stated, "There is good reason to believe there may be conflicts between Rabbis Yosef and Goren. Rav Yosef is more traditional in his approach."

Must Have Halacha

Rabbi Parness says that he has a strong fear that Rav Goren, in order to avoid the threat of civil marriage, may tread too dangerously with *halacha*. "If a *hetair* is not based on *halacha*, but is squeaked out through some absurd interpretation of the law, then besides being a *chilul Ha-Shem*, we as Jews are all jeopardized."

Rabbi Parness believes that the idea of an international council of rabbinical scholars is not feasible, because the greatest talmudic scholars are opposed to Rav Goren and only after he has gained the respect of these scholars can such an idea materialize.

In conclusion, Rabbi Parness stated that with the past Chief Rabbis, issues were floundering and no concrete action was being taken. However Rav Goren may act, but in his desire for action, may make the wrong decisions.

YCSC Discusses Jewish Poor And Various Topics

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Council was its agreement to support a benefit concert for Soviet Jewry, December 16, at Lamport Auditorium. Members of council were urged to promote this project and help sell tickets.

Chess Club

A request by the chess club for additional funds in order to buy more equipment was reviewed by the council. After some debate it was agreed that part of the money requested be granted now and that additional funds be supplied in the future if the club goes intercollegiate.

The Editor-in-Chief and the Governing Board of THE COMMENTATOR wish to extend a *refuah sh'lema* to Rabbi Samuel Volk. May he quickly return to his former duties in full health.

Other issues discussed centered around the installation of street and traffic lights in the campus area and the forthcoming evaluation of council committees.

David Mench, newly-elected freshman vice president was introduced to council. A run-off election for president and secretary treasurer of the freshman class was to be held sometime in the future.

Letters To The Editor

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be simply that their priorities are not the same as the one shared by the members of YCSC. It may even be that the members of the other student councils have no "good" reason for refusing to co-sponsor an activity. In an case, YCSC does not, as it did not in the past, have the monopoly on the determination of the proper use of student funds. YCSC knows its own priorities, but, contrary to what I find implied in the article and to the conditions which had precipitated the Rabinowitz plan in the past, YCSC cannot, and should not, determine the priorities of

any of the other student councils. YCSC may find itself on the short end of things, but hurling the epithet "unfair" at a plan which remains the most equitable plan for the distribution of funds becomes tantamount to crying when you lose the game. There are ways to work within the plan and still maintain the integrity of the other three student councils. "Knocking the Establishment," is a convenient way out.

Michael Ira Ross '69

CULTURAL COMPLAINT To the Editor:

THE COMMENTATOR seems

to find YC an almost perfect college. One of the only things marred its reputation is the choice of lectures chosen for the Gottesman series (editorial Oct. 12, 1972). I'd like to voice my disapproval over the editorial.

To quote your editorial, "student art clubs are almost non-existent," and that nothing can "arouse a sudden new fervor for art" at YC and SC. Let me acquaint THE COMMENTATOR with the Cultural Club of YCSC. The authors of the article must have been on leave last year since they show a complete ignorance of the club's activities. As one of its activities, the club sponsored an art exhibit last year. (While using no funds from YCSC, the club was one of the only active groups on campus the entire year.) The exhibit consisted of only original, quality artwork contributed by the faculty, administration and students of YC and SC. If you consider an attendance during the six days the exhibit was open, of over 700 a lack of interest in art and still consider there are no art clubs at YC, I apologize for writing this letter. Our exhibit displayed an immense enthusiasm and received an overwhelming response. Our exhibit encouraged and helped Stern have their own exhibit.

We applaud the Gottesman series for picking the topic it did. YC has become too pre-med oriented. One need not go into the value and contribution of art in our lives. (Comme carried a front page feature on art.) This lecture certainly will not make YC perfect. I think THE COMMENTATOR would have done better voicing its opinion on some more urgent problem.

Abraham Blank, Chmn. Cultural Club

A Review Of Last Year's Senate Resolutions

mission of the head of a student's major department.

[passed]

14. Upper freshmen shall be permitted to take a course for P-N. [referred to Scholastic Standing Committee]

15. Remedial Speech (Speech C) shall be removed from students' transcripts and shall be considered a service of the university. [passed]

16. Students shall be granted the option of taking either the UP exam or a departmental comprehensive exam formulated by their major department. [defeated]

17. A student shall be permitted to take three credits P-N towards his minor. [passed by the senate - vetoed by the faculty assembly]

18. The first elective course taken by a student towards his minor may be taken for P-N. [passed]

19. Effective as of Fall 1972, the P-N system shall be modified as follows: Students shall indicate in advance whether

they prefer to receive their earned grade or a P (for grades A, B, and C) and whether they prefer to receive a D or an N. The grade of F shall be recorded as N.

[passed]

20. An instructor may, at his discretion, exempt any student from the final examination in his course; provided, however, that a student may request a final examination even though he is exempt, and that a teacher must have other tangible means of grading those students whom he exempts. [referred to Scholastic Standing Committee]

21. A student who receives a grade of 650 or higher on the Hebrew College Board Achievement Test shall be exempt from Hebrew 1-2. [passed by the senate - vetoed by the faculty assembly]

22. The Yeshiva College Senate Constitution shall be amended as follows: "Yeshiva College Student Council shall select six representatives to

the Senate, comprised of at least three but no more than four members of the senior class, the remainder being selected from the junior class."

[passed]

23. Credits earned by AP and CLEP exams shall not be included in the forty-three credit per year limit. [referred to Scholastic Standing Committee]

24. Pre-engineering majors shall have the option of receiving either a B.A. or a B.S. degree. [tabled]

25. Yeshiva College shall offer pre-medical, pre-dental, pre-engineering. [tabled]

26. It is recommended that the college offer one section of English 4 and Math 2.1 in the Fall term, and one section of English 3 and Math 1.1 in Spring term. [passed]

27. That each department faculty elect in September-October a department Advisory Committee consisting of 2 department members and 2 student majors, preferably se-

nors, with the function of advising students on careers and guiding them academically, and with the power of submitting new course offerings and major requirements first to the Senior Professor, then to the Department, and finally to the Senate, if necessary and desired. [passed]

28. That a committee consisting of three faculty, three students, and one alumnus be established to study the possibility of YC's offering a B.S. degree. [passed]

29. That English 1.1 and Speech 1 be graded P-N for a one year period with the respective departments reporting back to the Senate at the end of the one-year experiment. [withdrawn]

30. That the course Parliamentary Procedure and Organizational Procedure be approved as an interdisciplinary course involving the department of Speech and the department of Political Science. [passed]

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EASTERN The Wings of Man.

Yeshiva's Hockey Team Is Alive & Flourishing; Fheeneys Hope To Have A Completed Team

(Continued from Page 8, Col. 3) only part of a general complaint that Yeshiva players had. In league competition, teams play six on six (5 players and a goalie), but it is now apparent that the Yeshiva gym is too small to accommodate all the players. The number of players made it difficult to play. Hard body-checking and little room for maneuvering resulted in the penalty spree that the officials had. It was recommended that any games played in our gym be played 5 on 5. This would allow for more running time due to less penalty calls, and a better passing game by both teams. The collegiate hockey season will get underway on Nov. 8 with Columbia coming here to play Yeshiva. It is hoped that by gametime, the problem of

penalties and of players will have been settled.

Besides penalties, the play of the game was fairly even. Shots at the net were about the same. Offensive leaders for Yeshiva were Rich Wolpoe, M. Katz, Barry Listernick, and Judah Gopin. Brooklyn put together a fair offense and defense, while

Yeshiva had a mediocre offense and a poor defense.

Proving that Yeshiva does indeed need a hockey team and intramural program was the very large turnout of students at the exhibition game. Included among the Yeshiva fans was Professor Tauber, a man constantly working for the benefit of the hockey club.

Bowlers Hope To Win; Expect Fair Standing

(Continued from Page 8, Col. 5) with 413 pins. When the team scores in the league came out at 0 points out of a possible 21, the team promised to pull off the bottom in the next match.

First Victory

On October 29, in a very close match, Yeshiva picked up its first two points against John Jay College of Criminal Justice. Each game was very close, a matter of a few pins, but thanks to Mark Breslow who bowled a fantastic 204, and Artie Elterman's 175, Yeshiva won its first game.

Although we lost in total pins 2212 to 2141, we still brought our first points with a 771 against a 683.

On that Sunday, YU also bowled against New York Tech. The team bowled a 675 in its first game against the much better score of the other team's 902. Thanks again to Mark Breslow and a new bowler, Yankee Poleyeff, the team kept a steady number of pins falling, but not enough to beat Tech. Yeshiva lost the match by over 400 pins, 2511 to 2071.

With Mark, Nahum, and Leo leading off along with Ertie Elterman, Jeff Joseph, Joel Freudenberg, Jay Shoulson and Yankee Poleyeff, there is no reason who Yeshiva can't grab a fair spot in the league.

NEWS IN BRIEF

THREE YC and FOUR JSS faculty members have been included in the 1972 edition of Outstanding Educators of America—an annual publication listing many of the nation's most distinguished men and women in the field of education. Those selected from YC were Dr. Helmut E. Adler, Dr. Joseph Dunner, and Dr. Saul Wischnitzer. Included from JSS were Rabbi Benjamin Blech, Rabbi Meir Fulda, Rabbi Steven Riskin, and Rabbi Sherman D. Siff.

JACK NUSSBAUM has been appointed acting director of student finances of Yeshiva University. He has been assistant director since 1969 and is an alumnus of YC and EMC.

DANIEL BESSIN, student of YC and YP, has been recently elevated to the position of feature editor of THE COMMENTATOR replacing Mitchell Wolfson. Danny is an English major and has just returned from a year at Yeshivat Kerem B'yavne in Israel.

YOM IYUN was conducted at Yeshiva on Thursday, November 2. The program of speakers sponsored by SOY included Rabbi J. Parnes who discussed the Yeshiva Student and His Search for Identity; Rabbi J. D. Blech on Halachah and Medical Ethics; Rabbi D. Berger on Polemics; and Rabbi J. Penkower on Maimonides Masoretic Text and the Aleppo Code. The evening program offered Rabbi Riskin who's topic was the controversial issue of "Who is a Jew?" He was critical of a recent halachic decision of Israel's newly elected Chief Rabbi Goren and stressed the need of an institute for conversion.



Paul Millman
Rabbi Steven Riskin

A SIX-MAN SOVIET SCIENTIFIC DELEGATION led by Dr. Mstislav V. Keldysh, president of the Soviet Academy of Science, have been repeatedly confronted concerning Soviet Jewry on their recent visit to the United States. Among those to approach these scientists was Dr. Philip Handler, president of the National Academy of Science and last year's guest speaker of Yeshiva's Gottesman Lecture Series. He conveyed a message he had received from Six Soviet Jewish scientists who were denied exit permits because of their positions as "valued specialists" and consequently removed from those very positions. These Soviet delegates faced similar confrontations throughout the remainder of their visit.

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Yeshiva's Hockey Team Is Alive & Flourishing; Fheeneys Hope To Have A Completed Team

By ALAN SILVERSTEIN

Yeshiva hockey, despite previous reports, is alive and flourishing on the hardwood of the gym floor. Within the last two weeks, Yeshiva students have participated in three intramural games and one bruising, hard-fought exhibition game.

The intramural hockey program has been going full blast since Oct. 24 when the Seniors went one up in the win column, and the Juniors one down. The Freshmen class fared no better, being totally outplayed in their first game. The sophomores picked up an easy 10-0 rout in an intramural played Oct. 25 against the freshmen. The next game pitted the two losers against each other. While both teams are trying to pick up the pieces, the Juniors, a strong team, once again suffered a surprising defeat at the hand of the Freshmen, losing 3-2. Three more intramural games, sophomores vs. seniors, seniors vs. freshmen, and sophomores vs. juniors, are scheduled in the near future.

Exhibition Excitement

The real excitement, though was generated by an exhibition game played Nov. 1st against Brooklyn College. The feeling many Yeshiva students had was that there would be no contest. Considering that Yeshiva had a perfect record last year, students and players were surprised when Brooklyn played Yeshiva to a near standoff, with Brooklyn finally winning 6-3.

Of course, many reasons explaining the Yeshiva loss were offered, but the players generally agreed that the factor of penalties was the main reason. Due to the fact that Yeshiva is planning to join the New York branch of the Boston-based Northeast



Paul Millman

Fheeneys: face-off at "center-wood."

Hockey League, it was suggested that Yeshiva try out league playing rules in the exhibition game. League rules call for a penalty shot to be taken when a player commits an infraction. Yeshiva, though, has previously played sending the man who committed the infraction to a penalty "box" to sit out a certain amount of time.

It seemed that the tempo of the game was run by the officials due to the high number of penalties called; because of this, Yeshiva had a better chance to win the game than Brooklyn. Seven penalties were called against Brooklyn, and four

against Yeshiva. Yeshiva stick-handlers went flat against the Brooklyn goalie, going 0 for 7 on penalty shots, whereas Brooklyn players, particularly the play of Ira Jasser, slipped the puck past our goalies thrice, going 3 for 4. Almost all agreed that the penalty shot did not work well. One of the referees, Mike Rubin, team captain of the Columbia hockey team and league organizer for the NY branch, said that upon his return to Boston, he would inform league officials of the complaints lodged against the penalty rule.

The penalty rule, though, was (Continued on Page 7, Col. 1)

Fencing Team Hopeful Diligence, Hard Work The Key To Success

By ELI GOLDNER

"Advance! Lunge! Advance! Lunge!" is what you would hear if you came down to the YU gym at 8:00 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays. Coach Tauber would be doing the yelling as he would be heading another long, hard fencing team practice.

After exercising for thirty minutes, the team, including a fresh crop of novices (mostly freshmen), pair off to practice with their respective weapons; saber, épée or foil. At the same time Coaches Tauber and Marcell, both maestros in the art of fencing, proceed to give each varsity fencer a lesson. The evening practices last about two hours.

Development

For the '72-'73 season, the Fencing Team has undertaken a year of development and growth. The team has lost many of its first string starters but still has a few veterans. Coach Tauber is presently working toward developing a strong squad for the near future.

Although the team's hopes are for a better than 500 season, only continuous work and time will tell as to how the team develops. Barring all injuries, and with the team working diligently, it has an excellent chance for a victorious season. Being the winningest team in the past, the YU Follers will once again give their all this coming season.

Freshmen Win In Intramurals; Kerzer, Menche Lead Scoring

By YANKEE POLEYEFF

Displaying some awesome basketball potential, the Freshmen surprised the Seniors, 59-44, in their first intramural basketball game ever. Twenty-six men were in uniform for the Freshmen, and a few of the more talented ballplayers languished on the bench. Nevertheless, the team did pin a solid defeat on the Seniors.

The Seniors came very close on two occasions during the game. After being down 8-2 at the start, they closed the gap 13-12 early in the second quarter. But the Freshmen's first-half star, Paul Lerer, led an eleven point Freshmen burst to widen the margin, eventually ending the first half with a 31-17 advantage.

Seniors Close Lead

After Lerer fouled out early in the third quarter, something which no team leader should allow himself to do, the Seniors came to within four points of the lead, 37-33. This time, the Freshmen's second-half hero, Dave Menche, led an eight-point spurt

which carried into the fourth quarter, putting the game on ice. The Freshmen also closed the game with eight more points in a row.

Lerer, despite playing just a little over half the game, scored 18 points. Menche started shooting in earnest after Lerer was through and ended with 22 points, 14 coming in the fourth period. Marty Kerzer and Mike Smith paced the Seniors' scoring with 13 and 10 points respectively.

Taking a look at the future prospect of these clubs, the freshmen have the shooting talent, but lack an experienced ball-

SPORTS ANALYSIS

YC's Athletes Predict A Season Of Success

By STEVE REISBAUM

This year's varsity teams are all working on achieving two major goals. First, and most obviously they are eagerly anticipating greatly improved records this season. Second, they are hoping to get support from the supposed fans at YU. Too often, the second never comes without the first, yet paradoxically, the first is very much aided by the latter.

Unfortunately, neither of the projected goals have frequented YU in the recent past. We believe that this year, the teams are working diligently and will in most cases achieve their first goal. The realization of the second goal will only come together with the personal involvement of every member of the Yeshiva student body.

Extra Edge

It is impossible to overestimate the effect of fans on the athletes. According to Professor Tauber, the coach of the fencing team, each man gives a little bit extra when he knows that the fans are watching. "When there are no fans to cheer us on, the fencers merely go through their moves instead of fencing with any type of spirit."

The Mighty Mites' Coach Jonathan Halpert says that it is impossible to measure fan attendance in points, but the team obviously moves better as a unit when urged on by spectators. Coach Halpert realizes that with

the double program, attending games is extremely difficult, and therefore, he has made schedule changes to partially alleviate the situation.

Easy Access

Weeknight home games will now be played at JFK High School, easily accessible by bus, as opposed to the usual Queens school gym. Sunday afternoon home games have been scheduled at John Bowne with MJHSL games to precede the YU matches. Season's tickets will also be sold at a great savings.

Just hearing the scream of Knick fans can send chills up one's spine. We are in no way suddenly expecting 19,500 people at any of our events, but there is no excuse for not filling the stands available.

The reason for having teams of any kind is to benefit the fans. This year the teams are working harder than ever to bring a respectable sports name to Yeshiva. It is now up to the students to prove to the athletes that there is a reason for them to continue their efforts. They must be shown that the supposed Yeshiva sports fan has turned into the Yeshiva sports fan.

Who's Whose

ENGAGED:

- David Schapiro '73 to Rachel Eisenberg
- Marvin Itzkowitz '73 to Sara Rimler
- Steven Winter '74 to Linda Wolfson
- Stan Richman '73 to Batsheva Shemaryahu
- Barry Katz '72 to Meryl Brody
- David Zlatin '72 to Gilda Tatarka
- Danny Weiner '71 to Phyllis Mandel

Yeshiva Bowlers Anticipate Winning; Expect Fair Showing In Standings



Jay Shoulson

YU bowlers in spare time strike a pose.

By JAY SHOULSON

On October 22, Yeshiva's bowlers marched into Bowlmor Lanes for what was to be a sure victory, but the team disappointingly lost by a few hundred pins. The first game of the match had four scores below 150, but by the second game Yeshiva's total was up in the 800's. However, no matter how strong Yeshiva became,

Fordham always stayed slightly ahead since they had two members who bowled in the 200's.

Leo Frischman, Nahum Swinkin and Mark Breslow deserve credit for being the only consistent bowlers on the team. Mark led the team with a total of 524 pins, Nahum held second with 434 pins, and Leo anchored (Continued on Page 7, Col. 2)

Swimming Plan Scheduled, Includes Red Cross Course

By NEAL YAROS

This year's swimming program at YU promises to be as exciting as in previous years. Instruction will be given in all levels of the American National Red Cross Safety Program, with courses ranging from beginner's through Senior Life Saving. Those students satisfactorily completing the Senior Life Saving program will receive the license necessary to work as a lifeguard.

Herb Schneider, who heads the program, has earned the Water Safety Instructor and First Aid Instructor awards. Last year he was the recipient of the Nathan Openbacher Award which is

awarded annually to the Yeshiva student who most excels in physical training.

In order to enable participants of the program to achieve their greatest potential, it has been arranged to have the pool, which is located at George Washington High School, open on Tuesday and Thursday nights in addition to the Monday and Wednesday nights that the pool is normally open for classes. All Yeshiva students will be admitted free of charge upon the presentation of their I.D. cards.

There will be fifteen instructors to insure that personal attention is given to every student.