

## YCSC, Dean Exchange Ideas Co-op Question Major Topic

By HARRY FELD

In its most exciting meeting of the semester, YCSC exchanged ideas with Dean Bacon and discussed some important issues.

For the first time this year, Vice-president Jack Schachnow opened a YCSC meeting. The routines of having Council members approve the minutes of the previous meeting and listening to a student senator's report were presided over by Mr. Schachnow. At that point, President Eisenberg arrived with the Dean and took control of the meeting.

The highlight of the meeting was the exchange of ideas between Dr. Bacon and Council members. President Eisenberg directed the discussion by covering many of the most important points himself. Dr. Bacon got his chance, too, when he asked Council a question of his own.

He wanted to know their views on the co-op program. There was a vociferous but unified response from Council members and students present, who said that co-op students lower the quality of classes. The implication seemed to be that many students and faculty members want to see the co-op program either ended or modified. However, to find out all the students' views, a poll was taken on December 19 concerning the co-op program.

The results of the poll, just recently tabulated would seem to indicate that for the most part, the student body agrees with their representatives.

After Dr. Bacon left, Council turned to its own business. In spite of the fact that the term is almost over, no television set has as yet been installed in Rubin Hall even though President Eisenberg has been prom-

ised week after week that it will be installed "very soon".

On a more positive note, the Alumni have donated sixteen hundred dollars to YCSC for furniture, and the money will be put to good use.

Vice-president Schachnow announced that there is a possibility that students will be encouraged to get involved in the admissions process at YU, specifically in interviewing prospective freshmen and in speaking to high schools about YU.

Amidst a good deal of controversy and argument, the Riflery Club, in which some people have shown interest, was approved officially as a club but was not awarded any extra funds.

Weary from a very long meeting, Council members agreed to adjourn until next term.

## Senate Drops Yearly Credit Limits Fleisher Fights Unlimited Credits

By RICKY EISENBERG

Debate on yearly credit maximums and summer session credit allowances dominated the Yeshiva College Senate meetings of December 19 and December 26. In both meetings the same points were made, and after the debate the Senate voted to remove in its entirety the 43 credit per year limit that is currently in effect for YC students.

The discussion began on Dec. 19 when Student Senator Robert Kantowitz presented a proposal sponsored by Student Senators Adler, Hirsch, Kantowitz and Mansdorf. The major points of the proposal included lifting the yearly limit of 43 credits, though keeping the seventeen and half credit limit per term. The proposal also would have

allowed YC students with a 3.4 index or better who had taken at least 12 credits both in the fall and spring semesters of that year to take up to 12 credits in the summer session.

Rabbi Hecht of the YC Political Science Department called the proposal "eminently reasonable" but expressed the fear that, if adopted, the proposal would allow many students to get around the four year YC residency requirement. "The basic difficulty now for a student to get out in three years," he said, "is the 43 credit per term limit. With the proposal it's not much of a problem."

Divine Right

Discounting Dr. Hecht's fears, Dean Bacon explained that even with the proposal, only good students would be able to gra-

duate YC in three years. Stating that he always has a prerogative in decisions dealing with individual students that "no one can give to me, no one can take away from me," Dean Bacon asked for the deletion of the clause included in the proposal allowing him to permit students lacking either a 3.4 index or 12 credits each semester that year to also take up to 12 credits during the summer session.

Professor Silverman, registrar of Yeshiva University, and Doctor Levine, Yeshiva College Economics Department, both spoke of the "illogical inconsistency" in the proposal. Under the terms of the proposal, poor students who need to make up credits in the summer would be restricted, while good students who do not really need additional credits would be allowed to take more.

Doctor Fleisher, senior professor of the YC English Department, campaigned against allowing students to take many summer credits. Stating that "intellectual life is meaningless without other kinds of living," Doctor Fleisher said that summers should be spent with walks in parks, visits to museums, excavations on archeological expeditions, and mountain climbing trips. Expressing concern that a student might spend the first twenty years of his life doing nothing but studying, Dr. Fleisher said he was "horrified at the notion of all this studying."

The December 26 Senate meeting featured elaboration on the points made at the earlier meeting. Rabbi Miller, YU Vice-President for Student Affairs, reiterated previously stated fears that the proposal could allow students to get around the residency requirements. Dean Bacon worried that graduate schools would not look kindly upon students who were allowed to take up to 56 credits each year [35 during the fall and spring terms, nine, for example, from CLEP examinations, and twelve from summer sessions].

## Academic Group Meets; Discuss Chem. Program

By MARO HOROWITZ

On Thursday, December 19, the Academic Priorities and Resource Allocations Committee, which helps determine the fiscal policy at Yeshiva University, met to discuss the Chemistry department.

Dr. Martin Pomerantz, chairman of the Chemistry department, asked the committee for increased funds for his new program for the department. He said that the Chemistry department should build an aggressive,

## Levine Places First In Festival Of Oral Interpretation Participant And Spectator Alike Deems It Successful

By ROBERT BLASS

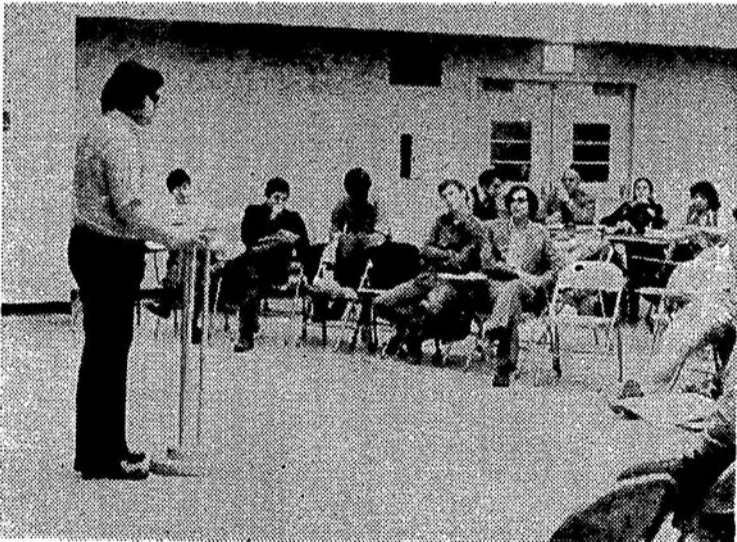
Having never attended an Oral Interpretation Festival one might have expected to sit through an hour and a half Day-Dreaming Festival with the steady soporific drone of the contestants providing soothing background music. However, all the first time spectators at the festival were shocked beyond belief when the first of the ten finalists Alexander Birman, suddenly lapsed from a normal appearance and speaking tone into a series of convulsive coughs and sporadic insane groaning. When the spectators bowed their heads in embarrassed silence their eyes caught the program sheet. It didn't take long to realize that Alex was portraying, with great emotion, the main character from Feodor Dostoevsky's

"Notes From the Underground". Another of Dostoevsky's works, "The Idiot", is indicative of the type of person he was, and was adeptly portrayed by Alex.

Michael Burr, whose amusing presentation, "Jaberwocky", by Lewis Carroll had earned him a finalist position, asked the audience to close their eyes and thus feel the full effect of the amusing play on words and vocabulary. In a warm voice, Michael demonstrated the powerful

scribed a woman in Harry Chapin's "Burning Herself", Paul Friedman selected for presentation an excerpt from his own upcoming novel "An Ideal End". Tension rose in Room 501 as Paul breathlessly dramatized man, alone in a forest, hunting for a ruthless murderer and a killer bear.

Stuart Kessler demonstrated the power of charisma in his selection "The Piper Pipes", by Robert Browning. It told of



Paul Millman

Hopeful participants and attentive listeners.

effect sounds and consonants have on the ear.

Set To Music

Abe Chames did the popular "American Pie" by Don McLean, the singer. In a melancholy tone Abe dramatized this poem of despair of the late nineteen sixties. This prompted Dr. Tauber, Senior Professor of Speech and Drama, to remark after the presentation that he foresees the possibility of having certain works set to music beginning next year.

Scott Feld, in a whimsical voice and with a far away thoughtful look in his eyes, de-

course, of the Pied Piper, who like today's politician is able to lead a pack of rats to their deaths. Daniel Levine quoting from "The Dybbuk" by S. Anspy, played the part of Channan, the young and brilliant scholar who, in grief over his loss of his beloved to another man, a situation stemming from a previous promise, explores the fascinating world of mysticism.

The Chosen . . . Orphan

Chaim Potok's "The Chosen", was the subject of Jay Neinstein's presentation. Jay played the part of Rabbi Sanders, who

## Local 1199 Receives Wage Hike Over Next Two Years

By DANIEL BLUM

The union membership of Local 1199 have ratified the recently negotiated two-year labor settlement with the Negotiating Committee of Yeshiva University.

In a memorandum of agreement between Local 1199 (the local union of the National Union of Hospital and Health Care Employees) and Yeshiva University, the University agreed to increases to be paid over a two-year span covering the three areas of wages, minimum salaries, and fringe benefits for all employees of the bargaining unit.

According to the terms of the agreement, service and maintenance employees at the Uptown Center in Washington Heights will receive, in the first contract year, a wage increase of ten

dollars per week, effective retroactively to July 1, 1974, plus an additional five dollars per week, effective January 1, 1975. In the second contract year, they will receive a wage increase of ten dollars per week, effective July 1, 1975, plus an additional five dollars per week, effective January 1, 1976.

Fund Raisers

In short, all employees of the bargaining unit will be receiving a net wage increase, over a two-year period, of thirty dollars per week. Professional fund raisers, who were not included in the bargaining unit, will be receiving a net wage increase of forty-five dollars per week over the same time period.

In the area of minimum salaries, the settlement calls for an increase of twenty-five dol-

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# Final Review

With Finals Period commencing in but a few days, there has been a great deal of concern and confusion on the part of some students regarding marking procedures and students' rights of reviewing their final examinations. THE COMMENTATOR notes the following basic rules for the benefit of those teachers who have both eyes and ears, but chose to neither see nor hear what elsewhere is common practice.

Yeshiva College rules nowhere declare student's marks dependent on attendance. Whatever harm a student may cause himself by missing classes will inevitably affect his final examinations, and his examination, together with the midterm, paper, or whatever other assignments have been given, should alone determine the student's grade.

Moreover, school rules specify that a student's final examinations must be available for his perusal, and N.Y. State law demands that a student's final examinations be made available to him for a period of up to six weeks following their marking. Right or wrong, our society is grade oriented. A final examination is far too important to rot in some instructor's desk drawer.

In view of the above, THE COMMENTATOR wishes to make a few suggestions for Senate consideration. All in-term examinations should be returned to the student for a one week period, after which those instructors who so desire could recall the test papers. As to final examinations, these should be left on file in the Dean's office for a specified period. Thereafter, the tests might be filed in accordance with present school procedures. To avoid any overload at the office, students will be urged to refrain from reviewing their tests, if they feel their marks are satisfactory. By having all tests distributed or on file, no student need fear antagonizing an instructor through repeated requests to see his final examination. Tests will not be misplaced, or forgotten, or simply "thrown out," as they have been in the past, much to student dismay.

These warnings and suggestions have been made in a spirit of cooperation with the faculty and administration. We are confident that they share our concern for the best interests of the student, and will show the proper respect for his academic rights. However, in the event that these rights are not respected, and an instructor should withhold test papers from his students, THE COMMENTATOR will not similarly withhold the name of that particular instructor. If one student can not see his final examination, all students will know who is to blame.

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# Not A Science?

With the growth of modern science and the concurrent expansion of technology, there has arisen an entire new branch of the sciences, namely that of electronic technology. The tremendous importance of this field is apparent to everyone, and it has taken its place as a fundamental part of modern society.

The significance of this new branch of science is reflected in the stress placed, in today's world, on electronic devices and specifically in the scientific revolution in which the electronic computer has enabled man's knowledge and abilities to soar and to progress by leaps and bounds. At Yeshiva College, this field of study is the domain of the Information Science Department, which includes the study of computers, their structure, programming, and applications.

In view of this, we urge the Yeshiva

College Senate and Dean Bacon to amend the college requirements to allow non-science majors to fulfill their science requirement with any two semesters of Information Science courses. These interesting and pertinent courses, which include actual operation of the computer as a "lab," would then take their place beside physics, biology, and chemistry as full-fledged science courses, which would fulfill the requirement, as do the other sciences.

Allowing these courses to fulfill the requirement would be a special boon to the non-science major. The choice of information science courses, most of which need not be taken in any particular sequence, and the great flexibility in arranging individual computer time make these ideal courses. Students taking these courses also come into contact with science majors, graduate students, and professors who are using the computer facilities for applied mathematics and research problems. Finally, information science will be functionally useful to the non-science major in his career, especially if it be in economics, statistics, psychology, or accounting.

Information science is here, both in the world and at Yeshiva College. The time has come to fully recognize its importance.

# Lest We Forget

The glaring absence, in the spring semester, of Yeshiva's sole course dealing with the subject of the Holocaust is an undeniable blunder. THE COMMENTATOR is disheartened by the college's callous approach to the education of the student body on a subject of such great relevance. By its omission from the spring term's schedule of courses, the administration is implying the class's unimportance while at the same time disregarding the integral part its lesson plays in the past and the future of our people.

Though Yeshiva rotates its schedule of history classes to provide maximum exposure to the greatest number of courses possible, THE COMMENTATOR urges the administration to review its scheduling policy and reinstate and maintain the course for the student body. One can not over-emphasize the importance of the subject matter to the survival of a people whose denial of past horrors has inevitably led to recurrent tragedies. To deny our past is to endanger our future.

"For the new one it will soon be ancient history. Unrelated to today's conflicts and arguments. Without impact on the aspirations and actions of adolescents eager to live and conquer the future. The past interests them only to the extent that they can reject it. Auschwitz. Never Heard of it." Elie Wiesel.

# Letters To The Editor

## To the Editor

The article on the Student Council meeting of December 16, in the Dec. 19 issue of COMMENTATOR mentioned the problem facing the Psychology Department of various important psychology journals not being reordered by the Pollack Library. I am happy to report that the matter has been resolved. The Library has decided to reorder all of the psychology journals under question.

In addition, there seems to have been a misunderstanding. Dr. Adler, Chairman of the Yeshiva College Psychology Department, never specifically said that the cancellation of the journals without consulting with him first constituted a "slap in the face" to him. This was an observation made by me at the Student Council Meeting after my discussion of the matter with Dr. Adler.

Thank you.

Israel S. Wahrman, '75

## To the Editor,

Please permit me, as the Yeshiva College Alumni Association representative to the Senate, to briefly react to three Columns in THE COMMENTATOR.

Firstly, in your editorial (Attention: Faculty) in the December 19 issue you unforgivably neglected to mention the contribution of the College Alumni in producing much of that "carefully considered legislation" of the Senate.

In the same edition, Ricky Eisenberg, in a personal column, berated and attacked his fellow student senators for their supposed inability to function properly within that deliberative body. I have not seen eye-to-eye with them on many proposals, even as Mr. Eisenberg and others have questioned their stance on the residency reforms. However, I fully challenge his charge that they have "failings" which are "a great disservice to the student body." As their

colleague, I can assure you that at least a majority of the student senators have regularly served their constituency with concern, forethought, foresight, and distinction. Indeed, this year's student delegation seems to be among the best prepared of any. Veterans of last year's Senate, Messrs. Wandel, and Weinstein, especially deserve an apology for their primary interest at all times has been the welfare of the student body, whom they have admirably represented. It was no surprise that the other Senate members unanimously elected them Chairman and Vice Chairman respectively.

A'haron A'haron Chaviv, Mr. Eisenberg's news report on the Senate in the December 6 issue was much more factual. An inadvertent omission, however, has proven to be personally embarrassing. (Could it be that some of your readers are a little too cynical?) I consider the adoption of my constitutional  
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# NEWS IN BRIEF

DONALD G. DEITCH, a librarian for sixteen years, has been named acting University Director of Libraries. He will also continue as head librarian of the Pollack Undergraduate Library, a post he was named to last year. Mr. Deitch had been assistant head of the Catalog Department of Hunter College, administrative assistant of the director of libraries at Ohio State University, and has held posts at the Flint (Michigan) Public Library and New Rochelle Public Library. Mr. Deitch holds a Bachelor of Music degree from Florida State University, an M.A. in musicology from N.Y.U., and an M.S. in library science from Columbia.

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SOME SIX HUNDRED PERSONS were on hand at the Waldorf for YU's forty-sixth Annual Chanukah Dinner, honoring Mayor Abraham D. Beame. Governor-elect Hugh Carey delivered the main address, stating that "The courage of the Maccabees commemorated by the lighting of the menorah symbolizes the fight against prejudice, blind unreason, and unsolved obstacles." He also said that YU's scientists, teachers, and leaders "have enriched our national life far beyond the borders of this state."

President Belkin, Charles H. Silver, honorary dinner chairman, Morris B. Abram, chairman, YU Board of Governors of the Graduate Schools, dinner chairman, and Max J. Etra, chairman of YU's Board of Trustees, were the other speakers. Cantor Joseph Malovany of the Fifth Avenue Synagogue led the traditional candle lighting ceremony, and Rabbi William Herskowitz of the Greystone Jewish Center in Yonkers, president of the Rabbinic Alumni, delivered the invocation. Many outstanding civic and government leaders were present. Mr. Silver, who has had a distinguished career in Jewish and public life, was presented a gift menorah in recognition of his forty-five years a chairman of the dinners, and President Belkin paid tribute to him for his service to YU and the Jewish community.

Inner Products

Senate Sense



By ROBERT KANTOWITZ

Last week, a friend of mine asked me what the Yeshiva College Senate was discussing at present. As I explained at length what the Senate had been discussing and what I thought would be the next topics of discussion, my friend, who had been listening patiently, interrupted politely and asked me what chance anything brought up by students had of possibly being passed. He viewed the Senate as a puppet organization dominated by the faculty and Dean Bacon, most of whose members were sworn to vote as a group against any student proposal. He further asserted that the Faculty Assembly was the safety valve designed to automatically veto any student proposal that had by some quirk of fate been passed in the Senate. His conclusion was obviously that the students of Yeshiva College would never have any voice in the University until the Senate were fully under student con-

trol and had the ultimate power of decision.

I was, needless to say, shocked by my friend's extreme attitude. I hope that most students do not subscribe to this lack of faith in the legitimacy of the official policy-making body of Yeshiva College. Indeed, his total distrust of faculty and administration and firm belief in their pervasive moral bankruptcy and dubious sincerity are not the consensus of students at Yeshiva College. His unshakable trust in all students' motives is also quite naive. Students can often be as selfish in their desires as he claims the others to be. Yet, there is a significant portion of the student body that has begun to despair of ever seeing any good from the Senate. The Senate seems to have lost a measure of its respectability in the eyes of some students.

As a Senator, I am familiar with the actual workings of the Senate, such as our frequent student caucusses, and realize why students are frustrated by much of what has happened with Senate business this year. Bloc voting is engaged in on the part of all groups in the Senate. Lobbying is used by Senators eager to pass their own proposals. Idealistic proposals must be watered down by such considerations as their chances of passing as they are. I will not discuss any individual cases. This is not the place; the news pages of THE COMMENTATOR have treated this subject at length. Nor do I choose to paint a rosy, futuristic "artist's conception" of what the Senate could be. There are, though two practical propositions I would like to offer.

The Senate at present is composed of eight faculty members, six students, five administrators, and one representative of the Yeshiva College Alumni Association. The time may have arrived for a reevaluation of this balance, a realignment to give the student Senators the more equal voice on the Senate floor the students deserve.

I would like to see faculty membership trimmed to six.

This would reduce the percentage of faculty Senators from forty per-cent, a disproportionately high figure, to one-third. Student representation would stay at six, the same one-third. The remaining third would be administration and the alumnus. Although the change is by no means drastic, it could eliminate the chance of a bloc vote of any group to defeat a proposal, and it would also eliminate any one group's edge in the voting.

My second proposal is more fundamental and more far-reaching. The Faculty Assembly of Yeshiva College has shown that it may not be fit to exercise the veto granted it over proposals passed by the Senate. At recent Faculty Assembly meetings, Senate proposals have been vetoed by a bare two-thirds margin of the minimum Faculty Assembly quorum. The fate of serious Senate business was entrusted to eighteen Faculty Assembly members, while the great majority of the faculty indifferently chose not to attend the meetings.

Because so few faculty members take these meetings seriously, anyone determined enough to block Senate action may pack the particular meeting at which that action comes up with those of like persuasion. In truth, those many teachers who will have stayed away will have done so out of

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YU Museum Highlights Chanukah, Arthur Szyk

A recent visitor to the YU museum will notice that there have been some changes made. There are two new exhibits on display in the museum, the Chanukah and Arthur Szyk exhibits. THE COMMENTATOR interviewed Miss Dalia Tawil, museum curator, to explore the reasons behind these expositions and their significance to the Yeshiva student and the Jewish community.

"The Chanukah exhibit is particularly timely. This demonstration will show the artistic variety of those ancient days and the iconography that is used on Chanukah in the decorations of the menorah" said Miss Tawil. One such example is a menorah with the figure of Judith holding the head of Olophanus the Tyrant. This has specific relevance to the holiday. On display are chanukiot from such diverse places as Italy, Germany, Austria, and Poland. These menorahs were fashioned by various artists throughout the centuries.

Second Exhibit

The second, and major, exhibit is that of Arthur Szyk (pronounced Shick) the Jewish artist-illuminator. Szyk was born in Poland in 1894, where his career began at an early age. He died in America in 1951. His works gained praise as a result of his anchoring himself to the Jewish tradition in his painting and thereby cultivating a deep national sentiment. Biblical figures, Jewish iconography and Hebrew script played a prominent role in his art. He used the figures and traditions of the past to signify and embellish the present.

Dr. Chernowitz, Chairman of

the Art Department at Yeshiva University, noted, however, that "Szyk was certainly a fine illuminator and definitely an excellent cartoonist but I wouldn't rate him among the top Jewish artists of our time."

Why was Szyk selected out of all Jewish artists? Miss Tawil explained that a major controversy is brewing as to what Jewish art is. "This man was an artist who welded his artistic talents to the cause and struggle of his people. Arthur Szyk identifies his major works with Jewish tradition and history as applied to Jewish religion."

Divers Sources

The exhibits were obtained from several sources. Part of Szyk's works were gotten through a bequest from Charles Frost as a part of the museum's holiday services which includes Chanukah, Passover, Purim, Rosh Hashana, Simchat Torah and Succot. A great part was received on loan from the daughter of Arthur Szyk. The rest of the artist's works and the menorahs some of which YU owns, were given to the museum from the Stern and Jesselsons family collections.

The first gallery as one enters the museum was built specifically for movable exhibits. The museum plans to have two or three more exhibits this year. The Szyk display will stay in showcase until February.

Miss Tawil claims that so far attendance to the exposition has been very high. The explanation is due to the recent trend to return to illumination in art and Szyk's works deal explicitly and fascinatingly with this art form.

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Audio-Visual Triumphs

By HARRY FELD

When you're dying of boredom in the middle of a hydrocarbon chain, your mind begins to float around thinking of last Saturday night, which is gone, and the coming Saturday night, which isn't here yet. Then you snap yourself out of it, and you're back in your ongo book.

But before you know it, your mind is on some fascinating topic, and your eyes begin to wander out the window, and there, on the side of Pollack Library, you see the Roadrunner falling from what looks like the fifth floor to about the third floor. No, your mind hasn't snapped. After all, it's not finals week yet, but something crazy is happening. Someone is showing a "Looney Tunes" cartoon on the side of Pollack! Suddenly, everyone in the dorm is going crazy and people are running from one room to another, trying to get some sound effects by "Beep-Beeping" out the window.

After eight hectic minutes, the show is over, but the show is such a success, the idea is so crazy, that everyone is shouting, "More, more!" You're too distracted to go back to studying, so you wait impatiently to see if here will be another showing. You didn't really expect it, but there it came, another showing. This time, it was made more exciting by the arrival of a police car that slowed down and watched the movie for a couple of seconds. Their night hadn't been too exciting either.

By 12:30, the action was over, when the cartoon was shown for a third time.

Back to your desk you go, strangling on an isobutyl alanene, and your mind begins to work again, not on organic chemistry, but on a great idea. Why don't they show all their movies on the side of the library and pipe the sound through WYUR?

Bits and Pieces III

Speak No Evil



By MARK BRESLOW

Recently YC was fortunate to have a demonstration of the art of non-verbal communication. If you missed it, this could be because the sponsor, YCSC, did not realize that this demonstration would be held at its most recent meeting. Had

the Council known, they probably would not have advertised the meeting as a discussion with Dean Bacon.

The Dean began by announcing the formation of a business major to be held in conjunction with Baruch College similar to the engineering program now in effect with Columbia. The business major would attend YC for three years full time, finish his fourth year full-time at Baruch, and upon successful completion, would receive degrees from both YC and Baruch.

All present oohed and aahed. The President (Larry) asked a probing question, "How would this benefit YU?" The Dean, undaunted, replied that a business major would attract more students to YC. "We have to face the realities. People are not coming to YC because of business. We would rather see them here for three years learning than not here at all."

What the Dean did not say was equally startling. He did not explain why, in the Senate, the Administration is violently opposed to a relaxation of the four-year residency requirement,

yet has gone ahead and instituted a program which, by definition, means the student escapes the four-year residency requirement (unless one counts the full-time year at Baruch). He did not explain why YC forces the Liberal Arts Major to be here four years, if he does not take a year aboard or transfer in from another institution of higher learning, yet the non-Liberal Arts Major must remain only three. Maybe that's the price one pays for a liberal arts education.

A neat escape for the Administration would be to say that the credit requirements are met. However that does not explain why the Administration makes it extremely difficult for its own four-year student to attain enough credit to be able to graduate early (43 credits maximum per year as counted from July to June or September to August). Suffice it to say, the Dean did not say anything about these questions.

A while later, the Dean talked about the topic of the faculty association. He warned

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EMC, WSSW Offer Joint Social Work BA-MA Plans

By DAVID SHERR

How many times in the past year did Project Ezra appear in THE COMMENTATOR? When did you last hear about the Association of Jewish Anti-Poverty Workers? What about the Zionist Organization of America? Do you know about the Jewish Family Service or Ohel Children's Home? These names represent a wide span of Jewish communal organizations which provide different services for Jewish communities all over the world. Additionally, they offer job opportunities for people interested in working as professional social workers within

Jewish society.

Social Builders

Young men who are dedicated to Torah should consider a career in social work, according to Dr. Stephen Donshik, Professor of Social Work at the Wurzeiler School of Social Work. Besides having the opportunity to help others, which in itself is the primary reason, one also acquires a sense of reward as a result of participating in the improvement of the Jewish community. Whether one decides to work in the US, Israel, or anywhere else around the globe, he or she is participating in the

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## Neglected Orphans Cared For By OHEL, A Child Guardian Agency

By MITCHELL SCHRANZ

Mention the words "unwanted children", and "Jewish" is not the first thing that comes to mind. It was not until six years ago that a group of concerned rabbis and laymen alike realized that unfortunately, but not apparently, the terms were indeed tragically related. They responded by founding OHEL.

OHEL is the only professional child care agency under Orthodox Jewish auspices. Prior to its founding, the Jewish community remained largely unaware of the existence of Jewish orphans and unwanted children. "Most of the social service needs," Rabbi Lester Kaufman, director of OHEL states, "were taken care of by secular Jewish agencies, and by some

kind individuals." There was no specific parochial agency dedicated to the care of these children. "Although these agencies would provide the children with adequate food and shelter, many of the abandoned would grow up in a sort of spiritual vacuum." *Kashrut* in most of these places did not exist, and the atmosphere was not conducive to any type of religious observance. In some cases, Orthodox parents sacrificed the professional services their children desperately needed and kept them at home, where the child's emotional or physical problems would usually worsen.

OHEL thus began, in 1969, as a response to this situation, and today is prepared to help in any way necessary or proper

under the existing circumstances. "Our purpose is for any Jewish family who wants our service — we will take any child who is halachikly Jewish," stated Rabbi Kaufman. The children at OHEL may have been referred there by the courts, doctors, psychologists or rabbis who have come into contact with the children and/or parents. In many cases there may be no natural surviving parents; in other cases the child might be the victim of parents emotionally unequipped to raise a family or who may feel incapable of dealing with a child who has a physical or psychological handicap.

An orphaned child is usually the easiest for the home to deal with. Children under the age of fourteen are placed in the Group Residence for Boys on 58th Street in Boro Park. Interestingly, because girls are easier to adopt, there is no need for a corresponding girls' dormitory at this age level. Young children have a good chance of finding their way into a foster home. If he is not taken into a family by age fourteen, the child will be placed in either the Boys' or Girls' Group Home for Adolescents. At this point chances for adoption are greatly reduced since the teenager is not so willing to surrender his independence, and people generally are hesitant towards taking a young adult into their homes.

One thing all children at OHEL from six and up have in common is the fact that they attend yeshiva for a good part of the day. Older residents may also go to college or vocational school. Some boys even bloom

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in 1970, the Society of Survivors of the Riga Ghetto brought to national attention the Maikovski matter. The facts concerning Maikovski were reported to the society by Dr. Trudie Schnieder, of C.C.N.Y., after a fact finding mission in Riga and West Germany. Dr. Schnieder hopes to publish a book soon on the facts she found regarding the Riga Ghetto.

After the protests at Maikovski's home in May, 1974 Rep. Elizabeth Holtzman (D-Brooklyn) charged the INS with "an appalling laxness and superficiality" in their investigations. At a news conference in Washington she stated, "The INS investigation, its administration and conduct, can only be described as haphazard, uncoordinated, and unprofessional." Various members of the press, including Chris Borgen of CBS and Bob O'Brien of WNEW, have shown interest in the case. TV specials and interviews are scheduled on Maikovski and other Nazis in this country.

Last September, the New York members of the society and the Jewish Veterans of Foreign Wars joined in a protest in front of the INS office in New York City. They handed INS officials petitions demanding that deportation proceedings be initiated in the Maikovski case.

The 200 member organization maintains communication with its nationwide membership and plans coordinated protests and political action.

## Nazi Mass-Murderer Resides In U.S. As INS Procrastinates In The Case

By ALEX BIRMAN

Who is Boleslavs Maikovski? Born in Rezekne in 1909, he was the Captain in charge of the second precinct of Rezekne police. He was one of the masterminds, organizers, and leaders of the massacre of fifteen thousand civilians, and directly participated in the execution of these mass murders. He is charged with shooting defenseless men and women; implementing the Hitlerite racial policy, and murdering all the Jews of Rezekne district five. He also organized and participated in the "complete destruction" on January 3rd and 4th, 1942, of the village of Aurdri, burning its forty-six houses and executing its one hundred ninety-six people, including fifty-one children.

Maikovski came to this country in 1951, as a displaced person. In 1965, he was sentenced to death in absentia by a Soviet tribunal. The US chose not to honor the Soviet request for extradition. On January 31st, 1967, an Open Letter signed by nine hundred thirty-eight representatives of the Jewish population of Latvia was sent to the UN pleading for justice.

Hearings and investigations into this matter in this country have continually been obstructed and mishandled. (i.e. The Maikovski file mysteriously turned up in Detroit where it had been "misplaced" for six and one-half years!!)

Right now the Immigration and Naturalization Service continues to drag its feet on the Maikovski case. Even with eye witnesses, mounds of evidence, and a confession from Maikovski (given to INS officials in 1966), the department maintains it has not obtained "clear, unequivocal, and convincing" evidence.

### Action

On May 14, 1974, a small group of protestors assembled in Mineola, Long Island, in front of the home of Boleslavs Maikovski. It was the first attempt by this group to bring the issue for former Nazi officials living in this country to the attention of the public, the media, and the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

While the Department of Justice has long forgotten the Maikovski case, the survivors of the Riga Ghetto did not. Formed

## Dr. L. Feldman: The Heart Of Yeshiva's Classics Dept.

By WILLIAM STOCK

In the short while that I was a classics major, I frequently encountered widely varying opinions on my chosen course of study: "Why bother with that junk?" "What good is it", and "it's so hard". The two best lines were, "You mean they offer Latin and Greek here?" (delivered with appropriate incredulity) and "What are you bucking for, the Priesthood?" (A certain rebbe in JSS loved this which made response difficult).

In all seriousness, however, YU does offer Latin and Greek, and has, from the college's origins in 1929. To top it off, it's offered by one of the best classicists in the world (all 17 of them), our own Dr. Louis Feldman. Even if you've never had him, if you've taken a final in Furst 501 you've certainly heard his voice urging you to use the bathroom now, because there'll be no chance later.

But there's more to Dr. Feldman than that. He grew up in Hartford, Conn. during the depression, and went to Trinity College on scholarship, and became its only valedictorian ever to wear a yarmulke. After receiving a Ph.D. from Harvard, he taught in New England, and then in upstate New York for a few years, before arriving at YU in 1955, where he found a home.

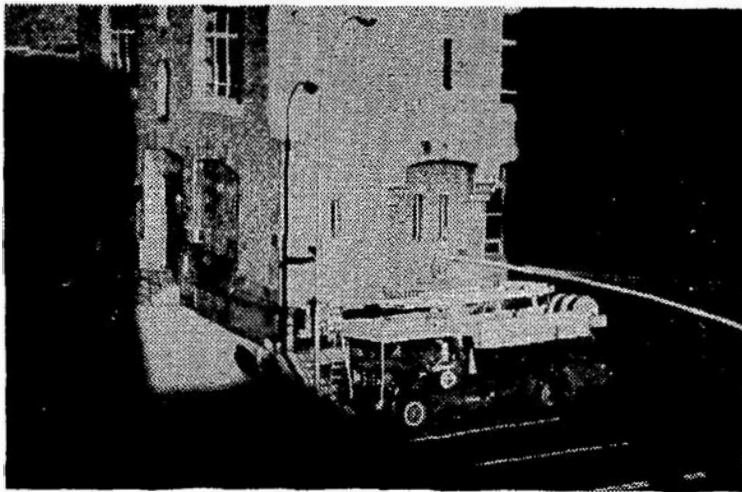
Few minds have ever mastered both Greek and Yiddish, let alone achieved a synthesis, and Dr. Feldman remains an authority on almost anything (especially Hellenistic Judaism). He is also a fine wit and punster, frequently at a student's expense. Some students have

fought back. One is now a Rabbi, and above such things, but once when Dr. Feldman had a policy that all tests could be postponed until midnight of that same day when they had to be slipped under his door in the Bronx, this student had a phony newspaper printed with the headline "FELDMAN FORCED TO DRINK HEMLOCK, ALL EXAMS CANCELED."

Dr. Feldman's appearances at school have decreased in recent years, mainly because he has "eased off". Today, a student will no longer be asked to translate from English into Latin or Greek; one has a whole semester to learn the grammar as a freshman, (instead of six weeks) and the course content has been lessened from approximately fourteen pages of Greek a night to a mere four. In terms of past precedents that's practically no challenge.

The students are not above reproach however. In Dr. Feldman's words they are either "very good, very bad or insane". One student actually combined all these rare qualities. He came to class in pajamas, demanded hundreds of sentences in Latin on which to practice, and upon exhausting Dr. Feldman's powers of invention (a typical Feldman sentence-in-Latin-is "The tooth of the soldier was smaller than the naked elephant) Feldman agreed to render his lines into Latin. Typically, the average "Greeker" or "Latinist" is a very hard worker, has a flair for the absurd, a bizarre nervous system and a broken biological clock (until you get the grammar, forget sleep).

Still, the question remains, Why Latin and Greek? Why bother with languages that are no longer spoken? The typical answer is, to understand Western history, culture and language, a working knowledge of the sources is absolutely essential. Anyone who has tried to "finagle" through J.S.S. by means of Soncino can testify that translations are inadequate for any purpose except for cramming. Classics can also be a delight in themselves. They offer the possibility of great company and perhaps, the discovery of a whole new world.



A. Paul Millman

THE TRAFFIC LIGHT promised by the city Department of Traffic in early Fall has finally been installed at the corner of Amsterdam Avenue and 186th Street.

## News Briefs

TEN YU FACULTY and administration members have been selected for inclusion in the 1974 edition of Outstanding Educators of America. Outstanding Educators of America is an annual awards program honoring distinguished men and women for their exceptional service, achievements, and leadership in the field of education. Guidelines include an educator's talents in the classroom, contributions to research, administrative abilities, civic service and professional recognition.

Those selected are: The late Dr. Esther Appelberg, professor of social work, WSSW; Dr. Aaron H. Beckerman, associate professor of social work, WSSW; Sam Hartstein, director of public relations; Dr. Seymour Lainoff, professor of English, YC; Dr. Leo Landman, associate professor of Jewish history and secretary of the Faculty Executive Committee, BRGS; Dr. Louis Levitt, associate professor of social work, WSSW; Dr. Irving Linn, Abraham Wouk Family Professor in English, YC; Dr. Walter Orenstein, instructor in Bible, TIW; Dr. Paul Raccach, professor of physics and director of the Maxwell R. Maybaum Institute of Material Sciences and Quantum Electronics, BGSS; and Dr. Sheldon E. Socol, vice-president for business affairs.

## Speak No Evil

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Council that the real losers, if the Union (and did he stress that word) would be the students (What else is new?). He mentioned that the tenured full-time faculty in the highest pay scale are among the highest paid. "They get \$23,500 plus pension and benefits."

The President, not having another probing question, opened questioning from the floor. An Editor of COMMENTATOR asked what the lowest pay scale was for tenured full-time professors. The Dean answered, in a low voice, "That's irrelevant." The Maariv break ensued and when the meeting re-

sumed, the President decided to move onto more important business.

Was this fact irrelevant for the Council members and, consequently, the student body who must decide if the faculty association is good for Yeshiva or bad for Yeshiva? Perhaps, it was irrelevant to the Dean who was trying to tell the students his half of the story and thus an unimportant fact that he knew, like the low end of the scale was "irrelevant."

For those of you missed the demonstration, Council holds one every year. It's not Marceau but it's worth the price of admission.

# Student Court's Hope: To Curb Dorm Abuse

During the past few months, students have witnessed the growth of the Yeshiva College Student Court as a viable organization. As a result of their increased awareness, students have begun asking questions such as: "What powers does the Court have?," "Who is the Court composed of?," "When does the Court meet?," and, finally, "How can I get on the Court?"

The Student Court is composed of a Chief Justice, Associate Justice, and four Senior Justices, all of whom must be Seniors; three Junior Justices who must be Juniors, and two clerks, who must be at least Sophomores. They are nominated by the Executive Board of the Yeshiva College Student Council, specifically the President, and approved by the entire Student Council. The Student Court handles all cases of disciplinary action in the dormitory and, with permission and invitation of the Dean of the College, may enter the academic sphere. The Court also has jurisdiction on all matters relating to the Yeshiva College Student Council and any or all of its subsidiaries. The Court may also serve as a

medium for arbitration between any two students or student organizations, as was in the case of the dispute between the JSS Student Council and SOY.

Among violations of dormitory rules that will result in severe punishment by the Court are the following: Causing damage or dishonest use of the public telephones; causing damage to or tampering with vending machines; tampering with the elevator; unauthorized use of a fire hose; engaging in any form of gambling and/or card playing; and damaging University property.

Lounge furniture, in addition, may not be removed for use in student rooms. The furniture that is in the lounges is for the benefit of the entire student body, and any student who wishes to deprive his peers of that enjoyment must suffer the consequences. Two cases have already been handled by the Court on this issue. In one case, Messrs. Benjy Krupka and Harvey Nitzky decided to pay the fine, after a trial of the case was already under way (as reported in the previous edition of COMMENTATOR). In the other case, involving two swivel chairs, the defendants did not take the case to court and paid a fine for each chair.

Engaging in a waterfight, or the throwing of water bombs or any other object from a window, will absolutely not be tolerated. Persons involved in such activity will be subject to severe penalty by the Court. An excuse such as "I did not do it—my door was open!" will simply be dismissed. In short, each person will be held responsible for any objects thrown from his room.

According to the "Yeshiva University Residence Halls Basic Rules and Regulations," quiet hours are to be observed after 10:30 p.m. In a case earlier this year, a student was tried for playing a musical instrument in

## Two New Exhibits Highlights Of Yeshiva Museum's Season

(Continued from Page 3, Col. 5) The curator claims there are at least three tours a day through the museum consisting of a min-

By YONATAN MOZESON

These awe-inspiring creatures evoke an air of respect. I recognized the louder one, protruding out the window, whose sole task was to keep the others cool and content. So this mass of lights and buttons is modern man's triumph over counting by fingers. With due humility I attempted my simple physics problem. Naturally, we don't speak the same language but man would not have conceived machines that are inaccessible. These temperamental creatures have to be spoon fed one bit of information at a time. It's common knowledge that one must follow a very specific format or else, or else what? As fast as I humbly submitted my problem, it was immediately thrown out and rejected from consideration. I am human; G-dly endowed with patience and pride or so I told myself the first five or six times. Demoralized, and degraded, I sought consultation with some fellow human beings. They understand me. "You have the cards in backwards." One must always give others the benefit of the doubt. I went back, apologized for all the obscenities and plans of retaliation, and tried again.

Behold modern technology, the experience was simply amazing. A mass roll of paper was instantly printing out information. Spewing it all out on the floor. Why should a mere human not have to stoop down in submission to attain the excrements of this amazing machine. I stood there for five stupefied minutes. This pile of precise data was all for me. I ventured to think how man has produced the ultimate in subordination. I ventured in vain. "This doesn't seem to be your data. . . . now control yourself it is only a matter of a storage location."

"I'll break every transistor in your system! I'll sell this hunk of steel and wires for scrap metal, and junk the rest!" These were my departing words, from the sixth floor of Belfer.

# Op-Ed

By MICHAEL GOLDBERG

This term's dramatic presentation of the play, *That Championship Season*, opened on the first night of Chanukah. Unfortunately, the production of such a play provides us with a modern parallel to the Chanukah story. The background of this festival focuses on a Jewish majority infatuated with Hellenistic values, eager to rid itself of the "restrictive" bonds of the halachic system embodied in the Torah. The halacha, however, has remained long after the disappearance of the ancient Greek civilization. The presentation of that play which opened on the celebration of the strong re-emergence of Torah values in ancient Jewish society, is in itself opposed to the very basis of Torah values.

After speaking to representatives of the Dramatic Society, I am sure that the presentation of this play, in no way represented a conscious effort to undermine halacha, but was rather a victory of ignorance over knowledge of the halachic system. This ignorance manifested itself in two ways. Firstly, the actors were apparently unaware that *nivul peh* (dirty language) is a serious transgression with Biblical roots. The actors' roles called for the use of the most radical forms of modern *nivul peh*. Outside of the halachic system I am sure that these words are socially acceptable; however we do not exist outside of the halachic world. This should hold true even when we are portraying someone else, as in a play. Certainly, if the script of the play would have called upon them to seat *treifos*, the actors would have chosen another play. Why then did they allow themselves to overlook the prohibitions of "*nivul peh*"?

In the books of Jewish law, there appears to be no question as to the seriousness of this prohibition. There are many discussions of *nivul peh* ranging from Rabbinic discourses in the Talmud to the works of modern authorities. The Rabbis of the Talmud place *nivul peh* under the biblical injunction, ". . . therefore shall thy camp be holy; that He see no lewdness of anything in thee" (Duet. XXIII, 15). The Talmud in *Pesachim* 3b tells us how *nivul peh* reflects on an internal defect of a priest. Isaiah, referring to one who has forsaken the proper attributes of Judaism, exclaims, "filth he will speak" (Isaiah XXXII, 6). There is obviously no question as to the moral and legal statements being made.

The prohibition of *nivul peh* is twofold. This is discussed in

the Tractate Shabbat 33a, in which *Ray Nachman* the son of *Ray Yitzchok* declares that one who listens to *nivul peh* and remains quiet is punished for it as is the one who uses *nivul peh* himself. This Tractate goes on to outline the punishments for those who insist on overlooking this halacha. Besides the punishments rained upon the individual, the Talmud learns from a verse in Isaiah (IX, 16), that the punishment is felt universally among our People.

For those who insist that changes in language and morals provide a consideration for permitting certain words, there are modern authorities who, even though "enlightened" by the new-found social acceptability of these words remain steadfast in the observance of this halacha. One of many examples is *Ray Naftali Hoffner's* work, *Book of Jewish Law: Purity of Language and Soul*, written within the last five years.

In my recent interviews with members of the Dramatics Society, I was assured that the actors were not out to intentionally forsake halacha. They believed, I was told, that there were certain over-riding considerations to be applied in presenting their play complete with *nivul peh*. I lack the knowledge to comment on the validity of any such consideration; however I am bewildered as to why people conscious of halacha failed to ask the counsel of a Rabbi teaching in the Yeshiva, as is common practice on a halachic question.

The second aspect of the play that was so disturbing to many was the absence of *kipot* on the heads of even those actors eating on stage. This problem does not even merit discussion because it could have been avoided so easily. As any Yeshiva high school student who must walk to the subway station can tell you, there are numerous ways to camouflage the *kipah*.

I direct my sentiments towards the members of the Dramatics Society only because they do not wish to compromise our halachic system. I am fully aware that my words will have little value among those who had only bothered to ask themselves four questions, leaving out that crucial question which by nature eliminates the rest, namely: "What is the Halacha?" The Dramatics Society had a message that they wanted to direct to us; the acting was not lacking Surely they would have been truly appreciated if our attentions had not been distracted towards needless violations of our Jewish Law.

## Levine First In Annual Festival Of Oral Interp.

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 4) remorsefully discusses the tragedy of having a brilliant son with no heart and no compassion. Gary Torgow selected his work from Sholom Aleichem's "I'm Lucky I'm an Orphan." Characterizing the warped thinking of a recently orphaned child, Gary effectively portrayed the child's reaction to the situation as being one of pleasure and unawareness of what he lost.

Winding up the Festival was Howard Wieder with a selection from Monbeau, "Useless Mouths". In it Howie poignantly characterized the heartbreak of old age and the response which it brings, one of cold, callous treatment, and the ungratefulness from which an old man suffers until his death.

Professor Tauber, at the colation following the Festival, expressed the sentiments not only of the judges but also of the spectators, in saying that he was enormously pleased with the results and that the judging was most difficult. However, only one name could fit on the attractive plaque donated by Dr. Laurel Keating, and Danny Levine (with his *Dybbuk*) was declared the winner.

## Who's Whose

- Engaged  
 Simon Lichtiger '75 to Chani Roseman  
 Alan Slomowitz '75 to Pinina Pincus  
 Yudi Rosenbaum '75 to Robin Bodek  
 David Beren '76 to Debbie Goldberger  
 Michael Galanti '76 to Sheilah Strobel  
 Herbie Schneider '74 to Pauline Secemski  
 Married  
 Heshy Jacob '74 to Nancy Brotman  
 Lenny Friedman '74 to Fran Koppleman

ance record in these free days she will persuade the administration to forego the admission fees for students. She also hopes



Arthur Szyk print at museum exhibit.

imum of 50 people a tour. The museum had established two free days for YU students to see the art pageant. Many students were outraged at this offer, feeling that YU students should be let in free all the time. Miss Tawill's retort was that if she sees a high attend-

that in the future there will be more direct involvement with the museum on the part of students and faculty. One possible idea for added participation is coordination between the classroom and museum through teacher led tours relating to special exhibits.

## EMC, WSSW Offer A Joint BA-MA Plan In Social Work

(Continued from Page 3, Col. 3) building of a stronger, more viable Jewish society.

Such a career has now become a tenable reality at Yeshiva University. Erna Michael College and the Wurzweiler School of Social Work, a graduate school of Yeshiva University, have agreed to sponsor a joint BS-MSW program. The new curriculum allows a student to complete the program in only five years. Until recently, the graduate course took two full

years in addition to the normal four years towards a BA. Under the new program, a student will take courses at Wurzweiler in his senior year of college, and after successfully completing that year, will then continue with courses on the second year level in graduate school. During that crucial fourth undergraduate year, explained Dr. Donshik, the applicant takes courses both at EMC and WSSW engaging in field work at an outside social agency two days a week.

# Jewish Children Find Hope At OHEL Home

(Continued from Page 4, Col. 3) into real masmidim. As their teen years draw to a close, OHEL's staff helps prepare the young men and women to find a profession and sets them on their sometimes smooth, sometimes shaky paths into society.

The more challenging cases are those in which a parent may be forced to "give" his or her child to OHEL for temporary care. In such cases, Rabbi Kaufman explains that the "parents must conform and make certain adjustments." This does not mean that the parents must change their religious practices or philosophies. However, they are expected to refrain from visiting on Shabbat, and if they take their children out to eat, it must be at a kosher establishment. Rabbi Kaufman believes that "the parents must realize the child is going to yeshiva and is beginning to develop new ways of thinking. Our whole policy is based on an integration of halachah and professional theory." Rabbi Kaufman noted that all staff members and foster parents are Orthodox. This means that they must be shomer shabbat and keep kosher homes.

### Commendations

OHEL has been endorsed by every major national Jewish organization, and many governmental agencies such as the Board of Social Welfare, the N.Y. Council of Voluntary Child Care Agencies and the Child Welfare League of America. "The city purchases a service from us, we put up ten to twenty percent of the budget and the city gives us the remaining eighty to ninety per-

cent," explained Rabbi Kaufman. It is not as easy as it seems though, since the budget runs into hundreds of thousands of dollars a year, even ten percent is a sizable sum. Caring for an individual child could cost anywhere from five thousand to twelve thousand dollars per annum, and OHEL takes no money from parents.

Yet, despite the prohibitive costs, a brochure OHEL distributes makes the proud, undaunted claim which might well be the motto of the organization — "We have done a great deal, we must do much more."

# YC Student Court Seeks To End Violation Of Dorm Rules

(Continued from Page 5, Col. 2) the afternoon. Based on the rule, the Court could not find him guilty. However, the Court has urged the YU Dormitory Committee to examine all the rules thoroughly, with the possibility of beginning some revision. It is hoped, nevertheless, that each student will observe the laws of mutual respect and common courtesy to his neighbor, no matter the hour of the day.

Finally, the Student Court may be called by the Yeshiva College Student Council to sit in an advisory capacity and examine the Constitution of YCSC with the hopes of proposing some changes.

The penalty powers of the Court are wide. It can issue reprimands, impose fines, place someone on dormitory probation, and even suspend or expel someone from the dormitories. We have instituted a new, simple method of subpoena which will enable court to alleviate excess noise in the dormitory as well as penalize any infractions of dormitory regulations. Each justice listed below has a supply of the subpoena forms as does each floor counselor and the dorm office. The litigant is simply required to state his complaint, the name of the defendant along with his own name, and submit it to any one of the justices. All complaints will be promptly attended to. Most Court proceedings are held in private and remain confidential. The Student Justices are: Howard Wieder — Morg. 207, Shimmy Palgon — Morg. 709, Mark Speiser — M207, Shalom Buchbinder — R419, Mark Engel — M224, Stewart Kessler — M428, Marty Bodner — R523, Michael Kurzman — R206, and Andrew Pomerantz — R722. The clerks of the Court are: Robert Blass — M821 and Victor Schwartz — M821.

The Senate will convene once more before intersession.

# Yeshiva Senate Votes To Lift Credit Ceiling

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 5) besides credits taken in the Jewish studies programs.

Doctor Fleisher again said that by allowing students to take 12 summer credits, the Senate would be showing that it had "no sound conception of what education is all about." By interpreting education as book knowledge, Dr. Fleisher said, "we won't be developing human beings besides prescribing to them that they ought not kill their neighbors."

Dean Bacon finally substituted a motion to that of Senators

# Senate Sense

(Continued from Page 3, Col. 3) indifference to the agenda of the meeting. Their choice can be interpreted only as acquiescence to the Senate's action. The vote to veto will not reflect the "no" votes of those who did not attend.

If the faculty and President of the University must be allowed to exercise veto power over the Yeshiva College Senate, this power must be exercised only after due consideration.

I trust the President fully debates the merits of any Senate proposal before he decides whether to veto it. His actions in this regard represent a considered opinion. Unfortunately, the same may not be said of the Faculty Assembly's actions. I propose that the Faculty As-

sembly as a body be stripped of its veto power, this power reverting to the entire faculty. Senate proposals could then be vetoed only by a two-thirds vote of all the faculty, who could vote in person or by mail at a Faculty Assembly meeting should they wish to veto Senate action. No Senate action would ever again be vetoed by a small, unrepresentative minority.

The Senate is composed of twenty dedicated members, devoted to the improvement and welfare of Yeshiva College. They deserve proper attention for their finished product. These proposals could insure that Senate business in given the proper weight and could help restore to the Senate any credibility it may have lost.

# Letters to the Editor

(Continued from Page 2, Col. 3) amendment allowing for the election of the YCAA representative to the chairmanship when the Senate so desires to be the high point of my career. It bespeaks an appreciation of the service rendered by my predecessors, if not myself. However, to ensure that no personality issues were involved, I specifically stipulated in my presentation that I would not be a recipient of this amendment's provisions, should it pass. Hopefully, this will set the record straight.

Doniel Z. Kramer, '76

# 1199 And YU Agree On A Two Year Pact

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 2) lars per week, over a two-year period; while in the area of fringe benefits, the University has agreed to increase the labor dental and health plans.

This agreement does not include hospital and service employees at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, who come under a different bargaining unit.

The negotiations leading up to the tentative agreement were conducted between Gerald A. Bodner (formerly affiliated with New York University), the University labor counsel who handles all contractual matters and disputes, and representatives from the union on behalf of District 1199.

The memorandum of agreement has been approved by President Belkin and is considered to be a precursor to a formal contractual agreement.

### Escalator Clause

The ratification of a final agreement, however, may be delayed, as union organizers for District 1199 feel that any final agreement should include a guaranteed cost of living "escalator clause" which would establish pay raises commensurate with increases in the cost of living. The University has been unwilling to accede to this demand up to the present.

Union organizers have also sought a revision of the old contract, which provided for four weeks of vacation, eight free holidays, and six legal holidays as days off.

The proposed increases provided for in the agreement will affect nine grades of service and maintenance employees here at the main campus. To gauge the effect of these increases (thirty dollars extra in total wages per week over a two-year period and a twenty-five dollar boost in minimum weekly salary) on the University, one must realize that these represent increases in the minimum salary per week of anywhere from \$116.00 to \$134.00 for Grade 1 to \$233.50 to \$256.00

for the highest grade, meat chef. These increases thus range from about ten per cent to approximately fifteen and one-half per cent over the previous salaries.

# Chief Librarian Explains Recent Periodical Snafu

In response to the recent controversy over the termination of all psychology periodical subscriptions in Pollak Library, Mr. Donald Deitch, Director of the University Libraries, agreed to clarify the issue for the student body. Mr. Deitch acknowledged that, due to an oversight, Dr. Helmut Adler, Chairman of the YC Psychology Department, had not been consulted before the decision was made. He contends that he was unaware of Dr. Adler's position, as previous issues of relevance had been discussed with Dr. Sternlicht. Mr. Deitch, however, did have occasion to meet Dr. Adler at a recent Faculty Assembly meeting and subsequently reached the following decision.

The order to terminate all psychology periodical subscriptions has been conditionally suspended, subject to a comprehensive review of all library periodicals. In addition to excessive periodical duplication, Mr. Deitch believes that the rate of usage and the current quality of each periodical will play a major role in the analysis of its renewal. It is probable that those periodicals not meeting specific standards will be discontinued by the Library.

To prevent future misunderstandings between students, faculty, and Library administrators, Mr. Deitch requests that all relevant suggestions and inquiries, concerning the functions of Gottesman and Pollack Libraries, be submitted directly to him. In this manner, the library staff can be more responsive to the various necessities of our academic community.

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## On The Sidelines

## Debits, Credits And Congrats



By David Gleicher

As we approach the halfway point in the school year, I'd like to present a mid-season review of YU's varsity teams.

Let's start off with the Yeshiva Maccabees (or, as they were called in the N.Y. Post, "the not-so-mighty Mites"): They now have a dismal record of 1-7 and if that doesn't sound bad enough, how's this? Since February, 1969, YU has gone 13-96. This was supposed to be the year of the big improvement — what happened?

In the pre-season scrimmages, Yeshiva played like an inspired team: If a player on the other team tried for a rebound he'd be sorry because the Maccabees just wouldn't let him get it — at least not without a fight. Yes, there were fights in those scrimmage games, as our opponents learned that Yeshiva wasn't a team to be pushed around anymore. The other teams were afraid to go inside against the "Big Jew," Merlis, and took bad percentage shots from way outside.

Unfortunately, once the regular season started the team dropped its newfound Maccabean aggressiveness, and resumed its traditional role of docile Yeshiva boys on the court. The team stopped playing defense, letting other teams shoot from wherever and whenever they wanted to. The team's offense was slightly better, but it would be nice if college ballplayers knew how to shoot foul shots.

The low point of the season was the Pratt game where YU collapsed in front of a large crowd. Due to the presence of Cyndi Meserve the game received more than usual coverage and Yeshiva was more than usually embarrassed. After the game many fans were wondering where the fault lies. Let's check the two main possibilities.

Is the team's poor showing Jonny Halpert's fault? As coach, he must take at least some of the blame. Although I'm not one of those fans who say that Jonny should quit or commit hara-kiri because the team is in a depression, I feel that he must radically revise his coaching methods to get the team to produce.

What about the players themselves? How much of the team's record is their fault? The answer can be summed up in one word: Respect, or the lack of it. How will opposing ballplayers respect them if they don't respect themselves? The team members must realize that they're better than their record indicates, that no team they face is unbeatable, and that victory goes to the team that wants it the most. Maybe all the team needs is a dose of the John Wooden Pyramid Of Success philosophy. Of course, it would also help if they played defense and sank foul shots.

I'd like to leave the team with a quote from the "On The

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## Taubermene Record Now Stands 4-0 As They Defeat Lehman College On The Road 15-12

By HOWARD SHERMAN

Four wins and no losses? No losses?! That's correct. On Tuesday, Dec. 17, Yeshiva's fencers won their fourth straight 15-12, against Lehman College, at the loser's gym in the Bronx. It was, however, an anguishing match all the way. Lehman held a slim margin through the first half until the Taubermen

finally came back. Behind by the score of 8-5, Yeshiva rallied to clinch the bout 14-9 before the subs were sent in.

So where was the anguish? In a match they should have easily controlled, the fencers saw two of their top men drop their first bouts of the season. The team was so confident that they failed to take the initia-

## Yeshiva Yucons Start Season With Victory Over Brooklyn

By MICHAEL GELBER

The Yeshiva Yucons hockey squad opened its season at Brooklyn College on Sunday, December 8th. As duly noted the following morning in the New York Times, the Yukes came away with a 6-1 victory on the strength of two long-distance goals by player-coach Wally Wolpoe.

Yeshiva opened the scoring with Yank Poleyeff netting one, followed by a wrist shot goal by Wolpoe. Wally wound up behind his own net, and shot the length of the floor, catching the Brooklyn netminder off guard. The Yucons added three more tallies in the second stanza, two by Yudie Gopin and the third by junior Andy Pom-rantz.

The coach opened the lead to 6-0 early in the third period, scoring once again from deep in his own end, this time from the face-off circle. Brooklyn finally got on the scoreboard late in the last period, averting a shutout bid by Yuke goaltender Alvin Pasternak.

In intramural hockey, the sophs extended their unbeaten streak to five games (4-0-1 record, nine points) by defeating the second place seniors 3-2 in the most exciting game of the season.

After a scoreless first period, Mark Breslow shot one in to put the seniors on top 1-0. The lead held up until midway through the closing stanza when the sophs finally woke up and scored three quickies to gain a 3-1 advantage: Naty Katz tying it for the defending champs, Zvi Friedman putting his team on top 2-1, and Alden Leifer scoring what proved to be the winning goal. Yudi Gopin added a late tally for the seniors to make the score 3-2.

The junior - semicha team moved out of the cellar by routing the freshmen 15-3. The frosh defeat was attributable to a balanced scoring attack (if that is possible in hockey) by the juniors. Hat tricks that were registered by Andy Pom-rantz and Richard Vale, with

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## Poly, Prat, York Smite Yeshiva But Macs Engineers NCEs Defect

By NORMAN BLUMENTHAL

In basketball action the past two weeks, Yeshiva ended its twenty game losing streak by defeating Newark College of Engineering, but along the way the Maccabees dropped games to N.Y. Poly, Pratt, and York.

Coming off the overtime heartbreaker against Drew, the team took the "A" train in a downpour to the N.Y. Poly bubble. To say the least, it was not worth the trip as the Maccabees left their fight somewhere between 181 Street and Jay Street.

Yeshiva displayed a porous defense, especially at the guard position. This has been a problem all year with the Maccabee guards overmatched in either height or speed, and often in both. On this particular occasion, the loss can't be blamed solely on the guards as they got little help from the big men.

### Undeserved Appearance

Offensively, turnovers abounded, and, combined with many missed layups, helped hammer the nails in the coffin. The final score, 83-77, does not reflect the true nature of the game. The Maccabees did not deserve to be that close and it was only a late surge that made the score respectable.

In the next game, a large crowd saw YU play its worst basketball of the season, losing to Pratt 68-50. The Macs were merely mediocre in the first half, going into the locker room down by only a few

points. The second half, however, was a different story with Yeshiva being outscored by Pratt at one point 20-2. From mediocre the team had gone to abominable. They played, neither defense nor offense nor basketball. The Macs were very polite though: If a Pratt player being guarded by his Yeshiva counterpart wanted to take a shot, our guy was nice enough to back off and let "Joe Pratt" shoot unimpeded by any obstacles such as a hand in his face.

### Strong Sabres

The sabre squad, despite some early problems, put in a strong 6-3 team showing with co-captain Ted Ness going 2-1, Morris Mandel 1-2, and Louis Solomon pulling a graceful hat trick, 3-0. The foil men also put in a strong last stretch, with both Marty Hirsch and Dave Brusowankin having a 2-1 day. Eddie Tolchin was 1-0, and both Bob Hirsch and Leonard Budow fenced strongly despite their 0-1 performances.

Finally, the epee men, who put together a sputtering drive, added to the victory with a 4-5 team showing. Co-captain Shalom Buchbinder (1-1) suffered his first defeat of the season. Amazing Jeff Fried (2-0) was just that, but the "Big Red Machine", Marc Felberbaum, sputtered out (0-1). Rounding off the epee squad were scrubs Henri "Pierre" Lifshutz (0-1), Herbie Pasternak (0-1), and Richard Bernstein (1-0).

The fencing Taubermen are 4-0, but if they intend continued success they need two important items: First, the team must learn to gel and concentrate or, as an anonymous co-captain once said, "Hold kup". Second, the Taubermen need fans to root for them in their next six home games. Come down and watch YU's only undefeated team.

pinpoint passing that has made him the team's assist leader. Also aiding the Maccabee cause were Robert Rosenbloom, whose consistency has been a very pleasant surprise, and Jerry Jozsef, who had an excellent game.

### Disaster

The following day Yeshiva returned to J.F.K. to face York College, but this time the second half brought disaster, not heroics. The first half was a low scoring one for both sides, and after 20 minutes York was up 24-17. Ira Scharaga had ten of those 17 points and was instrumental in keeping Yeshiva in the game.

After halftime the Maccabees fell asleep on the court.

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## Nate And Noah Net Sole Wins Against CCNY

By JEFF KRANTZ

It was a rotten night for a wrestling match: The weather was poor, everyone had a cold, and there was a bad omen present — the equipment had been set up without a hitch. If all that didn't spell disaster for the Ellmen, the ensuing match with City College did. The Yeshiva grapplers were mauled, murdered, destroyed and beaten by a team that is the strongest they will face this year.

The meet started off well for the Ellmen with Noah Klein (118) and Nate Schwitzer (128) getting pins. Noah brought the crowd to its feet for it was his first pin in a very disappointing season for him. Tiger was so predictable that it was boring; he was that overpowering.

The rest of the night was one that the Ellmen would rather forget with only Marty Bodner and Jerry Levine escaping pins. But the bright spots were evident in the 42-12 loss: Most importantly Mitch Merlis (190). It took his City opponent 7:53 to pin him, and that pin was questionable. The important point here is that Mitch has only been wrestling for 2 months while his CCNY counterpart has been on the match for 14 years. That says something.

Of course, with the loss, Coach Ellmen's practices were murder the next week. Everyone in the room knew that the

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