



An expression of shoulder to shoulder solidarity.

100,000 Turnout At '75 Solidarity Sunday

By UZI WEINGARTEN

On Sunday, April 13, Yeshiva University joined tens of other Jewish organizations in a Solidarity Day demonstration of support for Soviet Jewry. A crowd estimated by police at 100,000, marched down Fifth Avenue, starting at 69th St. and assembled at Dag Hammarskjold Plaza, where they were addressed by a host of dignitaries. Governor Carey, one of the first speakers, noted that support for Soviet Jewry had increased, and urged continued action on their behalf.

Three Senators addressed the crowd. Senator Humphrey stressed American support for Israel and Soviet Jewry, and said detente must include respect for rights of immigration. He stated, "We want to know why a nuclear superpower is afraid of a Jewish prayerbook."

Senator Brock, principal co-sponsor of the Jackson Amendment said that America "had been disappointed on every occasion by Russian assurances" regarding freedom for Soviet Jews, and remarked that detente has become "all give and no take." The crowd cheered vigorously when Brock described the UN as being "united only in hypocrisy and shame."

Double Ovation

Senator Jackson, who was given two tremendous ovations even before his name was mentioned, praised his amendment, noting that "we have a new ally in our struggle—the laws of the USA." The mention of President Ford's name was greeted

Forensic Society Debates Against Lehman College

By GARY MILLER

The Yeshiva College Debating Society participated in its second debate of the season against Lehman College, and came out splitting the debate—its negative squad winning and its affirmative squad losing.

The debate was held at 7:15 on April 9 in Furst 204 and 205. The topic of the debate, which is the national debating topic of this year, was "Resolved: That the power of the Presidency should be significantly curtailed." The participants in the debate for Yeshiva's Debating Team were Steve Mandelsberg captain, Harold Hefter, Dov Prince and Bernie White. The judges were Dr. Fleisher of Yeshiva and Mr. Pozmanter of Lehman.

There were actually two debates going on simultaneously. In one the Yeshiva negative squad debated Lehman's affirmative (Continued on Page 6, Col. 1)

by a round of booing and hissing by the crowd.

Other speakers, including a Jew from the Soviet Union, also stressed the importance of persevering in the battle to free Russian Jewry.

The last speaker was Stanley Lowell, who pointed out the reduction in exit visas granted by the Russian government, which had agreed three times to support human rights, including the right to immigrate. He complained that our own government sits by and doesn't react to breaches of understanding.

The event was closed with the singing of *Hatikva*, and a short appearance by Rabbi Shlomo Carlbach.

Yeshiva Senate Repasses The Existing Grading System Seen As A Move To Counter Previous Faculty Action

By AVI MOSKOWITZ

The Senate meeting of April 17 saw the passage of the grading system presently in effect at YC, to prevent implementation of the plus-minus system passed by the Faculty Assembly. One proposal by the student Senators had been to have only pluses worth .5

above the grade, but Dr. Hecht revealed that the Medical College Assembly Service (AMCAS) and the Law School Data Assembly Service (LSDAS) would count a plus as only .3 above that whole number for the purposes of medical and law school applications. Senator Weinstein, therefore, introduced a substitute motion that the grading system at Yeshiva College shall be A, B, C, D, and F in whole numbers as at present.

Weinstein pointed out that while the grading system passed by the Faculty Assembly (with pluses and minuses) allowed for greater accuracy, it would do so only at the expense of increasing pressure on students. He and Dr. Fleisher agreed that it would also pressure instructors. Rabbi Charlop and Mr. Weinstein both emphasized that it would be foolhardy to tamper with a system that has in the past worked for the benefit of Yeshiva College and the students concerning admissions to graduate and professional schools.

Rabbi Groff disagreed, claiming that there would be less pressure under the more accurate system. Dr. Levine stated that speculative discussion should not preclude giving the Faculty Assembly's system a try.

Dr. Fleisher repeated his oft-expressed conviction that accu-

acy is relative at best; Dr. Miller termed grades a "necessary evil" whose only purpose is for graduate and professional school admissions.

Prevention Motion

After the motion restoring the present grading system passed overwhelmingly, a recommendation by Dr. Fleisher that should the Faculty Assembly veto this motion, they be asked to postpone implementation of any new system for at least a year to accumulate data on its possible effects was attached to the motion.

The next meeting, on April 24, centered on the work of the Constitutional Revision Committee and on a motion by Professor Posen to give a student who fails a final a chance to take a retest to avoid an F.

After the approval of the minutes, the floor was given to Rabbi Doniel Z. Kramer, the alumni Senator, who asked to make a couple of announcements before discussion began on the constitutional amendments. Rabbi Kramer proceeded to announce that the annual meeting of the Alumni Association would be held on May 18 and that all members of the YU community were invited. Then, with a little touch of emotion, he announced that he was resigning his Senate seat, effective at the end of the meet-

ing, and that his successor would be Danny Chazin, a former Senate correspondent for THE COMMENTATOR.

Soviet Strategy

Therefore, the Soviet strategy has been to 1) isolate and affect NATO and 2) enrich the Soviet state economically. The Russians are maintaining a growing group of bases near NATO countries and, once the Suez Canal is reopened, Soviet naval capability in the Persian Gulf will be enhanced. As Russia cannot offer the political support to the Arabs which the United States can, it has chosen to become involved in the Arab military buildup.

The volatile domestic problems in Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Lebanon, and Iraq may make attempts for a secure peace difficult—this is especially

true for Iraq where dreams of an Empire and Gulf control are being fostered. AIPAC predicts that the Persian Gulf will soon be a threat for America to deal with, having increased Arab power coupled with the known existence of the Soviet fleet in the Indian Ocean. Without an American challenge, events in the Persian Gulf may bode serious consequences for both America and Europe.

Zev Furst (YC 68) Director of the ADL Middle East Institute led the discussion on the Arab Boycott and the pending Congressional legislation to deal with this situation. He noted that the only anti-boycott act currently in effect is the Export Administration Act of 1969 which states that it is American policy, "to oppose restrictive trade practices." The act does not require Congress to notify the Commerce Department if not adhered to and it does not cite penalties to violators. President Ford supports action against Arab discrimination but he opposes the strengthening of anti-boycott laws. He feels that solutions to the boycott and related actions must be solved "by the underlying political causes of the conflict."

Legislative Measures

Senator Harrison A. Williams, (D-NJ) has introduced an amendment to restrict commercial acquisitions by foreign investors. The Senator informed this reporter that this legislation is strongly opposed by the Administration and will need strong Congressional support for passage. Congresswomen Elizabeth Holtzman (D-NYC) has introduced legislation to impose criminal and civil sanctions on abusers of restrictive trade practices and, if passed, the bill would give a needed legal basis for (Continued on Page 4, Col. 1)

YC Classics Honor Society Holds Annual Initiation Rites

A rare academic experience presented itself to YC students on Thursday, March 20 when Yeshiva College's Classics Honor Society, better known as the Gamma Delta chapter of Eta Sigma Phi, held its annual induction ceremonies during club hour in the warm confines of Dr. Feldman's office. This year's entire membership, as well as Dr. Feldman, the Society's faculty advisor and spiritual leader, and a representative from the Cuneiform Club, Dr. Moshe Sokolow, attended the long awaited event. After the introductory greetings by President Barry Saltzman, this year's anxious inductees—Mr. James Gershfield and Mr. Michael Wolff—presented their projects.

The projects dealt with diametrically opposed views of traditional Jewry towards their

Roman conquerors. Mr. Wolff translated into Latin a section of "Menorat HaMeor," a story relating how the mother of Antoninus (a common name for Rome's emperors) saved the life of the compiler of the Mishna. Mr. Gershfield then read his Latin translation from Gittin (Babylonian Talmud), which relates the arrogance of Titus towards the Jews and their G-d and his subsequent punishment at the hands (or beak) of a voracious giant gnat. Both candidates weathered the criticism proffered by all present and were accepted into the society as members in good standing.

The YC Classics Honor Society also plans a tour of the Metropolitan Museum's Greek-Roman section sometime in the spring to which fellow students will be invited.

Business Slump

The Administration of Yeshiva College has recently announced the formation of a Joint Business Program with Bernard Baruch College. THE COMMENTATOR feels and has felt for forty years that the initiation of such a program is a farsighted step towards the improvement of the college. Unfortunately, however, the program as presently constituted is sadly inadequate. The present program demands that the participant devote three summers to taking program courses. In addition the program leaves the student no time whatsoever for elective courses.

The Administration therefore has two viable alternatives open to it. It can maintain the existing program while modifying some of the standard YC requirements for its participants. The second alternative is to start from scratch and form a program within YC leading to a BBA degree. Either alternative would succeed in lowering the course load for the business student.

While it may be argued that the second alternative would be costly to Yeshiva, the Administration must realize that to establish a worthwhile program requires a substantial investment. Additionally such a program would attract many students who currently bypass Yeshiva, thereby bringing in money to help pay for the program.

THE COMMENTATOR would like to commend Dr. Bacon and the Administration for taking a positive step in the right direction, and to encourage them to continue development of programs that may prove beneficial to Yeshiva.

Council Evaluation

As this year's officers of YCSC prepare to depart, THE COMMENTATOR must note with disappointment the failings of this year's Council. Although this year's YCSC did try to serve the interests of the students of Yeshiva College and was successful in some of its endeavors, including a *shabbaton* and *mesibot rosh chodesh*, two major responsibilities of YCSC were handled poorly: the student faculty evaluation and the Rubin Hall lounge.

The Yeshiva College Senate spent the greater part of a year debating and formulating the faculty evaluation. YCSC agreed enthusiastically to distribute and collect the forms and to tabulate the results. Yet, the project ended this year in a miserable failure. Little effort was made to see to it that each student received, filled out, and returned his forms. Rather than appointing representatives for each floor of the dormitories to distribute and collect forms and to prod students to fill them out, YCSC sat back contentedly, waiting optimistically for students to pick up forms and drop them into "trash can" ballot

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boxes. It is no wonder that, as YCSC claims in defense, not enough forms were ever returned to conduct an evolution.

The second major failure of this year's Council concerns the lounge area in the basement of Rubin Hall, which has been left unfurnished for yet another year. Money had been allocated; chairs and a television set arrived. Due to technical problems, the chairs could not be put together immediately. Yet, several months later, still nothing has been done to rectify the situation. The television is in perfect order; yet it remains locked in a closet.

We urge the new officers of YCSC to give these important projects the attention they deserve. For the faculty evaluation, we must wait until the fall. Work on the lounge should begin immediately. Council must serve the students by carrying the faculty evaluation to its fruition and by installing the furnishings of the Rubin Hall lounge.

Last year, after more than 3 months of extensive deliberations, the Yeshiva College Senate passed the questionnaire and procedures for a faculty evaluation. The Senate mandated that the evaluation, which was granted official sanction, be administered by a committee of the Yeshiva College Student Council. Subsequently, the Faculty Assembly approved the evaluation for a trial period of two years and YCSC voted to accept the obligation of admin-

usually an Orgo or Con Law text. As a result of the limited number of returned questionnaires, all conclusions which might have been drawn from the data would be so inaccurate as to be meaningless. Therefore, it is unfeasible to publish an evaluation this year. The absence of the faculty evaluation deprives students of several significant benefits. Evaluation results can serve as a useful guide to students in choosing those instructors and courses which best

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istering the evaluation in accordance with the provisions of the Senate resolution.

Though evaluation forms were distributed to students at the beginning of the fall semester, it appears that evaluation results will not be published this year. This failure may be attributed to two causes: 1) the indifference of many students and 2) the negligence of the leadership of Student Council and the Evaluation Committee.

From the very outset, the student apathy served to thwart all attempts at producing a successful evaluation. At the beginning of the fall semester, only a relatively small percentage of students even bothered to pick up evaluation forms. This is clearly inexcusable in view of the fact that these forms were made available to all students. The Evaluation Committee handed out evaluation forms in the lobby of Furst Hall for a period of three days. Thus, every student had ample opportunity to obtain the necessary forms. Furthermore only a minority of those students who did receive forms took the trouble to fill out and return the questionnaires. This response is of course justified by the extreme difficulty involved in remembering to fill out the questionnaires or by the excessive burden entailed in transporting the evaluation forms from the dorms to Furst Hall. However, one would imagine that these obstacles could have been overcome by the Yeshiva students who manage to remember hundreds of names for a Jewish History test and who have the ability to carry around contin-

meet their educational needs. More importantly, an evaluation may be utilized as an accurate gauge of student opinion. One of the Senate's main objectives in approving an officially sanctioned evaluation was to provide for student input with regard to decisions relating to faculty reappointment, promotion, tenure, and retirement. During Senate debate, the student Senators argued vigorously that student evaluation of teacher performance should be one of the essential considerations in determining whether an instructor receives a promotion or tenure, etc. By approving an officially sanctioned teacher evaluation, the Senate and the Faculty Assembly have extended a substantial right to students, by their indifference, this year's students have forfeited that right. The granting of any right or privilege usually entails a corresponding acceptance of responsibility. Students are obligated not only to take the trouble to fill out completely all their evaluation forms but also to do so in a manner which will provide a fair and accurate representation of their instructor's qualities.

The role of the leadership of Student Council and the Evaluation Committee also contributed to the failure of this year's evaluation. The Evaluation Committee was poorly organized and some of its member were unwilling to devote much time or effort. Little initiative was undertaken to encourage more students to fill out evaluation forms and posters providing information regarding the evaluation were almost nonexistent.

One of the major factors impeding a successful evaluation was the fact that some student leaders approached the evaluation with a lax attitude. Certain procedures necessary to ensure the validity of evaluation results were discarded simply because they involved too much of a hassle. These practices clearly disregarded the YCSC vote to administer the evaluation in accordance with the Senate resolution. During its deliberations, the Senate constantly emphasized the need to protect the rights of faculty members. It was stated quite explicitly that if the evaluation was to be conducted properly, a number of students would be required to dedicate much of their time and energy towards the evaluation effort. With this understanding, YCSC voted to accept the obligation of administering the evaluation. Therefore, the Student Council President should not approve the faculty evaluation as a project to be completed with as little work as possible or as a means of adding to the list of his administration's accomplishments in his farewell column in COMMENTATOR. Rather (Continued on Page 4, Col. 1)

NEWS IN BRIEF

LARRY EISENBERG and Rabbi Morris Besdin were selected by Yeshiva College seniors to receive the Phillip Lieberman and Senior Professor Awards, respectively.

Mr. Eisenberg has served this year as President of the Yeshiva College Student Council and has also served as a class officer. A premedical major, Larry will be attending the Albert Einstein College of Medicine next year. Larry was selected by his fellow seniors for his character, personality, services rendered to the class.

THE CHAMBER MUSIC ENSEMBLE under the direction of Dr. Edward Levy and the YU Choral Ensemble under the direction of Bernard Beer will present a diversified program on Tuesday, May 13, at 8 P.M.

The concert will feature instrumental works by Bach, Beethoven, and Telemann as well as choral selections by Lewandowski, Edell, S. De Sola and others. The program is sponsored jointly by YC, CTI and the Cantorial Council of America. Admission is free.

THE ELECTIONS of the James Striar School Student Council executive board, held on March 21, saw the election of Stan Frohlinger, who ran unopposed for president. Mr. Frohlinger, a premedical major and make-up editor of THE COMMENTATOR, was in charge of this year's highly successful JSS seforim sale.

Morrie Klians, unsuccessful in his bid last year for the vice-presidency against Stanley Goldschmidt, this year defeated Paul Koenigsberg for that office by a margin of eighty votes to fifty-two, with six abstentions.

In the contest for secretary-treasurer, Jeffrey Stein defeated Harry Wruble by a close fifty-five to fifty-two vote, with thirty-one abstentions.

THE HARRY FISCHER SCHOOL for Higher Jewish Studies has announced its schedule of summer courses, open to qualified graduate and undergraduate students.

All courses will be three credits and the summer will comprise two sessions, the first from June 23 to July 23 and the second from July 28 to August 27. Students will be allowed to register for up to six credits per session. The courses will meet Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays in Furst Hall.

The first session will include offerings in Jewish history, philosophy, Bible, and Talmudic studies; the second will offer courses in philosophy, and history. Tuition is fifty dollars per credit plus a twenty-five dollar registration fee and a ten-dollar application fee for students not in attendance this term.

Additional information may be obtained from the Office of Admissions.

YCSC BLOOD DRIVE MONDAY, MAY 5th

The Editor-in-Chief and the Governing Board of THE COMMENTATOR wish to extend their heartiest Mazel Tov to former Sports Editor Irwin Mansdorf and his wife Chaya upon the birth of their daughter Efrat.

Who's Whose

Engaged:

Roy M. Arbeit '72 to Sharona Lowell

Mark Blechner '71 to Debbie Goldschmidt

Yehudah (Eugene) Singer '73 to Edna Davidovich

Steve Shuss '75 to Cathy Staiman

Nisson Ziskin '72 to Felice Kahn

Security And Safety: Guardians of Yeshiva

By MICHAEL GOLDBERG

After making one's way through the pile of paraphernalia cluttering the walls of the Office of Security and Safety, it is possible to make out a small, black automatic pistol hanging from the wall. This pistol was confiscated from a high school student, determined to protect himself from the perils of the street. Fortunately it was taken from him before he found out the hard way, that guns with square barrels do not fire. Besides protecting students from themselves, the Office of Security and Safety is assigned to protect students from the dangers of "Fun City." These dangers become increasingly apparent in light of the recent assault on a Yeshiva student across the street from Rubin Hall. The Office of Security and Safety was quick to point out, however, that this incident was the first of its kind near our campus in many years.

The Yeshiva is protected at night by two guards covering Rubin and Morgenstern dormitories, which are the only two buildings open at night. The Office of Security and Safety will not take on the added expense of hiring more guards to patrol the city streets at night because that is a responsibility of the City of New York. The Office of Security and Safety is also emphatic that the guards do not carry guns. They pointed to two incidents to explain their policy.

In the past, a guard who was assigned to Rubin Hall at night did take a gun with him. This guard stretched himself out there for the night. Luckily his gun and shoes were taken away by a student who returned them in the morning. Another incident

involved a former guard who got into an argument with a maintenance man. The guard pulled out his revolver as the maintenance man drew a knife. They were pulled apart before they killed each other. The incident, however, was not over. The next morning the maintenance man smashed the guard's windshield with a baseball bat. Fortunately, someone had the presence of mind when the guard, revolver in hand came running down the hall screaming for revenge, to grab the revolver.

Yeshiva University has in the past added to the security of the streets with the purchase of twenty powerful amber street lights around the campus. There are also constant reminders that the shortest distance between two points may not always be the safest one. The dark streets that represent the shortest distance between the subways and the dorms can prove to be quite expensive as well as dangerous.

Those coming from the subway station at 181 St. have the choice of two "good" routes. The safest route is to walk from 181 St.

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The Truth Of Riga Ghetto

By ALEX BIRMAN

"A woman in New York wrote I couldn't even shoot straight!" pleads Concentration Camp Commander Rothman in the film "The Odessa File." While Dr. Gertrude Schnieder did not receive title credits for supplying the producers with information regarding the Riga Ghetto, she was "that woman." In fact, she threatened to sue the producers if certain falsehoods regarding Riga Ghetto survivors were dramatized in the film.

Dr. Schnieder is a professor, lecturer, and author. Her book, *Mass Graves and Concerts* will be released shortly. The book is a compilation of documents, research, and interviews giving a detailed account of the Nazi operations in Riga and her personal observations of the ghetto as a child.

Dr. Schnieder emphasizes that the uniqueness of the Riga Ghetto lies in the fact that it was the only true "relocation" of European Jews where the Nazis actually formed a ghetto of mostly German Jews. Dr. Schnieder suspects that the "relocation" occurred due to an error by the Nazis in murdering all the Latvian Jews and then finding they needed a work force in Riga to supply the army.

Although life was difficult in the ghetto, the Jews managed to maintain a cultural integrity. Dr. Schnieder views the Jews' cultural display in music and the other fine arts as a type of resistance—culturally, the Jews would not be intimidated by the Nazis. Even though mass executions in the nearby forests continued unabated, the Jews were able to produce and maintain their intellectual and social education.

Although Dr. Schnieder is primarily a historian, she maintains that the fictionalization of Jewish history of the World War II period enables the public to con-

Yeshiva Is Jewish Band Center Spurs Growth Of Jewish Sound

By OTTO SPEISER

Unknown to many individuals, Yeshiva University is the storm center for a surprising number of the more prominent popular Jewish bands in the US. The music that these bands churn out is unlike any of the sounds once produced by the many Jewish choirs

and "pircheis" around the country. While at one time it was quite common for Jewish music to come out of one piano and forty twelve year old boys, today's Jewish music bands employ all the electronic instrumentation of the music world, and even entire symphony orchestras, to belt out their increasingly popular numbers. The bands of today utilize such "non-Jewish" instruments as the electric guitar, organ, and the drums.

One of these groups is called the Ashira Band. Among its members is Morris Charyton, a dedicated drummer of many years experience. The sounds and beats of his music mingle with beads of sweat which pour from his forehead, an indication of the intense concentration demanded by his work. Danny Weil is the lead singer and organist of this band, whose fans, in phrases once reserved for rock stars, claim that "his voice electrifies the audience."

International Reputation

Shma Koleinu, a group that originated in Israel, has just released a new album. The band

started in Israel by entertaining Israeli troops stationed in the Sinai and northwards in the Golan. After the capture of Egyptian territory on the western bank of the Suez Canal, the members of the original Shma Koleinu sang for the first time



Millman and Frohlinger

The Heights Are Alive . . .

in Africa, an event which they claim now gives them an international reputation. Zale Newman is the leader of Shma Koleinu's Washington Heights branch.

Jewish bands, however, form no monolithic musical grouping. Within the individual bands themselves there are differences in instrumental arrangements and even an intense competition of sorts. For example, in the Ashira Band, the use of the drums adds a new dimension to the group. In most bands the drummer is secondary, there just to keep the beat for the other musicians, while the drummer of the Ashira Band is actually an integral, featured part of the group itself. One member of the group boasted that Ashira has grown enormously and is topping all other Jewish bands around, whereas concerning the Ruach Revival, an extremely well known and well liked group, he stated, "They've had their day. Now it's our turn." Yet despite the competition, the Ruach Revival is still drawing crowds to its many performances, indicating that both it and the market

are in fine healthy shape.

Revolutionary Sound

How has this market, with its whole army of Jewish groups, come into being? An answer may be found in the so-called "Youth Revolution" in music. It is easier for young people to identify themselves with the new sound in Jewish music. The sound is modern, sometimes akin to rock, yet it strives to impart a theme which, very often, reflects the beliefs and emotions of Jewish tradition. The power that the music has over these young Jewish souls borders in some cases on the mystical. The listener to such bands as Ashira, Ruach Revival, Bat Kol, Shalhevet, all of which are comprised of Yeshiva College students, senses a feeling of intense religious warmth amidst the blaring of the instruments. This spiritual factor plays no small part in the growing popularity of the new Jewish music.

Electronic technology also plays a significant role in the spread of these bands. New devices such as stereo equipment with "all the works," powerful amplifiers and better quality recordings are now cheap enough to be affordable and hence fixtures of many young people's rooms. This creates an even greater need for records to be played.

The demand for Jewish bands to play at various events such as chaglot, seminars, shabbatons, etc., is so great that many students at YU are pooling their talents to form new groups in a frantic effort to satisfy a hungry public. Such a band is Shalhevet. Bernie Kastner, originator and guitarist for this group, explained its birth in the following manner. "NCSY in itself made me realize the importance of popular Jewish music and its rising influence upon the Jewish youth of today." He further explained that because of this, he himself felt an obligation to help fill the ranks of this swelling phenomenon.

Indeed, despite a worsening economy, there is only a slight slackening in the Jewish music business. As long as the demand continues, Jewish bands promise to proliferate and to further develop their unique musical genre.

Israel Observance Of Yom Hashoah Stresses Heroism

By IRVING WIESEN

The commemoration of Yom Hashoah in Israel takes on a special significance unapproachable to Jews living outside of Israel. It becomes a day of looking forward as well as it is one of looking backward. Yom Hashoah attains a mood which can almost be described as Messianic. Israel on Yom Hashoah is a phoenix, contemplating the ashes out of which it has risen.

It is a supreme historical irony to commemorate the Holocaust in a Jewish state whose own life span to date is already more than double that of the government which sought its people's extermination. Thus the character of the day attains a new facet in its contemplation—the stubborn unwillingness of the Jewish people to yield to the pressures of a hostile history.

VeHgevaurah

As opposed to the Diaspora where the emphasis of Yom Hashoah is on the phenomenon of the Jews who went "like sheep to the slaughter," this phrase is anathema to the Israeli. The fundamentally different attitude toward the Holocaust in Israel is illustrated by the full title of Yom Hashoah here, "Yom Hashoah VeHagevurah," The Day of the Holocaust and the Heroism. In dealing with the topic, the emphasis clearly leans to the heroic side, referring to the cour-

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Methods Of Alternative Activism Discussed By Representatives Of Diverse Jewish Groups

By MITCHELL SCHRANZ

In an evening assigned to "explore alternate methods of Jewish activism," four representatives from various Jewish volunteer social work groups and Prof. Stephen Donshik of Wurzeiller School of Social Work, discussed the histories, aims and philosophies of their organizations.

The represented agencies, the Jewish Vista Corps, Chavurot, Dirshu and Tchiya have all, in the recent past, earned recognition as vibrant and effective organizations in the United States and Israel. Miss Shirley Frankel, a founder and director of the Jewish Vista Corps, explained that her group provides the same services as Project Ezra—only

in different neighborhoods. The corps, which is staffed mostly by college students is initiating several new programs to better help the poor.

"We will be conducting a survey of those left in bad areas and try to rehouse them," Miss Frankel, a dark-haired young woman explained.

Some other services designed with the goal of directly assisting poor elderly Jews include the distribution of Passover packages, clothing drives and a food co-op which serves some four hundred people weekly.

College Credit

Other programs, barely off the drawing board, are more specialized in function and require more sophisticated training for

the volunteer. Budding social workers work with Vista and their sociology professors to earn college credit. Law students are now joining the ranks of the Legal Vista Corps in an effort to provide free legal advice to the aged. Miss Frankel claimed that the law student may receive credit at school, and indicated that this program was being expanded at Hofstra.

Among students themselves various modes of communal living are being opened. Joe Telushkin, an organizer of Chavurot, and veteran Bayit dweller at Columbia, said that his organization appeals to "those having a strong sense of community and similar ideological perspectives." (Continued on Page 5, Col. 1)

AIPAC Holds Its Washington Conference Conducts Lobbying Efforts To Aid Israel

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prosecution. She said that strong letters must be sent to your Senators and Congressman stressing that an Arab boycott and other discriminatory actions challenge American traditional values.

Monday afternoon was spent at a State Department briefing by a high level Assistant Secretary of State. He stressed that the current dilemma lies in balancing American interests with both Arab and Israeli interests. The breakdown in bi-lateral negotiations led to the President's call for a re-assessment of the situation. The spokesman said that our "government is seeking to define policy and strategy to protect all United States interests and recapture the momentum toward peace. . . . The alternative would be a prolonged status quo—but warned we can spare no effort to [avoid] reaching such an alternative." When asked to comment on where the responsibility for the breakdown in the talks lies, his reply was, "I cannot subtract or add to the words of the President or the Secretary of State."

He continued that "the United States had at stake to keep alive a process which Israel preferred, to avoid a final settlement via bi-lateral negotiations." He seemed to be implying that Israel had missed its best chance for negotiation. He continuously stressed that it would have been in our mutual interest to have the United States dominate Kissinger's negotiations, for the Soviet Union will be a co-chairman at the Geneva talks.

Politicians Speak

In the evening, Senators Henry M. Jackson and Jacob Javits, along with former Israel Foreign Minister Abba Eban, addressed a crowd of some 1400 people. Jackson warned that it would be dangerous for the Ford Administration to conclude that a stable peace in the Middle East can be achieved by "pressuring Israel to diminish her physical security without a political reconciliation with her neighbors." He added that "a fair re-assessment will affirm the soundness

of the long-standing American policy of helping to maintain the military balance in the Middle East by furnishing Israel with the arms she requires for her own defense." Jackson warned that it would be a mistake of "historic proportions to fashion a piece of paper into a paper peace." He also criticized Secretary Kissinger for implying Israeli intransigence. "The American people have a right to an Administration that says what it means and means what it says."

Senator Javits assured the gathering that a true reassessment will only result in a "strengthening of our ties to Israel." He discarded comparison between the Middle-East and Indochinese situations by pointing out that the Asian governments are repressive and have defeatist morales. Israel, on the other hand, "will never relinquish responsibility for its own security even to an old friend like the United States."

Abba Eban concluded the evening's speeches with a call for an end to melancholy attitudes and an "analysis of why the talks failed. We must leave something for the political scientists to discuss!" Eban, along with Javits, still sees a possible return to step by step negotiations, but advised that the American Jewish community must concern itself "not with what went wrong in March but what we must do in April, May, and June."

Dinitz Speaks

Tuesday morning's program was highlighted by a briefing by Israeli Ambassador to the United States Simcha Dinitz. The Ambassador reviewed the Israeli strategy during the recent talks and noted that Israel would go anywhere and use any method to settle the conflict. Dinitz thanked America for her assistance in Israeli development and observed that "this small democracy, with ties since Wilson and Truman has never asked for a single American soldier to defend our life, liberty, dignity, and independence." That Dinitz believes, is the strongest bond of American-Israeli friendship.

Dinitz termed Geneva a mini-UN which can produce the same results as a maxi-UN in a shorter time. Israel knows, he said, that in the long run she will have to live with her neighbors. "When they will be ready to live in peace, then we will know that the wars are over and the chapter of history has been written."

The Ambassador informed the conference that Israel has called upon Egypt not to occupy the territories Israel evacuated. These territories were to be a state of demilitarization under UN supervision. Although Egypt did not insist on moving all her troops, she insisted on moving some troops beyond the present buffer zone. Since total agreement wasn't achieved, the talks dissolved.

Dinitz concluded by referring to Sadat's quote that "Peace is for future generations." He remarked that "for future generations to make peace with Israel, their education must begin to-

day." They must know that as Israel relinquishes territory, it also gives up belligerency. The process of education cannot be done arbitrarily. "Acquiescence must precede love."

Having received a comprehensive appraisal of the Middle East situation, the AIPAC delegates spent all Tuesday afternoon lobbying with their elected officials. At a reception for the United States Senate later that day, Senator McGovern seemed to have toned down his calls for PLO recognition, but the tension was still evident. Over half the Senate attended this final session and those present were willing to be further informed on the necessity of strong Israel-American relations.

The coming weeks will be quite taxing on AIPAC and on American Jewry. AIPAC feels that before the reevaluation is announced, for better or for worse, it is incumbent on every concerned American to contact his legislators in Washington and secure their support for increased American aid to Israel. We must do much more in every community and especially in Washington to get the truth to our government and to the American people—to insure Israel's security and to promote peace.

YC Senate Opts For Return To A, B, C, D, F

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 4) a total of six proposed amendments on three of the articles. The amendments on the whole dealt with semantic changes which were meant to reflect the actuality of Senate procedures more accurately. Despite the seemingly trivial changes in some cases, there were strong arguments over the wordings of the amendment. After twenty minutes of argument, the first



Paul Millman

Senators argue the A, B, C's of grading.

amendment proposal, which would give a specific deadline for the appointment of senators, was defeated.

The next amendment discussed dealt with the installation of the new Senate. After a brief discussion on the merits of the proposal, it became obvious that there were not enough senators present for the amendment to have a realistic chance of achieving the two-

Perspective

Some Last Details

By STEVEN MANDELSBERG

As the end of the school year approaches, one invariably notices a surfeit of retrospective articles written by graduating seniors. These articles usually follow a set pattern. The writer begins with a clause similar to the one used to start this correspondence (designed, no doubt, to impress the reader with a sense of history); proceeds to thank all of the wonderful people who have done so much to make his education an idyllic experience or a terrible bore (or somewhere in-between); and criticizes and/or praises the administration, faculty and/or students.

I, of course, do not care much for the retrospective-type article primarily because it contains an exceedingly high quotient of balderdash (known by many other names, this commodity is in particular abundance at YU). However, not being one to shun the rules of my journalistic forebears, I shall also offer some irrelevant and useless observations on my four-year residence at this institution of learning.

First, I think it proper to recall my utter astonishment at my initial visit to the sprawling YC campus. I had been led to believe that in terms of physical location and facilities, Yeshiva College was nothing more than a two-bit school. Such a belief, assured an admissions officer, was absolutely groundless. When I inquired about the unique neighborhood bordering the college, I was told that the university had gone to great ex-

pense to create an environment in which students of sociology could have their own "live" laboratory to observe. It has taken me four years for me to realize that the neighborhood surrounding YC is a testimony to sound administrative planning.

A constant source of annoyance to me have been the grumblings and groanings, heard every so often, about the apathy and cynicism of the YC student. It is clear that those misguided nuts who complain about apathy and cynicism are only interested in causing trouble. They are not aware of the many advantages that apathy and cynicism bring to our lovely institution. Apathy and cynicism build character, for instance, and instill a proper set of values for the student (and especially for our many sociology students to take into the world at large.

Even more irritating than the apathy and cynicism tirades was the furor caused this year by SOY's criticism of the Chanukah Chagigah and by Hamevaser's censure of the YC Dramatics Society. Here are two pellucid examples of what occurs when the voice of wise counsel is overshadowed by that of extreme lunacy. In the case of SOY, many accused our most august student association of religious fanaticism for not permitting the females of our species to attend the joyous Chanukah celebration. To this outrageous claim I need only reiterate the prudent words of the SOY chairman: "A Yeshiva is not the place for a social event." (Social events should, of course, be confined to the student's room and should take place only between consenting adults who have filled out the Registrar's form MI9 in triplicate).

In the case of Hamevaser, I feel compelled to come to the defense of my journalistic colleagues. Their evaluation of the Dramatics Society's productions was completely justified. But for some arcane reason (perhaps because of the unusual dishes served recently at our deluxe cafeteria), Hamevaser's forthright editorial elicited mostly negative comment. Everyone should roundly boo the Dramatics Society and its ringmaster, Dr. Beukas, for desperately trying to bring some class to YC. If we want class, we will read Tempo Magazine. Furthermore, it is common knowledge that the Dramatics Society is a haven for left-wing, cultural freaks whose sole purpose is to upgrade the already good name of our college.

No column of this sort would be complete without the customary mention of those individuals who have my stay at YC a memorable experience. Since it would be impossible for me to cite everyone, I shall refrain from citing anyone at all. I would, however, like to mention two individuals whose interest in my physical and mental well-being allowed me to maintain a large part of my sanity. First Lolita Mendez, who one day substituted for her mother as cleaning lady of the eighth floor in Morgenstern Dormitory and helped me in biology; and second, my roommate without whom I could not have survived.

Op-Ed

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those students responsible for conducting the evaluation must view their roles as fulfilling a commitment assumed by YCSC namely, to administer the evaluation in a manner which will both serve the interest of the student body and protect the rights of the faculty.

The existence of a variety of problems during the first year of the evaluation is quite understandable. Hopefully the experience gained from a year's experimentation will help iron out these difficulties. If there is both increased participation by students and greater diligence on the part of student leaders then the next year's evaluation will not only be successful but will also work for the benefit of the entire Yeshiva College community.

—Norman Neuman '74
and Steven Weinstein '75

Methods Of Alternative Activism Discussed By Representatives Of Diverse Jewish Groups

(Continued from Page 3, Col. 5) The "perspectives" refers to a minimal commitment to orthodox Jewish conduct. While a student living at one of the ten Batim set up thus far may do as he pleases in the privacy of his room, in public he must observe the Jewish law.

Community Spread

Rabbi Telushkin, a full-bearded man sporting light tan earthshoes, commented, "The Jewish community traditionally is isolated and it would be absurd not to try to spread it." However, because of the co-ed feature of the communal houses, some orthodox circles have looked askance at Ohavot.

Other college students, especially from Yeshiva and Stern are spreading their life-style among their peers on college campuses through Dirshu.

David Abramchik, a founder of Dirshu, told the audience "several years ago some college students asked us to send them literature and come to speak to them." Now Dirshu holds sabbath week ends, distributes religious articles and conducts classes on many college campuses.

Some of Dirshu's eye-catching literature explains Jewish laws. Custom and folksinging spirit, which are both characteristic of Dirshu, are particularly aimed at the student who may yet be searching for some sort of spiritual involvement and therefore susceptible to non-Jewish influence.

Techiya, another organization born at Yeshiva, was begun several years ago by Rabbi H. Reichman to help Russian immigrants in Israel and New York where many have settled.

Abie Cooper who spoke for Techiya said that before they came to Israel to help the Russians adjust to a new society, twenty-five frustrated families turned to the Jews for Jesus

movement for material aid. "Not only the Russians, but also the immigrants from the fifties have to be reached," Mr. Cooper said. This is often a frustrating, thankless job for the social

Dr. G. Schnieder Reveals the Truth Of Riga Ghetto

(Continued from Page 3, Col. 3) states, "can easily reset the stage for another Holocaust in this country. I've said that a long time ago. The conditions are very similar."

Dr. Schnieder is not only pessimistic about the future of Jews in this country—she is skeptical about the deportation of former Nazi war criminals in the country. As a spokeswoman for the Society of Riga Ghetto Survivors, Dr. Schnieder has made appearances on television and radio demanding deportation of Boleslav Maikovskis, a former Latvian SS collaborator. She notes that the US was much more lenient with Nazi criminals than the Russians who tried and convicted them with a vengeance. This caused many Nazis to run to the Americans, avoiding Russia and her occupied countries after the war. Dr. Schnieder believes that the Nazis have been protected in this country by the Roman Catholic Church and furthermore, poor relations with the Soviet Union and the US in the '50's deterred deportations.

Dedicated to the presentation of the Riga Ghetto in a factual and historic context, Dr. Schnieder is an active lecturer and writer. Her articles on the Riga Ghetto have been published in this country and abroad. She continues to teach at City College, and is an active and concerned member of the Riga Ghetto survivors.

worker or volunteer who may feel he is fighting a losing battle with people who consider themselves only second class citizens in Israeli society. In many cases, basic hygiene must be taught to the new immigrant. Still, most of those in the Techiya hierarchy would like to spread their services to reach all segments of Israel's population.

Social Renaissance

Prof. Stephen Donshik said that with the increase of industrialization and the advance of science in the later nineteenth century "there was a loss of the volunteer spirit" which lay dormant until the renaissance of social awareness in the sixties. Rabbi Telushkin somewhat hinted at this when he noted that Bayit became popular after community interest grew among blacks. The development of psychology and sociology obscured the role of the volunteer which at one time was a very potent means of social reform.

"One important role of the volunteer" Prof. Donshik said, "was that he awakened the 'establishment' organizations."

Although Mr. Abramchik contended that student volunteers may be looked down upon by some professionals, Prof. Donshik argued, "Volunteers have an advantage over the professional. They are not restrained by professionalism and can see things more clearly." Prof. Donshik also looks to YU as a prime source for these same volunteer social workers.

Security And Safety: Guardians of Yeshiva

(Continued from Page 3, Col. 2) to Amsterdam Ave. and straight up to the school. An alternate route would be to progress down St. Nicholas Ave. to 185th St. up to Amsterdam Ave. Those getting off the A train should proceed to 185th St. and again walk to Amsterdam Ave. Of course these instructions do not come with a money-back guarantee, therefore the security office suggests that whenever possible an attempt should be made to walk in groups.

In order to help improve the situation, members of the Dorm Committee have gotten in touch with the Washington Heights-Inwood Community Council (WHICC) who have organized and are running volunteer patrols throughout the neighborhood. In exchange for student volunteers, WHICC will extend their well equipped patrol units to the Yeshiva area, providing the student returning to the dorms at night with extra security.

Crime affecting the Yeshiva from the outside is disturbing, but is not nearly as expensive as the crimes being perpetrated from within. The University phone bills pass through the Office of Safety and Security for good reason. The bills include calls made from offices at the University, to London, Switzerland, Halifax and Puerto Rico. Many of these calls are official business, but some of these calls that help to make up an astounding ten thousand dollars a month phone bill for this campus alone

are not. The University refuses to pay for any call unless it is traced back to a specific number on campus. Such an example is a series of phone calls which appeared on the bill from one of the offices. Each call was between one and two hours long to Spring Valley. After investigating the matter, it turned out that he culprit was a work-study student calling his girlfriend. Not only did he pay the bill, but the time on the phone was deducted from his allotment. This illegal use of the phones is not restricted to students and there are huge efforts to uncover the perpetrators.

Another source of phone scandal occurs on the dorm phones. These phones are not the sole property of Ma Bell; they are leased by the Yeshiva under an agreement in which we guarantee the Phone Company thirty dollars a month from each phone. Cheating on these phones occurs everywhere except in Riets Hall, and costs Yeshiva money. The thefts of services that occur on these phones vary. Many times wires are torn out from the phone box allowing the caller to produce a dial tone without depositing money. In Morgenstern Lounge the two public phones that in the beginning of the year were flush against the wall were pushed over to reveal the wires in back. Private phones have been hooked up to these wires, bypassing the public phones, allowing free but illegal long-distance phone calls. Recently the Phone Company complained to Yeshiva that a line Yeshiva allowed to be run through Rubin to the well on the river had been tapped, resulting in a one thousand dollar bill to Israel. The perpetrator, a student, subsequently was caught in the act of using a University phone stolen from the walls of the Wrestling Room. Students with rented phones from Ma Bell are also not immune from these crimes. One student walked into the Office of Security and Safety complaining of 200 overcalls on his phone that he did not make. He admitted that he had seen a fellow student with a phone tapped into one of the boxes in the wall of his floor, but refused to snitch. The Office of Security and Safety is determined to find the culprits. They also warn that they are unable to stop the Telephone Company from prosecuting those who are caught by the Phone Company. There are ways to protect ourselves from the crimes from the outside, but how can we rationalize the fact that there are criminals among us?

Israelis Emphasize Holocausts Heroism

(Continued from Page 3, Col. 1) age of the Jewish resistors.

At Yad VaShem in Jerusalem, wreaths are laid out before the Column of Heroism, dedicated to the Jewish resistance fighters. Much discussion and print is devoted to expunging the "myth" of Jewish helplessness during WWII. A representative opinion was expressed by Zvi Goldfarb, a survivor of the famous Warsaw Ghetto revolt who said at Kibbutz LeChamel Hagetaot (Fighters of the Ghetto): "From the time of the defeat of the Nazi animal, we have undergone five wars. But there they fought in ghettos, in forests, in camps with near empty hands, and here our sons fought tank against tank for the existence of the state and the nation. Yet despite such accounts of heroism, one feels almost a tinge of shame present in references to the general helplessness of the six million. The mere fact that "Heroism" refers to the resistance implies that those who did not resist were something other than brave.

Never Again

Nevertheless, this attitude which emphasizes the resistance

is not a warped or distorted view of the Holocaust to the average Israeli. It is a well known maxim that those who forget the past are condemned to relive its mistakes. Israel in its precarious position feels the need to reach into its past and draw out that which it can utilize in its present struggle. Thus the lessons drawn from the Holocaust are those of struggle, determination, and resistance. The headline of Ha'aretz (a leading Israeli newspaper) proclaims on Yom Hashoah — "Rabin in Jerusalem: A Holocaust will never be again."

There is an ironically poignant note of symbolism in the air today as the Jerusalem sun rises on Yad Vashem. The air-raid sirens which sound for two minutes this Yom Hashoah morning are the very same instruments which could one day herald another Holocaust of comparable magnitude and horror. They are stark reminders that the Holocaust is very much with us, a haunting model of the grim determination with which Israel must approach her uncertain future.

Alumni Airings



L'Hitraot

By DONIEL KRAMER

To begin with a few tidbits:

1. The YCAA Midyear Conference, written up well in a recent issue of COMMENTATOR, displayed in quality of lectures what it lacked in quantity of attendance. The upshot was a promise by the YCAA to undertake new initiatives in the areas of student guidance and alumni "chizuk."

2. Over 70 freshmen have come by the Alumni Office to receive their gifts of welcome.

3. Plans for our Annual Meeting have been completed. It will be a supper get-together on Sunday, May 18, 1975 at 6 p.m. at Stern College. Besides election of new officers and other matters of business, we shall be formally welcoming the present graduating class into our ranks as colleagues with free memberships and full privileges. We hope the Class of '75 will join us as our guests on this occasion. At this time, let me extend, on behalf of the YCAA, sincerest congratulations to the new graduates. May the future bring to you and your families success, fulfillment and contentment. We also wish you, and the entire student body, an accomplished final season and a restful summer vacation.

4. Besides the \$1600 recently allocated by us to the YCSC, we also purchased a \$1000 Israel Bond and donated another \$1000 to Yeshiva University. Gottesman

Library will receive \$500 of this grant and Pollack Library the other \$500.

5. Finally, though this may well be my last column as Alumni Editor, I'll resist the biting temptation to deliver a valedictory. Suffice it to say that there is still much to be done. I hope that as future alumni you will continue to live up to the ideals of Yeshiva and will especially work within the YCAA and other groups to see to it that Yeshiva itself improves and measures up to those high standards expected of it by its students, its alumni, and the American Jewish Community.

L'Hitraot — Shalom!

YU Keglers End Up

(Continued from Page 8, Col. 3) him luck next year at Itri.

Bob Gittleman had the second highest average on the team with a 169 and a team high game of 222. He will help lead the team next year to an even better season. The "BIG-O" is a great asset to the squad and provides a lot of leadership and spirit when the chips are down, especially with his "200" games.

Larry Russak placed third on the team with an average of 153. Larry bowled well in the beginning of the year and then fell into a slump which greatly lowered his average. But against

Fordham he averaged 186 and came out of his slump. Hopefully next year he will maintain a more consistent average.

The Keglers were also aided by Joel Weisblum, Yankee Poleyeff, Jay Shoulson, David Gold, and Henry Kamioner. A devoted player, Yankee has shown up consistently at matches for three years. Scorekeeper Sammy Berkowitz, who was injured this year and unable to bowl, averaged 160 prior to this season and is looking forward to joining Dave, Bob, and Larry next year.

Launch Yeshiva Efforts To Secure A Jackson Demo. Candidacy In 1976

By DAVID SHERR

On Thursday, March 13, during club hour, a number of YC students gathered together in room 213, Furst Hall. It was at this meeting that nine students headed by Manny Behar laid the foundations for an effort that would insure the well-being of the U.S. and Israel. For indeed, it was at this meeting that "Yeshiva College Students for Jack-

son" was born.

Mr. Behar explained his reasons for forming Students for Jackson. "First of all," he began, "it must be understood that Israel today is in a very precarious situation, perhaps the most precarious position in which it has ever found itself. Consequently, it is imperative that American Jewry take some type of affirmative action in order to

save Israel." This can best be done, asserts the leader of Students for Jackson, by making certain that a friend of Israel is in the White House. There is no better friend of Israel, Mr. Behar claims, than Senator Henry Jackson of Washington.

Among Sen. Jackson's qualifications for this title is his co-sponsorship of the bill which sought to tie freedom of emigration to the most favored nation status sought by the U.S.S.R. and his early warnings of an impending energy crisis facing the U.S., as well as a consistent concern which dates back to his personal trauma—the liberation of Buchenwald.

When asked as to the objectives of Yeshiva College Students for Jackson, Mr. Behar replied that the purpose of the group is twofold. First, to encourage YC students to register to vote in the primaries and pres-

idential election in order to assure Jackson's nomination and election respectively. Realizing that the overwhelming majority of Yeshiva students do favor Jackson for president, Mr. Behar noted that the major problem will be to motivate the students to actually vote according to their convictions. Second, to encourage Yeshiva College students to actively campaign for Jackson, either on a state or even national basis. Not only will students be asked to campaign for Jackson, but they will also be urged to run as candidates for student delegates to the national Democratic convention.

Although right now Students for Jackson is in its formative stage, plans for a registration drive for the Spring have already been made. The earnest campaigning, however, will not begin until the spring semester of next year. When asked why

Yeshiva College Students for Jackson was being formed so early, Mr. Behar replied that "Students for Jackson is being organized right now so that when the time comes for the campaign to get underway, everything will already have been prepared and the organization will be ready to move." Mr. Behar reiterated that he felt that all Yeshiva students should devote a little time and effort to campaigning for Sen. Jackson, even for generally self interest motives. The experience gained by traveling to various state primaries and in meeting many political figures could prove invaluable to someone planning a career in law or political science. Of even greater importance, concluded Mr. Behar, by working for Jackson YC students would be supporting Israel and America.

Disappointing Season

(Continued from Page 8, Col. 2) they finish their first year? What happened to a skinny kid named Ira Scharaga who was fifth in the league in scoring? Paul Merlis was going to be the big man the team hadn't had in 10 years. But something funny happened: Nobody taught him how to play defense so he spent more time watching people go by him rather than stopping them. And what about Dave Beren, the kid from Denver with little experience who could jump through the ceiling? And finally, Jerry Jozef did just a phenomenal job in the middle of his freshman year yet dropped off greatly his sophomore season.

Logically, ballplayers should get better with additional years in college, but this improvement is not evident in Yeshiva ballplayers. Be it the coach's fault or the Yeshiva syndrome (they're better than us, they practice more, etc.) this is a problem that has to be thought about before the Macca-bees open the '75-'76 season.

Debate Team

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 1) squad and in the other Yeshiva's affirmative squad debated Lehman's negative squad. The affirmative and negative squads consisted of two people each. Each of the speakers was allowed ten minutes for presentation and five minutes for rebuttal.

Many valid points were brought up in the debate on both sides of the issue. The basic argument for both affirmative teams was that under the present system the Chief Executive is abusing the power given to him under the Constitution. Examples of this were brought from the issue of executive privilege claims and the secret bombing of Cambodia. Many of the abuses centered on the actions of former President Richard Nixon.

The main argument presented by both negative teams was that the status quo should be kept and that Presidential powers should not be curtailed. They argued that Presidential power is presently sufficiently controlled by the checks and balance system and that no curtailment is needed.

Neither the victory nor the loss for Yeshiva were decisive. Both judges in their decisions admitted that the debate they judged was very close and that both squads in each debate did fairly well. The atmosphere of the debates was generally good and both sides seemed to be well prepared.

The debate was Yeshiva's second debate of the season. In its first debate, Yeshiva scored a complete victory against St. Francis College.

A week later, on Wed., April 16, the debating team traveled to Lehman for a rematch, and came out victorious.

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Juniors-Semicha Down Seniors In First Round Of Playoffs

By MIKE GELBER

The Yeshiva Intramural Hockey season enters its final stage this week. The Championship Series opens and pits the Junior-Semicha squad against the defending title-holders, the Sophomores. The Juniors (also known as the 76ers) gained their berth in the finals by defeating the Seniors two games to none in a best of three game set. The Sophs drew a first round bye due to their first place finish during the regular season.

Game one in the opening series between the 76ers and the seniors was the most exciting contest of the year. The Junior-Semicha squad scored four consecutive goals early in the second period, running off to a 4-1 lead. This outburst followed a close checking first stanza, and what was an even closer third period. The seniors kept digging, and came back with three "quicke" fallies to tie it up after two complete periods.

Midway through period three 76ers got the breaks necessary to win the game. Yank Poleyeff fed Richard Vale in the slot, and he slapped home a score, his second of the evening. On the ensuing face-off, though, Mark Breslow stepped in and laced a shot past a stunned Dave Miller (who excelled in the nets), to once again knot it for the seniors. The game went into sudden-death overtime, and when Vale scored on a rap-around at 5:27 of the extra period, there was no more time for the seniors to come back.

Game number two in many ways resembled the first meeting, as a close checking game saw the seniors holding a 1-0 lead going into the second period. History then repeated itself as the juniors whipped three quick tallies past the senior netminder to lead 3-1. Yudi Gopin scored twice in an attempt to bring the seniors back, but scores by Brand and Wolpoe put the game on ice for the 76ers.

Tauberman End Strong Season; Prospects Bright

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Hirsch (no relation to Marty), and Eddie Tolchin.

With foil and sabre looking excellent the Taubermen could have anywhere from a good to a fantastic season depending upon the condition of the epee squad. Yeshiva fencing is back, and it is hoped that more people will come down and see YU's number one team in action next season.

Fencing Statistics 1974-75

| FOIL | | |
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| Brusowankin | 31-6 | .838 |
| M. Hirsch | 21-15 | .563 |
| Tolchin | 9-8 | .529 |
| B. Hirsch | 6-14 | .300 |
| Budow | 3-1 | .667 |
| Kagan | 1-2 | .333 |
| White | 0-1 | .000 |
| TOTALS | 70-41 | .598 |

| SABRE | | |
|---------------|--------------|-------------|
| Solomon | 25-9 | .735 |
| Ness | 26-10 | .722 |
| Mandel | 23-15 | .595 |
| Goldner | 2-2 | .500 |
| Eisenberg | 1-1 | .500 |
| Berko | 1-2 | .333 |
| Sherman | 0-1 | .000 |
| TOTALS | 77-40 | .658 |

| EPEE | | |
|---------------|--------------|-------------|
| Buchbinder | 25-9 | .735 |
| Fried | 16-11 | .593 |
| Felberbaum | 12-19 | .387 |
| Abramson | 3-2 | .600 |
| Wolfson | 2-2 | .500 |
| Bernstein | 2-5 | .400 |
| Schranz | 0-1 | .000 |
| B. Hirsch | 0-2 | .000 |
| Pasternak | 0-3 | .000 |
| Lifschutz | 0-3 | .000 |
| TOTALS | 60-57 | .513 |

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Annual Wrestling Tournament Held; Amateurs Excel

The results of the 1975 intramural wrestling tournament show that Coach Ellman has many promising future wrestlers ready to take over the spots being vacated by this year's seniors.

High School student Barry Shafier outpointed his opponent to win the 119 lb. class, while at 126, Izzy Klein pinned Sheldon Small to capture that weight's title. The 135 pound competition saw the return to action of ex-varsity star Nate "the Snake" Kline. Snake, who wrestled at 118 in his younger days, won easily. Freshman Scott Feld, who wrestled in high school, pinned Moshe Mirsky to gain the 142 title.

Stan Weiss was simply outstanding in the 150 class, wrestling with more guts and determination than almost any other grappler. Following two exhausting matches Stan had no strength left to withstand the excellent attack of Dave Siegal, who pinned him to become the 150 champ.

The 158 pound class was the most competitive with eight first-round wrestlers. The four survivors, Harry Skydell, Eddie Tolchin, Eliezer (the Beam) Cohen and David Wajcman all pinned their opponents. The second round saw "Sky" pin Tolchin and Wajcman struggle out a victory over the Beam. Although both novices were exhausted, Wajcman found enough energy to pin Skydell and win the 158 crown. He was also named the tourney's top wrestler.

At 167, Steve Brown pinned veteran Manfred Meyer of the West Side YMCA to win that weight's title. One class higher, Saul Levine, coached by brother Jerry, outmoved Mark Engel to capture the 177 crown.

MTA senior Marty Lovy defeated both Leon Behar and Benjy Goldstein for the 190 title. Leon's first match, against Lovy, was like a Channel 47 rerun, with fists flying. Against Benjy, Leon controlled himself and showed the crowd his excellent wrestling potential. Ted Zabolsky became the heavyweight champ by pinning MTA strongman Harold Levine, who showed much promise.

The matches were reffed by the varsity members led by Nate Schwitzer.

Karate Expo

(Continued from Page 8, Col. 4) belt rank in breaking techniques was David Katz, a purple belt, who performed a sequence of three board breaks.

At the conclusion of the exhibition, first degree black belts were awarded to Philip Katz and Arthur Gribetz, and second degree black belts to Lewis Aron, Jeffrey Glanz, Gary Schulman, and Andrew Hirsch.

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On The Sidelines

Home Stretch

By David Gleicher



As this is my last column as sports editor, I'd like to take a look back at the past year and my own feelings about it — without boring you too much.

The basketball team was 5-14 and ended the season with two straight victories. Their 4-4 second term record showed that the only reason that the Maccabees weren't 10-9 (at least) was due to their own lack of hustle and poor physical condition. A fat team can't run, rebound, hustle, or win.

Many spectators and players vented their frustrations out on Coach Jonny Halpert. It's true that he's made plenty of mistakes, but blaming him for all the team's woes is just a cop-out. Jonny came here three years ago filled with ideas and optimism. By last January, though, he saw that his nice guy attitude wasn't succeeding so a new tough, cynical Jonny Halpert emerged. Guess what? The team started winning. Hopefully the Macs will get some good rookies next year. If not, the least they could do is win with what they have.

Yeshiva's wrestling Maccabees, otherwise known as the Ellmen, were 6-4-1. They also could have done better, but I don't want to quarrel with success. Although the team will miss its seniors, Neil Ellman's coaching should again lead the grapplers to a better than .500 record. Another plus will be Nate (Schwitzer's return as assistant coach (if the Dean hires him). Tiger is a true team leader and would be a real asset to the grapplers. In addition to the wrestlers presently on the team, many fine rookies are coming out of MTA and the future looks even brighter than the present.

Saving the best for last, we come to fencing. The Taubermen put together a 10-3 record, their best in seven years. But they're losing Ted Ness and Shalom Buchbinder, and Dave Brusowankin has been seen studying Boston road maps. Whatever happens, the team is likely to break .500 again next year, but Coach Tauber should protect the future by starting an MTA fencing program.

The varsity coaches are indeed a very dedicated group. Coaches Halpert ('66) and Ellman ('68) were students here themselves not so long ago. They both feel that sports can be a vehicle for bringing young people to Judaism. Many high school athletes can be brought here by a combination of sports and a budding interest in religion. After graduation, the sports becomes a memory while the religion remains as a permanent attachment. Many religious snobs scoff at this, but Neil Ellman knows better: He went to JSS and has a firsthand view of the issues.

Coach Tauber is also very dedicated — 25 years' worth of dedication to Yeshiva. One of the other varsity coaches once told me that YU had a terrific fencing record not so much because our fencers were superior to their opponents, but because Coach Tauber was so much superior to his rival coaches. Assistant Coach Lorand Marcell is equally dedicated, training the novice fencers. His colorful personality comes to the fore when a close call goes against his Yeshiva swordsmen.

Other people in the YU sports hierarchy include Athletic Director Red Sarachek and Assistant AD Marv Hershkowitz. The problem with Red is that he's not here as often as an AD should be (ideally every day). I realize that Red has personal problems that keep him away, but all that means is that he must delegate his authority — to Marvin and to the coaches. Naturally this would mean that Marv would have to be here more often, but he's expressed a willingness to do so.

Finally, we present the hub of the YU Athletic Department Mrs. Florence Miller. Not only is Mrs. Miller one of the hardest working secretaries in the school, but she's definitely the nicest and most popular. One reason is that Mrs. Miller has made the athletic office a student refuge from the troubles of the outside world. All are welcome in Morg 103.

This past year has been a very gratifying one for me. Although I didn't have the extra year's experience that my predecessor, Steve Reisbaum, had, I tried to provide good and equal coverage of all YU sports of 1974-75. If I ever insulted anyone in these pages, well, that's too bad. Those of you who read my columns this year will find me in the middle of the paper from now on. As I shall continue to be involved in Yeshiva athletics (in the revived and expanded job of YU Athletic Manager), my future columns may not be too much different than those of the past. I was contemplating remaining as sports editor, but as Pete Hamill said in his last Post column, "It's time to move on." And what's good enough for a writer like Pete Hamill is good enough for me.

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Basketball Analysis Disappointing Season

By NORMAN BLUMENTHAL

Four basketball seasons ago I came to YU with no expectations of all concerning basketball here. In my freshman year I did not attend any of the Mites' games, but I did follow them in THE COMMENTATOR. The team managed only two wins and most of the talk was about the outside shooting of two lower-classmen, freshman Ira Scharaga and sophomore David Wilzig.

The following year saw the entrance of five talented freshmen and a new coach, Jonathan Halpert. The results, however, were substantially the same: The team only managed to notch two more wins than the previous campaign. The freshmen backcourt duo of Bruce Wenig and Jimmy Haber exhibited fine all around play and an aggressiveness very rare in Yeshiva ball players. The most noteworthy thing was the play of Paul Merlis who did a fine job rebounding, and was threatening to become a dominant force in the middle.

The next season, my junior year, Paul Merlis was in Israel and Jimmy Haber was not trying out for the team. The result was predictable, but nonetheless tough to swallow. The Mites ran up their worst record ever, managing only a single win. The only bright spot in an otherwise dismal year was the play of a fine freshman from BTA, Jerry Jozsef. That set the stage for this year: All those fine freshmen of the past few years now had experience and were ready to turn the fortunes of the Maccabees around.

But something funny happened on the way to a .500 season. We dropped a couple of close decisions and lost a few we shouldn't have lost, and instead of ten wins there were only five. So the question has to be asked: Why didn't this team win more games than it did? The most obvious answer is that I overrated our talent and that we are simply not competitive on a collegiate level. This is an opinion that is prevalent around YU among those who don't attend games—a category covering just about everybody here. If this were the case then the only answer would be to disband the team. But lack of ability is not the problem, because we don't play a major college schedule and on our level of play very few teams are physically superior to us.

So what is the answer to the question why the Maccabees continue to lose? I don't profess to have a definitive answer, but there is a combination of factors that I think led to the team's lack of success. Attendance at home games could generally be counted on one

hand. This is a very important factor as any who has ever played before a large crowd can tell you. This is true whether it is the Knicks-Celtics or a BTA-HILI game. When there are people behind you yelling and screaming it "psyches" you up and gets the adrenaline flowing.

The Maccabees very rarely showed that extra hustle that comes from wanting the game badly. This can not solely be blamed on lack of fan support and part of the blame must fall squarely on the shoulders of the coach. A very crucial part of the game is played before the team even gets on the court—that is being ready to play. To be physically ready to play the team holds practice sessions, but nothing was done for the team's mental preparedness. Often the team went through the motions of playing basketball but didn't give that little extra: Diving for a loose ball, and running a little harder to get back on defense, the things a winning team does. This winning attitude is essential, and shamefully it was missing.

After the season closed, talk shifted to next year the rumors of getting this ballplayer from here and that ballplayer from there. Once again everybody says next year we'll win because we're getting lots of great freshmen. But what happens to these freshmen after (Continued on Page 6, Col. 1)

Tauberman Yeshiva's "Winningest" Team Prospects Seem Bright For Next Season

A 17-10 victory over Jersey City ended a brilliant 10-3 year for the YU fencing team, which, despite the doubts of pre-season skeptics, persevered through long winning streaks and the heartbreak of an almost undefeated season. To all concerned, the fencers

who did their utmost, and Coaches Tauber and Marcell who gave 100% of their time and without whom none of this would have been possible, it was a very successful season indeed (even the New York Post agreed).

While the season was in every respect a team effort, some stars shone more brightly than

tionally down and Ted would tear into his opponent like a panther, giving himself a win and the rest of the team the boost that was needed to "psych" themselves to win.

Definitely gigantic in stature was Shalom Buchbinder who also leaves the Tauberman at the end of the year. "Booky" led the

indeed in the weapon of epee.

Good Prospects

Looking forward to next season, the Taubermen can boast of a team comparable to this year's powerhouse. Sabre is not lacking despite the loss of Ted Ness, due to returning starters Louis Solomon and Morris Mandel. Lou posted the best record this year in sabre with 25 wins and 9 defeats. Included were five undefeated meets and two hat tricks. Louis was the spark-plug of the squad, always shouting encouragement from the sidelines. Because of his exceptional qualities he has been voted captain of next year's team.

Also returning in sabre is Morris Mandel, owner of a 22-15 record this season. With Morris showing steady improvement and Robert Benko filling the third starting slot, the sabre squad ought to have another of its perennially superb years.

In Epee the Taubermen will sorely miss Shalom Buchbinder. Attempting to fill the void will be Jeff Fried, Marc (Big Red) Felberbaum, David Wolfson and Sammy Abramson. Fried was 16-11 and Felberbaum 12-19. Under Coach Tauber's tutelage, however, these records should substantially improve.

Foil has an excellent nucleus with number two man Marty Hirsch and first year fencer David Brusowankin. This past year, as captain of the foil team, David compiled the second best won-loss record in the history of YU fencing: His mark of 31-6 was bettered only by Warren Enker. Dave went through seven meets undefeated and had a team high of five hat tricks. In addition, David captured the Under-20 Foil Championship of Maryland for the third time in the last three tries, and placed 12th in the prestigious National Under-20 Championships. Backing him will be Marty Hirsch who in his second competitive season posted a 21-15 record with three hat tricks and four undefeated meets.

Rounding out the starters in foil will be no easy task as no one fencer could decisively capture the third starting position. Fighting it out for this last spot are Leonard Budow, Bobby

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Fencers on way to winning season.

Paul Millman

others. Among them were retiring Co-Captains Shalom Buchbinder in epee and Ted Ness in sabre. Ted racked up the most wins in sabre during the season with 26-10 record. He also had two hat tricks and was undefeated in four meets. No one on the team will forget the many times they were emo-

epee team with a 25-9 record. Because Shalom always fenced the last bout the team knew that he could always be counted on to finish off his opponent for the clincher. He had seven undefeated meets (including three hat tricks) and because of his fencing prowess had four shutouts. A very difficult task

YU Karate Association Holds Tenth Annual Exhibition: Students Granted Higher Degrees

By STEVE GORDON

This past Sunday, Lamport Auditorium was the scene of the Y.U. Karate Association's tenth anniversary exhibition. After the introductory remarks, Sensei Harvey Sober—a first level grand master—started the exhibition going by breaking a piece of stone with an augmented finger stab, that is, by sheer pressure of his fingers through the stone. Master Sober then exhibited defensive techniques against two of his black belts—first against Joel Comet and then against Lewis Aron.

Brown belt Asher Leeder (YC '73) and purple belt Steve Gordon next demonstrated one-step fighting, a sequence of pre-arranged attacks and defensive moves which illustrate methods of handling attacking situations. Afterward, Mr. Leeder performed a three board break, concretely showing the power in his previous techniques.

To illustrate another aspect of the martial art training, Michael Andron (YC '71)—a second degree black belt—exhibited various Yoga exercises. At one point, Mr. Andron quickly tensed and relaxed his abdominal muscles to demonstrate muscular control. To illustrate control by another fashion, he first snapped an arrow as it was pressed into his midsection, and then he had cinder blocks broken upon his chest as he lay supported between two of his students. Mr. Andron then demonstrated a technique called "iron hand." After intense concentration Mr. Andron lifted his hand and then allowed it to fall, hitting a stone. The stone broke upon impact.

Black belt Gary Schulman (YC '71) performed a series of breaking techniques, using different strikes and kicks to illustrate the various karate styles.

Throughout the exhibition, kata (forms) were demonstrated by

different black belts. Lewis Aron performed the graceful Tai Chi Chuan, Jeffrey Glanz a weapon (sai) form—as well as an impressive stone break, and Joel Comet a form developed by Master Sober. Black belt candidates Philip Katz and Arthur Gribetz, as part of their testing demonstrated forms, as well as fighting techniques—with and without weapons, and a series of board breaks.

Master Sober, to illustrate the power manifested by Master's Tensho (a tension-breathing form), exhibited an amazing breaking technique in halving a stone by pressing it against his face.

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YU Keglers Finish Season Up

In the past two weeks, the YU bowling squad defeated Fordham and Pratt to finish their best season ever. Out of a league consisting of 19 teams, Yeshiva finished in 14th place, much improved over last year's 19th place.

Mark Breslow and Larry Russak led the Keglers to the slaughter of Fordham with Mark scoring a 201 in his third game, and Larry scoring a 208 in his first. Dave Grashin also scored a 201 in his second game, and with the three strong games of Bob Gittleman, the Keglers were able to sweep the match. Yeshiva won two out of three games over Pratt Institute led by the 201 and 179 of Breslow,

and the 170's by both Grashin and Gittleman ("Big O").

The starting team this year was led by David Grashin, the Captain. David bowled erratically for most of the year, but was able to come through in the clutch with consistent 170's. His overall average for the year, though, was 148, but he should raise that to about 160 over the summer.

Breslow Gone

Mark Breslow, the team Co-Captain who is graduating this year, will be greatly missed next season, especially by the league, since he is their chief statistician. Mark averaged 181 for the year and had high games of 221. Mark was always there in the clutch when he was needed, and we take this time to wish (Continued on Page 5, Col. 4).

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