

# Faculty Argues Over Senate's Suggestions

By STEVEN MANDELSBERG

At its meeting of November 8, the Faculty Assembly of Yeshiva College, considered Senate proposals to establish a departmental advisory committee, and a course in medical ethics at YC and enable a student to take any required course, except English 1.1, when he chooses. Under a new policy, the Faculty Assembly allows students to attend its meetings when Senate business is discussed.

Comprised of two department members and two student majors with the function of guiding students academically, the departmental advisory committee has the power of initiating new course offerings. While the establishment of this committee was unanimously approved, the proposed institution of a medical ethics course was vetoed, largely because of the Assembly's con-

tention that the course was passed by the Senate before passing through proper channels.

## Legality of Procedure

Before being validated, a new course must be submitted first to the senior professor, then to the department (and division, if required), and finally to the Senate. Although the Senate may discuss any new course offering, the "legality of the procedure involved in approving the medical ethics course" was questioned by several Assembly members. Other members, however, voiced different objections.

Dubious of the propriety of instituting an ethics course only in the medical field and not in other areas as well, Doctors Fleisher and Hyman, believed such a course might raise serious questions about the liberal arts status of YC. "If we are offering a course in medical ethics," he asked, "why not offer ethics courses in all other subjects? . . . We must ask ourselves whether this institution is a liberal arts or professional school."

## Necessary Course

But the majority of those members who expressed an opinion favored the idea of a medical ethics course, indicating that if properly submitted, the course would be approved. Dr. Levine of the Chemistry department, pointing out the "necessity for such a course," suggested that it accentuate ethics "from the Halachic standpoint."

The final measure considered (Continued on Page 4, Col. 3)



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Faculty Assembly giving weighty consideration to recently passed Senate proposals.

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## Jewish Poor Receive Additional City Funds Through Intermediary

By AVI BITON

Mayor John V. Lindsay announced on November 6 a grant of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars to the newly formed Metropolitan New York Coordinating Council on Jewish Poverty. The grant was accepted by Coordinating Council chairman Jerome Becker.

The Coordinating Council, representing thirty national and neighborhood Jewish organizations, will use the money to establish community action programs to aid the almost 300,000 Jewish poor who live both within and outside of the city's twenty-six poverty areas.

The grant is the first to be given to a metropolitan Jewish organization to aid poor Jews regardless of their area of residence. 150,000 dollars of this allotment will be used immediately for residents of the Lower East Side of Manhattan and the Grand Concourse-Tremont section of the Bronx.

## Sudden Awareness

The formation of the Coordinating Council and subsequent grant are the results of much pressure by Jewish committees and organizations. This sudden awareness of and interest in the Jewish poor is the consequence of several studies on the subject.

One such analysis entitled "The Jewish Poor and the War Against Poverty" — showed that of the approximately quarter of a million indigent Jews in New York, two-thirds (about 180,000) were over the age of sixty and subsequently excluded from benefits under the law because of minimal appropriations for the aged. Others among the Jewish poor were similarly barred from benefits due to their residence outside of designated poverty areas.

## Reviews

This and other reports on the Jewish poor have demanded extensive revisions in the existing anti-poverty system including the Economic Opportunity Act. A need to provide for the poor who do not reside in defined poverty communities; give greater aid to the aged; and to change the New York City anti-poverty program administration to assure greater representation from the Jewish community have also been proposed.

Many Jewish leaders have expressed the hope that this city grant is the first step toward the fulfillment of these goals.

## Senate Defeats Proposal About Grades; Drs. Fleisher And Tendler Desire Changes

By STEVEN MANDELSBERG

After debate that lasted for three sessions, the Senate, on November 16, defeated a proposal that would have radically altered the grading standards at

Yeshiva College. The measure, which would have eliminated the grades of D and F, and replaced F with a no credit rating which would not be recorded in a student's transcript sent to other colleges, encompassed all courses at YC. A similar proposal, applying only to English 1.1, was approved.

At times becoming enmeshed in technicalities, discussion of the proposal's wording and purport branched out in several directions. Some faculty representatives, like Drs. Fleisher (the proposal's sponsor) and Tendler, favored the proposal and discerned no difference between abolishing D and F grades in English composition and all other courses. Accusing these grades of "stigmatizing and unfairly penalizing the student," Dr. Fleisher noted they were only "doing a great disservice to the college."

Dr. Tendler said he "could see no reason why English should be singled out" as the only course to which the proposal should apply. He added that those who limited their support of changing grading methods to English 1.1 were being "intellectually dishonest with themselves."

Representing a different opinion were those who favored applying the proposal exclusively to English 1.1. Through an amendment initiated by Rabbi Charlop, the over-all proposal was subdivided into three sections: applying to 1) English 1.1. 2) all required courses fulfilling general degree requirements. 3) all courses at YC. Since many Senate members believed English 1.1 to be a "necessary skill" distinct from other subjects, this amendment enabled them to split their support.

## Record Falsification

A principal contention of those who opposed the proposal was with the stipulation that the grade of no credit, substituting for D and F, not be recorded in the transcript forwarded to graduate schools. Drs. Hyman and Connolly indicated that this

would amount to lying about a student's academic prowess. Not only does this constitute "falsifying a student's record," Dr. Hyman pointed out, but "it would be inappropriate not to report a D or failure if this is his level of accomplishment."

Concurring with this appraisal, Dean Bacon warned that passage of the proposal may adversely affect a student's chances of gaining admittance to graduate school. Since a student who failed a course would be allowed, according to the proposal, to take it until he passes and his no credit ratings would

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## Recital For Cello And Piano Presented By Cultural Club

By HOWARD WIEDER

The Culture Club of Yeshiva College sponsored, on November 15, "A Recital of Chamber Music for Cello and Piano." The program featured Eliezer Dreyfus, a senior at Yeshiva College, playing the cello and Marion Cohen, a member of the faculty of the Manhattan School of Music, at the piano.

The event, which was held at the Faculty Lounge of Furst Hall, was attended by a standing-room-only crowd of approximately 150.

Mr. Dreyfus and Miss Cohen, who appeared jointly for the

Miss Cohen, a noted professional pianist, has toured extensively throughout the United States and Canada.

## Talent Appreciated

Abe Blank, the chairman of the Cultural Club, contended that "the range of people who came here — alumni, administration, faculty and students — showed that the Yeshiva community appreciates the talent offered. The Culture Club assures a high quality presentation as demonstrated by this performance."

This new campus club was founded a year ago to provide



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Eliezer Dreyfus and Marion Cohen give recital for Y.C. community.

first time, played selections from the works of Robert Schumann, Claude Debussy, Felix Mendelssohn, and Cesar Franck.

Previously a student at the Julliard School of Music, Mr. Dreyfus plans a career in professional music. He has mastered the piano as well as the cello.

a cultural outlet and environment for the Yeshiva community.

A student art exhibit, sponsored by the culture club, is now in the planning stage. Other activities projected for this year include more student recitals, a photo contest, and the formation of a choral group.

## Syria's Brutality Against All Jews Declining Slightly

By DAVID BLASS

According to the latest reports, the Jewish minority of approximately 4,500 persons in Syria continues to be denied basic human rights.

With the exception of three or four Jewish families, the remaining Jewish population lives in separate sections of Damascus, Aleppo, and Qamishki. Secret police, who maintain their headquarters in these areas, impose a 10 p.m. curfew on the Jewish residents. Persons who violate this order and relatives of escapees are frequently subjected to severe police brutality.

## Travel Permits

Jews may not travel more than three miles from their homes unless they receive special permission. Permits for inter-city travel are still rarely issued to Jews, and those Jews seeking them must provide a valid reason for travel.

Syrian authorities have also denied Jews who are foreign nationals, the right to leave the country. In one incident which occurred a year ago the Syrian government refused to grant a family with Italian citizenship permission to emigrate. Although the members of the family had (Continued on Page 5, Col. 1)

## Promises Unkept

General inactivity is something that the student body has come to expect from the Yeshiva College Student Council of recent years. The present Student Council is, however, especially disappointing in one particular sense.

It had been fervently hoped that this year's YCSC would be different from those that had come before it. During a very heated campaign, it was clear that the major issue was now great a leadership role the Student Council should play in setting the spiritual tone of the school. When the balloting had finally ended, many of those elected to YCSC, including certain of its leaders, were the candidates who had advocated that Student Council should take a leading part in raising the spiritual consciousness of the student body.

The supporters of the new Council members, as well as the entire undergraduate population, had every reason to believe that the promises made on the "campaign trail" were more than empty rhetoric. We felt sure that the pledges which had been made would be honored in the coming administration.

Unfortunately, this has not yet occurred. Besides some talk about greater involvement in Jewish affairs, few concrete steps have been taken to realize the noble intentions of our student leaders. *Shitrim* by noted Torah scholars, social events with religious contexts (such as *Mesibot Rosh Chodesh*), and meetings on pressing Jewish problems have been few and far between.

The pledges made before last year's elections dealt with one of the most basic responsibilities of student government at Yeshiva. Their unfulfillment cannot be ignored.

## Honorable Mention

Encore!

Bravo Eliezer Dreyfus!  
Bravo Marion Cohen!  
Bravo Yeshiva College Cultural Club, sponsors of last week's great rental!

## Dean's Prerogative

At its Assembly of November 8, the Faculty of Yeshiva College vetoed a Senate item establishing a course in medical ethics. And lest anyone surreptitiously remark that they were against ethics in medicine, the faculty reported that its veto had been motivated by a procedural issue: the necessity for the Senate to first check things out with the departments involved and to submit a full course description.

While the intention of the faculty, to be sure, was not to bury the course, the immediate effect is exactly that: until the course can go through regular channels again, there will be no course in medical ethics in the college. And it is not yet certain that anyone is pursuing the laborious matter of getting together a full course description with the approval of the departments involved.

A simple tactic that would go a long way toward eliminating both these problems would be for the Dean to offer the course next semester as a "Dean's experimental course" — an avenue which has been employed in the past and is entirely within the Dean's power. In this way, the course would be available to students immediately and, by necessity, someone would be prodded into creating a course description. This would also enable the Senate to easily and quickly satisfy the procedural requirements of the faculty.

That Yeshiva College should have for so long sent its pre-meds into the medical profession without sufficient knowledge of the ethical problems involved is inexcusable; for the college to now delay the course even one semester when a simple remedy exists would be to compound neglect with neglect.

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## Commentator's Complaint

There above Steinberg's Delicatessen on the Lower East Side of CBS, Catholic Bridget loves Jewish Bernie; and another Jew is lost. While Bernie gets sick over his in-laws' ham — or eats it [*lehachis*] (in spite) — and Bridget gets sick over Momma's gefilte fish, Jewish kids and teenagers see that — after all — it's pretty romantic and chic to make it with a nice gentile. And if the parents are against it, it's an even cuter relationship.

The show has all it takes to be successful: a handsome couple, Archie Bunkerisms, Alka Seltzer Jewishisms and characters, a terrific slot between two hit shows, and admittedly, it has humor. The Jewish producers and writers are laughing all the way to the bank.

True, it's 1972, but "Bridget Loves Bernie" is still offensive and obnoxious. The *portnoyesque* show makes insidious mockery of Jews, Judaism, and Jewish observance, and it must be protested.

Recently, the Orthodox Rabbinical Council of Washington, D.C. voiced its objections and abhorrence of the show in a resolution directed to CBS and the sponsors of "Bridget Loves Bernie." THE COMMENTATOR urges similar action be undertaken by the rabbinic alumni of Yeshiva University, by the official student offices of Yeshiva and Stern, and by the individual members of the student body. Letters of protest should be addressed to:

Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS)  
Executive Offices  
51 West 52nd Street  
New York, N.Y.

For the convenience of those who would otherwise not write, a letter form is printed below.

(Ed. note: The above editorial is excerpted from a letter written by Contributing Editor Lenny Davis and printed in the New York Times last month.)

### THE COMMENTATOR Yeshiva University

Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS)  
Executive Offices  
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New York, N.Y.

Dear Sirs:

Re: "Bridget Loves Bernie"

I protest the mockery, "*Bridget Loves Bernie*" makes of Jews, Judaism, and Jewish observance. The *portnoyesque* program is both obnoxious and offensive.

I demand the show's cancellation or a radical change in its format.

### From the Editor's Desk



## Behind Locked Doors

By Mark Koslowe

When is the last time you have asked for your cumulative average? — If you are a senior this average along with your class rank is needed for graduate school applications. How often have you checked on whether your transcript has been properly sent? — Again, if you are a senior, you've done it quite often. Even if you are not a senior the maze of forms, duplications, etc., is enough to deter the most noble freshman.

Superficially, this entirely inefficient network (excluding the actual registration of courses, which improves yearly) are the attitudes of some personnel. We start with the upper echelons of the Registrar's Office, Professor Silverman. Many of his characteristics are known to the student body but an example is quite instructive.

One senior, unwittingly asked a most "impertinent" question — his class rank. The reply was that class ranking is not calculated until June (when, of course, it is no longer needed). In conclusion, the student received an additional warning that if more P-N courses were taken by students no averages would be calculated (as they would obviously be meaningless).

However, through our involvement with the Undergraduate Council, an extra feature was noted. The commencement date has recently come under discussion (this semester), with students meeting with the Committee on Ceremonial Occasions (COCO). Professor Silverman claimed that it was he who informed the students

that once the calendar was passed, the dates on it (including commencement exercises) became finalized. All the student members at the actual meeting assert that it was the Professor who stated that this final date could be decided upon next year and only opening date was permanent.

At the COCO meeting the Professor also stated that THE COMMENTATOR placed the calendar in the May 17 edition (of last term) using this as proof of its permanence. While we thank Professor Silverman for quoting us, we printed that the vote by the YC student body was a tentative acceptance. Clearly, a communications gap exists between one year and the next.

The secondary (but not to be overlooked) division of the Registrar's Office is the secretary. There have been too many cases where transcripts have not been sent, especially within the paid-for time period. Students have received notification from their graduate schools that transcripts have not arrived — and this is not due to the mail system.

We do not wish to deride the secretaries who work in this office, as some students are noisy and obnoxious. But some courtesy rather than a sharp remark could be extended to students if they have reasonable requests. With the construction of a partition in the office (and its possible outcome), we can only wonder how any problems will be heard. In general, we find this section of the office a maze of forms and red tape, and unnecessarily so.

The issuance of data for students: averages, class rank, transcripts all requires some effort by this office. Yet the drive to provide quicker and improved service is lacking. The symptom of non-effort towards service to the students was predominant in the last COCO meeting. Not that the committee has failed to act upon the graduation date, for it has most readily. Rather, the playmate matters brought up awards not being processed in time or graduation programs unformulated represents this basic problem.

At the last COCO meeting (an executive meeting with student leaders) Professor Silverman boldly stated that he will no longer formulate the academic calendar. Assuredly, the students will not stand in his way.

## Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

I should like to offer my congratulations to Yeshiva College on its appointment of Professor David Fleisher to the Abraham Wolk Family Professorship in English literature. It gives me great pleasure to see a man so deserving of honor and respect recognized in this way by the institution to which he has given so much.

I was fortunate enough to study under Professor Fleisher for four years, and clearly recall that to take his courses was something very special in my Yeshiva College days. I believe that those of us who signed up term after term had a unique sense of fellowship which, in all honesty, was probably a combination of devotion and egotism. We all knew that we would work hard, that we would have to earn our grades; we also knew we were getting what wasn't available elsewhere. And we enjoyed ourselves, simply because of the pleasure of his company.

When I went on to do graduate (Continued on Page 6, Col. 3)

# The Free Synagogue Asserts New 'Spirit'; Culture, Pre-Rabbinics Reform Movement Sanctions Women Clergy Join Other Activities



Jewish Institute of Religion  
Rabbi Priesand with Torah

By HOWARD SCHRANZ

"The aim of the Free Synagogue is to reassert the democratic ideal of Israel, to democratize anew the spirit and form alike of the present day Synagogue — Stephen S. Wise." So reads the plaque in the lobby of the Stephen Wise Free Synagogue, 30 West 68 Street, one of New York's leading Reform temples.

The Free Synagogue has a long history of radical reforms, but its most recent "democratizing" act has been newsmaking throughout the Jewish world. Two months ago, the Free Synagogue hired America's first woman rabbi, Sally J. Priesand, as its assistant spiritual leader.

Rabbi Priesand explained to THE COMMENTATOR that the idea of a female rabbi, though without precedent in the United States, is not entirely new on the other side of the Atlantic. Early in this century, Lily Montague, one of the leaders of the

European Reform Movement, served a congregation in Britain, but the young woman was never ordained.

## Women Clergy

In 1922, the Reform movement officially sanctioned women clergy, but it was not until the early thirties, Rabbi Sally explained, that the German Reform community ordained Regina Jonas as the first official woman rabbi. Owing to strong opposition, however, Rabbi Jonas could not find a pulpit and was forced to serve as chaplain in an old age home outside Munich. Unfortunately, the fraulein's career was brief. Young Rabbi Jonas died in Auschwitz less than a decade after her historic ordination.

Rabbi Priesand, though, is this country's first. A native of Cleveland, Rabbi Sally first wanted to become a rabbi in tenth grade, where she was the only Jew in her high school. She had always

firmly believed in God, in the worth of the individual, in the worth of Judaism as a way of life, and in the need to perpetuate Reform Judaism.

Feeling that the best way to achieve her goals was through the rabbinate, Sally entered Cincinnati's Hebrew Union College — Jewish Institute of Religion, immediately after receiving her B.A. in English from the University of Cincinnati. There she was well-received both by the other students and by the late Nelson Glueck, the College's chancellor. Until his death over a year ago, Glueck strongly supported Sally and helped her obtain key assignments as a student rabbi and as Rabbinic Intern at the prestigious Isaac M. Wise Temple in Cincinnati, where she served till her ordination last June.

Although not a member of the Women's Movement, Rabbi Sally (Continued on Page 6, Col. 1)

By GARY LYPSTEIN

On any given day a Yeshiva University student is presented with a barrage of announcements from the various clubs and societies at school. Many such activities go unnoticed however, buried among all the signs and flyers plastered along Yeshiva's halls. A clarification of some of the activities and purposes of a few campus organizations would be welcomed by many a confused student.

A fairly new society is the Pre-Rabbinic Society. The PRS caters to those students whose interests lie in the Rabbinate, the Jewish education field, or any other related profession. They also welcome those students who have not pinpointed their profession but have an interest in this general field.

The PRS has arranged for quite an array of speakers to participate in this year's guest lecture series. These lectures, highlighted by such notables as Rabbi Fabian Schonfeld and Rabbi Dr. Sidney Hoenig, offer the prospective Rabbinic student a chance to interrelate with established professionals in the Rabbinic field. This not only stimulates the student intellectually, but affords them the opportunity to get to know such major Rabbinic figures on a more personal and informative level.

## Extensive Materials

The society also has a very extensive library containing pamphlets, programming materials etc., donated by major Jewish organizations. In addition, the PRS makes available to members complimentary subscriptions to Jewish periodicals along with organizational book discounts from Jewish book concerns. Another interesting facet of the PRS program is its "Pre-Shimush Program." This program offers those students entertaining definite plans of entering the Rabbinate an opportunity to gain invaluable experience as an "apprentice Rabbi." This program, scheduled to begin soon, will enjoy the participation of many prominent Rabbinic leaders.

The Society's advisor is Rabbi Herbert C. Dobrinsky of YU's (Continued on Page 6, Col. 2)

## Jewish Reports Cite 'Dangerous Trends' Due To Misapplication Of HEW Program

VIEWPOINT — Six national Jewish organizations asked Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare Elliot Richardson to investigate and correct "dangerous trends" in college admissions and misapplication of HEW "affirmative action" programs.

The report cites specific examples of "Preferential Treatment and Other Improper Procedures in Admissions and Employment at Colleges and Universities." It provides 33 "illustrative instances" of such practices.

The organizations — Agudath

Israel of America, American Jewish Congress, Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, Jewish Labor Committee and Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A. — met with Secretary Richardson last spring to tell him of their concerns. At that time, he requested the groups to prepare a documented report of their research into the matter. That report on the colleges was forwarded to Mr. Richardson in September.

In a covering letter to the Secretary, Albert Weiss, director of ADL's Discrimination Department, said "distortion of affirmative action" should be corrected "so that the goal of increasing minority representation in education will be achieved without quotas or proportional percentage hiring."

## HEW Action

The Jewish organizations asked Mr. Richardson to inform them of "what action HEW takes in regard to each case."

They said that Sections 601, 602, and 703 (j) of the 1964 Civil Rights Act and Executive Order 11246 obliged HEW to take corrective measures "even in cases where improper practices are apparently initiated by the schools themselves."

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The 16-page report included the following instances among the practices the agencies objected to:

— The experience of Marco DeFunis, Jr., a white applicant for admission to the law school of the University of Washington who filed suit in the State Superior Court in Seattle alleging that he had been discriminated against when he was refused admission to the law school although he as better qualified than 30 of the 31 minority group members admitted for the 1971 fall term. The university said that it had rejected Mr. DeFunis in order to effectuate its policy that preference be given to blacks and members of other minority groups in admissions.

The Washington Superior Court ruled in favor of DeFunis and ordered the University to admit him immediately. The university did so, but has appealed

the decision to the State's Supreme Court.

## Admissions

— A statement by the dean of Stanford University Law School that admission would be granted "substantially automatically" to any minority applicant whose: 1) grade point average (GPA) is not below the lowest GPA of regular non-minority students in the previous year's entering class; 2) Law School Admission Test (LSAT) score is not more than 50 points lower than the lowest LSAT of regular non-minority students in the previous entering class; and 3) Law Quotient Index (LQI) is not more than 50 points below the lowest LQI of regular non-minority students in the previous year. The LQI combines GPA, LSAT and a factor based on the law school records of previous students from the same undergraduate institution. The dean said the administrative guideline was "strongly preferential in favor of minority applicants, since it will lead to admission of many minority students whose formal academic credentials are below those of hundreds, even thousands" of non-minority applicants to Stanford who will be rejected."

— A form letter signed by the president of Oberlin College, advising alumni, students and others in the college's official family of a new policy seeking "minority representation among Oberlin's students, faculty, and staff approximately equal to the percentage of minority group members in the national population as a whole."

## Quotas

— A statement by the president of the new State University of New York at Old Westbury declaring that the college was embarking upon an experiment in quota-basis admissions which would result in its student body becoming reflective of the racial composition of the greater New York City area's population.

— A letter written by the dean of the School of Social Work at Fresno State College (California) stating that on November 22, 1971, the school's faculty "ap- (Continued on Page 5, Col. 2)

## Speaking Out



## Winter Dreams

By Edward Burns

Winter, a bad guest, sitteth with me at home; blue are my hands with his friendly handshaking. Friedrich Nietzsche  
Thus Spake Zarathustra

To children building snowmen and lovers walking through fleece covered woods winter comes, an invited guest. Central Park is aglow with its soft white blanket while crystal flurries highlight the majesty of winter.

But winter's power is not always so idyllic. It also brings cold and disease, anguish and hopelessness. In a decrepit flat atop a crumbling storefront the stinging tentacles of winter torture the arthritic joints of an old Jewish woman who cannot afford a heated apartment. The treacherous ice and gusty winds keep an emaciated man from buying his food. His welfare check won't pay for home delivery. To the poor, winter is a curse, isolating them from humanity in painful solitude.

Yet there are ways of breaking that solitude. The human soul can bear great pain providing the will to survive remains intact. But for the poor this will is a battered and frail thing. The

poor exist with the knowledge that they are cared for by no one. Sitting alone in cold broken hovels they abandon their will to live. But the tragedy is as much ours as theirs, for we can help them but do not.

The economic prosperity enjoyed by most Jews has resulted in a situation wherein rigid class barriers have arisen within the very group whose strength has always been its homogeneity. While upper and middle class Jews occupy positions of social prominence, a plethora of indigents swell our ranks with little hope of ever rising beyond their impoverished existence.

As a student of Jewish tradition and an individual with human concerns I find the situation to be shocking and unjustifiable. One of the cardinal principles of our faith is the precept of charity. Yet charity has taken on bizarre connotations to American Jewry. Instead of caring for our own poor we seem to be donating our money to maintain ourselves in comfort. Millions of dollars are spent for the construction of sterile, monolithic temples in our high-class suburbs. (Continued on Page 4, Col. 2)

## Security At Yeshiva Gunless But Orderly; Pupils Asked To Help

By ALLAN SCHWARTZ

He must look very imposing to the outsider, standing there in his impressive-looking uniform, busily attending to his own collection of forms and day-logs, and confidently directing inquiring visitors to locations around the campus. But to the student who passes the Yeshiva security guard countless times each day, the guard often dissolves into a nameless, characterless figure who unobtrusively decorates our halls and occasionally is heard speaking something somewhere



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## YU's Finest

in between English and Spanish. THE COMMENTATOR thought it high time the students at YU took a somewhat longer look at YU's finest.

Firstly, one should note that no guard carries a gun except Lt. Gabriel. The reason for this is quite simple. No other guard besides Lt. Gabriel has received any sort of training which would qualify him to carry a gun. In fact, Gabriel excluded, the only thing a guard receives in preparation for his job at Yeshiva is his uniform. The sole require- (Continued on Page 5, Col. 4)

Prime Chuck

# Brass Tacks

By Chuck Bernstein



Is a course in Medical Ethics appropriate at Yeshiva College? At a recent Senate meeting Dr. Fleisher conveyed the opinion of some of the Faculty that it was not. And the liberal arts question has returned to haunt us once again.

There were those who thought that the reevaluation of the degree requirements had weakened the spirit of liberal arts, and that surely approval, in principle, of a Bachelor of Science degree had been the final stake driven into the dying spirit's heart.

But the spirit has returned. It hovers over Medical Ethics and will surely not be stilled when the Senate deals with a proposed Accounting Major. In fact, one could almost hear it rush into the room at the mere mention of a proposal for a single technical accounting course.

Why has liberal arts haunted us so incessantly at Yeshiva? Could it be because it knows not whether we welcome it or abhor it. Because we have failed to either fully accept it or fully reject it. Because we have vacillated so greatly on this issue that the resultant contradictions would be comic if they were not so pathetic. How can a college offering such technical and pre-professional courses as Library

## Student Court: A Tougher Policy Promised For All

By ISRAEL WEHRMAN

There are now strong indications that the Yeshiva College Student Court will be dealing more harshly with those who break dormitory regulations than it has in the past.

A warning of this new tougher policy was sent on November 1 to all students in the dormitories. The notice listed infractions such as rowdiness and water fights as sufficient cause for court indictment.

Chief Justice Marvin Itzkowitz, has declared his intention to enforce seriously and conscientiously dormitory rules. In the notice sent to the students it was emphasized that whereas "in recent years the Court has not 'governed' in any sense of the word," this year matters would change. Also mentioned was the simplification of the subpoena process in order to facilitate court procedure.

### Preventive Measure

Chief Justice Itzkowitz claimed that a major problem in past years had been that the Justices themselves did not always adhere to dormitory regulations. This problem has now been hopefully averted by a more careful screening process.

Punishments dealt by the court will vary from a simple warning to a notation on a student's academic record, depending on the severity of the violation.

Mr. Itzkowitz emphasized that the court's major role is that of a deterrent and thus "if it doesn't meet once all year, it would still have served its purpose." However, in case of an infraction the court will not hesitate to prosecute.

Technique, Drafting, Parliamentary Procedure and Computer Programming possibly question the validity of a course in Medical Ethics?

We have traveled this middle-of-the-road non-road for too long. The time has come to choose a definite path; to either totally commit ourselves to the ideal of a liberal arts education or to completely succumb before the trend toward pre-professionalism.

There are many who would choose the latter path. They feel (Continued on Page 7, Col. 1)

## Faculty Discusses Senate Proposals; Approve One Item

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by the Faculty Assembly, to extend full credit for all required courses excluding freshman English composition, was vetoed because no representative of the Speech department was present during Senate discussion of the proposal. Since Speech 1.1 is one of the courses which would be affected, members of the Speech department expressed their disenchantment and noted that in terms of indispensable worth, the courses should be required of every first-year student. But they also warned of the poor attendance that might ensue if upper classmen, who have no attendance requirements, are allowed to take the course.

News Views

## My Son The Ethical Doctor

By Norman Blumenthal



For the first time in the history of Yeshiva College the doors of faculty assembly meetings were open to students during the discussion of senate proposals. Three of us availed ourselves of this opportunity and witnessed the vetoing of two senate resolutions (see story pg. one).

Without questioning the right of a faculty veto, I regret the failure of the participants to consider the concerns and motives of the senators who proposed and passed the resolutions. Instead of a weighing of the pros and cons there was a barrage of criticism

and the subsequent final rejection. One of the prospects eliminated by this veto was the proposal to establish a course in medical ethics. In order not to repeat the pitfalls of others, it is the responsibility of the proponents of this course to evaluate and consider the reasons of the faculty for rejecting this senate resolution.

The major gripe of the faculty members was the amorphous nature of the proposal. They demanded that, in the future, the senate consult the various departments before passing a resolution of this sort. This matter, however, is of a procedural nature and does not reflect the need or validity of such a course.

The major point directed to the course itself was that of Dr. Fleisher. He questioned the establishment of a course in specifically medical ethics and not in business ethics, legal ethics, or, generally, professional ethics. At face value this is a rather frail criticism. There can be little doubt that the ethical implications for one who deals so directly with life and death, as does a doctor, are of paramount importance. The ethical and halachic problems confronting the medical profession, ranging from performing abortions to assigning priorities of certain patients with the use of a limited amount of life-saving machines, are, in the most part, far more serious and consequential than parallel issues of law and business. Could Dr. Fleisher seriously consider euthanasia as being on the same ethical plane of significance as tax-evasion?

It is possible, however, that Dr. Fleisher has indirectly pointed to a very real problem at Yeshiva. It is no secret that though Yeshiva makes a claim to being a liberal arts college, there are in its midst an unusually large number of pre-med majors, many of whom consider "aceing orgo" (Continued on Page 5, Col. 3)

## Jewish Old And Poor: Forgotten People, Need More Spiritual And Monetary Aid

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Millions more are donated to political campaigns and secular charities, all to the detriment of our own people.

This should come as no surprise since the majority of these monies are squandered by people whose knowledge of Jewish problems is minimal at best. What remains painful, though, is the apathy displayed towards the Jewish poor by orthodox men and women. It is as if we are ashamed that poor Jews exist. But if needy Jews do exist, then isn't it our moral duty to improve their lot?

The initial impetus for the Soviet Jewry movement came from a small group of dedicated orthodox Jews. Likewise we must expect that any large scale project for aiding the Jewish poor will have to originate from groups of orthodox Jewish youth. Since participation in an aid the poor program contains no stigmas, as did the protests in the early days of the Soviet Jewry movement, we can hope for a greater and more immediate involvement by non-orthodox youth.

In terms of proper climate, this year appears ideal for undertaking our own war on poverty. The bitterly divisive presidential election has left supporters of both candidates with a surplus of energy looking for avenues of constructive use. To the Jewish conscious Nixonite and the humanitarian McGovern liberal a program designed to alleviate the suffering of underprivileged Jews is ideal. A Jewish poor movement would be just the thing to bind the wounds of a Jewish camp torn among liberal, conservative and ethnic allegiances.

But ivory tower preaching will not fuel any movement. Workers and money are vital necessities which we, the students of Yeshiva University, must provide. THE COMMENTATOR plan outlined in last issue's editorial page is a start. For three years YCSC has been "redefining its role in relation to the senate." The creation of a Stern College senate promises a similar period of inactivity for SCWSC. I humbly suggest that all of this "redefining" has been a lame excuse for gross featherbedding and unconscionable non-productivity. The time for the councils to finally get moving is now! Both Hillel Davis and Shirley Stark appear

sincere in their commitment to direct their councils' resources for Jewish causes. The suggested Yeshiva University Community Action Program would serve as the first test of their commitment as well as that of the entire undergraduate student body.

Action must come immediately. It need take no longer than a week for YCSC and SCWSC to organize in-school fund raising drives for the Community Action Program. Students would be asked to contribute as much as possible and to solicit funds from family and friends.

An initial budget of two or three thousand dollars would allow the program to begin functioning. The two student councils would each appoint coordinators for the program who would then begin selecting a corps of volunteers willing to do field work in Washington Heights, the West Bronx, and the Lower East Side. These students would see to the immediate needs of the poor they visit. They could help purchase food and clothing and direct their charges to other agencies which might offer more substantial aid.

If the program succeeds, word of our efforts will reach the media and, in turn, other Jewish students. Then we could expect the enlistment of more volunteers from outside the university. Ultimately we can hope for the formation of other, better financed groups with similar goals.

Yeshiva cannot individually sustain a wide scale program to aid the Jewish poor. That should not be our purpose or intent. We can, however, be instrumental in kindling the interest of the Jewish community to the needs of its impoverished. Once inspired, the community will maintain its own self-perpetuating system of aid. Such an achievement on the part of YU students would be the greatest of mitzvot and would bring dignity and hope to the lives of thousands of Jewish indigents.

Despite all adversities, the human soul possesses an indomitable spirit of optimism. In the heart of even the most downtrodden is the thought of Percy Bysshe Shelley that:

If winter comes, can spring be far behind?

Let's prove that it need not be.

## WYUR Planning Jewish Oriented Programs; Adds Coverage Of Basketball and Wrestling

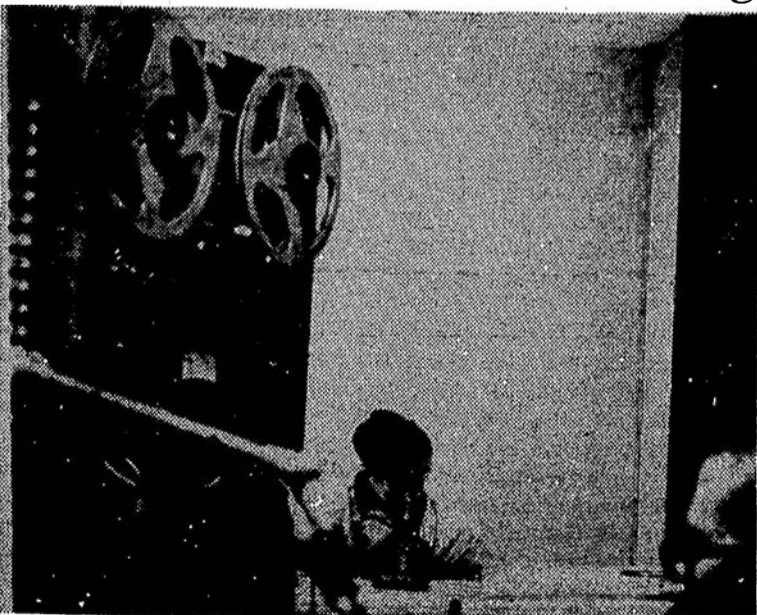
By GARY LONDED

WYUR, the YC-Stern College radio station, is planning Jewish-oriented programs for its listeners. Included will be entertainment and coverage of numerous relevant issues.

Bolstering the station this year will be its recent change in location from Riets Hall to the Student Union Building, which provides better facilities than the old site. In addition, Stern College has been taking an active part in WYUR. These two factors have led Executive Producer Elliot Singer to predict a successful year despite the handicap of a limited budget.

Mr. Singer, along with News Director Ben Ettlinger, have worked to make programming at WYUR more relevant for the Yeshiva student. They realize the need for informative, interesting programs which deal with controversial Jewish issues.

Recently, on the "Jewish University on the Air" program, heard on Sunday nights, there was a Nixon-McGovern debate.



Paul Millman

WYUR: Station DJ broadcasting from new headquarters.

Future interviews with such controversial figures as Bella Abzug are being arranged. Such programs are an attempt to keep the WYUR listening audience up to date with as many relevant issues as possible.

In line with its news policy, WYUR will be stressing distinctly Jewish entertainment. The station offers four different programs which broadcast Jewish music. As Elliot Singer emphasizes (Continued on Page 6, Col. 5)

# Jews Enjoy Slight Easing Of Harrassment In Syria

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 5) Italian passports, the Syrian authorities refused to grant them exit permits saying: "We consider them Jews, not Italians."

## Denied Exit

Although most Jews in Syria have relatives in other countries, the government has refused to permit any Syrian Jews to join their relatives on the grounds that if they were to leave, they would "swell the ranks of the Israeli Army."

Jews in Syria may not hold positions as officials in the government, public companies or banks. Nor can they obtain licenses for export or import business.

Experienced Jewish workers manage to hold on to jobs of one kind or another, but it is reported that they receive only one-fifth to one-tenth of the salary of what a Moslem with similar qualifications would earn. Furthermore, there are some 200 Jews who are completely dependent on charity.

## Some Protest

Though the Syrian Jewish community has usually quietly tolerated Government persecution, an incident that occurred last August did initiate some protest.

The Syrian police informed five members of the Religious Council of the Jewish Community (including the president of the council, Salem Totah) that they would have to appear the next day for a television program organized by the Syrian authorities for domestic and foreign distribution.

In several previous interviews, Mr. Totah and his colleagues, always in the presence of Syrian officials, had spoken favorably of the Syrian government and their treatment of the Jews. "We are certain that the measures taken by our Syrian authorities aim only at protecting us from the wily methods of Zionism and its deceiving propaganda."

## No Appearance

As news spread through the Jewish quarter in Damascus of the scheduled television program, a group of young Jewish girls stormed into the community headquarters and demanded that the five men not appear on television. The group's action triggered off a protest by the entire Jewish community and, in the end, the men did not appear for the interview.

# Senators' Debate Centers On Proposed Grading Systems

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 5) not be recorded, a graduate school could underrate his academic ability, alleging that his record is incomplete. "Our honest grading standards puts our students at a distinct advantage."

## Amount of Time

While Senate members advocating the proposal assured that "we're not abolishing the grading system," the crux of the argument seemed to be around the amount of time taken to pass a course. Does it matter if a student requires two years to pass a course so long as he attains the desired "level of competency?" Or does allowing students to retake a course inaccurately equate him with a student who has passed the first time?

There is some evidence that the Jewish situation in Syria has improved slightly. President Hafez al-Assad, in May 1972, ordered the release of most of the Jewish people who had been imprisoned.

Although some brutality has continued, there are no new reports of extreme torture and police brutality as had been before.

This slight improvement may be the result of public expressions of concern throughout the world and humanitarian diplomatic interventions.

# Reports See Quota In HEW Programs

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The Affirmative Action Report filed by Northwestern University with HEW in late 1971 included a provision that, with respect to five specified departments, "We . . . intend to freeze vacancies . . . as they arise, carefully monitor good faith search procedures and permit replacement appointments only to the extent the units . . . hire faculty at the rate of 25% women and racial minority. In other words, no replacement will be authorized until a woman or racial minority faculty member is found." The Report also said that the University will "reserve a pool of positions" in its College of Arts and Sciences faculty, to be filled only by women or racial minorities. The pool will include 20% of new positions and 10% of the vacancies in existing positions.

In addition, the chairman of the Department of Economics at Northwestern began a letter sent to an economics professor at another university with this statement: "We are looking for female economists and members of minority groups. As you know, Northwestern, along with a lot of other universities, is under some pressure from the Office of Economic Opportunity (sic) to hire women Chicanos, etc."

Contending that time is no factor, Dr. Fleisher urged passage of the proposal because "we are not marking the time it takes for students to pass. Should we give a student a higher grade on a test because it took him 20 minutes while another student took 40 minutes?" When later asked about the apparent total benefit to the student under his grading system, Dr. Fleisher asserted that "the student is being penalized because he must repeat the course until he passes it."

Most Senate members, however, believed the proposal was unfairly hurting the good student and that applying it to all courses at YC could result in distortion of grading criteria and a disadvantage to students.

# Basic Flaw Noted In Faculty's Veto Of Medical Ethics Course

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as the primary aim of their academic career. The urge to succeed in such a demanding field has forced many of Yeshiva's future doctors to concentrate on grades and professional training rather than securing a sound general education. This attitude is anathema to a liberal arts college and a career-oriented course as medical ethics could serve to reinforce this undesirable attitude. Dr. Fleisher's suggestion to expand the scope of this course can be viewed as an attempt to check Yeshiva's evolution from a

liberal arts college to a pre-med factory.

The abundance of pre-med majors at YC is a threat to the character and purpose of a liberal arts college. The question, however, is whether to meet the problem head on or to follow the all-too-familiar tactic of making believe it doesn't exist. We cannot hide from the fact that a large percentage of our students aspire to become doctors and a revised ethics course will do little to change that. Our faculty should acknowledge the pre-meds' predominant representation within the student body and concentrate their pedagogy on revising some of these students' unhealthy attitudes. The school's responsibility is to enhance its pre-medical training and not to undermine it by supplying only the fundamental science program.

There is probably no better way to accomplish this change of attitude than by establishing a course in medical ethics that would contribute to a liberal arts education and not stand in its way. A course of this sort would not be part of the pre-professional training but an attempt to transmit to the student an approach which a rich liberal arts education conveys but with specific emphasis on the practice of medicine.

The course would instill in the student an awareness of the enormous responsibility that a medical career entails. It could possibly change the outlook of those who are just seeking security and prestige. And last, but surely not

least, it would familiarize the Yeshiva student with the halachic problems facing doctors today and thus facilitate the combined practice of our tradition and modern medicine. Yeshiva College could then be proud of its contribution to this noble profession and would not have to hide from or deny it.

The last argument brought up against the senate proposal was the fact that, to the knowledge of the faculty present, there is no other college that offers a course of this sort. There is absolutely no need for us to follow other colleges or allow other institutions to set standards for us. Instead, particularly in this area, Yeshiva should serve as a model for others. It is in the nature and purpose of our institution to take a leading role in the preservation of society's morals and ethics.

I therefore urge the dean and faculty not to shelve this senate proposal, but to act on it now.

Tickets are now on sale in Furst Hall for The Soviet Jewry Benefit Concert featuring: Joe Amar, Sherwood Goffin, Yedid Singers, Tzachi, Ben-ari, Ruach Revival. The concert, which will take place on Saturday evening, December 16 at 7:30 p.m., is sponsored by both the Washington Heights Inwood Council for Soviet Jewry and YCSC. Seating, at Nathan Lamport Auditorium, is by reserve only. Tickets may be obtained here, at \$2.50, \$3.50, or \$5.00, from Yussie Ostreicher (Morg 220) or David Menche (Rubin 718).

# YU Security Force Carry No Guns, View Job As 'Somewhat Dangerous'

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ments involved in getting a job as a guard are: that the applicant possess a record free of any felonies; that he be over twenty years of age (there is no upper age limit which is quite obvious considering a number of our present guards); that he be an American citizen and speak English (or at least gesture in English); that he have a telephone number. Lt. Gabriel is the one exception. He has had extensive training in self-defense and the use of his gun.

## Responsibility

All the security personnel are directly responsible to Interstate Security and Lt. Gabriel although Col. Marmorstein does direct operations. There are a total of ten men assigned to the up-town campus but there are usually no more than three men on duty at a time and, during some periods of the day, only one.

THE COMMENTATOR found that attitudes toward the students of Yeshiva vary with different guards. One described YU as a place where "everybody seems to be dedicated to education" and where the students are "very friendly." This opinion, however, was by no means unanimous. Two guards claimed they encountered much more trouble with students here than with anything the neighborhood has come up with so far. The guards also complained about the students not always taking them seriously, thus making it more difficult to enforce regulations. Col. Marmorstein sees the frequency of incidents in which a guard is

forced to report a student to school authorities at about once a month.

All the guards seemed, for the most part, happy with their jobs although all of them viewed it as somewhat dangerous. They are all conscious of the fact that they are not armed and that anything can happen. According to Col. Marmorstein, there were at least eight bomb threats on YU campuses last year, not all of which turned out to be hoaxes.

Some of the guards, though, voiced what they considered to be serious complaints. A few of them expressed a good deal of dissatisfaction with their pay. According to one, "It couldn't be worse," and still another mysteriously promised it would be improving shortly. (Students serving as substitute guards in case of a strike will not be supplied with uniforms.)

## Additional Complaints

Another complaint involves the lack of guns available to the men who feel they need them "to protect ourselves against the neighborhood addicts and criminals." One claimed that "the Boss" has been "too soft with the students." No further elaboration was given. Finally, most of the men believe that more men are needed to adequately patrol the campus. Yeshiva has not increased its number of guards in the last three years.

The one thing that all guards questioned agreed upon was the need for closer communication and understanding between the student and guard. As Antonio Rodriguez so eloquently put it, "Let's be amigos."

The Editor-in-Chief and the Governing Board of THE COMMENTATOR extend their sincerest condolences to fellow classmate, Joseph Epstein, on the loss of his father. May he be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

marked for the appointment of women and minorities. According to a campus newspaper, the Albany Student Press, John Hartley, vice president for management and planning, announced "a policy of one-to-one hiring of minorities affecting all of the administrative staff. This means that for every white (nonminority) hired, a minority member must be hired."

The chairman of the Judaic Studies Department of SUNY notified at least one professional association that the department is: "Searching for a Biblical scholar who is either female or a member of a minority group (Black American Indian, Spanish surname or Oriental-American). If possible, we would like this person to be capable of chairing our Department — but this is not an essential requirement."

In order to compete with other colleges for the relatively small number of qualified black faculty and administrators available, Pima College in Phoenix, Arizona, introduced what it called a "fudge factor" — offering as much as \$700 extra pay to minority holders of teaching positions as a means of attracting them to the school's faculty (in violation of the principle of equal pay for equal work).

## Stephen Wise Synagogue Hires First Woman Rabbi

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agrees with much of women's lib. She believes it is time to overcome emotional objections and give each individual the option of attaining his or her own potential.

### Need For Equality

She is strongly in favor of bringing equality to some reform ceremonies. The naming of a son, for instance, should not occur at the *milah*, but at a special ceremony that should be identical for boys and girls (Rabbi Priesand herself has proposed a text for such a ceremony). Divorce laws, she feels, should permit either spouse to write the *Get*. Schoolbooks should de-emphasize the woman's preparing the *Shabbat* meal while the husband goes

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to *shul*. The liturgy, too, must be reinterpreted. For instance, "G-d of our Fathers" should be restated as "G-d of our Ancestors"; *Massorah* should be explained as parent to child, not father to son, tradition.

Rabbi Priesand has no objection, though, to referring to G-d as "He." "That's only a way of relating to G-d — no sexism is intended," she told THE COMMENTATOR. However, Rabbi Sally has no desire to change either Conservatism or Orthodoxy. "In their own framework," she said, "they fulfill a need in assigning equal but different roles to the sexes." While she predicts the Conservatives will be ordaining women within ten years, she doubts that the Orthodox will ever follow suit.

Rabbi Sally finds that her sex presents almost no problem in her relating to congregants, who often come to her for counseling. Some senior congregants, though, have found it difficult adjusting to the rabbi because of her youth. Perhaps, Rabbi Sally postulates, as she ages, people will begin to relate to her as a mother image in much the same way she feels some older rabbis have become more successful as they become identified as father images. Secondary problems for the suburban-bred Rabbi Sally, include acclimating herself to a large temple and to adjusting to New York City.

Rabbi Sally does not anticipate leaving her pulpit when she marries. She plans to have a nursery built adjacent to her

study after she becomes a mother.

### Well Received

For the most part, Rabbi Sally has been well-received. At her ordination last June, her classmates loudly applauded. Virtual-

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ly all senior Reform rabbis are impressed by Rabbi Priesand. According to Rabbi Sally, a small number of Orthodox rabbis have expressed approval, although others have sent strong letters of censure. But for the most part, the Orthodox tend to dismiss Rabbi Sally in much the same way they do most other elements of the Reform Movement.

Several major publishers have asked Rabbi Priesand to write an autobiography, but she has refused them all, preferring to use her literary talents for writing articles for the reform press. "I wish people could forget the whole woman-rabbi thing. I'd much prefer simple to be known as a good Reform rabbi."

Still, it seems difficult to imagine anything like a good, simple, rabbi with the name of Sally.

## New Pre-Rabbinic, Cultural Societies Lend Vigor To Full Schedule Of Club Activities

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Community Service Division. Present officers are Israel Ben-Zion, President, Shaya Wexler, President, John Krug, Secretary-Treasurer. Applications may be filed in room 202 Morg. or room 314 Rubin.

### Cultural Club

Another relatively recent organization, the Cultural Club, is one worthy of every student's attention.

The Cultural Club tries to cre-

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## Letters to the Editor

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ate work at Harvard. I found myself well prepared by virtue of the high standards, the devotion to scholarship, and the sincere commitment to the values of the liberal arts tradition which he had always stressed, and which, to me and my classmates, he represented. But I found no Doctor Fleisher.

It is my sincere wish that with this new honor Professor Fleisher will be even more able to provide students with that valuable experience which I remember well. I am myself a teacher now at Hunter College, and face with all teachers and students the pressures of our time. I am grateful that in the tumult of reform and change, I have had and still have as a living model a man who embodies those values of scholarly discipline and human warmth which must be conserved, if we conserve anything.

Charles Peraky  
Dept. of English,  
Hunter College

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ate and maintain a cultural environment that till now has been sorely lacking at Yeshiva. Their efforts in that direction have led them to sponsor recitals, exhibits and an especially successful art and sculpture exhibit.

A second objective of the Cultural Club is aimed more directly at the student. For those students who feel they have a genu-

## Chemists' Assoc. Initiates Science Panel Discussion

The Manufacturing Chemists Association, an association of chemical industrial firms, formed its first panel discussion this past Monday. The experimental symposium discussed the topic of "Catalyst '72: Is Science Necessary?" THE COMMENTATOR was invited to participate, and it accepted because approximately one-third of its students are science-oriented.

The morning panelists were basically trade and finance. That is, the chemistry industry was discussed as a business and not in the academic sense. It was later in the afternoon that speakers representing education, research and development, etc., were called on to participate. Here, also, other college press representatives joined the discussion with the question and answer period.

### Educate the Masses

The educational background of the masses, in terms of science and how to improve their data, came under debate. One panelist suggested that science courses be offered early in the college career — so that the "educated" can now decide his country's scientific future. However, difficulties were found as many colleges have relaxed their requirements, and so an easy atmosphere prevails. To convince academia to urge students to take science courses is the difficult task.

What would be of interest to

students here, is the general feeling among the speakers that new and difficult positions are open in chemistry and science. That a new breed of para-professionals with a chemistry and economic background will be needed to handle this industry. That a student has an alternative to pre-med (besides pre-dent) — a combination of fields hardly explored. It was hoped by the panel that more students will enter this area of study.

For general knowledge, the problems of ecology which effect all of us as citizens, were also brought under examination. The use of defoliants in Vietnam and consumer concern over chemical products underscored the areas of future stress for the industry. The symposium left questions unanswered in certain cases. However, it was quite informative and an overall success.

## WYUR Reschedules; Emphasis To Change From Rock to Jewish

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sized: "If our audience wants to listen to rock music, they can always turn to one of the general broadcasting stations. We want to give them something different, something uniquely Jewish."

WYUR also plans live coverage of *shurim* of the Rav and Rabbi Riskin, as well as YC basketball games and wrestling matches.

Applications are now being accepted for Senior Dinner Chairman. All qualified seniors are invited to submit their names and qualifications. The final date for submitting the applications is November 29. Please submit applications to L. Schlangel — M326, A. Weiss — M318 or J. Fruchter — M628.

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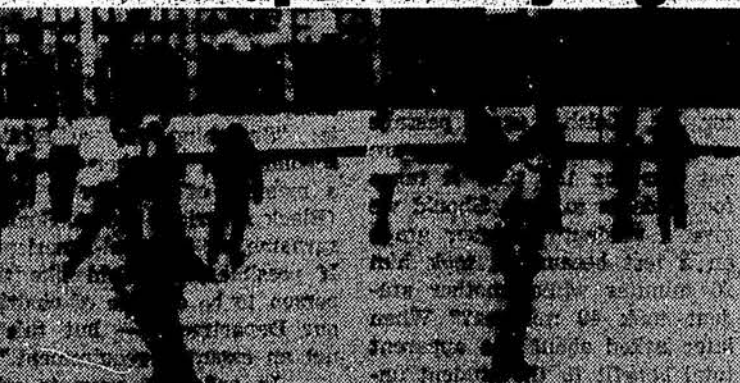
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# Pre-Med, Pre-Dent Programs Lack 'Liberal Arts' Definition

(Continued from Page 4, Col. 2) that there is no reason that Yeshiva College must be anything more than a sterile stepping stone to graduate and professional schools. I however can not agree. I can not believe the ideal of college as a mind broadening educational experience has been pre-medded to death at Yeshiva. I can not accept a dichotomy wherein Torah is a total educational experience while Madrik is debased into a relentless obsession with grades, graduate school and getting out. You can go to Brooklyn College at night for that.

But what does a commitment to a liberal arts education demand of us? This Handbook of Academic Terms issued by the Registrar's office of Yeshiva University defines liberal arts colleges as "institutions in which the principal emphasis is placed on a program of general undergraduate education." Note the important words — "principal emphasis." How does one place such "principal emphasis on a pro-

gram of general undergraduate education." Does it mean that we must purify our catalog of all courses that are defiled by technical or pre-professional leanings? Does it really mean that a course in Medical Ethics is inappropriate at Yeshiva College? No! We must stop concerning ourselves with specific course offerings and turn our attention to our major fields of study. We must take Dr. Fleisher's questioning of why offer Medical Ethics and not Business Ethics

Student Organization of Yeshiva (SOY) has announced plans for a student-published Passover Haggadah. The Haggadah to be edited by David Deroyan and prepared by Yeshiva students, will present a comprehensive, yet easily understood, English commentary on the Passover service. SOY's *seforim* drive, now in its final week, has already received a large student response.

as well and change the emphasis so that it reads, "why do we have a pre-med major in a school that has never seriously considered having a business major. For it is in terms of a major that we can define the "principal emphasis" of a student's education. And it is only by majoring in a legitimate field from the liberal arts and sciences that a student can possibly experience a liberal arts education.

For can anyone deny that it is our pre-professional majors, pre-dent, pre-engineering and especially pre-med, that are the real deviations from a liberal arts education at Yeshiva? Can anyone truly say that these majors place their "principal emphasis on a program of general undergraduate education?"

This is not to say, for example, that a student should not have available to him all courses needed to prepare for medical school. It is to say, however, that through an actual pre-med major, an option not available at other colleges, it becomes impossible for a student's education to stress "general undergraduate achievement." Instead, the principal emphasis of four years at Yeshiva is no more general than a single-minded obsession with getting into medical school.

Perhaps this philosophy will find support among the various segments of the college and hopefully among the Senate representatives of these factions as well. For then, in the near future, we may see a Yeshiva College catalog abounding with all sorts of technical and pre-professional electives, but totally free of the real mockers of the liberal arts tradition — the pre-med, pre-dent, and pre-engineering majors.

# Basketball Intramural Begin Only Freshmen Undeclared

(Continued from Page 8, Col. 2) lead with his field goal. Mike Smith cut the lead in half, netting one foul shot the next time the seniors came down court, and followed that with two more a minute later. With the game approaching the final seconds and the sophs with the ball the seniors held a 43-42 lead. Seven seconds remained as Mikey Polak's shot missed. The rebound was passed back out to him, and he missed again as the buzzer sounded. Judah Cohen tapped in the rebound, but to the referees it was clear that Cohen shot after time ran out.

Morris Tilson led all scorers in this pressure contest with 18 points. The senior attack was also greatly aided by the rebounding efforts of Dudi Yammer, who had missed the first contest the seniors had played. Sid Taubefeld, with 10 points, was the leader for the sophs,

whose scoring was very balanced. So the recent intramural action leaves the freshmen on top with a 1-0 record, followed by the sophs, juniors, and seniors at 1-1, and semicha in the cellar with an 0-1 record.

## Who's Whose

**ENGAGED:**  
David Gottesman '71 to Jenny Weinstock.  
Elliot Dickman '69 to Alica Lautman.

**MARRIED**  
Melvin Weinberg '69 to Ronda Turk  
Mike Kronenberg '72 to Sharon Bergstein  
Michael Wendroff '72 to Sarah Mandelbaum.

**BIRTHS:**  
To Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Sussman, a boy.  
To Rabbi and Mrs. Abner Groff, a girl.

# Yucons Hunt For Victory; Training Seen As The Key

(Continued from Page 8, Col. 5) Wolpoe finally asserted themselves after the Columbia loss. The shakeup came in the form of having the lines totally rearranged. They also asserted that team practices must be called and more discipline is needed.

**Hard-Fought Tie**  
The Nov. 14 Jewish Theological Seminary game was a good, hard fought game, ending in a 5-5 tie. The Yeshiva offense made a complete turnabout, and had a good night, but missed on several good scoring opportunities. The defense, though, was fair. The major fault was the lack of protection of the goalies crease, this made particularly

evident due to the four goals by V. Kurtz, most coming when he was left alone.

Offensive leaders for Yeshiva were Seth Pransky, and the Wolpoe line consisting of R. Wolpoe, D. Zeffren, I. Mozeson, and J. Pasternak. The J.T.S. offensive thrust was literally provided by one man, with V. Kurtz scoring four out of five goals, although the entire offensive line was able to apply a fair amount of pressure.

There is a back-to-back at home set coming up on Tuesday, Nov. 28 and Wednesday, Nov. 29, with Yeshiva playing Hofstra and Columbia, respectively.

The talent-laden sophomores upped their record to 2-0 by beating the Seniors in a Nov. 15 intramural, 7-3. The offense of the Sophomores, sparked by Judah Gopin and Seth Pransky, was good, although they still missed on some good scoring opportunities. The Seniors are now 1-1.

Fencing Schedule		
Tuesday, December 5	St. Peters	Home
Monday, December 18	Hunter	Home
Wednesday, February 7	Brooklyn	Home
Monday, February 12	Fairleigh Dickenson	Home
Monday, February 19	Maritime	Home
Thursday, February 22	Jersey City	Away
Tuesday, February 27	Drew	Away
Monday, March 5	Brooklyn Poly	Home
Wednesday, March 7	Baruch	Home
Tuesday, March 13	Pratt	Home

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Basketball Intramurals Begin  
Only Freshmen Undefeated

Mighty Mites Start Schedule  
With Pre-Season Scrimmages

By YANKEE POLEYEFF

The two most recent games of the YU basketball intramurals produced the campaign's first overtime thriller as well as the year's first complete rout. The juniors romped over the semicha team, 62-38, and a week later, the seniors nipped the sophomores, 43-42, requiring the extra session to do it.

The loss by the sophs leaves the freshmen as the only undefeated team in the league. The freshmen went up against semicha on November 20, and the seniors will battle the juniors on November 27.

The juniors, in their victory, pulled away by outscoring semicha 22-4 in a stretch which began midway through the second quarter and ended early in the third. The streak increased their lead from 19-17 to 44-21. The big gun for the juniors in that stretch was Lenny Friedman, who rebounded from his poor performance in the first junior game, and played extremely well, ending the night with a game-leading 18 points. Dennis Metz added 14 to the junior total.

Earlier, the semicha team, after being down 10-2 midway through the first quarter and 14-10 at its end, tied up the game once, at 14-14. But they just couldn't get untracked after that. Leading the scoring for semicha, playing their season opener, was Stuart Zweiter and David Friedman, netting 12 and 11 points respectively.

**Early Domination**

The other contest was dominated in the beginning by the seniors, effectively employing a 1-3-1 defense while running all over the sophomores' man-for-man. They led at the end of the first quarter, 14-3. Morris Tilson scored

Knock-Hockey  
'Matches' Begin;  
Players Welcome

By NEAL YAROS

This year, Yeshiva's knock hockey tournaments will begin on Wednesday, December 6. It is being organized by Marty Kerzer, Marshall Kelson, and David Feuer. Those wishing to enter must sign up by midnight December 5, in rooms M823, M613, or M510.

The games will be played under official knock hockey rules. The elimination round will consist of best three out of five, eleven point games to determine the finalists. The finalists will compete in a best four out of seven series, 21 point games, to determine the champion. Anyone failing to arrive on time for his match will automatically forfeit the set to his opponent.

**Resounding Success**

Last year was a resounding success with 80 students competing. The final series was packed with excitement as Joel Baum edged out David Zimmerman to take the championship. This year Joel Baum will have to defend his crown against the stiff competition of Neal Rosenblum, Elliot Feinerman, and Akiba Stern.

Matches will be held in the Morgenstern floor lounges with each match lasting from 20-40 minutes. All students are urged to join the tournament to try to outdo last year's success. Even if you don't intend to play, you are welcome as a spectator.

ed eight of the points. The sophs quickly junked their man-for-man in favor of a 2-1-2 zone.

Throughout the 2nd and 3rd quarters, the seniors were always on the larger end of the score — but the sophs were gaining ground, cutting the margin to eight points at halftime, 21-13, and to four points at the third quarter buzzer, 32-28.

Early in the fourth quarter, the leading sophomore scorer to that point, Sid Taubenfeld, fouled out. With the sophs getting nowhere after that, and trailing 38-32 with two minutes remaining, they tried a zone press, and it began to work. Two steals led to four soph points, Michael Zerkowitz tied the game, and Carmi Lindenberg's basket gave the sophs their eighth straight point and a two point lead, 40-38. Mike Smith followed with two free throws for the seniors, knotting the score again at 40-40, and Mikey Polak misfired at the buzzer, sending the game into overtime.

**Overtime**

After a scoreless first minute, Herb Insel gave the sophs the

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Basketball Schedule			
Pace—Tues., Dec. 5	Away	8:00	
Drew—Sat., Dec. 9	John Bowne	8:30	
Jersey City—Wed., Dec. 13	J.F.K.	8:00	
*Hunter—Sun., Dec. 17	John Bowne	5:00	
Brooklyn Poly—Thurs., Dec. 21	Away	5:30	
Brooklyn—Sat., Dec. 23	Away	8:00	
Pratt—Thurs., Jan. 4	J.F.K.	8:00	
*New York Tech—Sun., Jan. 7	John Bowne	5:00	
New Palz—Tues., Jan. 9	Away	8:30	
Adelphi—Thurs., Feb. 1	Away	8:15	
*Dominican—Sun., Feb. 4	John Bowne	5:00	
Lehman—Wed., Feb. 7	Away	8:00	
York—Sat., Feb. 10	John Bowne	8:30	
Kings Point—Mon., Feb. 12	Away	8:00	
Cathedral—Wed., Feb. 14	J.F.K.	8:00	
Queens—Tues., Feb. 20	J.F.K.	8:00	
Stoney Brook—Thurs., Feb. 22	Away	8:00	
Thomas Aquinas—Sat., Feb. 24	John Bowne	8:30	
Marist—Mon., Feb. 26	Away	8:30	
* Preliminary MJHSL Game.			
J.F.K.—230th St. and Broadway.			
John Bowne—Main St., 3 blocks south of L.I.E.			

The Inquiries Of 'Thousands' Of Ellmen Fans World-Wide Come In;  
Wrestlers Are Staking Their Season On Their Thorough Training

By LARRY EISENBERG

As the first of the season approaches, the inquiries of thousands of Ellman fans world-wide come pouring in. Are the Ellmen ready? The answer to that question would have to be a simple yes and no.

No, the starters still have not been singled out, although Coach Ellman has a pretty fair idea of whom they will be. The actual naming of the starters will come after the final tryout match, Sunday, November 26.

No, not all the gaps left by the parting Ellmen have been filled with experienced grapplers. However, the Coach has a large selection of talent, who will gain experience quickly once the season gets under way.

**It Hurts!**

On the other hand, there is the practice the Ellmen have been going through since the first week of classes. There is a peculiarity of this practice that is unique to the sport of wrestling; it hurts. The matmen meet three times a week for up to three punishing hours per session. A fourth session is optional, but

By NORMAN S. BLUMENTHAL

After only its first two scrimmages, the YU basketball team has shown that it has the potential to make this season a successful one. The Mites' first game was against a team of former YU stars. Included on this team were Stu Poloner, Harold Perl, Arthur Aron, and Larry Shiffman.

The game ended with the varsity beating the oldies by a lopsided score of 134-84, but the score in this case was very misleading. Even though the Mighty Mites won overwhelmingly, they were really unable to break the game open until the former stars grew tired due to a lack of men and conditioning. Another item which detracted from the victory was the large amount of turnovers committed and the lack of cohesion on offense.

However, as much a disappointment as the first game may have been, the second game more than made up for it. Again the score was not the important factor, for it ended in a 72-48 loss. The significant thing is that the team played as a unit. The zone defense that was employed



Coach Halpert running the plays at recent practice.

stymied the offense of Manhattan Community College, a team which is physically superior to us.

**Turnovers Hurt**

Offensively the team was able to move the ball well, hitting the open man under the hoop for the easy bucket. What did present a problem in this game was their man-for-man full court press which the backcourt men were unable to break. The reason being that as of this moment Coach Halpert has not yet practiced beating the press. Until Manhattan went into the press, the Mites were only losing by a

score of 21-17, but against the press, numerous turnovers were committed and the halftime score was 45-31 Manhattan.

Coach Halpert said after the game that the team did not play to win the game, but to gain valuable experience. Many situations arose where under game conditions he would have called time out, but this being a scrimmage he let the game continue. He did this to see if the team could solve the problem itself. By doing this he is allowing the team to mature, something which will prove invaluable during the upcoming season.

Yucons Require Work  
Yet Still Optimistic

By ALAN SILVERSTEIN

Even though Yeshiva players and students had been disappointed by the poor start of the Yeshiva Hockey team this season, the Yucons (formerly the Fheeneys) still have high hopes that they will return to their winning form of last year. Players and students alike were surprised with Yeshiva's poor performances in the Brooklyn exhibition game and the first

official game of the season against Columbia. Although Yeshiva could only manage to tie the Jewish Theological Seminary, this Yeshiva performance was encouraging.

In the November 8 season opener, Columbia trounced Yeshiva, 6-2. Yeshiva's lack of cohesiveness and lackadaisical play contributed to the fact that as a team, Columbia outplayed and outclassed them. The play was taken away from Yeshiva as Columbia controlled the puck most of the time. However, there were instances of good play-making by both clubs.

**Freer Movement**

With ten players on the floor less penalties were called, and hockey movement was more free, providing for a smoother and better passing game. Still, Yeshiva could only sustain a mediocre defense, and lacked any driving offense, whereas Columbia played some good defense and some fine offense led by Mitch Stein and Steve Adelman.

When asked why their performance against Columbia was so poor, many players agreed that the lack of practice caused them to lose the game. Even though there are intramurals, there was little or no team scrimmage before the Columbia game. Even while the team now is getting ready to play their third game, many say that they still do not have enough practice.

Commenting after the Columbia game, many players were disturbed not only about team play, but also with team leadership. Upon further inquiry, THE COMMENTATOR found that leadership on the team is still not yet fully defined, but that co-captains Alan Litwack and Rich

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most team members participate anyway.

About one hour each practice is spent limbering up, through numerous exotic calisthenics which won't be named as they are too hard to describe, much less do. After directing and participating in the exercises, Coach Ellman proceeds to teach various wrestling moves. Following a demonstration of these moves, everyone pairs off with a partner of equal weight, to practice the

moves under the guidance of the Coach. As could be expected, these moves are practiced until they are executed perfectly, which is usually until the end of the practice.

Yes, the Ellmen have been given the most thorough training possible in Yeshiva. Perhaps the question should be if this training can compare to that of any other college. The Ellmen think so; they're staking their season on it.

Wrestling Schedule		
Tryout Match—Sunday, November 26	5:00	Home
HunterColl ege—Wednesday, November 29	7:30	Away
Queensborough—Tuesday, December 5	8:00	Away
John Jay—Saturday, December 9	8:00	Home
Brooklyn Poly Tech—Monday, December 11	5:30	Away
Newark Colleg of Eng.—Wednesday, December 13	7:30	Home
Staten Island—Sunday, December 17	3:00	Home
Lehman College—Thursday, December 21	7:30	Home
Bronx Community—Wednesday, December 27	7:30	Home
Englewood Cliffs—Tuesday, February 6	7:00	Away
Brooklyn College—Thursday, February 15	7:30	Home
City College—Tuesday, February 20	7:30	Home
Marist—Monday, February 26	7:30	Away