# Yeshiva College Senate Discussions Highlight Bible Change, Evaluation

By RICKY EISENBERG

Difficulties in attaining a quorum caused slow starts at the Yeshiva College Senate meeings of December 5 and December 12. Both meetings became tense, however, as the Senate voted to amend the teacher evaluations and adopted a proposal to change the Bible requirement.

At the meeting of December 5, Dr. Aaron Levine, Chairman of the YC Economics Department, proposed preventing a student who had missed more than half of the lectures in any course from evaluating his teacher in that course, Dr. Levine argued that it is unfair to allow students without a fine idea of the instructor's method to evaluate that instructor.

Low Quality

Student Senator Weinstein, claiming that a student's absences are often due to the poor quality of his instructor, offered an alternate proposal to that of Dr. Levine. Under Weinstein's proposal, a student would be asked about the frequency of his attendance, and the reasons for his appearances or absences. With only Dr. Levine voting against it. Senator Weinstein's propesal was overwhelmingly accepted.

At the December 12 Senate session, the Student senators

### **Dr. Bacon Meets** YCSC; Hints At **Business** Degree

At the December 16 meeting of Student Council, Dean Beacon spoke and answered students' questions.

Dr. Bacon began by announcing that the prospects look good for starting a joint program with Baruch College. The program would be similar to the one presently in effect with the Columbia School of Engineering and Applied Science. Students would attend YC for three years and Baruch for one, after which they would receive a B.A. from YU and a bachelor's degree in business or accounting from Baruch. The purpose of the program would be to attract more students to attend YC, while at the same time maintaining the liberal arts aspect of the

Larry Eisenberg opened the questioning session by asking the Dean to explain exactly what is the change that took place in the chemistry depart-

Dr. Bacon prefaced his answer by saying he doesn't exactly understand it either but explained that when Belfer's chemistry department lost its right to give Ph.D.'s Dr. Belkin decided to integrate all YU chemistry departments, and Dr. Pomerants of Belfer is now the chairman of the chemistry department.

President Eisenberg then asked the Dean to express his views on the Faculty Association, a union under consideration by the teachers. Dr. Bacon emphasized that he is very much opposed to the Association since it will be a real union and the ones who will suffer the most are the students as they suffer from the existence of a maintenance union 1199. Dr. Bacon expressed the fear that flexibility will be gone and that courses with small enrollment will be cancelled. Dr. Bacon felt bad about the whole matter and estimated that as of now only about half of YC instructors (Continued on Page 2, Col. 5)

presented a proposal which dealt with the segment of last year's Bible requirement changes which had been rejected by the Faculty Assembly. The new proposal, calling for an "Introduction to the Bible" course to be required for freshmen in YP. and for four topical Bible courses which could be taken as electives, was labeled by Senator Weinstein as "similar but not identical" to the vetoed section of the previous proposal. If adopted, said Weinstein, the proposal would "bring meaningful courses and meaningful course structure" to the Bible VOL. LXXX — NO. 6 department. Weinstein referred to Erna Michael College, where an introductory course to the Bible is a freshman requirement, as proof that the introductory course can be given as a serious and legitimate Bible

Back Door Approach

Dean Bacon differed with Sen. Weinstein and opposed "bringing back by the back door" this proposal while "the ink is still wet on the veto" of the Faculty Assembly. The Dean argued that the Senate should not infringe on the prerogative of a department. Many speakers supporting the proposal, however, pointed out that nearly every Senate action assaults departmental prerogative and as pointedly stated by Senator Weinstein "we (the Senate) don't have to get approval of any department to do anything."

The Senate, voting on the issue, approved the Student Senators' proposal by a wide margin. It will be soon sent on to the Faculty Assembly.

After the vote, Chairman

Wandel announced that the Faculty Assembly had ratified the Senate proposal to allow YC freshmen to transfer credit from YP beginning this February 1. The Faculty Assembly, however, had vetoed the Senate proposal dealing with transfer credit from



Students senators prepare to debate merits of introductory Bible course and teacher evaluation changes.

# The Commentator

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# YCSC Discusses Aims And Accomplishments Lauds The Three Sophomore Class Officers

By HARRY FELD

President Eisenberg opened the December 2 meeting of YCSC by clarifying the facts in regard to the controversy over the use of a certain Spanish O1 textbook and the subsequent need to replace an instructor. Ms. Warshall was not the one who in-

sisted on a uniform textbook for all Spanish O1 classes. Rather, it was Dean Bacon who wanted all the Spanish classes to have the same background so they could continue next year with all the Spanish O1 classes at an equal level. He, therefore, insisted that the same text be used. Council apologized to Ms. Warshall for the misunderstandhigh failtimes 47 7. Sand

Senator Robert Kantowitz was then called upon to report on the Senate. Nothing of great importance had been discussed at the previous Senate meeting, but he said that two important proposals would be discussed at the coming sessions. One proposal

would involve changing the faculty evaluations, and the other would involve repassing the proposal to add an introductory Bible course, which the Faculty Assembly had previously vetoed.

Not Worth It

The committees were then called upon . President Eisenverg called on the Paolistore Committee, which unfortunately, had nothing to report. He then proceeded to call on the Constitutional Committee to report any proposals they had come up with. Artie Strenger, who heads the committee, said that he had looked through the constitution and had not found anything worth revising. President Eisenberg suggested the committees meeting as a whole and use the information collected by last year's Council, who worked very hard on constitutional revisions.

The Dorm Committee then reported that the situation of tripled freshmen,and alumni, who don't know if they will be allowed to dorn next term, has not improved with the fire wiich occurred in RIETS. As of now, no one has come up with a definitive solution.

Jack Schachnow had spoken to Rabbi Marcus, who said that if students want speakers from graduate schools or businesses, they should contact him, and he will try to accommodate them.

Meir Chernofsky had been check for Council furniture. Mr. looking into a speedreading course and reported that there

are two possibilities. A course offered by a private company, could be set up at Yeshiva's convenience for forty-eight dollars to fifty dollars if twentyfive or more people sign up. Another possibility is a course for thirty dollars offered by the state government. The drawbacks of the latter course are red tape, and hours which might not be convenient for students.

President Eisenberg reviewed the year's events and said some committees were not doing nearly as much as they should. However, President Eisenberg was quick to commend the sophomore class representatives for a job well done. Besides running the Used Book Exchange, they had helped with the Shabbaton and are always eager to help work on Council projects. Rick Elfman announced that there have been "thirty perfect matches" set up for the Sophomore Class blind date party scheduled for December 5. As a reward for their fine work, President Eisenberg presented the sophomore representatives with tickets to Abba Eban's speech at Stern College.

#### Perhaps Diners Club?

Council was then asked by Howard Wieder to allocate thirty -five dollars to the Annual Fcstival of Oral Readings for prizes. Some Council members were hesitant to allocate money on a carte blanche, but after Irv Rotter's amendment was voted down, Israel Wahrman's motion to allocate the money was passed.

Ricky Eisenberg suggested that if the trial coming up in Student Court would be a farce, the Council should suspend the court's power. This was overwhelmingly rejected by Council members, shouting him down, and the issue was not even dis-

President Eisenberg concluded by reminding Council that Dean Bacon will be in attendance at the next YCSC meeting to ansiver students' questions and exchange views with Council mem-

### Student Court Session Hears Krupka, Nitzky By ROBERT BLASS

Courtroom dramatics marked this year's first open session of the Yeshiva College Student Court on December 4. Spectators were treated to verbal fireworks and frequent

emotional outburst. The action stemmed from charges brought by YCSC against roomates Benjy Krupka and Harvey Nitzky for refusing to pay Council's announced fine for private possession of lounge furniture. Adding to the excitement was the presentation of counsel for the defense, Joseph Stechler, a second year Columbia law student. Steve Mandelibaum, dapper and articulate, also graced the table for the defense accompanied by an attache case and a book of famous quotations. The third attorney, alumnus Irving Rotter, attempting to interject professional characterizations in his presentation, was repeatedly admonished by Chief Justice Howard Wieder for his careless use of caustic and sarcastic com-

Chief Justice Wieder opened the session by cautioning the audience to maintain absolute decorum during proceedings.

Presenting Council's case were YCSC President Larry Elsenberg, vice-President Jack Shachnow, and Mark Cohen of the Dormitory Council.

Furniture Collector

The prosecution told the Court that the Council had de-

cided to collect lounge furniture from the students' rooms. It was stipulated by Council that any chair or table that was "far-gone" would be left alone while repairable furniture would be confiscated. Having received permission from Rabbi Cheifetz, dorm supervisor, Mr. Blazer, director of Buildings and Grounds and Col. Marmorstein,, Mr. Shachnow and Mr. Cohen entered the students' room to (Continued on Page 6, Col. 1)

### Registrar's Office's Many Statistics All Prove More Students Here Now

By MICHAEL GOLDBERG

Along with the constant expansion of Yeshiva University and its affiliates, there is a constant growth in the number of students. Among many of the functions of the Office of the Registrar is tallying the number of students. According to Professor Silverman, Yeshiva University's registrar, there are fourteen different tallies of students and each one is correct. Professor Silverman explained to THE COMMENTATOR that the different totals correspond to different definitions of what constitutes the student body.

In response to questionnaires from the federal government, the Registrar's office responds with the legal total of the student body. Thus the sum of all students in all schools of Yeshiva excluding students on leave duplications of students participating in a double program, and af-(Continued on page 7, Col. 1)

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### Attention: Faculty

According to its present structure, the Faculty Assembly has the power to veto Senate legislation with a two-thirds vote of its members present. While there are at least thirty-eight voting members on the Faculty Assembly, only eighteen faculty members are required to fulfill the minimum quotient for a quorum. The result of this rule is that if a dedicated minority of twelve faculty members — less than a third of the voting members — are opposed to Senate legislation, they are empowered to veto it.

In an effort to alleviate this inequitable situation THE COMMENTATOR suggests that the Faculty Assembly pass a new by-law requiring a larger quorum to be present when the Assembly votes on Senate business. It is not fair to freeze the minimum number for a quorum at eighteen merely because at the time of the founding of the Faculty Assembly there were a specific number of faculty members. We must not only adapt flexibility in dealing with an ever-increasing number but realize that as this vote can represent a veto of carefully considered legislation by a body of Administration, faculty, and students (namely, the Senate) if the Faculty Assembly is to maintain this veto power it should at least have to prove that a majority of faculty members are opposed to the Senate legislation. We, therefore, propose that a minimum of two-thirds of the voting members be present in order to veto Senate proposals by two-thirds majority

One of the causes for the small number of faculty members present during the vote on Senate business is that the Fac-

ulty Assembly insists on discussing faculty welfare as their first item of business. As faculty welfare usually takes up substantially more than an hour's time, faculty members begin walking out as Senate business is discussed so that when it finally comes to a vote more than half an hour afterwards, the Assembly is down to nearly a bare quorum of members. In addition, because of the time involved in discussing faculty welfare, students — who are permitted to listen in on Faculty Assembly discussions of Senate business do not know when Senate business will be discussed so either do not attempt to come in the first place or else wait impatiently outside until they lose hope. THE COMMENTATOR believes that were the Faculty Assembly to take up Senate business at the start of its meetings, more teachers will be able to attend and it would be easier for students to know when to come.

### Looking Good

Upon entering the student Union Building, a student cannot help but notice the marked improvement in the building's appearance. This improvement is the result of a complete repainting of the Student Union's interior, a job voluntarily undertaken by the YC Dramatics Society and the YC Dramatics Honor Society.

THE COMMENTATOR wishes to commend these societies for undertaking and admirably executing this task. At the same time THE COMMENTATOR calls upon all those who use the facility to help maintain this new look, and to help with any additional work which may be necessary

to complete this project.

# Letters To The Editor

To the Editor,

As captain of an intramural hockey squad. I read with great displeasure the editorial by David Gleicher entitled "Intramural Elitism." In the article Mr. Gleicher stated that certain hockey 'jocks' dominate the intramural games. He further suggested that all players be given equal playing time, regardless of ability.

There are several problems with Mr. Gleicher's plan. A student who decides to come down one night cannot be given priority over regular players. I am not/interested in a player's ability. Indeed, we have several poor players on my team. However, they show up regularly and thus are used REGULARLY. It would be very unfair were I to give "one night superstar" the same opportunity to play.

Why, you may ask, is a set line up so important in a purely "fun" game? That brings me to problem two. If we treated these games too lightly, they would soon become farcical. The "stars" would see that nobody gives a darn and stop showing up. Then the "one nighters" would realize that they too are wasting their time and poof! No more intramural hockey. The game must be taken seriously to an extent in order to prevent the disbanding of the games.

By the way, Mr. Gleicher, have you forgotten the purpose of "Seasonal Sports"? That is the opportunity that "one night Joe" needs to have his fun.

I conclude by saying that Mr. Gleicher's idea of a "B" division is a good one and I'd like to see at started.

Alvin Pasternak
YC '77

To the Editor,

In your article in the December 6th issue dealing with "Joes" you proceeded to slander Mike Bergman in a totally uncalled

for and degrading manner. I've known Mike since we were Freshman in JSS together and in that time one could hardly label him "less involved." For years he has been actively involved in the Soviet Jewry movement While most YU guys begrudgingly attended a rally once or so a year. Mike spent much of his time working, publicizing, and fighting for this cause. In his senior year, Mike served as YC Student Council vice-president, giving of his time for his fellow students and running, one, of the most active Councils in a long time. After the Yom Kippur War when most YU guys were being typically

apathetic, Mike gave up his studies to go to Israel and labored on a kibbutz.

I know very few guys from my YU experience who could come close to his record of dedication and involvement. Most people certainly could learn a lot from his example. I believe that you owe him a public apology for the totally inexcusable Lashon Harah, that you have caused through your thoughtless article.

Gil Marks Y.C. '74.

The Editor Replies:

Certainly, no one was attempting to slander Mike Bergman.
My column "The Weenie Roust"

was written completely in jest, attempting to bring some humor to an otherwise all too serious atmosphere around YU. Unfortunately, many readers misunderstood the column, as made obvious by the overwhelming response which I received, of which the preceding letter was only a sample, taking it to be another typical Editor-in-Chief put down on aputhy.

As far as Mike goes, I apologize if you were personally offended. Repeating what I have already told you privately, I used you only as the antithesis to the topic at hand. I hope that this misunderstanding won't harm our friendship in any way.

### YCSC And Dean

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are in favor of the association.

Israel Wahrman asked Dean
Bacon if he could help in the
problem now facing the Psychology Department. The library
announced that it will not order
many of the psychology journals

announced that it will not order many of the psychology journals needed for courses in YC. Dr. Adler felt this was a slap in the face and the loss of the journals would hurt his department. Dr. Bacon was surprised to hear this and agreed to look into the matter.

Larry Eisenberg then thanked the Dean for coming, and Dr. Bacon expressed his willingness to appear whenever Council invited him.

The President Speaks

### In God We Trust



By LARRY EISENBERG

I must admit that I considered Abba Eban to be quite impressive in his address at Stern, both in his manner of presentation, and with his everpresent natural eloquence. It wasn't until some time later that I realized I could not agree with what he said, or more correctly, with what he did not say—G-d. Actually, it is understandable that Mr. Eban didn't mention G-d, just as he deleted most other three letter words, yet, "divine omnipotence" would have sufficed had he so desired. That Mr. Eban ignored Judaism as a religion was a glaring denial of its importance rather than a casual oversight.

The truth is, that for all he tried to attribute Israel's strengths to other factors. Mr. Eban biult a powerful case for G-d and Judaism. Granted, the Israeli armed forces are most formidable for a country its size, and Jewish tradition, western culture, and national heritage all act to supplement that might. Yet, when placed on the balance against what all the Arabs, and indeed what most of the world can muster, Israel would still seem to be on the short end. The forces arrayed against Israel, the mounting power of the oil weapon, and the worsening of the economic situation around the world all add up to a bleak picture. The fact that Israel defies the odds and exists, points to one conclusion, the one Mr. Eban chose to ignore.

As a result, Mr. Eban could not sound all that convincing

when stating that the defeatist attitude found among Israelis is undeserved. Only those who acknowledge G-d can claim that our dependence on Him has not changed very much between the '67 war and the present time. The fact that the odds look greater now, should not make that much of a difference in the scale of miracle necessary to keep Israel alive and functioning.

Perhaps it is a realization of this that has revitalized the Bais Medrash as the center of YU, if not of all Jewish society. Certainly the emphasis has shifted from rallies as the mode of expression. While the latest series of demonstrations against the PLO were impressive, they didn't result in the kind of euphoria rally goers had come to expect. The pervading feeling that the rally was a puny weapon in the face of the danger confronting us, seemed to stifle any thoughts of self satisfaction. Out of frustration, later rallies changed their goals from facing the real enemy to attacking visible targets such as the N.Y. police and the Waldorf Astoria, a sad situation indeed.

The Beis Medrash, on the other hand, is gaining impetus and influence as time goes on. In Yeshiva, the B.M. is full till late at night, a phenomenon unheard of in recent YU history. More and more Yeshiva students are deciding to hold their career plans in abeyance and spend the next few years going for semicha. Attendance at minyanim has been much stronger than in past years. There is even sufficient interest to allow for a Beis Medrash program on a permanent basis in Stern.

Hard times, unfortunately, are what it takes to give Jews a deeper understanding of their religion; and it is most certainly hard times that we are faced with. While the rallies should continue, and we must do all that is within our power, the proper perspective must be maintained as to where the greatest dangers lie. There must also be the knowledge that the crucial conflicts ahead will not be decided outside the Lebanese mission and United Nations, nor will they be resolved in the Sinai and Golan. They, can only be won in our hearts and souls.

Cum Grano Salis ——

### Bankers, Generals, and Jews



By BARRY SALTZMAN

It seems clear to most people that General George Brown, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, committed a severe breach of military discipline in doing what as a rule generals should never do-he spoke his mind. For most Americans, particularly American Jews, it was a moment of rare insight and disappointment. What exactly the General said has been dragged through the press over and over again, and far be it from me to deal with it here. Suffice it to say that the angry outcry of American Jewish leaders was such that President Gerald Ford summoned General Brown to the White House for a good old fashioned Grand Rapids tongue lashing. National security forbids disclosure of what actually transpired at that meeting, but I for one shall always wonder...

President Ford looks up from his desk and beckons, "Come in General, como in."

#### **Professor Posen Concludes Series** On Medical Ethics

By GARY MILLER

Professor Perez Posen, head of the physics department of Yeshiva College, addressed the Pre-med Society on December 6. His topic was "The Jewish Concept of a Doctor". This was the final lecture in the medical ethics series in memory of Dr. Wischnitzer's mother.

Professor Posen began by quoting a Gemara which states, "The best of doctors go to Gehenom." At first glance, this statement of the Talmud seems difficult to understand. How could the Talmud mean that all doctors will go to Gehenom? Professor Posen explained that the Talmud is saying that the doctor has all the potentialities to go to Gehenom. All his life, a doctor plays with fire; there are many opportunities for a doctor to sin. Some doctors become conceited after seeing suc-

#### A'Case of Arrogance

He continued with a story which showed how a doctor acted arrogantly. This doctor had to inform the parents of a fouryear-old girl who had been in a coma that there was no real hope for the girl. Instead of trying to do so in a nice manner, the doctor arrogantly told the parents that the child was going to die and that he wanted their permission to perform an autopsy when the child died. The doctor could have waited to ask permission until after the child died, but he showed no respect for the parents' feelings, by asking right there and then.

Professor Posen noted that some commentaries explain the statement of the Talmud to be referring to doctors who are careless with lives or who treat rich men better than poor men. He told the audience of a doctor who was so arrogant that he considered it an insult to his competence when patients went to another doctor for a second

General Brown enters quietly, nods towards the President, Dr. Kissinger, and the assorted ministering aides, then hervously adjusts his "WIN" button.

"Now George," begins the President, "why did you have to go and say something like that?" "Tanks," answers Brown sullenly.

The President looks confused. He motions to Henry Kissinger to come closer, stops walking, and takes the bubble gum out of his mouth.

"Tanks, General?" he repeats. "Yup, tanks," the General agrees. "Between you and Congress the Israelis got all my tanks. I hardly have enough tanks left for my war games or

"General," begins Ford slowly, "I really don't see why you need so many tanks here in the U.S."

"Now that's not fair, Mr. President!" responds Brown angrily. "The commander has his bombers, the admiral his destroyers, and all I can get is a few hundred lousy half-tracks. I 'don't mind sending them Israelis a few tanks, after allwe've given plenty to the Araba too but, well, you know Mr. President, give them Jews a finger and they take an arm. Uh no offense, Henry."

"None intended," agrees Dr. Kissinger amicably.

President Ford walks thoughtfully over to his desk drawer, takes out his old football helmet and begins to rub it lovingly. Suddenly, his face bright-

"Say guys, I've got a great idea," he exclaims. "Tanks are really too slow and expensive to build, so how 'bout instead of producing real tanks, we have the Bureau of the Mint put out a few hundred thousand bright' new buttons instead. We could have them print the letters T-A-N-K on those buttons, and we could give a thousand or so to each unit. Of course, we'll make blue and white ones for the Israelis. How's that sound?"

"Gerald," says Dr. Kissinger "you have tried zis before. It vaz not very effective."

President Ford looks hurt. "Gee, Henry, it was just a suggestion. Oh well, General, you'll just have to do without those tanks. Henry tells me that the Israelis need them more than you do. Now, why did I call you in here?"

"Those lousy Jewish bankers and newspapernien started yap-'ping. Uh, no offense, Henry."

"Why look at me?" shrugged

"Oh yeah, right," continued the President. "You've got to retrict that statement General."

"Aw, come on Mr. President!" protested Brown. "I didn't say anything that isn't said at the officers club-after a few drinks of course."

"General!" shouted the President visibly disturbed. You have no idea how much trouble you've caused. America is a nation of minorities. I've had different minority groups calling me all morning complaining that no one has smeared them yet and demanding equal time. Why, I've already asked Sec. Butz to say something nasty about the Pope, Catholics, and birth control so he can retract it later for them. If I don't do something fast, I'll have to send the whole cabinet out to attack all of America's ethnic groups."

"Gee, Mr. President, I really had no idea," explained Brown. "I thought you were going to ball me out the way Truman did to McArthur for speaking on a purely civilian and nolitical matter. I was afraid you were going to rage and yell and carry on how the military in this country has traditionally kept its nose out of internal affairs, and how it had better do so if we're not to become just another banana republic. I thought that you were going to say that anyone with such incredibly narrow ethnic views could not be trusted to defend American democracy. Some folks even said you might ask me to resign."

President Ford looks up in horror, "Now General, why would'I'do a thing like that?"

# <sup>e</sup>Championship Season<sup>e</sup> Brash Stage Triumph

years to achieve, but the claim of Yeshiva College's "cultural stagnation" is now only a myth. Under the superb direction and guidance of Dr. Anthony S. Beukas, the Yeshiva College Dramatics Society has transformed Jason Miller's Pulitzer-Prize winning hit, That Championship Season into the most talked about event in YC corridors in many a season.

A controversial and socially relevant drama, That Championship Season is a character study of five men of homogeneous backgrounds, whose paths have separated both physically and intellectually. The 1957 Pennsylvania State High School Basketball Champions were a "legend in their time." Yet, as each member went his own distinct direction his life-style became corrupted, his loyalty to the "team"—a memory of the past.

For the YCDS production, Dr. Beukas has taken the liberty of revising some of the dialogue of That Championship Season, in order to maintain the integrity of the Society. However, the anti-semitic nature of the play is such as to necessitate inclusion of most of the original dialogue. For his conscientious approach to the subject matter. Dr. Beukas is to be commended.

#### Verisimilitude

The chemistry evident among the five cast members definitely contributed to the "believability" they evinced in their roles. This was the first production chosen by the Society in which each role would be a principal one, and thus each actor would be on stage for extended lengths of time. The outstanding performance of Eric Weiner (Tom Daley) typified the quality of the entire production and demonstrated the perseverance of the entlre "championship team." Tom's dialogue is undoubtedly the strongest in the play, not to mention the strongest ever heard in a YCDS producion. The role of Tom, the drunk who depended on his brother for financial support, is the most demanding in the play. Eric, an extremely adept performer, wobbled around the stage, fell down the stairs, and consumed his "beverages" - never getting out of character for even a moment. His performance was the highlight of the show.

As Phil Romano, who was

It may have taken all of ten loved more for his money than for his individual charisma, Joel Tessler did a very convincing job. Although his over-zealous acting was visible at times, Joel's performance was extremely vibrant and powerful - a (far cry from his Nurse Ratched in "Cuckoo's Nest."

> The Coach, as played by Walt Richtman, was a man of conservative convictions, a loyal American who bemoaned the deaths of Father Coughlin and Senator McCarthy. Walt was perfectly cast in his role and proved a great asset to the production.

Raphael Adler, as George, can expect many years of sound dramatic experience ahead in which to improve his rapid-fire delivery. As the Mayor, Raphael alternated between poses of confidence and uncertainty and at times, lacked credibility in his role. Considering the fact that he is fresh out of MTA, Raphael did an admirable job.

Finally, there is Dave Grashin, who, as James Daley, is determined to get "his piece of the action." A serious performer, Dave's timing appeared to be off-target in the performance

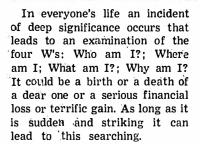
According to the program distributed in the theater, the very first production by a Yeshiva College dramatics group was Journey's End in 1936. Nearly thirty years later (1965), the new Yeshiva College Dramatics Society presented Twelve Angry Men. There can be no doubt that the Yeshiva College Dramatic Society has come a long way and that their journey is just beginning. In the audiences at That Championship Season were not twelve angry men, but dozens of exuburant faces, realizing that Dr. Beukas has reached a new plateau with Yeshiva dramatics. From new on, continued excellence will be expected from our "team." As the Coach often remarked, "Never take less than success."

# Commie After Dark

An extraordinary performance of John Steinbeck's, "Of Mice and Men" can be seen at the Brooks Atkinson Theatre. The outstanding central characters-George played by Kevin Conway, and Lennie portrayed by James Earl Jones --- symbolize the underdogs of society. Their roles are employed for the purpose of illustrating society as a cruel, callous animal preying upon its innocent victims. The action takes place in the Salinas Valley, California in the early 1900's. Lennie, huge and moronic, and his protector, George, are on their way to a ranch where they have been hired to buck barley. Unfortunately for the two, they are immediately disliked by the boss' arrogant son, Curley. Their initial confrontation foreshadows trouble for the innocuous team. In addition, the supporting characters - Curley, his wife, and various ranch hands add color and depth to the drama. - E.W.

Bits and Pieces III

# The 4 **Questions**



An institution, especially one of thinkers like a university, can also be said to lead a life, vin the development and evolvement of its underlying philo-(Continued on Page 6, Col. 1) sophy, similar to that of the individual's mental life.

YU of today is not the YU of 1964. Administrators and faculuty are unanimous in their praise of the students gain in worldliness and, concurrently, their increased devotion to their religious convictions and studies. An example of this is their activeness regarding Israel and Soviet Jewry through demonstrations and the less publicized programs of Techiya or Dirshu like tutoring or Shabbatons. These actionss are sort of the L'maaselt part of of Lilmod

By MARK BRESLOW

Ul'lamed Lishmor V'hasot. "That Championship Season" has shaken the collective mind of YU. Its moral content (anti-Semitism along with adultery, robbery, etc.) and its diction (four letter words which denote feces and sexual intercourse) have provided the grist for some of the most heated arguments I've seen in dorm bull sessions.

The arguments boil down to the basic question "Is the language fit for a production put on by a dramatics group of (Continued on Page 5, Col. 3)

# The Commentator Forum

# Reaching Non-Observant Jews Sharing The Tab

By DR. A. RABINOWITZ

The November 7 issue of COMMENTATOR published an interview with Rabbi Gorelick who had visited Israel during the past summer. Rabbi Gorelick's opinion as presented by the writer is that much of the responsibility for the estrangement between orthodox and nonorthodox Jews in Israel be shouldered by the orthodox element. The rabbi failed to find militant anti-orthodox forces operating in Israel, and his inquiries lead him to believe that the non-orthodox are so out of mere ignorance. This position, in effect, transforms orthodoxy's alleged failure in presenting itself and its views to the nonorthodox, to an act bordering on criminal negligence.

One cannot contest the importance, so stressed by Rabbi Gore lick, of practicing "ahavas ylsrole." Rabbi Kook is quoted as saving that since the destruction of the Bais Hamikdosh was due to sinas chinum its rebuilding will come about by practicing whavas chinum. There is no question that such behavior on the part of the orthodox is of inestimable value in building bridges between Jews. Espousal of this belief, does not however. lead to Rabbi Gorelick's analysis, conclusion, or proposed remedy.

The contention that the illfeeling existing today is capable of being supplanted by good will simply by having the orthodox Mekaraiv the non-orthodox is a simplistic one. It does not take into account the genesis of the social and religious structure of society in Israel today. This is not the forum for an exhaustive analysis of the reasons for the present state of affairs, but a capsule account is in order. The origins of socialist Zionism, esspecially of the Mapam variety, are partially rooted in the haskalah and Marxist movements. The haskaltah movement produced some very outspoken foes of Torah Judaism, and as for Marxism one need not elaborate as to where that movement stood as to religion. The salient point is that many of the influential people in politics and education are a product of that movement, and possess power way out of proportion to their numbers in the general population. There is no denving the vital role played by these people in the formation and defense of Israel, but it would be foolish to gloss over their negativistic attitude towards religious values

and practices.

I would also contest the conclusion that little is being done by onthodoxy to present itself to the non-orthodox. There are many organizations and individuals apart from those mentioned by Rabbi Gorellck who participate in diverse programs designed to do what Rabbi Gorelick advocates. The peglim organizations (Israeli and American) have been on the scene for many years. The Thuga Lehfozas Torah has established a dozen kolklim in remote areas. The scholars and their wives take an active part in the social and religious life of the communities they reside in. Gesher is yet another example of what can and is being done. Certain religious kibbutzim, sponsor hakofot shneyot solely for the benefit of their non-religious kibbutzim to spend a shabbat with them. Even that much maligned establishment institution, the rabbinate sponsors hakofot shenyot etc. Individual rabbis, many more than is commonly known, visit and lecture the non-religious schools in their cities and

I would like to reiterate, that more of the same must be done. and other methods of reaching the non-orthodox must be implemented. We must also insist that the infighting which has so tarnished orthodoxy's image be terminated. It may well be that all efforts directed towards reaching the nonorthodox are doomed to failure if this situation will not be rectified. All of this should not be extended to mean, that it is incumbent upon us to accept complete responsibility for every rift in relations between us and our non-orthodox brethren in Israel. Let us indeed exert ourselves and strive for greater goals, but out of a sense

Dr. Rabinowitz is a visiting lecturer in psychology from Bar Ilan University.

By ELI GOLDNER

Inflation. You're a student in college. Trying to make ends meet. Expenses. Food costs. Books, phone-calls. . . . It goes on and on. Oh yes, and dating. It's nice to be able to go out occassionally. Once in two weeks or maybe once a week if you're lucky. But there's a catch. Each date eats up a chunk of your available money. Especially nowadays. One date can cost a minimum of \$10-\$15-MINIMUM. Movies? \$3-\$4 apiece, That's \$7.50, o.k.? Go to some cheap (as cheap as possible) restaurant — \$4 apiece? Maybe? That's another \$8. Transportation - subway, bus or car (gas) — \$1-\$2. Well, how much? \$16. A weeks minimum cost of food.

Suggestion: Go out dutch! But seriously! It's up to the girls to suggest that they pay! Women's lib? I don't care what you call it. As an Ezer (not knegdo) to the guys, this should he taken for granted.

Next date — everyone, discuss it - it makes sense.

### Rabbi Gorelik Replies

I am deeply grateful to Dr. Rabinowitz for taking the time to analyze my views and thoughts on the Israeli religious scene and making some sincere observations. Since I don't wish to prolong discussions on my views I shall make only a few brief remarks on his comments.

1. The writer implies that in my article I suggested that the Orthodox should shoulder the guilt for the estrangement between the Orthodox and non-Orthodox in Israel. Perhaps, in his haste Dr. Rabinowitz overlooked the following statement in my article, "The lack of contact between the traditional and non-traditional elements can be blamed partially on the Orthodox themselves." May I add that the writer concedes this point. although he relegates this admission to the last paragraph of his letter.

2. The writer also suggests that I declared that "little is being done by the Orthodox" and then goes on to enumerate the attempts being made by differ-

That our Student Senators

ent religious groups to bridge the gap. Again it seems that in his haste to reply the writer had momentarily forgotten my complimentary references to Chabad, Rabbi Grossman of Migdal HaEmek, of individual rabbis, and Yeshivot Hesder. I am very much aware of these worthy undertakings among others, since I personally witnessed them during my several trips to Israel. However, let us not exaggerate these accomplishments. Sometimes the Orthodox because of guilt feelings will see

3. I am appreciative of the writer's capsulated historical review of the development of the religious versus the non-religious conflict in Israel. I believe, however, that we should not beguile ourselves with historical generalities. First, we must not classify all non-religious Jews as anti-religious. A large por-

more in their achievements than

what really exists.

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tion are simply non-religious or secularists, not anti-religious. Even Israeli Orthodox and Ultra-Orthodox concede this point. Thus, let us not conjure up in Maskilim. We are dealing in very simplistic conclusion. He about the existence of the gap between the Orthodox and the non-Orthodox. Perhaps, the Orthodox must learn to cope with the problem and not use historical facts as pretexts.

### A Bird In The Hand...

By RICKY EISENBERG

Our Student Senators told us of the need to modify the Residency Requirements. Our COM-MENTATOR poll proved the desire of the student body to modify the Residency Requirements. Senate Vice Chairman Weinstein presented his brilliant proposals to YCSC and saw them receive overwhelming support. This was to be the year when part of the "high-school" attitude alleged to members of the YC faculty and administration would be ended.

While the celebration champagne was being cooled in the various refrigerators around the dormitories, however, a number of pragmatists (or pessimists, depending on which side one is on) were giving pause to the problem: How would the Student Senators alter their proposals to affect the compromise that was certain to be required? When this question was finally answered, however, only more questions were raised.

failed to best represent our interest was apparent in the Senate vote. Standing on their righteous principles, and stubbornly refusing to compromise which could have been the start to future gains, our senators showed that they did not appreciate the "politics" of the Senate - the "give and take" required in any body of deliberation to obtain successful results. As Student Council President Larry Eisenberg aptly noted when Council voted to support the proposals of the Student Senators, there was never any real chance of the ratification of the proposals as stated.

And after the smoke had cleared, and the defeated proposals were interred beside hundreds of other pieces of defeated Senate legislation, YCSC's most "important and influential" organ, THE COMMENTATOR, refused to accept the fact of parliamentary procedure. In its editorial summing up the entire affair, THE COMMENTATOR sharply criticised the Faculty and Administration Senators, while blithely downplaying the failings of those students who serve on the Senate. This omission was, indeed, a great disservice to the student body.

The Student Senators undoubtedly learned their lesson. THE COMMENTATOR, on the other hand, proved its insensitivity to the issue by its total lack of necessary discretion. We must hope that THE COMMEN-TATOR will do no further damage to the already weakened goal that we students still strive to attain -- modification of the Yeshiva Residency Requirements.

Mr. Eisenberg is President of the Class of '77.

our minds that we are battling only 19th century Bundists and large measure with contemporary secularism and scientism. Finally, the writer is offering a suggests that since the problems may be traced to socialist Zionism, we need not feel so guilty

### **Cursing-Yes!** Kipot-No?

I would like to express my personal disgust at the insistence of many members of the Dramatics Society to perform without a kippah. Aside from the questionable suitability of "That Championship Season" for production on a YU stage, the performance aggravated an annual problem by eating and drinking without kippot.

Two years ago, I asked a member of the Dramatics Society why some actors did not perform with kippot. I was told that there was fear that kippot might fall off on stage thereby disrupting the action, or that their presence would prevent the audience from identifying with the characters. These reasons would probably still be considered "valid" today. In this year's production, there is an

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# Learning Torah To Help Israel In Her Crisis

By ASHER BREATROSS

The Middle East in particular, and the World in general, have never been the same since Yom Kippur, 5734. Eretz Yisroel has been living through a cold war, while the World is exposed to the blackmail of the Arab potentates. As seen from recent occurrances. certain events threaten to ignite the shaky atmosphere of the Near East into a sruggle of enormous repercussions.

Naturally, the time lapse since Yon Kippur has been very unpleasant. Barely a day transpires without some sort of dismaying news from the International Arena. As each day

passes, we are acutely reminded of the fact that our people are alone in this cruel world.

Since we are human, we adopt the normal reaction to the events facing us, namely, resistance. We have manifested our opposition to current policies in a variety of ways, one of the most powerful being the mass rally. Demonstrations are important for they show the world that we will not be led like sheep to the slaughter. It is also significant in the fact that it inspires a pride in the glory of our people.

Unfortunately, a rally has one serious drawback. It is only effective when there is a mass

congregating of people. Otherwise, it is a mere gathering that can have little hope in influencing public opinion.

I wish to propose an individual way each one of us can help Israel. This approach does not require taking to the streets. In fact, money isn't even involved in this suggestion. A mere half hour, set aside for this action is stronger than anything the Arabs or their Russian friends have to offer. What is this simple, yet powerful device -LIMUD HATORAH!

We all believe Hashem created the world and plays a role in

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# Gen. Brown And The Jews

By DR. ABRAHAM TAUBER

President Ford's rebuke of General George S. Brown is hardly the complete treatment the General has merited and deserves.

1. The President says the General's remarks were "ill advised and poorly handled." Does this mean the remarks were too obvious, or insufficiently concealed, or unfortunately publicized? Do these reflect the General's sober views, his clear thinking, or the outcome of personal research, or what?

2. Chief of Staff General Brown said, in apology, that his own remarks "do not represent my convictions." Then whose ideas do they reflect? And why were these thoughts spoken by the Chief of Staff, our top military planner, at this time? Is he under too much stress? Did he get his "facts" from Senator Fulbright (who was never rebuked by his Senate colleagues for impugning their integrity, though repudiated by his constituents, perhaps for the same sort of remarks)?

3. Mayor LaGuardia once said, "When I make a mistake, it's a beaut!" Page General Brown's "mistake," as President Ford terms it. Some mistake" — some misfortune for a nation that retains General Brown as its top military officer, in these times.

4. One "black general" remarked about the Chief of Staff that he was a "yard-wide and American." Sounds like "Seven Days in May," as General Brown said of the whole situation.

5. Note that General Brown has not yet: retracted his vile, vicious and Nazi-like canard — big lie — fabrication — untruth

The Editor-in-Chief and Governing Board of THE COM-MENTATOR extend a hearty mazel-toy to former Feature and Contributing Editor Lenny Davis, YC '73, upon the birth of a son. May he be a source of nachas for all Israel.

that "the Jews own, you know, the banks in his country, the newspapers." In his retraction, reviewed by Secretary of Defense Schlesinger, the General labels his own remarks "unfortunate and ill considered." But does the Chief of Staff still believe the substance of his remarks represents the truth, and if not, why does he not say so? Or was it merely an "unfortunate and ill considered" thing to say out loud? Or does the General feel his privacy was inveded, or his civil rights viouated, because some one taped his publicly expressed sentiments. spoken in an unguarded moment?

6. The General finally apologized, under duress, with the magnificent insight that his remarks were "a rather rambling treatment of a difficult and complex subject." Some admission—from the top military officer of the nation — talking about the Middle East cauldron, of all places. Some leadership we can expect from that source.

7. What are we to make of the democratic understanding

and intelligence of this American General and graduate of West Point, the top military officer of the nation, kept in that office by his civilian commander-inchief, in these critical times?

The General's ultimate evaluation of his gaucherie is that his remarks and thinking may "have offended a segment of the American people" (my emphasis). Is that the fact, or the sum total of the General's understanding? If so, we are in even deeper trouble, all of us.

Are only Jews offended when attacked by a bigot? Are only Blacks or Catholics offended, when a bigot attacks them?

What happened to our understanding of German Pastor Niemceller's profound observation: that he didn't object when Hitler attacked the Jews, the Catholics, the trade unionists, the Reds, the Socialists, because he wasn't any of these So, when the Nazis came for him, it was too late, the Protestant minister said—because there was no one left to defend him. . . . General Brown offended only "a segment of the American people," indeed!

8. Do we ever learn? In these times, and with our many crises? Bigotry in high places can really seal our doom.

9. We are told that the Pentagon conservatives fear that if General Brown has to quit, then it could "provoke an anti-Jewish backlash." Apparently those attacked are damned if they defend themselves, and damned if they don't. . . .

10. If we are to survive, let's hope our leaders think better than these samples indicate.

Dr. Tauber is University Professor of Speech and Drama at YU and Adjunct Professor of Speech and Drama at John Jay College. (Continued from Page 3, Col. 4) Yeshiva University?" A second point of contention is that of the actors acting without their heads covered and eating during the peformance.

First things first, though. Is the language fit for the production? The author has attempted to show the characters fiving their lives like a game. The author's setting of the play at the annual championship reunion, a regular part of their experience, as opposed to a 20th

The Editor-in-Chief and Governing Board of THE COM-MENTATOR extend a hearty mazel-tov to former Copy and Managing Editor Chaim Lovinger, YC '74, upon his marriage to Joy Reitman.

reunion is the first and most obvious clue to this effect. One of the characters is running for mayor. The coach recognizes the trophy as the ultimate proof of their existence, not how they won it but that they have it.

Could the viewer feel the locker room effect, without the four letter word? A locker room does not abound with thoughtful reflections about past sexual experiences A ballplaver who trips and knocks something over does not shout "Oh feces!" The need for verismilitude of diction in a play or any work of fiction should be obvious thus the four letter words are needed. One fact that should also be mentioned regarding the character's speech is that this play, words and all, won a Pulitzer Prize.

Is the play fit for Yeshlva University. One of its major themes is anti-Semitism. The coach says it quite plainly, "Jews ruin a country." George

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has to defeat the "Kike" he is running against. In a fit of nostalgia, the coach says, "Not enough of them (Jews) jumped out of windows in '29, the whole race should have splattered on the sidewalks in '29." But at the same time the coach professes that "Nobody is antianything — some of the greatest athletes in the world were Jews." You get the picture.

Abba Eban discussed this same point two weeks ago. He said that modern anti-Semitism is hiding under the guise of anti-Zionism; it is just transferred from the individual to the collective. It exists and can strike at Israel and the Jews at any time like the world's reaction to the oil embargo—leave Israel and get oil at all costs.

Mr. Eban used ten dollar words to get the message across. "That Championship Season" used the language of the millions of Archie Bunkers, actual and potential, scattered throughout the land of the free and the home of the brave, to show the reality and nearness of anti-Semitism.

Now, should a production which depicts anti-Semitism, a good topic for YU, yet contains language, which is at once integral but offensive, be produced under the aegis of Yeshiva? We have already examined this question up until the words "under the aegis of Yeshiva."

To examine this phrase we must see if the play is a reflection of YU. This can be divided into two parts - either a reflection of the individual or a reflection of the institution. In order to be a reflection of the individual, the viewer would have to identify the role with the actor, thus, for example, Phil Romano, adulterer, free lover, money at all costs, etc., would have to be seen by the viewer as Joel Tessler. The actors, under the direction of Mr. Beukas, played the roles simply, without comment, leaving it to the audience to decide whether the character himself was good or bad. After watching the audience reaction at several performances, I felt that the viewers were outside looking in at the reunion and saw characters without any identification with the actors The reaction was "Didn't So-and-So play that part very well" as opposed to the comment "Didn't you see So-and-So as that part." Thus, the characters with their language, were wholly separate from the actors.

This might also explain why the actors acted without their heads covered. If their heads had been covered, some viewers might have mistaken them for YU people espousing anti-Semitism and using language which no observant Jew should.

Can we say that a play which is a representation of people in a small town in Anywhere, Pa. and uses their language is a reflection of the speech at YU? To answer this affirmatively one would have to say that YU has elements of anti-Semitism since the play and its characters contained that element also.

Thus, the play cannot reflect. Yeshiva University and the phrase "under the aegis of Yeshiva" is superfluous.

We are now left with the fundamental question of propriety — Is it proper for a Yeshiva University production to depict what is out there, as the world is out there, including foul langauge, or not? To ask this, though, is to ask the 4: "W's." Am I VU with a philosophy of Torah U'Madah and a deeply-rooted concern for the Jewish communities coutside of Brooklyn and Washington. Heights or not? Am I in America with auti Semitism and anti-Zionism on the rise due to oil or am I living in .my cloister. on Amsterdam Ave. with blinders on while the world is out; there? Do I as YU, try to increase Jewish awareness via the medium of a play with four letter words which is a valid attempt of my liberal arts label, or de I shy away from the fact that the world uses four letters words, which for me, are improper. Combining the above questions leads to the fourth "W" -- Why Y12?

The questions of actors acting without a yarmulkeh on or a person eating without a covered head are for haluchic authorities. I only hope the people who are screaming the loudest for these points are just as rareful in their observance of the D'oraisa of Lashon Hara.

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added reason: due to the presence of anti-Semitic characters in the story, wearing kippot would be something of a farce. However, this is nothing that a few bobby pins and a dark colored kippah wouldn't solve. And if wearing a kippah inhibited the portrayal of certain characters, perhaps a different play should have been chosen to begin with.

Aside from the Individual halakhic questions involved in doing anything without a kippah (especially eating, drinking, and making brachot), there is an added stigma in seeing this done in an official YU activity. As representatives of the YU community, the performers should entertain greater feeling towards the ideals of the institution and members of its student body which seek to combine the values of Torah with the liberal arts, not let one bow down to the other out of pure convenience.

I have no doubts that everything said above will be bitterly disputed by certain members of the cast. However, the basic contention remains: it is wrong for any individual to perform in this context without a kippul. It is up to student, leaders to pressure the Dramatics Society to establish the policy that all members wear kippot during performances. In the absence of any change in policy, I for one, do not intend to see any future, productions by the Dramatics Society.

> Maury Bach YO'73

# A Proposal To Save Israel

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everything that occurs therein. If Hashem inspired Chazal to state — "Talmud Torah K'Neged Kulam," when our learning has tremendous power. Connect this with a desire to help Israel and what do you have — A shield that can foil any nefarious scheme the Arabs have to offer.

Let me make a second suggestion. Although an individual's devotion to Torah can accomplish much, it is nothing like a whole group, selflessly devoting their time to learning. In actuality, such an action to aid Israel, would be very pleasing to Hashem. YCSC must be credited for its many fine programs designed to make a student's stay at Yeshiva a pleasant one. Since YCSC shares our deep concern for Eretz, why doesn't it undertake to sponsor special Mishmar programs, devoted to aid our embattled brethren in Israel. I'm sure that such a program would meet with enthusiastic support in Yeshiva, where love for Israel is such an important thing.

It is earnestly hoped that this article will spur people to action. With the critical situation in Eretz, the time to act is NOW! Procrastination will only lead to

rejection. As **Hillel Hazaken** so aptly put it: "Do not say I will learn tomorrow, for you will never get the chance to do such."

Mr. Breatross is a member of the Sophomore class.

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The Commentator Forum

# Student Court Hearing Is Marked Debate Society Winner By Theatrics, Lack Of Decorum In Year's Opening Meet

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 3) Cohen recalled entering the room of Messrs, Krupka and Nitzsky, accompanied by Col. Marmorstein, Director of Security and removing the chair he found there. Unable to load all of the 10 or so chairs he found on the floor into the elevator he made two trips and on his second trip found one chair missing from the lot. In later testimony, both Nitzsky and Krupka stated that, to the best of their recollection the chair had never been removed from the room.

Counselor Joseph Stechler, a law book open before him, presented the Court with four "key" questions. Does council have authority to determine what is criminal conduct, assuming it does things by the Constitution; if so, can it allow other students to act as security guards; if so, can students enter private residences; and if so, without a search warrant?

Justice Wieder remarked that students, upon entering the dorms, are subject to the dormitory rules, not the United States Constitution.

#### Implicate Wieder

In response, Mr. Stechler stunned all present by implicating Mr. Wieder in Council's fur-

niture actions and asked that Mr. Wieder "pass the gavel" and withdraw from the case. The reaction of those in the courtroom was just short of pand?monium and Justice Wieder was forced to clear all spectators from Rubin Shul in an effort to restore order. A charge had been made, and the Court was forced to retire to its private chambers to discuss the question of Justice Wieder's eligibility to preside; whether or not he should turn the gavel over to Associate Justice Sheldon Pal-

Upon its return several minutes later, the court announced that Mr. Wieder had withdrawn his voting privileges but was deemed acceptable to continue in his role as presiding officer of the Court.

Counsel for the defense, Steve Mandelbaum brought to light the fact that the second time that Council representatives entered the room of the defendants, they failed to inform Messrs. Krupka and Nitzsky that they had the permission of Rabbi Cheifetz to enter.

At this point, the third defense attorney, Inv Rotter took the floor amidst an atmosphere of flaring tempers and heightening tensions. Rotter called Mark

Cohen to the stand and asked him how his memory was; Cohen replied that he felt he had a Detter memory than most. Without blinking, Rotter fired a question at Cohen, "What is your grade point index, Mr. Cohen?"

The entire membership of the court leaped to their feet and angrily rebuked Mr. Rotter for his irrelevant question while the stunned Cohen regained his composure.

#### Mental Health Clinic?

Mr. Rotter called sophomore president Ricky Eisenberg to the stand. During the Court's deliberation earlier in the evening, Mr. Eisenberg had familiarized himself with the dorm rules and regulations. Mr. Rotter asked Mr. Eisenberg to read the passage which allows authorized personnel to enter private dorm rooms only for health and security reasons. Mr. Rotter then proposed that Council's entry into the defendant's room to confiscate lounge furniture was illegal. Mr. Eisenberg pointed out that the lounges are needed for the students mental health. Mr. Rotter, having not moved since his last explosive question then inquired of Mr. Eisenberg's mental health. Again, disorder broke out and the question was stricken from the official record.

There followed a brief debate between Rotter and Eisenberg in which each criticized the other's ability as a member of Student Council and, minutes later, the debate expanded to include Larry Eisenberg's statement questioning Mr. Rotter's merits as an alumni member of Council.

As the two litigants prepared to offer their final summation, the hour approached one a.m., the curfew imposed by the court on the proceedings. Chief Justice Wieder adjourned the Court until further notice, the case remaining undecided.

After a long hiatus as a nonactive entity, the Yeshiva College Debating Society began its season on December 5 with a victory over St. Francis College of Brooklyn, N.Y. The debate, which was held at St. Francis, marked the first in what Debating Society Captain Steven Mandelsberg said would be a series of intercollegiate contests.

Fielding squads of four members apiece, each school argued both the affirmative and negative side of this year's national debating topic, "Resolved: That the power of the presidency should be significantly curtailed." In accordance with conventional debate procedure, each speaker delivered a ten minute constructive speech, followed by a five minute rebuttal.

Before small but interested audiences, the debates, which were held simultaneously, got under way in seperate rooms. Representing YC's affirmative team were Dov Prince and Bernard P. White. Although the judge scheduled to evaluate this debate arrived late, the consensus of those present was that the YC debaters easily won.

In the other debate, which was evaluated by Professor John Monahan, faculty adviser to the St. Francis debating team, negative debaters Steven Mandelsberg and Harold Hefter were adjudged the winners.

The Debating Society, which in the past has embarked on cross-country debating tours, is beginning to stage a comeback, according to its captain, Mr. Mandelsberg. "We are in the process of scheduling debates with such local schools as NYU, Iona, Brooklyn, City and Stern Colleges," he says.

In addition, he points out that the David Fleisher Debate Tournament, last held at YU two years ago, is scheduled for Sunday, March 23. Invitations will (Continued on Page 7, Col. 4)

### **Professor Posen In Last Installment** Of The Wischnitzer Lecture Series

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Many people today approach in regard to the obligation of a illness in the wrong manner, by man to go out and make a liv-running to doctors when they ing. He must work to support get sick instead of taking time to reflect on why an illness has come to them. Professor Posen quoted the Talmud's statement, "A person who sees punishments are afflicting him should look into his deeds."

#### The Rebbo

To bring out this point, he told the audience the story of a famous rabbi who, because of illness, went to a doctor in Vienna. While the rabbi was waiting for the doctor to see him, a large number of people gathered outside the doctor's office. The doctor approached the rabbi and asked him why all the people were outside. The rabbi answered that they were waiting for him to give them a blessing for good health. The doctor, in confusion, asked why did the rabbi, who could heal others, have to go to the doctor himself. The rabbi answered that he did not seek a cure from the doctor, he only wanted information as to what illness he had in order for him to find out exactly what were his sins.

Professor Posen climaxed his lecture by explaining the Biblicar verse, "I am the L-rd thy heater." If this is enough, what is the position of the doctor in Jewish law? We know that a doctor must save lives. A simi-

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ing. He must work to support his family, yet supposedly, his livelihood is already decreed from the beginning of the year.

He explained the apparent contradiction by asserting that a doctor must believe that all sickness is decreed in heaven. On the other hand, the doctor should act as if his actions alone will heal because the doctor is obligated as are all men to do anything in his power to save human life.



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### Yeshiva College Registrar's Office Statistics Exhibit A Sizeable Increase In The Student Populace At YC

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 4) filiate schools such as Yeshiva University High Schools which were made affiliates for funding purposes. Professor Silverman is pleased to point out that this year's legal total of 3,428 students is a seven percent increase over 3,215 students of last year.

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A second tally includes affiliate schools, raising the figure to 4,984 students. Yeshiva students who have a double program, require two sets of instructors, double library facilities, etc. Thus, Professor Silvennan believes that it is necessary for them to be counted twice, resulting in a figure of 6,447, up from 6,253 of last year.

#### Private Poll

In our own private tally excluding the other schools, Yeshiva College is credited with 888 students attending with 55 students on leave. After four years of decreasing enrollment, this represents an increase of 87 students over last year's figure. Combined with the figures from Stern College, it represents a twenty-two percent increase in enrollment. This tremendous difference, Professor Silverman admits, is due mostly to co-op students.

Professor Silverman is fearful that some of the troubles plaguing other universities are beginning to be felt at YU. Most colleges have approximately a fifty percent level of "no-shows," those who apply but later do not accept. Yeshiva University which has never had this difficulty, now has a twenty percent "noshow" record. The number of students who do decide to come but then elect to transfer is also on the rise, although not as radically as in other institutions. It has been estimated that with a yearly attrition rate of twenty percent, the average university graduates only half of its freshman class. The Yeshiva University rate of attrition, although lower, has climbed to about fifteen percent yearly.

This problem was the subject of a recent questionnaire sent to students who had transferred to other colleges. Fortunately, only a negligible percentage of those polled gave reasons for their transfer based on quality. The majority complained of financial problems, while the rest desired majors such as business, not given at Yeshiva.

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# 'Denver' Beren's Basket Ties Up Drew Game **But Maccabees Defeated In Overtime 97 - 95**

(Continued from Page 8, Col. 5) took a seat next to Jerry on the bench.

With both of YU's big men out of the game, Drew began to pull away a bit by margins of six and eight points. Coach Halpert went to his bench and came up with "Denver" Dave Beren, who had been used very little in the season. Dave did the job asked of him, hitting both boards extremely hard. Yeshiva started closing the lead but time was running out for the Maccabees. With less than a minute to go they were still down by five points, but a bucket cut the lead to three.

Yeshiva pressed all over the backcourt in a desperate attempt to get the ball back. Dave Menche then stole the ball and drove in for a jumper but was short. The ball came off the rim and Scharaga followed up the shot and was fouled. He went to the line in a one-and-one situation, and hit the first, but Ira's second shot was short, off the rim. Beren went soaring up, grabbed the ball, and from an impossible angle as he was falling to the ground, banked home the knotter.

With the score tied at 86-86, the game went into overtime. Fouls in the extra period killed Yeshiva's hopes as the team was beaten from the line. "Denver" Beren picked up his fifth foul making him the third Maccabee to be forced to the sidelines. Time was again running out for Yeshiva and they needed to get the ball back. For some reason, the Macs let the Drew player with the ball dribble around wasting precious seconds. In the end the team fell two points short, 97-95.

Although Yeshiva lost, this game was an improvement over the others. The Maccabees showed some consistency on offense,

#### **YC** Debate Team Wins Its First Match Of Year

(Continued from Page 6, Col. 5) be extended to over thirty-five colleges and universities,

While he acknowledges that he was disappointed with the small number of students trying out for the debating team this year, Mr. Mandelsberg does not place blame entirely on student indifference. "Since the team has hardly been recognizable the past few years it is not surprising that most students aren't interested in something which hasn't proven itself." But he adds that he hopes that a few debates held at YU will arouse student interest.

running several set plays. Their turnover total was down considerably from previous games and that is encouraging. YU, however, must still improve its poor defense which has so far allowed an average of over 89 points per game. If the Maccabees can continue to play well offensively and tighten up their game defensively, they should be able to handle Pratt (with or without Cyndi), Newark College of Engineering, and York, their opponents in the upcoming week.

#### Frosh Undefeated Len Pianco Adds To 41-34 Victory

(Continued from Page 8, Col. 5) given to Efrem Nulman who sacrificed a lot of his playing time to coach the freshman team in an orderly fashion, giving all who wanted to play an equal opportunity.

#### Sophs vs. Seniors

In the Soph-Senior game, the first quarter was marked by unusually poor shooting and erratic ball control by both teams. Neither club was able to capitalize on the other's mistakes and the quarter ended with the seniors on top 8-5. The second quarter proved to be a little more eventful with Mike Zelkowitz coordinating the senior's offense and Stan Weiss producing the points. The sophs, however, could generate no firepower from their disoriented offense and were it not for the strong spirited play of Benjy Goldstein and Gary Stadtmauer. they would've been blown off the court. At the half, the seniors held a slim lead of five points thanks mostly to Stan Weiss and Herbie Insel.

In the 3rd period, the sophs started off with strong rebounding and tough defense and looked as though they would finally take control. But Yudi Rosenbaum came in and sparked the seniors with his fine outside shot and ballhawking. This quarter finished as had the previous two with the seniors increasing their lead by a few points to 33-25.

Into the final stanza, the sophs tried to make a comeback with Allen Lempel netting three baskets and Alden Leifer getting two. But it was just another case of too little too late and the seniors won 51.45, Stan Weiss took game scoring honors with 15 points while Allen Lempel paced the sophs with twelve. What was important about this game was that he sophs and seniors both stayed within the spirit of intramurals and substituted freely. If the sophs could have passed the ball around equally they would have stood a better chance.







# Taubermen Are Undefeated First Win Ever Over MIT

The Yeshiva Taubermen remained undefeated as they overpowered their MIT and Hunter fencing opponents last week. In both matches Yeshiva's fencers displayed great skill and poise, and proved to all that this year they are strong contenders.

The MIT match opened with a devastating Ted Ness leading his sabremen to two victories and one defeat. Foil, led by Marty Hirsch and David Brusowankin, also took two out of three, and although epee picked up only one victory, YU held the lead after the first round.

At this point, however, the Yeshiva fencers succumbed to the "second round slump". The sabremen seemed to fall asleep on the strip, and by the time they had finished their bouts, the score was tied at 6-6. Only three foil victories, including a 5-0 bout for sub Eddie Tolchin, kept the Taubermen ahead. Shalom Buchbinder, was the only epee fencer to win in the second round. Thus Yeshiva held a two point lead going into the final round.

Controversial rulings by the director causing two sabre losses, plus a foil loss following the sabre series again tied the match, this time at 11-11.

MIT was not to score again, however, as foilmen Hirsch and Brusowankin, each winning his third bout of the day, brought the Taubermen tally to 13, just one short of the sum needed for the victory. At this point, epecman "Red" Felberbaum, looking for his first victory of the season, demolished his MIT opponent 5-1 and clinched the match for the Taubermen.

The victory marked the first time that Yeshiva's fencers had ever beaten MIT, and it resulted in talk of a possible undefeated season for the Taubermen. In the match, epeeman Buchbinder and foilmen Hirsch and Brusowankin scored three victories each, sabreman Lefty Mandel had two, and epeemen men Ness and Solomon, and feilman Tolchin had one victory each. The final score: Yeshiva 16, MIT 11.

The Taubermen welcomed back Coach Lorand Marcel, out a few weeks for an ear operation, with a 17-10 victory over Hunter on December 12. In this match, sabre served as the backbone of the team, as Louis Solomon went 2-0 and Morris Mandel and Ted Ness went 2-1. Eli Goldner, subbing for Lou in the last round, had an easy time with his opponent, shutting him out 5-0.

Foil, last year's weak squad, again succeeded impressively. Only the "behined the back" and "now it's out, now it's touching you" tactics of Hunters Friedman could defeat the YU fencers. Friedman, winning all his three bouts on shutouts, handed Yeshiva's Marty Hirsch and Dave Brusowankin their first defeats of the season. On the whole, however, foil showed great strength in its starters as well as its subs.

Even epee, weakest of the three squads this year, defeated Hunter in total points 5-4. Taubermen captain Shalom Buchbinder, with his two victories, brought his season's record to 7-0. Marc Felberbaum, hero of the MIT match, as well as Jeff Fried, went 1-1. The enee subs, however, showed their inexperience as only Dave Wolfson posted a victory. In time the subs should improve and start winning.

fenced These two finely matches should indicate the improvement of the Taubermen. whose record now stands at 3-0. The MIT and Hunter contests were the last home matches of the semester with only a match on Tuesday, December 17 at Lehman remaining before intersession. Regardless of the results at Lehman, the Taubermen have proven to themselves that their hard work is more than compensated for by the achievements they reap.

# **Macs Lose In Overtime Thriller** Team's Problem: Porous Defense

By NORMAN BLUMENTHAL

The record of the Yeshiva Maccabees now stands at 0-4 following defeats at the hands of N.Y. Tech, Marist, and Drew. The Drew game, however, left fans with the feeling that the team's record and quality of play will soon improve.

Yeshiva fans saw a pre-game show before the N.Y. Tech contest: The third annual alumni game, which this year was honoring the successful team of 1955-56. This year's alumni attendance was down from that of previous

the Maccabees in scoring with 20 points.

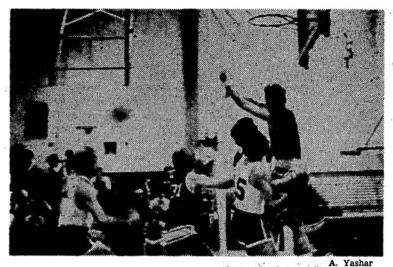
Yeshiva traveled to Marist with hope, but the bus ride back was all despair. Paul Merlis picked up several questionable offensive fouls and early in the second half he was collecting splinters. With Paul on the bench the Marist big men had a field day, combining for over 50 points.

Despite the fact that the officiating at the Marist game was atrocious, that is not what caused Yeshiva to lose the game. The team's problem, as in the two

lead of the night.

In the early going the game was a battle of the centers, Jon Mardy doing the bulk of the scoring for Drew and Paul Merlis leading the way for Yeshiva. Before the first half had ended however, both centers had been forced to the bench with foul trouble. Through the entire first half the lead seesawed back and forth, with neither team being able to pull away. Ira Scharaga and Bruce Wenig combined for a number of beautiful back-door plays as Ira was able to sucker his man in with changes of pace.'

As the second half began, both big men picked up their fourth fouls and were again relegated to the bench. With Paul sitting down, Jerry Joszef came alive with 15 big points in the second half. Late in the period Jerry fouled out, finishing the game with 16 points. The second half, as a whole, was marred by fouls as Paul picked up his fifth and (Continued on Page 7, Col. 4)



Drew making outlet pass.

games, but the spectators got a good show from Coach Halpert, Stu Poloner, and other former "Mighty Mites."

#### Turnover Troubles

In the game that followed the alumni affair, Yeshiva fought valiantly, but succumbed to Tech 90-74. The Maccabees, who were overmatched height-wise trailed by more than ten from the outset as they turned the ball over seven times in their first eleven possessions. The number of turnovers, which . mounted throughout the game, combined with Yeshiva's inability to make their shots count prevented them from ever really getting close.

One encouraging aspect of this game was the return of Jerry Joszef from an ankle injury. Although his timing was off and he threw the ball away often, he led previous games, was the turnover situation. The Macs gave the ball away 38 times. This number of turnovers can't be committed by any team if it hopes to win.

#### Two Words

After the 90-64 loss to Marist. Coach Halpert was interviewed by Mike Gelber, who does the play-by-play for WYUR. Halpert summed up the Yeshiva woes in two words: Consistency and aggressiveness. He stated that the Maccabees lacked consistancy on offense, turning the ball over far too many times. In addition, the team had yet to exhibit the aggressiveness on defense shown in the pre-season scrimmages.

Those were the problems that the Maccabees faced as they took on Drew College. They would have to make significant improvement as Drew was one of last year's leaders in the Independent Athletic Conference, a new league which YU joined this year. To overcome the problem of "bullfighter" defense (waving at the man as he goes by), Coach Halpert had the team play a man-to-man defense instead. That seemed to work as Yeshiva grabbed an early 6-2 lead. That was the first time that the Maccabees had been in front all year and it was to be their largest

### Frosh Win Again Tally Is 41-34; Striz Aids Jrs.

By BENJY KRUPKA and HARVEY NITZKY

In two very uninteresting games last week, the freshmen continued their unbeaten streak with a 41-34 victory over the juniors, and the seniors beat a very sloppy sophomore teams 51-45.

In the first game the freshmen came out strong breaking it wide open to 21-9 at halftime. The frosh dominance in the game was due to Lenny Pianko and Mitch Merlis controlling the boards, and Leo Klein, Seme Joszef, and Sheldon Small using an effective fast break to score at will. Offensively, Howie Strizower was the only significant player until the fourth quarter. He hit the boards hard with help from Paul

This rebounding combined with some fourth quarter sharpshooting by Jerry Levine, kept the game half way respectable for the juniors. Even the daring attempts of Louis Greenspan to organize the team were futile because the new freshman addition. Lenny Pianko, proved fatal to the junior attack.

Special mention should be (Continued on Page 7, Col. 5)

# Schwitzer Boosts Individual Record To 7-0 As Wrestlers Eke Out Tie Against Brooklyn

By JEFF KRANTZ

4-2-1: The Ellmen's disappointing record. How can a winning record be disappointing? When the Yeshiva wrestling team does their usual thing, wrestling well only when they have to, showing some sparkles of greatness, but acting like fat cats all the other times.

After the spectacular opening victory, the Ellmen travelled to wrestle Kingsboro and Bronx, a pair that should have been taken. The Ellmen easily blew Bronx off the mat 42-9, but were handily defeated by Kingsboro's ten, 39-15. The first match saw the Ellmen wrestling as they had done previously against Staten Island with pins by Noah Klein, Herbie Schwitzer, Rick Shulman, Joe Frager, and Mitch Merlis, while receiving a decision by Nate Schwitzer.

Kingsboro was another story. The match started off on a sour note for the Ellmen when they lost the first two bouts: Klein lost his contest when he tired out in the third period and was pinned, while Herbie Schwitzer was pinned quickly by Kingsboro's captain. Nate Schwitzer then picked up an easy six points with a sparkling display of wrestling."

The remaining bouts were a disaster for the Ellmen with the exception of Roy Schmukler's 45 second win. He was as spectacular as his teammates were lackadaisical. It was this attitude that handed the Ellmen their first loss.

Thursday night at Queensboro started the same way, but the prodding of Coach Ellman pulled it out for Yeshiva. Noah Klein started the night by letting his opponent defeat him with less than a minute left, Herbie Schwitzer came out on the short end of a superior decision, and memories of Kingsboro returned. Nate Schwitzer avenged his cousin's superior decision by gaining one of his own with a spectacular match, wrestling as well as possible short of gaining a fall.

The next match began the Yeshiva drive, with Rick Shulman's comeback victory that inspired the rest of the Ellmen. After Roy Schmuckler's defeat. the team received pins by Perry Nuszen, Jo-Jo Frager, Mitch

Travelling two hours up to Marist took its toll on the Ellmen and they blew a relatively easy meet, 30-20. Noah Klein was again the victim of his own sloppy wrestling, while the only bright spot again was Tiger Schwitzer, who easily decisioned his opponent. They should have stayed at Yeshiva.

After an easy 39-18 victory the following Thursday against John Jay, the Ellmen finally returned to the gym at Yeshiva hoping to stage a repeat of their miraculous victory of the previous year against Brooklyn. It was not to be.

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