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Jewish Organizations Demand Boycott of Pepsi Products

By AVI BITTON

A nation-wide boycott of Pepsi Cola and Pepsico products has been declared recently by several Jewish organizations. Instituted because of the multi-million dollar trade deal between Pepsico and the Soviet Union, the boycott is the latest method of applying pressure on the Russian government to curb the persecution of Soviet Jews.

The trade agreement between Pepsico and the USSR is unique in that Pepsico will be the first American commercial product marketed in Russia. The estimated investment is approximately 50 to 70 million dollars. The amount of Pepsi sold in Russia will be regulated according to the volume of Russian wines sold in America by Monsieur Henri Wines Inc., a Pepsico subsidiary.

The idea of a boycott in order to financially pressure the Soviet Union into allowing its Jews freedom of emigration is not a new one. Similarly, the concept that moral considerations should outweigh economic ones is not original. The reason why much greater emphasis is being placed on this boycott, as opposed to any previous ones, is that Pepsico provides unique opportunities for economic sanctions.

Previous actions of this sort were not as greatly stressed because of their sheer impracticality. For example, a boycott of steel ball bearings, which are also being sold to the Soviet Union, is simply not feasible for the average American Jew. Pepsi Cola, however, is a popular soft drink often sought by and easily accessible to most American consumers. In contrast to wheat, which is a necessary staple, Pepsil Cola can be forfeited without a great deal of hardship.

For these and other reasons, it is believed that a Pepsi Cola boycott would be the best and most efficient means of applying economic leverage to the closed door of Russian emigration policy. Several Soviet Jewry Councils throughout the country have therefore publicly advocated a boycott of Pepsico products which, besides the cola, include Patio Sodas, Frito-Lay products and Rheingold beer. They have also requested the removal of Pepsi Cola machines from places of business.

SSSJ also announced a plan to mail in bottlecaps of all soft drinks other than Pepsi to Donald Hendall, chairman of the board of Pepsico, as a means of protesting his company's recent dealings with a country that persecutes its Jewish population.

The Jewish Defense League, which has long advocated economic sanctions against the Soviet Union, also expressed support for the boycott and has printed up anti-Pepsi buttons.

A demonstration was held by SSSJ last December during which large amounts of Pepsi Cola were poured into the East River from the Fifty-Ninth Street bridge. The purpose of this liba-

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YCSC MEETING: Discussing reallocation of funds.

Three Activities Get Extra Council Funds

By ELI SEIDMAN

Among the items discussed at the first YCSC meeting of the second semester were cafeteria prices, club appropriations and final exams.

By way of old business, Hillel Davis told of his meeting with Rabbi Miller and Mr. Parker concerning the difficulties Mr. Parker has had maintaining the cafeteria prices with the present budget. Rather than raise the price of the daily "special", they decided to limit the number of items by one.

Howard Wieder read aloud a letter urging for the recognition of the hockey team as an official YU team allowing its participants to receive college credit.

Next on the agenda were three requests for appropriations. The Jewish Affairs Club will sponsor a three-day trip for a Soviet Jewry protest rally in Washington, D.C. and has invited a Soviet Jewish activist speaker for early March. In both cases club's president, Avery Einhorn, asked only that Council match the donation made by the Washington Heights-Inwood Council for Soviet Jewry. Both requests passed unanimously.

The Speech Club also asked for additional allotments for their activities. This request was passed as well.

Two proposals were brought up by YCSC Secretary-Treasurer Manny Ruchelsman. He suggested that a professor or instructor be allowed to scheduled his final on any day that is convenient for the class even if that day is not in the assigned study week. In addition, faculty should have the option to give a final paper rather than a final exam.

Also brought up was the possibility of a weekly bulletin of student interest and the envisioned junior class meeting for career opportunities. These were both defeated and referred to committees.

Senate Requests New Evaluation Of B.S. Degree

By JEFFREY WANDEL

The question of a B.S. degree and possible requirements for its fulfillment has been forwarded by the senate to a newly-formed committee for evaluation. In addition, a proposal concerning the use of a P-N course for the fulfillment of degree and departmental requirements was enacted. This will apply only to those courses for which a grade of A, B, or C has been recorded.

The B.A./B.S. Committee first delivered its report to the senate on February 7. It was suggested that the requirements for a B.S. degree include fewer humanities courses to be replaced by a heavier science concentration. Questions concerning the eligibility for the degree and the wisdom of reducing the humanities requirement were raised.

Faced with these basic issues the senate decided on February 15 to form a new committee which would reconsider these points. Once again the committee was to consist of three faculty members, three students and one alumnus.

Another issue in the original B.A./B.S. committee report which

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Faculty Assembly Agrees To More Israeli Yeshiva Credit

By STEVEN MANDELSBERG

Before an enthusiastic and relatively large student audience, the Faculty Assembly of Yeshiva College, at its meeting on February 14, approved a Senate proposal that would allow the transfer of 10 additional credits from Israeli universities and yeshivot. The policy had been that only a maximum of 16 credits for one year of study in Israel would be granted.

As the sole item of Senate business considered by the Faculty Assembly, the proposal to allot additional credit for Israeli study engendered debate over the amount of time a student would be required to spend at Yeshiva College. Some faculty members also expressed opposition to the idea of enabling a student to apply such a high number of credits from Israeli institutions toward his bachelor degree.

Laud Proposal

Most of the Assembly's members, however, lauded the proposal as according the student greater flexibility in comprising his academic schedule by not penalizing the transfering of additional credits and as encouraging him to partake in the unique experience of a year of study in Israel. Dr. Siev, for example, citing Queens College's practice of liberally granting credit for study abroad, saw no reason for denying the student's request. "We are losing students," he added, "because we don't grant sufficient credit to our students who study in Israeli universities and yeshivot."

The actual text of the Senate proposal maintains the present transfer limit maximum of 32 credits with one alteration. Sixteen credits are to be awarded for the first year of study in Israel, as is the present policy, with the option of receiving 10 more credits upon requesting and passing a special exam in an area of Jewish studies. Consequently only 6 credits would be study, equaling a total of 32 awarded for a second year of credits.

Professor Silverman cautioned against granting an excessive number of credits, noting that the Talmud courses of most Israeli Yeshivot are not presented in an organized manner and thus not worthy of accredition. Explaining that a student can already transfer up to 16 credits for a year of Israeli study, Dr. Hyman said that granting more than 32 credits would be "unnecessary" and would eliminate the "benefits of a student being with the college for four years."

Gottesman Lectures Bring Famed Art Theorist Here

Paul Millman

Dr. Meyer Shapiro

By GARY LINDER

Dr. Meyer Schapiro, University Professor of Art History and Archaeology at Columbia University, has been chosen as this year's Benjamin Gottesman Lecturer at Yeshiva University. The theme of the lectures is "Words and Pictures on the Literal and Symbolic in the Illustration of a Text."

Dr. Schapiro is recognized as an authority on early Christian, medieval, and modern art, as well as art theory. He is only the second faculty member at Columbia to have received the title of University Professor.

The Benjamin Gottesman Lectures were established in 1972 to broaden the scope of cultural interest of Yeshiva University students. Commenting on the choice of an art authority, Rabbi Milton Furst, a member of the committee which selected Dr. Schapiro, said that the committee "wanted to give students an opportunity to expose themselves to something they wouldn't usually get." Rabbi Furst stressed that the Gottesman Lectures are "intellectual" in nature, with the purpose of "chalenging and whetting the appetites of students" in specifically those areas in which students are relatively unfamiliar.

Dr. Schapiro will deliver two public lectures at Yeshiva University. The first will be held on Sunday, March 4, 2 p.m. at the Belfer Graduate School of Science. On Monday, March 5, 4:30 p.m. the second lecture will be delivered at Stern College for Women. The lectures are free and open to the public.

During the week of March 4, Dr. Schapiro will also meet with groups of students on campus, specifically those of Dr. Chernowitz's art classes.

Ellmen Return After Dismal Brooklyn Loss And Pin City, 30-23

By LARRY EISENBERG

You have to be good to be frustrated by a loss; you have to be even better to bounce right back and beat a good team. By these standards, the Ellmen have made it big. After being frustrated against Brooklyn College, the Ellmen came back to beat C.C.-N.Y. and raise their record to 7-4.

If there is one disappointment with their '72-'73 campaign, it is the Ellmen's 35-20 loss to

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Probe Underway

THE COMMENTATOR has started its probe into the various segments of the University — in connection with the editorial of January 4. A partial listing of the designated offices to be researched includes: the President's office, Finance, Registrar, all four Deans' offices, the Senate, Admissions, Executive and Undergraduate Councils, Buildings and Grounds, and Gottesman and Pollack libraries.

What we hope to determine are each office's designated power, authority, purpose and duty, responsibility to the President and to the students, route of product of that office, and methods of outsiders to determine that product. This is quite obviously a large task and the Board has split its membership accordingly to cover these areas.

We have already enlisted the aid of some students and Council members to aid in this project. However, we also urge the cooperation on all parts of the University to provide information when it is asked and to support us in this undertaking. We hope to publish sections of our report during the year and to deliver to the students a full report when we have concluded the study.

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Second-Degree Murder

Last spring, the Yeshiva College Senate established a special Committee on the B.A./B.S. Degrees and charged it with presenting a proposal on guidelines for offering YU students a B.S. degree. That action followed a fruitless discussion in the Senate of the legal feasibility and educational desirability of a B.S. at Yeshiva College.

The committee, at least in structure, was molded after a previous Senate committee which dealt with degree requirements. The three faculty members were named by the Dean, the three students were named by YCSC and the alumni member was named by the Alumni Association.

The committee was finally chosen early last semester, and, in three meetings, completed its deliberations. The committee's report was sent to the Senate in December.

The report proposed that students majoring in the sciences (mathematics, physics, chemistry, biology, pre-engineering, pre-medical, pre-dental) be offered the choice of a B.A. or B.S. degree. Those choosing the B.S. would be bound by the same degree requirements as the B.A. student in the areas of Jewish Studies, physical education, English composition, speech and social sciences. However, in the field of humanities, the B.S. student would have the option of *either* English literature (English 3-4) *or* the 2 or 4 level of a foreign language, depending on preparation—an increase over the B.A. requirement—*or* Art, Music, and three additional credits of a social science or humanity. (In a minority report, Dr. Weidhorn argued for the retention of English literature as a degree requirement for the B.S. degree.) Finally, in addition to those courses now required in their major, the student seeking a B.S. degree would take 6-10 credits of science, the exact courses to be determined by the respective departments.

The Senate began its consideration of this report on February 8, the first meeting of the term. One meeting later, after approximately one hour of discussion, the Senate voted 13-1-2 to refer the matter back to committee. And in what many observers saw as a sign of dissatisfaction with the report, the Senate stipulated that the committee be dissolved in favor of a new committee to be composed of "new and enlightened' and conscientious members (minutes of February 15, 1973)."

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Several factors led the Senate to act in what many regarded as an offhanded fashion. The fact that one of the three faculty members neither attended any of the committee meetings, nor requested his own replacement, did not help to paint the committee in a conscientious light. Some members of the Senate also referred critically to the committee's not having called in members of involved departments for their opinions.

Besides these matters of procedure, there were also substantive concerns: to some Senators, the committee's report left many questions either inadequately or entirely unanswered. The idea of having the B.S. degree restricted to "science" majors was challenged. The proposed trade-off between science courses and the humanities appeared mechanical and unsound to others. Several comments were directed at the whole idea of granting a more specialized degree at the undergraduate level, particularly when that specialization is at the expense of humanity requirements.

However, even conceding that the points raised were valid, it does not necessarily follow that the matter should have been so quickly sent to committee. It is unclear how such a committee is more qualified or in any way more able to deal with the issues than the Senate itself. The Senate would have done better had it itself made an honest effort to consider the problems involved first. For one thing, there is no guarantee that the new committee will not produce a similar report: the saying that "lightning never strikes twice in the same place" is a better homily than it is an operating philosophy for a college senate.

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We feel that the committee report has grave shortcomings. The B.S. degree as suggested would no doubt attract many students interested only in avoiding humanities requirements, thus establishing a dual "studentship" in the college that would probably prove divisive. Furthermore, and most importantly, the B.S. degree was originally proposed on the basis of student welfare: that students seeking educational and vocational careers in Israel and in some graduate areas would benefit from having a B.S. rather than a B.A. It would seem advisable, then, to fashion the B.S. requirements in a manner that would work for the welfare of these students while not working against the welfare and standards of the college.

Granting this, the logical suggestion is that the B.S. student fulfill the normal degree requirements and take an additional 6-10 credits in his major as selected by his respective department. This would enable students needing a B.S. to obtain one, and would not compromise the unity or unspecialized liberal arts nature of this college.

Pursuant to the constitution of THE COMMENTATOR, Student Senators Charles Bernstein, Theodore Mirvis and Elliot Tannenbaum did not take part in the vote on this editorial and hence are not responsible to adhere to the views expressed therein.

CORRECTIONS:
Both pictures on the past issue's Sports Page were taken by Stuart Einbinder. We are quite sorry that the wrong photographer was credited.

From the Editor's Desk

Diagnosis: Tunnel Vision

By Mark Koslowe

The article on Tay-Sachs testing, bringing to light what I believe a minority feeling, was presented in this newspaper to evoke a response from the student body. Having previously read the article (which was submitted with approval of Dr. Tendler), I formulated some personal comments on the subject.

My questioning centers on Dr. Tendler's reasoning of not allowing such testing to take place because of the possible "psychological trauma" to the participants. Would it be better psychologically for the couple involved to find out their newborn infant is a Tay-Sachs baby — and that they will have to watch their child die over a period of three to five years? Surely it would have been better to find out that they were running such a risk before they were married.

The program will not ostracize a segment of the Jewish population. — The gene is recessive and therefore the carrier need not refrain from marriage from any non-carrier, and will know the implications of marriage to another carrier.

Dr. Tendler erroneously used the example of other colleges with large Jewish student bodies not performing this test. City College is presently conducting tests and other campuses are in the process of organizing tests centers. Dr. Tendler concludes that such testing is halachically forbidden, yet there are a number of roshei yeshiva who disagree (— their position will be handled in later editions). As for students directing their activities "to a more constructive cause" — there can be no other better than this.

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Once again the words of "communication gap" have been brought up concerning Council and THE COMMENTATOR. However, the malaise of Council is certainly not the gap Mr. Davis has mentioned. The ability of Council to help anyone (or even THE COMMENTATOR) is quite debatable when based on their record of "help" last semester.

The sociology department seems to have thought that the wording was careful enough. And the percentages worked out on these particular questions and the class groups represented therein can be as meaningful as the most precisely worded question. We value the opinions of the student body; especially when there were enough answers (50%) to elect any student official.

To simply exclude the vast majority of apathetic students (be they apathetic from conscious causes or from simple ignorance) from a poll about matters as intrinsically significant as YCSC and THE COMMENTATOR, and seek the opinions of the enlightened and sensitive minority, would be ignoring the purpose of both Council and THE COMMENTATOR. Their jobs are not to cater to a select few, irrelevant of what criteria are chosen to place individuals among this elite. In fact, it may be clearly argued that YCSC and THE COMMENTATOR exist even more so for the opposite type of student, he who is lost in the complex issues of the day. It is to this group of students that YCSC and THE COMMENTATOR must direct their efforts.

Lastly, the poll was conducted specifically to find out what the students think of THE COMMENTATOR — something which no other student service has done. The charge of muckraking (???) is unfounded, as the questions on YCSC (the only other student service unit of comparable size) were needed as comparison to the newspaper. The responsibilities of THE COMMENTATOR are clearly delineated as are those of YCSC. But, when will Council take measures to question students and improve?

Letters to the Editor

The Faithful

To the Editor:

On Thursday evening, February 15, fifteen persons listened to Paul Cowan and a person from the Ezra Project talk about the Jewish poor problem. By the time the third speaker came, the meeting had broken up and I remained to apologize for the disappearing audience.

The flyers which I had given to several hundred students and stuffed in the mailboxes stated that the speakers were coming to help us organize a group to work with the Jewish poor in Washington Heights.

The virulent opponents of the Neighborhood Youth Corps did not come to the meeting. This fact proves what I have known all along. That's when they mumble "we must take care of our own first," they say an empty slogan. People who reek with hatred ultimately hate themselves. But if you ask them, they will show you textual proof that

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Dr. Tendler Opposes Tay-Sachs Screening

By ALAN S. KAPLAN

The Yeshiva community has recently been the center of the controversial question of Tay-Sachs disease testing. The halachic and psychological ramifications of such a testing program were recently discussed with Dr. Moses D. Tendler, head of the Biology Department of Yeshiva College, and a Rosh Yeshiva in RIETS.

Dr. Tendler stated that the question of establishing a testing program at Yeshiva was introduced about two years ago by Dr. Kaback, who had done research in this area. Starting then and continuing for some time, the question was submitted for professional appraisal to several organizations. The Medical Ethics Committee of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies and the Association of Orthodox Jewish Scientists spent considerable time evaluating the religious and social problems involved in establishing such a program. Dr. Tendler himself conducted much research and investigated the many halachic and biological aspects of the issue. Upon receiving both committees' decisions against the establishment of such a program, Dr. Tendler submitted the question to HaRav Moshe Feinstein, who expressed his agreement with the committee's decisions.

In looking objectively at the issues, Dr. Tendler stated that "the actual request for the testing of Jewish students of East European descent should be evaluated." He pointed out the fact that other schools, with a greater number of Jewish students than Yeshiva, yet with no halachic guidelines to adhere to, were not asked to set up such a program. This in itself, he felt, should be an indication that the consideration is not a sound one.

Dr. Tendler believes the issues here are not ones to be taken lightly. "We are dealing here with *dinai nefashot;* we are speaking here about eugenics. This is not a question that every small *rebbe* has a right to decide on." He stated that he is particularly annoyed that the students are not being sensitive to the issues that they themselves raised, believing them to be ignorant of the real problems involved. Dr. Tendler cited an article from the May 25, 1972 issue of the New York Times, page 9, entitled "Problems Seen in Genetic Tests." An eighteen member group of biologists, lawyers, and theologians of the Institute of Society, Ethics and Life Sciences in Hastings, New York, discussed the testing for genetic diseases such as Tay-Sachs and

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Jewish Community Rebuilds From Flood
Wilkes-Barre Still Faces Many Problems

Last July, I accompanied a group of about fifty teenage campers into the township of Wilkes-Barre Pa. The town, according to news reports, had been devastated by floods and we, as a group, had volunteered to do what we could for at least the Jewish community there. I had heard all the broadcasts and a number of people in camp who happened to live in Wilkes-Barre had brought back some fairly awful first hand reports. I suppose we all had some sort of mental picture of what it would look like as we entered the town, yet I'm sure none was fully prepared for the dismal reality that greeted us upon our arrival. Slime covered everything and it exuded a decaying stench that at times was almost overpowering. Ruined sofas, pianos, rugs, and beds lay strewn on blocks of oozing lawns. Homes had collapsed exhaustedly everywhere and stores gaped stupidly into the streets with their entire inventory floating alongside the curb. But most benumbing of all was the realization of the actual physical dimensions of the flood. The water line, clearly visible on the walls of buildings, had reached at least thirty feet above street level. Looking around myself, the idea that the whole section had been totally under water just one week ago bordered on the incomprehensible.

As it turned out, our group spent the entire day shovelling formless mounds of slime-enveloped seforim, chumashim, siddurim, and Hebrew text books onto a truck and then unloading it all to be buried. It took us, fifty of us, almost two hours to unload all the religious books and artifacts we had collected.

In light of what I had seen, flooded stench-ridden synagogues, a new school building that had been entirely below water for days and now looked like a bombing casualty, the hundreds of pounds of ruined seforim and textbooks, and, worst of all, the many vacant, beaten faces of people who had lost their homes and businesses, who, overnight, became homeless welfare cases, I could only be grimly pessimistic about the chances for the survival of the Jewish community in Wilkes-Barre. Six months later the Jewish community of Wilkes-Barre, Pa. is still struggling stubbornly to rebuild itself. Rabbi Chaim Shulman (Y.C. '50, RIETS '52) of Congregation Ohev Zedek in Wilkes-Barre has been good enough to answer COMMENTATOR'S inquiries as to the current state of things in his community with the following report. —editor.

The city of Wilkes-Barre is one of about a dozen municipalities that are clustered in the Wyoming Valley of the Susquehanna River. The Jewish population of the valley is concentrated in Wilkes-Barre and in its neighbor immediately across the river, Kingston. There are about 1500 Jewish families in the entire region.

Following the torrential rains released by hurricane Agnes during June, 1972, the river crested at about five feet above the dikes. Moreover, at two points where the river bends, in Forty Fort and in South Wilkes-Barre, the dikes collapsed under the massive dynamic pressures exerted by the surging waters. Buildings standing directly in the paths of the torrents released by the breaches suffered grotesque consequences. A hole as big as three football fields was excavated by the onrushing waters in a cemetery that stood on relatively high ground next to the Forty Fort dike.

The municipality of Kingston, in which many of the newer middle class homes stand, was almost entirely under water. At some places, e.g., at the Israel Ben Zion Academy, Orthodox Day School) the water was eighteen feet above the level of the ground. In Wilkes-Barre, the newer portion of the city, including the main business district, is adjacent to the river; the older and less affluent sections are in a region called "the Heights". The sole Jewish institution to escape the direct effects of the flood was the United Orthodox Synagogue, which is located on the first rise of the Heights section. The fraction of the Jewish community residing in the Heights is very small, probbaly less than six per cent of the total population.

The total physical damage to the institutions listed above was formidable and temporarily crippling. The problem of survival for these publicly supported institutions was, of course, compounded by the terrible losses suffered by the individual member families in the community. For the majority of the people, the flood destroyed both home and business. In the initial aftermath of the flood, during July, there was serious doubt that the Jewish community of the Wyoming Valley would be reconstituted as a viable entity.

Several factors have contributed to the dissolution of the natural pessimism and despondency which was experienced by

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Prime Chuck

Stated Statistics

By Chuck Bernstein

It is one of the cardinal rules of poll-taking that the respondent be given an opportunity to supply explanations and/or additional comments at the end of a poll. Apparently there is something in all of us which rebels at having to give an answer that might be misinterpreted and swallowed into a bottomless pit of statistics. All this, in spite of the fact that the gnawing doubt still remains as to whether our tidbits may not reach the everlasting bonfire unread and unrecorded.

To those who participated in THE COMMENTATOR's recent survey I can only say, "Fear no more!" The comments have all been read and many of the criticisms and suggestions are being dealt with by the Governing Board.

We realize, however, that these additional remarks can serve another function as well. They can, perhaps, give more vibrant meaning to the dry statistics on this page. Therefore, we are publishing below selected excerpts from the additional remarks on the last poll. We have tried to choose those that give a balanced view of student opinion on some of the topics covered.

The most popular category dealt with was, of course, the YCSC question and its relationship to THE COMMENTATOR:

"Though I serve on the Council myself, I am deeply disappointed with its performance as a unit to fulfill its obligations to the student body."

"Everyone wants to know what happened to 1) Teacher evaluation, 2) Student Directory, 3) Mesibot Rosh Chodesh, 4) Speaker's Bureau, 5) Movies."

"Unfortunately I'm a member of this YCSC. In all honesty I must say it has failed the student body."

"I tend to believe that the paper seems unduly biased towards the council. There seems to be a dearth of coverage and a plethora of criticism."

"Is the Commie gunning for YCSC?"

"I don't think YCSC has paid enough attention to legitimate editorials."

"YCSC this year has, compared to my observations of the last four years, outdone itself in doing **absolutely** nothing." (Note:

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The following survey was conducted by THE COMMENTATOR Research Staff in the Furst Hall lobby on Thursday, February 22, 1973 from 12:15 to 5:15 P.M. 403 students out of an undergraduate population of 810 responded. Participants were asked to check the category **closest** to their own opinion when an exact choice was not available. All percentages are based on the total number of responses to each particular question.

STUDENT SURVEY

1. College Class: Freshman 23.0%, Sophomore 21.0%, Junior 23.5%, Senior 32.5%
2. How much of THE COMMENTATOR do you usually read?
   All 17.4%; Most 43.0%; About Half 23.2%; Less than half 11.6%; Almost none 4.8%
3. How would you describe the job this year's COMMENTATOR has done in fulfilling its responsibilities to the student body?
   Excellent 6.1%; Very Good 24.1%; Satisfactory 55.1%; Poor 12.1%; Very Poor 2.6%
4. With regard to the following departments, how would you rate THE COMMENTATOR's performance in achieving the indicated qualities?
   (Please check under the appropriate column)

	Outstanding Percent	Good Percent	Poor Percent	Very Poor Percent
NEWS: Comprehensive:	9.3	70.1	18.1	2.5
Accurate:	9.9	75.5	14.0	0.6
Uneditorialized:	8.2	62.5	24.5	4.8
FEATURE: Interesting:	12.0	59.4	24.0	4.6
Informative:	11.5	63.3	20.2	5.0
EDITORIALS: Significant:	21.4	53.5	20.0	5.0
Fair:	14.5	60.7	18.4	6.4
Constructive:	13.2	55.0	24.6	7.2
Representative of student opinion:	11.9	47.6	28.4	12.1
SPORTS: Comprehensive:	25.6	58.8	11.4	4.2
Accurate:	18.5	65.7	12.1	3.7
Uneditorialized:	10.8	57.4	22.2	9.6

5. How would you describe the balance of on-campus to off-campus reportage of THE COMMENTATOR?
   Too much on-campus 29.2%; Too much off-campus 12.3%; Good balance 58.5%
6. Which section of THE COMMENTATOR do you read first?
   News 41.1%; Editorials 16.7%; Columns 7.7%; Feature (including Who's Whose) 7.4%; Sports 23.9%; Letters to the Editor 3.2%
7. How frequently have you followed the doings of the Yeshiva College Student Council this year?
   All of the time 15.4%; Most of the time 20.1%; Some of the time 41.5%; None of the time 23.0%
8. How would you describe the job this year's YCSC has done in fulfilling its responsibilities to the student body?
   Excellent 2.4%; Very Good 3.5%; Satisfactory 27.4%; Poor 32.2%; Very Poor 34.5%

Comment On . . .

Black, White, and the Death of Gray

By Lenny Davis

In the last few months, cities across the United States have been shocked and bloodied by the mad and desperate actions of a handful of assassins. In New Orleans, six people died and nine were wounded by at least one sniper; in Washington, members of a rival sect brutally murdered seven Black Muslim women and babies in their home, located in a well-integrated and heretofore peaceful neighborhood (and next door to an Orthodox synagogue); and in New York City, Milwaukee, San Francisco, St. Louis, Atlanta, and other metropolises open-season has been declared on cops. It matters little if the policeman's face is white or blacks, for all that matters is that his uniform is blue.

Besides the barbarity and the gore the incidents share, there are other similarities. All the perpetrators were blacks — in some cases members of the Black Liberation Army — and the results of their actions are as deleterious to U. S. race relations as an old-fashioned Klu Klux Klan shotgun joy ride.

In the aftermath of these tragic acts, the questions that now face America are harsh: After Selma, Martin Luther King's dream, the deaths of white — and frequently Jewish — civil rights workers, and the civil rights legislation of the sixties, have members of the black community now decided that the only solution to discrimination, poverty, and hopelessness is to pick up a gun? What is the direction of black-white relations in this country?

Unfortunately, it is hard to take an optimistic view of U. S. race relations in the near future. The non-violent civil rights leaders of the sixties are unseen, and their successors are often held in

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Israeli Film Opens In NY To High Critical Acclaim

The biblical commandment of *yibum* found in Deuteronomy 25:5 (If brothers dwell together, and one of them dies, and has no child, the wife of the dead shall not marry unto a stranger: her husband's brother shall have intercourse with her and take her to him as wife.) is the subject of a new Israeli film, **I Love You Rosa**, which has opened at the Little Carnegie Theater in Manhattan. For an Israeli film, and a love story, too, no less, **I Love You Rosa** is a surprisingly well-acted and charming film.

Set in nineteenth century Jerusalem, the film portrays the dilemma of a proud, beautiful and childless 20 year old widow, who, according to **halacha**, must marry her brother-in-law if he so wishes. However, Rosa's brother-in-law, only eleven years old, isn't allowed to decide on marriage until he is eighteen. Besides being forced to wait seven years, Rosa is left with the awesome responsibility of raising a possible future husband, dealing with his awkward maturation, and putting up with gossipy and asinine neighbors and in-laws. The boy, at the age of thirteen, leaves Rosa to make his fortune. His return at the age of eighteen and the decision to marry or not brings the story to a tender climax.

The film is disappointing in its rush to the finish, its lack of character development when the brother-in-law returns as a man, and its terrible subtitle translation. Yet, **I Love You Rosa's** simplicity (or refusal to coat the film with imitation Hollywood gloss) and Jerusalem scenery (like the city covered by snow) make up for the minor flaws in the tally of minor points and make **I Love You Rosa** a beautiful film.

I Love You Rosa has been nominated for this year's "Best Foreign Film" Academy Award. Unrated, the movie is probably equivalent to an "R" film. **(Lenny Davis.)**

All those students wishing to write for the Feature Staff of THE COMMENTATOR should apply to either Danny Besdin — M712 or Mark Koslowe — M221 — Associate positions available.

Jewish Students Meet Leftists At Anti-Zionist Demonstrations

By AVI BITTON

The Israeli Consulate was the site of a Revolutionary Communist Youth (RCY) demonstration held on February 21. On hand to greet the protestors was a contingent of vehement Jewish activist counter-demonstrators.

Flyers appeared throught New York City during the week prior to the demonstration, announcing a "protest against the Israeli repression of leftists" and on behalf of "the liberation struggle of the Palestinian people." This protest came in the wake of the recent trials in Israel of Arabs and Jews accused of espionage. The rally was sponsored by the RCY, a radically left-wing group, with requests for participation going out to numerous other radical factions such as the Students for a Democratic Society. The demonstration was scheduled for 4 P.M. in front of the Israeli Consulate.

Determined not to allow this affront to the Zionist cause to go unprotested, militant Jewish organizations — the Jewish Defense League and Betar — and independent Jewish students resolved to be at the consulate and counter-demonstrate. Despite the short notice, signs went up at Yeshiva and Stern Colleges informing the respective student bodies of the counter-demonstration.

At the assigned date and time, a crowd of approximately one hundred RCY member and sympathizers picketed at the consulate. Across the street behind police lines about twenty-five Stern College women picketed and sang Hebrew songs—a large turnout compared to the Yeshiva College representation, which numbered a total of three students. Also present were several Jewish students from Brooklyn College.

While the leftists chanted slogans such as "Damn Zionism, up with Socialism" the Jewish students waited for reinforcements, which arived a while later in the form of about twenty JDL and Betar members.

Inflamed by the anti-Zionist and antagonistic nature of the leftist slogans and incensed by what was felt to be the recurrent persecution of Jews by adherents to Communism, the JDL and Betar activists decided to take action. They proceeded to launch a concerted physical attack upon the leftists, charging in on them from all directions. The scene erupted into a free-swinging melee with blows being traded by all sides while rocks and bottles were thrown about. The leftists had apparently come to the demonstration prepared for violence, as some of them were armed with clubs, lead pipes and ammonia bombs. Nevertheless, despite their weapons and numerical advantage, the leftists seemed to retreat from the Zionist onslaught running into the street and inadvertently blocking traffic.

It was through the intervention of the New York City police that the fighting ended.

Their spirit seemingly broken, the RCY members marched around fairly quietly, in contrast to their previous ebullience. The Jewish contingent continued shouting and chanting slogans for the duration of the protest, which ended about half on hour later.

News coverage of the demonstration was obtained, including a television crew and a photographer from Ma'ariv, the Israeli newspaper. While generally satisfied with their obstruction of the anti-Israel rally several counter-demonstrators expressed disappointment with the poor turnout from YC.

Rabbi Riskin: Leading the Fight To Guide Stray Jewish Youth

In the face of the American Jewish Congress' continued insistence to the contrary, various segments of the American Jewish community have accepted as fact the immediate threat being levelled at American Judaism in the form of the Key '73 program and its like. In its last issue, THE COMMENTATOR covered *Hineni*, a program being conducted primarily by Esther Jungreis, which is an example of the swelling reaction to the increasing awareness of the need to reach Jews on campus. At the same time a multi-level operation with basically the same aims is being coordinated through Rabbi Shlomo Riskin and the Lincoln Square Synagogue which, like Rebbetzin Jungreis' program, is meeting with encouraging success.

Rabbi Riskin believes in approaching young Jews from two directions, not only on an emotional plane but on an intellectual plane as well. Furthermore, Rabbi Riskin strongly emphasizes the preventive nature of his effort in contrast with those that concentrate on drawing back already disenfranchised Jews. It's simply a matter of, as Rabbi Riskin put it, "getting there first." To do that, according to Rabbi Riskin, we have to educate young Jews and, through such education, prevent potential dropouts from religion from becoming disenchanted with it *in* the first place.

Shapiro Academy

The most prominent feature of the Rabbi's plan is the rapidly expanding Shapiro Academy. The Academy consists of twenty four different courses geared to varying types of students. For example, courses can range from elementary Bible classes to studies in advanced Talmud given by Rabbi Riskin himself. Many courses, such as the ones mentioned above, are of a textual nature whereas others more closely resemble lectures. Nevertheless, the general atmosphere remains comfortably informal. Some of the sessions are geared more toward an experimental orientation rather than an intellectual one. The school's library, for instance, contains many tapes of simple rituals or services such as **zmirot** or **havdalah** which Shapiro students listen to just to garner some idea of what a Jewish home should sound like. Hopefully, many will soon perform these services themselves.

There are approximately 600 people officially enrolled in the school although it is estimated that 1,000 people attend courses there each week. Rabbi Riskin's Wednesday night lecture series on the Holocaust alone draws an average of 500 listeners. A good portion of the 500 are YU or Stern students but that is the only feature of the student body in which YU and Stern are significantly represented. Actually, about sixty to seventy percent of Shapiro's enrollment do not come from **shomer Shabbas** homes and for about half that number the Academy represents their only commitment to Judaism at all. Except for the Ulpan course, the Academy is almost entirely attended by young people. Eventually, Rabbi Riskin hopes to get Shapiro official accreditation as a teacher's college. Ultimately, however, the success of any given effort must be determined by its results. Rabbi Riskin maintains that he can point to nine homes made kosher within the last six months on account of the Shapiro program.

All are welcome to attend classes at Shapiro for free although a donation of $3 per session or $25 per series is requested from those who can afford it.

Hebrew School

But the Lincoln Square program by no means ends with the Shapiro Academy. The synagogue also sponsors a Hebrew school on the high school level. One of the most successful facets of this school's program is its monthly **Shabbaton.** These **Shabbatonim** (also held on at least one day of each **chag**) takes place at the synagogue and is compulsory for all students. They have been so successful, in fact, that a number of parents, almost all without even a **Yom Kippur** affiliation with the synagogue, have been induced to come and participate.

Perhaps the most interesting of all are Rabbi Riskin's Sunday night rap sessions. These sessions draw, for the most part, fringe cases, young people whose ties to any kind of Judaism are tenuous at best. The discussion is totally informal and the topics range from anything to everything.

Lincoln Square also boasts a

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The President Speaks

An Alternative Poll

By Hillel Davis

It's most unfortunate that Council and COMMENTATOR are suffering from a communications gap. I think Council could have been most useful in helping to set up the survey that COMMENTATOR distributed this past Thursday. In its present state, however, no matter what results — and this article is being written well before any results have been made public — I think the survey will have little or no value. Some carefully worded and highly pertinent questions would have made a world of difference.

Based on past experience I tend to valne some people and their opinions over others. Hence, a survey which makes no attempt to distinguish among the individuals questioned is worthless. Your obvious question should be: how does one distinguish? I would have asked the followng questions:

Did you contribute any assistance to the concert sponsored in December?

Are you willing to asist the Tay-Sachs committee sponsored by YCSC?

Were you one of the twenty-five people who expressed a willingness to spread a bit of Yiddishkeit to the New York area college campuses and do your part to combat Key '73? (Twenty-five responses out of a distribution of some 700 does not speak highly for the sensitivity and responsiveness of our student body.)

Are you participating in any of the activities that **TECHIA** is planning for the next five months?

Were you available when Sol Krupka was setting up the YC symposium schedule for next month?

Can Zev Lazar come to you for help in the upcoming four or five Speaker's Bureau projects? Will you come to hear a discussion on some relevant topic of Jewish interest?

Can Avi Weiss come to you for help in the publishing of the student directory, or will it have to be delayed even longer because of lack of concern?

Have you been working with Roy Angstreich and Lenny Auerbach in the new Jewish Guidance Program?

Based on the answers to these questions, I could then ask "Were you satisfied with what Council did AND what suggestions do you have to improve on Council's activities?" If people would make at least a half-hearted attempt at constructive criticism rather than mere muckraking, we'd all be a lot better off.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Israel's Prime Minister

Mrs. Golda Meir will be awarded an honorary degree at a special convocation to be held at Yeshiva University on Thursday, March 8. The event is called for 11 a.m. and will take place in the Nathan Lamport Auditorium.

At the ceremonies Mrs. Meir will be presented with an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters Degree. This convocation has been designated as the first of a series of events in recognition of Dr. Belkin's 30th anniversary as president of YU.

Israel's maternal Prime Minister previously addressed a large audience at Yeshiva in 1963. At that time Mrs. Meir was the Israeli Foreign Minister.

Other Israeli dignitaries who have received honorary degrees at YU include former Prime Minister Levi Eshkol, President Zalman Shazar, and Ambassadors Abba Eban, Avraham Harman, Yaakov Herzog and Yitzhak Rabin.

MR. PAUL COWAN, staff writer for the Village Voice, met with several students on February 15 to discuss the unique problems facing New York's elderly Jewish poor. Mr. Cowan is author of **Jews Without Money,** an essay that appeared in the Voice last September. The turnout for this event was rather poor and several students who participated expressed disappointment. Those interested in helping the Jewish poor should contact Project Ezra, located at the Educational Alliance.

DR. MAYER HERSHKOVICS, professor of Jewish Studies at YC and EMC recently published a book titled **Rabbi Z.H. Chayes.** The work deals with the life and literary contributions of this great Jewish scholar.

Senate Discusses P-N And Re-evaluation Of Proposed B.S. Degree

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caused controversy was its recommendation to implement a new two semester course entitled "Great Books" which would be available to the YC student as an alternative to his English 3-4 requirement.

Dr. Connolly questioned the wisdom of introducing a course that would allow for little more than one week per Western classic. Dr. Fleisher objected to the "Great Books" course on the grounds that it was not an appropriate alternative to English 3-4. He contended that a knowledge of English literature is basic to the language we speak and, as such, is irreplaceable. The senate voted to send this proposal back to the newly-formed B.A./B.S. Committee.

At the February 22 meeting, Mr. Charles Bernstein pointed to what he considered an inequity in the college's P-N system. The rule had been that a course for which a student filed a P-N request, would not, under any circumstances, be counted as a fulfillment of a degree or departmental requirement. Mr. Bernstein proposed that those students who, upon request, had a letter grade recorded instead of a P, should be able to count that course towards any school requirement.

In defending his suggestion, he argued that the student was receiving a letter grade in the course indicating that he had reached that particular level of competence in the subject. Hence there is no reason to penalize the student for his original motivation in taking the course on a pass-no credit basis. These grades, should count towards his degree or major requirements just as if he had originally taken it for the letter grade.

Wilkes-Barre Recuperation Slow Hilly Areas Luring Many Away

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those who viewed the havoc and destruction in those early days of July. First and foremost, there was the resolution and determination of the leadership of the Jewish community that the communal institutions would be rebuilt, that assistance for needy families and individuals would be proferred, and that business men would be encouraged to reopen their enterprises as quickly as possible. In order to meet these objectives, assistance was solicited from the National Conference of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds. The nature of the emergency, in terms of the needs of the entire Jewish community, was described to the governing body of the NCJFWF, following which a decision was made to provide sufficient assistance to the Wilkes-Barre Jewish community so as to assure its recovery. The implementation of this intention is prescribed in a "master plan" whose structure was designed in a series of meetings between representatives of the local community and the directors of the NCJFWF. The governing bodies of the various local institutions have by now all subscribed to the provisions stipulated in the plan. These provisions include the pledging of substantial sums by various member communities of NCJFWF to a Wilkes-Barre recovery fund, short and long term loans and grants to individuals, loans to local entrepreneurs to help re-establish businesses, and other sundry particulars directed towards regenerating the Wilkes-Barre community.

At this time, seven months after the flood, the job of restoring the synagogues, the Jewish Community Center, the Israel Ben Zion Academy and the *mikvah* are all in progress. It is anticipated that most of the institutional structures will be completely repaired by the beginning of this summer. The cost of restoring the Israel Ben Zion Academy is borne by a grant from the Office of Emergency Planning. Otherwise, all of the repairs are funded under the aforementioned master plan.

In the interim, the essential activities of the communal institutions are maintained under various makeshift arrangements. The Day School and the Ohav Zedek Talmud Torah meet in the undamaged third floor of the Jewish Community Center. The main synagogue of Congregation Ohav Zedek was untouched by the flood waters. Both daily and Shabbos services are being held in the large Shul until the chapel and vestry on the lower level will be restored. The Kingsston branch of Ohav Zedek, which meets in the Israel Ben Zion Academy building, holds Shabbos services in the remains of the school's library until the auditorium will be ready for use. Users of the *mikvah* are obliged to travel to Scranton, some twenty miles away. By now, most of the activity-related facilities of the Jewish Community Center, including the gymnasium and swimming pool, have been restored. The social and welfare agencies continue to function as usual, with an increased clientele and staff.

The major permanent effect upon the Jewish Community appears to be that of dispersion. Although most people have either returned or voiced intent to return to their former homes, there are a variety of cogent reasons to discourage many from undertaking the formidable challenge of rebuilding or renovating an inundated house. Elderly and retired people can exercise the simple option of moving away. For younger families, the undeveloped communities in the hilly areas surrounding Wilkes-Barre have suddenly taken on a new aura of attractiveness. It is highly probable that within the next decade new concentrations of Jewish population will appear in places that were, until now, regarded as rural backwaters. The exact effects of these developments upon the central institutions within the Jewish community of Wilkes-Barre are difficult to predict, but they are unlikely to be beneficial.

Rabbi Tendler States Objection To Testing For Tay-Sachs Genes

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sickle-cell anemia. They concluded that "Screening tests should not be undertaken before careful thought is given to such matters as protecting those tested from psychological and social damage. This necessitates community education so that people understand the medical implications of a positive test." Dr. Tendler pointed out that these men were educated laymen discussing the problem from a social and psychological point of view and yet they still agree on the negative aspect of such tests.

After careful thought Dr. Tendler concluded that there is no halachically acceptable time when testing could be done. He stated that the halacha recognizes the need to check the genetic background of a family before marriage (*Even HaEzer* 2-7) yet not in cases where the incurability of such a disease creates psychological trauma for the positive carrier. Dr. Tendler said, "If two married people find out they are carriers, three options are open to them: to divorce, to abstain from intercourse, or to take their chances and if the woman is impregnated to carry out amniocentesis. If the fetus proves to be defective an abortion would result." Dr. Tendler and all organizations consulted feel that it is the last option which would actually be taken, and the result would be murder.

Dr. Tendler feels that the random testing of students which is proposed for Yeshiva is definitely wrong. According to the study published in the Times and according to the Medical Ethics Committee, the psychological trauma affecting the students identified as Tay-Sachs positive is far worse for the community as a whole than the few babies born every year with the incurable disease.

In conclusion, Dr. Tendler strongly emphasized his belief that it is halachically forbidden to carry out such a testing program: "I am personally prepared to issue a halachic ruling that it is forbidden to establish a Tay-Sachs testing program." He sincerely feels that the students have overstepped their boundaries in this issue and should direct their activities to more constructive causes.

Rabbi Riskin Attacks Various Problems Of Young Alienated Jews

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mobile **chag** unit. During **Chol Hamoed Succoth** a mobile **succah** was hauled throughout the neighborhood. **Chanukah** saw a troop of synagogue stalwarts firmly entrenched on 72nd St. and Broadway instructing anyone interested (and some not so interested), in the **mitzvah** of lighting candles. A similar plan of attack is scheduled for **Purim** with the specific objective this time of encouraging **mishloach manot.**

Lastly, there is one segment of the program especially open to active participation on the part of YU students. The Lincoln Square Synagogue funds a movement composed of Yeshiva College students who regularly visit New York area college campuses and drop, unannounced, into dorms just to talk with its Jewish occupants. Groups of YUers have already visited dorm rooms at Stony Brook and Hofstra. Introductions are often no more elaborate than, "I'm Jewish, are you?", but the conversation just as often extends for hours, drifting from Jewish theology to politics to just about anything. For the most part, participants have met with surprisingly good receptions. Shabbatonim are being arranged and at one point $80 worth of **mezuzot** were mounted in a single drive. There have been notices about this program passed throughout the dorm. If you've ignored them until now or if you are from another college and you're interested in participating or having a group visit your specific campus contact Alan Angstreich M219—781-5364.

Black, White, and the Death of Gray

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low esteem even by the black community.

The attempted quota employment system, after being bantered around during the last election, is now deservedly being deactivated in many cases and is being recognized as not a viable vehicle for the employment of the disadvantaged. Government funds for HEW programs are being cut and inner city programs will suffer. Lastly, young and angry Vietnam veterans are returning to the inner city ghetto with an often justified but extremely dangerous frustration, little hope of employment, and killing expertise, automatic weapons and merciless heroin addiction acquired, paradoxically, in the U. S. Army.

Tragically, black communities are now themselves also creating de facto segregation. The demands for "community control" that frequently discriminates against other community groups, the methods of expressing black power and pride by the jeering of whites and self-imposed segregation, and wanton crimes committed on racial hate (not restricted to one community), such as the senseless shooting of Mississippi Senator Stennis, all exacerbates the tension between blacks and whites.

For decades, black-white relations were dictated by hate and ignorance. That has changed, and today, racial attitudes are being dictated by hate and fear. (Despite the platitude, fear is **not** ignorance; fear is fear.)

Fear has a tragic side-effect, for fear in one community generates more fear in the other. The escalation of black and white communities' paranoia, therefore, is a very possible outcome.

Thus, the pessimism, and the impossibility of a hopeful conclusion. So far, the assassinations and murders have been viewed disjointly by most Americans and the press. It may not take too much more bloodshed, however, to put the always dangerous and cancerous American fear of radical conspiracies into the mind of the nation.

Any student wishing to submit LITERARY articles for the upcoming Literary Edition may do so by either handing in his typed articles to Isaac Mozeson — M205, Mark Koslowe — M221, or to THE COMMENTATOR mail box in the JSS office. Faculty and administrators are also invited to submit articles. The deadline is April 2.

Stated Statistics

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emphasis not ours. CB).

"Because I have not followed YCSC too much, I really can't answer the last question properly."

On the job THE COMMENTATOR has done:

"The name of the student newspaper should be changed to the COMMENT-LATER. It is very good at reporting news and criticizing the student body, the Senate, YCSC, EMC, JSS, YP, SOY, UJA, etc. for past actions and present policies. However as an active initiator of student action it ranks only slightly ahead of Student Council, which in plain language means its just a little better than worthless."

"The paper wastes student funds — get another T.V."

"THE COMMENTATOR has done an excellent overall job of keeping the Yeshiva Univ. student body informed."

"It goes without saying that the newspaper is generally interesting and pretty good all around."

"Keep it up!"

"THE COMMENTATOR is crap and the YCSC is crap and I don't give a damn about either because of the fact that they're both crap." (Striking an unprecedented blow for constructive criticism. CB)

On Sports:

"Some people think that it is greatly editorialized. They think that adding such remarks as the team played poorly is editorialization. However, were such remarks omitted, the sports page would be little more than a stat sheet."

"Why doesn't Commie ever cover the Karate team? ! ! !"

On being a freshman:

"Freshmen aren't given any real help by anyone to really participate or get into school politics. I really had to go out looking for it and I still haven't found it".

And finally, two miscellaneous comments that are just too good to leave out:

"Koz is cool".

"No additional comments and/or explanations of answers".

The Editor-in-Chief and the Governing Board of THE COMMENTATOR wish to extend their heartiest mazel tov to Bob Miller '72, past president of JSS, on his engagement to Sandy Ehrenreich.

A final note on the statistics on page 3. They represent only a small segment of the information that can be garnered from such a survey. Because of limited student interest in several pages of statistics, however, various further breakdowns of the results will not be published. Examples of such breakdowns, some of which have already been completed and are available upon request, include arranging the results according to college class, amount of THE COMMENTATOR read (Question 2), or the degree of knowledge about Council's activities (Question 7). Anyone interested in tabulating such breakdowns can obtain the completed surveys by contacting either yours truly or Mark Koslowe, Morg 221.

Students Form YAF; Stress Conservatism

Paul Millman

Young American's For Freedom — "Right On!"

By ALLAN SCHWARTZ

Two weeks ago a group of politically conservative-minded Yeshiva students got together to discuss the possibility of starting a Young Americans for Freedom chapter at YU. On Thursday, Feb. 22, 1973 at their first official meeting, the idea became a reality.

In their initial meeting, attended by 30-40 students, co-founders Steve Goldstein and Alan Abramson stated briefly the background and plans of the organization.

The YAF is a conservative political group whose constitution is the "Sharon Statement", adopted in Sharon, Conn. in September of 1960. The major stress and beliefs of this statement are first, "that political freedom cannot long exist without economic freedom from government interference"; second, that rights of the state and invididual remain free from any Federal restrictions, and that third, "the forces of international Communism pose the greatest threat to these liberties and the U.S. should stress victory over, rather than coexistence with, this menace."

According to the "founding fathers" of the YU chapter, the YAF demands "more national defense, more power to the state (and less to the Federal government), a no amnesty policy toward American Army deserters, and a spread of the education of conservatism."

Mr. Abramson believes that "the conservative movement goes hand in hand with Jewish survival, and should be spread throughout the YU student body. Socialistic and Communistic movements restrict individual achievement and Jews have been able to maintain a place in the community only through individual achievement."

"The YAF at YU," according to Mr. Goldstein, "will concentrate mostly on Jewish issues in and around the university. For example, the YAF will oppose the low income housing project being built in the Washington Heights area by protesting at the building sites and attending community meetings. We believe in freedom of choice and if the people in this area do not want integration then they should not be forced into it."

At their official meeting this Thursday the club's views and goals were restated and clarified and elections were held. Chairman-elect was Mr. Abramson, President, Mr. Goldstein, Vice-President, Mr. Israel Wahrman and Secr. Treas. Mr. Richard Walpole.

Apparently the YAF has considerable faculty support as shown by the complimentary speech given by Rabbi Shorr, in the initial "get-together" and also since its faculty advisor is Professor Joseph Dunner, head of the YU Political Science Department.

Professor Dunner, in his address at the meeting, stated in response to a question voiced by a member of the audience that the YAF is not anti-semitic.

"The YAF is a mass organization," said Prof. Dunner, "and in every mass organization you will find some chazerim. The answer is to beat them down. There is a movement coming, even among Jews, to accept a more conservative manner. Preserving basic political liberties and the western world, which also includes Israel, is the goal of the YAF."

Anyone interested in acquiring information about the YAF should call 781-0554 or come to room 306 in the Morgenstern Dorm.

Tournament Creates Chess Rage In YU
Liebowitz Play Supplies Year's Highlight

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club is speed chess. In speed chess each player is allotted a total of five minutes to complete all his moves. Failure to do so leads to an automatic loss even if the player has a superior position and material advantage. Quick thinking and instantaneous reactions take the place of the usual careful and meticulous analysis as both players race to beat the clock—and each other. In a recent round-robin tournament, club president Joe Bondar finished first with 4 points, closely followed by runner-up Joel Gross.

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So far the high point of the year came on Sunday, February 18, when chess expert Errol Leibowitz played a simultaneous exhibition. Mr. Liebowitz is a member of the City College chess team and is only 100 points away from the coveted Master rank. For over five and a half hours on that Sunday afternoon he walked around and around the perimeter of chessboards flicking off moves with seldom more than a few minutes of analysis. When the evening was over, his record stood at 17 wins, 1 draw, and 1 loss. The loss was inflicted by Charles Bronner and the draw came at the hands of Sammy Friedman. Judging from the overwhelmingly favorable response from the players and the spectators who crowded Rubin Shul, either Mr. Liebowitz himself or some other chess expert will be invited for another simultaneous chess exhibition before the year is over.

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The chess team will soon start active competition against other schools. An invitation has already been extended to Touro College and only procedural details remain to be ironed out. Based on current tournament standings the starting five would be Joe Bondar, Michael Skobac, Ronald Levine, Martin Vasas and Charles Bronner.

The chess club meets regularly on Thursdays in Room 214 Furst Hall during Club Hour.

YC Yucans Claim Poor Officiating In Columbia Loss

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officiating, Yeshiva players were unpleasantly surprised by a new high-sticking rule incorporated for safety reasons. This penalty leaves a team short-handed for five minutes and gives the player that committeed the infraction an additional ten minute rest for misconduct (although the team may insert another player after the five minute team penalty is up). The discussion of the penalty almost ended the game early; after the game, one Yeshiva team leader, Seth Pransky, said that the rule was too harsh and a five minute player penalty would certainly be sufficient. Yeshiva now has a dismal 1-3-1 record.

On a more even note, the Yeshiva hockey intramural season officially began on Feb. 13. Last semesters' champions, the Sophomores, downed the Freshmen 6-4 in a tight well-fought game. Judah Gopin led the Sophomores with three goals while Jerry Pasternak exhibited his fine ability for the Freshmen.

The Editor-in-Chief and the Governing Board of THE COMMENTATOR wish to extend their heartiest mazel tov to Walter Maybruch '72, past president of SOY, on his engagement to Joan Lenoff.

The YCSC movie committee is pleased to announce the following: Cocoa Nuts, a Marx Brother's movie, will be shown in room F501 at 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 7, 1973.

The Dramatics Society of Yeshiva College announces the production of "The Fantasticks," the famous musical comedy, to be shown on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, on March 31, April 1 and 2. Tickets will soon be on sale at locations to be announced.

Who's Whose

ENGAGED:

Harvey Dachs '73 to Shelli Lipschitz

Elliot Feldman '72 to Ann Starkman

Eliyahu Ladell '72 to Miriam Abramson

Alexander Mintz '74 to Joan Lanter

Stan Mondrow '74 to Ellen Goldberg

MARRIED:

Sana Bloch '73 to Rhonda Fried

Jewish Directors Call For Boycott Of Pepsico Goods

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tion was to graphically publicize the inception of the boycott.

The establishment organizations, however, with the exception of the Labor Zionist Alliance, have not supported the boycott, just as they have always refrained from backing any other use of economic sanctions. According to Glenn Richter, national coordinator of SSSJ, this refusal is a result of bad memories associated with the supposed backfire of a Jewish boycott against Nazi Germany in the 1930s.

The first MESIBAT ROSH CHODESH will take place on Thursday night, March 1 at 8:00 p.m. It features Boris Kogan, unofficial legal advisor to the Jewish Activist Movement in Russia, and The BatKol — ruach-refreshments. Bus from Stern leaves at 7:30 costing $1.00.

Letters To The Editor

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the world was created for the sake of the Jews.

The people who were critical of the Dramatics Society for not playing "A Canticle For Liebowitz" at a seminar in Monsey were not there either. These gentlemen viciously disparaged the actors by saying "they were insensitive to the needs of fellow Jews," blah blah blah. How the actors were going to be **mekarev** people by reciting lines, is beyond my comprehension. But ask these gentlemen, and they will show you textual proof that only the Jews have a special soul.

Those who make tempests in the Rubin Shul with their violent shuckling and the good samaritans who pound on doors uprooting sleepers at the proper moments for "Divine Service," did not come. As for the person who walked across the cafeteria to tell my friend that he was not supposed to eat with his head uncovered, well, he wasn't really there when he embarrassed my friend.

The irony of the whole thing is that a seminar on "How To Combat The Jews For Jesus" draws one thousand persons. They want to defend their right to be wholesome and apathetic orthodox Jews. Every angel there listened carefully to the lessons in jousting and servicing armor. For the sake of pragmatism, there was a chapter on humiliating human beings.

But the fact is that the "Jesus Freak" drove fifty miles out of his way because he didn't want my friend and me hitching in the rain. The person puts out more love than all the people in the school together.

On Thursday evening the social game addicts were pursuing situations that would bore a nightcrawler to death. When are they ever going to wake up?

Michael S. Klein, '74

> The Editor-in-Chief and the Governing Board of THE COMMENTATOR wish to extend their heartiest mazal tov to former Managing Editor Larry Rosman '71 on his forthcoming marriage to Judy Gruenspecht.

Co-Chairman Replies

To the Editor:

As Co-chairman of Intramural sports at YU, I would like to reply to Mr. Reisbaum's suggestion that Intramural basketball be open to "as many people as possible . . ."

It must be noted that basketball is a unique sport in that in order for a team to be successful the concept of "teamwork" must be indoctrinated (i.e. N.Y. Knicks '69-'73). "Teamwork" cannot exist when there is a revolving door by the scorer's table.

As to the claim that winning is not the primary goal of Intramurals, I would like to ask the following questions: Why are so many of the games so hotly contested? If the purpose of one's participation in Intramural basketball is just to have a good time why is there a constant fear of playing the games in the YU gym? Why go all the way to George Washington when all you have to do is cross the street? The answer is that the students want to play good basketball. Good basketball cannot be present in a box gym or with constant substitutions. Once the game starts the goal is to win, not just enjoy yourself. If you lose a close game you don't say that you don't care because you still had a good time (e.g. seniors vs. freshmen, Spring '72)

Of course the optimum situation would be where everyone would be able to participate. We should have A, B, and C teams for each class. However, in reality this is quite impossible because as it is we just barely have enough playing dates with one team per class. The present system may not be perfect but it is far better than a free-for-all.

Elliot Feinerman, '73

Senior Dinner?

To the Editor:

This year's Senior Class is one of the largest and brightest classes in Yeshiva history. It may also soon have the distinction of being the first class to graduate without a Senior Dinner.

It's hard to believe that in a class of 242 not one senior volunteered to serve as chairman of the dinner. Repeated ads in THE COMMENTATOR went unanswered and with only about three months left to Graduation Day the possibility of a Senior Dinner looks bleak.

It's about time that the seniors realized that this event is for their enjoyment only. Let them ask past graduates to find out just how enjoyable and memorable an evening it is.

Being chairman doesn't require any past experience or the assumption of all responsibilities upon oneself. We just need someone who is willing to work, form a committee and get things rolling.

Do something for your class and make the Senior Dinner possible. See any of the class officers immediately, before any more valuable time is wasted.

Lenny Schlangel
President, Senior Class

The Real Majority

To the Editor:

I feel compelled to comment with respect to Mr. Goldstein's article "Divided We Fall." He speaks of the black beaten to death by white teenagers. Does he imply that blacks do not beat to death whites? Has he ever attempted to visit a black ghetto area or did he forget the Jewish lad who was killed by blacks merely because he wore a yarmulka? Does any white or Jewish merchant feel reasonably safe in a black area? Mr. Goldstein failed to consider this aspect in his accusation of racism. Dual standards are consistenly applied when racism is involved.

The incident that occurred in Canarsie is not racism, but predominantly fear. When children, regardless of color, from disadvantaged areas are bused to a middle class school, academic standards are lowered. Does this represent that expression of such fears by parents as racist by nature?

The right wing, and Wallace-ite votes were fearfully and astonishingly high due to domestic and social upheaval that have invaded this nation. President Nixon has inherited these abominable conditions and he is attempting to reverse this trend by passing legislation to strengthen our nation by uprooting lawlessness and aiding those truly in need. Mr. Goldstein gave no reasons for his condemnation of President Nixon; he merely stated a biased account of the conditions that prevail in the country. Forty-nine of the fifty states expressed their confidence in President Nixon. This large majority of Americans could not be classified as racists or as perpetuating our downfall.

Marty Kerzer, '73

> The Editor-in-Chief and the Governing Board of THE COMMENTATOR extend their sincerest condolences to friends and relatives of Miss Julia Rubenstein on her untimely death.

> **TO ALL THOSE INTERESTED IN PURCHASING RINGS:**
> Thursday, March 1, 1973 will be your LAST CHANCE to order a class ring (classes of '73, '74, '75) before the current prices **go up.** Orders will be taken in the Morg. Lounge between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m.

> **ATTENTION ALL SENIORS:** The last day to file for graduation will be March 2. Please fill out the applications and hand them in to the Registrar's office. (Applications are available in the office.)

LECTURE ON THE JEWISH DISEASE

Tay-Sachs Disease, a genetic disorder affecting the central nervous system, is a certain killer of infants. One out of thirty Ashkenazie Jews carries this fatal disease, and if two carriers marry, the statistical probability of a Tay-Sachs baby is one in four in **each** conception. Carriers are completely normal but can be detected by a simple blood test.

Dr. Daniel Amsterdam, chief of Microbiology at Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center in Brooklyn with a special interest in Tay-Sachs, will address the Pre-Med Society on Thursday, March 1st in Room 501 Furst Hall. Speaking with Dr. Amsterdam will be Mrs. Frank Berkwits, a social worker who specializes in Tay-Sachs screening programs. They will discuss the scientific, social, ethical, psychological and legal aspects of the disease and its carrier test. **BE THERE!**

THURSDAY MARCH 1st 2:45 P.M.
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Mayor's Neighborhood Action Program

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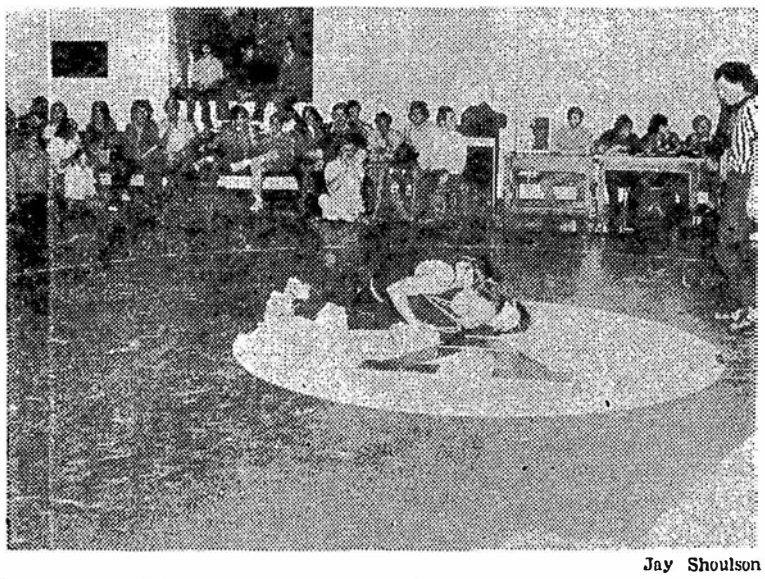
anyone who has the previous symposium on tape is requested to call the chairman of publcity of YU Yavneh at 874-6431.

200 Fans See Matmen Pin City As Koolyk's Win Clinches Victory



Jay Shoulson

ELLMEN: On their way to a winning season.

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Brooklyn College. Brooklyn is the kind of team Yeshiva can beat on any given night, and this season, most of the can beats became did beats. However, for this particular meet, new uniforms and all, the Ellmen couldn't muster whatever it is they had all season. A victim of overconfidence, they didn't score until Nate Tiger Schwitzer picked up two points for a tie, and didn't win until Manny Ruchelsman pinned his man. Avi Terry and Reuben Koolyk finished off Yeshiva scoring with pins. It wasn't as if the Ellmen were blown off the mat, they just had their heads stuck in it.

Bounced Back

Showing a sense of maturity, the Ellmen bounced back from this loss to beat City College, 30-23 and ensure a winning season. The matmen took the meet to City early, leading 24-0 after Noah Kline, Nate Tiger Schwitzer, and Steve Edell got pins, with Victor Schwartz collecting a forfeit. While Yeshiva dropped the next few matches, the losses were mainly by points, which was indicative of the matmen's efforts.

It was a team victory, with everyone making a contribution, even in losing. By perservering the full eight minutes, Shimmy Palgon and Avi Terry set the stage for Reuben Koolyk's heroic meet-winning pin. Even Lenny Press, who was pinned, had a hand in the win by wrestling the stronger of City's 177-190 grapplers. Marty Bodner made his contribution, although it was only a few laughs, as he took on half the City team, at least by weight.

If it all had to come down to one wrestler, Reuben Koolyk would be the man. The win was his ninth against two losses, giving him the best record on the team. His nine wins, accomplished without the help of forfeits, came on six pins and three wins by points, leading the team in each category. Finally, Reuben hasn't been pinned this year, which at the very least, equals a Yeshiva record.

To a great extent, credit for the win is due to the 200 or so spectators present. Taking the team effort concept one step further, the fans belittled City wrestlers as well as the ref, making for an interesting evening. The crowd got the winner they wanted, the Ellmen got the following they needed, and the ref got the insults he deserved.

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On behalf of the Ellmen, the student body, and the COMMENTATOR, I would like to express a mazel tov to Coach Neil Ellman and his wife, Goldie, upon their marriage.

The Cultural Club of Yehiva College proudly presents its second annual Art/Photo Exhibit March 4-11. It features original artwork and photography by students, faculty, administration and staff. Gottesman library, fourth floor. Open Sunday until 9 p.m. and from Monday - Friday until 11:30 p.m.

Mighty Mites Beat Aquinas To Interrupt Losing Streak

The Yeshiva U. basketball team extended its non-winning streak to eight games before finally putting a halt to the skid by beating St. Thomas Aquinas 104-90. With the way the team performed in losses to Kings Point, Cathedral and Queens College it appeared as if the team was content to just play out the schedule. This reporter was beginning to think that the YU faithful would either have to change sports or wait until next year if they wanted to read about a win.

The Mites played Kings Point on Feb. 12 and this figured to be a tough game even if the team had a good game. However, there was nothing to worry about because the team did not play well and it was not a close game. Right from the opening tap Kings Point led and they crushed Yeshiva 82-45. Two days later YU entertained Cathedral at home and there was reason to hope for a victory. In this contest Yeshiva jumped to an early 10-2 lead, forcing Cathedral to call time out to regroup its forces. The time out seemed to work because Cathedral was able to cut the Mites' lead and eventually take the lead themselves. Well into the second half YU was still on the short end of the score and the prospects for a victory were not bright. Time was beginning to run out but the Mites made a determined comeback spearheaded by the aggressive play of Jimmy Haber. And come back they did, but when time ran out they were still one point behind, 65-64.

Films

There was one week between the game against Cathedral and the Mites' next game against Queens. During this period the team viewed films of an earlier contest with the objective being to correct some of the mistakes they had been making. The immediate value of the films is suspect because the game against Queens turned out no better than the previous games with Queens handing the Mites a 30+ point setback.

There is a saying that after the darkness comes the dawn. Well things could not have gotten much darker for the Mites. At the Stony Brook game the dawn was finally seen. Although the game was lost 76-56, the score was not indicative of the fine game the Mites played. Good performances were turned in by Bruce Wenig who led the team in scoring and Paul Merlis who pulled down 18 rebounds and contributed 14 points. Jimmy Haber and Dave Wilzig both turned in stalwart defensive efforts with the result a good number of blocked shots and overall fine defensive play. The one drawback, the one flaw which in the end cost Yeshiva the game, was the inability to get defensive rebounds, allowing Stony Brook numerous shots at the basket.

After this encouraging performance the Mites were at home for a Saturday night encounter with Thomas Aquinas. Offense was the order of the night with Yeshiva breaking the century mark for the first time this year and in a long time. The scoring was led by Allan Lockspeiser who had 18 points, Joel Rich in his final performance before the home crowd scored 11 points and pulled down 20 rebounds. Also scoring in double figures for Yeshiva were David Wilzig, Jimmy Haber and Ira Scharaga.

With but one game to go the Mites have put together two good games, and a victory in the last game would help to take away some of the sour taste the rest of the season has left.

Yeshiva Fencers Lose Third Season Match, But Score Victory Over Jersey City State

By BERNIE WHITE

In an extremely hard fought match Yeshiva lost its third match of the season to a very persistent Fairleigh Dickinson team. The match was far closer than the 16-11 score indicates, for there were nine matches in which Yeshiva fencers lost by but one point.

In sabre, Sid Rosman fenced a "hat trick" winning all three of his matches, one a 5-0 "coconut" and another by a 5-1 score. The sabre unit as a whole made its usual good showing, accounting for six of the eleven YU wins (Rosman's three, plus two wins by Ted Ness, one a coconut, and one by Eli Goldner.). In a surprise move, Coach Tauber replaced veteran Gugy Pollack with rookie Jeff Fried in the second round. Jeff fenced well but lost 5-0 to Fairleigh's best Foilsman.

In the opinion of Coach Tauber the FDU match was lost because of a lack of stamina among the YU fencers, so three hard practices followed. The stratagem paid off, for in the next match Yeshiva found the winning groove and posted a 15-12 victory over Jersey City State in their first away match of the season.

In a turn-around from the usual pattern the epée squad, led by Will Greenberg's hat trick, provided the main impetus for the Yeshiva effort, winning seven of nine matches for their strongest showing of the year. In addition to Will's strong showing, Harry Peters went 2-0 before being replaced by Elliot Denenberg, who, in his first varsity appearance, lost a closely contested 5-4 decision. Also, co-captain Neil Weintraub split two 5-4 matches and freshman Shalom Buchbinder won 5-4.

The foil team, too, came up with their finest effort of the season with Fred Shulman also fencing a hat trick to lead the foil team's five of nine mark. The foil rounds were unusual in several ways. First, Bob Benedek, normally an epee fencer, fenced foil and split his two matches, and second, in that two rookies were substituted in. Jeff Fried, in his second varsity match, replacing Avi Dachman, lost 5-2, while Bernie White posted a strong 5-1 victory in his first varsity match.

The sabre team, in an unusual development, seemed homesick for the hallowed halls of YU (?) and won but three matches, with two wins contributed by Ted Ness and one by Sid Rosman.

The Jersey City State match seems to mark a turning point. The epee team emerged as a solid unit, the foil team gave its first really good performance of the year, and sabre will most definitely return to its previous form. This should provide a fine close to the YU fencing season.

It should be noted here that the squad this year is very young with only five seniors, one of whom, captain Joel Baum, has not fenced since early in the season due to a knee injury. This means that YU should have a solid experienced team, at the very least, in the years to come.

YC Hockey Team Blames Defeat On Unfair Officiating

By ALAN SILVERSTEIN

The Yucons were angry. So angry, in fact, they said they'd never return there. While that probably won't happen, the Yeshiva hockey players were visibly upset. After all, it's totally unusual to play a hockey game in a gym in which offside lines are not present and the goalie can be caught offguard easily. It is even worse when the referee must use his own judgment on imaginary offside lines and must first become acquainted to calling a new high-sticking rule, just as the players must become accustomed to it.

Although these may sound like excuses, the players still explain their loss by insisting that they are tops. Perhaps the fact that Columbia handed the Yucons a 6-4 loss at Columbia didn't help their feelings about the game either.

The natural flow of the puck was choked in this Feb. 18 matinee game because of the numerous arguments concerning the officiating, as both teams contested various calls. Although Yeshiva players played a normal offensive game, it appeared as though they could not adjust to the new gym, as not only were offside lines missing but a row of poles on the gym floor impeded play. The Yucon defensive game lagged but, as is the usual story now, the offensive lines of Yeshiva could not score on breakaways Columbia didn't play an outstanding game either, but played "well enough to win at home." In the game, Yeshiva fell behind early, 2-0, but subsequently came on with some good play and just fell short of tying the game up within the last few minutes. With the score 5-4, Columbia scored a late sixth goal to clinch the game.

Besides some hotly-contested

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KARATE BLACK BELT GRADING: Sunday, March 4, 1973 from 3:30-5 p.m. in the YU Gym — Admission Free.

Chess Rage Hits YU With A Tournament

Chess activity at Yeshiva has been revived in recent months. The chess tournament begun last semester is now in its fifth of seven scheduled rounds. Of the fifty original contestants current leaders are Ronald Levin, Michael Skobac, and Joel Gross. Members of the chess team will eventually be selected from among the top tournament scorers.

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The current craze in the chess

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Paul Millman

CHESS: Expert Errol Leibowitz showing how it's done.