

Many Factors Decided Grading System Vote

About one year ago, the YC student body was shaken when they heard a recommendation from the Scholastic Standing Committee to change the YC grading system. The committee advocated the institution of a plus-marking system to replace the present whole letter (A, B, C, D, F) system. The committee's reasons for desiring the change were a fear that knowledge of "inflated" YC grades would hurt students applying for graduate schools, and the desire to have a system more realistically reflecting student achievement.

The YC Faculty Assembly spent many sessions debating the recommendation of the Scholastic Standing Committee. At the end of a meeting held in January, the educators overwhelmingly adopted a plus-minus system. Student Senators, who desired a plus only system with a

plus being worth .5 above the grade, introduced a proposal to that effect in the Senate. The YC Senate, however, vetoed the plus only proposal because of Dr. Hecht's observation that institutions to which grades are sent to be processed for graduate schools would regard a plus not at .5, but as .3 above the grade. It was apparent that a plus only proposal, would hurt YC students applying to all graduate schools, and to medical schools in particular.

Students Best Interests

By the end of the Senatemeeting, it was clear that many Senators preferred the whole letter system to any other, as it had been successful in getting a remarkably large number of YC graduates into graduate schools. In addition, it was feared that the plus-minus system would in-

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JSS 'Chai' Celebration Held; Rabbi Morris Besdin Honored

By JEFFREY MACKLER

On Sunday, May 4, the James Striar school student body, alumni, faculty, and friends celebrated the school's eighteenth anniversary by honoring JSS director Rabbi Morris Besdin, and his secretary, Mrs. Frances Streich. Over four hundred people attended the reception and dinner, which lasted for over five hours, in the Belfer Commons. Dr. Samuel Belkin, President of Yeshiva University, spoke of the event as "the largest student-sponsored affair in Yeshiva University history."

In his speech at the dinner, Dr. Belkin praised Rabbi Besdin as both a director and a Rebbe who exhibits patience and understanding towards his students. YU's President also lauded the many JSS students who, through their own labors and sacrifices, have become some of the most learned and observant Jews among our people.

Rabbi Meir Fulda, a personal

friend of Rabbi Besdin, represented the JSS faculty. He expounded upon Dr. Belkin's words. "We can never thank Rabbi Besdin,"

Her response led to the longest of several standing ovations she received that evening.

The guest speaker, Rabbi Norman Lamm, Professor of Jewish Philosophy in EMC, declared, that through Rabbi Besdin's efforts at Dov Revel Yeshiva, Stern College and JSS, non-committed Jewish youth may own the "living tree of Torah Judaism."

The evening's highlight was a visibly moved Rabbi Besdin who rose to address the assemblage. Before he reached the podium, a thunderous round of applause initiated by the JSS students broke loose, and led to spirited singing which rapidly spread amongst the crowd. After the audience calmed down, Rabbi Besdin began his speech. He said that G-d has blessed him thrice—once in Dr. Belkin's constant and active encouragement to him in regard to the JSS program, second in Mrs. Streich's indefatigable efforts for the student body, and, lastly, in the dedication of the faculty of JSS to the students of that school.

Rabbi Besdin, proud of the achievement of JSS in enabling (Continued on Page 8, Col. 1)



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Rabbi Besdin receives award.

he declared, "except by transmitting Torah to the next generation."

Following the dinner, Stan Frohlinger, president-elect of JSSSC, presented Mrs. Streich with an award for her "warmth and understanding to students," and for her eleven years at YU.

New YC Student Council Assumes Office Bodner Approved As Court Assoc. Justice

By DANNY LEVINE and IRA WIND

The traditional changing of the guard occurred at the Student Council meeting of May 13, as the 1974-'75 Council gave way to the new one. Members of the outgoing council gave their customary farewell speeches, some not very complimentary, before Eisenberg stated, that he had experienced both satisfaction and dissatisfaction in the past year. He concluded by saying that the deep emotion and concern exhibited by YC students at rallies and important demonstrations, proved "that we do care."

Outgoing President, Larry

Arthur Strenger then formally took the gavel and assumed the presidency. The first order of

nomination of Andy Pomerantz to the office of Associate Justice on the Student Court. Outgoing Chief Justice Howard L. Wieder was asked about the qualifications of Mr. Pomerantz as well as those of Mr. Marty Bodner, a former Junior Justice who had been nominated for Senior Justice, to become Associate Justice. Mr. Wieder asserted that both

Elections Held For New YCSC Class Officers

By BARRY REINER

YCSC class elections, held on May 1, were characterized by listless campaigns. This can be attributed either to the laws restricting flyers, which went into effect before the election, or to the fact that election week was broken up by Lag Baomer which did not allow the candidates to campaign. Interestingly enough, except in one case, the first name on each ballot was elected, but this was, undoubtedly, sheer coincidence.

Very few of this year's juniors bothered to show up and vote. The candidates, too, were lethargic, with the extent of their campaign being the hanging up of flyers. Steve Gordon, this past year's junior class Secretary-Treasurer, defeated Jerry Pasternak, currently in Israel, for the office of President by a two to one margin. Steve Brizel ran for Vice-President unopposed. Eddie Tolchin became next year's senior class Secretary-Treasurer. His only opponent was Paul Bernheim, but (Continued on Page 6, Col. 1)



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New Senators (from l. to r.) Chaneles, Meyerovic, Blass, Smerling

business for the new council was the approval of Senate nominees. The nominees were Sheldon Chaneles, Arthur Smerling, Robert Blass, and Robert Mayerovic. Ricky Eisenberg, Junior Class President, asked Mr. Chaneles to justify why he should be approved to represent the student body on senate in light of the fact that he had "misrepresented the student body in the SOY travesty." Sheldon replied that there is no connection between the two positions. The four senators ultimately were unanimously approved.

Election of Student Court

Controversy arose over the

were equally qualified, and stressed the fact that it was not he who made the decisions.

After Michael Kurzman, who had been endorsed by Mr. Wieder, as well as nominated by the Executive Council to be Chief Justice, as unanimously elected to that post, heated argument broke out over the confirmation of Mr. Pomerantz to be Associate Justice. It was stressed that Pomerantz is capable, and would do a fine job for the court, but, in light of the fact that Mr. Bodner had served longer on the court than Mr. Pomerantz, council members rejected the nomina-

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COMMENTATOR Board Set Saltzman Is Editor-In-Chief

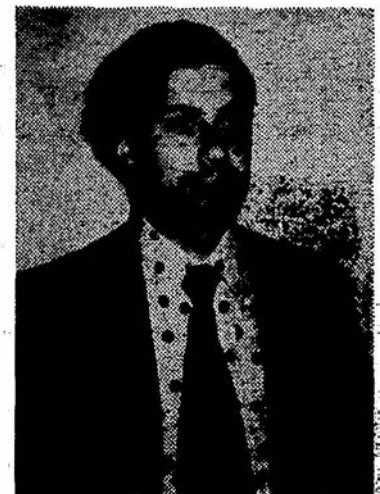
At the Governing Board meeting of April 30, Barry Saltzman ('76) was selected as the new Editor-in-Chief of THE COMMENTATOR. The new Governing Board who were chosen to assist him include seniors Bob Kantowitz, Stan Frohlinger, David Gleicher, Dave Rechtman, Benjamin Arbestfeld, Irving Wiesen, and six juniors in their first years on the Board.

Editor-in-Chief Saltzman, a history major who attends EMC, served last year as Feature Editor of THE COMMENTATOR. Barry, a Classical minor, is president of the Classics Honor Society, is on the YC and EMC Dean's Lists, and has served as a student senator. Barry is also a founder of the Jewish Action Committee, an organization set up to aid poor and elderly Jews in Brownsville.

Last year's News Editor, Robert Kantowitz, will fill the position of Associate Editor. An early admissions student two years ago, Bob is enrolled in the physics BA-MA program between YC and Belfer. President of the Physics Society and a YP student on the YC Dean's List, Bob is also a student senator.

Former Make-Up Editor Stan Frohlinger has been named Executive Editor. A pre-med major, Stan was recently elected President of JSSSC. Stan is a former national president of NCSY, and is a member of the Board of Directors of the UOJCA.

Managing Editor David Gleicher is a History major, and was last year's Sports Editor. David, who was elected last week as EMSC's president, also served on



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Laughing Barry

YCSC '74 in his sophomore year, and is on Deans' Lists in both YC and EMC.

David Rechtman, last year's Copy Editor, will occupy the position of Contributing Editor. A Pre-Med major attending YP, David was one of the first students to enter YC on the early admissions program.

A newcomer to the Board, Sen- (Continued on Page 6, Col. 2)

Teacher Plaudits

After an entire year of deliberations, the Faculty Assembly has voted for the continuation of the present marking system, overturning a previous vote for the institution of plus-minus marking. This reversal came after a Senate vote favored the present system. THE COMMENTATOR salutes the fact that these two bodies were able to come together to preserve the present grading procedure. We believe that the stress created by a plus-minus system would far exceed that healthy level required to produce a strong academic atmosphere. Furthermore, it would be senseless to tamper with a system which has seen such a high number of our students accepted by quality graduate schools. It is extremely reassuring that both the Faculty Assembly and the Senate had the best interests of the students in mind when they made their decision. We trust that the overwhelming votes of both bodies have brought this issue to a permanent close.

Lounge Complaints

With finals rapidly approaching, the absence of designated areas for night study will soon be most felt. This can be attributed to the injudicious closing of all floor lounges in Morgenstern Hall by the Department of Security and Safety. The lounges were locked because of their widespread use in the throwing of water bombs and other senseless objects onto the street below. Although it has been abated somewhat, closing has not ceased the mischievous conduct of some YC students. THE COMMENTATOR urges an immediate reopening of all student lounges. We denounce the throwing of water bombs, and we condemn those responsible for its prevalence. Nevertheless, we believe that to force the entire student body to be academically handicapped because of the pranks of a few misguided individuals is too great a price to pay.

SENIORS, please return your new address card to the Alumni Office, Furst 419—soon. Any senior who did not receive an invitation from the YCAA, please see Doniel Kramer—Riets 370.

All those interested in joining a YU student committee to advance the ideas and goals of the Young Guard of the National Religious Party (Mafdal-Tzeirim) are invited to attend a meeting with Mr. Zevulun Hammer, Member of the Israel Knesset, this Thursday, May 22 at 2:45 in room F317.

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Summer Wishes

It is with enthusiastic optimism that THE COMMENTATOR takes this opportunity to congratulate the newly elected members of all four student councils, the four newly appointed student senators and the new governing boards of the other school publications. We sincerely hope that they will all live up to the student body's great expectations by striving diligently toward fulfillment of their new responsibilities.

With the end of the school year rapidly approaching, THE COMMENTATOR would also like to wish its best to all those members of the academic community who will be leaving Yeshiva at the end of this year. May the future see fulfillment of their brightest hopes and leave them with fondest memories of their stays here.

Lastly, THE COMMENTATOR wishes the entire Yeshiva community a very pleasant summer and an early, but nonetheless sincere, **Ktiva Va'chatimah Tovah**

The Knitted Skullcap

By EPHRAIM KISHON

There is no such thing as a religious humorist. There just isn't a clown alive who'll put his faith in human illusions. Besides, religion by its very nature won't stand for criticism, let alone satire. It follows that the god of any religion is praised as having no end of virtues — he's indefinitely good and merciful, he's all-wise and all-knowing, savior, dispenser and provider, but he isn't blessed with a sense of humour. One gathers that this mark of spiritual superiority is strictly reserved to human beings — with the exception of religious leaders. No Pope ever had a court-jester about the place, and if one were spotted all the same they'd quickly call him a heretic and burn him at the stake.

There's no such thing as a fanatical satirist. Humour is basically nothing but a never-ending search for the factual truth behind the screen of bombast and nonsense. Actually, humour is the opposite of cant about any subject, God included. It follows that the humorist fears Heaven but challenges the beliefs of Earth. He views the latter as a didactic system a la Confucius, or a tool for expansionism like the sword of Islam, even a world-empire like the cross of the Church.

In most of the religious faiths you can name we Jews have had a finger, even if it was cut off. As for our own pioneer religion, the satirist views is as a code of law and ethics wrapped up in mysticism — the creation of a small tribal chieftain who happened to be a great universal genius as well. The humorist thinks — no, he knows!! — and Moses sanctified the Sabbath so as to compel the Jewish humming-top to rest a bit by orders from On High. That's why the struggle of our present-day orthodox to make the descendants of the humming-top walk on Sabbaths instead of resting comfortably on a bus-seat defies plain common sense — which is the sixth sense a satirist is cursed with from the cradle.

If on top of that you add the politicking done by our religious parties, their eternal tipping-the-balance act, and the keen finan-

cial instinct of pious bankers, then it's no wonder that a professional cynic like myself always used to shoot so many of his darts at the public target whose bull's eye is a black skullcap.

Ah, it all used to be clear as crystal to us.

The first sign came from abroad back in the six and a half fat years. The Israeli traveler discovered, much to his satisfaction, that world Jewry lavished praise and sympathy on the Jewish State in its days of glory, and many even went so far as to call themselves Zionists. To be precise, the parents were Zionists, the children weren't. When they, the children, were Zionists as well, you didn't even have to scratch them to find a religious family. Those are the ones who study Hebrew as a matter of principle, who send their kids to Jerusalem out of a 2,000-year-old urge — in the lean years as well as in the fat.

Embarrassing as it may be, you feel as if this anachronism of eating kosher and keeping the Sabbath automatically guaranteed a true love for Zion that doesn't depend on Zion's winning a war.

Ah, the satirist is getting confused.

The past decade or so have been marked by a galloping Lev-antinization, which oddly enough gained momentum in the wake of the Six Day euphoria. The social gap widened down below, while up there our masters of the economy and taxation were turning us all into a bunch of frauds. The face of Israeli society was changing beyond all recognition. Big towns and great enterprises rose in our midst, yet the social landscape withered. A war-generation sprang up here, a selfish, uncaring, ill-mannered youth. Violence became a way of life, till even an everyday activity like, say, going to the movies became an affair or organized frustration.

You look about you in the dark cinema and ask yourself where this new youth has come from, whence this shrill coarseness which you'd never have met with just a few years ago. You look, and you try to find an explanation, you positively pray for an excuse, and you wonder what kind of youth this is that riots for the sake of rioting.

And you find they've only one thing in common: they do not wear the knitted skullcap. Not ever.

Not in a cinema, nor anywhere else. In a society that is slowly becoming faceless, the young faces under the tiny skullcaps remain unchanged: good, clean faces. There's still room for courtesy under those caps, there's seriousness, there's love of one's country still. And quietness.

Anyone who lectures to young people at schools or university clubs will soon know from the level of questions they ask that he's talking to religious youth. They behave differently, ask and answer differently. We've never heard a pointless remark about this country from them. It seems they're limited by their narrow positive outlook. It seems they lack the bright wit that spawns such jokes as the one (Continued on Page 7, Col. 1).

NEWS IN BRIEF

THE RESULTS of the Senior election for valedictorian of this year's graduating class have been released. Steven Wolinsky will represent the seniors at the commencement exercises to be held June 10.

THE FACULTY HAS re-elected Dr. Levine and Professor Posen to the Senate. Drs. Paul Raccah and Helmut Adler were elected to replace the outgoing Drs. Ginsberg and Keating. All terms are for two years.

FIVE CONTESTANTS TRIED OUT in the YC Speech and Drama Club sponsored Extemporaneous Speech Contest. Howard Lloyd Wieder was declared the winner and received first prize. Howard is a Speech and Drama and Political Science major. Larry Russak, also a Speech and Drama major, received second prize and the other contestants received honorable mention.

WINNERS OF THE EMC EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS, held Tuesday, May 13, were David Gleicher, who swamped his opponents to become president; William Hochman, who narrowly defeated David Wolfson to become vice-president; and Benjy Goldstein, who ran unopposed for secretary-treasurer. Class elections for EMCSC will be held later this month.

IN SOY ELECTIONS, held on Thursday, May 8, the executive council was selected in a record large turnout. Winners were Phil Kazlow, who ran against Neil Maron and Harris Goldstein for president; Judah Rosensweig, who defeated four other candidates

for vice-president; and Asher Breatross, who won secretary-treasurer despite a strong, last minute challenge from write-in candidate Naty Katz.

THE YESHIVA COLLEGE SENATE met on May 1 and defeated the proposal of Professor Posen to allow students who become ill during a final examination to take a make-up exam later. This make-up would have been given on conditions that the Scholastic Standing Committee confirm the illness, and that the teacher be willing to give the make-up. Despite the fact that Professor Posen's proposal was overwhelmingly defeated, students who can prove that they are ill before they go into the exam are well advised not to go to the examination, and are entitled to a make-up examination.

BLUE COUCHES FILLED FURST 024 on May 5, as the Red Cross held the second Blood Drive of the year at YC. Over two hundred students rolled up their sleeves and donated a pint of blood each. The drive was administered by a staff of twenty-seven workers from the Red Cross, and by YC Blood Drive Committee Chairman, Marty Bodner, and his staff.

MESIBAT ROSH CHODESH SIVAN was held in conjunction with the Yom Yerushalayim celebration at YC on Thursday night, May 8. Over a hundred and fifty students from YC and Stern partook in the program which included a festive Minariv and the excellent music of Messengers Orchestra. The next Mesibah will be held, G-d willing, on Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan.

Cauldron's Well: Novel Experience In Exotic And Organic Kosher Food

Amid all the new kosher restaurants proliferating throughout the New York Metropolitan area, there is one which goes relatively unknown and unappreciated, except to the few lucky people who brave the neighborhood, disregard the uninviting exterior, and enter a wholly novel experience in gastronomic technology — a natural, macrobiotic, pareve and strictly kosher restaurant, owned and operated by a Lubavitcher ba'al tshuva.

The restaurant is named The Cauldron's Well, and is located at 306 E. 6th Street in the East Village, not far from Ratner's. The proud proprietor is Moshe Schlass, a man who has undergone a strange variety of experiences. Originally a graduate of Tonah Vada'ath Yeshiva, he grew disenchanted with Judaism and at age eighteen he deserted his old life to pursue modern art and organic foods. Mr. Schlass was quite content with his new ways until he was confronted by a squad of Lubavitcher Chassidim. Mr. Schlass does not discuss this encounter. He merely smiles self-consciously and directs conversation to his still newer life, a life he is intensely proud of.

"We had this restaurant before I came back. It was also organic, almost all kosher, except that we served shrimp," he recalls quietly. "When I told my customers that we were going kosher, some told me I'd have two or three months till I go out of business, or I'd go back the way I was. Well," continued Mr. Schlass with obvious satisfaction, "we had a Lubavitcher rabbi kasher the place. We're closed on Friday and Saturday and all Jewish holidays. We lost some people. I think some of the Jews were a little uneasy when they saw me," and he pointed to his beard, hat and the simple dark

attire of a Lubavitcher Chassid, "but we gained others. You don't have to sell out what you believe in."

In fact, Mr. Schlass has profited economically, in addition to gaining spiritually since his encounter with Lubavitch. The Cauldron, by virtue of its food and owner, attracts a widely varying clientele; yeshiva students and hippies, families and dating couples, Jews of all degrees of religiosity and of all ages, as well as Gentiles. There they meet and discuss issues over good food and friendly company, sometimes with astonishing results. "There are a lot of conversations here," explained Mr. Schlass. "People know it's a Jewish restaurant, but they won't be pressured into converting." The relaxing atmosphere leads to exchanges of ideas, and often an appeal to purity of heart as well as food. Exclaimed Mr. Schlass triumphantly. "We brought people back to *Yahadut*"

In its dual role as restaurant and Jewish center, The Cauldron serves a menu to make one's mouth water. Filet of Sole, salads, soups, vegetable dishes, rich

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Dr. Bevan To Resume Yeshiva Role As Poli-Sci Department Chairperson

By H. L. WEIDER

The YC administration has announced that Dr. Ruth Bevan will be returning to chair the political science department next year.

This year, Dr. Bevan has been working on a research project endowed by the National Endowment for the Humanities. The project is a continuation of her comparative study of Edmund Burke and contemporary political thinkers such as Marx and Hegel.

Yeshiva, The Scene Of Anti-War Protests Instructors Present Opposing Viewpoints

By HAROLD HEFTER

President Ford recently asked Americans to forget the Vietnam War and turn their hopes and efforts to the future. Americans, however, have shed too much blood and expended too much energy not to take one long, final look back before directing their efforts to what lies ahead.

In the spring of 1970, when President Nixon expanded the Indochina War into Cambodia, anti-war activity prevailed on college campuses across the United States. A particular stone-throwing demonstration at Kent State University resulted in the tragic deaths of four students, an incident that served only to fuel the already heightened emotions. The campus anti-war activity intensified, forcing many universities to close down early. Racked by its own demonstrations, Yeshiva passed a referendum permitting students to withdraw from any or all of their courses and receive a P or a grade if their work warranted it.

The Kent State tragedy triggered Yeshiva's anti-war activities, the initial response coming the following afternoon, Tuesday, May 5, when teachers randomly cancelled classes to attend a protest rally on Danciger Campus. That evening, an emer-

gency student council meeting was held. Council members, troubled over U.S. foreign policy, remained cautious as to how Yeshiva should react. The meeting was emotional, and at one point, then President Sternberg had to restrain visiting faculty members from strongly denouncing each other. Council decided to boycott classes for the remainder of the week (an action sanctioned by Dean Bacon the next day), sponsor a discussion of the issues the following afternoon, and conduct a referendum on Thursday, May 7.

On Wednesday afternoon, both YC and Stern students packed F501 with an overflow crowd, estimated at 800. Prior to the assembly, students picketed and sat-in at the entrance to Furst Hall. At the assembly, faculty members spoke on both sides of the Cambodian issue. Most of the speeches were considered little more than rhetoric to the students who were disappointed

with the lack of proposals forthcoming from the faculty.

That evening YCSC proposed a referendum that would give students the option of ending their school year immediately. It was considered a compromise in that classes would be officially resumed for those wanting to attend. The morning following its passage by the student body, the referendum came up for Senate approval. On the Senate, various supporters of the referendum praised it as a measure that would not only protect students, but would deal with them maturely and train them for citizenship. The Senate gave its unanimous consent. Thus, the most radical departure from normal educational standards in YC history became a matter of school policy.

Five years have passed since Yeshiva's short-lived activist role on national issues. Two outspoken faculty members in 1970 of opposing ideologies—Rabbi Louis Bernstein, Instructor of Jewish studies in YC and EMC, and Dr. Manfred Weidhorn, Professor of English in YC—are still with Yeshiva today. Both granted THE COMMENTATOR personal interviews.

Rabbi Louis Bernstein, although a professed liberal thinker, threw his support behind President Nixon concerning the Indochina War in 1970. Not taking a definite stance on whether the U.S. should have gotten involved to begin with, he believed that, once involved in the war, we should make an all-out effort to bring it to a conclusion.

When demonstrations were erupting across the nation in 1970, Rabbi Bernstein declared that Yeshiva students, whatever

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Jobs Are Still Available For This Summer For Students Who Have Not Yet Made Plans

If you're looking for a well paying summer job that requires some diligent Yeshiva student to travel around the world comparing international kosher cooking with the food at Parker's cafeteria, forget it. It doesn't exist. Unfortunately, at this time of year, not too many jobs do exist. Our country is being wracked by a recession which is forcing one of the largest work forces ever to compete for a very small number of jobs. This problem severely affects the number of summer positions available in New York City.

There is a non-profit employment service in our city that caters to Orthodox Jews. This service, the Council of Employment and Career Guidance, summed up the prospects of finding a job in New York this summer in one word: lousy. It could not hurt, however, to give them a call (436-5800), in case they have something that might specifically fit you.

For those who are as yet still undecided, the following list could prove helpful:

The Lod Taxi Corp. is looking for people over 21 who are willing to drive one of their taxis. They promise to help the prospective employee obtain his hack

license. Payment is based on commission; "the hard worker who puts in his ten hours a day should have no problem pulling in \$200 a week." Remember, however, that this is not guaranteed income, and it might just pay for anyone interested to look into the commission rates of the other hack outfits.

If you are the intellectual type or if you are just interested in making money, The World Book Encyclopedia Corp. might have an interesting offer. Steven Shulman, telephone number 658-6098, will organize an orientation program to instruct future salesmen in how to demonstrate the values of owning a set of World Book Encyclopedia. (You do not have to memorize it.) If you agree to do 200 demonstrations during the summer, you are paid on a commission basis. And even if your income from the commissions does not equal \$1,500 they guarantee to pay \$1,500. It is also possible to take on the responsibility of performing 100

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Dr. Bevan believes that next year's political science department faculty will have a revitalizing effect on the department.

Dr. Bevan plans to teach the basic courses, while Dr. Gurcharan Singh will lecture in the areas of international relations and comparative politics. Dr. Singh, who has been at Yeshiva for one year, will be a full-time assistant professor next year and will also teach the introduction to American government and state and local government courses. Dr. Gary Schiff will

Dr. Bevan looks at revitalizing the Political Science Club and departmental assistantship by the transitional state of the department, and, upon her return, Dr. Bevan hopes to formulate new plans for these valuable programs.

Dr. Bevan's absence from the political science department has been greatly felt by its majors. With her return, the prospects look bright for a strong political science department for Yeshiva College.



Dr. Ruth Bevan

return for his third year and will teach courses on the politics of the Middle East and the Soviet Union, while Dr. Michael Hecht will continue to instruct in Constitutional law and American government.

During her unpaid leave of absence, Dr. Bevan visited the College on a monthly basis to check upon the department's welfare. Also involved in the department, as well as advising and consulting with students, was Dr. Joseph H. Dunner, the first recipient of a professor emeritus title ever bestowed by Yeshiva University.

Shomer Shabbat And Kashrut COLPA Aids Jewish Rights

By JEFFREY MACKLER

At some point in the lifetime of the observant Jew, his religious precepts come into conflict with secular authorities. Whether the conflict concerns Shabbat observance, Kosher food, or skull cap wearing, the Jew is entitled under U.S. law to legal representation and counseling. Until 1965, there did not exist an organization that provided service solely for the unique legal needs of the observant Jew. In that year, Dr. Marvin Schick, Rabbi Moses Sherer, and Judah Gross established the National Jewish Commission on Law and Public Affairs, known as COLPA. While COLPA's initial aim was to confront the problems of Shabbat observance, it diversified into areas of seniority in labor relations, Kosher food for prisoners and any case whose anticipated settlement would result in the betterment of living conditions for observant Jews.

Today, ten years after its founding, COLPA has blossomed, with a legal staff of more than 250 attorneys who work part time under the leadership of Dennis Rapps, the only fulltime COLPA professional. In addition

to the professional staff, there are approximately 270 volunteers. COLPA members provide aid for observant Jews in New York, Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, Boston, Los Angeles, Denver and other major US cities. According to former President Howard Rhine, COLPA's staff is "young, committed, proud and skilled." Most attorneys, including Mr. Rhine and Nathan Lewin, presently a Professor of Law at Harvard, are YU graduates. Any attorney, social scientist, or concerned individual can volunteer his services to COLPA.

COLPA Clientele

Any Jewish person citing religious discrimination can avail himself of COLPA's aid free of charge, stated Mr. Rhine in a telephone interview. He stressed that COLPA has "one client and one client only, the observant Jewish community." COLPA attorneys represent the Rabbinical Council of America, the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations, and the National Council of Young Israel. COLPA's range of services include legal advice, and litigation, and out-of-court arbitration. Last year, the over-

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In Prospect

In the course of the ebb and flow of a people's lifetime, every society experiences a stage of profound self examination. Only a few short years ago, the onslaught of KEY '73 and the trauma of the Yom Kippur War seemed to be coagulating into the kind of culture in which introspection germinates best... Jews, aware of the dangers of diplomacy and of demographic decay, began to embark on that path of self analysis and mutual dialogue which can prove so fruitful to societies faced with various threats.

Then, suddenly, the self examination disappeared. Protests and anti-missionary work assumed a perfunctory character or fell to the dedicated few. American Jews closed their eyes in annoyance to scandals in their ranks (damn that Stein!), to their decreasing numbers, and to the rise of Arab influence in the U.S. The same retreat could be sensed in Israeli society where no leader can muster the public confidence and personal courage necessary for bold, decisive action. Thus the willingness to stare long and hard at ourselves, to candidly evaluate our strengths and weaknesses, and then to tackle each new challenge, has given way to a moribund, self defensive myopia, a retreat from activism, both here and in Israel at precisely the very moment that frank assessments must be made.

There is a purpose to my pessimism. I, as editor, act the part of "muck-racker." Vital assessments cannot be made without information, and nothing can be accomplished without a willingness to struggle with that information and to bend it into realistic programs. In modern society the press plays this vital role. It can investigate and expose, question and advise. In many instances, newspapers have been the catalysts for America's social and political change.

THE COMMENTATOR will strive hard to fulfill that role for the YU community. It will question, not only administration and faculty, which it will do unflinchingly with the student's best interests set in mind, but it will look firmly and critically at the students and at the Jewish world in general. We shall not retreat from activism. Through editorials and letters, as well as penetrating articles, **THE COMMENTATOR** hopes to proffer constructive ideas of its own, and to prod the lethargic to action. Be it grading in Senate or transcripts in Registrar's, blood drives on campus, or blood spilled in the tortured Middle East, be it YCSC, or Finances, or APRAC, **THE COMMENTATOR** hopes to be there to fulfill its prime functions — to represent, inform and stimulate.

These are ambitious statements. They are made in vernal optimism; they may well snap like hollow, brittle twigs in winter, for the times are not good. The dark images on the horizon do not dissipate as readily as our desire to face them. To make good our pledge, we will need determined reporting, contacts, and more city-wide editions for Jewish college students. Yet who can prophesy whether or not **THE COMMENTATOR**, or even YCSC, will not succumb to a budget administrator's pen? Whether or not the U.S. will abandon its closest Middle Eastern friend in a vain

search for illusive "fair mindedness" and the mirage of the oil well? Whether or not we will do any better than our predecessors in wrestling against the problems which confront us?

But, of course, we must. There lies our "In Prospect" for this coming year. **THE COMMENTATOR** will not sit still. We will listen and report, consider and suggest. This can only be done, not as a separate entity, but as part and parcel of YU's greater community. We hope to work with the new members of the YC Student Council who are aware of the challenges posed, and the key role **THE COMMENTATOR** must play in meeting them. We hope to work with the various deans and administrators in this our university's time of troubles. We hope to expand faculty discussion and cooperation, especially in our enlarged Op-Ed column. We hope to work with all of the above, but we will not fail to work against them, should they work against you, the students.

For in you lies our authority and final responsibility. You are our readership, our constituents; in fact, we wear one and the same face. We may berate you as well as praise you, but there is one inescapable fact. For better or for worse, we are part of you, and you are part of an ongoing historical saga, played out over the centuries from Mesopotamia to the Americas, and now in Israel and here in New York. We are the next generation of the Jewish people, and with our untried hands we shall mold the future.

In light of the above, let me take this opportunity to welcome any and all comments from YU's many administrators, faculty members and deans. **THE COMMENTATOR** is primarily a student publication, but our years here are far too intertwined for any lack of communication.

Now for my fellow students. Don't be put off by my heavy style—that's only for print. Feel free to saunter by my room any time for some easy talk and perhaps even some juicy edibles. I'm eager to hear your comments and ideas for the coming year in regard to **THE COMMENTATOR** and YU in general.

I'd like to thank the outgoing editor-in-chief, Steve "Boim!" Reisbaum, for his generous, "Ace" help in preparing this issue. You're a hard act to follow, but my apprenticeship on your governing board makes me hopeful of doing as well.

No editor can put out a paper all by himself, so let me now express my utmost confidence in the new Governing Board. It was a pleasure to work with the seniors and to share in their friendship. In particular, thanks go to my roommate, Jeff Stashun, for patience above and beyond the call. Let's see how well you do next year, Barney. You juniors are well on your way to earning your stripes. Remember, **THE COMMENTATOR** will certainly be challenging, but she is worth it.

Have a nice summer, "KTIVA V'CHATIMA TOVA" — see you in October.

New **COMMENTATOR** Governing Board: (pictured left to right from top) Editor-in-Chief Barry Saltzman, Stan Frohlinger, Robert Kantowitz, Robert Blass, Benjamin Arbesfeld, Ricky Eisenberg, David Gleicher, Alden Lelfer, Terry Rifkin, Michael Goldberg, and Harry Kaplowitz.



H. Klotz

In Preview

As I begin my third year on Council, I cannot help but review the accomplishments and failures of past presidents and councils I have worked with and how next year's council will measure up. I hope that we have learned from their mistakes, and more important, we will continue many of their successful proposals.

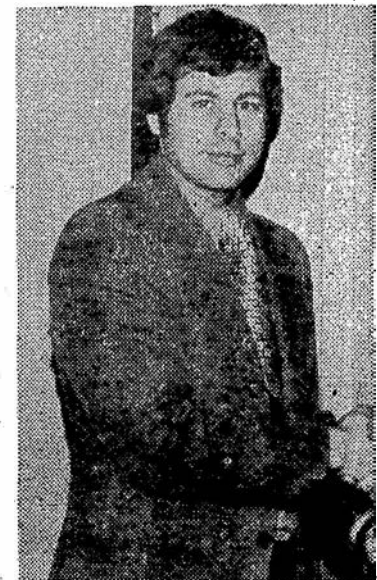
I would like to congratulate the new council members upon their election and wish them the best of luck. I must say I am very pleased with the manner in which council conducted itself at its first meeting. It is a very refreshing sight to see that council members came prepared and not just to raise their hands to say yes. I must caution, however, that the council members should not abuse this independence to play power politics.

In the name of the entire council, I would like to congratulate the newly elected executive councils of Stern, JSSSC, SOY, and EMCSC. I hope Chani, Stan, Phil, Dave, and I will not need any formal lines of communication in order to jointly serve the students. The place to begin working together is by our attending the Appropriation Priorities Resource Allocation Committee's meetings on June 12-13.

Before I start to talk about the year ahead, I would like to thank those who helped me get by as Secretary-Treasurer this past year; Mrs. Streich, who took care of our mail and supplies; Mrs. Ofgang for her help and advice; Bob Zieger, who was always ready to work on a minute's notice; Howard Wieder,

Brother Program understand the responsibility they are undertaking and arrange to be here during Freshman Orientation. (If you would like to be a Big Brother, see Steve in M223, or myself in R422 to register.)

Student participation will be the key to successful Jewish Affairs Program. In charge of Jewish Affairs, we have people able and willing to work. Our programs cannot however, be successful without your support. I hope the slack in student attendance in our last few func-



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Strenger starts presidency . . .

tions will not carry over to next year.

There is a subject I wish I did not have to talk about, but I must. The subject is the growing number of occurrences of disrespect to person and property shown by a few students. Water

INCOMING STUDENT COUNCIL

President	Arthur Strenger
Vice-president	David Goldberg
Secretary-treasurer	Harvey Nitzky
Senior class president	Steve Gordon
Senior class vice-president	Steve Brizel
Senior class secretary-treasurer	Eddie Tolchin
Junior class president	Ricky Eisenberg
Junior class vice-president	Benjy Krupka
Junior class secretary-treasurer	Eliezer Cohn
Sophomore class president	Harry Skydell
Sophomore class vice-president	David Rauch
Sophomore class secretary-treasurer	Jeff Rubin

who helped with publicity and advice; my roommate, Dave, who put up with me; and of course, Larry and Jack.

Next year the dean will again be invited to speak before council at least once a semester. Before June, we hope to complete purchasing equipment for our typing rooms and lounges. Special thanks are in order to the Alumni Association for providing funds for the lounge, and to Jack for helping to put it together. To enable council to publish a Directory, each student must cooperate by filing Student Directory forms and hand them in at registration. Next October, each student will find Teacher Course Evaluation Forms with his class admit cards. It is imperative that every student fills out and returns his evaluations as soon as possible.

In May, every president seems to find the Senior Class very eager to help out with Freshman Orientation and Big Brother Programs. When October comes around, however, we find a lot of little brothers with no big ones. This does not only make the program a failure, but also an undeserved embarrassment to the Office of Student Affairs. This year I hope that the seniors who sign up for the Big

bombing, which was once a pre Final Day escape valve, has become a year-round pastime wherein even strangers and elderly people have been chosen as victims. Regarding property, the lounge in 024 has recently been struck by a rash of vandalism. It is up to every student, not just the Justices and Councilmen to stop such behavior.

Disaster is the one word that could best describe Freshman Registration last September. The administration, recognizing this problem, promised to come up with a new method of registering Freshman and Co-Op students.

To my dismay, while making inquiries to a number of administration members as to what was actually decided, I found out that no definite plan was made. I urge the administration to act more quickly in finalizing their plans for Freshman Registration in order to avoid a repeat of last year's mess.

I would like to warn council that our initial enthusiasm to work should not be allowed to wear off over the long summer vacation.

I would like to wish everyone a pleasant vacation. A KTIVA V'CHATIMA TOVA — see you next October.

In Review

For many, especially the seniors among us, this year was one of self-evaluation and reflection. It was replete with controversy and confrontation over the identity and meaning of the YU experience. The value of our educations, both religious and secular, and their roles in the grand scheme of synthesis were, and still are, the subjects of endless debate. One argument, often cited, is that Yeshiva College never really accomplishes a synthesis

of Jewish and secular educations, but rather offers an adulteration of both. This can be due simply to the lack of time needed to devote to each field, not to mention the financially impossible task of providing superior dual education; but it

difficulties and accomplishments all its own. YU was never meant to be a traditional Yeshiva, nor was it envisioned as a college in competition with every other college. It is rather an institution where Talmud study thrives along with secular learning, where a commitment to Israel and world Jewry is installed and reinforced, and where people are judged on the basis of what they are and what they feel rather than the clothes they wear or the religious politics they ascribe to. It provides a special spirit which is later transformed into a way of life. Witness the rallies after the Ma'lot massacre or against the PLO, sponsored and attended solely by YU students driven by a mix of religious conviction, open emotion, and a pinch of militarism. Take note of the JSS program and such YU based student organizations as the Yolanda Benson Society, YU Seminar, Dirshu and T'chiya, not to mention all those students participating in NCSY and local outreach programs. Examine the hundreds of students flocking to Saphanim, Tzitzis, and Tephillin drives each year, most of whom have already or would have been rejected by the traditional Yeshiva world. Recognize the fact that most of today's practicing Rabbis are YU musmachim and that YU graduates can be found at the head of almost every modern Orthodox community. These are the moments for which Yeshiva exists; what it's all about.

Yes, YU has achieved a great



H. Klotz Gets Eisenberg's gavel

OUTGOING STUDENT COUNCIL

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Senior class secretary-treasurer	Israel Wahrman
Junior class president	Mike Katzenstein
Junior class vice-president	David Goldberg
Junior class secretary-treasurer	Steve Gordon
Sophomore class president	Ricky Eisenberg
Sophomore class vice-president	Rick Elfman
Sophomore class secretary-treasurer	Meir Chernofsky
Freshman class president	Michael Herskovics
Freshman class vice-president	Morris Bienenfeld
Freshman class secretary-treasurer	Jeff Rubin

amount of success in attaining its goals. The vast majority of Yeshiva students subscribe to the ideals of Torah U'madah, even if they call it by different names or deny it vehemently to themselves and others. Those who would fight to make YU more "Yeshivish," and live up to the first half of its name, or more "collegish," just to promote the second half of its name, have missed the point. There is need for improvement, but only within the greater framework of Yeshiva University and all that its entire name implies. This is what we attempted to do and hope we were successful in some small measure. We hand over the torch to next year's Councils and student leaders in the hope that they will continue to light the way and preserve our ideals.

This past year was quite an experience in itself. The study load was never too rough and there was plenty of time for bimboing around. While I found

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In Retrospect

In less than a month, the number of people entitled to call Yeshiva College their alma mater will have increased. The graduates will all move on, hopefully, to very successful and healthy futures. As they move along their paths to success, all, at one time or another, will stop to look back at their alma mater. The memories will be mixed—some fond, some unpleasant, some bitter, some sweet.

Many will think back to their freshman year, when they were confronted not only with the problems involved in the high school to college transition, but also with those involved in adapting to a new learning situation and even a new life. Before them stood a distinguished man who had interviewed them all personally. "If you have come to Yeshiva just for the College, then you better leave immediately for your own good," was the warning they received. These students, many of whom had made major sacrifices, all of whom were seeking a better understanding of their heritage, gazed at him in amazement. Such a warning was unexpected to say the least.

As time went on, many left, but many more remained to fully understand the meaning of this warning. Many more lessons were to be learned from Rabbi Besdin, who throughout the year served as an inspiration for both students and faculty of the James Striar School. Perhaps his students should not be limited to JSS, but all members of the Yeshiva community could prosper by watching this seemingly tireless man.

Administrators should follow his example by remembering the purpose of an educational institution such as ours. They should stop considering only financial facets, setting quotas on classes and majors, but should realize that the institution is here to serve the students by offering them a quality education. Many administrators (not all but many) would benefit immensely by making more personal contact with all students. The school is not that large that the YCSO president and the Editor-in-Chief of COMMENTATOR are the only ones asked about their intercessions when met in the Furst Hall lobby. Many problems could be alleviated if the doors were opened and the "glass cases" were not always worn by administrators.

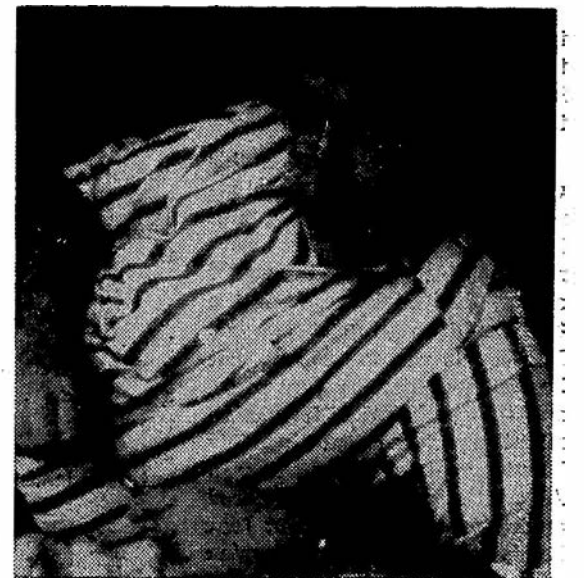
The problem of the lack of personal relationships also plagues many members of the college faculty (although it does not seem to exist within the Hebrew divisions). Speaking from my own experiences, members of the Speech and Drama Department, Mr. Knudsen, of the German Department, and Doctor Eli Levine, of the Chemistry Department, were pleasurable exceptions to the rule. They knew all their students by name and were always available to answer a question. "Doc," a special standout in my mind, became involved with every one of his students, willing to sit and talk for hours about any topic. The Chemistry Department and YU will lose an outstanding educator when Doctor Levine leaves. Unfortunately, these instructors are like oases in a desert.

The blame, however, does not rest solely upon the shoulders of the administration and faculty. Students must stop thinking that they are always right and the administration is always wrong. This is not a western town where the good guys are in constant confrontation with the bad guys. Again, a more open relationship would serve to alleviate this problem.

Few people will be able to look back to a senior year that was as eventful as mine. COMMENTATOR has covered many issues over the year, some of which I will briefly remind you. We started last May, discussing grades and integration of the University. Integration was spoken of as a major step in the right direction, however, I must again warn against integration for integration's sake. Educational quality is our prime directive, not giving Belfer a field on which to practice.

This year we argued in favor of a faculty union and fought against the PLO. We presented open forums concerning federal, state, and school elections. We offered every member of the Yeshiva community a chance to voice his opinion in our on-going op-ed section. Through new features such as Que Pasa and Commie After Dark we tried to keep the community aware of as many happenings as possible. We also took a look into our past with a twenty page survey of the forty years of COMMENTATOR. All in all, it was a very eventful year and I hope that we fulfilled our function of serving the students of Yeshiva College.

There are many people that deserve very warm thanks for helping me make it through this year. First, to the people that only the members of Governing Board are privileged to meet, the printers at Alert, thanks for putting up with us—the check is in the mail. To Mr. Marmorstein, Mr. Heisler, and Judy, thanks for the traveling accommodations—I'll mail my set of keys to you immediately. To Mrs. Owing and Mrs. Streich, I do not understand how you can still smile when I enter your offices, but believe me,



Reisbaum breathes easier

it is always welcome. To Rabbi Oratz and especially Rabbi Gorelik (who put up with me for four years), I thank you for your honest remarks and for being tremendous rebbeim to me.

As for the staff of THE COMMENTATOR, you were the real backbone. All of you deserve commendations for the jobs you performed this year. The Technical Board: Roy, Artie, Lewis, Paul, Stan, Raphael, and Shimmy; came through consistently—thanks.

Jeff, thanks for all the fine work on the Anniversary Issue—Tempo has done itself a great service by naming you its editor. David, a more devoted copy editor and a better culinarian I could not have asked for. Stan, you will be as fine a JSS president as you were a make-up

Outgoing Governing Board

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editor—just ask Mark, he'll tell you. David, it is hard to please a former sports editor but you did it well. Bob, a harder worker I have never seen—Barry has himself a fine right hand man. As for you, Barry, your leadership of COMMENTATOR next year will be the leadership of the school—knock 'em dead—you surely can.

Bres, every word from your pen was weighed heavily while it was being written, and more heavily before it went to print, and somehow together we made it—stay in touch. Jeff, your presence at board meetings can be topped only by your presence at Senate meetings—thanks for keeping me level-headed. Steve, you were a true asset to the board and the paper—thanks for aiding me so ably.

Asher, rooming with you was always a knock out. Letting you go was rough—it is a good thing we got Shimmy, Geri, and the rest of Brooklyn in exchange. Larry and Glenn, working with you, staying up all night with you, and some of the other totally idiotic things we did together I will cherish forever. Lastly, to my roommate of four years, Mark Srulowitz, my mother still wants to know how you ever put up with me. She does not believe that it was I who had to put up with you. I wish the four years dorming with you could last forever, but people would probably talk. Besides, you will probably have more fun with Cybil. Well, fellas, I've done it—I've proved all the skeptics wrong—I made it through the year. Myron and keep on Boimeling.

YC Cancels Program Of Tay Sachs Tests

By ROBERT BERKO

Amid confusion and differences of opinion, the Tay Sachs and hyperlipidemia tests that were scheduled to be given in YU on May 1 have been postponed. Rabbi Tendler had objected to the tests on the basis of halachic questions. The fact that many students were opposed to the testing because of Rabbi Tendler's objections, caused Dr. Nitowsky, director of the program at Albert Einstein, to cancel the tests. He did not want to do a testing in a school where there is even the slightest bit of negative feedback.

Rabbi Tendler clarified his views at a meeting of the Pre-medical Honor Society, attended by thirty students. There are many problems, Rabbi Tendler claims, that might result if the test would be given at Yeshiva. If a person was to find out that he was a carrier, he may panic, and the psychological trauma he might experience would possibly be too great for him to handle. A social stigma would be placed on a person who finds out that he is a carrier. That person would be faced with the dilemma of when to tell a girl whom he was considering marrying, that he is a carrier of Tay Sachs. Another objection raised by Rabbi Tendler, is that the organization advises mothers pregnant with a Tay Sachs baby to have it aborted.

Although Rabbis Bleich, Charlop and Riskin are for the testing, very few people knew about it. Rabbi Bleich, in fact, works with psychiatrists in counseling Tay Sachs carriers. Proponents of the program pointed out that with Rabbi Bleich's rabbinic advice, Dr. Tendler's fear of abortion would probably be countered. It was hoped that by giving the testing, chances would be reduced of a woman becoming

pregnant with a Tay Sachs child.

Two years ago, the test was given at Yeshiva. Rabbi Bleich was present, and students knew the opinions of both parties. This year, however, the program started later than it did two years ago. It was disorganized and publicity was very poor, especially in Stern College. As a result, students did not hear Dr. Tendler's opinion firsthand, and may therefore have not totally understood the pros and cons of the issue.

The organizers of the program in Yeshiva are waiting for next year. Hopefully the students will be given a chance to hear all opinions well in advance of the testing, and will, therefore, be able to make a well-thought-out decision.

COMMENTATOR Governing Bd. Selected Saltzman To Direct As Editor - in - Chief

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 5) Editor Benjamin Arbesfeld was an associate news editor last year. A YP student who majors in Premedicine and minors in History, Benjamin is on the YC Dean's List.

Irving Wiesen comes to the Board as Projects Editor after spending a year at Hebrew University in Israel. A YP English major, Irving has served on the feature staff and was last year's Israeli Correspondent.

Junior Board Members

Ricky Eisenberg has moved from the copy staff to the position of News Editor. Having served as president of his class

Coronary Fells Consul S. Levin Loss Mourned In US And Israel

By AVI MOSKOWITZ

Shlomo Levin, Israeli Consul for Religious Affairs in New York, died of a sudden heart attack on Saturday, May 2, at the age of 45. The author of many scholarly textbooks, Shlomo Levin was always willing to aid Jewish organizations and often visited and spoke at Y.U. Recently he had been instrumental in bringing Israeli President Ephraim Katzir, and Israeli Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Goren as well as trying to bring Knesset member Judah Ben Meir to speak at Yeshiva College.

Shlomo Levin's funeral, which filled the large West Side Jewish Center, was attended by the leaders of the New York Jewish community. Among the speakers were Ambassador David Rivlin, who delivered the eulogy in behalf of the State of Israel, and three members of the Yeshiva community, Rabbi Israel Miller, Rabbi Steven Riskin and Rabbi Norman Lamm, the Rabbi of the

West Side Jewish Center.

In his eulogy, Ambassador Rivlin spoke of Mr. Levin as a man of pure faith, with great love for friends, relatives and the land of Israel. Mr. Rivlin also dwelled on his vast achieve-



The late Shlomo Levin

ments both as consul and as educator. Mr. Levin founded a large Yeshiva in Port Elizabeth in South Africa, and wrote many textbooks before coming to New York. While in New York he served as the liaison between the Israeli government and many of the Jewish groups. At the time of his death he was contemplating whether to remain at his job for one more year as the government requested, or to return to Israel to continue teaching and spreading Torah.

Rabbi Miller, speaking in his role as Chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations, asked "What is there to say in words that his deeds and actions did not depict for all of us?" Dr. Miller said that Mr. Levin's mission was cut short, but we must all work to bring it to completion. We must all strive for the Shalom that's in Mr. Levin's name through learning Torah, Rabbi Miller said.

In his remarks, Rabbi Lamm stated that Mr. Levin was functionally a Levi, a servant of his people. He said that "Shlomo Levin was the soul of Israel. To know Shlomo Levin was to love Israel." Commenting on the fact that Levin died on the week before the parsha of Bamidbar, Rabbi Lamm said "Shlomo lived according to G-d's laws, died at the peak of his life and left us with a vast desert to fill."

Mr. Levin's body was flown to Israel after the funeral for burial. He is survived by his wife Rebeccah, and his three young children. May the Almighty comfort them among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

Colonel Marmorstein Orders Lounges Closed In Move To Curtail Waterbombing Violations

By ROBERT FRIEDMAN

The Morgenstern Dormitory floor lounges were ordered closed four weeks ago by Colonel Robert Marmorstein, Chief of YU Security and Safety. When asked in a COMMENTATOR interview about his decision to close the lounges, the Colonel said that he had them closed to stop the large number of water bombs being thrown from lounge windows onto Amsterdam Avenue. The bombs, aimed at pedestrians and motor vehicles that are not part of the University, cause danger to the security of our dorms.

Colonel Marmorstein claims that with locked lounges, water bombing will decrease, as students will not want to risk being caught throwing the bombs from their rooms. The penalty for throwing a bomb, he made clear, is expulsion from the dorm. The Colonel emphasized his dismay at the "irresponsibility and disgusting habits" of the supposedly "educated, well-bred Yeshiva student."

The roofs of the dorms have also been put off-limits to all students since many students have begun using the roofs for their bombing activities.

The Colonel claimed that closing the lounges was warranted for the few who had stopped bombing. The Colonel added that unless all students are willing to

"police themselves," and see to it that their neighbors discontinue their actions, everyone will be held equally responsible for the bombings, and everyone will suffer through the inaccessibility of the lounges.

The Colonel concluded by saying that he would like to have some indication from the student body that they are willing to cooperate with him. He said that if the lounges are to be reopened, he would like the President of YCSC to accept the entire responsibility of controlling the lounges. If he gets the cooperation he desires, the Colonel made clear, he will immediately reopen all the Morgenstern lounges.

Who's Whose

Engaged:

Baruch Twersky '74 to Eva Wolgelernter

Michael Kurzman '76 to Esther Appel

Mayer Parker '75 to Fayge Spetner

David Miller '74 to Dina Miner Stuart Shaffren '74 to Ellen Altman

Married:

Shaya Roseman '74 to Ann Lipener

Births:

To Ahuva and Gary Epstein '69, a son, Joshua Maer

Students Elect The Class Officers Of Yeshiva College Student Council

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 1) write-ins and abstentions also captured many of the votes.

Over ninety percent of this year's Sophs voted, and this enthusiasm was reflected in the campaigning. Ricky Eisenberg, the incumbent class President, was given a vote of confidence by his classmates, as he defeated Steve Mandelbaum, a newcomer from Brooklyn College, with sixty five percent of the vote. Ricky advocated revitalized career days, more organized ring sales, and emphasized his previous record. Benjy Krupka defeated Alvin Pasternak in a listless, inactive race. But the campaigning for Secretary-Treasurer was hard fought, and the election results were very close. Eliezer Cohn narrowly defeated Harry Feld, the second place candidate. "Beam" Cohn was ahead by nineteen votes on the first ballot, but Harry Feld came within five votes of victory on the second ballot.

The Freshmen presidential candidates campaigned hard, but those running for other offices did not. The Presidential candidate had no solid platforms, and a few even resorted to mudslinging to get through the election. The freshmen elected to "reach for the sky," and chose

Harry Skydell as their next President, over incumbent Michael Hershkovics and four other worthy candidates. For the office of Vice-President, Dave Rauch defeated his closest opponent, Sheldon Small, by an 80 to 40 margin. In the race for Secretary-Treasurer, incumbent Jeff Rubin handily won out in a field of four candidates.

College Bookstore To Close New Buyer Is Being Sought

By GARY MILLER

One of the permanent fixtures on campus, the College Bookstore, will be closing its doors at the end of this term. Mr. William Ellis, manager of the store for the past two years, has stated that the bookstore will be closing because of existing financial difficulties.

Negotiations are presently being conducted in an effort to find a new buyer for the bookstore. Rabbi Israel Miller, Yeshiva University Vice President for Student Affairs, has stated that Dr. Socol is in the midst of discussions with three potential buyers. Rabbi Miller said that one of the potential buyers is a famous bookstore chain, but

last year, he was recently re-elected to another term. Ricky is a YP Economics major who is on the YC Dean's List, and is a member of the fencing team.

Robert Blass has moved up from the news staff to be Feature Editor. A Pre-med major who is on the EMC Dean's List, Bob will serve on the Senate next year. He also is an assistant swimming instructor and has served as clerk on the Student Court.

The post of Sports Editor will be held by JSS student Terry Rifkin. The former member of the sports staff also served on student council in his freshman year. Terry is majoring in Pre-med and is the Intramural Sports Commissioner.

Former associate copy editor Harry Kaplovitz will be Copy Editor. A YP student hailing from Cleveland, Harry is a Pre-Med major who has done Honors work in Biology, and is on the YC Dean's List.

Alden Leifer will fill the position of Make-Up Editor. A YP Pre-Med major, Alden was recently elected secretary of the Pre-Med Honor Society. He is a member of his class' intramural hockey team.

declined to say which.

During the past year, the Yeshiva College Student Council had been discussing ways of improving the service of the bookstore. Numerous problems with the bookstore under the management of Mr. Ellis arose, causing great student inconvenience. During Mr. Ellis' years, many books needed by the student body were not available in the bookstore, and students required to have those texts were forced to travel to other city bookstores.

Mr. Ellis expressed regret about leaving the bookstore. He said, "I'm sorry to be leaving. I believe we had a good relationship with the students."

Jobs Are Still Available For This Summer For Students Who Have Not Yet Made Plans

(Continued from Page 3, Col. 2) demonstrations with a guarantee of \$750. The guaranteed income is inviting and the demonstrations themselves are only supposed to last up to forty-five minutes.

Escaping the City
Another inviting prospect for the summer is to escape the city and take a job in a summer camp. Even though this is no longer the perfect time to apply to a camp, some places still have a few openings left. Be sure to check for yourself about the religiosity of the camp you are applying to, as we cannot be held responsible.

For the advanced physics students there is a job opening at **Adas Yerelm** for a handyman. It is a boy's camp located in Loch Sheldrake about two and a half hours outside of New York. They promise \$1,000 for ten weeks. Contact Jack Gelbord at 853-2930.

There are position openings for a sports director, lifeguard (with WSI only), and general counselors at a co-ed camp in

the Poconos. If you speak Hebrew and are interested, contact Pinny at 275-3388.

Alvin Rapp, a former math teacher and basketball coach at MTA, is the head counselor of **Camp Raleigh**. It is a co-ed camp located in "scenic Livingston Manor." The camp is interested in filling its staff positions with people who can exert a strong religious influence on the campers. Starting salary ranges from \$100. Phone 877-5271.

Camp Oren is an athletic camp opening this year in Nicholsen, Pa. The head counselor is YU basketball coach Johnny Halpert who is being assisted by former YU basketball star Stuie Poloner. Inquiries should be directed to 461-8088, or 951-6421.

Massad Aleph in Tannessville, Pa. is seeking a "senior mature staff" to serve as counselors for 15 and 16 year olds. If you are proficient in Hebrew and have a strong Jewish background, speak to Rabbi Bernstein at YU.

Another new co-ed camp opening up in the mountains is Rabbi Appelmann's **Camp Tagola**. It

is located in Monticello and may still be in need of staff members. Apply to Mr. Rokach at 969-2962.

Early admissions students might be interested in one of the few remaining Junior Counselor positions at **Camp Morasha**. If interested see Mr. Wachsman in the YU registrar's office.

Most of the YM-YWHAs scattered around the city, run one or several types of day camps or sleep-away camps, in conjunction with the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies. They usually have a slightly higher pay scale but tips are minimal.

Camp Hatikvah run by the Williamsburg "Y" is described as a "co-ed, shomer-shabbos" camp. It is located in Bear Mountain. Call Mr. Hirsh at 387-6695.

Camp Mogen Avraham is also run by the Williamsburg "Y." It is a boys camp with "plenty of ruach" and quite a few YU staffers. All counselors are required to give two one-hour shiurim during the day, an experience which may prove interesting and rewarding. The starting salary is between \$200 and \$250. Interested parties contact Rabbi Steinhart at 252-5341.

Day Camps

Another option for those students who can't bear to part with their organic chemistry books and find them too heavy to bring up to the mountains, is the day camp. The several "Y" camps throughout the city vary in their Jewish affiliation, but almost all of them have a high pay scale. Some include:

Mid-Island YM-YWHA. It's salary scale is from \$275 to \$500, depending on age, experience, and background. The camp is in Suffolk County and for information get in touch with Mr. Harold Fortak at 731-1120.

In North Jersey the pay at the **Metropolitan New Jersey YM/YWHA** starts at \$350. The phone number is 201-736-1120.

The East Flatbush-Rugby Day Camp is connected with the East Flatbush "Y." It claims to be "strictly kosher." Its director is Rabbi Shmuel Lefkowitz, phone HY 5-6000. Their scale ranges from \$275 to \$500. Other day camps that might still need staff members include:

S/A/R Academy of Riverdale (Bronx). Mr. Lesky 548-0894.

Eagle Day Camp, Monsey, Mr. Minchenberg—915-352-2501.

Camp Hill, Far Rockaway, Mr. Roger—FA 7-6500.

Camp Noam, Plainfield, New Jersey, Mr. Margolis 201-756-2021.

It is very possible that by the time this list goes into print, the few remaining jobs will be taken. If they are, you might as well try out for that job as the Kosher Food Taster; you'll probably have as much luck! Of course as a last resort, a list of summer courses at YU can be picked up in the Registration's Office.

The Knitted Skullcap

(Continued from Page 2, Col. 5) that says — "Will the last man to leave the country please turn out the lights at B.G. Airport."

They do not toy with the notion of leaving this country and it isn't a joking matter to them. They do not have short memories and long hair. Apparently these things don't go together with the knitted skullcap. And when people gather to discuss what can after all still be done to improve our society, encourage immigration, create new settlements, and other old-fashioned things of that kind, you can bet there will always be plenty of skullcaps around.

You can argue about the uncompromising stand of "Gush Emunim," but you can't deny it's due to them that we can negotiate on compromises. They prove to our neighbours that not everything has been eroded here yet, that we aren't all at each other's throat. And we also remember the front-line defenders with Torah-scrolls in their arms. And we see youth for whom Eretz-Yisrael is still registered in the name of Am-Yisrael — youth who don't snigger at Trumpeldor and don't wail with the new prophets. Religious youth.

We breathe easier at the sight of the knitted skull cap. Tell you the truth. Whenever we see pleasant faces around us we look for the skullcaps behind them.

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You may ask how come that a confirmed jokester like me can go into such solemn raptures about such a humourless crowd. I'm not in raptures, please, I'm just bowing to the facts.

The force of ideas and the strength of men isn't tested in days of happiness but in hours of stress. Today only two schools at either end of the educational scale — the Shomer Hatzair Left and the knitted skullcaps — stand up to the pressure of these hard times. If only the leaders of the religious movements weren't as veteran as they

are, and not as firmly established in their cushy chairs; if they were only willing to let the young guard take over; and if our rabbis too would come down a bit from that heaven where they're vying for the star-part — then that knitted skullcap would surely be larger too.

Anyway, the humorist cheerfully admits his mistake. It's too late for him by now to become a religious man himself; he's up to his neck in cold logic; he's past it. But he readily admits that what to him are outdated ideas have produced the better Israelis; that the stuffy inflexibility of religious parents has brought forth a better youth; that the kosher kitchen has turned out to be a firmer spiritual base than the bastions of reason and progress. In fact, we can hardly imagine a State of Israel without that religious faith which personally we do not share.

Still, if the sine qua non for producing a youth like that — if the price we have to pay — is that we backward freethinkers shall not travel on a bus on Sabbath or go to the movies on Friday — then this writer is willing to stay home and watch "Morasha" on TV. I've reached a day and age where, among the numerous programmes of sophisticated self-torment, I find this naive "Morasha" with its naive participants very heart-warming. I've simply learnt to love the knitted skullcap.

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YU's Marchers vs. Arabs

By MAYER GROSSER

The Salute to Israel Parade was held on Sunday, May 11. A crowd of 75,000 spectators watched the parade as it proceeded along its route from 59th St. and 5th Ave. to 86th St. and Madison Ave.

Although there were fewer people watching this year's parade than last year's, there were

more marchers this year than ever before. There was a representative group from practically every Jewish organization, and the bands that marched came from as far away as Denver, Colorado. Highlighting the bands was the one from the NY Police Athletic League, which marched to the theme song from Jesus Christ Superstar and (Continued on Page 11, Col. 1)

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A Senator's Suggestion

By JEFF WANDEL

As this marks the last column I will ever write as an undergraduate, I would like to share with you some general thoughts on our college education as well as a few specific suggestions for its improvement.

The very first distinguishing characteristic of our education here at Yeshiva College is the double program. In theory the purpose of the double program is not only to present two different areas of knowledge to students, but additionally to show the inter-relationships and unions between them. The goal of this is to gain a deep appreciation of the significance of our rich heritage on secular culture and indeed to supplement the critical analysis and exploration stimulated by our secular studies with an ethical-theological-philosophical base.

However, in point of fact my education at Yeshiva severely lacked this demonstration of the significance of our Jewish heritage on secular culture or vice versa. In my experiences here, I attended two separate schools — Yeshiva Program in the morning and Yeshiva College in the late afternoon; and no one attempted in any part of the day to draw reference to some aspect of the "other culture." This is in general true of the Jewish studies schools affiliated with Yeshiva College. Our college experience should be a more unified double program instead of its present status as two programs — operating totally independently of one another.

There are two ways of remedying this situation. Firstly, specific courses should be introduced in the college which shows relationships between the two separate cultures, examples of which could be — "The Bible in Literature," and "Ethics - from a Jewish and Secular Perspective." Secondly, and I admit this latter way is far more difficult, teachers should attempt occasionally to draw parallels or contrasts between concepts being studied and the Jewish view towards them. To all purists who will claim that this would compromise our stand as a regular liberal arts college I must point out that in the college's requirement of Jewish History we have already pointed towards the special mission of Yeshiva College. Let us attempt to more

clearly synthesize the separate cultures and so more truly merit our name Yeshiva College.

A second aspect of our education which concerns me is whether it is feasible to accomplish the goals of our double program simultaneously. Are we attempting to accomplish too much with our day at YC?

My feelings are that we can accomplish it providing that two conditions are met. First of all, we must be willing as students to put in the necessary time involved, and so sacrifice most of our leisure time. Secondly, however, our teachers must not take too much pity on us and cut so many corners (in an effort to lighten the strains of the double program) that our education suffers. My general impression of the workload at Yeshiva College is that although our science courses usually involve as many assignments as in other colleges, when it comes to the humanities and liberal arts faculty members sometimes take off any where from a third to a half of the work which they would assign to us were we a regular single program college. Although I sympathize with this sentiment — for indeed I myself have frequently desired less work — faculty members must be cautioned to make a very careful assessment of exactly which corners they are cutting. The danger exists that some of the syllabus which is deleted may be crucial to the course. If we desire to maintain a high standard of education at Yeshiva College all the necessary aspects of the course must be brought out — even if it does entail a heavier workload on the students.

Finally, I would like to most strongly urge the introduction of a two year interdisciplinary Humanities core course to be required of all students in place of their present six credits required in Social Sciences or Humanities. This course would include elements of history, philosophy, and literature, as well as the most basic concepts in the history of science. The point of it would be to give students a periodically arranged knowledge of the most (Continued on Page 11, Col. 1)

In Review

(Continued from Page 5, Col. 2) many YU guys to be self serving grubs, I also found "The Fellas," both here, in Stern and around the world, to be constant sources of fun, merriment and lively inanity. Of course my roommate of four years, Mark "Moves" Engel, was always there for the key and the bush, but mostly for the Ace. Though a few friends seemed to be lost to engagements, the feared epidemic never materialized, and I actually gained friends on the deal. To my further amazement, I found members of the administration even helpful at times, most notably in the case of Mrs. Vivian Owing who served as guardian angel through thick, thin and everything in between. As I gracefully fade away, may I thank all of you for being a pleasant part of my life.

New Council In Pass Positions

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tion of Pomerantz, President Strenger then submitted the nomination of Marty Bodner to the post and he was subsequently approved. Strenger said that although he should have been upset that his initial nominee was turned down, he was pleased to see that council was "thinking this year."

The rest of the Student Court including Mr. Pomerantz as one of the Senior Justices, all YCSC Committee Chairmen, and the Governing Board of the COMMENTATOR, WYUR and Tempo Magazine, were approved before Council adjourned.

JSS 'Chai' Happening

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many of its alumni to learn in YP or in Israeli Yeshivot, asserted that JSS laid the foundations for these students, and YP struck the final hammer blow."

Mark Srulowitz, outgoing president of JSSSC, presented Rabbi Besdin with a plaque from JSSSC, and announced that the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles will shortly issue Rabbi Besdin a set of license plates reading JSS-613.

The meaningful and enjoyable evening also featured alumnus Phil Solomon, who praised the school and its teachers for the values and knowledge they imparted to their students, allowing the students to progress in the realm of Torah and Orthodox Judaism.

Arabs Blacklist American Firms Aiding Israel

Along with the ever increasing prosperity of the Arab countries, due to their increasing profits from oil revenues, comes more world-wide political as well as economic influences, which, as would be expected, are directed primarily against the Jews and the State of Israel.

Several months ago, the Arabs released their "Blacklist" of companies which they intend to boycott. The Arabs announced their restricting of commerce against countries and more specifically, companies, which, they feel, deal with the Israelis more than what they considered permissible. In their printed lists of American companies, were two extremely large businesses, Coca Cola and Ford Motors, as well as a number of smaller companies.

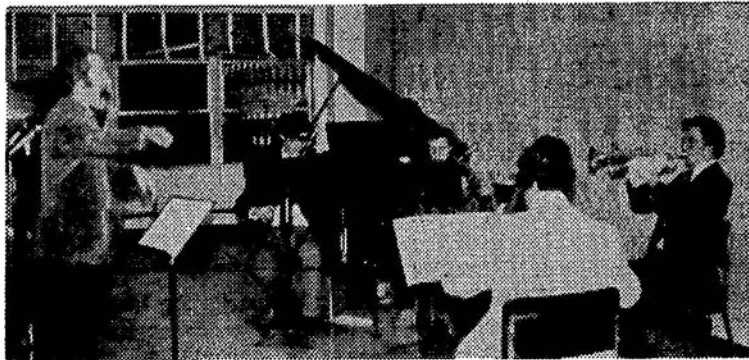
Legality of Restrictions?

Mr. Louis Lefkowitz, the Attorney General of New York State, in response to a question whether it was legal for Arabs to restrict their business in the United States to only those companies that share their political affiliations, said, "My office has begun as of today (February 21, 1975) an investigation into charges of alleged pressures by Arab sources on major New York securities firms which may be in violation of the state anti-trust civil rights, and security laws."

Mr. Lefkowitz continued by saying, "One of the mainstays of a healthy securities market is a free industry operating without coercion or not subject to conspiratorial conduct which results in unreasonable or unfair competition..." "I have directed Assistant Attorney General David Clurman to conduct the inquiry to ascertain the extent of the alleged activities, so that the appropriate action, if warranted, can be taken at the earliest possible time." He concluded: "As Attorney General of this state, it is my duty to fully explore this matter to determine its extent and public consequence."

After repeated requests for a comment from some of the major companies, NBC was the sole respondent. Howard Vander Muelen, the Manager of News Publicity for NBC said, "NBC News has resisted pressures which would restrict its coverage of developments in the Middle East and will continue to do so." In

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Dr. Levy conducting YU students in the successful Chamber Music recital held on May 13

Op - Ed

In response to the invitation of the editor, here are some thoughts about the reversal of the proposed change of the grading system at Yeshiva College.

If every new idea we consider is to be condemned for the risks of "changing horses in midstream," then unfortunately, we face the dangers of premature hardening of the intellectual arteries and no progress at all, ever.

Not that every change represents progress, but many faculty thought a change in the grading system would.

There were several reasons for considering the refinement of grades. Many faculty felt that the present system was unfair to students since it was not possible to make proper and legitimate distinctions in achievement among students, whose work represented somewhat different levels not able to be distinguished by the letters A, B, C, D. It was perfectly clear that those who saw no need for plus and minus distinctions were completely free to continue to grade A, B, C, D, without pluses or minuses. However, those faculty who found it necessary, desirable and possible to make finer distinctions, could then have done so under the new system.

Incidentally, when first proposed by the Committee on Scholastic Standing, the plan was to introduce pluses only. Because of the suggestion of the Registrar, and the presumably positive experience at Stern College with pluses and minuses,

Cauldron's Well, An Experience

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desserts and fresh juices, all organically grown, are but some of the offerings. Each meal is carefully balanced on a sodium-potassium scale of 5:1, which Mr. Schluss claims is extremely healthy. The meals are expertly prepared by his wife and by the "real genius" of the establishment, Mr. Schluss' mother. Exotic dishes of fish and vegetables are served in three different decors — restaurant, informal and oriental, all of which feature paintings by the owner.

Mr. Schluss readily admits that his East Village location is prohibitive to some. "I would like to be someplace else," he concedes. "People are afraid to come here. It takes some courage just to open the door." Yet despite the poor location, customers continue to pack The Cauldon. Discounting the artful decor, the warm atmosphere, good food and still better prices, Mr. Schluss has a simple explanation for his success. "Ezrat Hashem," he smiles happily. "Ezrat Hashem."

minuses were added to the plan, to make the scale even finer. And this plan was finally adopted by a resounding majority of a well attended faculty meeting, after thorough discussion. And the plan was confirmed after a second consideration.

At no point in the discussion was there any imputation that the purpose of this refined grading was to "deflate" or "reduce inflated grades." This problem was considered by the faculty, but under different rubrics and with different remedies for an altogether different situation. In fact, there was some strong feeling that if pluses and minuses led to more valid and accurate grading, how could you properly oppose it?

In my opinion, the discussion was tipped in the further reconsideration of the matter by a distorted approach, voted at a relatively poorly attended faculty meeting, though with a quorum present. The issue was made to appear that a system of pluses or minuses in grades would inevitably reduce admissions to medical and law schools. In my judgment, the issue is phony, contrived, and unreal. More refined grading would do nothing of the kind, in my opinion. Our students would still do well and even brilliantly in M.C.A.T's and L.S.A.T's, the real basis for admission, and their grades would still be superlative, where deservedly so, though more refined at the B and A levels, especially.

Maybe pluses alone would be better, as originally proposed. Several faculty members have received permission from the Dean to survey and analyze the grading this semester, to try to determine what would happen if there were pluses and minuses. Even if adopted, incidentally, the plan could be tried for a year, experimentally, with no cataclysmic results.

I am dubious about the "student point of view presented at the meetings" — well organized and monolithic. My experience with students over the years has been quite to the contrary, that they preferred a system of more refined grading, rather than the crude letter grades that made finer distinctions impossible.

But there was such certainty here — no doubt, or humility, but a determined caucus. As I see it, were those opinions necessarily representative of student thinking? I recall a similar campaign for faculty evaluation. And then what happened? A determined and vocal minority often has its way, though not always the right way. But the ball game is not over . . .

Dr. Abraham Tauber is the Senior Professor and Chairman of Speech and Drama Department for Yeshiva College.

Survey: YU And Indo-China Change In Times And Mood

(Continued from Page 3, Col. 5) their personal opinions on the issues, should refrain from demonstrating. He has not budged in this conviction. "Our position was that it was not a Jewish issue. There are so many more important issues more relevant to Jews. If we demonstrate for every issue, important and unimportant, then it becomes meaningless."

Although the purpose of the referendum was to allow students to lighten their academic burden only if they felt morally compelled to direct their efforts to activities other than those in the daily educational process. Rabbi Bernstein feels that most Yeshiva students did not have strong feelings either way. "Most students were indifferent to the issues. Those interested were a handful of activists . . . most students saw it as an opportunity to get a day off."

Professor Manfred Weidhorn, like most people, is torn between his emotions and his reason. In 1970, he felt morally compelled to cry out against the war and the Kent State tragedy, so he participated in anti-war demonstrations. Looking back now, his intellect leads him to question the demonstrations' effectiveness in accomplishing anything, except, perhaps, for serving as an outlet for emotions. "I'm not sure if the demonstrations ended the war. What prob-

ably contributed to the end of the war was the loss of credibility and sheer attrition. In fact," he continued, "demonstrations may have prolonged the war by contributing to Hanoi's smugness and Nixon's stubbornness."

Addressing himself to the Jewish demonstrations, he mused, "I think even a lot of Jewish demonstrations don't accomplish much good in the outside world, but they are therapeutic to the demonstrators who feel a need to do something."

Dr. Weidhorn asserts that one tends to think of oneself as a Jew first, but there are times when one must react to an outrage as an American. "At Yeshiva, Jewish questions should be uppermost, but there comes a time when a strong issue arises that we, as Americans, must deal with. Dr. Weidhorn believed that the spring of 1970 was such a time.

It is the spring of 1975 and the YC campus seems a quiet retreat for academic studies, save for occasional illegal water-bombings. Ever since the Cambodian demonstrations, Yeshiva's students have been quiet on all non-Jewish issues. No one knows if they have adopted Rabbi Bernstein's viewpoint, if they merely have become apathetic, or if a strong enough issue has just not arisen since 1970. Perhaps, it would be better if no such test case arises.

COLPA Boasts Top US Attorneys; Defend Shabbat And Kashrut Rights

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whelming majority of nearly 800 cases brought to COLPA resulted in out-of-court settlement. Mr. Rhine stated that COLPA's greatest area of expertise and success involves the Shabbat observing worker. "The single most important thing COLPA has done," he said, "was to secure Federal, State, and City statutes that protected the rights of Shabbat observing workers." It is unlawful for an employer to deny a position to an individual because he observes the Shabbat. In spite of existing laws that protect Shabbat observing Jews from losing their jobs, COLPA continues to receive many requests for help. At any one time the COLPA legal calendar has pending in or out of court ten to fifteen cases involving Shabbat observers.

Although COLPA's major cases involve the Shabbat it handles a variety of other issues that confront Orthodox Jews. The commission has been instrumental in protecting the rights of observant Jews in the following cases:

1. A USAF doctor in New Hampshire who was threatened with court martial for wearing a Yarmulka.

2. A military Chaplain who faced similar charges for growing a beard.

3. College Medical board examinations for Shabbat observers scheduled for Simchat Torah.

4. Burial on religious holidays.

COLPA's most recent celebrated case involved Rabbi Meir Kahane's petition to receive Kosher food while in prison. Mr. Rhine, who wrote the legal brief for Rabbi Kahane's defense, believes that the language in the court's statement granting Rab-

bi Kahane the right to receive Kosher food "justifies precedence for other similar cases." COLPA has already submitted to the Federal Bureau of Prisons, a detailed study entitled, Regulation for Jewish Prisoners.

Financing

COLPA's main sources of income which finance such cases and projects as noted above, come from tax exempt volunteer contributions, the New York Foundation, a non profit organization that contributes funds to Civil Liberty groups and the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies.

Using these finances, COLPA has begun to expand its legal services as new situations confront the religious Jewish community. Mr. Rhine offered a hypothetical problem concerning a doctor who refuses to perform an abortion in a hospital, and the administration subsequently charging him with neglect of duty. In addition, COLPA members are currently discussing plans with native and immigrant Jewish attorneys in Israel for the establishment of a non-political chapter there. The intention of the chapter according to Mr. Rhine is to strengthen Yiddishkeit in Israel. COLPA has already submitted a memorandum to the Israeli parliament that detailed ways in which civil and religious differences can be mitigated.

Mr. Rhine declared that in the legal field, COLPA has assumed the responsibility of serving the legal requirements of the observant Jewish community. Any Jewish individual who requires legal advice is encouraged to contact COLPA at 66 Court St., Brooklyn, NY or phone them at 875-5360.



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Dr. Belkin Speaks At Zevulun Hammer A Member Of Celebration at SCW NRP Highlights YU Shabbaton

By MOSHE MIRSKY

The celebration of the twentieth anniversary of Stern College for Women featured a scholarly paper delivered by Dr. Samuel Belkin, President of Yeshiva University. Dr. Belkin spoke before a packed Koch Auditorium, on Thursday, May 1, on the topic of Human Dignity and the Human Personality; A Jewish Point of View.

Jennifer Rudin, president of SCSC was the first speaker of the evening. Ms. Rudin said that the Stern education is unique because it integrated two seemingly opposite values, those of the Jewish heritage and those of American society.

Dean Mirsky of Stern College then introduced Dr. Belkin as a published author whose two major works, *In His Image* and *Philosophy of Purpose* are used as basic texts for courses in Jewish studies. When Dr. Belkin rose to speak, he received a standing ovation from the large audience.

One of the major differences between Greek Philosophy and Jewish Philosophy, said Dr. Belkin, is the idea of G-d's relation to man. Jewish philosophy maintains that G-d is concerned not only with the general welfare of man, but also with individual people and their daily lives. Greek philosophers, on the other hand, believe that G-d is concerned only with the general welfare of man.

The Greek philosophers came to their conclusions through their search for knowledge. This search is manifested in four major dimensions. One is the study of the world in which we are born; another is the study of people with whom we are born, i.e. Social Sciences; third is the study of man which includes all forms of medicine, and, finally, there is the study of good and evil on which the other three dimensions of knowledge are dependent.

On this last study we find that man consists of a body and a soul. Greek philosophy says that the body and soul are irreconcilable and are at perpetual war between themselves. The soul is

divine and therefore free from sin. The duty of the soul is to repress the body until the soul is finally released from the body and may ascend to heaven where eventually it will be forgiven for its sins, and be restored.

Jewish philosophers believe that the body and soul are both divinely created, and are therefore dependent on each other. The soul cannot sin without the body, and the body cannot sin without the soul. After *Tehiyat Hamesim*, the Jewish concept of the awakening of the dead, both the body and soul are reunited as one.

Dr. Belkin's speech lasted about an hour, and all those in the audience seemed enriched by the experience.

By DAVID ZEFRIN

The second YU-Stern Shabbaton of the year was held at YC on the weekend of May 9-10. All Friday afternoon Michael Gelber, coordinator of the weekend, worked feverishly to arrange the last details; and these Friday preparations produced one of the most successful Shabbatons in YU's history.

Following Kabbalat Shabbat in the filled Morgenstern Shul, all participants in the Shabbaton proceeded to Parker's Cafeteria for the first Shabbat meal. The highlight of the evening, as well as the keynote of the entire weekend, was the presence of Zevulun Hammer, a member of the National Religious Party

(NRP) in the Israeli Knesset. In his Friday night speech in Hebrew, Mr. Hammer spoke about the difficulties World Jewry had faced in establishing the State of Israel. Mr. Hammer also stressed the need for Jewish solidarity, and Israel's need for immigrants coming in on Aliyah. After his speech in Rubin Shule, Mr. Hammer entertained questions from his audience.

Shabbas afternoon, after many had taken their Shabbat walks to Fort Tryon Park, Mr. Hammer chatted with about fifty people at a kumsitz on Danciger Campus.

The great ruach present at all the Shabbat meals in the cafete-

ria seemed sure to insure great spirit and participation at the *Melaveh Malkah*. Yet, when the *Melaveh Malkah* actually began, only a relatively small number of students were participating as the others were watching the PBS, Channel 13, special "The 81st Blow," a documentary about Jewish suffering under Nazi oppression in Europe, made in Israel. By the time the documentary ended, however, many people were at the *Melaveh Malkah*, including YCSC President-elect Arthur Strenger, listening to the music of the Ruach Revival accompanied by Stanley Miller. The *Melaveh Malkah*, and the music, continued until about 1:00 a.m.

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in Europe, all you have to do is make your reservations and pay for your ticket at least 2 months before your scheduled departure date. (You can make reservations even earlier and since seats are limited it's a good idea.)

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From New York round trip to:
Amsterdam, \$434; Brussels, \$434;
Copenhagen, \$464; Frankfurt, \$464;
London, \$399; Munich, \$484.

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A Senator's Suggestion

(Continued from Page 7, Col. 5) important elements in Western Civilization. Thus for example in discussing Greek Civilization, in addition to a historical setting of the period the course would cover some thoughts of their most prominent literary figures, scientists, and philosophers.

There are two reasons why I feel this would be a very im-

portant addition to our education. First of all, at present there is no requirement in the history of Contemporary Civilization and, as a result, many of our students graduate without even a rudimentary background in the history of the culture around them. Secondly, any interdisciplinary knowledge which our students do pick up stems from

diverse courses and so is usually assimilated in an unorganized manner. Were we to arrange everything according to periods, the most basic trends in literature, history, philosophy, and science, could be successfully transmitted to our students. A final idea would be to structure the music and arts courses around such a comprehensive interdisciplinary course to further integrate these fine arts with the periods being discussed. But in any case, the basic comprehensive interdisciplinary course would be of great value to our students in presenting them with the major ideas of Western Civilization.

Sophs Defeat Jrs. Win B.B. Crown

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their lead with balanced scoring. In the last two minutes of that quarter, the seniors began to get organized. A few quick baskets by Stan Weiss and Mark Engel put the seniors back into the game, but they were still behind after three quarters 43-40. In the fourth quarter, the sophs, though not in foul trouble themselves, ran into trouble at their own foul line, shooting 5 for 17. The seniors pulled ahead for the first time early in the quarter 48-47. Both teams were determined to win and both teams played a true championship game. Late in the fourth quarter, two three-second calls and a steal cost the seniors the game. Crucial free throws by Terry Rifkin and Allen Lempel sealed the '74-'75 season championship for the SUPER Sophomores.

The intramural commission would like to thank Mr. Alvin Rapp and all the refs, score and time keepers, and especially all the players for their invaluable assistance and support during the season.

Various Factors Influencing Faculty Reversal On Grades Are Analyzed

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crease pressure on students. Due to the problem with graduate schools under the plus only system, the Faculty Assembly met and voted not to reconsider its earlier decision to institute a plus-minus system in YC. The Faculty Assembly vote was taken before the Senate had a chance to reconvene, and at the next Senate meeting, despite the vote of the Faculty Assembly, Senators voted to retain the whole letter grading system. This Senate resolution then went to the Faculty Assembly where it was overwhelmingly adopted. The reason for the teachers' change of mind was made clear by one Faculty Assembly member, who declared that since "the students are our consumers," it should be up to them to decide how they wish to be graded.

When asked about the Faculty Assembly vote, both Dean Bacon and Senate Vice-Chairman Weinstein, a student, pointed out that the Scholastic Standing Committee as well as the faculty had failed to separate the two distinct issues of grade inflation and a grading system. Grade inflation, the Dean explained, is a problem regardless of the grading system. The Scholastic Standing Committee's plan to fight grade inflation through the institution of a plus-minus system was therefore misguided.

Numerical Grading

Despite the fact that the Faculty Assembly and Senate voted to keep the present system, neither the Dean nor Vice-Chairman Weinstein see this issue as completely settled. Dr. Ginsberg, who proposed numerical grading, is now approaching teachers and asking them to submit two sets of grades—one set to the Registrar with whole letter grades, and one set with the plus-minus marks a teacher would have given under such a system. Dr. Ginsberg will analyze the grades and study the effect of plus-minus on students indices. He will see whether increased precision would result from the

plus-minus system — exactitude which he feels should be the aim of any Yeshiva grading system.

Weinstein, who points out that statistically, the mean index will remain the same under the plus-minus system, contends that Dr. Ginsberg's study will not serve as a true measure of the validity of the plus-minus system. Under the plus-minus system, continues Vice-Chairman Weinstein, the student who now has an A—, with which he is content so long as it is considered an A, will merely work harder to insure himself of the A. Dean Bacon believes that Dr. Ginsberg's study is worthwhile, and is considering sending a memo to instructors requesting them to comply with Dr. Ginsberg's study.

Student Views

Although the consensus is that a whole letter grading system is desirable as it will serve to better insure YC students of acceptances into quality graduate schools, there are those who differ. Some students point out that although the plus-minus system would decrease indices of students who now have over the whole number, it would probably not diminish the indices enough to prevent those students from being accepted to graduate schools under the present grading system.

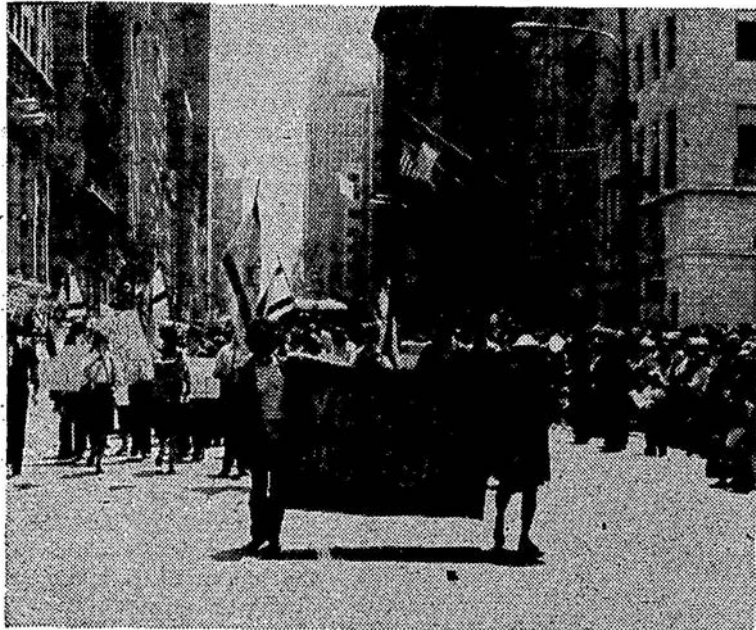
As for the future, Weinstein expresses satisfaction with whole letter grading and believes that only when the time comes, when YC students with high indices are not accepted to quality graduate schools because of Yeshiva's reputation for grade inflation, will there be a need to push for grade deflation. The dean, however, is still concerned with "grade inflation" and intends to continue striving for a "more realistic grade distribution." The Dean did make it clear that he is completely opposed to a quota system on marks.

The Arab Blacklist

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response to the question on what type of public reactions were received because of their position, he added, "We have no information on consumer reaction."

With their increasing wealth, the Arabs have turned towards the United States for many professional services, particularly in the construction industry. The Arabs wish to invest their capital in rebuilding or modernizing their own countries, and therefore need professional services from the United States. It is particularly evident in the construction industry that the Arabs have placed a very definite discrimination against Jews. Companies that are hired for construction work within the Arab countries are placed under strict rules, that is, to discriminate against Jews.



H. Klotz

YC-Stern contingent marches in Israel Day Parade

YU's Marchers vs. Arabs

(Continued from Page 7, Col. 3) provoked jeers as well as laughter from the crowd.

For the first time in years, YU was represented at the parade. The YU procession was led by Sensei Harvey Sober and over one hundred members of his Shoro-Gi-Kempo Karate school. Following them came about one hundred and fifty students from YC and Stern, who marched under banners depicting Israel's relationship with the West Bank. After marching in formation for thirteen blocks,

the YU contingent formed an impromptu rally as they began screaming and mocking the twenty PLO supporters who had gathered on the corner of 72nd St. The students delayed the parade for about fifteen minutes. During that time, there was dancing to the singing of "Am Yisrael Chai, followed by a chant of "Not One Inch." At one point during the mini-rally, police tried to force students off the street. The YU march ended to the singing of the Hatikvah at the conclusion of the parade.

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On The Sidelines

Intramurals Vs. Apathy



By TERRY RIFKIN

Student-teacher evaluations. Apathy. Attendance at varsity basketball games. Apathy. Apathy—the most popular word at Yeshiva, especially at the end of a school year. However, it is not true that this lack of feeling always prevails. As a matter of fact I recently witnessed a scene that showed just the opposite of this.

I am referring to the hockey intramurals. The incident of which I am speaking occurred during playoff time, in a three game series between the sophomore and junior-semicha teams. After the first game of the playoff (which the sophs lost), a protest was lodged by the sophs. They claimed that two members of the junior-semicha team were alumni and thereby ineligible to play.

Subsequent to the game, a meeting was held between three representatives of each of the two teams and Herbie Insel, Commissioner of Intramurals. It was agreed that Herbie would make the final decision on the outcome of the game. For one-half hour the arguments raged, but with never more than three people speaking at once. The intensity of the debate reminded me of Pre-meds battling with Dr. Levine for two points on an orgo test.

I know you are all dying to know the final decision, so I won't bore you with the details of the argument. Herbie ultimately did decide in favor of junior-semicha, but that is not the point of this column. Here, we see students reacting strongly, not apathetically, to something in which they are involved. This is not true only for intramural hockey, but for all the intramural sports at Yeshiva. It could lead one to conclude that whatever student council (student evaluations) and varsity sports (i.e., basketball) are doing wrong intramurals are doing right.

On May 22, Yeshiva's Annual Sports Dinner will be held. It will be more elaborate than last year's, so all are invited for a nominal cost. See Dave Gleicher for more information.

Farewell to the retiring semicha basketballers — Moish Neiss Hillel Davis, Dave Friedman, and Stu Zweiter. Best of luck in the future.

Last, but certainly not least, good-bye and thanks go to Herbie Insel, Commissioner of Intramurals the past two years. Under his direction, intramurals have expanded and have become more organized. It was a job well done.

Juniors-Semicha Defeat Sophomores To Clinch YU Intra-Hockey Crown

By BITSY SHORE

After disposing of the seniors in two one-sided victories, the junior-semicha team went on to defeat the sophs to win the 1974-75 intramural hockey championship.

Based on an impregnable defense and hustling offense the 76ers proved to be too overpowering for the floundering sophs, who ended the regular season with the undisputed reputation of being the strongest team.

In the first game of the three game playoff series, the sophs lost to a skeleton junior-semicha team by the score of 8 to 7. With the 76ers forced to recruit below-par players, in the absence of some key first stringers, they entered the game with trepidation, but hit extensively and capitalized on inconsistent soph goaltending to squeak out a surprise

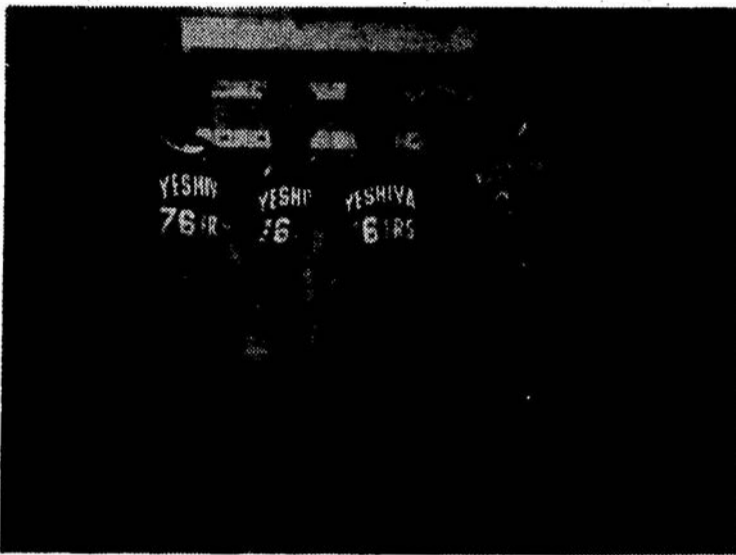
victory. Joel Silber had five goals to lead the 76ers.

The second game started late, after a sophomore protest was overruled. The friction caused by the protest carried into the game as, a hard-hitting, elbow-throwing contest got under way. The sophs proved too strong for the 76ers, and even a remarkable performance by Dave Miller, who turned back 50 of 56 shots, could not save the juniors from a 6 to 4 loss. The game was tied at 3-3

until the third period when two first minute soph goals inched into the junior net, and the soph lead, paced by a Naty Katz hat trick proved insurmountable. Writer-coach-turned-goalie Mike Gelber displayed a fine performance in the soph nets by turning away 52 of 56 76ers shots.

The third and final game of the series established the juniors as the strongest and most improved team in the league. Finishing the regular schedule with only 3 wins, the 76ers won five of their last six contests, and the intramural crown. The fore-checking of Joel Silber, the behind center play of Zale Newman, and the netminding of Dave Miller paced the 76ers to a final 4 to 2 victory. The clutch play of the aforementioned trio peaked during the numerous soph power plays, especially when, at a two man disadvantage in the third period, an early 3-0 76ers lead had been cut to 3-2.

Zale Newman led the defensive wall backed, by "Stiff" Wolpoe, surprise backup Abe Feld, and much improved Mike Zeffren, in turning the play to the soph end time after time. The forwards, led by Harvard Barrister Joel Silber, and backed up by Captain Pomrantz, surprise star "Q.C." Vale, "Butcher" Brand, "Edsel" and "Yank" Poleyeff contained the sophs in their own end. On the few close soph chances, Dave Miller, the only player to get engaged this season, played remarkably, while the bench cheered him on with screams of "Chico, Chico."



H. Klotz

Da winners and foist time champions — da '76'ers

Sophs Down Frosh; Win BB Title

By WILLIAM HOCHMAN

The Sophomore Intramural Basketball team became '74-75 champions by defeating the seniors twice and the freshmen once. In the semi-final game of the spring semester, the sophs whipped the seniors 67-50. In the finals, the sophs edged the freshmen 54-46, to capture the spring semester championship. Then, to end the season, in the year's championship game, the sophs squeezed by the seniors 59-57.

In the semi-final game, sophs vs. seniors, it was all downhill for the seniors. Gary Stadtmauer (6 pts. first quarter) and Dave Grashin pulled down many rebounds as the sophs took an early 18-5 lead. In the second quarter, the sophs put in their strong bench; Menachem Rosenberg, Steve Berman and Avi Moskowitz. The second team did just as well, while the seniors still couldn't put it together.

The fourth quarter saw the seniors and Herbie Insel start to rally. Herbie was eight for eight from the outside. Together with the press, the seniors rattled the sophs and narrowed the sophs' 30 point lead to 17 points by the end of the game. The seniors' only "alive" player seemed to be Herbie Insel (23 points). The sophs' game was marked by balanced scoring (six men in double figures) and solid team work.

The sophomores' win over the seniors enabled them to face the freshmen in the spring semester championship game. In this game, the sophs simply "out-psyched" the freshmen. The score was close throughout the game as both teams excelled defensively. The sophs were led by Herbie and Allen Lempel and Terry Rifkin. The sophs' big problem was foul trouble early in the second quarter. In the first half, none of the players contributed much offensively except for Same Jozef who had 14 of his team's 24 points and soph Avi Moskowitz

who had 8 crucial second quarter points.

The end of the second quarter through the middle of the fourth quarter was a see-saw game. Even though Berman and Rifkin fouled out, the freshmen "hot shots" were cold, Sheldon Small was missing easy shots and it seemed as though Same's energy was exhausted. But with four minutes left in the game, the frosh began to put the pressure on. They pulled ahead on a cou-

Intramural Volleyball

By RED C. MARK

Three teams vied for the 1975 Intramural Volleyball Title with "The Apartment," an all senior team, emerging as the victors in round-robin play against "The Worldlits" and "The Fellas."

Those three squads had faced each other previously, but each team was playing with different personnel due to pre-Shavuot player shortages. The Worldlits drafted Mike Zerkowitz, The Apartment added Larry Eisenberg, Dave Menche, and Bobby Jetter, and The Fellas substituted Dave Grashin, Benjy Goldstein, Avi Moskowitz, Steve Reisbaum, and Mark Breslow.

The Apartment dominated the series, beginning with their controversial overtime defeat of the Worldlits, who were again led by Allen and Herbie Lempel. Mike Zerkowitz was serving and the ensuing volley was won by his team. The Worldlits exulted in what they thought had been

ple of Lenny Pianko baskets and Mitch Merlis foul shots. Then at a crucial point for the sophs, Dave Grashin and Allen Lempel both had three point plays. Excellent defensive games by Terry Rifkin and Menachem Rosenberg, and clutch baskets by the Lempel brothers made the sophs 54-46 victors.

In the last game of the season, the sophomores, spring champions, faced the seniors, fall champs, for the 74-75 champion-

ship game. The game began with the sophs taking an early lead, as the seniors weren't setting up plays and were rushing their shots. This lead didn't last long as the seniors began to put their game together. The passes went to the open men, Noah Reifman and Mark "Moves" Engel. The quarter still ended with the sophs ahead narrowly 16-14. Allen Lempel had 10 of his team's 16 points. The second quarter was uneventful and the half ended 29-23 soph. In the third quarter, the seniors still had little patience and failed to move the ball around, resulting in many more missed shots. The sophs widened (Continued on Page 11, Col. 3)

a narrow 11-9 victory, but referee Alvin Rapp ruled that Zerkowitz's point had made the score only 10-9. A furious argument erupted involving conflicting scores given by the line judges. To prevent total chaos, Alvin stood firm with his decision. The unhappy Worldlits lost in overtime 15-13.

In the next two games, both the Apartment and the Worldlits had little trouble with the Fellas, who desperately needed their star, Dave Beren. Player-coach Norman Blumenthal saw his team get out-spiked by the two superior teams.

After several other matches, the title came down to one final game between the Apartment and the Worldlits. It was a hard-fought contest, but once again, the all-senior team won. Stan Weiss was unanimously named MVP and will receive his trophy at the Awards Dinner on May 22.

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