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Blumenthal Assumes Chief Editor's Role; New Commentator Board Assembled

Norman Blumenthal (class of '74) was selected as the new Editor-in-Chief of THE COMMENTATOR at the Governing Board meeting held on Wednesday, May 3. Chosen to aid him were Elliot Tannenbaum '74, Daniel Besdin '74, Chaim Lovinger '74, Charles Bernstein '74, and seven newcomers to the Governing Board. Formerly News Editor, Editor-in-Chief Blumenthal attends EMC and is a psychology major. On



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Editor, Norman Blumenthal

the dean's list in both YC and EMC, he is also a member of the Psi Chi honor society.

Serving as Associate Editor, Elliot Tannenbaum is an economics major and a student Senator. Make-up Editor of last year's newspaper, he has made the YC dean's list, is a member of the pre-law society and attends JSS.

Last year's feature editor, Daniel Besdin, will occupy the post of Executive Editor. Also on the YC dean's list, Danny spent his sophomore year at Kerem B'Yavneh in Israel. He is a YP student and an English major.

Students Vote In Presidents Neiman, Eisenberg, Levine

By HOWARD WIEDER

In a heavy turnout, on May 10, students elected their class president, vice president, and secretary-treasurer. The newly elected officers were installed at the Yeshiva College Student Council meeting of May 14.

In a close race, Jeff Neiman was elected president of the class of '74. Mr. Neiman called for the early and better planning of Masmid, the Senior Dinner, and Senior awards. He also pointed to the need for the periodic polling of the students on important matters and asserted that he would assist in the coordination of the Career Days Program.

Leo Frischman was elected vice president of the Senior class. Mr. Frischman stated that he intends to establish a close rapport between the Senior representatives and the rest of the class. Seniors-to-be elected Norman Gildin, running unopposed, as their secretary-treasurer.

By an overwhelming majority, Larry Eisenberg was elected (Continued on Page 6, Col. 4)

Chaim Lovinger will secure the position of Managing Editor. The former Copy Editor will draw upon his experience as Contributing Editor for Tempo magazine. An English major on the dean's list, and pre-law society member, he attends YP.

Another YP student, Charles Bernstein, will fill the Contributing Editor berth. A member of the YC dean's list, he is a student Senator and pre-Engineering major who served this year as Research Editor.

A member of the pre-med honor society, JSS student Allan Kaplan will give up his Assistant to the Editor duties to function as Senior Editor. On the YC dean's list, he has written extensively for THE COMMENTATOR on a wide range of topics.

Classics major, Joshua Schwartz will take the position of Projects Editor next year. Josh is presently in Israel and is a member of the Dean's list in YC and EMC.

A newcomer to the Governing Board, Jeffrey Wandel will serve as Feature Editor. A frequent reporter of YC Senate affairs, Jeff is a member of the YC

ing team and attends YP. He is a philosophy major and spent his freshman year in Israel.

Former Associate News Editor Steven Mandelsberg will become next year's News Editor. A YP student and member of the debating team and pre-law society, he is a political science major on the YC dean's list.

The post of Copy Editor will be held by Irwin Walkenfeld, formerly on the Associate Copy Board. He has made the YC dean's list and attends YP.

Besides being a member of the pre-med honor society, newly selected Make-up Editor, Noah Klein is a member of the wrestling team. He attends EMC and has previously served on the Make-up staff.

Succeeding himself as Sports Editor, Steve Reisbaum is a JSS student and a pre-med major. He also is a member of the hockey team.

After an arduous year of service as Business Manager, Asher Mansdorf will fill the post of Research Editor. A pre-med major and manager of the wrestling team, Asher is a member of the YC

100 Thousand Jews Protest On Behalf Of Russian Jewry

By AVI BITTON

The largest demonstration ever to take place in behalf of Soviet Jewry was staged in New York on Sunday, May 6. In a combination march and rally, an estimated 100,000 persons protested Soviet maltreatment of Jews.

The protest, organized by the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry, began with a march from 72nd Street at Fifth Avenue and continued to 47th Street. From there, the marchers turned in to Dag Hammarskjold Plaza, opposite the United Nations, for a mass rally.

Representing hundreds of organizations, the demonstrating groups ranged in number from almost 1,000 in the Jewish Defense League contingent to eight with Hineni. The YU group numbered about 300 with YC-SCW students and faculty members.

Walkathon Raises Money

The marchers were also joined by over 1,000 Jewish high school students participating in a Walkathon for Soviet Jewry. Each Walkathon participant recruited sponsors who pledged to contribute a specific sum of money for each mile walked.

At the rally, the huge crowd was addressed by Senators Jacob K. Javits and James L. Buckley. Also speaking to the demonstrators were Mikhail Shepsholovich, a former Soviet Jewish prisoner recently released; Abraham Zalmanson, uncle of four Soviet Jewish prisoners, and Eleanor

Yampolsky, whose parents have been denied permission to emigrate. The crowd reacted enthusiastically to each of these speakers.

Mass Turnout

The mass turnout for Solidarity Day was greatly attributed to a massive advertising campaign, which included saturation ads in all major New York newspapers, posters in subway stations and numerous flyers and stickers.

The Solidarity Day activities also received widespread media coverage; they appeared on the



H. Weider, M. Ruchelsman, M. Bergman (l-r), The Executive Council Trinity

New Council Installed Promise More Action

by ELI SEIDMAN

Although the May 14th meeting of the Yeshiva College Student Council basically ran along traditional lines, Council managed to combine thoughtful, imaginative innovations with standard procedure.

President Davis called on each member of the outgoing Council to briefly evaluate Council's activities this past year. The members were acutely aware of the criticism they have received this year and many of their remarks concerned this situation.

Mr. Wexler noted that no one person should get full blame or credit for YCSC's actions this year because "Council is a collective unit," and everyone is equally responsible.

Mr. Weiss cautioned the new Council that "there is more to a good Council than personalities"; that experience and advance planning are critical. He also maintained that through YCSC, Yeshiva College should become more involved in helping Jewry in New York.

Not Apologizing

In his farewell speech, President Davis emphasized that he was not apologizing for this council which he called "a viable force." According to the former President, the council has been

Jewry and Washington Heights than any previous Council and initiated projects to make our school more well-known on other college campuses. He admitted that Council had failed to live up to its potential and cited that their's was the smallest budget in recent years. However, in spite of the pressure Council encountered and the obstacles they faced, many programs were started, such as Dirshu and Tchiya.

A well-prepared Manny Ruchelsman accepted the gavel and officially began his term as president by asking the new officers to introduce themselves to the student audience. He stated his conviction that YCSC must become the "focal point of new ideas" and involve itself in such crucial international matters as World Jewry and in such YC affairs as loss of faculty and students.

Senate Nominees

The student Senate nominees, Daniel Besdin, Simon Lichtiger, Norman Newman and Jeffrey Wandel, were called up to answer any questions from Council or the audience. The executive board decided on these four candidates on the basis of interviews with more than thirty applicants.

In response to a question, Mr. Wandel said we must stress the practical side of Senate business instead of dwelling on idealistic discussion. Mr. Besdin disagreed, saying we should discuss the (Continued on Page 8, Col. 1)

Dramatics Society Sees Changes For Upcoming Seasons

By JACOB BUCHBINDER

The Yeshiva College Dramatics Society announced recently that it has been granted membership in the prestigious Alpha Psi Omega Dramatic Fraternity, a national honorary fraternity founded in 1925 to give recognition to college students for meritorious participation in theater activities. Alpha Psi Omega, with over 500 campus chapters, is the largest national college organization in any departmental field.

At Yeshiva, fraternity membership will be awarded to an exclusive group of students and alumni who have maintained a high standard of excellence in their respective aspects of work for the society. Gala initiation ceremonies will be held within two weeks. Alpha Psi Omega promises to be a growing and energetic organization in the coming years and hopes to serve as an added incentive for students (Continued on Page 8, Col. 1)



Yeshiva boys (?) participate in Solidarity Day March on behalf of Soviet Jewry

Paul Millman

Publishing Gripes

Thanks to the efforts of the newly elected student council, next year's schedule of courses has been made available, albeit belatedly, to the student body. Through its efforts the YCSC has enabled the student registering for summer courses to avoid the confusion which would doubtlessly have attended such a summer registration had there been no prior knowledge of what courses were available and when in the coming school year.

THE COMMENTATOR, while gratefully acknowledging the assistance of the Student Council, would like to point out, however, that publication of the schedule of courses is not the responsibility of the YCSC but, rather that of the Administration. According to Dean Bacon, publication of the schedule was held up this year, in part, by the State, which has not yet officially sanctioned next term's Informational Science program. But the brunt of the responsibility for the delay lies with the college faculty, some of whom could not find the time to submit their own schedules as to when they are available to teach nor to get together with graduate faculty for arranging next year's new BA-MA program.

It is hard to level realistically constructive criticism at nameless members of the faculty; it inevitably gets swallowed up in that amorphous generality — the faculty. And yet, the fact remains that many students could have been seriously inconvenienced due solely to the indolence and inconsideration of individual instructors. THE COMMENTATOR believes that it is Dean Bacon's duty to see to it, with the administrative authority at his disposal, that such a manifestation of faculty irresponsibility does not occur again. This year's faculty performance in regard to the schedule was inexcusable.

THE COMMENTATOR has also been informed by the Registrar's office that the long-awaited University catalogue is tentatively scheduled to come out sometime this summer. The delay, reportedly, is due to the University's financial problems which necessitated the assignment of a minimum number of workers to the catalogue's composition and publication.

A Fresh Start

THE COMMENTATOR takes this opportunity to congratulate the newly-elected members of the four student councils, the four newly appointed student senators and the new Governor Board members of the other student publications. The inactivity of the outgoing Council has been the source of much frustration and dissent. It is THE COMMENTATOR's ardent hope that the year of confrontation be left behind and that we witness the development of a symbiotic relationship with a new and "revitalized" YCSC. Cohesiveness and unity should help to alleviate the many overwhelming problems of the academic community.

With graduation rapidly approaching and Shavuot not far behind, it seems particularly opportune to urge departing students to recognize their obligations to assume active and responsible roles in the Jewish and secular communities. Hopefully they will recall only the fondest of memories of their stay at Yeshiva.

Chag Sameach and a happy summer.

Sunny Credits

Additional courses will be offered for EMC students this summer, which will enable some of those bearing the burden of a rigorous double program to somewhat lighten their load during the regular fall and spring semesters. These courses, on the Dead Sea Scrolls and Semitic Languages, will be given in June, when they are unlikely to coincide with most of the long-awaited summer vacations. THE COMMENTATOR and the weary EMC student commend Dean Rabinowitz for implementing these courses.

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Open Funding

In lieu of the customary annual UJA drive, this year YCSC is offering students the choice of designating that their donations go either to Techiya or to UJA. YCSC realized that the material needs of Soviet and other immigrants have been well attended to, but that UJA has not considered religious needs as high priority for the allocation of the vast funds it has solicited. Despite the open letter from UJA in the May 8 issue of **Hamevaser**, amorphous promises of "greater leverage" for the Orthodox community sometime in the future are no guarantee that so urgent a problem will be sufficiently handled through the mechanism of UJA. The 1972-73 "annual report" of UJA, which bears no mention whatsoever of past or future endeavors in the area of religious needs, further attests to this fact. Techiya, on the other hand, has made major strides toward filling the religious needs of the great influx of new immigrants, and is dedicated entirely to that purpose. Nevertheless, the activities and programs of UJA remain an absolute necessity, and YCSC never blocked, nor intended to block, the UJA drive by totally replacing it with a drive for Techiya. Council merely made available an additional alternative, the choice of the donor's recipient to be ultimately made by each individual student.

Hamevaser's declaration that "THE COMMENTATOR was equally misinformed in supporting YCSC's move and should have researched the situation as **Hamevaser** has done . . ." patently displays a serious lack of comprehension of the issues. Such a statement makes false and unwarranted assumptions, and attacks a Council that has shown a strong sense of judiciousness in this matter.

Letters To The Editor

Speaking Out To the Editor:

Although at times it says in our Sages that it is better to keep quiet than to speak out, I feel that I must bring to your attention a certain injustice which is being done to our student body. A few months ago, you carried in your newspaper a "feature" news story about a Reform rabbi, "Rabbi" Sally Preisand. You present her as a legitimate Rabbi carrying a Torah in her hands. Now, is it an obligation to give out propaganda about the Reform movement? Would they do the same for us? The paper is seen by our Alumni, What can they think about this?

Then last week you carried articles on mixed marriage and the transformation of Yeshiva into a co-ed school. The problem of mixed marriage is such a serious one, that you yourself in a previous editorial told the student body to send a letter to CBS regarding the problem of "Bridget Loves Bernie" which deals with intermarriage.

Now the problem of a co-ed school really isn't for financial reasons, as you seem to point out, but as we all know it's basically to increase the social life at Yeshiva. If this is the case, why come to Yeshiva, go to Brooklyn, Lehman, etc. And, if you claim the main reason is for "financial" stability, why do so many students take books from the library or silverware from the cafeteria for their own use?

I feel this letter represents the feelings of many of us at Yeshiva, both faculty and students. I hope my point will be well taken.

Moses Fuchs '74

LETTER FROM THE MEMBERS OF THE ISAAC ALBERT RESEARCH IN- STITUTE OF THE KINGS- BROOK JEWISH MEDICAL CENTER TO THE ADMIN- ISTRATION, FACULTY, AND STUDENTS OF YESHIVA AND STERN COLLEGES.

We would like to express our appreciation to those individuals who contributed their energies and talents to the Tay-Sachs Screening programs at Stern College on April 11 and Yeshiva University on May 3. We realize that many relinquished their personal free time to ensure the success of those programs. Further, we would like to express our gratitude to the Administration for permitting the use of the facilities for the blood drawing; and to the faculty members, including those who were in disagreement with our aims and goals, for deliberating on the ethical and moral issues involved, and preparing statements relating their own personal views and those exegetical commentaries derived from Halacha. A primary aim of this Program is to provide information to those interested groups and individuals who wish to avail themselves of it. The data obtained from this Program will be of use in establishing extensive information banks on the nature and distribution of the Tay-Sachs gene, and serve to locate and counsel Tay-Sachs families. We are certain that the students understand the very private nature of this type of genetic information and assure them that we will guarantee the strict confidentiality of the results.

Noteworthy Omission

To the Editor:

A recent letter to the Editor referred to the remoteness of there being given a course at Albert Einstein in the ramifications of Jewish Law on the practice of medicine. Noteworthy was the omission of an Editor's comment that just such a class exists. Several months ago, on a Yom Iyun at Yeshiva College, Rabbi David Bleich, Rosh Yeshiva in RIETS, addressed the students concerning the role of the doctor in Jewish Law. Several of us from Einstein attended and afterwards asked Rabbi Bleich of the possibility of his taking part in some form of a course at Einstein. Since about a month after that, he has been traveling without compensation every other Thursday night to Einstein in the Bronx from his home on the East Side to teach a group of ten to twenty students. It should be made clear that this is as yet not an established course at Einstein, but rather exists because of a group of interested students and a dedicated Rav to whom we owe a great deal of thanks. It is our hope that YU establish this as a perennial reality, and we have sent requests, not to the Einstein administration, who have been helpful, but to RIETS to incorporate this course, and actively to ensure that each class has a Rav ready to teach these extremely important subjects, and not to leave it to each class to motivate on its own. God willing, the Yeshiva will act quickly on our suggestion.

Steven Ulanov,
YU '72, Einstein '75

Elbee Players Present Wilde's 'Our Town' Blind Troupers' 2nd YU Appearance A Hit

By GARY LIPSTEIN

The English Honor Society presented on Thursday, May 10, for a second time, a troupe of blind actors who call themselves the "Elbee Players."

The word Elbee is derived from the initials of Louis Braille, who created the famous Braille System of sight for the blind. In each of their productions, there is no stage, lights, or costumes. Instead, a table is set up in front of the audience where the actors sit and read from their "Braille" scripts.

Vibrancy

If this sounds dull, let me assure you it is not. The actors, assisted by a man who works the sound equipment, create a sense of vibrancy and movement with their splendid readings. Despite little movement by the actors themselves, they make the characters come to life and the story is very easy to follow. This year's presentation was Thornton Wilder's "Our Town." Due to the simple format of the play, it is particularly suited for the Elbee players interpretation.

The play depicts the every day goings-on in the serene and peaceful village of Grover's Corners, New Hampshire. It is deliberately staged with little scenery to enhance the author's attempt at showing the simple life style at the turn of the century. The play traces two families who are watching their children grow up. While their families are still young we encounter the usual sibling quarreling. At this point, one hears such classic lines as "Mommy, George threw the soap at me." Then the children go on to adolescence. "Mommy, am I pretty enough to get a boy?" Finally, we see their children married and their subsequent deaths.

One feels that the major point of the play was that none of us really ever lives life in the full

sense of the word. We never fully appreciate those around us and never really communicate with each other. Only after we die does this realization hit upon us.

Natural Hams

When I interviewed the actors after the play, they all admitted to being interested in acting because as one of them put it, "We are natural hams, I guess." For most of them, acting is only a side line. One of the male members of the troupe is an accomplished musician, and is studying to be a cantor at Hebrew Union College. One of the actresses is a vocational counselor with the New York State Employment Service, and another teaches braille at the New York Institute for the Blind.

One could easily feel sorry for

and sound maudlin about blind people. Somehow, the viewers could not allow themselves to do that after seeing first hand what can be done if a person has a deep love for something and wants to share that love with others.

This presentation was the fourth event sponsored by the English Honor Society, the society's members endeavor to make Literature more dynamic and meaningful to the typical Yeshiva College student. It is their intention to prevent the student from becoming too detached from the Arts. The societies officers include: Drs. Weidhorn and Lainoff, faculty advisors; President Isaac Mozeson; Bernard Welt, Vice President; David Mark, Secretary; and William Stock, Treasurer.

Prof. Paul Raccach Sees Perfect Interplay Of Torah U'Madah In Yeshiva's Curriculum

By JEFF STRASHUN

"There are only two possibilities for a Jew. He can either support Torah, being a rich man, or he can learn Torah and contribute to the understanding of it. Unfortunately, I could do neither. A scholar in physics is not rich and a scholar in physics does not significantly contribute to the understanding of Torah. . . . However, in my case, there appeared to be a third possibility. That was my coming to Yeshiva College and contributing to the development of a Torah institution."

These brief remarks, spoken by Dr. Paul Raccach, realistically exemplify his personal goal and the goal of Yeshiva College — **Torah u'Madah**. Dr. Raccach, Professor of Physics at Yeshiva College, recently left the faculty of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology after seven years

of service, not for monetary or social advancement, but because "more than pride, it is a joy to teach students so immersed in Torah life."

Personal Background

In tracing his multi-faceted personal and academic background, Dr. Raccach remarked that there has always been a tradition of Torah learning and practice in the Raccach family. As founder of the local **chevra kadisha** and other communal projects, his grandfather devoted his efforts to serving the Tunisian Jewish community. During the same period, his great-uncle was a **Rosh Yeshiva** in Tunis. Dr. Raccach regrets, however,



Paul Millman

Physics professor Paul Raccach

that his generation was the first to break this "tradition" and pursue "occidental learning."

After World War II, Dr. Raccach left Tunis and moved to Paris. There, he began an intensive period of study at the School of Chemical Engineering in Lyon and the Sorbonne in Paris, culminating in 1961 with the receipt of a Doctorate in Chemical Physics. After participating in the development of computer installation, Dr. and Mrs. Raccach decided to leave France and move to the United States, where a position at M.I.T. awaited him.

Happy at Yeshiva

Asked if he has any regrets about leaving M.I.T., Dr. Raccach admitted that he does miss his old friends there, but he does not miss their world-famous research facilities. "I do not miss them because we have as good facilities here, in fact, in some ways better." I found it interesting that certain things taken for granted by YC students have made a deep impression on Dr.

Prime Chuck

When Will They Ever Learn?



By Chuck Bernstein

This is the time of the year when, while walking through the halls of the college, one is aware of the many faces that will not be returning to Yeshiva in September. And to those sensitive about the future of Yeshiva College, some of the missing faces are a cause of great concern.

The most obvious group that will be missing is, of course, the graduating senior class. On the surface, this annual leavetaking of one quarter of a student body in certainly no tragedy.

The tragedy is, however, the attitude many graduating seniors have toward Yeshiva College. No matter how you word the ques-

tion or how large a sampling you take, one thing is clear. The number of graduating seniors who were deeply unsatisfied by their stay at Yeshiva is large. Too large to ignore.

Another, more easily recognizable, category of faces who will not be returning are those of underclassmen transferring to other schools. The rate of attrition seems to be rising sharply.

How many former classmates does each of us know who did not return this past October? How many more do we know who do not plan to return this coming September? The number is large. Too large to ignore.

The last category of missing faces that we will deal with is more mystical. While the individual faces are not recognizable at all, the numbers involved are the most significant and should cause the greatest concern. These are the faces of the many high school seniors who used to come to Yeshiva but will not be coming here next year.

In better days, Yeshiva used to be the place for many high school seniors to continue their education. Today, there are other places, better places, for many of the same types of students for whom Yeshiva was once a first and only choice. The drop in enrollment is large. Too large to ignore.

The Administration is, of course, not aware of these situations. They are quite cognizant of the many complaints that students have about the academic life at Yeshiva. But for every complaint, there is an answer awaiting.

Complaint: So many top faculty members are leaving.

Answer: The number is not that large and those that are leaving are being replaced.

Complaint: There are too many requirements.

Answer: The number of re-

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Some Staff Leave; Need Replacements

By ALLAN S. KAPLAN

With the spring term drawing to a close, the Yeshiva community is faced with what has become an annual problem is planning for the next school year. The replacement of competent faculty members leaving Yeshiva is of concern to both the students and the administration, and this year Yeshiva is losing several of its most popular instructors. Recent discussions with several of these teachers, centered on their future plans and thoughts during their final teaching days at Yeshiva.

Dr. William Etkin, Professor of Biology for more than six years at Yeshiva, stated that he wanted to teach at Yeshiva "to see how scientific outlook and religious conviction could be molded together." The confrontation between these two ideals, to understand science and religion together, is "the most important intellectual experience one can have."

Text Book Students

Dr. Etkin believes that Yeshiva students are excellent text book students but are not as intellectual as the best college students, "They have less imagination and less freedom to en-

gage in individuality in developing themselves." He says that they are too obsessed with practical considerations which go beyond what the situation calls for.

According to Dr. Etkin, the most important factor which he saw while at Yeshiva was the development and maturity of the student through the establishment of the Senate. Dr. Etkin said that when he first came to Yeshiva, the required curriculum was comparable to the one he had gone through at City College in 1928. He added that student involvement in the Senate helped to bring about needed changes in the curriculum here.

Dr. Etkin expressed disappointment in leaving, in that he had anticipated teaching full time for two more years. However, because of the policy of the college, he was forced to retire at this time. Next year he will continue teaching at Touro College, where he will institute a course in social behavior. He will also give up the research he has been conducting at Albert Einstein College of Medicine because it is presently too demanding for him.

Dr. Charles Shami, Assistant

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DA Gold Speaks On Crime At Talk To YC Students

By HAROLD TEICHMAN

Brooklyn District Attorney Eugene Gold spoke to a group of Yeshiva students on Thursday, May 10. His talk centered on the broader context of crime as it pertains to the ethical and moral climate of society.

According to DA Gold, this involves more than just street-level violence which is common outside of New York as well. He said that some mayoral candidates are taking undue advantage of people's fear of crime when they should be concerned with the problem of crime itself. Although this seemed like an implied attack on a specific candidate (he admitted he was tempted to openly support one in particular), he said that in his capacity as a District Attorney he should remain apolitical.

Abrupt Switch

Towards the end of his brief address, DA Gold mentioned that his news source is the daily press which he said has treated him very well. However, a profile of him in *The New York Times* on June 21, 1972, dealt with his abrupt switch from defending

criminals in his private practice to prosecuting them as a DA.

At that time, he was testifying before the House Select Committee on Crime concerning charges of failing to prosecute narcotics pushers in borough schools. One of his assistants had tried to bribe a narcotics detective to drop a case.

Hostile Attitude

The *Times* article noted his sometimes hostile attitude towards the press: "His temper has descended upon . . . reporters who write stories not to his liking." On the other hand, he received credit in the press for cracking a Chinatown drug network and for disrupting, through the use of wiretaps, meetings of crime bosses held in a trailer in a Brooklyn lot.

Meanwhile, candidates running for YC student government posts showed support for worthwhile student activities such as speakers' engagements by their attendance. The speech was generally well attended by many who sat in the audience and even by those gaping through windows, asking "Who's that?"

In Prospect

By NORMAN BLUMENTHAL

There is a definite shortcoming in a column of this sort. "In Prospect" is very one-directional. It suggests planning for the future without mentioning the past. Immersed in his illusions of grandeur and dreams of magnificent success, the new editor must, with near prophetic insight, outline his plans and goals for the forthcoming year.

A more realistic approach demands a careful analysis of the past as well. The school's development is a continual process which is not abruptly suspended by a new batch of student leaders. In all likelihood, many of the issues which will confront us next year have already unfolded. Thus, without detracting from my predecessor's column, I wish to briefly review this past year in order to clarify exactly where we are and where we are heading. As new Editor-in-Chief, my job is not to start from scratch but — to coin a phrase — "to take THE COMMENTATOR from where it is to as far as it can go."

In one sense, the academic year of 1972-73 was a disappointing one. Council's drawbacks barely require a review in this newspaper. Even the Senate, which has always been at the forefront of academic reform at Yeshiva, resembled more the college's debating team than its legislative body. It is possible that this is just a lull after the storm. Following a year of relatively radical changes, the Senate needed time to catch its breath.

However, filling in for the deficiencies of its representatives, the student body as a whole often took decisive action. The Dlrshu program sends Yeshiva students to various metropolitan campuses in order to intensify yiddishkeit in a time of grave alienation. Even the WPIX episode was a meritorious and cohesive action on the part of the Yeshiva community. The EMC student body and Council displayed a unified concern for the drawbacks of their Jewish studies program. And most recently, the students' interest in preserving the quality of their college education has come to fore. We have openly confronted the Dean with our contention that well educated graduates will enhance Yeshiva's reputation at least as much as an abundance of scholarly articles from its faculty.

In light of these recent developments, prospects for the future seem bright. The new Council members and student senators appear highly qualified and there is good reason to believe that our representatives will supplement the action already taken by the students as a whole. The Senate should be ready, once again, to assume its vital function. The Dean's noteworthy meeting with the economics majors hopefully indicates the administration's willingness to deal openly and sincerely with student concerns. Many of my initial encounters with the university's administrators have been most promising.

However, I must be careful not to go overboard with this optimism. Yeshiva is still in dire financial straits, and this will doubtlessly con-

tinue to interfere with the university's progress. The numerous "staff" positions dispersed throughout our schedule of courses are both confusing and ominous. One cannot be sure that the aforementioned auspicious prospects can completely stem the tide.

As in the past, THE COMMENTATOR will continue to play its vital role on campus. Whenever possible, preventive measures will be used especially for matters concerning the quality of our Jewish and secular education. By continuing the policy of city-wide editions, we will reassert the position a Yeshiva student should and can assume in matters of Jewish interest and faith. If financially feasible, we will both distribute to Yeshiva University High Schools and join the Jewish Student Press Service through which THE COMMENTATOR will be sent to 150 different campuses throughout the nation. Of course, this expanded distribution will demand responsible journalistic policies to make sure that the university is faithfully portrayed. My Governing Board constitutes some of the most dedicated and talented students at Yeshiva who will work for the betterment of our college experience.

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That the overworked YC student can produce several fairly regular publications is a remarkable feat. To properly acknowledge everyone who put time and effort into this past year's COMMENTATOR is impossible. I must therefore limit my gratitude to those whose help was most meaningful to me. My associate news staff — consisting of Avi Bitton, Mark Kutner, Steven Mandelsberg and Howard Wieder — did a commendable job during my tenure as News Editor. However, in a squeeze, always available to pinch hit with responsible and comprehensive reporting was Allan Kaplan. An indispensable help this past year, Al, THE COMMENTATOR's most accomplished interviewer, has received a Governing Board position he amply deserves.

I could hardly assume my new position without mentioning the one who first broke me into THE COMMENTATOR. Lenny Davis, as both Feature Editor and Contributing Editor, was always a pleasure to work under. Even during the peak of "seniortis", Lenny was always available for constructive aid and guidance.

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It is unfortunate that so much of the work put in by an Editor-in-Chief cannot be gauged by the average reader. Only those few who worked closely with him, can appreciate the great job Mark Koslowe has done this past year. The immeasurable help he has been during this first and trying issue is indicative of his dedication to the paper. As the youngest male in his family, Mark represents that last of the Koslowe dynasty on THE COMMENTATOR. A new regime has been inaugurated and I am hopeful that it will be equally successful.



Paul Millman

In Preview

By MANNY RUCHELSMAN

Sunday afternoon, May 13, 1973: My dorm on second floor 211 Rubin faces Danciger Campus. On the ball courts two basketball games are in progress. A group of students scramble for a football on Danciger's patch of green. And on the path under my window, people are walking to Rubin Hall, and in the opposite direction to Amsterdam Avenue. Out there are the faces that have given me the trust to lead in this office as I embark on probably the greatest responsibility I have undertaken thus far in my life.

I remember myself out there playing on those same courts with Marv, Dudi, and Lip as one of those faces. I recall how they started me, off to my first political office with a Xerox machine that belonged to Don Walker's father. The days have passed quickly by. The reasons for seeking that first office are the identical intentions now. Time has matured my outlook and has given me an education and perspective to what we need here at Yeshiva College; and has prepared me for the task that lies ahead. The path behind me was not easy; and the journey ahead will be extremely trying and challenging. It is nice to reminisce into the past, but it is more important to prepare for

of crucial need to accept a challenge far greater than any previous Student Council has had to bear. We can no longer sit back, discuss, and debate what will happen to Yeshiva when so many things are already occurring. At alarming rates, we are losing our faculty and our student body. At too slow a pace is anything being done. We are tampering with our own futures if we permit, even for one moment, for student



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Ruchelsman ready . . .

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the future. In the eyes of these faces outside my room, lies the aspirations for what Yeshiva could be. Though I stand in my room, I am still one of those faces; my eyes filled with those same aspirations.

Probably the most triumphant moment of a candidate is his election to the office of President. In my case I must confess however, that moving from candidate to President-elect, was not as satisfying as witnessing the recent revival of student interest in last week's YCSC class elections. More than seventy percent of each class voted; there were as many as twenty-five candidates for only nine offices. In eight out of the nine class elections, at least two candidates each office, and in five out of the nine races — at least three. One class office, even had five contenders. It is extremely heartening to know, that students have risen to meet the challenge I set during my campaign.

There is no need to rehash what has been said in the campaign. We have spoken about making a start, and we will not stop working until my column appears on the opposite page. Student Council members, student senators, and the committee members will be expected to contribute with renewed initiative and dedication. This moment in Yeshiva's history far outranks any previous moment as a time

council to be a student mockery. In recent years, many students have judged the performance of Student Council according to its ability to perform expected and basic student services. Student government is supposed to maintain a wide variety of student services and activities, which my administration will of course perform. No matter how important these student services are, their functions can not be in the limelight when there are grave concerns to our academic future and the general future of Yeshiva.

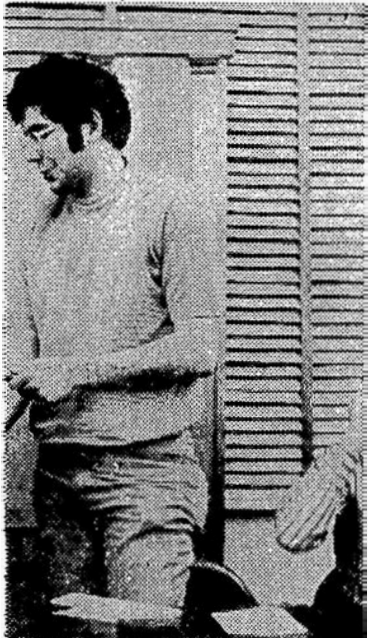
In this column, many newly elected presidents have created self contrived crises in an effort to inspire the student body to action. Often they were not convinced of their own arguments and when the freshness of their victory faded with the summer months, the student body was left uninspired. The pressing issues before us are not self-contrived. They have been vocalized time and again as mundane facts by our student body. I see my role as president as a focal point of action toward achieving effective solutions. The president can only be as effective as the pyramid beneath him. It is his responsibility to keep his support active. And it is the student body's duty to remain responsive. If we act as a united government in a mature and concerned manner, we can awaken
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COMMENTATOR TOTEM POLE: From bottom up; Asher Mansdorf, Noah Klein, Jeff Wandel, Steve Mandelsberg, Chuck Bernstein, Chaim Lovinger, Daniel Besdin and Elliot Tanenbaum. Standing: Chief Blumenthal observing his braves. Missing: Al Kaplan, Josh Schwartz, Irwin Walkenfekl and Steve Reisbaum.

In Review

By HILLEL DAVIS

Traditionally, the last column by the outgoing president gives a capsule review of Council's accomplishments, failures and otherwise. However, as this has been an untraditional year, I'm going to exercise my last prerogative and maintain our individuality. By now everyone knows what we have done, and what we have tried to do and failed. A recounting of this past year's events could and should accomplish very little now. No one can justifiably form an opinion of the past year's



Paul Millman

... as Davis departs

The antagonism leveled at you because you valued shiur is really quite shocking and most inappropriate in Yeshiva. But again it was an indication of the intolerance you're still to encounter.

But the feelings of frustration were still far from peaking. Mull this one over. Your council helps put together a most successful concert. The school paper which is funded by your council doesn't report one word of the events. Why? The official report is that there was no one around who could cover the concert. Seems a bit implausible. You do a little bit of investigating and discover that the paper requested 2 tickets gratis. When it was explained that it was a benefit concert and we were trying to raise as much money for charity as possible, the response was no sale, no reporters, and no coverage. I didn't really get upset about this particular occurrence. I actually expected such a response, however, when it occurred a second time at the April concert—that upset me.

I guess the ultimate in frustration came about February. Exercising your prerogative to write a column for the paper, you hand in an article about 2 hours before the deadline. Never did you realize that another columnist would read your column and gear his article to yours. So when the paper comes out that week, your

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activities based on what I would write here. And anyone who was unwilling to understand our purpose through all I've written so far could not be influenced by what I'd write now. So instead I thought to write about some of the less publicized encounters I experienced since last May. Some of these events never made the headlines (especially in THE COMMENTATOR) but they provide an interesting backdrop to what the presidency is all about. Put yourselves in my place for a minute or two and gauge your reactions.

Consider for example the very first meeting on the very first day of your presidency. You say your very first sentence as president and it's misquoted by the school paper. You don't realize it at the time—but that is to be an indication of things to come.

Or how about coming back from your summer vacation and on the very first day back, you're waiting for shiur to start. But fifteen minutes before the Rav begins you're told by one of your fellow student leaders that you must cut shiur to set up a meeting with one of the administrators. When you try to explain that you want to go to shiur and can't you do it afterwards you're met with a series of invectives which couldn't be printed here.

column is on page four and his is on page two. Anyone reading the paper in the order intended finds his column explaining what you said and then your own column. No one can arrive at an objective opinion of what you said because your words have already been misinterpreted and taken out of context 2 pages earlier. Frustrating? I don't wish it on you.

On a less personal note there was actually one overriding problem I came across this year — a problem whose seriousness I hadn't realized before I began this job last May. It's an essential question, the answer to which will bear consequences for Manny and all his successors.

When I ran for office I promised myself that I would not allow the position to take priorities over my learning. As important as the work is we nevertheless upon entering the University, have all committed ourselves to certain obligations. Anyone who allows himself to forego his own learning and college studies for anything is prostituting himself. Any activities one undergoes must complement his academic work and not supplant it. At the same time, I, better than anyone, realize just how much time one must put into the job to do even an (Continued on Page 10, Col. 3)

In Retrospect

By MARK KOSLOWE

There are many areas I wish to view "In Retrospect": a sort of 20-20 "sight" for former Editors-in-Chief. The reflections that I have over my editorship touch different elements; of which many were mentioned in my original column last year. This extends from the successful expansion of the newspaper on other college campuses to the hopeless realization that the editor-president feud re-materialized this year. By examining each topic that I had previously considered, and the new problems that were created, I hope to indicate my feelings on either my success or failure on the subject.

Expansion

I believe that the paper broadened itself greatly in the area of expanded editions on other college campuses. The four city-wide editions (of 10,000 copies) went to Brooklyn, Queens, Columbia, City, NYU and Lehman. The comments, in the form of letters to the editor, make me believe that our first experimental run was successful. It will only be through continuous efforts to "reach out" to other Jewish collegiates that any real effect will take place. I believe that our "respected" voice is considered not only by students who read the paper but also by faculty members on other campuses who distribute them privately to their classes.

A secondary motive for expansion was to unite the various segments of the University. Since the third issue of the year, almost the entire University has received copies of THE COMMENTATOR. (I only apologize to the Dean of Ferkauf, in that copies were sent to 55 5th for graduate schools located there, and only WSSW, through my error, received them.) By the end of the second semester, a debate had ensued through our letters to the editor over Medical Ethics. We even obtained the Matrix, the publication of Ferkauf Graduate School, indicating their willingness to correspond with us.

YCSC

I would discuss the other student councils, but looking at past editorials the reader can determine who has worked and who has not. However, the Yeshiva College Student Council is the chief concern of THE COMMENTATOR, as many of my columns and the paper's editorials concerned the Council. Researching my previous columns I still reiterate that the ineffectiveness and sluggishness of Council was not due to the individual members. Many were inexperienced; but even for the experienced members there was insufficient leadership from the presidency.

The handling of our budgetary problems, faculty tenure, and presently (and soon to be made public to the entire student body) a report by the "Class of 1973" to the Undergraduate Council about YU, was not done through President Davis. Rather, through concerned students and individual student leaders of the college was any such discussion begun. Only my personal column severely criticizing Mr. Davis seemed to ignite him to some action. There were many hidden problems this year, and only now, with faculty members leaving, can the student fully comprehend what YCSC was lacking.

Yes, it is my final column, and such angry thoughts should possibly not be written but glossed over — yet I believe that an inexperienced student in Council affairs should never again be elected to any executive office.

The bright note for the future is that the student body has elected an industrious and dedicated classmate, Manny Ruchelsman. He has already accomplished more in one week as president-elect for the students at Yeshiva, than Mr. Davis did the whole year.

Deans, Administrators, Faculty

I had stressed last year that I wanted to establish pathways with the various administrators and deans of our college divisions. From my end, I believe that I established a rapport with Deans Bacon, Besdin, Charlop and Rabinowitz. Although, I must admit there were occasions when I misread intention or support for change on the parts of Rabbi Charlop and Rabinowitz. I will not say that these men are faultless as they received many justified criticisms. I only know that I could express my opinions directly to them and receive honest answers to my queries. It was a pleasure (most of the time) to work with these men.

The only discordant note was the inexcusable behavior of Professor Silverman to members of the student body. However, I understand that matters have been rectified and direct meetings of COMMENTATOR Board members and the

Registrar have taken and will take place regularly next year.

There are many administrators that students rarely meet. I found that I could work with Dr. Socol whenever I questioned the reports on the finance situation of the University. My contact with Dean Mirsky (of Stern College) was extensive, through his fine work and suggestions on the University Undergraduate Council for the two years that I have been associated with it.

Having only had certain faculty members as instructors in a few courses, I still found their opinions helpful through my academic stay at Yeshiva. I would sincerely like to thank Drs. Connolly, Fleisher, Haahr, Shami and Rabbi Dr. Ginsberg for their support (sometimes unknowingly) and guidance during this period of my career.

Miscellaneous

This is a section dedicated to the multitude of items that appeared during the year.

The Observer, the newspaper of Stern College



'Koz' in bed with a friend

for Women, under the editorship of Sherri Scheinberg, developed a new sense of identity with its student body. The alternate weekly schedule of COMMENTATOR and Observer set up this year will probably be continued next year. And even further application of cooperation might be the joint publication of literary supplements (a suggestion of Norman Blumenthal) for the enjoyment of both schools.

Tenure policy is now under scrutiny within and without the Senate and the student body. More student agitation will inevitably help them to secure some student voice whether an instructor is tenured or not.

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The budget of the newspaper was amply (not easily) solved by soliciting over \$2200 worth of ads to supplement the meager \$9000 YCSC allocation. A definite base of council funds must be established so that existing services are not cut back further. THE COMMENTATOR should still properly research for low cost printing without sacrificing the professional look of the paper.

Coeducation was completely forgotten this year. My past column only introduced the topic for debate. Students might misunderstand my intentions but I would not want anything to happen to Yeshiva — my family has been involved with YU since 1933 when my father entered MTA and has continued through three brothers (1958-1973) with my sister entering Stern next year. I believe it will benefit both colleges to have advanced coed courses, as enrollment might increase for both schools. (This idea was not foreign to the Administration during the middle 1960's.)

Requirements have changed, departments have deteriorated (math, poli. sci. and Jewish History) and have been rebuilt (sociology) and the school has shifted to a more conservative stance than it used to be. Yet the most significant change is the students' new Jewish awareness of themselves, their community, and the plight of Jews all over the world.

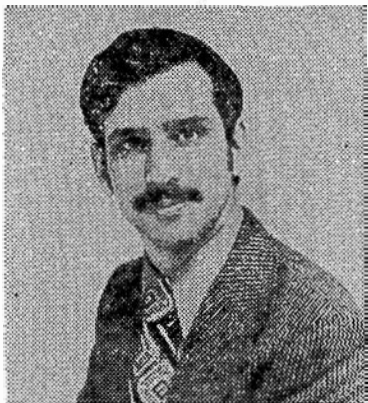
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There are many people without whom the (Continued on page 9, col. 3)

Senior Class Honors Shami and Frohlinger



Paul Millman
Senior Professor, Dr. Charles Shami



Paul Millman
Lieberman Winner, Brian Frohlinger

In recent balloting, the class of 1973 selected Brian Frohlinger as recipient of the Philip Lieberman Award and chose Dr. Charles Shami as Senior Professor. In a special runoff election conducted on Monday, May 14, Brian Frohlinger was voted the 1973 recipient of the Philip Lieberman, given annually to the senior chosen by his classmates for his character, personality and special services rendered to the class. A chemistry major, Mr. Frohlinger has made the YC dean's

list and plans on attending NYU Business School this fall. He has served as secretary of the Undergraduate Council and as president of the JSS Student Council. Dr. Shami, Assistant Professor of Economics, joined the YC faculty four years ago. The center of some controversy this semester because he was refused an associate professorship by the University, Dr. Shami, a very popular figure, tentatively plans on teaching at Touro College next year.

Sasson and Bloom Win Election, Preside At EMC JSS Councils

In a recent election, Victor Sasson, Myron Beer, and Alan Hirmes were elected as officers of the EMC Executive Council. Mr. Sasson, the former Secretary-Treasurer of the council, defeated Reynold Stei for the presidency. He pledged that the council would maintain its aggressive stance on behalf of the EMC student body. Mr. Beer, who defeated Pinny Davidman for the vice-presidency, promised to strengthen the ties of communication between the Administration and students. In the closely contested secretary-treas-

ury race, Mr. Hirmes defeated Alex Liverant. **JSS Elections** On March 29, the student body of JSS elected Michael Bloom, Mark Srulowitz and Stan Frohlinger as its executive officers. Mr. Bloom, the new JSS president, expressed a desire to upgrade the quality of the JSS Hebrew courses. He proposed the formation of a committee that would make recommendations for the "improvement of spoken Hebrew among JSS student." Mr. Bloom would also like to establish a "chavrusa" system between

Jewish College Students Polled Are More Liberal Than Others

VIEWPOINT — The Jewish college undergraduate, in his political thinking and social outlook, still stands to the left of his non-Jewish peers. He is more likely to favor "liberalized" social changes — like abolishing grades, legalizing marijuana, de-emphasizing college sports an discouraging large families. He demands — along with a majority of all students — fewer restrictions against his personal freedoms. But the Jewish student is more so. And while political pundits these days speculate about a conservative trend among American Jews, the Jewish student — particularly if he is a first-time voter — appears to be heading in an opposite direction. In fact, his political attitudes are probably more "left of center" than were those of his campus counterpart of only two years ago. These and other findings of a survey by the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization mold a prototype of the Jewish undergraduate that reaffirms some familiar notions — medicine, law and teaching are still dominant among his career

choices — but also reveal some unsuspected ones. One example: The stereotyped assumption of a "generation gap" cutting off meaningful communication between Jewish students and parents isn't as realistic as some doleful observers make it out to be. The study, which covered a weighted sample of 9,455 of last year's Jewish freshman at the time they entered college, disclosed that almost half of that group claimed "frequent discussions" with parents. Only one in 20 said there was "no communication at all." By comparison, the "frequent" ratio among all 1971 freshmen, Jewish and Gentile, was 4 out of 10. The overall study was conducted by the American Council on Education among 171,509 freshmen in 326 colleges. A statistical analysis of the views of Jewish students among them was made by Dr. Max F. Baer, national director of the B'nai B'rith organization. **Liberal, Activist** The research, in which 133 questions were asked, showed that on political or social issues, Jewish youth were not only more liberal in viewpoint than non-Jewish classmates, but also more active in support of their views. Thus, while still seniors in high school, about one of every three Jewish students had taken part in one or more demonstrations for a change in U.S. military policy — three times the proportion among all college-bound high school seniors. On militancy in behalf of racial or ethnic equality, the Jewish ratio was again one out of three — and more than twice that of the norm. Similarly, more than one of every four in the Jewish sam-

pling had worked actively in a national or local political campaign — twice the overall proportion. Other distinctions: — 39 per cent of the overall poll approved legalization of marijuana, but among Jewish respondents it was 53 per cent. — 72 per cent of the Jewish group faulted the federal government as failing to accelerate school desegregation, compared with 52 per cent for the all-inclusive group. — For abolishing capital punishment: Jewish students, 78 per cent; overall, 53 per cent. In self-rating their political attitudes, 64 per cent of the Jewish freshmen listed themselves as "left of center" — compared with 55 per cent among 1969 Jewish freshman and 38 per cent minority among the overall group in 1971. The survey found that the differences between Jewish and other students were particularly pronounced on issues related to student autonomy. Proportionately, about twice as many Jewish students — 47 per cent as others — 24 per cent said that college administrations had been too lax in acting on student grievances. Should college authorities regulate off-campus behavior? Few students agree with this concept. But among Jews acceptance of it (8.3 per cent) is much less than among all students (13.8 per cent). **On Civil Liberties** The same ratio of difference was found in such "civil liberties" issues as favoring a ban on extremist speakers from campus. (Jews, 12.9 per cent; over all, 27.8 per cent) and favoring censorship of student publications (Jews, 16.2 per cent; overall 32.5 per cent).

NEWS IN BRIEF

Twenty-two pre-med majors at Yeshiva College have been initiated as members of the New York Zeta chapter of Alpha Epsilon Delta, the international pre-medical honor society. Alpha Epsilon Delta, established in 1926, has chapters at more than one hundred accredited colleges throughout the United States and Canada, with a membership of 35,000. **Twenty-five cities** across the U.S. and Canada are expected to hold Salute to Israel parades in honor of Israel's twenty-fifth anniversary. This year's roster of parades will include, among others, Philadelphia, Boston, Miami, Cincinnati, Chicago and Toronto. The Salute to Israel parade in New York will take place on Sunday, June 10th and will feature twenty-five bands, sixty floats and an expected 75,000 marchers. **A daily bus service** to Yeshiva's main center from various metropolitan area communities is now under consideration by the university. After having met with some success on an experimental basis, the bus service may be made available to such areas as Far Rockaway, North Jersey, and Queens. Cost of the service will vary, depending on the distance and number of passengers. Anyone seeking further information should contact: Office of Security and Safety, 500 West 185th St., New York, N.Y. **Dr. Ruth Bevan**, Assistant Professor of Political Science at YC, has been awarded a fellowship by the Earhart Foundation of Ann Arbor, Michigan, to conduct a research project on the impact of contemporary foreign immigration into Western Europe. During her 1973-4 leave of absence, Dr. Bevan intends to combine this research with material on the United States to formulate a socio-political analysis of "The Democratic Community and Culturally Alien Immigration." **The Pre-Medical Society Shabbaton** was held at Yeshiva College on the weekend of April 6-7. The program, arranged by Bernard Kaminetsky and Michael Bergman, was highlighted by many prominent speakers. Dr. Glick, head of the Department of Internal Medicine at Coney Island Hospital, spoke on the controversial subjects of human guinea pigs and lobotomy. In addition, many discussions concerning the halachic view of medicine were held. A symposium on the different types of medical curricula was held with Yeshiva College alumni from various medical schools participating.

Class Officers Are Elected; Heavy Voter Turnout Noted

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 1) president of the class of '75. Many Juniors-to-be seemed to react favorably to Mr. Eisenberg's intensive personal campaigning and wide publicity. He affirmed his intention to organize a Career Days program. He also called attention to the need for more parking spaces and a used book exchange. In a close race, Jack Schachnow was elected vice president of the Junior Class. Based on his experiences as a commuter, Mr. Schachnow stressed the need for rectifying the parking situation around the campus. He also urged the revival of the student evaluation of courses and teachers. Glenn Hirsch waged a successful battle for Junior class secretary-treasurer. Among the issues raised by Mr. Hirsch were that Council members be placed in charge of the various YCSC committees, more student services be made available, and that the various undergraduate councils cooperate with each other. **Class of '76** The class of '76 elected Jerry Levine as their president. Mr. Levine proposed the establishment of regular class meetings to voice complaints. He also plans to work towards the open-

ing of Room 024 as a permanent student lounge. Running a well-publicized and personal campaign, Jesse Heffer was elected vice president of the Sophomore class. Among Mr. Heffer's proposals were the re-institution of a full study week and a wider diversity of intramural sports. In a close race, David Gleicher was elected Sophomore class secretary-treasurer. Mr. Gleicher waged an effective personal campaign. He called for the opening of Room 024 in Furst Hall and for the reinstitution of student services. After the election, President Manny Ruchelsman said, "The number of candidates running for offices and the high percentage of voter turnout is indicative that credibility in Student Council has been reestablished." Certain interesting observations can be drawn from this election. The new Senior class officers are all members of the Yeshiva College Dramatics Society. Also, of the new Council, including the Executives, eight are from YP, two in JSS are going to YP this fall, one is in JSS, and one is in EMC. In their platforms, moreover, most of the victorious candidates expressed great confidence in the new Executive officers.

Commentator, Seniors Study System

The following brief summaries were written partly by members of THE COMMENTATOR, but mostly by many student leaders on behalf of the Undergraduate Council. A booklet was presented to the members of this council on Tuesday containing descriptions on every major and many sections of the college. However, the paper planned a study on the different segments of the University and therefore "borrowed" certain summaries from the original report.

Some topics not covered in the Undergraduate Council study are the libraries, Senate, Faculty Assembly, the President's office, and other University related offices. Because of the difficulty encountered in obtaining exact information on certain offices (i.e. the President's office) these will be presented next year. The overlapping qualities of the Senate and the Faculty Assembly (such as introduction of courses, tenure, etc.) this report will also be delayed until next year.

Instead, with slight variations, and some additional reports included, the Governing Board decided to present the Undergraduate Council report with its due credit. Further thanks should be extended to the class of 1973 for this project as they formulated and guided it to completion.

UNIVERSITY UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL

The major objective of this council is to unite the various undergraduate schools with their respective Deans and student bodies. Any formulated opinion of this council is forwarded to the Executive Council which then sends on its recommendation to the President of the University. The council is often used to report functions of one school to another or to announce a joint venture of all the divisions.

Complaints and Recommendations:

The council was not very useful until the idea for the report was finally conceived. There is a constant feeling on council that nothing is really being done and the meetings are for "give and take" only with no real goal in sight. The function of council was reintroduced at various points in its short career with the list getting longer but lacking substance.

Recommendation:

- 1) That at least every two years council issues a report such as the present one made this year.
- 2) That if this truly is a coordinating branch for the schools then this council should arrange that requirements be equal in all majors of the college divisions.
- 3) That at times the passed sentiments by vote of this council be presented orally to the higher committees when the issue warrents it.
- 4) That the possibility of holding open meetings be debated; the meetings are presently opened to some administration and student observers.

REGISTRAR'S OFFICE

This student body, like almost any other student body at any campus, makes full use of the Registrar's office. Under normal conditions the office should provide information regarding course structure, prerequisite along with other areas such as transcripts and interpretation of requirements. This office must function smoothly to provide full service to the student body.

Complaints and Recommendations:

The most often heard complaints are the inefficiency of the general staff and the inaccessibility of staff members when the need arises.

Recommendation:

- 1) That a full-time (not a part-time) secretary be hired to process transcripts. The costs incurred by using a full-time secretary would be offset by the office hours not lost when the part-time worker must start anew each day and the full-time starts where she left off.
- 2) That a schedule of each office worker and secretary be posted so the student need not wait for hours for the necessary worker to show up.
- 3) That a certain decorum be maintained by both secretary and student; a proper atmosphere usually precipitates higher work efficiency.
- 4) That the powers of the Registrar be limited by the Senate the same way the powers of the Dean are presently. This might already exist technically, but this should be emphasized once again.

JSS OFFICE

The JSS office is a well run, efficient organization. The student is treated as such, and not as some type of transitory tenant. Students are treated cordially, their queries are answered politely, and their problems are dealt with quickly and effectively.

Complaints and Recommendations:

The only criticism offered is directed towards the attitude of the administrator. Rabbi Besdin unfortunately forms unchangeable, premature opinions about students (for better or for worse), and has, at the very least, a "mild distaste" for students with prior Yeshiva experience.

The faculty of JSS is, generally speaking, satisfactory. The curriculum however, can do with some change. The Hebrew Language department is lacking in effectiveness, as is the dinim department.

Recommendation:

- 1) That JSS publish a list of courses that could be given by the division during the summer in conjunction with EMC.
- 2) That JSS combine with EMC to create a possible night division during the School year to attract students from other colleges to YU.
- 3) The main problem in JSS is the mistaken view of its goal. At present, the goal of JSS is to prepare and direct students to study in the YP. While this is important, it is not the correct goal for a degree granting institution. In the senior year, at the very least, there should be an emphasis on the practical aspects of Judaism. Those who graduate JSS without going into YP should exit prepared for their future as knowledgeable **Baalei-battim**.

EMC OFFICE

Dean Rabinowitz has taken tremendous strides forward in improving EMC. This improvement has been accomplished in two ways: enforcement of rules on a recalcitrant student body and by beginning a program to admit more motivated and qualified applicants.

Complaints and Recommendations:

The restrictive rules necessarily adopted in dealing with the lax student body might now be re-evaluated in order to encourage application to EMC. The staff is generally termed fair by the students although newer instructors are rated excellent.

Recommendation:

- 1) That the attendance rules be reviewed, although it is the understanding of the paper that this has already occurred.
- 2) That there be a more flexible program: by introducing seminars as substitute for part of the 16 hours needed per week.
- 3) That some degree be offered to the EMC student on completion of his four years without taking the gemer's. Possibly other exams could be substituted to receive an A.A. degree similar to JSS.
- 4) That the unusual amount of rules dealing with the transference of P/N and other EMC peculiarities be reviewed so that there need not be updated notices during the school year.

Generally the Dean is quite understanding but much of his effort is dissipated in interpreting rules. Being free of making these rulings would enable the Dean to assume more control in areas he is really needed.

YP-RIETS OFFICE

The YP-RIETS program is administered by its Director, Rabbi Zevulun Charlop. Rabbi Charlop feels that his job is to oversee all aspects of the Yeshiva — the personal progress of the students, which is most important, as well as the necessary and unavoidable administrative functions.

Believing that in a Yeshiva there is no place for a "pure technician," Rabbi Charlop has attempted to establish a rapport and direct line between administration and students vital to a system of Torah education. Examples of this personalized relationship include a policy under which Rabbi Charlop has interviewed nearly every student in the Yeshiva at least once, as well as a more open and flexible system of shiur placement.

With regards to major questions such as hiring of faculty, faculty advancement and curriculum changes, Rabbi Charlop makes all decisions with the consultation of Dr. Belkin. It is also known that on issues which affect the stature of YP-RIETS as a yeshiva, Dr. Belkin will consult with the Rav.

Rabbi Charlop attributes this situation to Dr. Belkin's "original and special interest" in the Yeshiva and points out that his consultations with Dr. Belkin have led to no instances of conflict. Occasionally, when it is deemed necessary, the rebbeim will be called together as a group to discuss an issue.

Complaints and Recommendations

Many problems inside YP-RIETS such as the

lack of a Mashgiach or the doubt of who will be teaching shiurim next year are compounded by the administration's hesitance in divulging any future plans for fear of their demise.

Recommendation: 1) That long range planning must take place within the YP-RIETS administration. This would include the expansion of the "Yeshiva" in Israel to include a Junior program and for Seniors in High School rather than just a kollel.

2) That there be greater reevaluation in the area of attendance; possibly the Rebbe should call the roll in order to enforce the existing regulations.

3) That the policy of higher and lower shiurim according to Rebbeim based on years within YP-RIETS be reevaluated in order to create a more organized system than at the present.

4) The need for a comprehensive restructuring of the supplementary Rabbinics program to deal with this profession.

GUIDANCE OFFICE

Adjusting to the rigors of college life is difficult for most individuals. It is especially difficult for the YU student who must adjust to the rigors of two colleges at one time, and who must bear a double load of academic work. Often, the process of adjustment is complicated by personal problems which the individual brings with him to college. It is essential that a college have an efficient guidance program which actively strives to provide guidance to all students. This should include a comprehensive and diversified program in career guidance and job placement, as well as individual counseling.

Complaints and Recommendations:

The present guidance program is inadequate in these areas. In addition many students lack confidence in the ability and sincerity of some of those involved in the guidance program. Sometimes these attitudes may be warranted, other times not. Whatever the case, these attitudes tend to be infectious, overshadowing even the good aspects of the program.

The future seems dim. With Dr. Sternlicht leaving on sabbatical, one must question who will assume responsibility for the essential task of individual guidance.

Students should not be expected to "pull themselves up by the bootstraps" or to seek career or individual guidance outside the school. Guidance services at Yeshiva should be expanded, improved and made assessable to all students.

Recommendation:

1) To help supplement the guidance program the "big brother" program of the Senior class should be more readily implemented. These seniors could direct the troubled underclassmen to the guidance office. However, because of their inexperience or knowledge the seniors can only help superficially.

2) A program using the graduate school could help the guidance office maintain a larger staff to increase the capabilities of the office to meet student demand.

3) Certain parts of the guidance program should be within Furst Hall enabling students to view what is available to them. This might encourage those students needing additional guidance to seek it at the main guidance office in the student union building.

THE LIBRARIES

Presently there are two major libraries (residing in one building) on campus. The Gottesman Library, containing Judaic (Hebraic) literature and The Pollack Library: the secular library for the college.

Complaints and Recommendations:

Basic complaints range from not finding books for a Hebrew or Jewish History course in Gottesman, to not finding an updated science book in Pollack. The cataloging systems have changed frequently in Gottesman and many seforim and text books have been "borrowed" from both libraries leaving a shortage of copies.

Recommendation 1) That first and foremost the feud between the leading personnel of both libraries must stop in order to coordinate the entire library better.

2) That a student observer be placed on the library committee that discusses allocations for the library and how these monies are used to insure that the student's desires will be represented fully.

3) That the students be allowed to use the Belfer Science Library on their college I.D. cards.

4) That a far more stringent policy be set up
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Drama Society Picks Leaders; Forms New Actor Fraternity

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dent participation in this popular extra-curricular activity.

In another Dramatics Society development, elections for a new governing board were held. John Krug, a YP junior, considered the "work horse" of the society

this year, was chosen President. His efforts were instrumental in the acquisition of the **Dude and Much Ado About Nothing** sets after these plays closed on Broadway.

Eric Weiner, the newly elected Vice President, was Society Sec-

retary this year, as well as head of publicity. Mark Schwarz returns to the Governing Board as the other Vice President. Mark has been a key **behind-the-scenes** functionary for two years as head of lighting. The new Secretary is Stewart Kessler who has appeared in three Dramatics Society productions, most recently as ("Die Again") Mortimer in **The Fantasticks**. Norman Grass will return again next year as head technician but also has been given the added responsibility of handling the society's finances.

Major Innovations

President-elect Krug asserted that the present organizational structure of the Dramatics Society would be overhauled to create a more expanded and diffused network of responsibility in order to lighten the enormous load that Mr. Anthony Beukas unselfishly assumes every year. The society will take pains to foster excellent working relationships with the administration and faculty. It will continue to procure unneeded Broadway sets whenever possible.

The Society's technical crew will attempt to install a more permanent and safe lighting system in the Little Theater located in the Student Union Building. In addition, a new entrance to the theater will be built to insure greater safety and to allow latecomers to enter without disturbing others.

The Society will continue to secure financial and moral support from the alumni. Arnold Waldman (YC '72) will be in charge of co-ordinating alumni activities. The successful teas held after two performances of **'The Fantasticks'** were just first steps in this direction. Promising to maintain the proud Dramatics tradition,

Dean Rabinowitz has announced that Erna Michael College will be offering courses this summer. Interested students may sign up for these courses in the EMC office before May 18. Final decision as to whether course or courses will be offered will be made shortly afterward. EMC students who successfully complete one or both of these courses may deduct an equivalent number of hours, from the normal 16 hour load, in a forthcoming semester provided that the total in any given semester does not fall below 12.

New Council Installed Promise More Action

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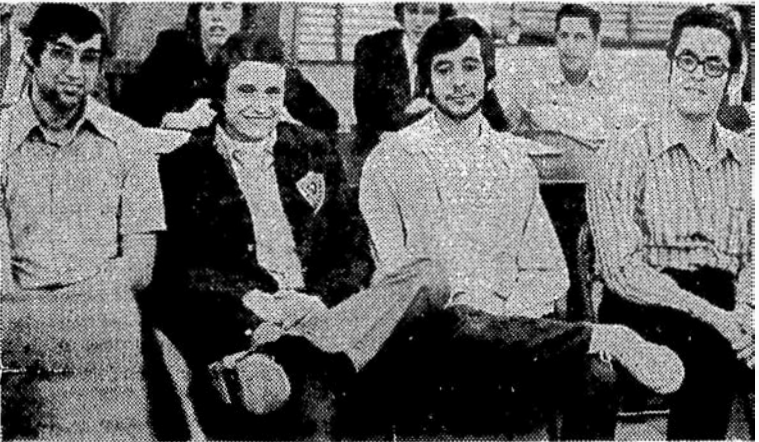
idealistic aspects but not when it impedes practical progress.

Mr. Lichtiger pointed out that he would like to see the Senate make more "noise" next year in order to get the students more

augment their monies.

New Work Begun

Mr. Ruchelsman also stated that he would meet with Dr. Socol before the end of the academic year to plan the budget for Council, thereby avoiding



New Senators: J. Wandel, S. Lichtiger, D. Besdin and N. Newman (l-r)

involved. He suggested printing the minutes for the students, to keep them better informed. Also, he feels that the Senators should act with conviction and seriousness to achieve such goals as the alteration of requirements.

Mr. Newman added that the senators must adopt a realistic approach in matters of abolishing requirements. He advocated working slowly in reviewing our requirements instead of reverting to a student versus teacher situation.

The votes to nominate and confirm these candidates were unanimous. Next year's governing board positions on the Commentator were also unanimously approved.

Committees Announced

President Ruchelsman read the lists of committees for which students had applied earlier this year. Interestingly, he has assigned at least one Council member to each committee and will ask them to account for their progress or lack of it later in the school year. This will be greatly year.

The student directory committee, it was announced, will print the directory within one month of the beginning of the 1973-74 facilitated by a special card which will be filled out at registration for this purpose.

President Ruchelsman said that rather than rely only on funds from the alumni for the Jewish Affairs budget, the executive board has set up a special fund-raising committee to


problems encountered by the outgoing Council.

In the new business section of the meeting, the new office holders showed a willingness to apply themselves to their jobs and brought before Council many of their election promises. Those included opening the student lounge, providing mail boxes for commuters and floor lounges in Rubin Hall. Each was referred to committees formed to begin work.

Secretary-Treasurer Howard Wieder received a unanimous vote of support to speak to the new museum's "curators" about allowing YC students to nter free of charge.

President Ruchelsman then designated a time for questions from the audience, another innovation, and responded sympathetically to students' questions.

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Stern And Yeshiva Celebrate Yom Ha'Atzmaut On Campus

By ISRAEL WAHRMAN

More than 250 Stern and Yeshiva College students celebrated Israeli Independence Day, May 7.

The **Yom Ha'atzmaut** celebration began Sunday evening at Stern College with a **ma'ariv** service conducted by Cantor Paul Glasser, a student at Yeshiva College. This was followed with a performance by a band provided by Shelly Lang.

T'filah at Main Center

Monday's events were held at Yeshiva's Main Center. The first event was a special **shacharit** service. The service included the **Hallel**, said with a **brachah**, as well as a special Torah reading.

The Second Ruach Revival Band performed on the Danciger Campus from four o'clock until dusk. The students poured on to Amsterdam Avenue for singing and dancing.

Other events included a speech given by Rabbi Steven Riskin, a musical concert given by Israeli

Yeshiva College student Yitzchak Goldberg, a performance by the Mizmor Shir Band, and the showing of two movies, the Israeli hit **Lupo** and the film **Shalom Yisrael**. The latter is a short film which shows various panoramas of Israel with the accompaniment of Israeli music.

Weekend Celebration

David Zwillenberg, president of the Erna Michael College Student Council and Co-ordinator of the **Yom Ha'atzmaut** festivities, claimed that more students would have attended Yeshiva's **Yom Ha'atzmaut** festivities if the holiday had not fallen on a Monday. He explained that many local students who go home for weekends took long weekends and did not return until Tuesday.

He added, however, that "although it was Monday, the turnout was excellent. Also, there was a great deal of **ruach** among the participants."

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CALENDAR
73-74

FALL SEMESTER 1973
LABOR DAY: Monday, September 3
ORIENTATION FOR NEW STUDENTS,
REGISTRATION: Wednesday-Sunday, September 5-9
FIRST DAY OF CLASSES: All schools: Monday, September 10
ROSH HASHANAH: No classes:
Wednesday-Sunday, September 26-30
YOM KIPPUR AND SUKKOT: No classes:
Friday-Saturday, October 5-20
THANKSGIVING: All schools: No session:
Thursday-Friday, November 22-23
HANUKKAH RECESS: All schools: No sessions:
Monday, December 24
NEW YEAR'S DAY: Tuesday, January 1, 1974
YC: no sessions
EMC, JSS, YP: Regular sessions
READING PERIOD: YC: January 3-9
EXAMINATIONS:
YP: Monday, January 7
EMC, JSS: Friday-Wednesday, January 4-9
YC: Thursday-Tuesday, January 10-15
SPRING SEMESTER 1974
FIRST DAY OF CLASSES: All schools: Sunday, February 3
WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY: Monday, February 18
All schools: Regular sessions
PURIM RECESS, no sessions:
All schools: 1 pm Thursday, March 7 through
Saturday, March 9
PASSOVER RECESS: no sessions:
All schools: Friday, April 5 - Monday, April 15
ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE DAY: All schools: no sessions:
Thursday, April 25
LAG BAOMER: All schools: Regular sessions: Friday, May 10
LAST DAY OF CLASSES:
YC: Friday, May 17
EMC, JSS, YP: Tuesday, May 21 (YP resumes June 10-20)
READING PERIOD: YC: May 19-24
SHAVUOT: Sunday - Wednesday, May 26 - May 29
EXAMINATIONS:
EMC, JSS: Wednesday-Thursday, May 22-30
(excluding Shavuot)
YP: Thursday, May 23
YC: Thursday-Wednesday, May 30 - June 5
COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES:
All schools: Thursday, June 6

In Preview

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the Yeshiva community to what is happening.

The inspiration we have set as a tone for the new year, will not be covered up by the passing of the summer months. The victory that is fresh in my mind, does not belong to me alone; It belongs to us—the entire student body. We can be sure that the summer recess, will only intensify our renewed dedication, come September. I have already set up the machinery to investigate and analyze the strengths of other colleges in maintaining their faculties and student bodies. This

report will be prepared for our analysis as our first order of business.

Before we can chart a new course for this college, we must put our own house in order. Political animosities and selfish purposes have created serious rifts in past years that have undermined the best intentions. Petty politics will have no room

in my administration. We will operate through unity, and yet we will recognize that our student body is not homogeneous in political feelings.

I am sure that Norman and I will continue in the same working relationship that I have built with Kos. Norm—its nice to see a new face.

Have a nice summer.



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YU Graduation To Honor Sen. Jackson And Weisel

By ELI SEIDMAN

Yeshiva University's commencement exercises will be held this year on June 4. Approximately 850 graduates have been invited to attend.

Senator Henry M. Jackson will deliver the commencement address at the ceremony which will, weather permitting, take place on Danciger campus. He, as well as other dignitaries who plan to attend, will be awarded an honorary degree from the university.

Senator Jackson

The Senator has been responsible for much legislation of special Jewish interest, either directly or indirectly, and is the author of the controversial Jackson Amendment which seeks to deny most-favored-nation status to the Soviet Union until the emigration tax is repealed and emigration is unobstructed.

Senator Jackson will receive a Doctor of Laws degree. Other recipients include Mr. Elie Weisel, well-known author and visiting professor at the College of the City of New York, and Dr. Jean Piaget, director of the International Center for Genetic Epistemology in Geneva. They will both receive Doctor of Humane Letters.

Also receiving degrees will be Mr. Gusmum Berger, consultant to the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies, a Doctor of Humane Letters; Professor John A. Wheeler, Joseph Henry Professor of Physics, a Doctor of Science; Dr. Harry I. Wohlberg, Rabbi of Congregation Shomrei Emunah in Brooklyn, N. Y. and professor of Bible and Homiletic Literature at Erna Michael College and YP, a Doctor of Hebrew Letters; and Rabbi Louis Engelberg of Taylor Road Synagogue in Cleveland will be awarded Doctor of Divinity.

Of the 221 members of the graduating class of Yeshiva College, twenty percent are from JSS and thirty and fifty percent from EMC and YP, respectively. Two hundred and nineteen Bachelor of Arts degrees and two Bachelor of Sciences degrees will be awarded.

Daniel Wohlgelehrter has been designated as valedictorian for this year's graduating class. The outgoing Editor-in-Chief of TEMPO magazine, Mr. Wohlgelehrter is a YP student and a member of the YC chapter of Alpha Epsilon Delta, the national pre-med honor society. Recently engaged, the native of Pennsylvania plans on entering Yale Medical School this fall.



Daniel Wohlgelehrter, Valedictorian

Dr. Paul Raccah Sees Synthesis Of Secular And Religious At YU

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of material . . . Although the M.I.T. student's ability to understand was very great, they couldn't manipulate large amounts of information rapidly and efficiently."

Finally, Dr. Raccah is pleased with the introduction of the advanced physics program instituted this past year. "We are at the point where various disciplines are inter-reacting and this new program will open many new avenues to our students, even beyond graduation." Using cosmology as an example, Dr. Raccah remarked that the discipline is evolving slowly. "Yet, the Torah Jew looks at it and already knows the answers as they were given to us in Bereshit. Exposure to these vistas of science was a necessity for Yeshiva students and it is now becoming a reality."

Outlook on Mideast

Looking back to his youth in Tunisia, Dr. Raccah recalled that the large Moslem population was very favorable to the Jews and respected their profound moral attitudes in life. When, in World War II, the Germans entered Tunis and proceeded to destroy the Jewish population, the Arab

population defended the Jews.

Dr. Raccah wanted to make this point very clear. He believes that peace in the Middle East should and will prevail in the near future. "In other words, I cannot believe that Jews and Moslems cannot live together. I've lived in a country where it is possible. I think they can."

Yeshiva College is quite fortunate to be enriched with the services of Dr. Paul Raccah. In his teachings, as well as his learnings, he embodies all that Yeshiva stands for: Torah u'Madah.

In Retrospect

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paper could not be published. To Marc Aaronson, for being typing editor for two years; to Louis Arfe, Ira Bauman, George Sokolowski, Siggie, Chippie, Jay and the "fellas" my deepest appreciation on the circulation job this year; to Ruby Heisler and his staff for distribution of the newspapers throughout the University; to the many secretaries who helped me — especially Mrs. Epstein in the Dean's office and above all Mrs. Streich in the JSS office; to Al when I needed an excellent article; to Paul, Asher, and Isaac for jobs well done; to Alert Printers for their hard work in all editions; and to the many people who wrote letters to the editor — thank you for your comments.

My Roommates . . .

You suffered much loss of sleep during the year and your comments often found their way into many an editorial and column. Bob and Marc, thank you for putting up with me — especially Bob, for you were the steady influence (?) on me for 3 of 4 years in school.

. . . The Board

Neal, we always worked together through the four years on the paper. Words (honestly) cannot express how much I appreciated your friendship in college and your work on the paper. Only please return my T.V. at the end of the year.

Eddie, you left the Board in the middle of the year but your suggestions were still received even after you left.

Ted, your senatorial views and your excellence in editorial language served the Board extremely well this year. I am even happier to note that our friendship has become solidified over the year. (But, please stop writing those notes to law school.)

Lenny, you have my sincerest gratitude for the work you did this year. Your columns and knowledge of affairs were an unusual asset and addition to the paper. You always came through when I needed an extra hand (especially at the printers.)

Marv, we worked on copy for four years. Your columns caused the most trouble (?) for me — but I had to put up with it — how else could I get to the printer's and Schmulk's. Many thanks for the personal favors you did for me.

I cannot thank the other Board members more. Sid and Joe, thank you for your time and effort. Chaim, for filling a gap I needed the most, my sleep. Danny, for doing an excellent job without prior experience. Elliot, for the sterling Make-up job. Chuck, for research and polls that actually legitimized the role of Research Editor for the paper. Steve, for you deserved to be praised with the Board for the work you did in Sports for me this year. Finally Norman, the new Editor-in-Chief, thank you for a tremendous (and objective) news department the entire year — you'll be an excellent Editor.

To the student body, my thanks for an exciting and a most productive year in my life.

When Will They Ever Learn?

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quired credits has already been greatly reduced.

Complaint: There are not enough interesting elective courses available.

Answer: Many elective courses have been cancelled due to lack of sufficient registration.

Complaint: There are no business courses, accounting courses, etc.

Answer: Yeshiva is a liberal arts college. You'll have plenty of time for professional courses on the graduate level.

Complaint: The double program does not leave enough time to adequately prepare for college courses.

Answer: In light of the double program, much of the outside work for most courses has already been incorporated into the lectures themselves.

And so on, and so on, and so on!

But this approach to student complaints is faulty on at least two counts. First of all, the answers most often heard are explanations of why the complaints exist rather than proposals on how to alleviate these problems. Secondly, they are based on the administration's mistaken belief that the problems of Yeshiva College can be dealt with on an individual and piecemeal basis.

The fact of the matter is clear and no amount of explanations or piecemeal approaches is going to change it. There is a cancer of discontent, disillusionment and disappointment among Yeshiva students. One has merely to project a few more years of decreased enrollment and increased

attrition to understand just how dangerous this cancer is.

The cure for a disease borne of such deep-rooted and intertwined problems will not be easy to find. But if the Administration will admit that many of the complaints are valid and will be ready to tackle head-on the problem in its totality, then a cure — a major restructuring of academic life at Yeshiva — is possible.

Of course, it will be easier to ridicule this column publicly and castigate me privately for driving even more potential students away. But that, too, would be a piecemeal approach that merely pushes the problems of Yeshiva College aside. And the faces will still be missing in September.

Whose Who's

Engaged:

Noach Burstein '71 to Tzipora Levey
Alan Dubin to Reva Markovitz
Benjamin Yagur '74 to Roz Weisstuch
Marc Jablon '74 to Chessey Lebinger
Marshall Keilson '75 to Donna Plumer
Walter Richtman '75 to Harriet Benjamin
Kenny Schrier '72 to Lori Fried
Menachem Fuchs '73 Rosalyn Abrams
Gerald Zantz '74 to Chanie Shmidman
Stanley Goldstein '72 to Brenda Goldsmith
Jacob Luksenberg '73 to Raye Farkas
Danny W. Idman '73 to Zeld Greenglatt.

Births:

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Knecht '72, a girl.
Moses and Shoshanah Solow, their first child, a girl.
Mr. and Mrs. Mayer Zantz '71, a girl.
Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Masliansky '72, former Senior Editor of THE COMMENTATOR, a son

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Task Force, Undergraduate Council Issue Bulletins

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for those ~~seforim~~ that cannot be removed from the stacks and that offenders be forced to pay stiffer fines.

5) Faculty have sent lists of which books to place on reserve for their courses. These lists must be maintained with possibly no allowance for overnight take-out to prevent them from disappearing.

6) That the students who are on work study be put to greater use and that there be a pay scale not based on the number of years you have worked but on the job you are presently performing for the library.

7) That more instructors and students be encouraged to donate magazines and books to the library.

DEAN'S OFFICE

For the most part a student rarely uses the Dean's office. Its basic function is to preside over course adjustments in a student's program when he requests it. A secondary function is for the Dean to meet with student leaders to discuss

programs, changes as they occur throughout the school year.

The Dean acts as ex-officio member of all YC committees (i.e. Space Committee, Senate, Faculty Assembly) and in many such areas he has a designated vote (i.e. Senate; not in the Faculty Assembly except for a tie). Many awards are handled by the Dean (i.e. NSF, Danforth) and almost all recommendations for seniors pass through his office as well. The Dean (as well as the Registrar) interprets the rules in the catalog and in essence controls the college and its graduating requirements.

Complaints and Recommendations

Complaints center on course adjustments on a student's program. The average student (independently quizzed student leaders feel that they receive unusual "help" from the Dean) finds it quite difficult to speak with the Dean even when it is apparent (to the student) that the Dean is not busy in his office. There are times when a student is informed that the Dean is on the phone (often true) or has a visitor in his office. However, it has been noted, that a student is told that

the Dean is **not** in his office and yet the student sees the Dean walk out of his room a minute later.

Red tape seems to exist in the Dean's office as in most YC offices. His having to write many recommendations for seniors by a certain date often slows down other important tasks of the Dean.

Recommendation: 1) That designated hours, the same each week, be established by the Dean to review programs; with additional hours during the weeks of registration, P/N, and the last days of adding or dropping additional credits.

2) That a student need not bring in three teacher evaluations but two, to speed up the process.

3) That students be informed, by postings, that they must initiate all phases of course adjustments. Including picking up the approval or disapproval of special case forms and not leave them in the Dean's office.

4) That the Dean try to stay later than 5:00 on certain days, as many students are in class until that time.

Some Staff Leave; Need Replacements

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Professor of Economics, has helped to make that department one of the most functional at Yeshiva during his four years here. Dr. Shami said that he has enjoyed teaching at Yeshiva and will always appreciate the close ties he has maintained with his students. However, he believes that he is doing the best possible thing for his career at this time by leaving.

He stated that the future of the Economics Department is bright and the students should be optimistic about the prospects for the coming year. "There are many young instructors who have a strong desire to teach. My leaving should not deter students from majoring in economics."

Next year Dr. Shami will concentrate on his work in business at A. T. & T. as an economist in rate cases and production analysis. He has been offered teaching positions at Touro College and Columbia University and has ex-

Dr. Moshe Reuger, Associate Professor of Bible, is a graduate of RIETS and Yeshiva University. He is respected for his scholarship and at the same time has been one of Yeshiva's most popular instructors. He studied at the European Yeshivot of Volozhin, Slutsk, and Slobodka. Though offered a position as head of the Hebrew Teachers Training School in Canada at the time of its inception, Dr. Reuger remained with Yeshiva. He explained that teaching, not administrative duty, is his desire.

Senior Hoopsters Top Sophomores For Intra Title

(Continued from Page 12, Col. 5) excellent job of running out the clock as they finally put down the relentless sophs, 64-62.

Mike Smith, with 22 points, Morris Tilson, with 16, and Feinerman with 13, all enjoyed a fine game for the seniors. On the other side, Noah Rifeman was a one-man team with 25 points and no less than four 3-point plays. Rifeman was selected the game's MVP.

Player-of-the-year was also a soph, Sid Taubenfeld. He averaged 14 points for the six games, cleared out the boards for the other members of the soph front line, and was the man to whom the sophs went when they needed a big basket. More than anyone else, "Zeesh" was the reason why his team came so close to their upset victory.

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adequate job. I frankly question whether any one individual can do justice to both himself and to the school in the limited time available. If I am right, and an individual who runs for president is in fact aspiring to an impossible task, a re-evaluation of the office itself must be undertaken.

Please understand—I am in no way attempting to alibi. I sincerely believe that this year's council can stand up to any of the councils of the past years and their accomplishments. I am willing to accept responsibility for the fact that council did not live up to its potential. We were all inexperienced and my only regret is that those individuals who were so much more more experienced in school politics, while quick to criticize, were totally unwilling

The Editor-in-Chief and the Governing Board of The Commentator extend their heartiest mazel toy to Dr. Saul Wischnitzer, Premed Advisor and Prof. of Biology at YC, on his forthcoming marriage to Edith Lefkowitz.

to provide any insight into what Council should do to improve. They seemed to enjoy watching

In Review

Council flounder and I came to the distinct conclusion that they were not concerned in the slightest with Yeshiva but rather with proving a point to themselves.

I can only conclude by describing the year as informative and interesting. I would never do it again. I thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you, and also for allowing me here to let off some of the steam I've been accumulating all year. My best wishes to all the members of next year's council. May they be instrumental in making next year a glorious year in the annals of Yeshiva.

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I would be committing a grave injustice if I allowed my term to expire without mentioning two of

the finest people I had the pleasure of working with this year. Without a doubt, Mr. Alfred Parker is the most dedicated and conscientious individual in the Yeshiva community. The hours he puts in cannot be clocked because the concern he displays for his finished product and for the students he serves cannot be measured by any normal standards.

After a year in office, I'm certain of one thing. Without Mrs. Vivian Owgang, Rabbi Miller's secretary, I never would have made it. Her encouragement during times of stress, her advice and judgment, and her sense of humor were all major factors in maintaining my sanity this year. My thanks to her for being a friend.

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pressed his desire to continue teaching at those institutions while at A. T. & T. However, Dr. Shami stated that "most research these days comes from private industry setting up their own economics shops and not academic institutions."

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Wettstein

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lost record and entering his teams into the playoff rounds 20 out of 21 times, he became the envy of many a basketball coach. As one of the founders of the MJHSL, Professor Wettstein served as a Director for 13 years and as a member of its Board of Directors for the past eight years. The success of the League is a tribute to his devotion and capability.

Chief, Corrective Therapy

Professor Wettstein is also an invaluable leader in the field of Corrective Physical Education and Physical Rehabilitation. He

The Editor-in-Chief and the Governing Board of THE COMMENTATOR extend their sincere condolences to Brian Green '75, on the passing of his sister, Renée. May he be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

will be retiring from his post as Chief of Corrective Therapy in the Bronx Veterans Administration Hospital this year. His work for the severely disabled has brought him many honors from Washington D.C. Particularly noteworthy among his efforts, was training of an Israeli war veteran paralyzed in all four extremities. This training was displayed in the film "Courage Takes the Wheel" seen in the United States, Europe, and Israel.

Professor Wettstein is listed in Who's Who in the East, and Who's Who in World Jewry, for his achievements in the fields of education, athletics, and rehabilitation.

Review Of This Year's Senate Resolutions

That the departmental Advisory Committee shall submit reports to the Senate on recommendations for changes in requirements for the major and new course offerings in their respective departments. The discussions should include considerations of some or all of the following:

- 1) replacing specific requirements with choices from groups of courses.
- 2) increased use of honors work.
- 3) new elective courses (involving increased emphasis on independent study).

(motion was passed by the Senate)

A student shall receive full credit for all required courses taken at Yeshiva College, even as a senior, except that English 1.1 must be taken in the freshman year (or in the first year at YC for a transfer student) unless unusual circumstances warrant otherwise.

(motion was passed by the Senate)

Effective this term, any student transferring to Yeshiva College a course from a graduate school of the University shall receive the same number of credits as the course is allotted in the respective graduate school—amended to take effect as of this coming semester.

(vote postponed until a letter could be sent to the Commission of Higher Education to determine the legality of the motion).

A directive be sent to the advisory committees that it is the sense of the Senate that these committees investigate the possibility of introducing inter-disciplinary courses and courses in the humanities and that major credit also be given for these courses.

(motion passed by Senate)

With reference to the required courses in English Composition:

- a) that the grade of D be eliminated
- b) that the grade of F be eliminated to be replaced by a No Credit rating
- c) that the No Credit rating not be recorded in the student's transcript forwarded to other institutions.
- d) students who have not passed English Composition are to be given the first chance to register for that course the following semester.

(motion passed by Senate)

Same as above with reference to all required courses at Yeshiva College.

(rejected by Senate)

That a course in the principles of accounting be established in the Economics department.

(referred to the departmental advisory committee along with the present Eco 51 course and the new computer oriented course in economics).

That the Senate approve the syllabus of the course in Ethical Implications of Scientific Progress.

(motion passed by Senate)

That the present limit on a transfer of a maximum of 32 credits from Israeli Yeshivot be maintained with the following change. Sixteen credits

are to be awarded for the first year of study, as is the present policy, with the option of receiving 10 more credits upon requesting a special exam and passing it. Consequently, in this situation, only 6 credits will be awarded for a second year of study—equaling a total of 32 credits.

(motion passed by Senate)

(approved by faculty assembly)

Effective retroactively, courses taken P-N for which the student accepts and receives a letter grade of either A, B, or C shall be considered as non-P/N courses in retrospect (e.g. such a course could be used to fulfill a degree or major requirement).

(passed by Senate—vetoed by Faculty Assembly which passed a resolution in its place which reads:

"If a student receives a grade of A, B, or C in a subject chosen on the P/N basis, and then later changes his major, he may use that course to satisfy requirements in his major.")

That the Bible requirement in YC for YP students be abolished.

(rejected by Senate)

1. That the present require-

ment of 8 credits in Bible be retained.

2. That these courses be earned by taking semester courses which meet 2 hours a week and carry 2 credits.

3 That a student must take at least one Bible course during each academic year.

4. That, in order to allow for greater individual recitation and more intensive work, each class be limited to 12-15 students.

5. That one of the required courses be "An Introduction to the Hebrew Bible."

6. That, in order to allow for variety, the present offerings be retained and, if possible, be expanded.

(passed by Senate)

An instructor should have the option of scheduling with the consent of the whole class, the final examination in his course on a date prior to and instead of the official date designated by the college.

(submitted by YCSC)

(tabled by Senate)

An instructor should have the option of substituting a final paper in lieu of the final examination for any student who so requests.

Motion amended deleting last six words of motion.

(rejected by Senate)

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Bowling Team Ends Disappointing Year; Breslow Set To Lead Next Year's Team

By JAY SHOULSON

Next year the Yeshiva bowling team is going to improve; that's the only choice they have. Yeshiva bowled this year in the Eastern Inter-Collegiate League of 16 colleges and for a time looked promising for fifteenth place. Unfortunately due to a not so sudden slump, the team finished in grand sixteenth place to win the League's Boob Trophy. To be frank, the way the team bowled, they didn't even deserve that much.

The team lost due to a lack of talent and a stronger lack of interest on the part of the student body. There are just not enough 150 or better bowlers applying for the team. Instead, the results show that there wasn't one match this year that all five starters finished with scores of 150 or more. Also, due to a lack of organization there were weeks when up to three subs had to bowl as starters.

Credit Extended

Credit must be given to three of the team's steady bowlers. The first, Mark Breslow, has a beautiful hook after a smooth approach and lift. Breslow, the team's top scorer, had many games in the 200's with several scores in the 240 range. Mark will be returning next year and



Jay Shoulson

Bowlers strike a pose.

is now a candidate for captain of the team. Nahum Swinkin, co-captain this past year, averaged in the 160's. Co-captain Leo Frischman finished third in the line-up with a 140 average. Leo had an unsteady curve ball but he often came through in the clutch. He was also the one who held the team's morale up, even when it weighed a few tons.

Another starter, but very irregular, was Artie Elterman. Only towards the end of the season did he start hooking for strikes, but he still had trouble

picking up his spares. After the above four, there was a pool of applicants for the fifth position. Jay Shoulson, who started as the fifth in most matches, began the year very poorly. However, due to some coaching, he slowed his approach and improved his ball control.

Phantoms

Jeff Joseph, Jeff Bookman, and Yankee Poleyeff were the team "phantoms". Their scores ranged from 120 to 150 and the team could make better use of the spots.

The bowling team will be having tryouts in the near future and they hope that anyone with a 150 or better average comes down. If Yeshiva has the same team as this year they don't have any hope for next year. Anyone interested in trying out should contact Leo Frischman or Mark Breslow.

Seniors First In Intramural; Double-Overtime Win Decides

YANKEE POLEYEFF

Luok finally ran out on the sophomores as they dropped the 72-73 intramural championship game to the seniors, 64-62 in double overtime. Previously, the sophs had qualified for the final by nipping the freshmen, 67-65, also in two overtimes, requiring Mikey Polak's last second shot to win the game and cap their amazing comeback.

In the semi-final, the freshmen had built up a 16 point, 39-23 lead midway through the 3rd period, thanks to some hot first-half shooting by Dave Mensche and Jerry Levine. To this point, the frosh had been in complete command, jumping off to a 9-2 lead, and steadily advancing the margin to 32-16 at halftime.

Then, soph player-coach Hilton Soniker rallied his forces and the team responded by slowly narrowing the gap. A few four or five point spurts brought the sophs to within 6 after three quarters, 45-39.

The sophs were not to be denied. In the last minute of regulation play, the frosh held a 5-point lead. It was dissipated quickly by Sid Taubenfeld's bucket and Noah Rifeman's 3-point play. Ruby Ingber missed a foul shot with a second remaining, sending the game into overtime with the score 55-55.

Taubenfeld's field goal was neutralized by Louie Greenspan's two free throws in the first overtime. But in the second, defense went out the window as both teams hit a flurry of shots. Moving into the final minute, the freshmen led 63-62. Insel scored on a running hook shot to give the sophs the lead. Dave Mensche countered with two clutch free

throws with 12 seconds left.

The pressure was on the sophs. With 4 seconds remaining, Mikey Polak made a quick move on his man, drew a foul and scored the bucket to win it. The free throw was academic as the sophs triumphed, 67-65.

Dave Mensche led the frosh with 22 points, while Herb Insel paced the balanced soph attack with 20 points.

Now that the semi-final was out of the way, the sophomores looked to the championship game, which wasn't about to be any easier. The seniors and sophs were within 3 points of each other for three quarters. It was tied after the first quarter at 14-14, and the sophs held a 2-point advantage at halftime, 26-24. A quick senior rally gave them an 8-point lead, 45-37 early in the fourth period. However, a small lead like that was nothing to the sophs, after having come back from a 18-point deficit a game earlier. Rifeman, Taubenfeld, Rifeman again, and Stan Weiss hit consecutive baskets within the 2 minute mark to tie the score, 56-56 and eventually send the game into overtime.

After both teams netted a field goal, defense dominated in the first overtime. With 4 seconds left, Mike Smith hit two free throws to put the seniors up 60-58. But Herb Insel again emerged as hero, at least temporarily, as he tied the score with a perfect 30 foot jumper at the buzzer.

Another miracle, however, did not materialize for the sophs, as Elliot Feinerman came through with 3 points, and with 15 seconds to go, a big rebound off a sophomore miss. The seniors did an

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On The Sidelines

The Unavoidable Question

By Steve Reishbaum

The hole, the dungeon, and the sweatbox are just a few of the more mentionable terms applied to Yeshiva's excuse for a gym. Since almost no athletic endeavor can successfully be achieved at YC's own facility, the college has been forced to rent a pool and gyms from the neighboring schools. This is one way to offer an athletic program to college students — the wrong way.

It is time to realize that neither a museum nor a new parking lot (even with ten student spaces) will bring students to Yeshiva. Proper athletic facilities can draw students or at least keep students from walking away laughing after having learned the truth at Open House. Having to answer that question "Where is the gym?" hurt me more than anything else this past year.

As usual, the biggest problem in building a gym is money. There are many rumors circulating among students that money has been donated and it is just sitting in the bank. Another rumor says that a large amount was donated on the almost impossible condition that Mr. Sarachek, the athletic director, raise an equal sum within twelve months. Putting all these rumors aside, enough money can be raised if the administration would give the go-ahead. Maybe the school would even be willing to put up some money once they realize that the close to \$5000 they spend on gym rentals each year is thrown out cash.

Since this is an immediate need, the idea of erecting a bubble arose, but after further consideration, one can easily realize exactly how long such a structure would remain standing in our neighborhood. Mr. Sarachek, on the other hand, has been planning for years an entire athletic and student recreational complex. He has been thinking big. It is now time for the administration to follow his lead.

The first and most obvious consequence of a sports complex would be the improvement of our teams. The basketball team could spend its time practicing instead of traveling to and from gyms in all corners of the city. Second, student involvement and fan attendance would increase, as shown by the attendance at home wrestling matches. Yeshiva students do participate, if they don't have to travel to the Bronx and Queens. Third, and most important, Yeshiva could become the center of all Jewish athletic tournaments and activities. The athletes are there just waiting to be found. Why shouldn't we do the finding, instead of Fordham, St. John's, Brooklyn, and even City College.

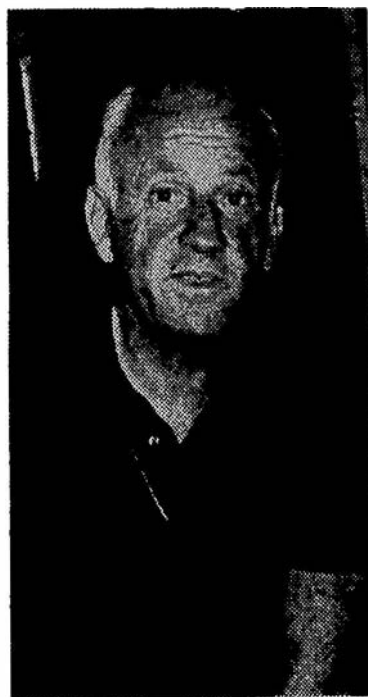
Instead of even considering cutting the present funds allocated to the athletic program, we should be striving for greater allocations. Maybe we should follow the example set by another religious institution which only recently opened. One of the first buildings to go up was an athletic complex. They then proceeded to build one of the finest basketball teams in the country. Enrollment has since increased a great deal.

Some may ask if such incentive is indeed necessary. I ask those people what they would have said to the prospective Yeshiva student and basketball team member from Clinton High School when he asked where our gym was. He is going to City College next year.

Professor Wettstein Retires; Athletic Department Shrinking

By LARRY EISENBERG

The past two years have seen the retirement of two full-time instructors of the athletic department. Following the retirement of Doc Hurwitz last year



Paul Millman

Sports Mentor
Hyman Wettstein

the sorely pressed department had to make do without a replacement. Now, yet another instructor, Professor Hy Wettstein is leaving and he, too, will not be replaced. Both men were an important part of YU and their absence will most certainly be felt.

Professor Wettstein served YU in various positions since September 1938. Professor Wettstein's knowledge of athletics, as well as corrective physical education and coaching have made him an invaluable member of Yeshiva University staff. His activities have included College Varsity basketball coach, High School Varsity basketball coach and Director of the Metropolitan Jewish High School League.

Honored by MJHSL

On four different occasions Professor Wettstein has received awards from the University Athletic Association for his outstand-

ing contributions to the health and welfare of Yeshiva students. A close friend of all who have had the pleasure of associating with him, Professor Wettstein will be honored at the annual awards dinner of the Metropolitan Jewish High School League on Sunday, May 20.

As coach of MTA, he developed some of the finest teams and players in the Metropolitan area. His record of successful seasons and championships won will probably never be equalled in the Jewish High School circles. By compiling a 413-175 won-

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