

The running of even a small college is truly a complicated matter. When the college is simultaneously connected and juggled with three other colleges, schools or programs, the entire bureaucracy can become infinitely complex. And, if this whole complexity is then placed within a burgeoning university, the result can be an extremely involved and intricate mess.

In such an instance, the need for strong authority, firm control and well-defined structural alignment of the institution is crucial. Nowhere is this need more apparent and vital than at Yeshiva College.

To too many observers — and not only students — the roles of the various university governing bodies, offices, and institutions and the interaction between them are

shrouded in deep bureaucratic haze. Indeed, the administration of the university frequently appears as an amorphous bureaucracy dedicated only to perpetuating itself.

Thus, to many, Yeshiva appears as not being led; rather it is merely drifting and muddling through each crisis and mini-crisis with no long-range plans or goals. While the responsibility ultimately rests at the top, until it is made clear how the responsibility for that leadership is delegated and utilized, Yeshiva is doomed to continue muddling through.

Such criticism of Yeshiva is obviously controversial and fundamental. Whether or not the arguments raised are valid is not the issue; the crucial point is not in whether the governing structure of the college is definite and sharply outlined or not. The key is, rather, that so many think it is not. The

importance of an analysis of the structure of Yeshiva College is therefore paramount.

Such a critique of the college administration — to include student government, as well, when applicable — must analyze the bases and channels of authority, the tasks and goals of the various offices, their effectiveness and success and/or failure. The fact that such a study needs to be done and that no University office, committee, council, or task force has ever seen that necessity only accentuates the problem.

Therefore, with the purpose of investigating thoroughly the existing system with an eye toward positive recommendations, THE COMMENTATOR has established a Study Group Task Force. During the next months, this group of students will study, analyze, and delve into the working of the

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Lecture Honors The Late Harry S. Truman; Dr. Dunner, Rabbi Charlop Deliver Speeches



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Professor Joseph Dunner

By STEVEN MANDELSBERG

To many Americans, Harry S. Truman represented the paradigm of a simple, honest, hard-working man who, as President, ushered in a new era in warfare by ordering atomic bombs dropped on Japan. But to Jews, the 33rd President of the United States was especially important for his momentous decision granting official recognition to Israel in 1948.

As a tribute to Mr. Truman, a memorial lecture was held on the day of his funeral, December 28. Dr. Joseph Dunner, chairman of the Political Science department, and Rabbi Zevulun Charlop, head of the RIETS and YP divisions of YU, were featured speakers.

Humble Beginnings

Recalling the former President's humble beginnings as a farmer in Missouri and his simple life-style, Dr. Dunner accentuated that he was anything but a common man. "Harry Truman was not a man who sought popularity," he asserted. "He was one of those uncommon men who, because of their convictions, their principles . . . and their courage, have evoked the admiration of the few of their fellow men who are capable of recognizing the acknowledged greatness."

Dr. Dunner lauded Mr. Truman's decisiveness and recounted his historic decisions to drop the atomic bomb and send American troops into Korea to halt Com-

munist aggression in Asia. His forming of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) helped contain Communism and the Marshall Plan hastened the postwar recovery of Europe.

Recognizes Israel

Despite considerable opposition from the State Department and Pentagon, former President Truman recognized Israel eleven minutes after its existence was proclaimed. Dr. Dunner discounted any political motivation for the decision, stating it was as essentially "humanitarian." "Truman was, of course, always quite conscious of the voting power of American citizens," he said. "But in this respect, there were deeper considerations which motivated his actions."

Mr. Truman's long-time friendship with Edward Jacobson, an American Jew whom he had met in World War I, was recalled. "Of Edward Jacobson, Harry Truman said in his memoirs; 'Eddie' was as fine a man as ever walked the earth."

Curious Absence

Rabbi Charlop eulogized Mr. Truman from the vantage point of American history. He noted the curious absence of the recognition of Israel in newspaper

Bravo Dramatics! Performance Good Attendance Large

Like the play's mutant child who was loved yet unwanted by his father, A Canticle for Liebowitz, the Yeshiva College Dramatics Society's fall production, had many redeeming qualities, yet remained an unfulfilling work. The central weakness of the play is Clark Fuller's disjointed adaptation of the Walter Mille, Jr. book. The play spans a period of hundreds of years from a time following man's first nuclear holocaust through the renaissance of civilization to the ultimate repetition of atomic destruction.

However, the play's central character Benjamin, the wandering Jew, his relation to the purposes of the play, and the entire epoch-hopping structure were all very vague, causing the

and biographical accounts of the former President's significant accomplishment, specifically alluding to a biography written by Arthur Krock, retired journalist of The New York Times, which cited only one instance concerning Israel. "Apparently, the establishment of the state of Israel was not reckoned as a major achievement of a President."

Mr. Truman overrode the wishes of many members of the State Department in reaching his decision to recognize Israel, most notable of whom was George C. Marshall, Secretary of State. But Rabbi Charlop pointed out that these men were not mere colleagues, but respected friends of Mr. Truman, and that the decision was perhaps ultimately "moral and sentimental."

Senate Will Vote On New Credit Proposal

By JEFFERY WANDEL

A proposal to allot sixteen blanket credits for Talmud study to anyone attending an accredited Israeli yeshiva for a year was discussed by the YC Senate on Thursday, December 21. A maximum of an additional ten credits would be offered to the yeshiva student based on his performance on examinations.

Before discussing proposals Dean Isaac Bacon responded to

YCSC Centers Discussion On 'Olim', Court, Traffic

By MARK KUTNER

Policy of the YC Student Court, Russian olim, traffic lights, Pepsi-Cola machines, and the chartering of a new student club were among the items discussed at the YCSC meeting on December 27.

The Yeshiva College Student Council, by a vote of 7-1-2, revoked its recent decision to require Student Court sessions to be open to the public.

Mary Itzkowitz, Chief Justice of the YCSC Student Court, claimed that open meetings would be both embarrassing and damaging to the defendants. In response to a proposal that would limit the question of an open court to the discretion of each individual defendant, Chief Jus-

tice Itzkowitz replied that "it would be extremely embarrassing even for the student to request a closed meeting."

A committee is being formed to deal with the problems of Russian olim. Consisting of concerned students, the committee would, among other things, work at absorption centers in Israel each summer.

Letter Received

A letter received from New York City's Department of Traffic was read by Howard Wieder, chairman of the Council's Environment Committee. The City department informed Council of an investigation being undertaken to determine whether traffic lights are needed on Amsterdam Avenue and 185th Street.

Mr. Wieder also announced that Yeshiva College's request to establish cross-angle parking on Amsterdam Avenue has been turned down because it would be hazardous to automobile traffic.

Hillel Davis, president of YCSC, announced that despite student requests, the Pepsi-Cola

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Pre-Law Society Sponsors A Talk By Cong. Koch

By HOWARD WIEDER

The Honorable Edward I. Koch, a New York Congressman and a candidate for the Mayoralty next year, spoke to YC students on December 20, in a program sponsored by the Pre-Law Society. Claiming to be a liberal but not a liberal ideologist, Congressman Koch maintained that his position on issues such as aid to parochial schools, scatter-site housing and quotas differentiates himself from other progressive politicians.

Congressman Koch noted that he was a co-sponsor of the Mills-Carey-Koch Bill which would provide Federal aid to parochial schools. Also on the topic of education, he criticized the Board of Education's handling of the Canarsie school integration affair.

Doubting the wisdom and the



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Yeshiva College Senate debates Israeli transfer credit.

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system to emerge (hopefully) with a definite statement on the system as it is and suggestions, if any, as to what it ought to be.

The Task Force, to be comprised of members of THE COMMENTATOR Governing Board, will answer directly to the Board. The reasons for the selection of this group is obvious: it will be made up of experienced students who have "been through the system," it will depend on no one for its financial survival, it will be closely overseen by the Governing Board, and lastly, it seems the only group in any sector of the school capable of such an objective study.

THE COMMENTATOR wishes to emphasize its fair, deliberate, and sincere intentions. The study will be undertaken in good faith; it will not be a forum for vendettas or "head-hunting." Offices, not persons, will be studied and investigated.

We, therefore, plead for the fullest cooperation possible from all concerned in this far-reaching task. THE COMMENTATOR is proceeding in this project with the best of faith and welcomes all advice, comments and assistance. It is our sincere hope that the work of the Task Force will ultimately benefit all the groups that together comprise the college.

From the Editor's Desk



Compounded Inefficiency

By Mark Koslowe

There were many thoughts which I had in my 'In Prospect' column, last year. But one area which was of great concern to me was the dealings which the newspaper would have with YCSC — or myself with Hillel Davis.

My misgivings about Hillel were reawakened at the beginning of the semester, as I wrote of his (and council's) failure to procure a reasonable budget. As the term has progressed I find his presidency an anomaly. Not only has a second meeting about YCSC's budget not been arranged with Dr. Socol, but also Mr. Davis's chief area of concern, religiosity within our school, has seemingly been forgotten. His work outside the school is commendable; however, a reminder is needed that Mr. Davis is president of the student body at this college and his devoted energy belongs here.

The problem of YCSC's objectives and direction is particularly acute and easily shown at its meetings. When has any council debated over where to place posters, for more than 45 minutes — or about allotment of funds to the chess club for half an hour? To complement this disarray of council is the excellent example of the discussion and vote concerning dorm codes and the student court. Here, without reading the constitution, council acted on several aspects of the code and student court. Again debate was carried to absurdity, and when the motion was acted upon — it was found to have been included previously in the constitution.

We believe that Mr. Davis is falling miserably as student council president. When letters, such as 'Lofty Heights,' are written, then someone has not fulfilled his obligations. Asking for curtailed meetings because one 'doesn't feel well' and then allowing them to proceed unhampered without any order, indicates a lack of sincerity or incompetence on the part of the president.

We feel that council has, among its members, lost the role it is supposed to play within the school. Providing for a more efficient college — such as what the front page editorial suggests — should be carried out by YCSC. Nevertheless, we opposed asking council to share in the Task Force, as they are incapable of doing so.

Student council because of its present make-up of only two previously experienced members out of fifteen, only compounds its poor condition. A few representatives are active, but their drive is dissipated by the circus atmosphere of the meetings. The ideas proposed in editorials need the action and support of student council for any positive effect. Yes, the key words are work and organization — and Mr. Davis should apply it to himself.

As editor-in-chief of the newspaper, I am often quizzed on articles which enter the newspaper; editorial and column policy, and responsibility for each item. Last year's Governing Board published an editorial explaining our policy toward editorials and columns. Briefly, an editorial contains the thoughts of the entire Board; a column is the sole opinion of the signed writer.

The responsibility for each news, feature, or sports article is first the writers, then his editor, and finally the editor-in-chief. The ranking (or importance) of each article is determined by the editor of that department (and finally, the editor-in-chief). Sometimes an article is forced into a later edition because of space or its ranking.

A column is not only the responsibility of the signed writer, but also the editor-in-chief. Any censorship is usually determined by the writer himself (but it can be determined by the editor-in-chief). Editorials are the responsibility of the Governing Board and editor-in-chief.

Letters to the Editor are under the sole discretion of the editor-in-chief and may be submitted at any time (typed) on almost any topic — with or without invitation by any member of the Board.

The only additional note is that if you have followed these rules you will find that the editor-in-chief is responsible for every item in the newspaper.

Call For Help

The problems of the Jewish poor living within the environs of New York City have been presented many times this year in this newspaper. A number of thought-provoking proposals suggesting modes of meaningful action for the YC student have also appeared. Despite this, it is painfully obvious that mere journalistic treatment of the matter is insufficient to spark our supposedly concerned student body to take action.

The Yeshiva College Student Council, after chartering an organization designed to do social work among the Jewish poor, remains dormant and shows no indication of following up its token resolution with concrete measures.

In contrast, a group of dedicated college and graduate students, residing in

Manhattan's Lower East Side, have created a program with the objective of visiting and caring for the Jewish needy in their neighborhood. Yeshiva students from both YC and Stern are urgently needed to volunteer a small part of their time to do field work in this area.

Information regarding the program will soon be publicized within the Yeshiva community. THE COMMENTATOR strongly urges all students and faculty members to match words with action by responding to this call for help. Furthermore, we also suggest that YCSC involve itself by offering its organizational resources to help coordinate a program for students wishing to participate in the work going on in the Lower East Side. Ultimately, we hope, Council will form its own organization, dedicated to helping the poor of Washington Heights.

Letters To The Editor

LOFTY HEIGHTS

To the Editor:

After one reads the past few articles in the Commentator by the President of YCSC, he gets the clear idea that a majority of YU students don't care about Jewish affairs or ideals. The President, in these articles, states that most students care only about their grades, their standing, and their own problems. I believe that the approach and opinion of the President are definitely wrong and harmful.

The majority of the blame for lack of involvement in Jewish affairs must not rest on the students but on our leaders. Most students in YU desire to become involved in Jewish causes but no officer is talking to them or pushing them. Aside from this there is a large percentage of students in YU who can be classified as "forgotten students". They are completely ignored by the Student Council and Student Gov't. They have never heard of Hillel Davis or Yussie Ostréicher. They don't know what Student Council does or should do. This lack of communication between the student gov't and the students is the major reason for the apathy and indifference that the President writes about.

The Student Council is going about the wrong way in increasing student involvement. Writing depressing, negative articles to THE COMMENTATOR will not increase the participation of students in Jewish affairs. Sitting by the elevator selling tickets for a benefit and then complaining will not increase involvement. Our leaders must adopt a positive and energetic approach. They must come down from their lofty heights, and not be afraid to talk and mingle with the average student. They must first involve themselves with us, in order for us to involve ourselves with them.

Can we organize this group? Yes. It does not depend on bio tests, Jet and Knick games or Stern College. It depends on a successful working relationship between the student gov't and the student body that is terribly lacking today.

Elliott Godick '74

CHANGE, PLEASE

To the Editor:

Recently I had the unfortunate need of sending a transcript to a graduate school. I write "unfortunate," for it meant some work for some of Yeshiva's office workers. The drama started at 3:30 p.m. Thursday afternoon, on December 14, 1972, when I needed change of \$10 to pay the

Registrar. Naturally, the obvious place to get change is at the Student Finance Office. After all, our tuition money, and all service's monies go through their hands. Thus, innocently I sauntered over to the Student Finance Office and asked for "two fives for a ten."

"Sorry, no change," one woman answered without looking up from her work.

Stunned at first but true to my YU bearing, I regained control of my senses and asked, "You mean the Bursar's Office has no money whatsoever?"

"This is not a bank!" I was informed.

"I have to pay the Registrar. How will I pay them if I can't get change?"

"Go to the cafeteria," — a

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CORRECTIONS:

- 1. (The article on Dr. Asher Siev) Rabbi, Dr. Samuel Mirsky, z"l, also received the Pras HaRav Kook award as a YU faculty member. (For his work — She'elot D'rav A'hal Gaon).
- 2. For crediting photos:
 - a. Photo of Dr. Siev and Israeli Prime Minister Zalman Shazar, should be YUPR.
 - b. Photo of the wrestling team, should be Jay Shoulson.

Comment On...

Letter From An Editor: "My Dear Sisters,"



By Lenny Davis

—I want to make it clear from the beginning that not all men, not even all Jewish men, are male chauvinist pigs. The percentage of those who are is probably equal to that of the female chauvinist sows amongst you; and from my observations neither group is really too large.

Unfortunately, however, I have to admit that many of my brothers — even writers for THE COMMENTATOR and Hamashkif — may just not be too glatt kosher on the issue. In fact, I don't blame you a bit for being angry over the two slanderous, slanted, and "sexist" articles which appeared in the Yeshiva College press a couple of weeks ago. Besides all the lard, they were pretty mean.

The first one, in the December 12 issue of Hamashkif, was written by "Israel Ben-Zion" — a pseudonym. Ben-Zion's verbal picture of the "tens of gazes" from Stern College vultures and the discomfort felt by the "masochistic" male visitor to Stern is probably a truer account of the poor girl who walks into the Yeshiva cafeteria. The misogynist's description of the "tragedy and comedy" of the men-hungry, "cross-eyed," and hard-up Stern women may represent his sexual fantasies; but reality it is not.

[Stern women are not cross-eyed, and most of them are excellent representatives of their sex. They may wear girdles — underclasspeople, ask the upper-classpeople about that — but they are not cross-eyed.]

I wonder a little about this "Israel Ben-Zion," who's afraid to identify himself. If that's what

he thinks of them, how and why did he study his subjects in such detail? Do you think he's one of those nightly Stern Lounge-sitters you joke about?

Anyway, I have a hypothesis about that Hamashkif article and the pseudonym. It was probably written by some Brooklyn University house plan to sabotage YC-Stern relations. An article like that could set relations back for years if it was taken seriously.

That black dot above this paragraph is called a "bullet," and (Continued on Page 4, Col. 1)

Semicha Pair Spend Yamim Nora'im With Deprived Soviet Russian Jews

Abe Cooper and David Koenigsberg, both semicha students here at Yeshiva, spent the past "Yomim Nora'im" and "Succot" in Soviet Russia. They have returned with vitally important information concerning Soviet Jewry. The following are excerpts from their interview with THE COMMENTATOR.

Shabbat and Yom-Tov will find small knots of Jews gathered outside the Moscow Synagogue. They are huddled together, talking only to those they know, exchanging news and views and waiting for tourists. These people are the "activists," the unofficial leaders of the Russian Emigration Movement.

Generally highly educated, the activists range in age from 20 to 50. Having decided there is no place for them in Soviet so-

Tichya Provides Religious Climate For New Olim On Individual Basis

By GARY LIPSTEIN

One of the most urgent and pressing problems facing world Jewry today is the plight of Russian Jewry. Everyone is familiar with the "Education Tax" levied against those Jews desiring to leave Russia. Despite this and other restrictive policies, Jews are still leaving Russia for Israel and, once there, they hope to lead productive lives as free Jews. However, the sad fact is that many of these Russian olim while certainly free, are not being instructed as to how to live a traditional Torah way of life. To overcome perhaps years of isolation from their Jewish heritage, a newly arrived Russian family must be intensively guided and imbued with traditional Jewish laws and customs. To a large

extent, the average Russian's conception of a "religious" person is a "Chasid" which does not appeal to their life style. They have never been exposed to other religious philosophies.

It is imperative therefore, if we do not want to lose these Russian olim entirely, to expose them to people who engender the "modern religious" life style. There is a very pressing need for this type of person to become personally involved with trying to guide the Russian oleh. Presently, upon entering Israel a Russian immigrant is taken to an absorption center where most of his material needs are taken care of, while spiritual needs are left unattended.

Tichya

A new organization called Tichya is trying to help alleviate this problem. The organization, as of yet, is not very large and is in need of everyone's support. Their efforts are geared towards establishing various educational and cultural programs towards which the oleh can turn for religious guidance and instruction. Some of these programs include Shabbatonim in the various absorption centers, adult education courses, classes in the Hebrew language, and perhaps most important, personal visits by special volunteers to the homes and families of newly-arrived immigrants.

Another problem that Tichya is trying to grapple with is the placement of Russian boys in Israeli yeshivot. Under the present system Russian boys are finding it very difficult to acclimate

themselves to Israeli yeshivot. Consequently, it is imperative that a high school type Yeshiva be set up for the Russian olim who would like to learn, yet find it impossible under existing conditions.

Dedicated Staff

Despite its size, Tichya can boast of the work of some very dedicated staff members. Chief among these is Miriam Steinberg. Miss Steinberg, who holds a master of Social Work degree from the Wurzweiler School of Social Work in New York, is paid no salary, except fifteen dollars for room and board, yet puts in many arduous hours as coordinator of some of Tichya's activities. Heshy Billet, a former SOY president, and now a student at Yeshivat Hakotel and Betina Rosenberg, a former NCSY officer, are also very involved in Tichya's activities.

What is important now is for all of us at Yeshiva to get involved. There are several ways this can be achieved. Firstly, those students who opt to go to Israel for a year, or those who take their summer vacations in Israel might consider offering some of their time to fellow Jews.

Tichya is still desperately in need of people willing to volunteer a week or two towards working on a personal, one-to-one basis with Russian olim.

Anybody interested in becoming part of this growing organization is urged to contact Rabbi H. Reichman at Yeshiva, or at his home, tel. no. 942-5482.

Mayoral Aide Lauds Lindsay Government

By JUDAH AUSUBEL

Within a few weeks, the City newspapers will have what to editorialize about, politicians will have what to argue about, and once again people will have what to think about. When Mayor Lindsay announces his plans either to seek re-election or declines the offer to run again for Mayor of New York City, he is bound to set in motion possibly one of the most exciting political campaigns ever. In an effort to learn how the Lindsay Administration evaluates its past performance with regard to the Jews and problems of the Jews in New York (before campaign glorifications and accusations distort the "truth"), I interviewed Marvin Schick, Assistant to the Mayor for Intergroup Relations.

Mr. Schick works with various ethnic communities, notably the Jewish community, which has the greatest dealings with Government, and serves as the Mayor's liaison with the City University of New York and other institutions of higher learning. Because Mr. Schick is so involved with the Jewish community, I asked him if he could tell me why the Mayor was so adamant

in demanding that the project in Forest Hills be maintained as originally conceived. "I'm not going to comment on Forest Hills. Simply to say, I don't know that the City was that adamant since the thing has been compromised, and so it's a question of how one regards adamancy and how one regards a compromise."

Annoyment?

Although I detected a note in Mr. Schick's voice which seemed to be one of annoyance, I continued by asking what the Mayor had to say about deteriorating, crime-ridden neighborhoods such as Coney Island, Williamsburg and Crown Heights. Mr. Schick told me that the major need in Williamsburg is housing. He added that that particular neighborhood is not deteriorating, and that a tremendous effort has been under way to keep the neighborhood going. "There is a terrible need for housing in the area. There is fear throughout the cities of the United States because there's a heck of a lot of crime." I asked Mr. Schick if putting a project in Forest Hills might not bring in with it a wave of crime as in Coney Island (Continued on Page 5, Col. 1)

ciety, they are not as fearful as those who remain haunted by the nightmare of Stalinist terror or who have no plans for leaving. The activists address their demands to the Soviet government and argue in terms of official Soviet law and guaranteed constitutional rights. Far from waiting to change the system, the activists are desirous of having it.

Attitudes of Youth

The attitudes of the old and young towards each other are surprising. Never, even in our discussions with concerned and sincere members of the older generation, did we hear any pride expressed in the appearance of the new breed of defiant Soviet Jew. On the other hand, neither did we ever hear the young criticize the silent old, the government-appointed synagogue officials who collaborate openly with the KGB, or even the informers. One prominent activist, Gavriel Shapiro, shrugged off an outburst about a particularly obnoxious gabbai by saying: "You must understand. These people have a slave mentality. Everyone here had some friend or relative murdered by either Hitler or Stalin."

The activists are, of course, idealists. But they would more appropriately be called "realistic idealists." Dr. Julia Shmukler, a thirty-six-year-old Ph.D. in physics and computer expert described the Moscow activists as feeling they represented all Jews in the Soviet Union since they, living in Moscow, had the greatest exposure to the Western press and were in a position to apply pressure directly to the Kremlin. It wasn't always that way. The first open demonstration, a three day sit-in in the Supreme Soviet's waiting room, was staged by Georgian Jews. The Moscow Jews watched, stunned, but learned a lesson they have yet to forget. Even so, we heard one Moscow activist complain about the "tameness" of his friends. He explained bitterly, "The Jews in Moscow have been in Galut too long."

Julia Shmukler guessed the odds at being somewhere around (Continued on Page 4, Col. 4)

Prime Chuck

Senatorial Distrust



By Chuck Bernstein

This is the third year that I have regularly attended YC Senate meetings. Last spring, when I looked back at the meetings I had attended as an "outsider," I could not help but feel that the Senate was a place where important academic questions were decided at Yeshiva College. I could not help but be jealous of those students who were privileged to be senators and to participate in this decision making process.

This year I have had the privilege of being an "insider" at the Senate meetings I have attended. It is ironic, however, that as I look back at this term's meetings, the emotion I feel most is one of disappointment.

I am disappointed by the endless, repetitive debates, the personality clashes, the attacking and defense of undefinable ideologies, and the general lack of positive accomplishment which has characterized the Senate this term. But most of all, I am disappointed because I fear that next term isn't going to be any better.

The obvious question at this point is, "What has happened to the Yeshiva College Senate — and why?"

As in any legislative body, the YC Senate has its forces for change and its forces against

change. We like to believe that which side of the fence a given senator is on depends on the issue at hand. We know, however, that all too often that's just not the case. Too many senators, on both sides, have never crossed from one side of the fence to the other.

Lately, the forces for change have been finding themselves greatly frustrated by their inability to unearth major problems to tackle. It almost seems as if previous Senates have exhausted the supply.

The forces against change have been equally frustrated. Regretting the major concessions to previous senates, they are backlashing against the trend away from the status quo. Their frustration lies in their inability to devise logical and convincing arguments for such a position. Thus, debate on the floor of the senate has degenerated into a seemingly endless alternation of repetitive arguments from the proponents of these two basic points of view.

The sun has set on the day when the senate debated issues on their merits. We are entering a twilight of distrust in which the mover of every motion will be greeted by the unverballed

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"My Dear Sisters,"

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it's used in newspapers to separate ideas. I put it there to separate the ridiculous from the intellectual. I feel I have to separate Ben-Zion's article from the one written by Eddie Burns entitled "Sex and the New Jewish Girl" which appeared in the December 21 COMMENTATOR.

In his column, Mr. Burns explains that "the secret to a successful marriage, a lovely family and decent children is tender loving care." My colleague correctly states that there exist increasing numbers of tragedies in Jewish marriages and that successful child-rearing — especially Jewish child-rearing — depends on a happy marriage. I have to agree — one can't very well argue with motherhood, kreplach, and the Israeli flag.

But, Sisters, I agree with your objections to Mr. Burns' statement that "a man coming home from work certainly does not look forward to greeting a worn out businesswoman too tired to cook a respectable meal and act the alluring, loving wife."

The inference of that sentence, that a man does look forward to being greeted by a refreshed wife who is enlivened in the kitchen and still acts like a sexy siren, makes male noses begin to look like snouts.

I also see your point when he says, "It is unforgivably selfish" for a woman to choose a profession "and then marry and expect a husband to abandon his ideal expectations of a wife and a home." Like you, I have to ask who the selfish one is. It is a truly selfish husband who asks a woman with equally developed mind and abilities to suddenly "sublimate" her intellectual capabilities to become a refreshed, alluring and loving wife, cook, and housecleaner.

Is that the sole purpose of a woman's hard-earned and expensive BA and frequent MA — to make her the "highly educated, socially aware parent" capable of the "most challenging career" of raising and teaching kids?

The raising of children is Judaism's and the general society's most important task. But, I too, would be bitterly frustrated if I felt all my education and ambitions were for naught. I don't see why a woman can't have a career once children are of school age, or, with her husband's co-

Council Discusses Olim And Court

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machines in the cafeteria cannot be removed at this time. (There has been much pressure to boycott Pepsico after its recent trade agreement with the Soviet Union.) Mr. Parker, head of YU's cafeteria, claims that the University's contract with Pepsico cannot be legally broken at the present time.

The last item on the agenda was the chartering of a "Young Americans for Freedom" branch at Yeshiva College. Dr. Dunner, member of the YAF Advisory Board, has agreed to be the faculty advisor. The club is being organized by students who feel a more conservative political viewpoint should be heard on the YC campus.

operation and understanding, even work out a part-time career before that.

I am not a sufficiently perspicacious bachelor to know the secret of a successful marriage. But, it seems evident that, unless a man marries a slave-harem girl, or a hard-up, man-hungry, cross-eyed idiot, it all rests on a husband and wife sharing the responsibilities of marriage. "Success" — even in a traditional Jewish marriage — depends on the sharing of duties, be they child-rearing and teaching, housecleaning, or bread-winning.

Sisters, I just know that one day my masculine ego is going to regret my writing this to you. But that's where the regret stops; I have complete faith in your capability to be excellent Jewish wives, mothers, and career women. In fact, I am so sure of the strength of Jewish women that I breathe a sigh of laziness every morning when I "sexistly" thank the Lord I wasn't created a woman.

Herbert Bienstock, Regional Labor Director, Instructs Here And Throughout The City

By ALLAN KAPLAN

Mr. Herbert Bienstock, visiting lecturer in Economics at Yeshiva University, is one of the least known professors in the school, yet one of the most prestigious and qualified members of the faculty. In a recent interview with Mr. Bienstock, the various positions he holds and the work involved with them were discussed.

Mr. Bienstock is the Regional Director of the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor. This region covers New York, New Jersey, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. In this capacity, he is involved with directing and coordinating the activities of a research organization of over 100 people.

Bureau of Labor

The Bureau of Labor Statistics was formed in 1884 and since its inception has remained removed from the political whirlwind. The staff is made up of professionals, not politicians. This Bureau is the largest non-financial agency in the government, and the information gathered by the Bureau is used for the formulation of the price index, the cost-of-living index, and in general, the overall economic policy of the party in office.

Being an observant Jew, Mr. Bienstock stated that he had experienced no feelings of anti-semitism in the course of his work with other members of the Bureau. He also said, "Many members of my staff are *shomrei mitzvot*, and yet have no problems following their beliefs and performing their duties." Mr. Bienstock, who travels to the nation's capital suite often as part of his work, stated that he has a fine rapport with other minority group members of his staff, both in New York and Washington.

Many Teaching Positions

Besides teaching at Yeshiva Mr. Bienstock also teaches courses at Hunter College, Cor-

Readings Festival Held At Yeshiva By Speech Dept.

By HOWARD WIEDER

The Speech and Drama Department in association with its student counterpart, the YCSC Speech Club, sponsored the final competition of the annual "Festival of Oral Readings" on December 28. Alexander Berman was awarded first prize for his rendition of an excerpt from "The Zoo Story," a play by Edward Albee.

Second prize was shared by Leonard Fuld and Jeff Neiman. Mr. Fuld read a portion of Chaim Potok's novel, *My Name Is Asher Lev*. Mr. Neiman acted a scene from the play, "Billy Budd." Reading T. S. Eliot's poem, "Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock," William Stock received third prize.

Dr. Abraham Tauber, the chairman of the Department, praised Ms. Shirley Mezvinsky for her dedicated efforts in coordinating the festival. He also stated that the judging of the contest was the most difficult ever because of the high standard of performance by each of the participants.

nell University, Baruch College and The New School. He thus has a good basis for comparing Yeshiva with other schools. He feels that Yeshiva has positive and negative points when compared to other schools, but the conclusions emerging from these comparisons must be modified because of the double program at Yeshiva. Mr. Bienstock believes that the student-faculty relationship is not what it could be at Yeshiva, but added that this is mainly dependent on the individual teacher. He also believes that there could be some improvement in the secular

YU Students Return From Visit In Russia

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80:20. Eighty percent of the time, two or three years of unemployment, surveillance, defamation in the press, government-encouraged harassment at the hands of citizens and authorities, as well as occasional periods of detention and arrest lead to an emigration grant. Twenty percent of the time, the activist is selected to be an example to the others; to be sent off for one to fifteen years of forced labor under "strict regime," i.e., a starvation diet.

Pogrom Atmosphere

We were told on several occasions, by activists and non-activists alike, "The atmosphere here is like before a pogrom." A partial return to Stalinist tactics was begun. Israeli radio broadcasts have been totally jammed since May. Activists have been taken away for questioning at 4 a.m. and placed in damp, solitary confinement cells with a bread-and-water diet. Peaceful demonstrators have been beaten publicly by police; Kiev synagogue goers are regularly attacked by government-encouraged gangs

of toughs. The wives of Jewish intellectuals have been accused of prostitution and threatened with the possibility of having their children confiscated by the State to protect them from "incompetent mothers." This year, access to synagogues have been blocked off on major Jewish holidays, and crowds of praying Jews dispersed immediately, something that has not happened in twenty years.

Exit Permits

While the last few months have seen an increase in exit permits for Israel, almost none of these have been issued to the half-million Moscow and Leningrad Jews. These Jews are the USSR's most educated and assimilated Jewish citizens, most of whom make many times the average Russian salary. In spite of it all, attendance at secret Hebrew classes has increased considerably in the past few years.

Russian Jews desperately appreciate support from the outside. When they receive a letter from a Jew they've never met, they are made to feel a part of the Jewish people. And if it's in Hebrew or contains any information on Jewish matters of interest, the letter will be passed on to friends. We met a young woman activist who happily told us of a telegram she had gotten and then proceeded to recite to us, by heart, the name and address of the Chicago woman who had sent it. She asked us to send regards. We expected the Chicago lady to be a former tourist or some distant relative but she turned out to be just an ordinary B'nai Brither who simply chose a name off a list and telegraphed. No matter who she really was, the lady from Chicago turned out to be a source of hope and even inspiration to a group of scared, lonely Russian Jews.

Rabbi Haim Douek Of Egypt Speaks At YU; Urges World Jewry To Live In Solidarity

By HOWARD WIEDER

Rabbi Haim Douek, the Chief Rabbi of Egypt, spoke to YC students on December 21 about the present condition of the Egyptian Jewish community. At the age of five, Rabbi Douek left his native Turkey in order to study at yeshivot in Egypt, where he has held the position of Chief Rabbi for twenty years.

Rabbi Douek stated that the Egyptian government has suppressed Jewish observance and persecuted individual Jews, whether observant or not. There are no synagogues, no yeshivot, and only one *shochet* to serve the 4,000 Egyptian Jews, who are mainly concentrated in the cities of Cairo and Alexandria. Almost all books on Judaism are hidden in crates.

Before the 1967 Six-Day War, the Nasser Regime did not actively oppress the Jewish community. After Egypt's defeat, however, Jews were forced to leave the country. The flow of immigration, consisting mainly of youth, was to Israel, France,



Ira Bejell

Rabbi Haim Douek (l.) and Student (r.)

and the United States. Left in Egypt are, for the most part, the elderly, who are too entrenched in their homeland to uproot themselves. The Chief Rabbi, in concluding, urged that all Jews should live together in unity and solidarity irrespective of back-

ground and homeland.

The program, which was attended by approximately 150, was jointly sponsored by the Sephardic Students Club, headed by Raymond Harari, and the Pre-Rabbinic Society, under the direction of Shaya Wexler.

Marvin Schick, Lindsay's Aide, Praises City College Policy, Talks About Jewish Affairs

(Continued from Page 3, Col. 2) (where the aged who reside in the projects are terrified to walk out of their apartments). Mr. Schick replied, "I don't know. I don't know. I'm not going to comment further on Forest Hills." He added that crime could not be ignored but that the "tough" problem facing Government is housing.

According to Mr. Schick the Chasid in Williamsburg is by no means the forgotten Jew. Mr. Schick claims quite to the contrary, that there is no segment of the Jewish community as a whole "so government oriented, politics oriented as Satmer, Lubavitch, and Bobov." From Mr. Schick's point of view, the simple fact is that "Chasidim are the most accomplished politicians in the Jewish Community." (Eat your heart out, B'nai Brith.)

Personal Concern

Now I directed my attention to an area of greater personal concern to Mr. Schick. He is founder of an organization known as the National Jewish Commission on Law and Public Affairs (COLPA). I asked his opinion on the subject of the repeated assertions by leading Jewish figures that the City has neglected the Jewish poor as compared to the poor of other minorities. The response was jolting: "No, I have no idea. I'm very busy helping Jews. If I'm going to spend the rest of the interview answering criticisms, I'd rather terminate the interview. You write whatever you feel you want to write, and I'll do for Jews what I think has to be done for Jews."

I don't think that I annoyed Mr. Schick as much as I offended him by questioning him on the areas of greatest concern to Jews rather than chatting about the wonderful situation in which the City finds itself today. Indeed Mr. Schick did allow me to continue the interview when I asked him questions which pleased him more (such as, would he evaluate open enrollment in the City University, to which he

replied that it is "One of the great things that's happened in the United States in the way of higher education in a long time.")

He did concede, however, that there were certain problems facing the open enrollment program. One of the most prominent is the lack of adequate space. Mr. Schick explained that the program, originally scheduled to begin in 1975, began five years prematurely catching New York's college system insufficiently prepared. He further cited the attrition rate of 40% attributed to open enrollment participants as another great source of concern.

Open Enrollment

Nevertheless, Mr. Schick regards open enrollment as an overall success. In fact, Mr. Schick maintains that the academic level of Brooklyn College surpasses that of Yeshiva. He went on to compare his personal view of YU, based upon his teaching experiences here ten years ago, to open enrollment to-

day. Mr. Schick explained that he had found some of the most brilliant students in the city sitting in his classroom at YU alongside other students "at the other end of the educational spectrum" who "could not have gotten into the city college with the lowest average. That disparity in student quality at Yeshiva ten years ago is comparable, to Mr. Schick's mind, to the disparity that exists on city campuses today.

Before I conclude, I would like to make it very clear that Mr. Schick's record clearly indicates that he has acted in what he has considered the best interests of New York's Jews. Yet I found it rather unfortunate and disconcerting that a man who holds such an important position in city government should seem so resentful and uncooperative when approached with any question that even implied any criticism of the municipal government's past performance.

YU Debating Team A Truly New Start

By ELIEZER WEXLER

The Yeshiva University debating society will begin to function next term. Confident of a substantial number of victories, the team captain, Joseph Stechler, discussed his and his fellow debaters, efforts to recapture the

bate the area's local university on a national topic or a panel of various community leaders on a relevant Jewish issue. The team is also working out a schedule for debates with local colleges such as Brooklyn, Columbia, and Hunter. They are also anticipating a match against the as yet unformed Stern College debating team.

Contestants Designated

Dr. Fleisher, the team's faculty advisor, along with members of last year's team, designated those contestants who qualify to debate this year. Their final decisions were not based on the student's eloquence but rather on his ability to organize his arguments, convey a point and respond unhesitatingly. The five other members of the team besides Mr. Stechler are Irving Rotter, Steven Mandelsberg, Steven Pearlman, Jeff Wandel and Paul White. Although most of the team have had high school experience, they are all novices to college-level debating.

Among the new policies instituted this year is a weekly team meeting to discuss topics and make plans for the team research sessions. Mr. Stechler also hopes to have faculty members help train the team in debate strategy and public speaking.

The team's captain also ad-

FROM DEAN ISAAC BACON: I am pleased to inform you that your request to have a library kept open all day Sunday (10 a.m.-9 p.m.) during Study Week and the week of finals (January 10-23) has been approved.

prestige and renown that the Yeshiva team once had.

Still in the planning stage is a tournament to be held at YU in which many Eastern colleges will be invited to participate. Letters will also be sent to Jewish communities across the country and Canada announcing the team's readiness to visit and de-

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(Continued from Page 2, Col. 5) logical response but I parried back and answered:

"It's closed at 3:30 in the afternoon."

With that answer, another lady went into the backroom and discovered a roll of bills and promptly changed my \$10 bill.

The whole episode took only a matter of minutes; many less minutes than writing this letter. But I must object about the attitude of some workers at YU. First let me state that I am always impressed with the deferential treatment I receive when I ask for certain services from New York City Community College where I took two summer courses. And here, a full-time student must build up the courage to even ask a favor. Thank G-d, this June I will graduate from Yeshiva University and I

will no longer bother our harassed employees. And for my last will and testament I bequeath the Office of Student Finance a flood of university students who want to pay one of the many branches of YU but do not have the proper amount.

Ivan Brick '73

A YU YAVNEH

To the Editor:

I was naturally pleased to note COMMENTATOR's extensive page 1, column 1 coverage of the recent Yavneh-sponsored symposium on the problem of "Jews for Jesus" that was held here at YU on November 21. I feel, however, that the tone of the headline, as well as the article itself, is misleading—although I am sure unintentionally so—and would like to set the record straight. This was NOT a national or a regional event that just "happened" to have been held at YU, as your coverage implies.

Every aspect of this symposium was handled independently by the YU branch, in cooperation with Stern. Not even so much as a single flier was sent out to other branches. (An article in the Newsletter was the entire extent of the outside publicity.)

The overflow crowd that turned out—including 70 students from Stern that crammed into a chartered 53-seat bus for the occasion indicated unprecedented—if not historic—participation in a YU event, and we feel that our branch per se deserves at least some mention of this event—and the revived YU Yavneh—is to be seen in true perspective.

Aaron Relchel '71
Pres. YU Yavneh

MALE CHAUVINISM, I

To the Editor:

I am addressing my criticism to Edward Burns, who courageously extended the invitation to reply to his male chauvinistic article "Sex and the New Jewish Girl."

First of all, I'd like to mention that the concept of a Jewish woman maintaining a career is by no means alien to Ortho-

dox Judaism. As any yeshiva student familiar with the Tanach can testify, Deborah the Judge, in addition to her familial duties, was not only a mother and wife, but one of our greatest leaders in time of crises. Need I also point out as an example the Prime Minister of Israel, whom if you had had it your way, would never have made it out of the kitchen.

How easy it is to point the finger at the "liberated" woman for the soaring Jewish divorce and intermarriage rate. For a man who feels threatened at the idea of a companion in marriage, (which is what the "liberated" woman is attempting to be) in lieu of a subservient housekeeper and wet-nurse, of course he will irrationally take all the ills of society, and manipulate them, so as to make it appear that the liberated woman is the cause.

Rather, by pursuing a career outside the home, the wife is attempting to remain the stimulating companion her husband married. Her world does not have to shrink to the level of what happened on "Love of Life," and

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FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICE: Many students seem uncertain as to whether a course in medical ethics, macroeconomics, or Provencal poetry will best prepare them for individuation and/or a career in veterinary surgery. Anyone perplexed by his program, and wishing some information, advice, or commiseration is invited, even encouraged, to visit the Guidance Office (Room 205, Student Union Building) this month before wading deeper into the second semester. Bring in the pieces; together we'll get your head.

mitted that the society already suffered a major setback this year when the student council cut their budget by seventy-five percent. "It will be tough but with the people we have, I think we could come out with a good record."

Congressman Koch Speaks To Interested Students

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 5) practicality of scatter-site housing, he stated that together with Congressman Benjamin S. Rosenthal of Queens he had been attacked by other liberal public officials for advocating that the original version of the Forest Hills project be scaled down.

The Manhattan Democrat stated that he and Congressman Rosenthal were responsible for instituting an ombudsman in the Department of Housing, Education, and Welfare to investigate all charges of "reverse discrimination." In line with this action, he stated his opposition to quotas. Instead, the best way to help the underprivileged, would be to set up training programs for various skills. The graduate of such a course would receive a union card.

Congress

Congressman Koch asserted that it was Congress, and not the Administration, which has provided Israel with the arms that she needs. Offering the Rog-

ers Plan as proof, the Congressman observed that "Mr. Nixon is not a friend of Israel in the moral sense."

Mindful of the aftermath of the United States' policy of strict quotas on immigration during the Hitler Era, Mr. Koch said that the government should never again restrict the flow of oppressed people into this country whether they be Soviet Jews or Asian Ugandans. He promised, in addition, to initiate legislation in the House of Representatives similar to the Jackson-Varick Bill in the Senate, which provides that the Soviet Union be denied "most favorite nation status" unless it ceases to exact "ransom fees" for emigration.

When asked whether the last mayoral election showed a conservative trend, the Congressman replied that New Yorkers would probably reject an ideologist such as Frank Rizzo, the Mayor of Philadelphia, or Hugh Addonizio, the Former Mayor of Newark.

Senatorial Distrust

(Continued from Page 3, Col. 5) question, "What are you trying to pull off?"

"What was Dr. Fleisher trying to pull off when he let the senate approve his grading system for English 1.1 based on a premise he later confessed he himself did not subscribe to?" "What were the students trying to pull off introducing Accounting as a liberal arts course?" "What was Dr. Bacon trying to pull off equating a computerized accounting course with Eco 51 and in the same breath allowing that the new course did not have Eco 51's pre-requisites?" And most recently, "What was Dr. Tendler trying to pull off by wrapping psak halachah of modern medicine in the fancy trim-

mings of a Medical Ethics syllabus?"

This questioning is a new phenomenon to me. I don't recall mentally accusing former student senators of only trying to make things easy when they pushed for lessening of the degree requirements. And I don't recall mentally accusing faculty members of only being concerned with the stature of their own departments when they opposed the dropping of "their" courses as requirements.

If the senate and the senators are to regain the believability of the past, we must one again have debate in which no one can be accused of trying to pull off anything less than what is best for Yeshiva College.

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"darling, I made the bathroom bowl really sparkle today." Now, I am not saying that the husband should be neglected at the expense of the wife's career, but rather it is up to the woman herself to judge whether or not she can handle both situations without either suffering. With her added income, there is no reason why a housekeeper cannot be hired to take care of such necessary mundane chores as dusting and dishwashing. And as for the children, it is the quality and not quantity of time spent with them by both their parents that determines their moral and religious characters, as the emotional well-adjustment of the children on the kibbutz system has proven. Three hours completely devoted to the children and their interests by a fulfilled mother, by far outweighs fifteen spent with a frustrated penned-in housekeeper.

Finally, I'd like to say, that I found your ultimatum, to either choose a career or a family, but not both, not only **chutzpadik** but insulting. Has anyone ever suggested to you to either choose being a father or pursuing a career? Modern sociological studies have proven that girls and boys not only need a mother's guidance, but equally a strong paternal influence. Let both parents share in the upbringing and character molding of the children, and both pursue stimulating careers, so that they may jointly share the rewards of parenthood of the children they jointly created.

May I add upon parting, that I am not attempting to denigrate those women who choose to remain within the confines of their home. **Kol ha'nevod** if that be their decision! However, let that decision be based on a desire to do so, and not on an ultimatum issued by a male chauvinist.

Navah Dzikansky '74
(a liberated Sternite)

MALE CHAUVINISM, II

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to Edward Burns' article "Sex and the New Jewish Girl" printed in the last issue, a classic example of what I believe is Orthodox Jewish male chauvinism.

In his article, Mr. Burns blames Women's Lib for playing a large role in the disintegration of the Jewish family structure. After all, he states, more and more businessmen are coming home to women who are too tired to "act the alluring, loving wife" and "cook a respectable meal." And, of course, working women lack the time necessary to teach their children about "life, religion, and morality." All of this, according to the author, produces friction which leads to marital dissatisfaction.

I hope for Mr. Burns' sake that his marriage will not be so shallow and meaningless that if his wife is tired at dinnertime it will be grounds for divorce. Reasoning such as this is, I believe,

the ultimate insult to a woman. If it bothers him so much, he should marry a sleep-in housekeeper.

With regard to the upbringing of children, I wonder if it has occurred to him that perhaps the blame for alienation lies, to a large extent, with the father who is rarely visible. Children, to grow up completely healthy, need two parents, not one.

And, one last thought—I wonder how many pre-med majors from YU who marry before graduation live for four years on the income of their wives. Shall we suggest, then, that we should let the women work for these four years and then use them as baby factories? Attitudes such as his only serve to perpetuate legitimate disgust with classical Judaism on the part of women activists.

Gerry Skolnik '73

MALE CHAUVINISM, III

To the Editor:

Mr. Burns — I am not one of those women who advocates the burning of my feminine apparel. I do not believe that men should do some housework while their wives become executives on Madison Avenue. I am an orthodox Jewess who is terribly old-fashioned. I love to cook chicken soup and heaven forbid if I don't have my husband's dinner ready for him at six. Yet, I was enraged when I read your offensive editorial entitled "Sex and the New Jewish Girl."

You claim that a woman must devote herself to one thing only — namely being able "to cook a respectable meal and to act the alluring, loving wife." You support your argument by claiming that the 24 hours in a day simply do not offer enough time for a woman (or even a man for that matter) to pursue too many activities successfully. So "the woman of today must decide where her priorities lie. Are they in a happy marriage or a successful career?"

Does this mean that the man who does devote time to a successful career should not concern himself with the condition of his marriage? Your answer would seem to be yes, because you argue that one can have either... or — either a happy marriage or a successful career — but not both. Therefore the man who chooses a successful career has obviously decided that his priorities lie in the "fulfillment of a job," rather than the gratification of a contented connubial situation.

Your argument seems to state that the rearing of "decent children," and the success of a marriage depends solely on the woman.

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an. Funny, I always thought marriage involved two people. The word itself suggests the joining of two individuals. If a woman is not so loving and alluring after working from 9 to 3, imagine what the man is like after working from 9 to 6. Mr. Burns, have you forgotten that old truism: "It takes two to tango?"

Furthermore, why would dinner be jeopardized if a woman works from 9 to 3? She has three hours in which to cook anything her dear little hubby desires. I can assure you, having cooked some meals myself, that that is ample time to prepare the most luscious of meals.

As far as rearing the children is concerned, I agree with you — up to a point. That point is about 9 or 10 years. While some children are still at home I feel that the mother should be there with them. But if all the children are in school most of the day what difference would it make if the woman steps out for a few hours during their absence to do something she likes? What good will it do anyone for her to simply sit at home and watch the soap operas on TV? If she happens to love literature why can't she go out and teach it for a few hours a day? On the contrary, it will benefit the rest of the family if she does go out. By doing what she likes she will be less irritable and she will become in general a more well-rounded individual. Her job will offer her intellectual stimulation as well as emotional gratification (not to mention the pecuniary result. Earning more money is always beneficial). As a result of her job, the woman will be a more intelligent and a happier mother and wife, rather than a narrow-minded complainer whose interests stop at cold creams and CBS's "As the World Turns."

Mr. Burns, after you are married, think twice before you order your wife to stay at home as you leave the house with your school-bound children. By doing this you will be laying ground for the development of a boring, irascible shrew. And which man wants that for a wife?

Roberta Klein '73

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(Continued from Page 1, Col. 1) audience to strain for some thread of unity to tie the whole story together. Unfortunately, while the theme was blatantly obvious, the plot thread was never revealed.

Despite the inherent weaknesses of the material, director Anthony Beukas succeeded admirably in staging a technically brilliant recreation of a stark world inhabited by mutant monsters and frightened humans. Whatever was lacking in content was amply compensated for in execution: Mr. Beukas' imaginative designs for settings, costumes, sound and lighting were equal in quality with his creative direction of the acting corps; while the stunning special effects were carried out with split second precision by a fine technical staff.

Similarly, the actors of YC's Dramatic Society are to be once again, commended for their excellent performances. Despite obvious late changes in the play structure, the cast — both leading and supporting — were superb.

The strongest dramatic performances of the play were

turned in by Eric Weiner as Brother Francis and Victor Dulouya as Father Cherokee and Dom Paulo. The opening scene, with Mr. Weiner alone on stage, frightened by the desert perils, was especially noteworthy.

The best technical performance was Stanley Goldin's as Benjamin, the ancient, hermitic, wandering Jew who popped up all through the play. Mr. Goldin, who enlivened last year's Hamlet as Polonius, once again kept the audience on their toes by picking his own and, in general, by playing the perfect cantankerous, cackling ancient ol' buzzard.

Because of the many roles played by the many actors, it is impossible to detail the performances of all. However, special mention needs to be made of the performances of Sid Slivko, Isaac Nutovic, Marvin Stern and Neil Dick.

Overall the talented cast and remarkable production provided entertainment of a calibre high enough to counteract the poor script. Hopefully the Society's next production will start off with a better play.

THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE DRAMATICS SOCIETY of Yeshive College would like to take this moment to express its sincere appreciation for those who contributed to make "A Canticle for Leibowitz" a success; and announces that auditions for the Spring performance will be held within the first week after the end of intercession. Those interested will be notified of the exact dates and times of auditioning by reading the notices on the Dramatics Society Bulletin Board.

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Israeli yeshiva and 32 credits for two years at Yeshiva College. Those returning from yeshiva may obtain an additional 10 credits based on their performance on a designated examination.

In defense of his proposal, Mr. Ratzesdorfer pointed out that a limit of 32 credits based on Judaic studies — including all credits gained from Israel — would still exist. Even under the new policy the Yeshiva College student would still be required to take three full years of secular courses to graduate.

Tendler Supports

Dr. Tendler expressed support of the proposal since it would further encourage students to

I would like to gratefully acknowledge all the kind and warm expressions of sympathy sent to me after the loss of my father, z'tl. You have all been most comforting.—Joel

spend at least a year of study in Israel. He claims that under the present system, such a student is penalized by making it difficult for him to graduate with his class. Study in Yeshiva, according to Dr. Tendler, should be encouraged because its importance as a religious and educational experience.

The vote on this proposal has been deferred until the next Senate meeting on January 4, 1973.

Strike By Stern College Students Averted

Recently, it was rumored that the Stern College student body would strike their school. However, negotiations have taken place and the matter has been partially resolved.

The incident which triggered the vote for a strike was the (alleged) pending dismissal of five Stern College faculty members. This action led to further discussions within Stern College Student Council concerning the apparent

lack of communication between the University administration and the student body. Demands were made by student council and the threat of a strike seemed serious.

Under the partially resolved negotiations, two committees will be formed to deal with on-going and immediate matters. These special 'student committees' will meet regularly with the Dean and other administrators, to alleviate or discuss problems before they

arise. The budget committee is willing to show, at any time, all of their finance figures to prove that Stern is not a stepchild of the University. Consulting with students in their major before ac-

tion in that field of study is taken has been deferred; but is under faculty consideration. In addition, of the five teachers to be fired, one is being replaced, one still might be re-hired and the status of a third is being negotiated.

The Editor-in-Chief and the Governing Board of THE COMMENTATOR wish to extend their warmest thanks to Abe Blank for the fine artwork in the past edition.

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YU Matmen Defeat Lehman For Fourth Ellman Victory

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match drew to a close, Reuben's opponent managed what Lehman's coach thought was a near fall, (2 pts.) which would have given him the match. The coach and some Lehman fans harrassed the ref for not making the call, and it took a two point deduction for poor sportsmanship as well as the ejection of a fan, to restore order. Reuben finished the match with a 3-2 win, to put Yeshiva in front to stay at 19-13.

Despite these heroics, the meet wasn't iced until Jerry Levine (190) got his first intercollegiate pin to give the Ellmen a 25-13 lead. In the heavyweight division, Marty Bodner had a rough time against an opponent who seemed to be trying to take out his whole team's frustration in a mere eight minute match. Nonetheless, Marty created some excitement with a fine move that almost pinned his man, before he succumbed to end the scoring at 25-19.

4-3. It has a nice ring to it,

especially when the Ellmen wrestle well enough to deserve it. 5-3? This reporter thinks so. Find out for yourself this Wednesday, when Yeshiva hosts Bronx C.C. at 7:30.

Fencing Rudiments Are 'Easy To Learn'; Foil, Sabre, And Epee Are The Weapons

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blade is depressed when a touch is made, an electric circuit completed, a buzzer sounds and a light goes on indicating which fencer was touched. Unlike foil, epee touches are not based upon the convention of right-of-way but merely on whose touch comes first. If both touches occur simultaneously both lights go on and a touch is awarded to both fencers. The first fencer to touch his opponent five times is declared the winner. If a tie occurs (because of a double touch), a

period of sudden death ensues until one fencer scores a decisive touch.

The sabre, the modern version of the slashing cavalry sword, can score a touch with its point or any part of its blade. The valid target area includes the entire body excluding the legs. The touches are governed by the principle of right-of-way which is determined by the director. Four judges are used (two for each fencer) to detect any touch. The director has one and a half votes, so he can overrule the

decision of any one judge but never two judges watching the same fencer. Five touches determines the winner as in foil and epee.

A fencing team is composed of nine fencers, three for each weapon. Each fencer of one team fences each member of the other team (only his particular weapon); a system which yields a total of twenty-seven bouts. Fourteen bouts must be won for a team to win the match.

In observing a bout, it is advised to concentrate on one fencer, preferably the attacker. By studying his motions you will become accustomed to the various techniques and fighting tactics associated with each weapon. In this way you will better understand and enjoy the sport of fencing.

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Frosh Crush Seniors In Intramural Hockey; Force 6-2 Trouncing

By NEAL YAROS

In intramural hockey, on Tuesday, December 12, the freshmen soundly defeated the seniors by the score of 6-2. In an extremely sloppy first period, the freshmen drew first blood on a goal by co-captain Jerry Pasternak off a feed from Alan Hirmes. The goal was the lone goal of the first period.

The second period started with a bang as Jay Nadelbach slapped one in for the seniors. The freshmen regained the lead moments later on a great individual effort by Pasternak. Jerry dug the puck out of the corner, headed for the goal, and slapped the disc into the corner of the net for his (and the team's) second score. The second period ended with the freshmen ahead 2-1.

Game Broken Open

It was in the third period that the freshmen broke the game wide open. Early in the period, Sheldon Chafetz single-handedly stole the puck at center court, maneuvered to the front of the goal, and beat the senior goalie Richard Wolpoe on a beautiful back-handed shot to increase the freshmen lead to 3-1. The seniors countered with a goal of their own when Nadelbach again shot the puck past the freshman goalie Yankee Poleyeff to bring the score to 3-2.

The game tightened up defensively and the score remained the same until co-captain Joel Silber teamed up with Pasternak to score the goal which put the game out of reach. In an attempt to make up the two goals in the little time remaining, the seniors pulled their goalie to give them the extra man on offense. This vain attempt led to two empty net goals for the freshmen, one by Alan Hirmes and the other by Maurice Saks, while the alternation of Pasternak, Chafetz, Hirmes and Yaros on defense held the seniors scoreless till the final buzzer.

The final intramural standings show that the Sophomores are the strongest of all the 4 teams. In a recent playoff game against the Freshmen, the talent of the Sophomores showed as they ripped the Freshmen 12-5. The final standings are: SOPHOMORES 4-0, FRESHMEN 2-2, SENIORS 1-2, and JUNIORS 0-3.

Learn Fencing Rules In One Easy Lesson

By SIDNEY ROSMAN

Over the years, Yeshiva fencers have been gratified by the fine attendance by both high school and college students at the home matches in the Yeshiva gym. However, because of the speed of the sport and its unfamiliar rules and regulations many find it difficult to follow the action. There are three different types of weapons: sabre, foil, and epee, each constructed differently and each having different rules pertaining to its use in competition.

The foil, the lightest of the three weapons, is a modern version of the dueling rapier. A touch or hit may be scored if the point of the weapon lands on any portion of the body except the arms, legs, neck and head. Each fencer wears a metal vest covering the trunk of his body and uses an electric foil. When the point of the blade is pressed against the metallic vest, a

Intramurals Are For Everyone? Corrections Should Be Made

By STEVE REISBAUM

The intramural program at YU is supposed to serve those students that are unwilling or unable to join the varsity teams. It therefore is servicing the majority of the student body, or at least, supposed to serve the majority. The question then

THE COMMENTATOR recently received the following "doodle" that was created by a student who took the time to attend a game hoping to participate. You can easily see exactly how much action he got for his troubles:

If anybody attends an intra-

The game has begun,
and both teams are psyched to play,
but I sit as a fan,
Just to waste away.

It's 3 minutes, 4, five,
would you believe nobody wants to score,
I began to feel alive,
Maybe I'll get on the floor,
I try to take it slow,
And just to watch and pray,
I'm still feeling low,
For Nobody will see me play.

Used to be able to give a foul,
but they don't let you do that anymore,
now all I can get is a technical foul,
for throwing the ball on the floor.

I can feel for a Riker, Bowman, Mast,
For I have one thing in common with all,
You can't prove you'll last,
if you play without the ball.

Wow it is time for the half,
And I feel like going home,
but maybe I'll stay and laugh,
and on the bench I will roam.

arises concerning the extremely small number of students attending the intramural events. A possible answer is that some students may not find the doors of the George Washington gym open for them when they do decide to come to an intramural game.

mural game, and wishes to play, has enough time to write a poem, then the program is failing. We must decide whether the win by the class is more important than allowing as many people as possible to participate in the game. The second should

become the priority of the intramural program. Proving that one class is superior to another should become secondary and allowing fellow classmates to actively join them on the court should become primary. Any time a student is interested enough to take time out to at-

We're now up by seven,
By the shooting of Metz
and I feel like I'm in heaven,
because maybe I'll get a chance to shoot
at the nets.

I heard the word "substitution,"
but it still is not me,
and I feel like I'm going to join an institution
for players who'll never be.

Kaplan is now on the floor,
and all of a sudden there is great fear,
because now it's a close score,
and my getting in might be very near.

Five, four, three, 2, 1, to go,
The game has now reached its end,
the score I really don't know,
I just know, junior intramurals are not my friend.

Next time I won't start,
which is really no surprise,
Next time I'll be smart,
I'll stay home, that will be wise.

tend a game, the intramural organizers should be interested enough in him to see that he gets some playing time. We hope that this idea will be kept in mind by all interested in intramurals with the new season coming next term.

Mites Defeat Brooklyn Poly For First Win With Good Defense And Excellent Shooting

By NORMAN S. BLUMENTAL

In a reversal of form in their fifth game of the season, the YU basketball team notched its first win. The win was due to some torrid outside shooting and fine defense by the guards who harassed Brooklyn Poly's ballhandlers. In the sixth game of the year the Mites faced one of the local area power-houses, Brooklyn College, and came away on the short end of a 70-39 score. In these last two games, YU has

shown a marked improvement in the caliber of its ballplaying and this points to bright prospects for the month of January.

Against Brooklyn Poly the Mites did what they must do to win ball games — they moved the ball well and were able to hit the open man for the 10 to 15 foot jump shot. The team hit an astounding 63% of their shots which is excellent for any team any place. On defense it was nice to see us pressure the opposing team and force them into turnovers rather than the reverse, which is normally true.

Fewer Turnovers

For the first time this year the Mites committed fewer turnover than the team they faced. This, as much as their shooting, contributed to the win. The only sour note in this game was that Brooklyn Poly was able to control their offensive boards, often making two or three shots. Fortunately, they were not able to hit consistently.

All of these things added up to the 75-64 win, with many of the Mites getting into the scoring column and three of them hitting double figures.

The leading scorer was Dave Wilzig with 17, Malsh Yarmush contributed 16 on 8 of 13 from the field and Paul Merlis had 10 points. Also deserving mention was the fine play of both Bruce Wenig and Ira Scharaga, who both scored 8 points.

The game against Brooklyn College was another story. Brooklyn College played tenacious defense which bottled up

our offense and resulted in numerous turnovers. We turned the ball over as many times in the first half as in the entire Brooklyn Poly game, which explains our anemic point production. However this game cannot be considered too disheartening because we faced a superior team.

Our next game is a home game against Pratt and if the Mites continue to play the way they have been of late, we may see the team's second victory.

Ellmen Down Lehman In Fourth Team Win

By LARRY EISENBERG

There was nothing pretty about the Ellmen's meet with Lehman College. At times the matches were brutal, surrounded by controversy, and interrupted by disorder, but always were closely contested. When the smoke cleared the Ellmen had a 25-19 victory for a 4-3 season record.

Rachi Fuchs (118) started the meet off, and produced about 1½ periods of fine wrestling, before tiring and getting pinned. The meet was quickly evened at six all when Noah Klein (126) accepted a forfeit. Although Nate 'tiger' Schwitzer (134) couldn't produce a pin, his match win by over ten points gave Yeshiva a four point lead. Steve Edell (142) won on points to stretch this lead to seven. A win at this point might have started a landslide, but Lehman drew back to within one, at

The Yucons Recover; Bright Expectations For A Strong Future

By ALAN SLIVERSTEIN
And NEAL YAROS

Perhaps because it is mid-season, it would be best to review basic hockey highlights and make some evaluations for the rest of the season.

Besides getting a new name, the Yeshiva hockey team started off poorly and lost the opener to powerful Columbia, 6-2. It was apparent that lack of cohesiveness and practice fostered lackadaisical play. Another determining factor in the poor showing was lack of definite team leadership which made some players unhappy. A subsequent loss to

The managers of the varsity basketball team wish to announce that season passes are available for two dollars for all Mighty Mite home games. You may purchase them at the Phys. Ed. office in RIETS Hall, or in room M728—Steve Reisbaum.

Hofstra, 3-2, was attributed to the fact that the playing lines were constantly being changed to find better player combinations. Apparently the experimenting and revamping did some good, as Yeshiva played the Jewish Theological Seminary to a 5-5 tie. The real turnabout came in a rematch game with Columbia. The Yeshiva Yucons put their past behind them and went on to beat Columbia 7-4, in a very physical and fast paced game. Actually, the game was much tighter than the score indicates because it took a late offensive burst by Yeshiva to put the game out of Columbia's reach.

Now with the team's record at 1-2-1, most players are confident that they will put together a solid win record by the time the playoffs come around. The confidence stems from the win over Columbia which established two important things. Firstly, the re-emergence of solid goaltending enabled Yeshiva to cover more than in the past; secondly, player-line combinations were basically set. As a fellow writer said, the players, in their last two games, were "using built-in body checkers with deadly accuracy," (their elbows); this made them aggressive, both offensively and defensively.

13-12 as Roy Schmuckler (150) was pinned.

With the meet in this crucial stage, Manny Ruchelsman (158) went against Lehman's captain. Although sorely pressed, bleeding and hurt, Manny held on to deny his opponent a pin, and keep Yeshiva within striking range. Co-captain Lenny Press (167) took advantage of this to give Yeshiva back the lead, at 16-15, with only three matches remaining.

Deciding Match

Of these matches, the Ellmen figured to split the last two, which left Co-captain Reuben Koolyk (177) in the deciding match. Although Reuben only managed an escape (1 pt.) to his opponents takedown, (2 pts.) he controlled the match long enough to win riding time (1 pt.) and was awarded a point for his adversary's stalling. As the (Continued on Page 7, Col. 2)