



YU's leaders with Rav Ovadia Yosef.

Mark Weiner

Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef Here For Yom Ha-Atzmaut Comment

As part of Yeshiva's celebration of Israeli Independence Day, April 25, Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, the Sephardic Chief Rabbi of Israel, spoke to students and faculty of the University in the morning in Furst Hall.

The program was introduced by Rabbi Charlop, Director of RIETS, who pointed out the happy coincidence that the month of Iyar, which has been characterized by the sadness of sefira, has recently seen the addition of the two most joyous days since the destruction of the second Temple: Yom HaAtzmaut and Yom Yerushalaim. Rabbi Yosef was personally introduced by Ez-

ra Labaton, a semicha student, who stressed the honor of receiving Rabbi Yosef.

Rabbi Yosef commenced by praising Yeshiva University for its work in disseminating Torah to its many students. He quoted the Medrash which states that Jews are compared to fish in the sea, who, though surrounded by ample water, still open their mouths to drink from the rain. Jews, involved as they may be in Torah are always striving for more. Rabbi Yosef expressed hope that the students of Yeshiva University would not only increase their own knowledge and commitment to Torah but also expose others to Torah in order to strengthen them. We must number as one of our major priorities the goal of enabling others to share in the Torah.

Hallel?

The main segment of Rabbi Yosef's shiur concerned the question of whether or not we are to say Hallel on Yom HaAtzmaut, and if so, with or without a beracha? Rabbi Yosef quoted sources in Gemara, Midrash and historical incidents to support his conclusion that Hallel is to be said but without a beracha.

There are eighteen days during the year on which a full Hallel is recited with a beracha. These are Succot (8), Chanukah (8), Pesach (1) and Shavuot (1). Outside of Israel there are twenty one, the additions coming on Succot, Pesach, and Shavuot. In addition, Rabbi Yosef quoted many Rishonim who mandate the saying of Hallel

in commemoration of the community's having been saved from a great tragedy. This last addition, however, applies only when all Israel is together in Eretz Yisroel.

In Italy, after a great deliverance from tragedy, Rabbi Chida was consulted as to whether Hallel should be recited in commemoration. He replied that the requirement that all Israel must be together seemed to indicate not. Nevertheless, the Meiri stated that Hallel could be said without a beracha if all Israel were not together. Rabbi Chida reached the compromise of saying "Hallel HaGadol" (Psalm 136).

Chanukah's Hallel

How then, Rabbi Yosef asked, was the recitation of Hallel with a beracha instituted for Chanukah? Certainly all Israel was not together at that time, as only 42,000 returned from Babylonia with Ezra while the majority stayed behind.

Rabbi Yosef answered by pointing out the nature of the miracle of Chanukah. Hallel on Chanukah was instituted not on account of the military victory but rather because of the miracle of the oil, which lasted eight days instead of only one. The military victory was a natural miracle, which many people felt could easily be attributed to factors other than Divine intervention. At times when all Israel is not together, Hallel is not instituted for a miracle such as this or the 1948 War of Independence.

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New YCSC Discusses Dr. Sarot And Grades As Dean Bacon And Many Students Comment

By HARRY FELD

The traditional changing of the guard of YCSC took place on May 7, with the outgoing council members making their farewell speeches before the new council was seated. The meeting was marked by a long discussion involving the Dean, YCSC, and the capacity audience, which filled Rubin Shul.

After a speech by former President Ruchelsman, President Larry Eisenberg asked Dr. Bacon to clarify a report from the Scholastic Standing Committee on the grading standards of Yeshiva College.

Dean Bacon opened his remarks by stating that his purpose for coming to the meeting was to suppress a number of rumors circulating among the student body. The Dean categorically denied that he sent a memo asking professors to

limit the awarding of A's, adding that he has always been against a quota system for marks.

Stating that though there are many proofs that YC students are good, Dean Bacon said that the Middle States Accreditation Association will not believe that YC students are good enough to warrant a steadily increasing percentage in high grades. The Scholastic Standing Committee has devised a "plus-only" proposal providing for the intermediate grades of B-plus, C-plus and D-plus to be worth .5 more on a student's index. Dean Bacon came out against such a system, which, he said, would encourage students to ask teachers to change grades from B-plus to A.

Steven Mandelsberg, one of the two student members of the Scholastic Standing Committee, defended the new grading proposal as a measure which would benefit all students. He said that students presently receive no reward for a plus grade and added that this would not significantly affect either the total number of A's or the average index of the school.

The Dean pointed out that there are certain teachers who do not know how to give out low marks. The Council then pointed out that there are also certain teachers who don't know how to give high grades. Dean Bacon said that he thinks this is certainly something to be concerned about and will bring up the student body's concern about this whole matter to the Scholastic Standing Committee.)

A YC alumnus, Harold Horowitz, stated that though he had had a 3.95 index in Economics, he knew less than students with 3.4 indices from other schools. The thing that counts is the quality of education, not the index, and the quality of education at Yeshiva College, which depends on the quality of the faculty, will affect graduate schools' decisions on accepting Yeshiva graduates.

The Dean responded that this was totally unrealistic. He explained that though YC has

some poor faculty members, YC's name is "tops" in the eyes of graduate schools.

The Council then went on to the pressing issue of the non-reappointment of biology instructor Dr. Daniel Sarot. Many of the students had come to show their support for Dr. Sarot and hear the Dean's view on the matter. The Dean was reluctant to talk about that matter because the prerogative of reap-

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New Commentator Board Elected Reisbaum Chosen Editor-In-Chief

At the Governing Board meeting held on April 24, Steve Reisbaum ('75) was selected as the new Editor-in-Chief of THE COMMENTATOR. The new Governing Board who chose to assist him include seniors Steve Mandelsberg, Mark Sruelowitz, Jeffrey Wandel, Mark Breslow, Asher Mansdorf, Eli Seidman, and six juniors, in their first year on the Board.

Editor-in-Chief Reisbaum, a pre-med major who attends JSS, has served as Sports Editor for the past two years. A member of the Hockey Team and a manager of the Basketball Team, he has also served on the Senate Welfare Committee.

Last year's News Editor, Steven Mandelsberg, will fill the position of Associate Editor. A YP student majoring in English and Political Science, he is co-captain of the Debating Team and a member of the Scholastic Standing Committee. Steven is also a member of the Pre-Law Honor Society and has made the YC Dean's List.

Former Make-Up Editor Mark Sruelowitz has been named Executive Editor. A JSS student on the YC Dean's List, Mark is majoring in English with an economics minor. Actively involved in JSS politics, he has moved up from vice-president of JSSSC to president.

Managing Editor Jeffrey Wandel is a philosophy major and student Senator. The former Feature Editor is also captain of the Debating Team. Jeffrey spent a year and half at yeshiva in Israel and at YP.

Mark Breslow, last year's

Copy Editor, will occupy the position of Contributing Editor. An English major attending YP, Mark is an avid bowler and co-captain of the YU Bowling Team.

Senior Editor Asher Mansdorf was Research Editor last year. A JSS pre-med major and vice-president of the Pre-Med Honor



Paul Millman
Steve Reisbaum

Society, on the YC Dean's List, Asher is also a manager of the Wrestling Team.

English major Eli Seidman will take the job of Projects Editor. Presently Israeli Editor, he will be attending YP when he returns.

A newcomer to the Govern-

ing Board, Robert Kantowitz has moved from the news staff to the position of News Editor. A junior and physics major, he has served as president of the Physics Society. One of two early admissions students on the board, Robert will be attending YP next year.

Feature Editor Barry Saltzman has made the Dean's Lists of YP and EMC. A history major, Barry has served previously on the COMMENTATOR feature staff and the Jewish Action Committee.

The post of Sports Editor will be held by EMC student David Gleicher. The former associate feature editor was also YC sophomore secretary-treasurer this past year. David is majoring in pre-med and history.

Former associate copy editor David Rechtman, will step up to be Copy Editor. A YP student admitted under last year's early admission program, he is majoring in pre-med.

Stan Frohlinger will fill the position of Make-Up Editor. A JSS pre-med major, he previously served on the make-up staff. Stan is a former national president of NCSY.

Research Editor Jeffrey Strashun, formerly a feature associate editor, doubles as TEMPO cultural events editor.

State Legislature Contemplates New Financial Aid Plan

By BENJAMIN ARBESFELD

Two tuition aid proposals which would significantly benefit the middle income college students of New York State have recently been passed in Albany. The bills would provide greater freedom of choice for the student's selection of a college, making it easier for one to attend a private university.

Assemblyman Peter Costigan's proposal which was passed by the Assembly would initially provide a maximum grant of almost \$2,000 to next year's private college freshman. The recently passed Senate bill proposed by Senators Warren Anderson and Ronald Stafford would increase the maximum Scholar Incentive Award from \$600 to \$1,000 for 1974-1975, apart from the regular Regents Scholarship.

Maintain Status Quo

Responding to questions about how Yeshiva University would be affected by the proposed tuition aid bills, Dr. Sheldon E. Socol, Yeshiva's Vice President for Business Affairs, said that he does not foresee any changes in university policy in the immediate future. He elaborated that there will be no tuition increases for Yeshiva College or Stern College next year. Dr. Socol added, somewhat cynically, that there are two stages needed for a bill's implementation.

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An Apparent Plus

The rumors currently circulating among YC students regarding the alleged institution of a sort of "grade quota system" have provoked a good deal of comment and confusion. Many students, justifiably wary of any drastic alteration in the type of grades issued, have voiced considerable concern about the report of the Senate Scholastic Standing Committee. Consisting of a number of general recommendations along with a proposal to include an optional "plus" grade, the report was a response to the Faculty Assembly's request for a discussion of the grading standards of Yeshiva College. However, nothing contained in the report sanctions faculty members to adopt a policy of intentionally lowering grades in order to comprise a particular percentage or quota.

THE COMMENTATOR therefore accentuates the inadvisability of establishing any kind of pre-determined grade system and cautions the YC faculty against misconstruing the import of the SSC communication. It would be unfortunate indeed if some faculty members, believing that they are abiding by the desires of Dean Bacon or the SSC, try to overcompensate in their grading procedures by awarding lower grades. Because of the unusual amount of obfuscation among both faculty and students, we also strongly advise Dean Bacon to circulate a notice of clarification concerning Yeshiva's grading policy. It is hoped that such an action will elucidate any misunderstanding among faculty regarding the SSC recommendations and assuage student fears about a lowering of grades.

The lone specific proposal forwarded by the SSC to the Faculty Assembly, that of adopting an option "plus" grade, deserves support if only as a modest attempt to develop a more equitable grading policy. According to the proposal, a "plus" grade would be computed into a student's cumulative average as follows: B-plus equals 3.5, C-plus equals 2.5, D-plus equals 1.5. Presently, students who receive "plus" grades are not awarded the accompanying index credit. Adoption of the plus grade is urged as a measure which would benefit all YC students.

NEWS IN BRIEF

EMCSC EXECUTIVES ELECTIONS WINNERS include Herbie Insel, president; Mike Lang, vice-president; and Jeff Krantz, secretary-treasurer. Mr. Insel conducted a door to door campaign with help from his supporters. He defeated Jay Shoulson 110 to 43. Mr. Lang, advocating an EMCSC committee system and information and complaint bureaus, defeated Alan Hirnes 100 to 65. Secretary-treasurer Jeff Krantz defeated Stanley Kurtz 88 to 48 with 34 abstentions.

RABBI DR. PHILLIP PARETZKY has been appointed examiner (bochen) of RIETS. He has served on the faculty since 1963 as rosh yeshiva and associate examiner to Rav Mendel Zaks, who died last January. Rabbi Paretzky was ordained at the Grodno Yeshiva in Poland by the renowned Rabbi Shimon Shkop and by Warsaw's Chief Rabbi Shlomo David Kahana. He was also ordained at RIETS in 1945. He is a recipient of an M.A. in Semitics from Columbia University in 1942 and LL.B. and J.D. degrees from Fordham University in 1945.

AT A MEETING OF THE POLITICAL SCIENCE club Mr. Schneider, instructor of Hebrew in JSS and Yeshiva College observed that a marked contrast exists between the new, even-handed policy of Egypt and the unchanged, hard-nosed politics of the Syrian government. He feels that the October War has been more successful for Israel than the Six-Day-War and he also predicted a continuation of political instability within Israel for years to come. He pointed to a need for revitalization and reshuffling of the Israeli Army in light of their unpreparedness at the outbreak of the Yom Kippur War.

THE NEW SOY EXECUTIVE OFFICERS elected May 9, are President Joel Silber, Vice President Joshua Gross, and Secretary-Treasurer Sheldon Chanales. Directing his campaign from Israel, where he is currently working on Kibbutz Sdei Elyahu, Mr. Silber defeated Moshe Yeres and Harris Goldstein.

Mr. Gross and Mr. Chanales both ran unopposed. Mr. Gross will serve as acting president until Mr. Silber's return.

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The Dean Appears

In response to a student invitation, Dean Isaac Bacon took the unusual step of attending the Yeshiva College Student Council meeting of Tuesday, May 7. This action was precipitated by a combined student mistrust and bitterness over the non-reappointment of Dr. Sarot and over rumors surrounding the recommendations of the Scholastic Standing Committee.

THE COMMENTATOR wishes to commend Dr. Bacon for his unusual appearance and for his attempt to dispel a variety of doubts and rumors. Further exchanges of information and opinions between the students, their representatives, and the Dean should be encouraged as a basis for establishing a permanent bridge of frank communication. Straightforwardness on the

part of all involved will invariably do much to ease the cycle of ambiguity and bitterness presently tainting student-Dean relations. The lamentably inquisitorial aspect of Tuesday night's YCSC meeting can only fan animosity and harden already inflexible positions.

Hence, THE COMMENTATOR requests the continuation of frequent and regular meetings between the Dean and YCSC. Such a step will bring both stature and intimacy to student-Dean relations, and will certainly go far in alleviating unnecessary tensions and misunderstandings.

Graduates To Appear

At the YCSC meeting held on May 7, Dean Bacon publicized a directive that Dr. Belkin had sent to all deans in the university. The notice instructs all deans to endeavor to fill faculty vacancies with personnel from within the University's graduate schools. THE COMMENTATOR feels this is a positive step towards integrating the University, but cautions the administration that vacancies must not be created to accommodate these people or accomplish this aim. Rather this policy should be implemented to fill vacancies caused by attrition.

Graduates To Disappear

THE COMMENTATOR takes this opportunity to congratulate the newly-elected members of the four student councils, the newly-appointed Student Senators, and the new Governing Board members of the other student communications. THE COMMENTATOR commends the outgoing Yeshiva College Student Council for a year of diligent service to the student body. Under the able leadership of President Manny Ruchelsman, YCSC has matured, implemented constructive programs, and proven that Council can be a viable force on campus. Only through student unity and cooperation can Council guarantee the success of future programs.

With Shavuot and graduation rapidly approaching, the departing seniors are encouraged to recognize their dual obligations to assume active and responsible roles in the Jewish and secular communities. Hopefully, the concept of Torah U'madah will guide them throughout all their future endeavors.

Chag Sameach, Good luck on finals, and a happy vacation.

Letters To The Editor

SOY Defended.

To the Editor:

I must take issue with your editorial concerning "the stagnation of the Student Councils of the Religious Studies Divisions." Not even the great Blumenthal-Gross debate concerning "Riets elitists" should have blinded THE COMMENTATOR governing board to the many solid achievements of this year's SOY—not merely for the students of YP-RIETS but the entire Yeshiva community.

First of all, SOY provided the traditional services which it provides each and every year with such remarkable efficiency that they are often ignored, e.g. Pesach Provisions (which provides the same low prices to all Yeshiva students and faculty), the tefillin and tzitzis drives (subsidized by SOY for everyone at Yeshiva), the Chanukkah and Purim chagigas (open to all), Yom Iyun (again for the benefit of all Yeshiva students), etc. Perhaps the members of THE COMMENTATOR governing board have no need for such things. . . .

SOY has also initiated a new student service program—the SOY Seforim Drive—which, in only its second year, provided the students of RIETS-YP, JSS,

Stern and YUHS with almost \$30,000 worth of seforim at bargain prices. Admittedly, the Seforim Drive was not run with the perfect efficiency of, say, the Pesach Provisions Committee, but we're still learning, and as we gain experience, the few problems we had this year will be ironed out. In any case, many of us worked our butts off on this project; how dare you brazenly accuse us of being "lackadaisical?" It is interesting to note that, according to our records, only one member of your governing board availed himself of this outstanding service; perhaps if more of you had done so, you'd have seen how much hard work was put into this project.

In addition, SOY embarked this year on an ambitious program of printing new publications. Specifically, we revised our old bulletins on Rosh Hashana, Yom Kippur, Chanukah and Purim. We printed a new booklet devoted to the laws of Yom Tov, Chol Hamoed and Sukkos and a special brochure devoted to the unique problem that Erev Pesach presented this year. We printed a pamphlet by Rav Mordechai Willig about the halachic problems presented by year-round daylight

savings time; it was of such excellent quality that at least one prominent Jewish organization plagiarized it and mailed it to all its members! (They subsequently agreed to reimburse us.) A new bulletin on Tisha B'Av has been written and is ready for print. And how could you ignore the beautiful new SOY Haggadah? In addition, a new and vastly improved SOY guide to Kashrus and Yom Toy has been prepared and is now in the printing stage.

There are many other innovations we initiated to improve the religious intellectual life at Yeshiva: Rav Tendler gave a series of lectures on medical ethics under SOY sponsorship. SOY purchased hundreds of dollars worth of seforim ethics under SOY sponsorship. SOY purchased hundreds of dollars worth of seforim to stock the Main Beis Medrash Library; incredibly enough, the Beis Medrash now has scores of people actually learning Torah in it every night of the week; if no member of your governing board knows where the Beis Medrash is, that gives you no right to haughtily proclaim that we did not "live up to the students' expectations." Irwin Gross and I

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Lisa Levy Tells Of Her Return To Judaism The Driving Force - Hineni's Rebbetzin Jungreis

By IRVING WIESEN

At age 18, Lisa Levy has gone through an experience which until relatively recent times might have been termed unique. She is one of many Jewish young people who after having left Judaism, are now beginning to find their place within it once more.

Lisa had wandered as far as the "Jews for Jesus" movement before having been brought back by Rebbetzin Esther Jungreis, leader of Hineni, an organization dedicated to returning assimilated Jews to their faith.

Like so many young people searching for some kind of "ultimate truth," Lisa left her apathetic, drug oriented college circle to join the Jews for Jesus, a group of people who in her eyes had apparently found the true faith. Within this group Lisa believed she had found "what was right."

She was not very knowledgeable about Judaism and joining the Jews for Jesus provided for the great spiritual need which she felt at the time. After about a year with them, Lisa engaged in a lengthy discussion with Esther Jungreis.

Four in the Morning

With a Bible in front of them, Rebbetzin Jungreis showed her the source and the fallacy of all that she had learned at the group. While at first believing that Esther was demon-possessed she gradually became convinced that her own beliefs were mistaken, and "by four in the morning I already decided I was leaving. I saw I was wrong and couldn't deceive myself," she admitted.

Lisa attributes her own miraculous transformation to her complete and absolute faith in God. Although Esther helped her a lot, "God really showed me; I saw the hand of God in how he brought me back," she says, and therefore she sees her faith as

having been greatly strengthened. From this standpoint she feels her experience has benefited her tremendously.

Lisa's experience evidently represented a total upheaval and overturning of her spiritual life. She now loves Judaism with the same fervor with which she once rejected it. "Now I'm doing the same thing I did when I believed in Jesus, only now I'm serving God and not an idol. I always wanted to know God," she says, "I thought it was Jesus, but I know that was wrong."

From Within

This realization, she believes, can only come from within oneself, when one is ready for it. The whole Jewish people will be brought back eventually, but "God has the right time for everybody." If an individual does not believe now, he will eventually accept God's truth be it now, or years from now.

However she does think that Orthodox Jews are too smug in their beliefs and can do more to help other Jews who are still searching for God.

As to the mission of the Jewish people, she says that faith in God is basic for all people. The mission of the Jewish people, she feels, is to live their particular way of life and to teach others about God in its role as a priest among nations.

New School

Lisa believes the basic problem of Jewish assimilation lies in a lack of practical education and personal interest in Jewish youth. "Judaism had turned me off," she says, "because I al-

ways learned about Judaism and not how to live it." Thus she was easy prey for the Jews for Jesus. "I wasn't very knowledgeable about the Bible, so that anything that came along sounded pretty decent." When she finally joined the Jesus movement she approached many Rabbis, but none of them would speak to her.

For this reason Lisa speaks enthusiastically about the new school that is in the process of being organized by Hineni. By September, the organization hopes to have set up a school (Continued on Page 9, Col. 3)

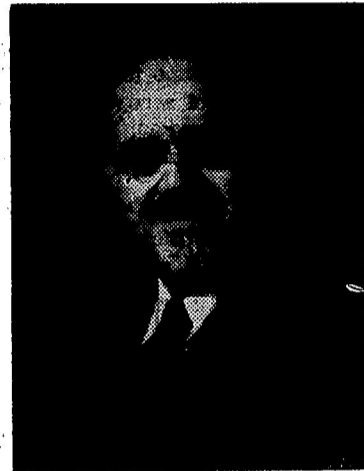
Early Orthodox Leader Invigorated Community

By ALLAN SCHWARTZ

Activism — a famous word, a prestigious profession. Why so? What is it about an activist that makes him known, if not loved, by all? Does it have to do with his strong leadership, or is it his becoming involved, even against the odds, that attracts the masses to him? A better question may be, where did the activist come from in the first place? To learn these answers we must go back and take a look at one of America's first Jewish activists — Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein.

While Rabbi Goldstein was a pre-law student in Columbia U. he saw a large gap in American Judaism. At that time, the early nineteenth century, an Orthodox rabbi was European and was

able to speak Yiddish (if nothing else). This was straining the American born Jewish community who felt they couldn't relate to these leaders. The youth couldn't identify with these rabbis and the number of Jewish juvenile delinquents rose to an alarming level. Declining his acceptance to Columbia Law School, Rabbi Goldstein entered the Jewish Theological Seminary to become one of America's first



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Rav Goldstein, American activist

M. Sokolow Of Hebrew Dept. Wants More Bible In Yeshiva

By PHILIP KAZLOW

Every institution of higher learning is personified by its faculty and student body. At Yeshiva University we are blessed with a diversified faculty consisting of teachers espousing views spanning the spectrum of political-religious thought. One of the more outstanding members of the YC and EMC faculties is Mr. Moshe Sokolow.

Mr. Sokolow is a product of the Yeshiva University educational system. He graduated from BTA in 1964, then spent a year at Yeshivat Kerem Beyavneh. He returned to New York where he attended YP and YC. He spent his junior year at Hebrew University in Jerusalem, and graduated from Yeshiva College in 1969. After a year at Bernard Revel Graduate School and the Semicha Program, Mr. Sokolow took a one year leave of absence and studied Semitic languages at Columbia University. He received his MA from Bernard Revel Graduate School in 1971, and will receive his doctorate at commencement this June.

When asked what had influenced him to become a Bible instructor, he expressed the feeling that this was the culmination of his life-long love for Bible. He explained that the year he had spent at Hebrew University was devoted almost exclusively to the study of Bible.

Last year, Mr. Sokolow was approached by a member of the Egyptian Ministry of Tourism, who inquired about his interest in visiting the Land of the Pyramids. The Egyptian Government was told that their guest was not only Jewish but Orthodox as well. Nevertheless, they welcomed him and made extraordinary offers to insure that he would not have to compromise any of his religious principles. When, for example, his plane flight back to Cairo from Luxor on a Friday was canceled, the Egyptian Government went so far as to have a non-scheduled flight stop in Luxor, pick him up, and fly him to Cairo for Shabbat.

Mr. Sokolow felt that the average Egyptian citizen was eager to rid himself of the constant cost and burden of warfare, and devote his resources to the development of his economy. He said that he was greeted courteously by the Egyptian populace, even after he had informed them

that he is an Orthodox Jew. He questioned a Ministry of Tourism official about the possibility of initiating a grand Middle East tour which would include a direct flight from Egypt to Israel. The official responded "In shallah" — G-d willing.

The Cairo Jewish community consists of approximately two hundred elderly people, most of whom reside in an old age home. Those living in private homes attend synagogue services regularly each Shabbat. The local populace claims to have a practicing "shochet" in the community. Mr. Sokolow was given the impression that the remnants of the once flourishing Jewish community were those who were unable to leave when it was possible, and even if the opportunity to leave presented itself today, they would be resigned to stay where they are.

Turning from Egyptology to Yeshiva College, Mr. Sokolow commented "... my impression is that YU does an injustice to its students and an injustice to Jewish studies, by not teaching enough of it, and not teaching it well enough."

Mr. Sokolow was very firm in his belief that the YC requirements in the areas of Jewish studies and Jewish History are too lax. He said that the Jewish History requirement was ridiculously minimal, especially when viewed in comparison with the twenty-four credit requirement at the Jewish Theological Seminary. He countered the oft heard complaint of students that a large amount of Jewish studies credit appear excessive on their transcripts, by suggesting that the courses be required, but the students be given the option as to whether the credits be entered on their transcripts. Continued Mr. Sokolow "Particularly YP students who spend six hours a day learning "lishmah" without receiving college credit, they surely shouldn't complain about an extra couple of hours a week." He adamantly believes that the present Bible requirements should not be reduced, and that students are unjustified in their efforts to reduce the present requirements.

American born, American educated, orthodox rabbi. He received his Smicha from Beth Midrash Hagadol in the lower East Side.

He had no problem getting a position being valedictorian of his class. He became the English speaking rabbi of the Kehilath Jeshurun Congregation (the most honorable orthodox shul in (Continued on Page 7, Col. 2)

Liked YU Instructor Due To Leave Both Gave And Received Much Here

By BARRY T. GREENE

As is well known, Dr. Sarot was not reappointed for the coming semester. This was his first year in our school as a part-time biology instructor. There has been a great deal of opinion voiced concerning his non-reappointment. However, there is more to Dr. Sarot than an issue.

Dr. Sarot is known among his students as a teacher who cares, as a result of the fact that he has spent many hours before and after lectures with his students. Many of his students, therefore, believe that he filled the role of a full time, and not a part time instructor, one who was consistently fair and amiable. Others, while not questioning Dr. Sarot's amiability, thought him unprepared to teach the genetics course on short notice.

In addition to Yeshiva, Dr. Sarot has also taught part time at York College this year. He has previously taught, also on a part time basis at both York and Queens College last year. He has done a great deal of research in biology, and he has published four papers in Life Sciences and a Canadian journal. These works typify the man who describes himself as a "studious" individual.

Growing up in New York City, Dr. Sarot went out west to the University of Colorado where he majored in biology. Maintaining a love for biology, he came back to New York where he attended

graduate school at NYU, receiving his M.A. and Ph.D in immunology.

Prior to arriving at Yeshiva, Dr. Sarot had not enjoyed the benefits and fulfillment of a



Paul Millman
Dr. Daniel Sarot

Jewish education. Since coming to Yeshiva as a biology instructor, he has been inspired religiously and has become extremely involved with Orthodox Judaism. He is learning at home with his wife in the hope of bringing up his fifteen month old daughter in a Jewish environment. The example he has set by first exploring Judaism at this late stage in his life has aroused admiration in all who know him.

Zamir Chorale In Worldwide Shows Remain Non-Pro's

By MITCHELL SCHRANZ

It is always interesting to see the work that goes into a stage production. Recently, THE COMMENTATOR was invited to attend a preconcert rehearsal of the Zamir Chorale's Carnegie Hall concert on April 21.

The usual sound of the rehearsal was a mixture of traditional Zamir Chorale music interrupted by shouts from the group's director, Martin Lazar, such as "Stand up straight!", "Do it again!", "Work harder!". It is the week before the big concert and they are driven harder and harder. Yet they love what they do and do not even get paid for it. A young Barnard coed explained that despite their heavy academic program they love to sing, and the Zamir Chorale gives them an excellent opportunity. The only material rewards for their hard work are partial reimbursement for trips abroad and rehearsal-weekends in New Jersey.

Snowball

The Zamir Chorale now consists of fifty-three members — mostly college students from the New York area including four students from Yeshiva and Stern. The group has never had trouble attracting singers since it began in 1960 when a group of Massad counselors came home from summer vacation. They missed camp singing and decided (Continued on Page 11, Col. 3)

In Prospect

By STEVE REISBAUM

A column traditionally entitled "In Prospect" can only lead to limitations set on the incoming Editor-in-Chief. Discussion of the past and even the present seems forbidden, for the future is what every reader wants to know about. The traditional "In Prospect" column is full of "I shall's" and "I will do's". Unfortunately, at this time, I can not issue such definite statements. It seems to me that an "In Prospect" column should naturally contain a good deal of uncertainties, after all, no matter how determined, no one can design the future.

The future of Yeshiva itself seems to be an uncertainty — enrollment fluctuating, the attrition rate of upperclassmen climbing. To add to this uncertainty, the attrition rate among the faculty also seems to be steadily increasing, while the quality of most departments is decreasing with the loss of each faculty member. Perhaps this should become the primary issue raised when graduate school acceptance rates of Yeshiva students are discussed, and not a grading system or the theoretical quality of each student.

And yet, does the uncertainty of YU's future rely solely on these attrition rates, or does it once again boil down to the problem of dollars and cents. If ultimately every decision made depends on financial feasibility, why bother with discussion at all? Lengthy Senate debate about Teacher Evaluations and new majors could be avoided if only the check book was first opened. After all, just ask for a reason — for almost anything — it's probably finances.

What does any of this have to do with THE COMMENTATOR? Simple. It is up to the student publications to take all of these and many more uncertainties and make them known both to the administration and to the student body. It is up to THE COMMENTATOR to try to direct all involved and to get more people involved. In this way, we are to take these uncertainties which can once again make Yeshiva a thriving institution.

Unfortunately, however, THE COMMENTATOR, along with YCSC, will also be affected by these and other uncertainties. Without a doubt, the budget of all student services will continue its downward trend while the cost of performing continues skyrocketing. Putting aside finances, although only for a brief moment, it is left to be seen as to whether or not next year's council can continue and improve upon the achievements of the outgoing YCSC. It takes a strong, dedi-

cated, honest leader to compile such a record, and I believe that Yeshiva College is fortunate to have such a person for a second consecutive year. However, the only way to improve upon this year's achievements is to form a cohesive network amongst YCSC, WYUR, THE COMMENTATOR, and other communications. Although hopeful to succeed, this is still an uncertainty.

Aside from its role in the student community, THE COMMENTATOR also plays a prominent part in the Jewish community. We serve as both public relations and information center for the "outside world". Although we hope to succeed in this role, this is still an uncertainty as is the stability of the "outside world" especially the State of Israel.

For in the end, what it all comes down to — all the future uncertainties of Yeshiva life — is the future uncertainty of the State of Israel. What could Yeshiva University hope to stand for without Israel and how much could its students look forward to? THE COMMENTATOR, with its Israeli correspondents, will attempt to bring vital information about helping Israel when necessary and hopefully will be able to include a bit of the spirit of Israel within its pages.

"In Prospect", THE COMMENTATOR has a lot of work on its hands in trying to build concrete certainties. I believe that I am fortunate enough to have a Governing Board which will strive to achieve the highest goals and will reach them.

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On a more personal note, this column would not be complete without thanking some people without whose help I never would have had the privilege of writing "In Prospect". Firstly, Irwin Mansdorf, former Sports Editor, thanks for giving me a first hand well rounded knowledge of Yeshiva athletics. Secondly, Koz and Norman, it was a pleasure working as your Sports Editor and thanks for acquainting me with the workings of the paper.

I will refrain from mentioning any juniors by name — fellas, you'll get yours next year. Lastly, I would like to thank Manny Ruchelsman and Chaim Lovinger for always being around when I was down and needed a helping hand. Manny, your columns are always welcome, and Chaim, there's always copy . . . and don't forget, my room will always be open next year for the 24 hour session.

In Preview

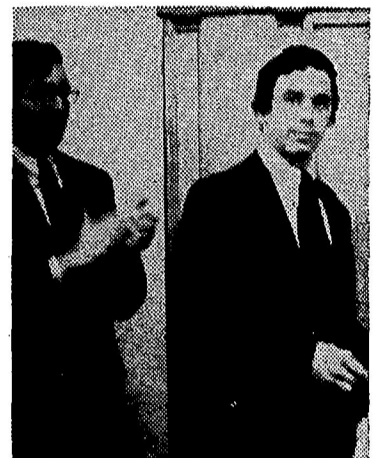
By LARRY EISENBERG

For the past few weeks, I have been doing a little soul searching to determine what Yeshiva really is, and how Student Council could help it fulfill its role. In my first article, I had wanted to explain to the students exactly what Yeshiva stands for, what it has to offer us, and what we must sacrifice to perpetuate it. Then a report dealing with grades was published by the Scholastic Standing Committee, Dr. Sarot was not reappointed, and the student body, along with its new council, was plunged into near confusion and disarray.

The fact that these issues have become the major problems facing the new council is testimony to the greater underlying problem — the lack of communication between students, faculty, and administration. This problem is almost unbelievable considering the small size of this university, yet it exists. Had the lines of communication been open, the report of the Scholastic Standings Committee would not have been misunderstood by faculty and students alike. Had we each known all the factors involved, the students' outrage might never

tagonism demand them. If this meeting marks the start of a more cordial relationship between administration and students, then it's worth will have exceeded the dreams of those who planned it. It is my fervent hope that this will be so.

I would now like to direct my comments to the issue at hand. The arguments for a change of grading system were clearly stated at the meeting. The dangers of maintaining the status quo were also noted. Combined,



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A Hand For Larry.

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have existed, or the administration's decision concerning Dr. Sarot might have been different.

It is in this light that I would like to examine the Council meeting of Tuesday, May 7. The Dean was invited to this meeting to answer questions of the students, who attended en masse. As far as concrete accomplishments go this meeting was not overly successful. That is to say, the students didn't get the strike many of them seemed to desire, and the Dean didn't win over as many students as he might have hoped for. While the question of grading methods was clarified, if only for the moment, no "faction" was able to persuade or even impress the other when dealing with Dr. Sarot's non-reappointment. For many, it must have been something of a disappointment.

As a forum, however, the meeting was of immense importance. Just to say that many different points of view were aired, is to miss its real significance. It was the Dean coming out to meet his students, and the students attending to meet their Dean. It was the classic confrontation, affording a much needed chance for display and exchange of emotion rather than just ideas. It was communication in the full sense of the word.

As the Dean noted, it was only the second time he had been invited to a Student Council meeting. If another few years pass before he is again asked to attend, then Tuesday night's meeting may be deemed a failure. This meeting should be the fore-runner of a series of sessions of this sort held on a regular basis, rather than when crisis and an-

these points were convincing enough to spur the Scholastic Standings Committee into proposing the "plus" grading system. The most valid argument for this particular system, never mentioned at the meeting, is that if a student is worried about getting a B+ rather than an A, he never really deserved the A. However, the faculty should note that, as the Dean stated, this system must only be used to make grades fair and reasonable, rather than to lower grades arbitrarily. Furthermore, the administration should keep in mind that the quality of our departments has greater bearing on our education and credibility with grad schools, than slight variations in grades.

When discussing Dr. Sarot, it is important to realize that hiring and nonreappointing are within the Dean's powers. While his decision making process includes student input, in the final analysis, he alone is responsible for the standards maintained by the college.

For this reason, I would have to say that I was disappointed with the line of questioning taken by some students. Instead of showing support for Dr. Sarot, which he so desperately needed, the meeting was used to attack the Dean's power in this matter. It was a wasted show of force, doomed to failure. It wasn't that our power as a student body was lacking; it was merely mis-directed.

In the future, let us harness this power and apply it where it is most needed. Let us unite in our common goals, rather than follow our diverse motivations. Let us fight for what is ours.



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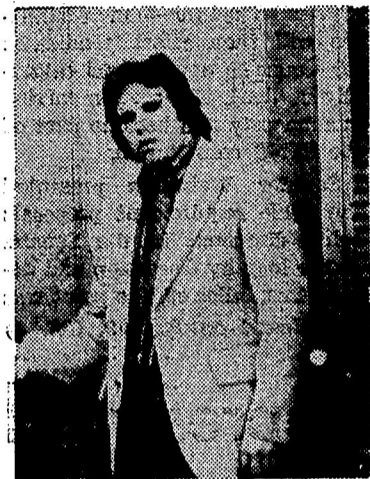
In The Rear: Editor-in-Chief Steve, Mark Srulowitz, Associate Steve Mandelsberg; Crouching: Jeff Stashun, David Gleicher, Stan Frohlinger, The Thinker Dave Rechtman, Barry Saltzman and Robert Kantowitz; Lying Down: Jeff Wandel, Mark Breslow, Asher Mansdorf and Eli Seidman.

In Review

By MANNY RUCHELSMAN

SUNDAY, MAY 12: Four years . . . are coming to an end. It is a far cry from those humble beginnings of 710 Rubin.

It would have been hard to imagine back in my freshman year, that my words would appear here in this column, to become part of Yeshiva's heritage with her past. And yet, it was equally as hard to imagine just 52 weeks ago, when this writer's column appeared on the opposite side of this centerfold, that the simple promise I made then,



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Manny handing over reigns.

Before we can discuss the mechanics that run the institution, we must discuss the man who runs the machinery — Dr. Belkin. Unfortunately, there is nothing to say — he has remained aloof, alone, and isolated from the students of Yeshiva. He and I have only met once — to take a picture for public relations.

His right hand man in the college is Rabbi Miller, the Vice President for Student Affairs. He is a man of enormous thirst and potential for leadership. His ability to bring people together is something that must be admired. But once parties have come together, he has the capacity to talk an issue into oblivion, hoping for a time when a weaker student council president would take office.

He and I have often taken opposing viewpoints as I have refused to compromise the student's interests. He once commented that my strong positions would lead to a poor reflection on Yeshiva. I only hope that he realizes that my concerns were for students and how Yeshiva could grow by these considerations.

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would not only permanently silence the sceptics, as to student government's position, but even make me feel a bit apologetic about my own scepticism's as to how much could actually be accomplished in such a short span in time.

In the year that is quickly fleeing, we pledged to recreate the power and authority of student government by giving discipline and structure to the presidency. This we did accomplish.

One could hardly imagine that student government could take such a turn for the better. The secret to a successful year, is neither the promises or pledges of an election campaign nor the multitude of friends that support you. It is hard work—many times alone, many times lonely.

Many before me have left the presidency a mere title. I leave it something worth having and something worth fighting for.

Former council presidents needed to reconstruct their year in office in this outgoing column to give credibility to their tenure. I am, however, in the exclusive position to forego the traditional good-bye column. The record of this administration speaks for itself. All the words in the world will never take the place of those services we reinstated and those programs we initiated.

Responsibility for services and programs do not suddenly end when a president hands over the gavel to his successor. Future student leaders must be informed as to the personalities that make Yeshiva. I only hope that the experiences that I have had prove beneficial to them.

The office for student affairs must be a pivotal point in reflecting imagination and inspiration for the student body. Rabbi Miller is the right man for his job if only he could get his information first hand. The power of his secretary, Mrs. Owing to sift and to select student leaders has made Rabbi Miller an appendage of his own office.

Other presidents, believing likewise, feared losing an award or two and remained silent. I believe that Rabbi Miller should get his information first hand—so I write it here to be remembered.

Dean Bacon, the chief academic officer of the college is someone I had a wrong impression of when I was an underclassman. Differences of opinion will always exist between two reasoning men. The important point about Dean Bacon is that he always put his cards on the table and we dealt from there. I respect him for his initiative and genuine concern for the well being of the college.

I will always remember Mrs. Epstein, the dean's secretary, for her friendliness to me and her concern for the student body. She was always willing to help, even if it meant going out on a limb.

Student leaders must draw inspiration from teachers around them, as I have from Mr. Beukas. He was my instructor in my freshman year — but a friend through college. Here is a man who lives and breathes Yeshiva. He is a model that members of the faculty should follow. When (Continued on Page 7, Col. 1)

In Retrospect

By NORMAN BLUMENTHAL

I'm looking back upon eight years at Yeshiva. These years represent a substantial part of my life and the institution I am leaving has affected me crucially throughout this time.

The eight years was a time of marked change from near reckless optimism to caution and reorganization. America passed from a period of economic bliss to one earmarked by shortages and an impending recession. The college campuses and urban ghettos have replaced riots and protest with resigned silence. Professionalism is rapidly replacing liberal arts. The universities, once swamped with applications, are now experiencing "the first overall decline in first-year students in peacetime memory." (The New York Times, May 5, 1974). And, of course, our image of Israel is greatly transformed. The immutable confidence—or should I say smugness—in Israel's sure survival and thriving success has been tempered by a wariness and the realization of the country's vulnerability.

Yeshiva is also experiencing the aftermath of unbridled growth and optimism. Besides the nationwide reduction in college enrollment, our university must carry the burden of a crippling debt that has, in part, grown from its overextended development of the 1960's. The "expansion of the sixties" has spawned the consolidation of the seventies. The University, as well as student activities, are busily trying to "put it all together" and subsist on a bare minimum expense.

This era of reorganization is felt at Yeshiva College as well. It probably accounts for the relatively uneventful year that 1974 has been. The lull of student activities in the Senate and even of urgent editorials on the pages of THE COMMENTATOR appear to reflect the 1974 zeitgeist. The little that has been done is also more pragmatic and of a more limited scope than many of the sweeping academic reforms proposed in previous years. A business minor, for example, is Yeshiva's faint response to the general disillusionment with a liberal arts education.

This period of reorganization is probably essential and inevitable. My only fear is that it may deteriorate into stagnation. There must be continual growth and vibrancy in the college. It is not impossible that the diminished idealism on the college campus will spread to Yeshiva interfering with our strong commitment to Israel and Soviet Jewry. However, a more imminent danger is that, as an outgrowth of the nation's economic uncertainty, the Yeshiva student will become even more career and profession oriented. An overriding and exaggerated preoccupation with his ultimate career would emerge at the expense of student activities, a general education, and the development of meaningful Jewish studies — the raison d'etre of Yeshiva College.

THE COMMENTATOR '74

Although there is always room for improvement, I am generally pleased with this year's COMMENTATOR. We have tried to cover major campus as well as off-campus events and issues in a responsible fashion. In general my dealings with Dean Bacon and Dr. Miller have been satisfactory as well. Though they are staunchly partial to Yeshiva and refute any criticism of it, I was not exposed to the amount of dissimulation that I was lead to believe I would. Unfortunately, I cannot say the same for Yeshiva's Public Relations Department. In the few encounters I have had with YUPRE, I found that its coordinators still adhere to the old belief that, on principle, students are to be misled whenever they broach a touchy subject.

In the editorials and columns of THE COMMENTATOR, we have tried to put forth sound recommendations and criticism. Often limited by what "can and cannot be published," much of our activity has been done behind the scenes. Of immeasurable help in this area were my veteran editors and right-hand men Elliot Tannenbaum and Daniel Besdin (alias Warren Glickstein). I also received vital assistance from Josh Schwartz, Al Kaplan, and Howard Schranz. In their varying capacities, these seniors were indispensable to this and other aspects of the publication.

Judging from the positive feedback we received about The Commentator-Forum, I am of the opinion that this innovative op-ed section was a success. The new Editor and Board plan to continue publishing this supplement next year offering the Yeshiva community opportunities to directly express their sentiments in their own newspaper.

The news, efficiently managed by Steven Mandelsberg, was objective and comprehensive. Of

course, some of the articles were "old news" but this is inevitable for a bi-weekly publication. We do, however, try to cover a wide range of events and some anticipatory news as well.

Jeff Wandel's feature staff covered numerous topics ranging from the Jewish Blind to the Gay Synagogue. This part of the newspaper has the greatest potential and I hope that it will continue to be used to its utmost.

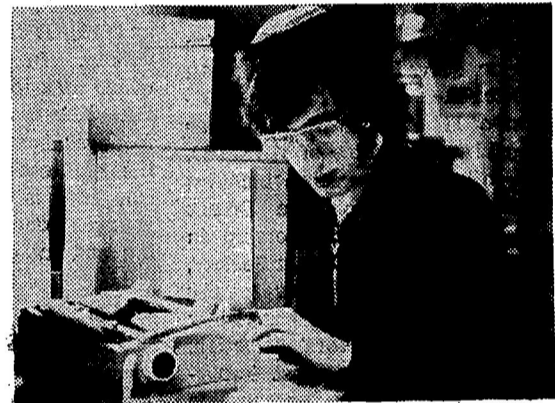
Mark Breslow and Mark Srulowitz ("You mean this paper's got a Make-up Editor?") both notably handled what are probably the most unnoticed and thankless jobs of a newspaper. Both filled in badly-needed vacancies and, though off to a late start, did a fine job.

At the helm of the sports staff for a likely unprecedented two years, Steve Reishbaum did an exceptional job and I know that I'm leaving the paper in good hands.

Added Kudos

I would certainly be remiss if I did not express my gratitude to those people who enhanced both my academic and journalistic careers at Yeshiva.

The Phillip Lieberman Memorial Award is granted to that senior who distinguishes himself in dedication to the College and character. My roommate, Joe Epstein, amply deserves the award



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Norman and his best friend.

as he did an outstanding job as Editor-in-Chief of THE HAMEVASER and is a character I've ever met one. The mutually beneficial experience of our having roomed together is "living proof" that the two newspapers which we edited can complement, rather than compete with, one another.

I am also indebted to Mrs. Streich — full-time COMMENTATOR and part-time JSS secretary; Mrs. Owing of Rabbi Miller's office; THE FELLAS — for bringing wine, Stern Women, and song to my life (well, 2 1/2 out of 3 isn't bad); and my clutch Circulation Editors Lenny Friedman and Artie Strenger.

Outgoing Governing Board

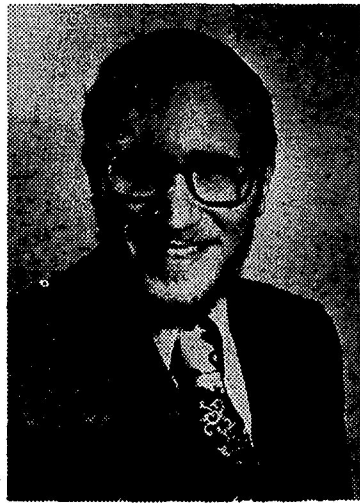
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Academically, one of the most significant parts of my college career was the opportunity to not only study under some great teachers, but to relate to them personally as well. For this opportunity, I owe a debt of gratitude to Dr. Helmut Adler — a great scientist and gentleman; to Rabbis Eliyahu Safran and David Shatz; to Dean Jacob Rabinowitz; and to my gemorah rebbi. I would also like to thank a courteous and brilliant scholar, Rabbi Norman Lamm, for expecting the most out of me — and nearly getting it.

Anticipating the chagim that will find me pursuing knowledge elsewhere, I would like to conclude by requesting mehdilah from anyone who may have been offended by something written in THE COMMENTATOR this year. Our purpose was to conduct responsible coverage and direction — not to harm or insult.

Epstein, Herskovics To Receive Awards



Joe Epstein

By BARRY LIST

Joseph Epstein and Dr. Mayer Herskovics were selected by YU seniors, to receive the Phillip Lieberman and Senior Professor Awards, respectively. The seniors also chose to dedicate Masmid, the senior yearbook, to the Yom Kippur War Fallen.

Joey Epstein, an economics major, served this year as both Editor-in-Chief and Associate Editor of HAMEVASER, as well as the Literary Editor of MASMID. His other achievements included his appearance on the Dean's Honor List and membership in the Pi Gamma Mu Honor Society, the social science honor society at Yeshiva. Joey, who was visibly elated by the seniors' selection, explained that the most important honor one can receive is to be acclaimed by one's own classmates and peers. The seniors, said Joey, expressed their approval of those students active in extracurricular activities by selecting one of those people to receive the award. The Phillip Lieberman Award is bestowed upon the senior chosen by his classmates for his character, per-

Senate Votes For Variation Of The Bible Requirement

By HENRY ZUPNICK

At its meetings of May 2 and May 9, the Senate unanimously adopted the first three sections of its student senators' plan for a revision of the Bible requirement. A motion offered by Dean Bacon to substitute for these three sections was voted down.

The parts of the proposal accepted by the senate provide for eight semesters of Bible and a total of ten credits. These credits must be earned by taking four semesters of two credit required courses, two semesters of one credit electives, and two semesters of courses which may be taken for no credit but which must be passed by the student.

The Senate subsequently agreed that one of the two credit required courses would be an introductory course to Bible, while the other three would be textual courses recommended by the Bible department. The electives offered would be both textual and topical courses.

Dean's Proposal

At this juncture Dean Bacon proposed that students take eight semesters of Bible for at least one credit every semester (Continued on Page 8, Col. 1)



Dr. Herskovics

Senior Professor

sonality and services rendered to the class.

Dr. Herskovics has taught at Yeshiva for over twenty years. Presently a Professor of Bible, Tanach and Jewish History, he received his MA at Pazmany Peter University; his ordination and his DHL at Yeshiva University. In a recent article which appeared in HAMEVASER Dr. Herskovics expressed his feelings about teaching: "I feel the greatest satisfaction a Jew can have is to transmit to the younger generation all his learning and knowledge."

Class Officers Picked After Quiet Campaign

By AVI MOSKOWITZ

On Thursday, May 2, elections were held for class officers of YCSC. A total of nine officers were elected in what was a listless campaign with no controversial issues.

Of all the classes, it was the freshman class that provided the most spirited races. The race for president saw Ricky Eisenberg, brother of the YCSC president-elect Larry Eisenberg, swamping four other candidates, including incumbent Gary Balsam. In his platform and throughout the campaign, Eisenberg attacked the inactivity of his predecessor, and offered new programs such as the bettering of student relations with the guidance department and removal of the charge for visiting the museum. This combination of attacking the incumbent and offering new programs enabled Eisenberg to capture 93 votes to 39 for his closest challenger, Gary Balsam.

Close

The election for the vice president of next year's sophomore class provided the most exciting race of any of the nine contests, with a relative unknown, Rick Elfman, defeating incumbent Terry Rifkin and the three other candidates by a one vote margin on the fourth ballot with a count of 76 to 75. Elfman managed to overcome an identity problem by running an aggressive door to door campaign and stressing the unresponsiveness of the incumbent to his class's needs. Rifkin on the other hand stressed his experience and his past achievements, but fell just short in his attempt at re-election.

In the race for secretary-treasurer, it took Meir Chernofsky three ballots to beat the incum-

Senate Selection System Revised By YCSC While Bible Requirement Is Discussed Again

By HARRY FELD

On April 22, in one of its longest meetings this year, the Yeshiva College Student Council revised its method of selection of student senators. In addition, YCSC received a report from Senator Weinstein on the Senate discussions concerning the Bible requirement.

President Ruchelsman opened the meeting with an announcement that for the first time, the Faculty Assembly had approved the institution of student teacher evaluations. The evaluation process will be administered by YCSC under the guidelines established by the Faculty Assembly.

The committee that had been formed to reevaluate Senate selection processes reported agreement upon a new proposal. This amendment to the YCSC constitution would replace the present system under which the incoming executive board of YCSC alone (president, vice president, and secretary treasurer) select candidates to be approved by the entire council. Objections to this system had stemmed primarily from claims by some council members of inability to properly evaluate Senate candidates in the few minutes of perfunctory discussion heretofore allowed to Council before the vote for approval. It was felt by many that a wider representation in the

actual selection process would be highly desirable.

The committee report suggested that in addition to the previous selection committee, two non-voting members be added: a graduating student senator, who would sit in on the interviews of prospective candidates, and the outgoing YCSC president, who would not only sit in on the interviews but would also advise the executive board in its private deliberations to select the final candidates. The committee advised against allowing the rest of Council to participate to any great extent for fear of having political considerations enter into the selection process.

Eisenberg Objects

President-elect Eisenberg strenuously objected, as the new proposal would still require Council to act merely as a rubber stamp in approving the can-

didates the executive board had selected. He consequently amended the proposal to provide for a second round of interviews. During the first round, the proposed five-man selection committee will narrow the field of prospective candidates down to at least twice the number of Senate seats available; this will be done separately for juniors and for seniors applying. All of YCSC will then be invited to attend a second round of interviews to become acquainted with these candidates. The five-man committee will then select candidates for Council's approval as originally outlined. The motion carried unanimously and became part of the YCSC constitution.

Senator Weinstein presented the Bible requirement proposals being discussed in the Senate. In the lengthy discussion and debate that followed, the point was (Continued on Page 9, Col. 3)

Various Faiths Represented At Solidarity Sunday Rally

By ROBERT BLASS

In what has become an extremely popular event on the Jewish calendar, more than 150,000 Jews turned out to demonstrate their solidarity with the oppressed Jews of the U.S.S.R.

The third annual "Solidarity Sunday for Soviet Jewry" commenced with the Freedom March that began at noon from Seventy-first Street and Fifth Avenue and culminated with an

tion. Father Robert T. Drinian, a Congressman, told the throng that alleviating the plight of Soviet Jews is not only the responsibility of world Jewry but world Christianity as well. He expressed the hope that the Vatican would soon extend its recognition to Israel. Father Drinian drew loud applause as he concluded his address with the words of the Protestant theologian Reinhold Niebuhur, "No

bent Herbie Pasternak and the three other candidates by a tally of 86 to 61. Chernofsky's success can be traced to his reasonable platform and his own tireless campaigning. His most interesting point, and the most popular one on his platform, was his promise to form a committee of classmates to aid incoming sophomores and freshmen in their course selections. This idea, coupled with a persistent door to door campaign, gave Chernofsky the victory over Pasternak, whose campaign was hampered by academic responsibilities.

Low-Key Sophs

In contrast to the spirited races in the freshman class, the sophomores offered three low key contests. The presidency was won by Mike Katzenstein, who defeated Jerry Levine by seven votes 84 to 77. This race was unique because neither candidate made an extensive use of flyers.

The contest for vice-president resulted in a landslide victory for David Goldberg over Andy Pomranz. The two candidates offered contrasting campaign styles, Goldberg plastering the walls with flyers and platforms promising many innovative programs, and Pomranz running a low key campaign promising nothing more than diligence, hard work and good representation. The sophs decided to gamble on Goldberg's promises and voted him in by a tally of 103-57.

As a result of another landslide, Steve Gordon will be next year's Junior secretary-treasurer. He defeated his opponent Jeff Fried by a margin of 101-43.

Next year's senior class was the only one that didn't have one close election. Robert Jetter (Continued on Page 8, Col. 3)



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Yeshiva Marches on Solidarity Sunday.

enthusiastic rally at Dag Hammarskjold Plaza, Forty-seventh Street and First Avenue. Highlighting the march was a float containing a seventeen-foot high replica of a prison tower in the Soviet Union.

Interfaith Protest

More than forty prominent clergymen representing various faiths, Jewish and non-Jewish, each carried pictures of the Soviet Jewish "prisoners of conscience." Their participation was co-ordinated by the National Interreligious Task Force on Soviet Jewry.

The "rubber-lunged" Bnei Akivaniks and the Jewish Defense League, in full armor, were among the other parade standouts. And, of course, there was Yeshiva, admirably represented this year by a few hundred spirited young men and women.

Rabbi Ovadiah Yosef, Sephardic Chief Rabbi of Israel, was on hand to deliver the invoca-

one can be a good Christian until first he is a good Jew."

Politicos Present

Mayor Beame and Senator Javits were among the many personalities who addressed the crowd. Elie Weisel, the noted Jewish author and lecturer was also present. A particularly warm reception was given to the principal speaker, Senator Henry M. Jackson (D-Washington). He is the author of the "Jackson Amendment" which bars trade concessions to the Soviet Union until she removes all barriers to free emigration.

The increasing popularity of Solidarity Sunday, was primarily responsible for a resolution adopted by the New York State Legislature requesting the President and the Congress of the United States to call upon the Soviet government to end its persecution of Jews and permit its citizens the right of emigration to the countries of their choice.

Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef Here For Yom Ha-Atzmaut Comment

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 5) pence. Nevertheless, Hallel could still be instituted for a miracle set totally apart from the natural, such as the miracle of the oil.

Shephardim, emphasized Rabbi Yosef, are particularly wary of saying unneeded berachot, and are therefore very reluctant to recite Hallel on Yom HaAtzmaut with a beracha.

Ingratitude

Still, there is an obligation to say Hallel for the military victory of Yom HaAtzmaut, even though it be without a beracha. The normal reaction is to praise G-d after being saved from tragedy. In contrast, Hezekiah, King of Judah was not at all surprised at the news that the huge armies of Sancherib had been decimated by plague. He knew deliverance would come sooner or later, and consequently he failed to sing out spontaneously in praise of G-d. The

In Review

(Continued from Page 5, Col. 2) I come back to visit Yeshiva, Mr. Beukas is one instructor I'd like to see still teaching here.

Rabbi Paretsky, my Rebbi of two years got to know me very well. The role of a rabbi is to remind his talmidim of their responsibilities and to offer constructive criticism. Rebbi, you did your job.

A source of inspiration for four years was the wrestling team. In the final analysis, I am as equally proud of being captain of the team as of president. The guys on the team showed me how important it was to produce and what it meant to be part of the whole. Neil Ellman, the coach, and Nathan Schweitzer, my co-captain, taught me how to unyieldingly strive for a goal until it is accomplished. I only hope that these athletes get their deserved recognition.

Yeshiva is never complete without one's friends. They are a source of a reality devoid of politics and schoolwork: Noah Klein, Jeff Krantz, Shoe, Edsel, and of course, my roommates Lenny and Hymie. Hymie was able to see through the politics and still do a good job as president of EMCSC.

Student government next year should not rest on the accomplishments of this year. There is a balance of power that exists between the president and media. If one slackens, the other takes charge. I am very happy that next year student government is fortunate enough to have two very talented leaders to protect the gains we have made this year on council: Steve Reisbaum, Commentator Editor and Glenn Hirsch, WYUR Station Manager.

As president of this year's council, I took a personal interest in the issues, but more so in the students as individuals. I may not have always been successful in solving a student's personal problem, but at least there was someone there to take an interest. When I was an underclassman, there was no one there to care.

This is the last chapter to four years by Manny Ruchelsman. Let it be the first page to student government.

Midrash states that Hezekiah would have become the Messiah but for this instance of failing to acknowledge G-d's victory. This was his only fault, "ingratitude"; otherwise he was completely righteous in his observance and dissemination of Torah throughout Israel. Trust in G-d must be coupled with joy and

gratitude for the actual deliverance.

Rabbi Yosef thanked President Belkin and Rabbi Soloveichik and all those who work to spread Torah and work to learn Torah. He closed with the hope that we may soon say Hallel with a beracha with the coming of the Messiah.

Institutional Synagogue Head Was Early Jewish Activist

(Continued from Page 3, Col. 5) New York) assisting Rabbi Moses Z. Margolies. However, he felt he couldn't fulfill his dream there. He was a man with a purpose, an ideal — to get American Judaism on its feet. In an announcement that shocked his orthodox colleagues he resigned from Kehilath Jeshurun and made public his plans for the formation of a new type of synagogue — one so new, so unthinkable that he was shunned by many of his peers. His new synagogue was called the Institutional Synagogue. I.S. was a combination shul, Talmud Torah, and YM-YWHA. He felt that the sports activities and clubs, which would be part of the I.S., would draw the non-committed and assimilationist Jew off the street and hopefully into the shul and Talmud Torah.

Fund Raising

To raise money for his program Rabbi Goldstein organized giant "Monster Revival Rallies" in which top name speakers and entertainers would perform, after which he would talk about the need for the I.S. It was during these rallies where his oratory earned him his nickname — the Jewish Billy Sunday.

Rabbi Goldstein's project became a success far beyond expectations. It was estimated that, once founded in Harlem (a predominantly Jewish Upper middle class section at the time), the Institutional Synagogue drew 3,500 people to its doors weekly. More important though was the fact that its sixty-seven simultaneously running clubs subtly introduced religion to its crowds. Slowly the long extinguished spark was rekindled and, as was hoped, more and more people attended the Talmud Torah classes.

Multilevel Classes

There were classes for everything, each with different levels. Rabbi Goldstein himself taught an adult, woman's and elementary bible class. The goal of the classes was to teach that the Jewish tradition must be passed on. The key idea was religion for the masses, for the entire community, to obtain the ability to live by it and to enjoy it.

After Harlem became a totally Black neighborhood in the 1930's. Rabbi Goldstein transferred his activities to the West Side

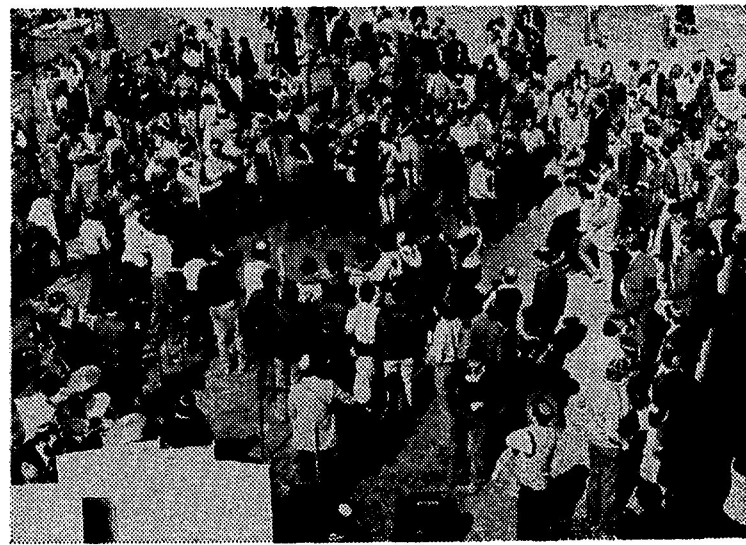
(1937), where he had previously established a branch known as the West Side Institutional Synagogue. This time, through the religious seeds were already planted and the first Orthodox American Jewish activist directed his attention to other activities.

Rabbinical Training

One of his major desires was to train rabbis for the future. To fulfill this task he became Professor of Homiletics (the art of giving sermons) at the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary of Yeshiva University. So as not to neglect the Jewish community of the present, he became president of the Synagogue Council of America, Rabbinical Council of America, and the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America. He was also active in the Agudat Yisroel movement. With Hitler's rise to power he helped the Hatzala movement to raise monies with Jewish activists. The accomplishments he left behind are far from being forgotten.

A foundation has given a grant for the publication of the biography of Rabbi Goldstein. Anyone with anecdotal information concerning Rabbi Goldstein should contact Aaron Reichel at 230 W. 79th St. or call 874-6431.

YU's Yom HaAtzmaut; Day Long Celebration



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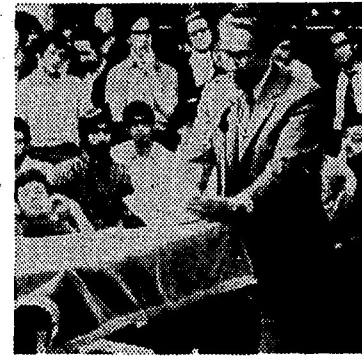
Yom Ha-Atzmaut was celebrated at Yeshiva all day by a large crowd from YU, Stern, and other colleges and high schools.

The celebration was informal; the Ruach Revival Orchestra provided the music while students filled Danciger Campus singing, dancing, speaking to friends or playing with frisbees. Other students stood outside the fence talking and watching. When Rabbi Ovadia Yosef left YU after his morning shiur, crowds spontaneously gathered around his car and the accom-

YCSC Hears Dean Emphasize Belkin's Integration Directive

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 3) pointment rests with him. He went on to explain that part-time instructors, such as Dr. Sarot, receive one-year contracts, and if such an instructor does not receive a letter telling him that he is reappointed, he should assume that he will not be reappointed. Dr. Bacon felt that Dr. Sarot is a fine person but is not being reappointed because of a directive from President Belkin to integrate the different departments of YU. Dr. Sarot's replacement will be a woman from Sue Golding Graduate School and will be a full time instructor. When asked why she was chosen over Dr. Sarot, Dean Bacon answered, "He is not a member of Einstein."

Senator Lichtiger then raised



Paul Millman

Dean and Students

a series of questions. Firstly, would firing a Ph.D and hiring a Ph.D candidate, who has no teaching experience, be beneficial to the biology department? Secondly, why was Dr. Tendler left unaware of the non-reappointment of Dr. Sarot, who claims that Dr. Tendler was shocked when he told Dr. Tendler that he had been fired? Thirdly, had Dr. Sarot not made an appointment to see the dean, he would still be unaware that he is without a job. Finally, the Chemistry Department in Belfer has been trying to be integrated

with the undergraduate department for years and has met with stiff opposition. Why is it suddenly so important that Einstein be immediately integrated with YC's biology department?

The Dean reiterated that all part-time instructors must assume that they are not being rehired until they get a letter of reappointment. He then emphasized that the final decision lies in the hands of the Dean, who consults with the head of the department. Dr. Bacon added that he had empathy for Dr. Sarot, but the appointed instructor is also highly recommended, a member of the Scholastic

The Dean went on to clear up another rumor. He said as far as he knows Dr. Wischnitzer is remaining on the staff next year. After answering all the questions posed to him, the Dean took his leave of the meeting.

State Legislature Contemplates New Financial Aid Plan

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 1) tion: passing the bill, and funding it.

Despite the uncertain future of the two bills already passed, since many legislators are committed to passage of some new student aid measure, a compromise will probably be effected. This is perhaps due to the fact that the largest sector of the state's population, the middle class, is most affected by the present situation. With many private college tuitions approaching \$5,000, private higher education has become unrealistic for middle class families earning between \$8,000 and \$20,000 in net taxable income.

As a result, according to the State Department of Education, many prospective freshmen have opted to enroll at public colleges for purely financial reasons. In turn, private colleges have faced a difficult problem in recruiting students from lower and middle class families. Due to decreased enrollments, since 1965 twenty-three private colleges in New York have closed, despite an increased statewide student population.

Yeshiva University is of course not immune to the current economic situation. According to Mr. Jack Nussbaum, Director of Student Finances, YU would greatly benefit from any state funded tuition aid programs. He said that "presently some 75% of Yeshiva students are on some sort of scholarship." He added that in a sense all YC students are on a scholarship since the Jewish Divisions do not charge a tuition.

Mr. Nussbaum mentioned that the bills in question are "up in the air at the moment." Yet, he emphasized that regardless of what develops, the University will continue to meet its obligations to its students.

The Costigan program, if adopted, would provide a grant of \$1,150 to a family with net taxable income of \$10,000 in addition to the \$250 Regents Scholarship a student would receive if he passes the statewide examination. Such a family presently receives a \$100 Scholar Incentive Award, and, upon qualification, a \$250 scholarship.

BRIEFS

At the last meeting of the Yeshiva Alumni Association, the question of having a fund raising drive for a gym was overwhelmingly passed. Daniel Halpert and Arthur Aron addressed the alumni and all agreed on the importance of athletic facilities. A committee was formed and is now looking into possible fund raising projects.

Bible Requirement Changed YCSC Class Officers Are Picked

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with the option of taking the last two courses on a P-N basis. The student, of course, would be able to register for any Bible courses offered for more than one credit at either YC or BRGS, but if he chose to take the courses presently offered at YC he would get only one credit for each one.

In response to this proposal Senator Wandel pointed out that this plan defeated the entire purpose of the Senate's deliberations by allowing the student to fulfill his requirement exactly the same way he does now. Sen-

ator Besdin added that two credits must be given to required courses not only to insure the quality of the courses' content, but also to insure a better attitude on the part of the students which is also vital to the success of the class.

Dean Bacon expressed confidence in the maturity of the student body as well as in its desire to increase its knowledge of the Bible. His motion was defeated by the Senate.

Ethical Vagueness

In other developments, Dr. Linn, of the Senate Curriculum

(Continued from Page 6, Col. 3) rolled up the largest victory in the school by outpolling Isaac Nutovic by better than a three to one margin to capture the presidency. The final tally was Jetter 78; Nutovic 25.

Sammy Friedman, capitalizing on his high recognition factor defeated Reuvain Zahavy for vice president. Besides stressing experience, Friedman offered two interesting proposals. He suggested that the registrar meet with juniors and seniors to review transcripts, in order to eliminate mistakes which could prevent someone from

graduating. He also recommended that WYUR extend its broadcasts to the Bronx, Upper Manhattan and New Jersey. His proposals won him enough supporters to win by a count of

67-38. The senior's secretary-treasurer for next year will be Israel Wahrman, who ran unopposed and garnered 58 votes against 55 abstentions.

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"If I am not for myself who is for me? And if I am for myself alone, what am I? And if not now, when?"

— HILLEL

Israel needs American volunteers. The current civilian manpower shortage must be alleviated. Hundreds of volunteers went to Israel during the Yom Kippur War. Their presence was an affirmation of the unbreakable bonds tying the Jewish communities of Israel and the United States. Many of these volunteers have now completed their service and are returning home. The need, however, has not altered; rather, it has increased. Young Americans are needed to replace those Israelis still serving in the reserves.

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YC To Offer Business Minor In The 1974 Fall Semester

By DAVID WEINTRAUB

In response to the requests of many students who plan to pursue careers in business administration, Dean Bacon has announced the creation of a business minor in YU. The new minor will be instituted beginning with the Fall '74 semester.

Students interested in minor-ing in business, will be required to take 18 credits of business courses. These can be chosen from business-related courses now being offered by the Economics Department — including accounting, statistics, money and banking, corporate finance, and others. Two new courses will be offered in the future—advanced

corporate finance and industrial psychology.

The minor was designed through consultation with authorities in the field of business education. In describing the program, Dr. Levine, Chairman of the Eco. Dept. of YC stated, "The minor is a concentrated program in the tool areas of economic analysis — i.e. economics, accounting, and quantitative methods. This program is not geared to the satisfying of the requirements of any particular school — its purpose is to provide a solid background in the behavioral sciences of business administration which will prepare one for graduate work in any school."

Lisa Levy, Baalat Tshuva, States Education Is Answer To Problem

(Continued from Page 3, Col. 3) where Jews of any age may come to learn about Judaism for any length of time they wish, whether it be days or years.

This school it is hoped, would thus fulfill the spiritual needs of all Jews who are in search of the meaning to their own faith. She believes there are thousands of Jews who would

be attracted to such an enterprise, including members of the Jesus movement.

Thus in her opinion, education is the key to stemming the tide of assimilation. She is constantly reminded of the phrase in the Bible which says that Israel will be destroyed for lack of education.

Lisa points out that her experience was a very fortunate one. She feels that she has finally found the true faith for which she had always been searching. She now feels equipped to act as the "instrument of God" in helping other misguided Jews return to their faith.

Senate Selection System Revised By YCSC While Bible Requirement Is Discussed Again

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raised that attempts to improve the Bible courses by raising the credit value to two credits may place a burden upon those students who must fit a great many required courses into a maximum load of 17½ credits. Furthermore, many students object to the present preponderance of Jewish Studies credits (26) which they are required to take.

The final business concerned allotments for various activities. The remaining \$235 in the inter-city projects allocation was given to T'chila for religious articles and a day camp for Russian olim. The standard \$25 allotment was granted to the Society of Physics Students, the Jewish Studies Society, and the Jewish Studies Honor Society.

Allotments were carried over to the next meeting, on May 1. The Dramatics Society was given \$350 to purchase pipes for the stage lights. The acquisition of these pipes is expected to save \$240 per year in rental and transportation.

The Senate Bible discussions were again brought up, and the recent proposals were explained by Student Senator Wandel and Alumni Senator Kramer. YCSC voted to endorse a modified version of Senator Kramer's proposal, possibly shifting the Bible courses from YC to the YP program and requiring each YP student to transfer to his YC transcript either one or two Bible credits per term at his own option for all eight terms. The initial vote was tied, four in favor and four against with two abstentions. Council and the audience cheered heartily as outgoing President Manny Ruchelsman cast his first tie-breaking vote of the year in favor, passing the proposal. Those who had voted against the proposal stressed that they disapproved not only of this proposal in particular but of all the others as well.

An allocation of \$100 was authorized for the three athletic teams, in order to purchase gifts for the coaches. A special allocation of \$50 was made towards a plaque to be co-sponsored by all of the councils in memory of the yeshiva students who died in the Yom Kippur War.

Two amendments to the YCSC

constitution were then passed unanimously by the two-thirds of the entire Council in attendance. The first changed the last possible date for special YCSC elections from March 1 to the beginning of the spring semester. Should a vacancy occur after this date, no new elections will be held; instead, the vacated position will either be filled by the next lower officer or remain vacant.

The second amendment elevated WYUR to the same status as COMMENTATOR and TEMPO. These activities are classed under "communications" (previously "publications") in the YCSC constitution, and do not require any faculty advisor. The amendment was passed pending approval by the Office of Student Affairs.

A third proposal, which would have transferred some of the publicity duties of the secretary-treasurer to the vice-president, was defeated and returned to the Committee for Constitutional Revision for consideration next year.

There was a question from the floor concerning the proposed changes in the grading system. President Ruchelsman stated that he was planning on discussing the matter with Dean Bacon and promised a full report at the last scheduled meeting of the year.

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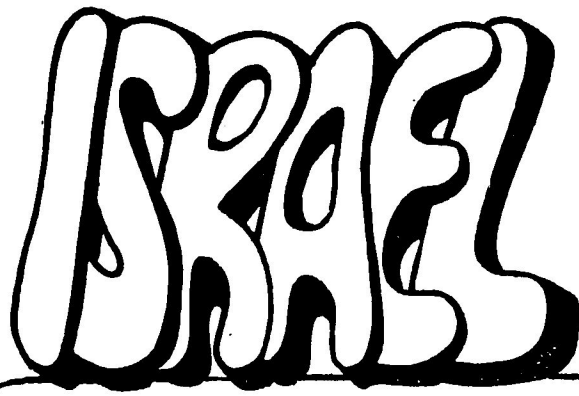
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Letters To The Editor

(Continued from Page 2, Col. 5) made strenuous efforts to enlist many volunteers for the SOY Chavrusa Program, which helps a number of YP, JSS, and YUHS students in their Torah studies.

All of these programs can signify "lackadaisical attitudes" only if you feel that Torah Judaism signifies "stagnation." Since I played a major role in many of these projects, especially the Seforim Drive and the SOY publications, I feel that I have a right to feel proud about SOY's achievements, as do President Irwin Gross and Secretary-Treasurer Sammy Friedman. I hope you will not confuse such pride with a "holier-than-thou" attitude of a Riets elitist, and I demand an apology.

SOY Vice President
Zvi Weissler
YC '74

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The Editor Replies: The Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines "stagnation" as "motionless, not flowing." THE COMMENTATOR interpreted this to mean that the Hebrew Divisions Student Councils are motionless in the sense that they have not moved into any original activities. Take a closed look at your "innovations."

P.S. The two B.M.'s are in F301 and on the first floor of the Main Building.

Kol Speaks

To the Editor:

Allan Schwartz's article in the Commentator of 24 April dealt with WYUR's birthday celebration. Mr. Schwartz went on to laud the radio station's war with the Administration, a victory of which was the blessing of piped music into the cafeteria during mealtimes whose faults I criticized in an earlier letter, which apparently was ignored.

Mr. Schwartz deplored the radio station's low budget—fourteen hundred dollars — and WYUR's total exclusion from the catalogue. I quote: "In the current catalogue index, the Kol, a Yeshiva publication that has not seen print (sic) once this year, is written in bold italicized print, while WYUR, the 68 hour a week radio station, did not even receive a footnote."

Poor WYUR! Granted fourteen hundred dollars to play with, yet no mention in the catalogue! Mr. Schwartz, do you know that KOL/Ashes n' Sparks came out last year? KOL got a lousy hundred dollars; after our "marriage" with Stern's Ashes n' Sparks, we received a dowry of \$150 more. We would never have come out at all, had it not been for the dedication of a few literate people from Yeshiva and Stern, together with Faculty Advisors Dr. Connolly and Mrs. Hatvary, who wrote, edited, and published the entire magazine.

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Furthermore, Mr. Schwartz, you should know that KOL/Ashes n' Sparks was read and lauded by literary people and educators, even recently entered in a college magazine competition. Its former contributors have gone on to be published in several literary magazines, in places far beyond the reach of WYUR's bobby-pin antenna.

We who wrote for KAL/Ashes n' Sparks feel it well deserves mention in the catalogue, being the only publication which allows Yeshiva the right to call itself a liberal arts college. I notice that Poetry Workshop will be offered by the English Department this fall, and I urge qualified students to register for it. If KOL ever emerges again, it will be from that class. At that time, if WYUR doesn't want its fourteen hundred, KOL will gladly take it.

Yours truly,
David Hartley Mark '73
for
KOL/Ashes n' Sparks '73

Views On Who's Whose

To the Editor,

When the Commentator was first published way back when, I am sure that no one objected to the title of its "social" column. "Who's Whose" surely gives "Rings and Things" a good challenge in the witty title race but it seems to me that this wit can lead to quite offensive inferences. I find that title "Whos's Whose" highly possessive, implying that the girl has been bought by a diamond ring. I would hope that this type of possessiveness plays a minor role in the relationships of those people listed. Perhaps more of a two way impression should be offered in the title of such a column. Couldn't you use the title "Social Register" or something less suggestive than "Who's Whose."

Ms. Suri Pinter
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Highest Ranked Karate Students Perform In Annual YU Exhibition

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form, and Jeffrey Glanz performed two weapon forms, one with the Tun-Fa and one with a sword. Joel Comet, as part of his black belt test, demonstrated one of the forms that is required of a black belt. He performed it so expertly that Master Sober called it "perfect". These different forms demonstrated the grace and the agility aspects of the martial arts.

YU Kung Fu

In the fighting segment of the exhibition, Master Sober and Gary Schulman showed the audience the difference in fighting techniques between the Karate and Kung-Fu systems. Later, Master Sober and Mr. Aaron demonstrated weapons fighting. First, both used the bo (quarter-staff), and then Master Sober switched to the tun-fa.

For a while the black belts stepped aside and the high ranking brown belts took over. Arthur Gribetz and Philip Katz demonstrated impressive one-step fighting techniques. In another phase of his black belt test, Mr. Comet performed a series of pre-arranged fights where his opponent attacked him with a knife. He defended himself with the ease that comes with many years of intensive practice. In the Judo portion of the program Mr. Aaron, who is also a black belt in Judo and Jiu Jitsu, performed a series of hip and shoulder throws on Mr. Glanz.

Throughout the exhibition the black and brown belts executed

various breaks on both wood and stone. After setting a two-inch building stone off the floor, Mr. Aaron quickly broke the stones with a powerful downward punch.

Jewish nun-chuk

Jeffrey Glanz deftly executed a difficult speed break on three boards. He broke them in mid-air with a punch after he purposely let them fall from his grasp. Mr. Glanz also demonstrated his skill with the nun-chuk. One of his students stood in front of him, arms extended parallel to the floor with an apple (on a stick) in each hand and an apple in his mouth. Mr. Glanz went through the kata and in the process expertly smashed all three apples without touching his student.

Philip Katz, one of the brown belts also performed a wood break. Using a front kick he halved five boards with ease.

Asher Leeder, also a brown belt, in an impressive show of power, broke through six one-inch boards (three boards are a kill). Mr. Joel Comet the black belt candidate, performed a special technique for his break. He jumped in the air and simultaneously front kicked with each foot each breaking three boards.

David Katz, a purple belt, also stunned the audience with his break. He had five boards set off the ground and in one effort he punched the boards with both left and right fists, breaking all five.

For the last breaking technique of the day, Michael Andron, the second degree black belt, performed his break in quite a unique way. Andron lay parallel to the ground supported only by chairs at his head and feet. Two cinder blocks were placed on his bare torso and were broken while on top of him with a sledge hammer wielded by Mr. Schulman. Mr. Andron was not scratched.

The exhibition culminated with Master Sober awarding Mr. Comet the coveted black belt. Obtaining the black belt is not an easy task. Mr. Comet has been practicing karate intensively for five years with Master Sober and his other black belts. With Mr. Comet the YU Karate Association has produced a total of six oriental quality black belts (Master Sober would make seven). The Association as a whole has grown to more than two hundred members in the last five years, and now has branches throughout the city.

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Fights Of Spring

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if aroused. And above all, don't bomb women, YU security guards, or gypsy cabs.

Once having perpetrated your deed, don't hang around, but calmly go back to your room. It is the height of bushness to gloat out the window with such statements as "That's got to hurt", etc.

But what should your strategy be if you're down below on the street, on the defensive and unprotected? If it's a cold day or night, you usually don't have to worry about being on the receiving end of a water balloon. However, if the weather is nice and water fight season has arrived, always be on your guard.

The first precaution to take when entering the Morg vicinity is to look up. Odds are that no one will bomb you if you know where the attack is coming from. When you approach the steps, it is advisable to run the few feet left to prevent neck strain and sprained ankles (from tripping over the steps because you were looking upwards).

If, by the end of the school year, you have never gotten bombed (with water in this case) and/or have successfully drenched at least two people, you have won the year's annual water fight. If you lost, don't worry, there's always next year.

Some of you may have noticed that in the above column I didn't decry student apathy, lack of a gym, or the basketball team's poor performance this past season. Don't worry — I'll probably get around to it next year, but maybe (change that — hopefully) it won't be necessary. For the first time an on-campus gym is seriously being considered. Furthermore, the prospect for all the varsity teams next year is very good. If both optimistic outlooks come true, student apathy will be a thing of the past.

This year's best intramural and varsity athletes as well as the championship intramural hockey and basketball teams will be honored at Awards Night, Wednesday, May 15 at 9:30 P.M. in the high school gym. Deserving members of the fencing and bowling teams will receive varsity letters at this event. Commissioner of Intramurals, Herbie Insel, will be Awards Night MC. He expressed the hope for a large turnout which would show student support for both intramural and varsity athletics and their participants.

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Zamir Chorale: A Group That Loves Singing These Dedicated Entertainers Stay Non-Pro

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to get together to sing once a week throughout the year. "We had no idea it would grow into this," says Yuditha Winkler, one of the original Massad founders. "We got \$25 engagements and it kept snowballing until this is what it became." Now fourteen years after those dedicated singers returned from summer camp, the Zamir Chorale has two sister groups in Boston and Jerusalem. One male

singer, whose smile and enthusiasm are faintly reminiscent of the "corn" which is characteristic of other singing groups such as the King Family and the Johnny Mann Singers, said that although next year he will be under a vigorous study program in Israel, he is looking forward to joining the Zamir Chorale of Jerusalem.

The New York Zamir Chorale has been in Israel three times in the past and sung before Golda Meir. In addition, they have per-

formed throughout the Northeast, Canada and London. All of the audiences responded with the same enthusiasm to the music.

Their repertoire includes mostly Jewish songs, but the chorale can just as adeptly sing most every type of music from Handel to Bernstein. Many of the songs are originals composed by Mati Lazar. The maestro has several music degrees and is on the faculty of Columbia and the Jewish Theological Seminary—home of the Zamir Chorale. In a large part, he is responsible for turning fifty-three different voices into one harmonious singing body.

In its fourteen years the Zamir Chorale has come a long way. They have overcome seemingly insurmountable difficulties. Individually, the singers are not professionals, but when they get together the Zamir Chorale can transmit a dedication and enthusiasm to their audience which has earned them a prestigious position in modern Jewish Music.

Commie After Dark

Cliches abound in **THE BLACK WINDMILL**, a mediocre kidnapping "thriller." Even Michael Caine and Donald Pleasance are unsuccessful in improving the predictable plot. . . . Seeing **THE GREAT GATSBY** is wasting four dollars. The beautiful scenery underscores the miscast actors, miserable dialogue, and misleading publicity. . . . Mel Brooks is at his best in **BLAZING SADDLES**; a potpourri of ethnic putdowns and western take-offs. Don't laugh too loud or you'll miss the best lines. . . . Yehoram Gaon is **Kazablan** in this colorful English version of the Israeli hit musical. With a multitude of "West Side Story" type song and dance numbers, the contrived plot may go unnoticed.

YU Keglers Finish In The Cellar Despite Great Individual Efforts

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which cost Yeshiva quite a few games.

Some might alibi Yeshiva's poor showing with the size of the other schools, e.g., NYU, St. John's, and seven CUNY schools. Others would say, "Oy, what's a good Yeshiva boy do-

ing in a bowling alley?" Those who know the score, though, would pin the blame on the lack of depth.

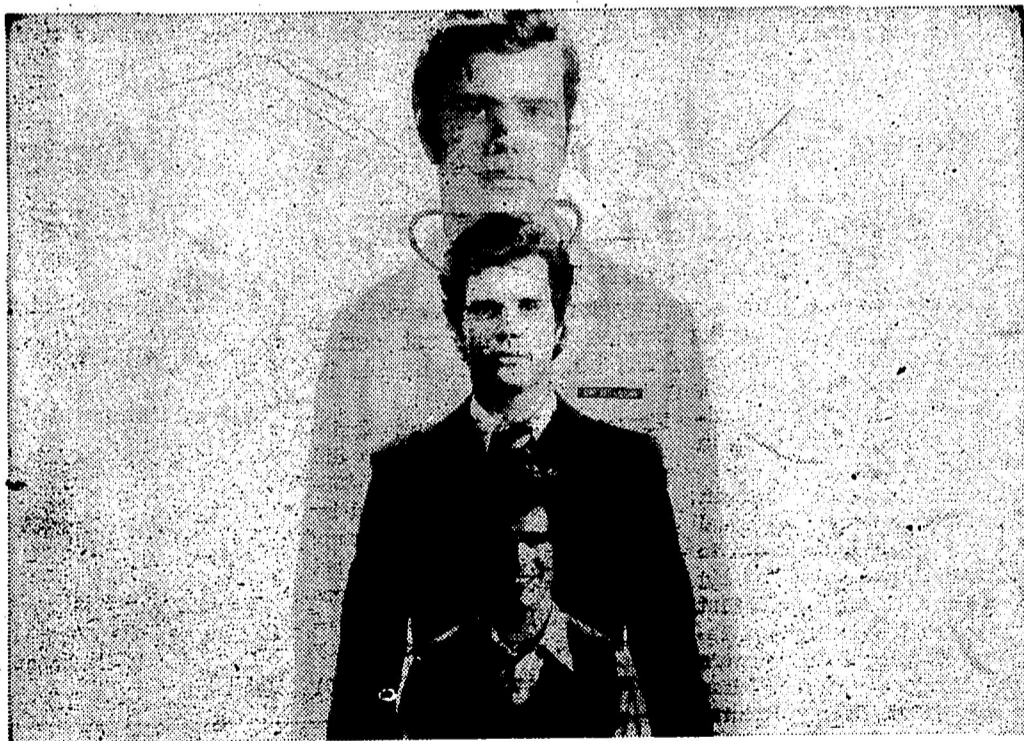
A bowling team fields five bowlers in a three game match. The team average for the league is 819 which is 164 per man. Baruch, the first place team, averaged 909. Yeshiva had only four bowlers who topped 150 and of those, Mark Breslow (173) and Bob Gittleman (168) were the only ones to bowl better than average. Captain Leo Frischman was the number five man at 145 while Jay Shoulson averaged 140, bowling in only 27 games. Yeshiva's average of 765 was nineteenth in the league, three pins better than St. Francis which finished eighteenth.

The Future

Next year looks like a good year. Returning along with senior Co-captain Mark Breslow and Nelson Korchak, will be three

starters who will have a year of experience under their belts and still not be seniors — Captain Dave Grashin, Bob Gittleman, and Harry Ramras. A spring tryout (a first for the bowling team) was held at Madison Square Garden. Eight very eager bowlers tried out for the team and some looked especially promising, so it looks like a dogfight for the last starting spot and the remaining five positions on the squad. Another tryout will be held in the middle of September to select the squad which is scheduled to begin to bowl on September 29.

At the end of the season, Mark Breslow qualified for the quarter-finals of the Eastern Collegiate Match Game Championship. Bowling against 130 other bowlers, including six from as far away as West Virginia, Mark shot an eight game bloc of 1577 to qualify along with fifteen other bowlers into the semi-finals. From this group, the top six advanced to the finals on the basis of another eight game total. Unable to match his performance of the previous week, (he had his lucky charm with him, too) he shot only 1330 and finished tenth. Mike Sabala of NYU won the title and the chance to shoot against the Mid-Western champion for the National Collegiate Match Game Title.



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250 In Main Building Gymnasium See Annual YU Karate Exhibition

By STEVE GORDON

By 2:30 on Sunday, May 5, 250 people had filled the YU gym and were anxiously waiting for the Yeshiva University Karate Association's annual exhibition to begin. In all, there were five black belts, four brown belts, and one purple belt performing. The ranking black belts participating in this year's exhibition were Sensei Harvey Sober, a first level grand master in the Tai Chi Chuan-Kempo system, and the YU Association's chief instructor, Michael Andron (YC '71), a second degree black belt, Lewis Aaron, Jeffrey Glanz, and Gary Schulman ('71), all three first degree black belts in the Association's style.

The brown belts that participated were Asher Leeder (YC '73), Arthur Gribetz, Philip Katz, and Joel Comet, who was this

year's candidate for the black belt. Mr. Comet's black belt grading was integrated into the exhibition. The only purple belt performing was David Katz.

Incredible

After a brief introduction, Master Sober began the exhibition by performing a series of incredible breaking techniques, requiring intense concentration, that left the audience awestruck. In his first technique, Sensei Sober broke a two inch stone with a finger stab. Immediately

afterward he went "into" his next break — one that stunned the audience. Master Sober took a tar stone and broke it in half with his chin by sheer pressure. He explained the philosophy behind the break by saying that the idea was to become the rock and then become stronger than it.

From there the exhibition gathered momentum and the audience witnessed beautifully executed forms (kata); and breaking and fighting techniques. Master Sober, after his chin break, demonstrated part of a Pa-Kwa

Frosh And Juniors Vie For Key Win And Cup

By MICHAEL GELBER

The intramural hockey season has come down to one deciding game, between the juniors and freshmen, to determine this year's YU Cup champs.

The juniors reached the final round by sweeping a depleted sophomore squad, two games to none. They took the second game in the best-of-three series 11-5. The soph team handed the game to the juniors on a silver platter, as their defense was filled with gaping holes, and the juniors made the most of these opportunities. Mark Breslow scored six goals for the juniors, and Robert F. Listernick and Yudie Gopin had two apiece. Breslow and Gopin scrambled like madmen all game. "Brez" tallied five consecutive junior goals over a period of nine minutes and fifty six seconds during the tail end of the first period and the beginning of the second. Gopin scored two unassisted goals (a testament to his tenacious forechecking), as well as picking up four assists.

Moish Saks led the sophs with two goals and an assist in the losing effort. The story, though, was told by the Swiss cheese goaltending of soph netminder Yank Polyeff, who may have been able to keep his team in the game if not for a lousy first period.

More importantly, this game was played under the alias of hockey. In actuality the goals were time outs from the penalties. The box score resembled many of those from the recent Ranger-Flyer series, as referees Wolpoe and Gelber handed out penalties as if they were going out of style (a total of 34 minutes, and let's face it, that's too much for an intramural playoff game). Trust this reporter, that despite all the penalties called, there could've been more. The referees (throughout this season and so far in the playoffs) have done, for the most part, a commendable job. Included in the hostilities was one of the infrequent fights. Referee Gelber could have been given the "third man in" penalty as he tackled one of the fighters, and both villains (Jerry Pasternak and Mendy Shachter) received five minute fighting majors. Thus, the juniors eliminated the sophs and advanced to the finals.

After almost a five week lay-off, the freshmen were finally playing hockey again, and they wish they hadn't been! The juniors continued to have the hot hand, scoring four goals in the

first period before the freshmen opened their eyes. The juniors added two more tallies in the second stanza, to complete the scoring. Yudie Gopin again had a superb game, getting the hat-trick. Richie Hagler, the junior goaltender, made both sparkling, as well as lucky, saves on the frosh. One shot was rolling on the goal line, and Hagler swatted it away with his stick, while a second shot sat precariously in the crease and the goalie's blind kick sent it into the corner. Meanwhile, between the opposing team's pipes, Alvin Pasternak, after he settled down, repeatedly turned away junior shots, attempting to keep his freshmen teammates in the game. The frosh shooters, though, found no success in trying to beat Hagler, losing 6-0.

Game 2 was a total turnabout for the freshmen. They came out flying, hitting, and shooting. Immediately the dividends began paying off, as Estrin tallied once and Leifer twice (one a short-handed goal), before the juniors could get started. Yudie Gopin scored the first goal of his hat trick to cut the lead to two. Carey Fredman then scored, giving the frosh a 4-1 lead after one period. Howie Estrin completed his hat trick to extend the lead to five goals, but the freshmen began to tire, and two junior goals cut the lead to 6-3 after the second stanza. Mark Breslow made it 6-4 with a power play goal in the first minute of the third period, but Zvi Frieman answered with a slap shot from the point on a frosh power play. The juniors kept scrambling but could come up with only one more tally, and lost 7-5, to even the series at one game apiece, sending it to a third and deciding game.

To quote one spectator at the game as to the nature of play, "... the luck just ran out on Hagler. It couldn't last forever." So everything rests on one game. May the best team win.

ICE CHIPS — Jerry Pasternak, don't forget our golf date on Sunday. Coach Wolpoe rehired for next season by the Yucons. Salute to the graduating hockey players: Dave Miller, Al Litwack, Louie Miller, Dave Wilzig, and Dov Cohen.



Steve Gordon

Master Sober in action.

form, which is 3100 years old. In the course of the afternoon other dazzling forms were exhibited. Michael Andron demonstrated a Crane form from the Kung-Fu system, Lewish Aaron demonstrated a Sai (weapon)

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Yeshiva's Keglers Finish Last But '74-'75 Looks Promising

By SHELDON WINSTEIN

It was a long season, seven weeks (23 games) without a win. Six opposing teams bowled their highest series against Yeshiva. A number of YU bowlers were unable to get rolling. That, in a nutshell, was the story of Yeshiva's bowling team which finished 20th in a 20 team league.

All was not black, however. Occasionally, a great individual effort would spark the team to win. Dave Grashin was the big gun with a 243 in that first win against the College of Insurance. Backing him up were Mark Breslow (186), Nelson Korchak (179), Harry Ramras (168) and Leo Frischman (116) who combined for an 892 game.

That game was Yeshiva's high for three months. On February 3, Yeshiva bowled a double match (three games against two different teams). In the last game of the second match, Mark Breslow bowled a 280 against Cooper Union to lead YU to a 950 game. The rest of a very tired team combined for 570; Harry scored 196, and Leo 162 while Jay Shoulson and Dave Grashin both bowled 156 thus ending a five-hour day very happily. Mark missed a perfect game by leaving and converting the 1-2-4 spare in the second frame and then striking out. That game stood up as the high game in the league, which gained Mark a trophy; 277 by Pato

On The Sidelines

Fights Of Spring



By David Gleicher

The student walked slowly from the library to the Morg. It was late and he'd had a hard day. All of a sudden he heard a SPLAT! and found his whole left side drenched. The student looked up and yelled, "You (expletive deleted)! I'll bust your (unintelligible)!" All to no avail. He couldn't tell which window the bomb had come from. So our unfortunate "schlamazel" could only go upstairs to cool off and change into drier clothes.

The above is a typical YU occurrence during the months of April and especially, May: The Annual Water Fight Season, which may or may not culminate in the Annual YU Water Fight. (By water fights I don't mean room vs. room, but rather the specialty of water bombing).

No one is quite sure when the water fights originated, but over the years they have emerged as an integral part of the YU scene. But what are the reasons for this? Why do supposedly mature young adults spend so much time tossing water-filled balloons out windows? One explanation is that water fight season starts when spring (with its accompanying fever) is in the air. The pressures of school have finally started chipping away at the YU student's last bit of sanity and water bombs are the method by which one prevents the onset of madness.

Another reason for the popularity of the water fights is because it is YU's most participatory sport. Sport? Okay, Water Fighting 1.1 isn't listed in the catalog or schedule of courses, but it's a sport nonetheless, with unwritten rules for playing the game. Unlike other sports, such as basketball, wrestling, etc., there are no set distinctions between participant and spectator. If you're looking out a window, you're a spectator. However, if you're looking out a window with a water bomb in your hand, you've turned into a participant. Similarly, merely walking down the street doesn't make you a participant unless you're dodging potential or real water bombs.

Water bombing has only two positions: Offense and defense, with different rules for each. When planning to bomb someone, it is important to have the proper equipment. Leaky plastic bags are "bush" while fresh, round balloons are "key". Once armed, the next step is to find a good location. Don't use your room! If the "bombee" figures out what window the water-laden missile came from, you can expect a swift revenge. Therefore, if bombing Amsterdam Ave., it is advisable to use the floor lounges. To further prevent detection, shut the lights and don't stick your head out the window for more than a couple of seconds. As for your target, don't bomb your friends: It's much more fun to attack the people you don't like (the class T.L., for example). Be careful about bombing the local neighborhood inhabitants, they could be dangerous

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David Bruckner '74 to Marilyn Krieger

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