

Meir Honored By Yeshiva University Degree Conferred

At an inspiring ceremony, Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir was awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree by Yeshiva University on March 8. The presence of this great Israeli leader coupled with the enthusiastic welcome given by the crowd of approximately two thousand, marked this convocation as one of the great events in brating his thirtieth anniversary.

Introductory addresses were given by Rabbis Hoch, Bernstein and Moshowitz as well as Dr. Belkin and YCSC president Hillel Davis. Much tribute was given to Dr. Belkin who is celebrating his thirtieth anniversary as Yeshiva's president. The speakers also made mention of the university's link with Israel citing the large number of students who have studied there and the construction of the Caroline and Joseph S. Gruss Center in Jerusalem.

Premier Meir

After the doctorate was presented by Dr. Miller, Mrs. Meir addressed the audience. Speaking in Hebrew and English, she stressed the need for Jewish youth to recognize and respect their heritage. "The strong historic identity that the Jew possesses was described by Mrs. Meir as the cause of Israel's great success. Attempting to individualize this theme, Mrs. Meir proceeded to trace her own background relating her experiences and emotions during a life that



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Prime Minister Meir receives honorary degree from Dr. Belkin.

culminated with the exalted position she now holds.

Even today, the source of Israel's power, according to the prime minister, lies not in its material strength. "It is not that

we have better equipment, we have better pilots and better tank men."

Mrs. Meir also congratulated Dr. Belkin and praised the uni-

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YU Yavneh Holds Symposium Concerning NYC Jewry; When, If Ever, Should Jews Abandon Communities

By AVI BITTON

New York's deteriorating Jewish communities were the topic of a Yavneh Symposium held recently at YU. Entitled "When, If Ever, Should Jews Abandon Their Communities," the symposium featured speakers whose widely differing views provided an interesting forum for discussion and comparison.

The first speaker was Rabbi Louis Bernstein, President of the Rabbinical Council of America. He stressed the concept of presenting a united metropolitan Jewish front to combat the problems of a Jewish community in

any part of the city. "Jews must start thinking collectively," said Rabbi Bernstein. "If Forest Hills goes, YU goes."

Political Pressures

After citing several examples of once-thriving Jewish areas that have now degenerated into slums with a terrorized Jewish minority, Rabbi Bernstein concluded that political power is the key to the problem. "Jews should resist with all political pressure available," he said. "Physical pressure is meaningless—it only has a temporary effect. The upcoming mayoral election is the last chance of Jewish communities to continue to exist as a powerful force in the city."

Mr. David Fisch, national executive director of the Jewish Defense League, was the next speaker. Beginning with a castigation of "blind Jewish leaders" who only recently awoke to Jewry's long-existing urban crisis, Mr. Fisch proceeded to enumerate several "new" policies now being advocated by Jewish leaders that were actually proposed by JDL five years ago.

Jewish Power

"The 'new' concept of a united front for Jewish communities proposed five years ago by JDL, which was intended to be a centralized organization to coordinate Jewish community power," said Mr. Fisch, "but we were laughed at then. We were before our time."

Mr. Fisch then outlined a program of combatting threats to Jewish urban survival, based on political and other pressures augmented by militant action. "We should march against threatening city projects like Imperiale in Newark," stated Fisch. "The city will then think twice before deliberately erecting low-income

Faculty Nixes New Proposal To Make P-N More Flexible

By STEVEN MANDELSBERG

A proposal that would have modified the alternative P-N grading system of Yeshiva College was rejected by the Faculty Assembly at its meeting of March 14.

Under the Senate proposal, which would be effective retroactively, courses taken P-N but for which the student accepts and receives a letter grade of either A, B or C would be considered, in retrospect, as non-P-N courses. Consequently, such a course could be used to satisfy any degree or major requirements.

Alleged Erosion

The Faculty Assembly opposed the measure because it allegedly did not distinguish between students who change their major and those merely wishing to alter the status of a course

taken P-N. Fearing an "erosion of the grading system," the Assembly was wary of the possibility of a student taking a required course P-N (even though this practice is presently prohibited).

The proposal would affect students who change their major since these students would then receive credit toward their major for courses they may have previously taken P-N. For example, a history student who, when taking psychology courses P-N, accepted a letter grade and then decided to change his major to psychology, would have according to the proposal, receive those credits toward his new major.

Grade Distortion

While several Assembly members supported the Senate proposal if applied solely to students changing their major, some expressed confusion about the actual effect of the plan. Dr. Linn spoke at length of the inherent deficiencies of the P-N grading system, accusing it of "distorting" grades.

He cited one case of a student asking for a reduction in grade to a C since this grade would only be recorded as a P and thus not figure in his academic average. Reiterating his position expressed in the Senate, Dr. Connolly noted that the proposal, though of possible practical value, was of no educational worth.

In other Faculty Assembly developments, the introduction of a new major in "information sciences" was approved and Professor Silverman urged that the Assembly have a voice in the compilation of next year's academic calendar. He offered the alternatives of "bunching together" holidays to allow for a long vacation or to scatter vacation time and reduce the number of days off for intersession.

'Ezra' Volunteers Aid Old, Poverty-Stricken New York City Jews

By GARY LIPSTEIN

Throughout history the Jewish people have been characterized by an uncommon care and concern for the less fortunate in our midst. However, as our society becomes more complex and Jews become upwardly mobile, several considerations should be noted. It had been previously assumed that there was no Jewish poor to speak of; for those few Jews who are less fortunate, it was believed that their problems could be met by existing social and anti-poverty programs.

Since the publication of Paul Cowen's article in the Village Voice (September 21, 1972) "Jews Without Money," it has become exceedingly clear that many Jews are poor and are not being helped. Mr. Cowen's article stressed the fact that a majority of these Jewish poor are living

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Dramatics To Stage Musical 'Fantasticks'

by JACOB T. BUCHBINDER

On March 31, April 1, and 2, the Yeshiva College Dramatics Society will present the popular musical comedy *The Fantasticks* written by Tom Jones (suggested by Edmund Rostand's *Les Romanesques*) with music by Harbey L. Schmidt. *The Fantasticks*, which has been playing continuously in New York for

thirteen years, is a parable of life, a humorous light fantasy, describing the growth of a teenage couple. It stresses the paradoxical cyclical nature of life; a couple deeply in love may suddenly experience pain and suffering when with each other. However, the passage of time or the advent of an unexpected si-

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Paul Millman

Dramatics Society rehearses upcoming production, 'The Fantasticks'.

UJA - Techiya

For many years the Orthodox Jewish community has been imploring the leadership of the United Jewish Appeal to devote at least a small fraction of the hundreds of millions of dollars it collects each year to meeting the religious cultural needs of immigrants to Israel. Yet the repeated pleadings seem to have fallen on deaf ears. The UJA continues to allow the absorption centers, in which it plays such a major role, to remain without the religious counselors that are so vitally needed by a large number of the new arrivals. Its response to the cries of outrage — "Keep contributing. We are considering your requests." — has taken on a hollow quality after its many repetitions.

It is in view of this unfortunate situation that we must give our full support to a far-reaching decision recently made by the Yeshiva College Student Council. In reaction to strongly-voiced opinions from the student body, YCSC has determined that the annual UJA drive should be significantly modified. Instead of having all of the funds collected go automatically to the UJA, students will be asked to divide their donations, according to their own convictions, between the UJA and Techiya. The latter is an organization dedicated to providing the immigrant settlements with an awareness of their traditional cultural heritage and an understanding of the faith of the Jewish people.

We are sure that the student body, knowing of the plight of our brethren in Israel, will give generously in the upcoming appeal. We urge them to give a sizable contribution to the UJA, for there is no organization that is doing so much to bring Jews to freedom and establish them in the Holy Land. In addition, we implore the *bnai yeshiva* to donate a significant sum to Techiya so that the spiritual needs of the immigrants can be at least partly met. We can only hope that the leaders of the UJA understand the depth of the concern that led the student body to divert part of its contribution away from their organization.

The cultural needs of the *olim* can only be adequately filled if the UJA allocates some of its vast resources to that end. The UJA has performed magnificently in providing for the material needs of those in its charge. Yet it must realize that not by bread alone has the Jewish people survived through the ages.

Boycotts To Come?

The Student Council of the Erna Michael College of Hebraic Studies has already boycotted one period of classes during the school year. The overwhelming response on the part of the EMC student body proves that they support their leaders, who have tried to effect certain changes. The administration and especially the faculty of EMC have consistently thwarted all their efforts.

Two major issues spearhead the conflict: the P-N system and attendance regulations.

During the past 2 years the EMC administration has succeeded in negating the purpose of the P-N system. First, specific courses were excluded from the P-N option. Then, last term, new restrictions were added. An instructor can now request that a student be denied the right to take his course P-N. In addition, a student who fails his P-N course must now maintain a 75 average to remain off probation.

The EMCSC has toiled for five years to relax attendance regulations. The latest compromise plan submitted to the faculty would have allowed a student with an 85 average (the cut-off for Dean's list) in any term to have unlimited cuts the following term. Though this would spur students to higher achievement, this plan was voted down by the faculty assembly.

Besides these major issues, other less important — though by no means minor — student grievances, such as the final schedule and *bechinot gemer* remain unameliorated. That the student council contemplates a strike shows the gravity of the situation; the unanimity of the EMC stu-

dent body proves the importance and seriousness of these issues.

THE COMMENTATOR calls upon the EMC faculty to reconsider their previous actions or inactions. We support the student council proposal of unlimited cuts for a student with an 85 average or above in the previous semester, and the removal of all restrictions on the P-N option. In addition, we call on Dean Rabinowitz, who has independently shown some initiative in resolving the matter, to show leadership in formulating a compromise solution.

The EMC student leaders have shown patience, along with a willingness to negotiate and compromise. If a strike does come, Dean Rabinowitz and the EMC faculty must shoulder the blame for it.

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Invitation Declined

When THE COMMENTATOR announced its intention of holding interviews with possible candidates for the Executive Council of YCSC, it did so to introduce the candidates to the student body. The deadline was even extended in the serious hope of encouraging students to avail themselves of this service.

The sheet posted made it quite clear that a candidate could not use this interview to mean official recognition of his candidacy, as he still had to fulfill all requirements of the Canvassing Committee. We also specifically stated that the paper does not endorse any candidate.

The four candidates who consented to the questioning of the Governing Board deserve credit — as they had no foreknowledge of what questions would be asked of them. However, we state our dismay at not receiving a better response from the student body. Anyone who was slightly interested could have responded to the questions and yet not had to run for office. Any student who declined our invitation only leaves himself open for questioning by the student body.

From the Editor's Desk



For Whom The Bell Tolls

By Mark Koslowe

Having written one column (Checks and Balances, Dec. 6, 1972) on the issue of Faculty Tenure I decided to wait for any student reaction to press for a greater role in deciding the tenure for faculty at Yeshiva College. As usual, there was little movement on the part of student leaders — or, possibly, tenure of faculty is not as important a campus topic as I see it.

Page One of the Sunday Times (March 25, 1973) carried an article entitled "Tenure for College Teachers Supported." The article contained information on tenure, based on a report by the Commission on Academic Tenure in Higher Education. The committee found tenure in need of major revision yet that it "provides the most reliable means of assuring faculty and educational excellence, as well as academic freedom." Major criticism is leveled at two areas of tenure: 1. That it "tends to perpetuate mediocrity and faculty deadwood," and 2, "the measurement of a probationary faculty member's value by the quantity of his published papers rather than the quality of his teaching."

The article contains a series of recommendations listed by the report and it is these recommendations that are of note to this college.

1. That institutions set a maximum of seven years and a minimum of five on the probationary period before tenure is granted.
2. That some limits be placed on the amount of tenured faculty
3. That early retirement be encouraged.
4. That sanctions short of dismissal be developed for teachers already on tenure and that clear codes of conduct for faculty members be adopted.
5. That students have a greater role — short of an actual vote on tenure — in the evaluation of faculty performance.

The policy at Yeshiva is a combination of some of these revisions in the tenure program. We use the 7 years maximum and certainly early retirement has been encouraged (even if for economic reasons rather than academic). My major area of contention is once again, student involvement in evaluation of a faculty member. Where as before I stated that students should have veto power over the tenure the report suggests something short of a vote on the matter. We still see by the report that a greater student role is encouraged. In addition, the idea that there be some review of a teacher who already has tenure is not so foreign and should be incorporated at Yeshiva College.

We now turn to a recent event at YC, Premier Golda Meir's visit to our university. Her coming sparked a previously unknown (or seemingly defunct) spirit within the student body. And although this 'spirit' was witnessed by many members of both the YC and SCW student bodies, there were many more students waiting outside the main building.

The irony is that the University had misgivings on attendance and therefore issued tickets in excess of the seating arrangements in Lamport Auditorium. We were later informed that there were approximately 50 seats left unused in the balcony section of the auditorium.

Why the University felt that there might be low attendance at such an important event is still a question. But the treatment and security of those who had tickets was quite poor and can not go unmentioned.

Letters To The Editor

MEDICAL ETHICS

To the Editor:

I have followed with interest the recent controversy at Yeshiva College concerning a proposed course in medical ethics. Though, as a practicing physician, I see great merit in the study of this subject, I feel the faculty was correct in vetoing the project.

I can well understand the desire of many premedical students to acquaint themselves with the ethical and halachic aspects of medical practice. I must seriously question, however, the educational value of such a course being offered within an undergraduate curriculum. The intricacies of medical practice and the nuances of specific medical ethical problems (e.g. autopsies, abortions, and transplantations) are such that only those actively involved in medicine or medical studies could appreciate them. Even the most advanced biology and chemistry courses taken by premedical students at Yeshiva College do not provide a substantial background against which a meaningful dialogue in medical ethics could take place.

Since Yeshiva University does boast of its own medical college, the obvious institution to offer the proposed course should be the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. Knowing, however, from my years as a student at AECOM the religious inclinations of its administration and faculty, and observing historically that since it admitted its first class approximately 18 years ago AECOM has seen little need to offer this course, the likelihood that it will do so in the foreseeable future appears slim.

The University itself, therefore, should seek to establish an interdisciplinary program for interested physicians, medical students and Rabbonim under which an intelligent dialogue concerning the halachic and ethical problems of medical practice could take place. Interested undergraduate students from Yeshiva College would, of course, be invited to attend so as to afford themselves their first meaningful exposure to a subject that will prove of vital concern to them in their future.

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Gruen Makes No Pretenses As He Enters The Political Arena

What makes a "nice Jewish boy" enter the dirty field of politics in New York City? What makes one man slip into the anonymous security of the masses while another suspends himself on the ledge of political candidacy? Power? Game? The promise of wealth?

"I live here; this is my city." That is the answer of Stanley Gruen, now on leave from Yeshiva College. By all contemporary social standards, he is the "nice Jewish boy" mothers like to point to, bright, well spoken, and courteous. He attended Torah Vodaas and graduated to Yeshiva College where he became Freshman class president. Last summer, however, Mr. Gruen worked for Congressman Podell in Washington and was introduced to the world of high politics. He joined his local Democratic club and became embroiled in a youth-Jewish revival in his district. Now Stanley Gruen stands as a nominee for the Democratic ticket for the post of City Councilman in the 24th District. Furthermore, he feels confident of his eventual victory and is outspoken about it, what it means in terms of himself, his community and New York politics.

Makes No Pretenses

"Most politicians don't consider themselves New Yorkers. They're always planning to go on to Congress and stay in Washington." "The City Council is a payoff for patronage." "I'm the youngest person to run in New York City (18), and if elected, I'll be the first Orthodox Jew on the City Council." These are just samplings of Mr. Gruen's remarks. He makes no pretenses of being gentle or of mincing words. At times he has accused his opponent (incumbent Leon Katz) of catering to landlord property interests and he proudly identifies himself as an "anti-organization man." "Politics is such that you don't have to control people," he said once in justifying his uncompromising opinions.

Despite the angry tone, or perhaps because of it, Mr. Gruen's political opinions are quite de-

finite and in accordance with the opinions of the majority of his constituency. The 24th district is made up of predominantly Jewish Manhattan Beach, Sheepshead Bay and Flatbush, and as any hopeful nominee must, Mr. Gruen reflects the ideas and fears of his neighborhood. He considers himself a moderate liberal, although his opinions run the gamut from reform to "law and order" in the overcategorized world of political labels. He supports local control whether in Forest Hills or Bedford-Stuyvesant. As an Orthodox Jew he stands behind the usual banners of Jewish poor and Soviet Jewry, but he hopes to bring a means of real concern into the chambers of city government where lip service is the general rule. To him, the most serious challenges facing New York are its fiscal problems, raising and distributing the limited funds of the city; for this reason, the city council, the legislative branch of the city government, is the appropriate institution in which he can make his mark, and implement his beliefs.

The Challenge

Beneath the slogans, these beliefs form a fascinating combination of populism, ethnic appeal and youthful optimism. One finds traces of the above in many of his political opinions as expressed earlier, but they are most apparent in his appeals to youth, appeals to the people and his identification with Judaism. Stanley Gruen sees his candidacy as a delegate of the people. "I have a real honest desire to get out there and do a job, to stand on street corners and listen to the people."

Mr. Gruen doesn't feel that this challenge should be left to him alone. "Seventeen to twenty-five is when you have the most

to offer," he stated positively. "The city needs fresh blood." He would prefer to see that blood in the form of young Jewish men and women. "City politics is where Jews should get involved," he told me. "The last eight years dealt blow after blow to the Jewish community." Mr. Gruen bitterly criticized Mayor Lindsay for letting the city deteriorate and said, "It's time for a Jewish spokesman on the Council, one not in name only. It's time for a change."

With the tumult and chaos of a political campaign in front of him Mr. Gruen still retains a reflective side from which all his thoughts ultimately stem. It was because of what is being done to his native New York that he now seeks the post of city councilman. From his quiet disgust with past experience has sprung his calls for "new blood" and Jewish activism. Mr. Gruen feels that politics contains his applications of Judaism and has "changed my life." I've seen what really goes on. It's (politics) a very tough business." Mr. Gruen wants to change it.

Students Aid Jewish Poor Of New York With 'Ezra'

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 5) in the lower East Side section of Manhattan and have a multitude of "special" problems. With this in mind a group of committed young Jews decided to alleviate these problems, forming an organization they called "Project Ezra."

In its initial study of the community, Project Ezra found that one of the major problems (besides that of having enough money to purchase necessities) confronting the aging Jew, was that of loneliness and isolation. In many cases the older Jews were left in the city while their children went off to the more affluent suburbs. Consequently their ties with "Mom" and "Pop" are at the best tenuous and never really helpful. Many of these aged Jews could not leave the community in which they had lived for a great portion of their lives, and now find that they cannot adapt to the present make-up of their changing communities. Hence, there is a strong concentration of lonely, often physically handicapped Jews who have nothing to look forward to and no one to share their life (past and present) with.

Ezra volunteers, offer some

comfort to these older Jews by setting aside some time to share with them. They may escort them on walks, or take care of the many problems encountered in the course of the various city agencies' serving the poor. But the form of the service is not important. What is most important is the fact that now the heretofore forgotten Jew has someone who cares. In effect a volunteer becomes sort of a surrogate grandson or granddaughter who can bring some genuine warmth and love into a very bleak existence. It is felt that the older persons' abundance of experiences coupled with the younger person's vision of a fulfilling life ahead can make for a combination that will be rewarding and uplifting for all concerned.

Though perhaps difficult to believe, as little as an hour or two a week can dispel the gloom and despair that hangs over each day of an older person's life. Anyone interested in finding out more about Project Ezra is urged to contact Project Ezra at (212)-475-6200 ext. 9 or go down and talk with them at the Educational Alliance Building (Room U-15) 197 East Broadway in New York.

Dramatic Society Prepares Its Production Of Long-Running Musical 'The Fantasticks'

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 2) tuation may rekindle extinguished passions.

Mr. Anthony Beukas, directing the play, is enthusiastic about the prospects for another Dramatics Society success. The small, experienced cast was hand-picked and though many had never appeared in a musical, the actors are quickly assimilating directorial pointers on music and choreography. The intricate

blocking is rapidly taking on a professional look as rehearsals proceed smoothly in an optimistic atmosphere. Though striving diligently to master the complex material, the players are visibly enjoying themselves.

Innovation

This production is fortunate to have able musicians in Allen Roth (piano) and Joey Steiner (guitar). Mr. and Mrs. Beukas have designed interesting costumes to be constructed by the cast.

Vigorous efforts paid off.

The Editor-in-Chief and the Governing Board of THE COMMENTATOR wish to extend a refuah sh'leima to Mrs. Silvia Kohl, secretary to Rabbi Cheifetz.

when Dramatics Society Governing Board members were given permission to truck away flats, platforms, and steps from *Much Ado About Nothing*, a Broadway show which closed recently. Some of this material, including the two expensive felt flats, will be part of *The Fantasticks*' set which has been modeled after

that of the original off-Broadway production.

Progressive innovations mark this semester's Dramatics Society activities. To increase faculty and alumni interest, a tea reception for the audience will follow the Saturday night and Sunday matinee performances. In addition, an alumnus, Mike Andron (YC '71), a graduate drama student at New York University, will make a "cameo" appearance as Henry the ancient actor. Mr. Beukas hopes to have Yeshiva graduates return to take part in future productions to lend leadership, elevate the spirits of the cast, and advise the less experienced actors.

Remembering the smashing success of *Oliver* six years ago, Mr. Beukas is certain that the spring production of *The Fantasticks* will bring the students out in numbers; the seating capacity in the Student Union Building theater has accordingly been expanded to approximately two hundred without minimizing seating comfort. Students are urged to purchase tickets as soon as notices come out, as the extensive faculty and alumni attendance will reduce the amount of tickets available to students.

Talent And Imagination Joined At Successful YU Art Exhibit

By DAVID BLASS

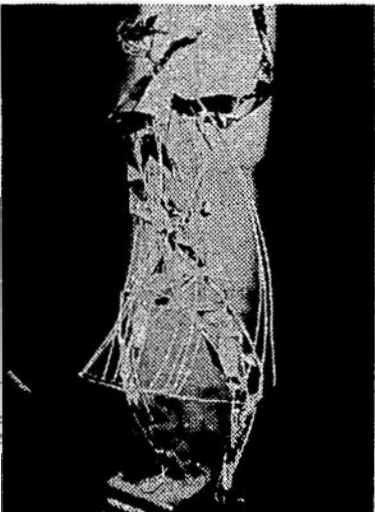
The week of March 4 gave students of Yeshiva and Stern an opportunity to view an art exhibit of original paintings, sculptures and photography on the fourth floor of the Pollack Library.

The works on exhibit presented guests with a wide variation of topics, ranging from the morbid (a painting with a skull smoking a pipe) to the unusual (a sculpture of a musician playing a piano, completely made from metal wire).

Secular Theme

While a few exhibits bore a religious nature, most of the others had a secular theme. The photographs, (many of them taken by semi-professional photographers, fell into two categories, the beauty of life and the beauty of nature. In the former category the photographer attempted to capture a lasting impression of a friend or show the misery of the poor. In the latter category, the photographer tried to capture a lasting impression of a scene — the George Washington Bridge as seen from the rooftops of Washington Heights at night or an agricultural scene.

Most of the sculptures were



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various designs and figures made from toothpicks. Some of these exhibits had some religious connotation such as a chalice or a vase in the shape of a Mogen David. In general, these works suggested that even toothpicks can be combined with much time and patience to demonstrate great talent.

Paintings

The third group of exhibits were the paintings. Many of the paintings were pictures of peo-

ple, though not necessarily portraits. One interesting drawing was that of Downtown Miami, done almost completely in straight lines. In another painting, this one done in oil, the artist portrayed the actual texture of the objects in the scene through the pattern of her strokes.

On the whole, the Art Exhibit, being a combination of unusual talent, devotion and patience was a great success.

NEWS IN BRIEF

A MESIBAT ROSH CHODESH of Adar Beth was held on March 1, sponsored by the YCSC Jewish Affairs Committee and the Washington Heights Inwood Council for Soviet Jewry. Boris Kogan, distinguished lawyer, Jewish activist and recent emigrant from the Soviet Union served as guest speaker for this event. He discussed the revival of Soviet Jewry and encouraged students to continue efforts on their behalf. (H.W.)

REBBETZIN ESTHER JUNGREIS spoke in Furst Hall to an extremely large and receptive audience last Thursday during club hour. Speaking very emotionally, the Rebbetzin outlined the goals of her Hineni program, stressing the need to provide Jewish education to Jewish youth across the country. Rebbetzin Jungreis strongly believes that a thorough study of the Holocaust is absolutely essential to establishing any sort of Jewish identity among today's Jewish youth. She urged all Yeshiva students to offer their services as Torah Counselors for the Hineni organization. The audience's response seemed very positive throughout her talk.

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The purpose of this special supplement of THE COMMENTATOR is to better acquaint the students of Yeshiva College with the candidates who will probably be running in next week's election. Seven questions were prepared by THE COMMENTATOR Governing Board with one question designated to fit the particular candidate aspiring to an office. The candidates were given the weekend to respond to these questions and all answers were handed in by Sunday night. We feel that it is important that the YC students be fully knowledgeable about the viewpoint of the men they choose to represent them in the coming year, so we urge you to carefully read their answers to this written interview.

PRESIDENT

Mr. Ruchelsman

Commentator: How do you see your role as President?

The role of a successful YCSC President incorporates two basic formulae. He must be the focal point of unity and direction and not a figure of divisiveness in and of his election. At the time his prior qualification should have made him knowledgeable in the functioning of student government so that he can exert the leadership necessary for his office. Student power and student action are only mirror images of the strength of the person who holds the office.

Commentator: What do you feel are powers of the office?

The powers of the president do not lie in his ability to philosophize but in his ability to plan and to direct. Planning, for example, means a Guidance Program, a useful Student Directory, not just one or two Mesibot Rosh Chodesh, and Inter-collegiate Shabbatons that the entire student body would benefit from and not just a few individuals. Directing means for the President to take a special interest in initiating academic proposals to the Senate and lobbying for their passage. He must move around campus, and be a visible force. The power of the office stems from the faith the students have in him; this means he must be accessible to and not separate himself from the student body and appear only to pound the gavel.

Commentator: What do you see as the major specific problems you will face as president and in what order of priority do you see them?

The next president must real-

ize that the office has lost credibility with the student body. He must direct his attention to revitalizing the image of his office. This can only be done by uniting the various forces that have been warring amongst themselves. We should not think of ourselves as members of RIETS, JSS, or EMC, but as men of Yeshiva College. Only after we have united within ourselves can we approach the problems of awakening the YC Senate to the fact that a strong student body exists to take on the challenge of academic change and of awakening the Administration to realistically budget student activities. At the same time, we must understand that Jewish affairs takes on a greater role than Mesibot Rosh Chodesh; it also means moral leadership as head of a student body that can help all Jewry.

Commentator: Vis a vis your role as YCSC Executive Council member, do you see yourself as an active participant in discussions or as an arbiter?

The first quality of a good president is his ability to resolve conflict. He should be able to sift through an argument and retain its better points by the knowledge he has gained by being involved earlier in his college years in student affairs, and from what he has learned as president. When he calls meetings, he should have done his homework and have planned an agenda.

Commentator: How would you be able to present to the Administration a viewpoint passed by the Council to which you are personally opposed?

Any President who comes to a meeting dead-set against any idea automatically loses his ability to resolve conflict and with that, his ability to be an effective leader. Leadership means an openness to any idea. A proposal must be able to stand on its own merit and if it does have merit no open-minded individual can oppose it.

Commentator: As an Executive Council member how would you go about establishing a rapport between the administration and the students?

The first duty of the President upon election is to meet with the various levels of administration and in this initiative make known that we intend to deal with good will and as co-equal partners. Rapport can never be one sided. We will bargain with maturity and request that our responsibility be met with their frankness. But our flexibility

should not be misconstrued as weakness; only 'good will' will breed more 'good will.'

Commentator: What are your feelings toward the role that YCSC has played in "off-campus" activities — do you feel that there is an imbalance and if so how would you correct it?

The word "imbalance" is incorrect. Inherent in the word "imbalance" is a lopsided productivity. But at Yeshiva, productivity in both areas has been minimal. Our concern should not be to balance 'two goods,' but to do the most we can in both areas at the same time. There are enough students at Yeshiva to get involved in both areas. And there is enough imagination and talent here to insure that both will be successful. We have only scraped the surface on 'off-cam-

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pus' activities, so much more has to be done.

Commentator: How do you view the role of Council vis a vis the Senate? — and in what way has YCSC fulfilled (or not) this role this year?

Council's credibility has been lost because many students felt that the creation of the Senate has stripped Student Council of its power. And as such, many Council presidents have fallen victim and made no effort to create a role between YCSC and the Senate. By and large, many Council members have followed these presidents into these pitfalls. However, as recently as last month, two of my proposals to the Senate were unsuccessful because no role was carved between the Council and its president vis a vis the Senate. There is no excuse for a president not

to fill this vacuum. Student Senators are short in their responsibility to Student Council and the student body when they feel they can do a full job by themselves without the help of the student government that has appointed them. Their vote on the Senate should be dictated by their own conscience but their efforts should encompass student imagination. How many times has a senator appeared before Student Council to hear its views or ask for its help? — Pitifully few. The president in his role must be the chief lobbyist for legislation to the Senate proposed by students. The president can not do it all by himself; but he can set the tone. He has a committee structure; he should use it.

Commentator: Would you care to make any closing statements?

It is incomprehensible and would be very irresponsible for any candidate for the office of president to go through one more campaign, one more year, and one more Student Council and follow the same worn patterns at a time when business is clearly not as usual. We have lost complete faith in student government as a vehicle for student power and student action. The next YCSC President must reinstitute confidence in the office and credibility in Student Council. I will not forecast reaching the apex but I propose to raise us from this nadir.

VICE-PRESIDENT

Commentator: How do you see your role as Vice-president, and what do you feel are the powers of the office?

Mr. Bergman: Even though the introduction of the YU Senate has obviated many of the original functions of YCSC, this is no excuse to allow its remaining areas of vital concern to fall by the wayside. The vice-president is the coordinator of the com-

mittees of Student Council. They are the real operating force in carrying out Council's services to the students. It is these committees which are charged with arranging neighborhood student discounts, Shabbatonim, Mesibot Rosh Chodesh, the student directory, faculty-course evaluations, etc.

The vice-president must be the link between the student body and its government. Council can not turn a deaf ear to student demands for action, and students can not be left in the dark. This year, the president will be faced with the task of rejuvenating Council. He needs an activist vice-president to help him face this formidable task.


Mr. Krupka:

The vice-president's responsibility is to oversee all the functions of Council making sure that they are executed promptly and efficiently. According to the YCSC Constitution, the vice-president is the club and committee coordinator insuring that the clubs and committees fulfill their responsibilities. He also has to make sure that clubs and committees do not duplicate services or spend money needlessly.

However, the vice-president must not limit himself to clubs and committees — he also has a responsibility to the student body. He should be available to receive and act upon student complaints and to do this, he must keep the channels open between him and his fellow students. In my platform for vice-president of the Junior Class, I pledged to always be available to any student who had a problem. I believe that I fulfilled this very vital function. My door has always been open to students and I have put aside time to speak with anyone about Council or any other aspect of the College. This I pledge to continue next year.

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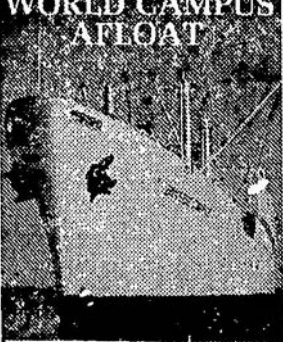
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Commentator: What do you see as the major specific problems you will face as Vice-president, and in what order of priority do you see them?

Mr. Bergman: The major problem facing Student Council this coming year is to revitalize itself before it withers away. Student apathy has been an excuse for inaction by Council for too long. There has been no service to students by this year's Council, and this must be changed. The committees have failed to act in the past and this can not go on. Why hasn't the Curriculum Evaluation Committee published this year's teacher evaluation? Why hasn't the Student Directory Committee published its yearly Student-Faculty Directory? Why has the Audio-Visual Committee sat content with just one movie? Why haven't there been intercollegiate Shabbatonim on this campus? Membership on a committee must be more than an entry on an extracurricular transcript. As Committee Coordinator I will see to it that the committees function.

Mr. Krupka:

The most serious problem I face will be to prove that the job of vice-president is not a figurehead position but is a well-defined and responsible office. It will be difficult after a year of inactivity to get Council working efficiently but it must be done. Towards this end I will strive.

Working on a limited budget poses its own unique problems. A meeting of all the school division presidents scheduled to be held last semester to review the Rabinowitz Plan was never held this year. As vice-president I would make sure a meeting would be set up to get for YCSC its just share of university funds.

Commentator: Vis-a-vis your role as YCSC Executive Council member, do you see yourself as an active participant in the discussions, or as an arbiter; also, how would you be able to present to the administration a viewpoint passed by Council to which you are personally opposed?

Mr. Bergman: YCSC is dying. It cannot afford any more arbiters, any more kibitzers, any more sideliners; only activist leadership can save it. As a

founder of the Washington Heights-Inwood Council for Soviet Jewry (WH-ICSJ) I have shown what this type of leadership can do for an indifferent community. As to presenting a viewpoint to which I am personally opposed, this has to depend upon the circumstances of the individual proposal. However, if I felt that the majority of the student body was strongly in favor of the proposal, I would fight vigorously for it.

Mr. Krupka:

In Council I will be both an active participant in all discussions and a mediator if I feel the need exists. However I do not believe that any member of Council has the right to be an arbiter.

Though it is my duty in Council to speak on any issue I deem important and to state my views, I also accept the fact that I will not always be in the majority. At such a time I realize that my position as vice-president demands the fact that I succumb to the majority. Until Council has decided on any issue I will try to accomplish what I feel will be best for the most concerned, always keeping in mind the views of my fellow students, but if outvoted I will try to present the views of Council in the most favorable light possible.

Commentator: As an Executive Council member how would you go about establishing a rapport between the administration and the students?

Mr. Bergman: There are two aspects to the Administration-student relationship. The first is

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in reference to policy. In my involvement in the Washington Heights-Inwood community and the nationwide Soviet Jewry movement, I have had to deal with shul presidents, rabbis, boards of trustees, administrators, congressmen, student groups, etc., and I have found that policies are changed, progress is achieved and rapport is established, not through mutual backscratching, but through in-

telligent discussion and persuasion from a position of strength.

Secondly, the daily red tape barrier often blocking the most minor student request must not be allowed to continue to interfere with the establishment of the student-administration relationship. I propose the appointment of a student ombudsman ("red tape cutter") with the approval of the Senate, who has the power to intervene and assist in these daily student-administration disputes.

Mr. Krupka:

The first step in establishing a rapport with students and administration is by opening up communication between the two. If there is no communication there can be no understanding or rapport.

In order to open up this communication I would invite members of the administration to address Council and the student body. By doing this, the viewpoints of both the administration and students would be presented and an equitable solution could be worked out. As a member of the Executive Council of the university, I would be in contact with many members of the administration and would be able to inform them of problems facing the student body. This I believe would give the administration a greater insight into the problems facing the typical Yeshiva student. Hopefully we could work together to solve these problems.

Commentator: What are your feelings toward the role that YCSC has played in "off-campus" activities — do you feel that there is an imbalance and if so how would you correct it?

Mr. Bergman: I feel that Yeshiva College as the "oldest and largest Jewish institution . . ." must be a national leader in Jewish causes and serve as the focal point for intercollegiate Jewish activities. But, the primary responsibility of Student Council is to provide services for the student body. Unfortunately, Council hasn't adequately dealt with either sphere. The few student services and on-campus activities this year reflect the lack of concern of Student Council.

Mr. Krupka:

I believe that YCSC has a responsibility not only to the student body but also the Jewish community as a whole. In a year when millions of dollars are being spent by such groups as Key 73, Jews for Jesus, and Hebrew Christians to convert Jews, I can see no greater tragedy than turning our backs on Jews who so desperately thirst for an understanding of Judaism. The sight of a boy putting a m'zuzah on his door at Hofstra, or a girl lighting Sabbath candles for the first time at Stony Brook is more than enough to make everyone feel their responsibility to communicate to these people

the true meaning of Judaism. Though I understand that we have neither the funds nor the capacity to do the job all by ourselves, I believe that it is mandatory we make as much progress as we possibly can to help these people.

Council however must recognize that it doesn't represent Stony Brook or Hofstra but rather represents the students of Yeshiva College and cannot sacrifice its on-campus activities to those off-campus. The figure for off-campus activities this year was approximately only one-twentieth of the budget. The reason why it has gained so much attention is that the money was handled by competent people who knew exactly what to do with it. By being constantly active they have become this year's Council's greatest accomplishment. To detract from this efficiency would be a crime. What must be done is to make the rest of Council's activities as efficient as the off-campus activities are. By putting competent leaders in charge of the various committees, by making sure money is used wisely, all of Council's projects can be as successful as off-campus activities were this year. But to financially punish intercity projects for being a crowning success seems absurd.

Commentator: Why are you now running for office when you have not been involved in student politics for three years?

Mr. Bergman: Until recently, I have concentrated my efforts on establishing the first community-wide Jewish organization in Washington Heights and Inwood to deal with the pressing issue of the criminal treatment of Jews in the USSR. Unfortunately, Student Council has now arrived at a crisis situation, where there is effectively no Student Council and no student leadership. I therefore decided to apply my leadership experience to improving our situation at YC. The question remains, who am I to arouse YC from its lethargy? I feel that I have already proven my ability by galvanizing the apathetic Washington Heights community into a united action front, a task at least as large as that facing Council next year. Another example of my student leadership ability is my chairmanship of the WH-ICSJ student division, through which I originated, planned and organized the "YC-SC" Soviet Jewry Benefit Concert. It is only through such efforts that Student Council can be reactivated.

Commentator: How would you make the vice-presidential office a legitimate office within student council?

Mr. Krupka:

I believe that I have already answered this question in my replies to the previous queries. The office of vice-president has been

given very specific duties. By merely carrying out these duties the vice-presidency immediately becomes a legitimate office. By running clubs and committees, by being accessible to the students, the office of vice-president takes on a legitimacy of its own, providing that the vice-president is competent.

Commentator: Would you care to make any closing statement? (please limit to 100 words).

Mr. Bergman: It is only through leadership, experienced in the process of revitalization, that YCSC can be saved from its present crisis. YCSC can not survive another year of the status quo.

Mr. Krupka:

One of the main problems in this year's Council was the lack of experience of the Executive Council. Having been on this year's Council, I have seen its weaknesses and strengths, and have learned how to deal with many of the problems that will be facing Council in the year to come. I have proven throughout the year that I am not just a talker but a doer. From the beginning of this year when I ran the Council auction I have been active in many activities. I have already proven that I am a worker, and with the help of the student body I will make next year's Student Council a Council to be proud of.

SEC.-TREASURER

Mr. Wieder

Commentator: How do you see your role as Secretary-Treasurer, and what do you feel are the powers of the office?

The most important aspect of the office of Secretary-Treasurer is to oversee the clerical and technical operations of YCSC. The office requires a combination of the various talents of a parliamentarian, stenographer and bookkeeper. Besides those abilities, I will carefully review all budget allocations. I will, furthermore, keep the students knowledgeable about school events by the quick printing of the minutes, the frequent publication of calendars of school activities, and the fullest use of the YCSC bulletin boards in Furst Hall.

Commentator: What do you see as the major specific problems you will face as Secretary-Treasurer, and in what order of priority do you see them?

The biggest problem facing YCSC in the coming year is to resurrect the students' sense of confidence and pride in their government. This morale can only be restored by showing the student body tangible proof, such as a student directory, teacher evaluation, movies, etc., that the Student Council is working for him.

Another major problem is the choice of Student Senators. The Executive Council must be cautious in its selection of representatives to the Senate, choosing only those students who will

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be active in the formation of Yeshiva's future academic plans.

An additional problem is the appropriation of funds to committees. YCSC should re-examine the budget for the possible restructuring of priorities.

Commentator: Vis-a-vis your role as YCSC Executive Council member, do you see yourself as an active participant in the discussions, or as an arbiter; also, how would you be able to present to the administration a viewpoint passed by Council to which you are personally opposed?

I believe that my office would require both qualities in varying degrees with more emphasis being placed as an active participant in the discussions. Serving the past year as President of the Sophomore Class and having a knowledge of the operations of student government, I can add an enlightened voice to the debate.

Being a representative of all of the students, it would, moreover, be my obligation to go to

Administrative officials and present the majority decision of YCSC.

Commentator: As an Executive Council member how would you go about establishing a rapport between the administration and the students?

Being in contact with both students and Administrative officials, I will be able to set the proper rapport and liaison for the establishment of meaningful discussions on pertinent topics. This past year, for example, I have met with Prof. Zeides and Mr. Blazer concerning lights at the entrance of the library, with Col. Marmorstein concerning parking, and with Dr. Socol and Mr. Parker regarding the removal of the Pepsi-Cola machines.

Commentator: What are your feelings toward the role that YCSC has played in "off-campus" activities — do you feel that there is an imbalance and if so how would you correct it?

I believe that in the past year YCSC has put its major thrust on activities outside the campus to the point of neglecting the student body at home. There is no doubt that off-campus activities are important. Indeed, Yeshiva University, the center of

Jewish learning in the United States, should be in the forefront in demonstrating in favor of various Jewish causes. Yet, let's not forget that we have a student body which has seen virtually nothing in terms of benefits from its Student Council. We must realign our priorities. YCSC can advance on the academic front by sending important resolutions to the Senate. It can, in addition, do a great service to the students by making the college years more pleasurable and fulfilling by the sponsoring of more speakers, movies, Mesibot Rosh Chodesh and other activities.

Commentator: YCSC has been accused this year by some (as indicated in THE COMMENTATOR poll) of not being as effective as it could, to what do you attribute this to and how would you rectify the situation?

Mr. Wieder:

The answer to this question is invariably connected with my response to the previous question. As an individual and as a member of YCSC, I am deeply disappointed with the performance of the Council as a unit to fulfill its obligations to the student body. There has been no Teacher and Course Evaluation, no Student Directory, and only recently have we started to get movies, speakers and a Mesibot Rosh-Chodesh. There is no reason why the Student Council should start to "come alive" towards the end of the academic year. The first way

to rejuvenate YCSC is to elect Executive Officers who will form a nucleus of dynamic leadership. The second step is to vote for class officers who are conscientious, dedicated and willing to work for their class constituencies. The final and important step is to involve the students in the governmental process by placing them on committees and making sure that these committees function.

Commentator: Would you care to make any closing statement? (please limit to 100 words).

Among my achievements this past year were: The installation of lights at the entrance of the library, getting an Alumni representative seated on Council, proposal for the Hockey Team to be established as an official YC team, more funding of clubs, fighting for angle parking, and more money for class-sponsored activities.

The reshaping of YCSC into a vibrant organization is a long and implacable task. Yet, with the students' help it can be done. It will be the students' decision alone that will determine whether we have dynamic leadership to guide us in the work that lies ahead of all of us.

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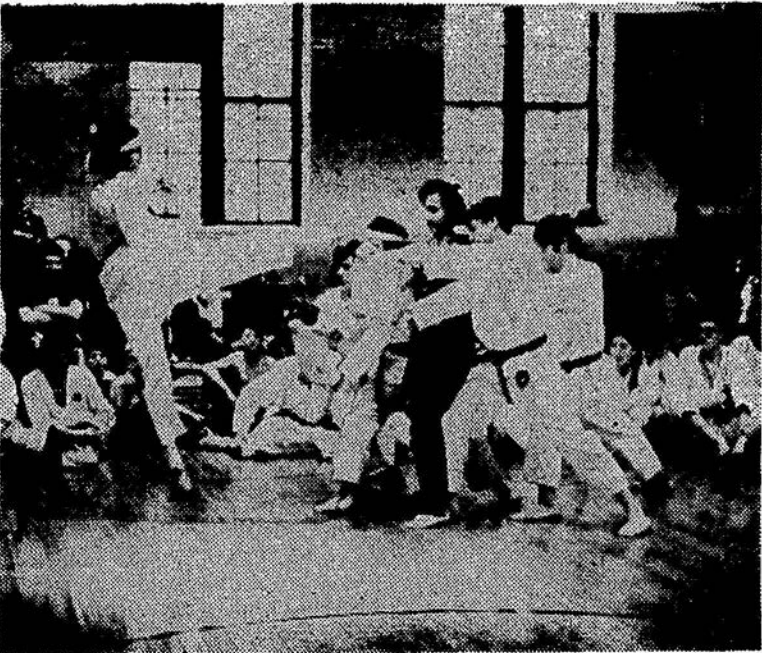
By SID ROSMAN

On Sunday, March 4, the Yeshiva University gym was once again the scene of a certified karate black belt conferral upon a member of Yeshiva's karate organization. Exhibiting his expertise both in the ten kata (choreographed forms) and advanced techniques required of a shodan (first degree black belt), Jeffrey Glanz was awarded his certificate in front of a standing-room only crowd of two hundred spectators and representatives of the various New York City area clubs belonging to the YU organization. As usual, Master Harvey Sober presided over the event, one which certainly marks a milestone since the club's modest beginnings in the halls of the YU dormitories over seven years ago. The club now consists of branches all over the city and its suburbs — Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens, Great Neck, Monsey, Manhattan, and the original class at Yeshiva which has expanded, despite the now-limited gym requirement, to approximately eighty students.

Master Sober, who holds a third degree (of a possible five) black belt and is both teaching Hebrew at the James Striar School (JSS) and Hunter College while also studying Northwestern Semitic languages at Columbia University, was accompanied by his first two black belts — Andrew Hirsch (Y.C. '70) and Michael Andron (Y.C. '71). Various board-breaking techniques were demonstrated by the higher ranking belts of the club, among them a series of two-board breaks by John Daschif (Y.C. '74) and a three-board elbow break by Jed Staven (Y.C. '67).

Throw Demonstration

Louis Aaron, a second degree black belt in Ishin Ryu Karate and in Jiu Jitsu and soon to receive his black belt degree from our club, demonstrated throws with Yosse Beatus, also a black belt candidate. This was followed by an exhibition of free-style



Putting best foot forward at Karate Exhibition.

quarterstaff fighting by Master Sober and Louis Aaron and a demonstration of internal force and power in the Tai Chee Chuan system by Master Sober and Michael Andron.

Jeffrey Glanz, after his performing the required ten kata to perfection, exhibited a series of

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three and four board breaks with both hand and foot techniques. He then proceeded to break a one-inch board with a single-finger stab and show a number of multiple make-up attacks prepared on the black belt level. He was then awarded his certificate, belt, and black gi.

The karate club of Yeshiva is proud to announce the awarding

of a second degree black belt to Michael Andron (Y.C. '71) at the annual spring exhibition on Sunday, April 8 in the YU gym.

Yucons Crush Foes With Scoring Spree

By ALAN SILVERSTEIN And YANKEE POLEYEFF

What the Yeshiva hockey team did to the team from Brooklyn Poly-Tech was understandable. After coming off a disturbing loss to Columbia and hoping to even their record, the Yucons completely destroyed Brooklyn Poly, winning 17-2. Brooklyn Poly is the league's newest entry and they played like it, getting out-shot 50-12 and displaying little stick-handling and checking ability.

All three Yeshiva offensive lines contributed to the thrashing of Brooklyn. Judah Gopin and Abe Katz combined to score six goals, five by Gopin himself. The Seth Pransky-Dov Zeffren line combined for seven scores. Joel Silber, normally a defenseman, joined Alan Litwack on the third line and scored four times, Litwack assisting on three of them. It was an all-around team effort as each player fattened his scoring totals considerably. Even defensemen Bob Listernick and Jerry Pasternak got into the offensive act with four assists each.

Scoring Attack

The first period of the game represented the only time that there was any contest. The goal that started the Yucons on the road to their second win of the season was scored by Silber, coming around the Brooklyn net and stuffing the puck into the opposite corner. Randy Teppino tied the score for Brooklyn on a low shot from the right point. Moments later, Gopin stole the puck in front of the Brooklyn net and slammed a twenty foot shot into the upper cords of the net. Katz then followed with a tip-in and Yeshiva was ahead 3-1. Teppino scored again for Brooklyn on what seemed like an instant replay of his first goal, and then Gopin added another score to close out the first period with Yeshiva ahead 4-2. At this point, Yeshiva opened a relentless scoring attack, scoring thirteen additional goals in the next two periods.

The Yucon season record now stands at 2-3-1. Scoring leaders at this point are Gopin and Pransky, each with eleven points; Pasternak and Silber each have

Fencers End Season With Inferior Record

By BERNIE WHITE

Despite a mediocre 3-6 final record this year the fencing team still possesses the winningest overall record in YU with a record of 163-83 over its twenty-five year history, a percentage of .663. Of those twenty-five years twenty have been winning seasons with this year being but the fifth losing season ever.

Following its initial win over Jersey City State, the team lost to Drew in a match marked by the poorest directing encountered all year. In the next match against Brooklyn Poly the Yeshiva team gave its best performance of the year springing out to an 8-1 lead after the first round and then coasting to an easy win. Rounding out the season, the team beat Maritime and lost to Baruch and Pratt.

Recent Problems

In recent years the fencing team has been plagued by several problems which have reduced the pool of students available to it. The reduction of the Physical Education requirement to two semesters has resulted in fewer students sticking with fencing for more than one year. Since it

takes several years to develop any sort of proficiency in fencing and at least four years to develop into a really solid fencer, the fencing team never gets any experienced fencers. The open enrollment policy of the City University which encourages transfers has also cost the team many promising prospects.

Despite these things, this year's purpose as a rebuilding year has been admirably fulfilled. Only three of this year's starters are graduating and they all have solid replacements, two of them with varsity experience; in addition, everyone else will have had one more year of experience. These facts point to a much improved team for next season and in the words of Coach Tauber, "We will have a better season next year, and the following year we will have an excellent team."

Another of the problems which the fencing team has is that at the present time there is no organized fencing league open to the Yeshiva team. The reason for this is that practically all of the local inter-collegiate leagues have their tournaments on Shabbat. Next year, however, this may change if the team accepts an invitation to join the Greater Metropolitan Area Fencing League which will have its tournaments on Sundays.

Future Prospects

After the Pratt match, which was the last match of the year, the team held an election for next year's captain. Due to the closeness of the balloting two co-captains were selected, Will Greenberg and Fred Shulman.

The squad for next year consists of: Co-captain Fred Shulman and Ari Dachman starting in foil, with Bernie White, Dave Warburg, Howard Schranz, Marty Hirsch, Leon Laufer, Jeff Fried, Teddy Eisner, Alan Schwartz, Samuel Abramson and Stuart Lavender bidding for the remaining starting role. In sabre, Eli Goldner and Ted Ness will be starting, with Lovos Solomon, Gary Kantowitz and Morris Mandel competing for the third starting spot. In epee, Harry Peters and Co-captain Will Greenberg will be returning starters, with Elliot Denenberg, Shalom Buchbinder and Mitchell Schranz contending for the final starting position.

Ellmen End Winning Season; Tourney To Promote Squad

By LARRY EISENBERG

The Ellmen's wild and woolly '72-'73 season has drawn to a close. The trials and tribulations, the satisfaction and elation have all been reduced to a mere statistic, a 7-5 record. While the grapplers can rest on their laurels and return to normal pursuits, such as eating, it remains the task of the reporter to analyze the statistics and recap the season.

Somewhere on a wrestling mat, there is a thin invisible line separating winners and losers, a line the Ellmen crossed since last year almost accidentally. While the matmen were outscored in individual matches, 57-62-1, and in team points, 319-324, they maintained a winning meet record. As easily as that record might have been 5-7, it could have been 9-3, they were that close.

All Together

The difference between last year's losing record and this year's winning one, comes down basically to one meet. Last year, Yeshiva dropped a 30-24 decision to City College, but were on the winning end of a 30-23 score this year. While Nate Tiger Schwitzer was pinned and Steve Edell lost on points in last year's contest, they both pinned their opponents

the second time around. Not the work of some super wrestler recruited since last year, just a case of putting it all together at the right times.

In a different vein, for those of you who have been wanting to try your hand at wrestling but afraid to ask, an intramural wrestling tournament will be held April 8 in the YU gym. The purpose of the tourney is, according to Coach Neil Ellman, "to promote wrestling at Yeshiva University especially on the junior varsity level. It is open to all YU students who have not wrestled for this year's varsity and will be conducted, for the most part, under NCAA Collegiate Rules at the following weight classes: 121, 127, 135, 142, 150, 158, 167, 177, 190, and unlimited. For further information and entry forms, please contact Shy Marcus, Rubin 211, as soon as possible.

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