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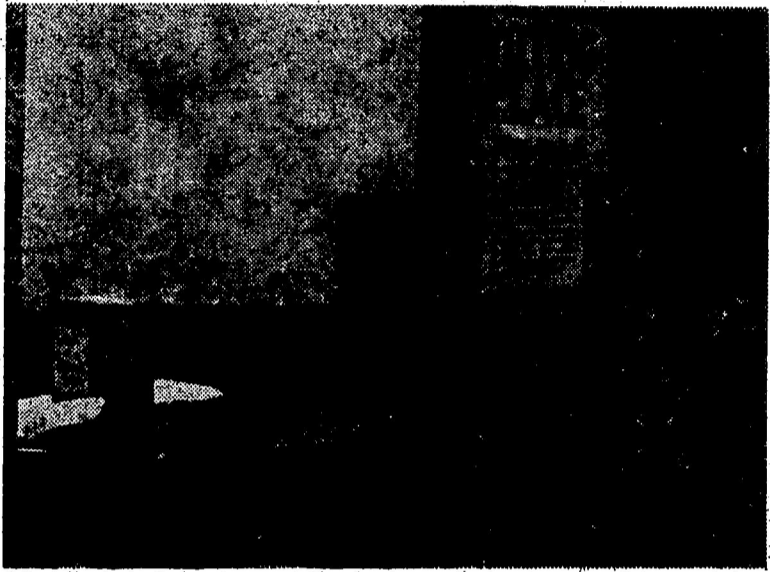
Final Union Decision Delayed As Muggers Steal Ballot Box

Attempts by the faculty of several schools of YU to unionize were once again hampered, this time by muggers who wrenched the ballot box from the hands of a National Labor Relations Board employee after he left YU's Brookdale Center two weeks ago.

The mugging of NLRB official George Harricall after he proc-

result will be a victory for the faculty, which, he claims, is overburdened and underpaid.

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The NLRB Ballot Box in Furst Hall

tored the vote of Ferkauf and Wurzweiler full-time professors has caused the vote's conclusion to be delayed. Although the ballots of those who voted at the Main Center and at Stern College arrived at the NLRB headquarters without any trouble, the likelihood of a new vote for those at the Brookdale Center being taken by mail promises to delay the final outcome of the vote for at least two weeks.

Mr. Harricall's briefcase and wallet were also taken, and although terribly shaken up, he was not injured by the muggers. According to reliable sources, Mr. Harricall pleaded to no avail with the muggers to allow him to keep the box, claiming that there was nothing of financial value in it.

News of the mugging came at about the same time as the NLRB was supposed to count the votes that would decide on the issue which may alter the basic relationship between the faculty and administration of YU. The vote may also have far-reaching effects on the University as a whole.

According to Clifford Shiet, the NLRB official in charge of the University-wide vote, this was only the second time in the Board's history that a ballot box failed to reach its destination. The first time it occurred was several years ago in Mississippi.

As of yet, the muggers have not been apprehended. However, University Attorney Jerry Bodner informed COMMENTATOR that if any charges were to be pressed, the NLRB or Mr. Harricall would have to be the ones to do so. Law enforcement officials were not called in.

Dr. Manfred Weidhorn, President of the Yeshiva College Faculty Association, who has for the last two years been one of the ardent leaders in the attempt at unionization, has called the mugging "unbelievable." Dr. Weidhorn reaffirmed his belief that, when the vote is finally tallied, the

Dean's List Luncheon

By HENRY KAMIONER

The Belfer Graduate School Commons was the scene of this year's Deans' Luncheon held on Sunday, November 14. The luncheon, in honor of some 300 Yeshiva and Stern College students who achieved excellence in their studies, was highlighted by an address by the sixth annual Gottesman Lecturer, Prof. Jacob Talmon. Dean Isaac Bacon congratulated the students upon their achievements in a true liberal arts college. Dr. Bacon told the audience how fortunate it is that Yeshiva did not succumb to student pressures and offer fadist courses as have other universities whose administrators are now advocating a return to the standard liberal arts program.

For the first time in many years, the university president attended the luncheon and lecture. In doing so, newly invested Dr. Lamm offered his warm congratulations to the students and praised

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YCSC Considers Many Ideas To Improve Student Services

By MEYER LAST

A call for letters demanding security reports, heat for Rubin Hall, a rearrangement of the final schedule, as well as a plea for volunteers for the blood drive were among the matters discussed at the latest YCSC meeting.

Last year the Colonel agreed to supply members of the Patrol with copies of the monthly incident reports. Yoni Mozeson, head of the Student Security Patrol, asked that a follow-up letter be sent to Col. Marmorstein, Director of Security at Yeshiva, demanding the security reports. These reports list all security related incidents involving students of the University in the campus area. The reports would aid the Student Patrol in their capacity of trying to guarantee the security of the student body.

Cold Feet

Council moved to act on the problem of heating the seventh floor of Rubin Residence Hall. Occupants of the floor are once again not receiving heat this year, and the problem has been repeatedly ignored by the University. Coun-

cil moved to send a letter to the Office of Buildings and Grounds berating them for completely ignoring an earlier request, and asking the office to move quickly to solve the problem.

Complaints were registered with Council regarding the scheduling of finals on Friday, January 21, which interferes with many students' plans for inter-session. A proposal was made that finals on that day be re-scheduled for the Friday before, on January 14. The question will appear on a Council poll of the student body and will be rediscussed with Mrs. Dobkin who scheduled all finals.

Behaving Piggish

President Rick Elfman announced

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YC Students Hear Begin

By YECHIEL FRIEDMAN

Former underground leader and current opposition leader in the Knesset, Menachem Begin, spoke on November 18 in the Rubin Shul on several current controversial topics.

His basic theme reflected his opinion that everyone has a right to dissent from the Government's stances. In America, Begin said, Jews are able to get along with one political party in power and switch allegiance to another if it comes into power. Begin explained what he called the complete consensus of Israelis. Only four of one hundred and twenty members of the Knesset believe that the State should give up the West Bank. There may be differences as to the exact areas and borders, but, Begin claimed, there is absolute consensus about not retreating from the areas of the Golan, Gaza and the strip between Sharm-el-Sheikh and Eilat.

Begin emphasized the Israeli consensus of opinion "to never go back to the lines of 5 June 67 or withdraw away from the Jordan River." In addition, Begin stated that there must be face-to-face negotiations with the Arabs. He cited the Democratic and Republican party platforms in America that call for this, and expressed his belief that the new administration will adopt this platform when formulating its foreign policy.

Riotous Event

"It was a tragic, very tragic day in Parliament" when the Arabs rioted this past year. Many were surprised because there are areas in Israeli life where Arabs are treated with respect. Unlike the British Parliament which prohibits Irish Nationalists from speaking in their own language, Erse, the Knesset allows the Arabs to speak their native tongue. Begin stressed the in-

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Jewish Life In Washington Hts. Rich With Community Programs

By ERNIE ROLL

Yeshiva University is a major supporter of Jewish causes and movements worldwide. Through community assistance programs, the Youth Bureau, and through its various services, Yeshiva has proven itself a strong and viable force in the Jewish

community of North America. YU itself is situated in the community of Washington Heights — a relatively small but influential Jewish community. Yet, how much do we, the students, really know about the Jewish community in which we live? Is Yeshiva aware of the programs and activities taking place here in the Heights? The purpose of this article is to enlighten the reader about Jewish life in Washington Heights, and to familiarize him with its people, its different community programs, and its various contributions to American Jewish life.

Reverse Mitosis

The population of the Washington Heights Jewish community is approximately 30,000, down from 60,000 in 1960. The major portion of the Jewish community is concentrated in the area between Broadway and the Hudson River and between 181st and 196th Streets. There are twenty-two shuls in the area and roughly twenty organizations and institutions ranging from B'nai Brith to Agudah.

There have been three main waves of Jewish immigration into the community beginning with the Eastern European immigration just prior to World War II. The second great influx of Jews occurred immediately after the War and was comprised of German Jews who had escaped the Nazi horrors. It is this internationally known Breuer community that is the backbone of the Washington Heights Jewish community, today. The third wave of immigration is

occurring now and it consists of Russian Jews who have been arriving since 1970. The Russian community now numbers about 200 families.

Each of these three groups has its own distinct character. They

brant kehilah. It has its own educational institutions ranging from its teacher's seminary to its well visited kollel. It has its own kashruth program along with its own mikveh. The shul Sisterhoods and PTA Boards are very active.



Washington Heights: Can Anything Be Done?

all have common goals in the basic areas of security, housing and education, but in other areas they maintain their own identity. It is precisely this homogeneity, coupled with the uniqueness of each group, which adds to the character of the community.

According to Mrs. Elizabeth Wurzbarger, Executive Director of the Jewish Community Council of Washington Heights, the Breuer community is a very vi-

Rabbi Newhouse's shul, comprised mainly of Germans from the Breuer kehilah, has a provocative lecture series featuring such guest personalities as Rabbi Meir Kahane who spoke there three weeks ago. The JSS Home Hospitality program is an important link between YU students and the Breuer community. Thus, the varied Jewish activities and services provided along with an ac-

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A Poor Record

In the past few years, the administration has been negligent in supplying student organizations with their allotted funds at an early date. By mid-November of last year, student councils were sorely in need of funds and received them only after repeated requests from student council presidents and a front page editorial in THE COMMENTATOR. Council has only recently received its final payment for last year and is awaiting funds for this year. THE COMMENTATOR had difficulty in paying its printer on time because YCSC had not received its allocation. By delaying payment of funds, the administration has likewise crippled all student organizations.

There is no reason for this delay. We call upon the administration to release the funds they now owe the councils. For future years, we ask that an early date be set up for the transfer of funds to student councils, and that the administration adhere to it.

Poor Records

While admonishing the administration for delaying payments to student organizations, we must at the same time demand that student councils institute better accounting procedures for these funds (when received). Recent audits of our councils' books had shown a discrepancy of \$2,000 of YCSC funds and \$800 of SOY money. Only within the last few weeks have most of these funds been accounted for. Each student-council is responsible for the poor records that have been kept in the past years.

Aside from the obvious need for better bookkeeping procedures, we suggest the following remedies:

1) The YCSC constitutional rule which calls for an opening of council's books at the end of every semester of the school year, must be strictly enforced.

2) Budgets and audits should be made public knowledge; provisions should be made to assure that the findings of these audits are printed up and distributed.

3) The council offices of Secretary-Treasurer should be divided into two separate elected offices. There is ample work for secretaries of councils and certainly for separate treasurers who must handle budgets of many thousands of dollars.

These proposals will assure better bookkeeping on the part of our student councils and will apprise the students of any problems, should they occur.

As a member of the Executive Council of SOY, Mr. Senders did not take part in the vote on this editorial.

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From the Editor's Desk

A New Balance

By RICKY EISENBERG



The final results of the vote on faculty unionization are not yet available, and the many who have worked so hard, on both sides, must suffer a period of anxious waiting. The outcome, however, is not really in doubt if last year's straw poll (99-11 in favor of a union) is any indication — the faculty seems to overwhelmingly support the union. Until the union is a reality, though, none of its inevitable effects will be evident.

That a union will effect changes in the University is an unfortunate fact. The administration's expressed fears that a union will polarize the University's three elements, will necessarily be realized when the long standing coalition of faculty and students will have been permanently disbanded.

This coalition has been natural and is, perhaps, innate in any institution of higher education. Faculty grievances, which are often justified, have traditionally struck responsive chords within students who can well sympathize with their educators. Any student who has ever taken a part time job, or a summer job (including one at YU's summer camp) can understand the sentiments expressed by a former YC faculty member, when speaking of the administration, "They treat us like babies."

The alliance between the faculty and students also stems from the classroom relationships they enjoy. Students understand the educators in a way they have never understood or wished to understand, the administration: as human beings. Certainly the typical YU student, whose favorite pastime is denigrating everyone and anything, in a manner apparently indigenous to all true Yeshiva products, was in tune with the chorus of faculty members who took every possible opportunity to scorn the administration. That the administrators, who are known to the students only by their names, and the descriptive profanity applied to those names, should be pictured in students' minds as parasitic ogres, sapping the last of the University's strength, was the inevitable outcome of the perfectly synthesized YU cynicism.

The union, however, will upset the current balance. Angered by the inevitable cutbacks in faculty and the rising tuition costs, students will begin to realize that, in contrast to the administrators who are genuinely devoted to the concept and institution of Yeshiva University, the main concern of the union is the faculty. To perceive the administrators as concerned though fallible human beings may be too much to demand of YC students at this point, although the main success of APRAC has been precisely in dispelling the myths, and generating mutual respect between the students and administration.

While a new student outlook is undoubtedly to be desired, the cost at which it must be attained, i.e. the cutbacks wrought by the union, is too high. The administration, one must also note, may have already made too many mistakes, albeit honest ones, to ever earn the full respect of the student body. Aside from the student complaints over dismissals of excellent faculty members, late checks and the like, the students will always hold the administration through its intransigence in dealing with the faculty despite the threat of a union, primarily responsible for the faculty union. Clearly then, three camps will emerge, with the students still somewhat suspicious though more respectful of the administration and opposed to the faculty union.

If, of course, the union is as nobly motivated as its proponents now claim, its impact on the University need not be so deleterious. The record of nearly all unions, however, indicates that the lofty principles guiding such bodies at their outset are usually rendered unattainable when the unions are institutionalized. The more demanding, and unrelenting the union is, the more it will drive students and administration together. The prospect of faculty members lecturing to classrooms of hostile students, not such a farfetched scenario, should, though, be sufficient to restrain the union from what will surely become its own worst instincts.

Letters To The Editor

Partial Success

Nov. 10, 1976

To the Editor,

Writing as an "involved" student in Yeshiva College, I wish to say I am appalled at the recent action of the YCSC in regards to the turkey raffle. This raffle was to raise needed funds for the YCSC Treasury and, in turn, these funds were to go towards student activities and services. The idea of the turkey raffle was innovative as well as potentially successful. I use the past tense because the action of the YCSC destroyed any effectiveness it was to have. The action was to allocate fifty percent of the proceeds to charity.

It was truly a noble act that went beyond practicality or reason, thus turning a potentially good fund raising project into an

exercise in mediocrity. Who is the YCSC that it is in a position to start allocating a potentially large sum of money to charity and not even ask the students who will be directly affected by its decision? The proponents of this decision must feel that the students' needs are filled and any additional money would serve no useful purpose for them! Why must we, the students, always "just get by"? The newspaper, the radio station, and the clubs can continue struggling, but we must keep giving our funds away!

I contend, that the representatives who introduced this motion to the council were speaking for themselves and no one else. Therefore, they are guilty of misrepresentation. This action, I feel, is unrepresentative of the student body and was not thought out. In

the future any similar action should not be handled in the way it was. The students should have a say in this kind of issue. It is their money.

This year, I have heard terms such as "more involvement" and "more openness" both being applied to the YCSC. With the action taken in regards to the turkey raffle one begins to think if this year is just a carbon copy of the years gone by and shows that campaign rhetoric is just as meaningless now as it ever was.

Sincerely,
Robert Zeiger, YC '77

For Dr. Fleisher

To the Editor:

May I add my voice to urge Yeshiva College to retain, as a full-time post retirement teacher, Dr. David Fleisher, conscientious,

brilliant teacher and scholar, distinguished chairman of the YC English Department, and first holder of the Abraham Wouk Chair at Yeshiva College.

As a colleague, I have known Dr. Fleisher's contributions to the college and university for over 30 years. In that time, under several deans, he made his considerable knowledge and talents available to his department and mine, our division and faculty — always in pursuit of excellence for YC.

For YC to lose him now, at a time of crisis, when a new president of YU is making every effort to retain and even exceed past excellence, would be a tragic error for YC's programs, students and faculty. We'd lose his wisdom, experience and insight.

I served with Prof. Fleisher on self-evaluation committees for ac-

creditation purposes: in the Division of Language, Literature and Fine Arts; and curriculum sub-committees; as well as on the Senate.

In my considered judgment, Dr. Fleisher's non-reappointment would be a tragic error for YC — substituting economic for educational and scholarly needs and values.

It would be further folly at a time when we are seeking recognition by Phi Beta Kappa, and Dean Bacon is making prodigious efforts to keep our standards high.

Abraham Tauber
University Professor and
Chairman of
Speech and Drama Dept.

To the Editor:

In his inaugural address Presi-
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Interview With Uri Ben-Ari: Situation In Israel Discussed

Consul General Uri Ben-Ari, the head of the Israeli Consulate for the tri-state area, recently met with David Kahn, News Editor of *The COMMENTATOR*, and Chaim Monde, News Editor of *HaMashkif*. In a far ranging interview, he gave some insights about some of the problems facing Israel today. The following are excerpts from that interview which took place earlier this month.

COMMENTATOR: Isn't it true that many people used to think of the Arabs as extremists, but now after recent "normal" statements people tend to believe them . . .

Ben-Ari: Too many people think the Arabs are moderates today, not extremists. It is only a question of tactics not of basic words — Sadat's moderation is a complete tactic.

COMMENTATOR: It has been said that President-elect Carter's approach to the Mideast would be that of an overall peace plan unlike Kissinger's step by step diplomacy. What kind of effects will this have on the Mideast?

Ben-Ari: I don't think anyone knows yet what his administration will do. Policies are made by people, and we don't know who his people will be. But his commitments during the campaign were there . . .

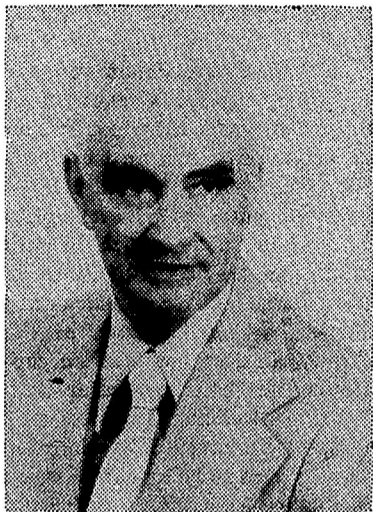
COMMENTATOR: Do you think this push for momentum will be piecemeal or will it be an attempt for an overall peace?

Ben-Ari: That starts with the question of peace altogether. Do you really believe there is someone who wants to make a real peace- (among Arabs) — It is in the far future — Israel has to make concessions . . . the question is for what — what kind of political commitments will the Arab world take upon itself for the concessions Israel will make . . . and Israel will make concessions only for real, political worthwhile commitments. If not, we will not make concessions.

COMMENTATOR: Do you feel there were real commitments made in Egypt in the 1973 negotiations?

Ben-Ari: For political commitments we made real physical as-

sets concessions — we did it. If we can work it out with other countries we would like the same agreement. At the good service of the American people, the proposal is there for ending the state



Consul General Uri Ben-Ari

of war between Israel and Arab countries — and Israel has agreed, but not one Arab leader has responded to this proposal. This should be the base for some kind of settlement. But we will not respond to an imposed settlement.

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Pros And Cons

Lack Of Valid Results Cited In Analysis Of Ecumenicism

By SELWYN LEVINE

In the previous issue of *THE COMMENTATOR*, the controversial subject of ecumenicism was introduced with an in-depth analysis of the arguments and opinions of the "pro" side. In order to present a true perspective, we are now including an evaluation of the position of those who are "con," those who oppose inter-faith dialogue.

Before attempting to discuss the position of those who oppose ecumenicism, it might be valuable to again define our terminology and briefly review the arguments and views of the "pro" side. Ecumenicism is a nebulous term used to define any expression of inter-faith discussion, ranging from local task forces of lay leaders to dialogue between spiritual heads of the major religions. In the previous issue, Rabbi Bruce Cole, an inter-religious leader in the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai Brith, rationalized his "pro" ecumenicism approach. He said that inter-religious dialogue is important in developing mutual understanding between the different faiths. He pointed out how such dialogue was instrumental in alleviating many local problems and in

achieving a greater acceptance of the Jew within the general Christian world.

Waste Of Time And Money

But for every "pro" side there is a "con" side and it is the latter position which was presented by Rabbi Fabian Schoenfeld, a past president of the Rabbinical Council of America. Rabbi Schoenfeld firmly believes that, in principle, the concept of dialogue between Christians and Jews is fine but, because no tangible results have been produced, these discussions should be discontinued. Having also served as the chairman of the Inter-religious Affairs Committee of the Synagogue Council of America, a council comprised of representatives of the Orthodox, Conservative, and Reform movements, Rabbi Schoenfeld is in a unique position to evaluate the productivity of the Jewish-Christian dialogue. He insists, "It is a waste of time and precious Jewish money, and in the long run the Christian community has not come through for us. When evaluating the total picture, Jewish-Christian dialogue has not done us any good."

Rabbi Schoenfeld cited several (Continued on Page 6, Col. 1)

Mexican Anti-Semitism Growing Jewish Community Is Worried

By JOSE ROSENFELD

Possession of natural oil brings with it tremendous, world-wide influence, a fact to which the power of the OPEC nations can readily attest. Because of their large oil reserves, these Arab nations have been able to acquire tremendous power and influence in many areas of the world, chiefly in countries with struggling economies, that depend greatly on foreign economic assistance. These developing, third world nations know on "which side their bread is buttered" and have readily acceded to the demands of the Arab chiefs as can be seen from recent United Nations votes. Strange as it may seem, though, this article does not deal with Arab boycotts, nor with discrimination and U.N. votes; it speaks rather, about a group of Jews particularly influenced by Arab oil: the Jews of Mexico.

A Switch To The East

Evaluating Mexican Jewish life requires a short background sketch of the Mexican political-economic scene. It may seem strange that a country, wealthy in its own resources, needs outside economic support. However, Mexico, even with its great oil reserves, depends heavily on foreign aid, for until recently, Mexico was unable to tap its own reserves. Furthermore, despite American economic and technological aid, Mexico has been directing all its efforts toward the East, vying for Arab petrodollars.

The primary reason for this value emphasis on Arab aid is the

belief that Mexico will receive economic aid from the Arabs of the magnitude that America cannot possibly duplicate. Another reason for the move to the Arabs is the necessity for Mexico to assert herself on the world stage, since she is culturally and politically overshadowed by her neighbors to the north.

The problem of the Jew stems directly from this redirection of Mexican policy away from America and towards the Arabs. To understand the problem, we must

carefully evaluate the structure of the Mexican government and its policy vis-a-vis the general Jewish community.

Mexico's government is theoretically a democracy, modeled after that of the United States. It is comprised of an executive branch with a senate and house of representatives, and finally a judicial branch with a supreme court. But such vestiges of democracy are a facade, for, in reality, Mexico is ruled by a dictatorship. (Continued on Page 4, Col. 1)

He's In The Army Now! Student Is ROTC Cadet

By ARIEL FISCHER

We've all seen them at one time or another: the fliers in the mailboxes, the ads in the magazines and newspapers, or the billboards in buses and trains. We've seen their flashing messages, "Join Today's Army" or "We're looking for a few good men." Most of us have totally disregarded these posters, taking for granted that Orthodox Judaism and an active military career simply do not mix. That is to say, all of us, except for Jonathan J. Klein.

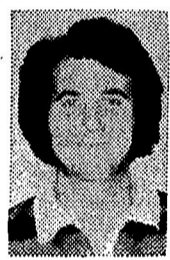
Currently, Jonathan Klein is the only Yeshiva University stu-

dent ever to pursue an Army commission through ROTC (Reserve Officers Training Corps), and probably the only Orthodox Jewish cadet in this country. Jonathan is a senior majoring in Political Science in YC and History in EMC, and is a fourth year ROTC cadet at Fordham University in the Bronx.

He is an excellent student at both institutions. He has been on the Dean's Lists of both YC and EMC for the past three years; and he has also received awards as an ROTC cadet for academic achievement, leadership, patriotism and Americanism, just to name a few. Jonathan has been designated a Distinguished Military Student, the highest honor a fourth year cadet can receive, "for displaying outstanding qualities of leadership, high moral character, noteworthy academic achievement, and exceptional aptitude for mili-

Drop-Outs

By DAVID KAHN



During their first days at Yeshiva, it is not unusual that some undergraduates find themselves rationalizing their presence at

YU and reconciling themselves to some negative aspects found here. Anxious feelings are not uncommon with new students at any college, and Yeshiva College is no different. Long stares and frowns are not hard to understand when one considers that Ruben Hall freshmen are more likely to gaze out of their windows and find debris floating down the Harlem river, than tree-studded lawns or track and football fields. The sobering realization of a campus with a street running through it and a Guardia flightpath overhead can make any freshman swallow hard. But once the pressures of school begin, the negative feelings disappear, and by December the freshmen have adjusted to the "gem of Washington Heights." Right? Wrong. For some, the rationalizing and reconciling of the first few days becomes an unhealthy habit that will drive a few to packing their bags for intercession with not only vacation in mind.

The Freshmen "mortality rate" is a severe problem at YC and if you think this problem is caused by nervewracking fiscal matters, an absent business school, faculty cuts or, a sometimes unhelpful administration, you're only partially correct.

There is another cause, that of the attitude of students. There is a negativism, and lack of school pride evident among some Yeshiva students today, and it is necessary to understand why these feelings exist.

Even though there are obvious

benefits unique to Yeshiva College, such as an excellent dual program geared to those of all levels, and an equally unique Jewish atmosphere found in classroom and dorm, there are still some negative factors that must be reckoned with.

It would be easier to reconcile the College's long hours, dreary, dirty neighborhood and non-existent campus if there were also an excellent secular education for all. While it is true that many satisfied students are receiving a more than adequate college education, it is obvious that there are others who, because of their particular majors, feel short-changed.

The quality of some majors has eroded. The fact that some departments hang on the coattails of one qualified professor who can teach but a limited number of courses, testifies to this. Unfortunately, it is true, that for those students affected, the Jewish Studies Programs at Yeshiva remain the only enviable part of their undergraduate education. The unresponsiveness of the administration to the needs and desires of the students has only magnified the problem. With the realization that many students are at best reconciling themselves to being here in the first place, the dissatisfaction of this group inevitably results in either an unpleasant existence at YC, or in withdrawal from the school.

When compounded with little school pride, this new found dis-



Lieutenant Jonathan Klein

service." In addition, he is active in student affairs on both campuses: he is the Executive Officer of his battalion at Fordham, the Commanding Officer of a military fraternity, and the Vice President of the Political Science Club at YC.

Patriotism

Jonathan first became interested in ROTC during his junior year of high school, when he received a letter from the Army, inviting him to join ROTC. Instead of throwing it away as most people do, he read it, and sent away for more information. "I felt an obligation to serve my (Continued on Page 4, Col. 3)

Professor J. Talmon Speaks At Yeshiva Honors Luncheon

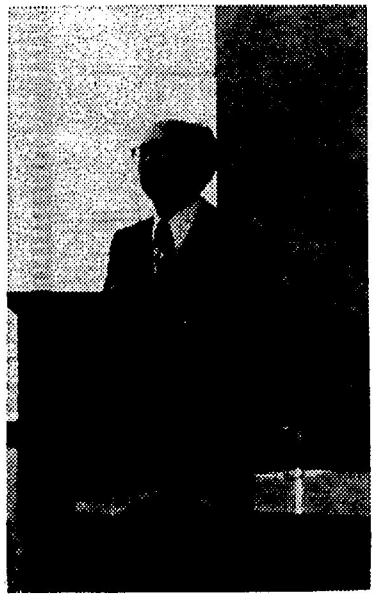
(Continued from Page 1, Col. 3) the guest lecturer whom Dean David Mirsky introduced.

An eminent authority on history and political science, Professor Talmon lectured on the subject of socialism and nationalism with regard to the origins of ideological polarization in the Twentieth Century. Talmon's thoughts centered around his unique interpretation of Marxism and its effects on socialist thinkers. He stressed that Marx's "messianic element," his philosophy of economic determination — which argues the downfall of capitalism and the inevitability of the ultimate victory of the proletariat, is in actuality, a specialized version of Jewish Messianism. Involved in this messianic view is the basic human psychological struggle to find unity and consistency in history. These unconscious factors, he said, must be understood when dealing with Marx and later socialist thinkers. Professor Talmon concentrated on one follower of Marx, Rosa Luxemburg. She espoused the Marxian notion that pure socialism is the only answer to the socio-economical problems of society. She also foresaw the "end of days" — the proletarian revolution.

In contrast to Luxemburg's view, Talmon discussed her famous antagonist, Edvard Bernstein, who questioned the validity of her economic determinism. Bernstein contended that revolution was not the only solution, since capitalism had developed such features as trade unions and stock markets that would effectively co-opt the proletariat into the bourgeoisie.

Professor Talmon expanded on Bernstein's theory that socialist revolutions often result in corruption. Though many socialists had

noble aims, their demand for unanimity required them to force all elements of society into joining their programme. This, Tal-



Dr. Talmon at YC — SS

mon said, inevitably led to tyranny. As an example, the professor cited the most "democratic" left wing in modern history, the French Revolution. It was totalitarian, in the sense that it required total submission to its "liberal" ideas.

This lecture, the first of three to be given by the distinguished professor, was sponsored by the Gottesman Family, and was expanded upon at Stern College last Tuesday and during club hour at Yeshiva.

Professor Talmon is considered both a scholar and a statesman. He is Professor of Modern History at Hebrew University and a distinguished member of the Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities. He is the author of several books that have received wide acclaim as significant contributions to the study of history and political science.

America Finds A Second-Lieutenant Sole Orthodox Cadet Is YU Student

(Continued from Page 3, Col. 5) country in some way," he says. "I can't really explain why, it's just something you feel. I found that this was the best way for me to fulfill this obligation."

During the school year, Jonathan travels twice a week to Fordham to attend various classes in military science. These classes include studies of the defense establishment, small-unit tactics, military history, military law, and teaching and leadership techniques. In addition, he also engages in military practice training, physical fitness programs, and actual leadership situations.

Conflicts

There have been some academic conflicts at times. Arranging schedules properly proved to be a difficult task — often the ROTC had to juggle their schedule to accommodate Jonathan. "You have to have enough dedication to order your priorities and work things out; and you have to be willing to sacrifice some of your free time."

Contrasted with his academic conflicts, Jonathan's religious conflicts proved to be minor. "I laid everything out on the line. I told them I was an Orthodox Jew, and Shomer Shabbat, and I haven't had any problems getting excused from training on Saturdays." Kashrut has, on one occasion, presented a problem. This summer, Jonathan participated in the ROTC Advanced Camp at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina. This is a six-week training program, required of all cadets, intended to familiarize the cadet with the various branches of the Army, particularly the combat branches. In such a situation, he was forced to severely limit his diet. His breakfast usually consisted of

cold cereal and juice; and his lunch, of salad, often only lettuce. For supper he was able to receive, through the local chaplain, various canned kosher meats. His meal was, "usually chicken soup with matzoh balls and other things like that. It was kind of bland, but it was kosher." He recalls happily, "The people in the mess hall were very understanding. They were interested in Kashrut, too. The Army on the whole, has been very understanding."

As to his future, Jonathan is required by his ROTC contract to serve two years after graduation on active duty, and an additional four years on reserve duty. However, he plans to first complete law school, after which he will fulfill his service obligations in the Judge Advocate General's Corps, the legal branch of the Army. He does not plan on continuing in the Army after that.

Building Men

Army life and ROTC education have proved to be a definite asset, as well as a positive learning experience. "You learn an awful lot about dealing with all kinds of people. At Yeshiva, you're in an isolated world, and it's interesting to get a piece of a different world twice a week. I gained a lot of confidence in myself. Speaking in front of a large audience is something I can do now with ease. I learned a lot about the leadership ability that the Army can bring about in someone. I didn't know that I had it. There's a certain innate ability you have to begin with, and they teach you the principles to bring it out. Camp training, especially, helps to bring out the leadership abilities in a person. You learn a lot

of leadership theory, and it comes alive when you go to camp. Commanding a platoon of cadets, getting to know the problems of leadership, and counselling trainees who come from all kinds of backgrounds, have proved to be a fantastic work, leadership, and human relations experience."

So the next time you see a person in an army uniform walking down the halls of Furst, you'll know it's John Klein, Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

Union?

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Although the struggle to unionize began many years ago, it has become quagmired amid lawsuits, incisive allegations, and trial votes. The administration contends that faculty unionization would be counterproductive, increasing tuition, and forcing cuts of part-time instructors. Several administrators claim that an industrial model would be introduced in the University. The faculty counters this claim, saying that this model already exists, and that a union is necessary to balance power between the two sides. Dr. Weidhorn, in an interview held earlier this month, maintained that there is money available for increasing faculty salaries and benefits, but that the administration refuses to open the books to clarify whether this money exists or not.

The union vote, based on economic as well as other considerations, will remain unresolved until thirty-five votes are recast and counted along with those waiting in the NLRB Office at the present time.

Uncertain Future For Mexican Jews As Mexico Bows To Arab Pressure

(Continued from Page 3, Col. 5) The President need only acquiesce to the wishes of the military in order to achieve totalitarian power. It is a repressive government which will offer "justice" only to those who can afford it; Jews, however, are the exception.

Jews In Mexico

The Jewish community is split into the religious groups of Ashkenazim and Sephardim. Most Jews emigrated from post-World War II Eastern Europe, though there is an indigenous Jewish group that traces its ancestry to the Spanish Marranoes. Today, the total Jewish population in Mexico is approximately thirty thousand, though, unfortunately, it is being reduced by an intermarriage rate of nearly fifty percent. In a country of fifty-two million people, the proportion of Jews is thus very small, and this is due, in part, to a very restrictive immigration policy. Mexico's naturalization laws are designed to keep out foreigners, allowing the homogenous populace to remain virtually unaffected by outside influences. The Jews gained admittance into Mexico only because of their business acumen. Many Jews became wealthy by gaining almost complete control over steel production and textile manufacture. In addition, had General Brown been speaking about Mexico, he would have been correct in his assertion that Jews control the banks,

for indeed they do. Whereas the first generation of Mexican Jews consisted mostly of businessmen with little academic education, the second and third generations produced many professionals.

Until recently, only the Orthodox branch of Judaism existed in Mexico, and, as a result, most Jews were affiliated with Orthodox synagogues despite their lack of religious observance. In the past few years, though, the Reform and Conservative movements have appeared and have attracted large followings. Jewish education in Mexico is quite poor, as only a few schools teach basic subjects, such as Jewish history, Yiddish, and Hebrew.

Regardless of religious affiliation, all Mexican Jews are considered Zionists. Because of their position of affluence within a relatively poor Mexican society, the Jews feel their future is uncertain at best. With the real possibility of expulsion threatening at any moment, it is reassuring to know that there exists an alternate homeland.

Anti-Zionist Sentiment

From the time ex-President Luis Echeverria Alvarez took office, the economy has suffered steady deterioration, resulting recently in a major devaluation of the currency. As a result, there exists a large, but discontented poor class and a president, in need of a scapegoat, who blames the rich for the situation. Fur-

thermore, Echeverria began coveting the chair of Secretary-General at the United Nations and gave the world a show of opportunism which was unsurpassed, culminating in the famous Mexican assent to the anti-Zionist vote. The government-sponsored newspapers scored the wealthy Jews, who began to fear replacement by the rich Arabs. Many Jews tried unsuccessfully to gain an audience with the President. Only because of the American Jewish boycott did there come any respite, for it made the Mexicans keenly aware of the dangerous situation which they were in; indeed, the President himself called upon the Jews in order to reassure them.

Anti-Jewish sentiment, however, never really died. When the PLO opened an office in Mexico, there came a stream of protests from Jewish quarters. Echeverria originally responded, "The opening of a PLO office in Mexico shall enable you to have a dialogue among the PLO and settle out your differences." When the second vote condemning Zionism was taken, Mexico once again voted yes.

The future of the Mexican Jew is quite bleak. He has been given the status of his ancestors, the perennial scapegoat, with one of his golden feet already outside the door and the other soon to follow. Like the white man of Rhodesia, he is fast becoming an endangered species.

YC Senate Debates Alternative To UP's

By JEFF KANTOWITZ

The Yeshiva College Senate met on Thursday, November 11, 1976, and resumed its discussion on the question of senior theses as alternatives to the UP exams.

Discussion centered around an amendment proposed by Dr. Lainoff calling for senior theses to replace the UP exam altogether.

that the UP's, as impartial exams, are needed to maintain YU's reputation in the opinion of evaluative agencies. Mr. Moskowitz, a proponent of the original resolution to give a student a choice between UP and a senior thesis, argued that the aptitude tests and GRE (Graduate Record Ex-



Student Senators at another fruitless session. — ER

Senate Secretary Professor Silverman brought to the attention of the Senate a plan submitted by the Board of Regents on post-secondary school development. The Regents suggested that schools include a comprehensive exam as part of graduation requirements. Professor Silverman also cited a return to comprehensive exams nationwide.

Dean Bacon reiterated his view

amination), given for admission to professional schools, would still uphold YU's reputation.

Dr. Lainoff's amendment was voted on and defeated by a substantial majority. Mr. Bayme began to put forth a new resolution stating that no student should receive a degree with honors without a senior thesis or its equivalent. It was not, however, discussed.

Council Topic: School Safety

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 5) nounced that the annual blood drive will be held on December 23. Volunteers are needed for the program and anyone interested should contact Zev Nathan who is heading it. In a related area, President Elfman announced the possibility of getting a mobile unit to come to the campus and administer Swine Flu vaccinations. A petition of 350 signatures is needed for the project and Council made immediate plans to acquire them.

In other business, Council agreed to discuss with the Office of Student Finances the possibility of opening a bursar's office, which would serve as a student check-cashing service. New clubs were sanctioned in the areas of sociology and Jewish education, and additional allocations were made to the college's Photography and Chess Clubs. Before adjourning, it was announced that the library will be open till 12:00 every night, as a result of student volunteers' helping out during the evening.

Consul Ben-Ari Has Interesting Insights

(Continued from Page 3, Col. 2) COMMENTATOR: Don't you feel the one in 1973 was imposed on you... was pressured on you? Ben-Ari: No, no. We wanted to have (the agreement)... You never get exactly everything you want. But there is just so far that Israel will go in being pressured by America. If (the) Soviet Union and Americans come together and try to impose something on us, we won't do it. We want to negotiate with our neighbors, on a settlement if not for peace — then at least for ending a state of war. We are ready. COMMENTATOR: Aren't you afraid of America becoming too friendly with the Arab nations? Ben-Ari: What Israel doesn't like is the sale of arms to Arab nations, all the rest we understand. We would like American money

The Editor-in-Chief and Governing Board of THE COMMENTATOR wish to extend a hearty Mazal-Tov to Dr. Meir Herskovics, Professor of Bible in EMC and YP, and his wife upon the engagement of their son, Yechiel, YC '77, to Ingrid Pasternak.

to be invested in Arab countries, not in arms but in economic development. We believe America can be friendly to both sides. COMMENTATOR: Considering that peace is far away, why doesn't the government allow the liberated territories to be settled? Ben-Ari: The government doesn't say we don't want (them to be settled), the government says "I" want to decide. COMMENTATOR: Gush Emunim should ask... Ben-Ari: They haven't settled one. COMMENTATOR: How about Ofra... Ben-Ari: Okay, one. The majority of the people of Israel would not like to have 800 million Arab citizens in Israel. We want to be a Jewish State. The big centers

YCSC Presents Jazz Concert First Talent Show Also Held

By JAY H. SOLOMONT

Jazz is in. It is at least to the one hundred and twenty or more toe-tapping students and faculty who gathered in the Student Union Building on Sunday, November 7, to hear the Jazzmania Allstars. It was the first in a series of concerts and events to be sponsored by YCSC this year.

David Polaner, a YC biology major, organized the event with the assistance of Judry Subar and Aaron Weinbach. They were interested in giving Yeshiva College students an opportunity for cultural appreciation and agreed to arrange a concert series. According to Mr. Polaner, the choice of jazz for the first concert was no accident. He explained that the resurgence of popularity that jazz is now experiencing is due to its inherent qualities and a renewed recognition — generated by the Bicentennial — of the great part jazz has played in our American experience.

Bop-Bip-Ba-Bop

"This particular concert," Polaner reported, "featured mostly contemporary, mainstream jazz, an off-shoot of the original Be-Bop concert of the late forties and fifties. The musicians are resident performers at a down-

town location that houses the Jazzmania Society."

The "Society," as Polaner and his staff have labeled the concert series, will feature blue-grass, folk, and classical music in future presentations. Gratified with the enthusiasm and turnout that the "Society" has generated on the YU campus, Polaner expressed hope that there will be even greater attendance at future concerts.

The music and talent at another YCSC function was slightly different: it was our own Stern College's Koch auditorium, the scene of the first annual YCSC talent show, held on Sunday, November 14.

Joel Berg and Steven Passer, students at Yeshiva, and Sally Roth and Debbie Silver of Stern helped YCSC President Rick Elfman fulfill a campaign commitment by putting together this show.

The 250 students who attended the event were treated to a wide variety of talent, emceed by Ted Zablotsky. Comedy skits courtesy of Steve Passer, Jon Stein, Joel Berg and others, were dispersed among numerous musical acts, some as professional as the Jazzmania performance the week before. After two and a half hours of guitar strumming, one liners and some zany acts, the evening ended with ice cream sundaes and a multitude of smiles.

Begin Speaks In Rubín

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 5) ternal quiet that Israel has continued to enjoy save for a few demonstrations this past year. "Through three wars we have lived peacefully — in peaceful co-existence. Where do you find a country with such a minority living so relatively peacefully? Latin American countries have almost constant violence. We have nothing to panic about."

"Shafir, Ashkelon, Ashdod, and many other towns in Israel were the scene of constant violence before the 1967 war," Begin explained. "If we withdrew, then

there will definitely be more bloodshed."

In reply to a question regarding Senator Ribicoff's recent remarks urging President-elect Carter to appoint Henry Kissinger as special Middle East envoy, Begin quoted the words of Foreign Minister Yigal Allon's remarks after the election: "I suppose we shall remember with nostalgia the time Kissinger was Secretary of State and National Security Advisor." If it is up to Begin, Foreign Minister Allon will be nostalgic out of office, when the opposition will come to power.



YCSC President Rick Elfman, center, is in proper attire as he draws the names of the YCSC Turkey Raffle winners. The raffle earned about eight hundred dollars, half of which will go to charity. The winners will be notified in the mail.

Jewish Life In Washington Hts.

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 4) tive youth program, create a kehilah that is very much alive.

What does the Jewish Community Council do? The focus of much of its activity centers around Russian immigrants. While the rest of the world petitions for, and attends, Soviet Jewry rallies, the JCC of Washington Heights works directly with the Russian immigrants, helping to solve their problems and aiding them in acclimating to American life. Services to Russian Jews include placement in Jewish day schools, an employment agency, a clearing house for apartments, and various health services. The Russian community is growing rapidly and is becoming a major stabilizing factor in the Washington Heights Jewish community. Interaction between the Russian and Breuer communities has been difficult because of their distinct characteristics. Recently, however, a Russian boy celebrated his Bar-Mitzvah in a Breuer shul and perhaps one can look upon this event as the beginning of greater interaction between the two groups in the future.

Certainly absorption of Russian immigrants cannot be the only function of the Community Council. After all, it was formed four years ago to respond to the issues threatening the survival of the Jewish community of Washington Heights and Inwood. Headed by President Herman Cahn, the Council has set up committees designed to tend to the various problems facing the community. One of the main services offered is a program for the elderly. Because of the large number of elderly families, many of whom live in secluded areas of the Heights, this program is vital in assuring their continued existence. Included in this highly successful program is the Moriah luncheon program which brings

hot meals to those who cannot leave their homes. They are offered medical assistance and there is a relocation service which assists the elderly in moving to safer areas in the neighborhood. One of the highlights of this program is the annual glatt kosher Pesach seder for the elderly, a service which has had a great impact on the community.

Another committee, designed to provide for the security of neighborhood residents, is the Washington Heights-Inwood Patrol. It is comprised of community residents who man patrol cars and maintain radio contact with the local police station to provide any necessary help. According to police sources, the presence of the patrol has reduced assaults and muggings in the area by 70%. Parks in the area are patrolled in the summer, and community residents provide surveillance for community functions and holidays.

The Housing Committee has organized a clearing house for apartments. Landlords in the area have been asked to notify the Council of all apartment vacancies. In this way, the Council serves as a referral service for those people who wish to move into the community. The program was initially developed for Russian immigration, but has now been expanded to serve the community at large.

In the area of health services, the Council makes referrals for medical services and informs the residents of hospital services available to the community. In general, the Council works with local petitioners and the neighborhood Preservation Council to upgrade the housing stock and to provide for the general welfare of the Washington Heights Jewish community.

In an interview, Mrs. Wurzburger said, "We have such a

dearth of people capable of providing these services that only through assistance in these and other areas can we truly succeed in helping the neighborhood. At the same time YU would benefit from the strength of the community and the experience that we can provide." From the standpoint of service, students are needed to help with Moriah — the program for the elderly. It was suggested that YU students could give shiurim to the elderly on a part time basis. In the area of youth work — Rabbi Finklestein, an active member of the NCSY movement in Washington Heights, is looking for advisors to help reach out to the unaffiliated youth in the community. A YU-Washington Heights youth shabbaton, designed to foster better relations with Jewish youth in the neighborhood, was also suggested.

Mrs. Wurzburger went on to say that students could help out with fact-finding and program development and that the Council is willing to train these students to work in the various departments. "YU can survive without the Jewish community of Washington Heights," she said, "but YU's participation in our community and in our activities would help insure our survival."

Mrs. Wurzburger summed up the interview by saying, "With our various cultures and social programs, and because of the types of people that live here, the Jewish community of Washington Heights is a very vibrant sociality." The physical environment and the population of the Washington Heights Jewish community is declining, but, as is evidenced by the different programs and activities that occur almost daily, the community has a great deal of intellectual, cultural, and spiritual wealth to offer to those who seek it.

Guidance Notes . . .

If you are a senior, planning graduate study in the mathematical, physical, biological, or social sciences; and if you will have taken Graduate Record Examinations on or before December 11, 1976 (achieving a combined Verbal and Quantitative score of 1300 or better), then you should seriously look into applying for one of the 500 three-year Graduate Fellowships (\$3,900/year) being awarded by the National Science Foundation. Deadline: December 1. Applications available in Guidance Office. You must be a U.S. citizen; awards are not made for work leading to medical, dental, or law degrees.

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If you are a junior, sincerely interested in newspaper work as a career, the Newspaper Fund is now accepting applications for \$500 scholarships for "Reporting Internships" at certain newspapers this summer. The program is designed for those who "have taken few or no college courses

in writing, reporting, or editing." You must be available to work on a newspaper the entire summer. Deadline: December 1 (but applications should be submitted as soon as possible). Further information available in Guidance Office. The application process is complex, but the opportunities seem quite rewarding.

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Faculty as well as graduate and undergraduate science students should know that the Livermore Laboratory at the University of California is presently encouraging applications for summer employment in the lab. Openings are expected in Physics, Chemistry, Engineering, Computer Programming, and Biomedical and Environmental research. As Livermore Lab states: such employees can "apply their academic backgrounds to practical research problems resulting in worthwhile work experience." Deadline: December 1. Applications available from Dr. Connolly, Guidance Office.

Cure For Anti-Semitism Is Not In Ecumenicism

(Continued from Page 3, Col. 2) examples to justify his position. The Vatican and the Organization of Christian Communities have both refused to recognize the State of Israel. Thus, whenever the issue of Israel is brought up in any of these discussions, Jews and Christians are always poles apart, with compromise impossible, especially in view of the strong emotions present on both sides. The World Council of Churches is preoccupied with the issue of Palestinian rights, and the leaders of the Christian community have met with representatives of the Palestine Liberation Organization. Immediately after the Yom Kippur War, it took a great deal of pressure from Jewish leaders to prompt the Christian community to take some action on behalf of the Israeli prisoners-of-war held in Syria. Most recently, the indifference of the Catholic community with regard to the allegations of war-time atrocities attributed to Bishop Valerian Trifa of Grass Lake, Michigan, reinforces Rabbi Schoenfeld's skeptical position on the issue of inter-religious dialogue.

Rabbi Schoenfeld then made a distinction between theological and political-social dialogue. Theological dialogue is what is potentially dangerous. In fact, Rabbi Soloveitchik and the Rabbinical Council of America have explicitly voiced their opposition to any theological inter-faith discussions. "A Temple Sisterhood has no right to discuss Moses with a Church committee," Rabbi Schoenfeld remarked. On the other hand, political and social dialogue is theoretically constructive, yet has produced only minor results, which do not justify the effort required for the expansion of such a program.

Rabbi Schoenfeld does not wish to discourage inter-religious dialogue on a local community level, however. Quite to the contrary, he is well aware of the importance of neighborhood dialogue in alleviating certain religious problems that might arise in a community. He pointed to the various inter-faith groups in Canarsie and Flatbush as positive examples of such local dialogue.

What then should be done about ecumenicism? According to Rabbi Schoenfeld, successful interfaith dialogue is a lofty ideal but philo-

sophically and practically unattainable. Two thousand years of hatred cannot be undone, especially when the Catholic leadership is unwilling to take constructive steps to ease conflicts in problem areas. On the local scene, it may often be beneficial, but on the national scene, it is a waste of our time and money; we need not compromise ourselves and our principles, if no true solution is in sight.

Drop-Outs

(Continued from Page 3, Col. 4) satisfaction can do much to erase the many good things that YU has to offer. There is only so much weight that can be given Jewish Studies and "Atmosphere." If one of the pillars of the College, its general education, crumbles, the rest cannot remain unscathed.

While the Administration shows much concern, and rightfully so, for recruitment of new students, little has been done to stem the YU drop-out rate. Besides decreasing the enrollment of the school, drop-outs are inevitably responsible for trimmed course offerings, cuts in government financial aid, and still more negative feelings among remaining YC students. Worst of all, YU's image is damaged extensively. This problem poses a great danger to the University which must be dealt with immediately by the administration.

When a student enters a specific school, his choice is generally the result of a great deal of deliberation. Consequently, his desire to leave that school deserves equal consideration. Although negative feelings are sometimes justified, careful consideration and weighing of the pros and cons is only fair when discussing the possibility of leaving a school as unique as YU.

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dent Lamm emphasized that a commitment to excellence and to the love of learning for its own sake are moral responsibilities for him and his administration. The President's handling of the case of Professor David Fleisher will, I believe, be a major indication of the direction of his administration.

I can say, without fear of any contradiction, that no one during the two decades that I have been at Yeshiva has made a greater contribution to Yeshiva College in precisely these two areas than Professor Fleisher. His students, ranging from the novelist Chaim Potok to Professor Yerushalmi of Harvard amply testify to the high standards that he has set in his classes, particularly in explication of texts and in writing clear, forceful English. Indeed, one student, now a distinguished alumnus, once told me that he felt that an education at Yeshiva was incomplete without having had a course with Professor Fleisher.

As to his love of learning, several years ago Professor Fleisher conceived the desire to study Greek. He proceeded to take my course, did the assignments conscientiously (he once called me up at midnight because he couldn't figure out one of my original Greek sentences), took the (impossible) quizzes, etc. And he did it with such zest! In Judaism the wise man is a *talmid chacham*, an eternal student: that is the key to Fleisher *Discipulus*. He has a true love of learning and is a genuine humanist whose motto is Terence's "*Homo sum; humani nil a me alienum puto.*" *Quid plura?*

But there is more. Our faculty has had more than its share of acrimonious disputation. And yet Professor Fleisher has been chairman of a department — our largest at the College in terms of number of full-time members — which has been a model of harmony. There have, of course, been disagreements in policy; but so profound is the respect in which he is held that these disputes have never become personal. For a number of years I was secretary of the Division of Languages, Literatures, and the Fine Arts, of which Professor Fleisher has been chairman; and again I must remark on the fairness, conscientiousness, and good humor with which he has presided over our Division.

Finally, I must point out Professor Fleisher's contribution to the Faculty and to the College as a whole. At our faculty meetings I always look forward to Professor Fleisher's colorful remarks. They come to the heart of the problem and are often dipped in cynic acid. A recent indication of the high regard that we, his colleagues, feel for him came last year, when, invited to select only one member of the University committee seeking a new presi-

dent, we chose Professor Fleisher. The Dean has constantly sought him out, particularly in preparation for the visits of the Middle States Association and for difficult assignments involving clashes of personalities and bread-and-butter issues. He has a tremendous capacity for hard work and has the rare capacity for attending endless meetings of committees without expressing exasperation at the slow progress that may be made. He is possessed of an enormous amount of common sense, is a clear thinker, and is an articulate spokesman. He has an extraordinary store of vitality. Above all, he is painfully honest and fair-minded.

Some years ago we were faced with an incipient student revolt over an assistant dean's regulation of student organizations. Our Dean appointed an ad hoc committee on this very sensitive issue and named Professor Fleisher chairman. I was a member of that committee and recall the numerous sessions, the scrupulous fairness with which Professor Fleisher conducted them so that he commanded the respect of administration and faculty and students, the good humor with which he punctuated the tense situation (he is gifted with a wonderful capacity for defusing a crisis with a *bon mot* or a pun), and the eminently sensible final report, which, incidentally, still remains the cornerstone of our policy on student organizations and publications.

Perhaps some members of the administration are afraid to set a precedent in asking Professor Fleisher to say on. But the administration, to its credit, made an exception in permitting him to teach during the present year. It should continue its precedent in recognizing excellence, for such a precedent will indeed prove to younger members of the faculty that the University does note and reward such devotion to the highest standards of the profession. If our university is, as I believe it is, committed to the implementation of Socrates' dictum that "the life unexamined is not worth living for a man," it cannot afford not to retain our Socratic gadfly

and midwife of ideas, Professor David Fleisher.

Prof. Louis H. Feldman
YC Classics Department

Feeling Blue

To the Editor:

It was with great astonishment and bewilderment that I read your biased and misguided article on the repeal of the Sunday blue laws (October 27). While you elaborately presented the positive points of the court's ruling to repeal the laws, you completely distorted the opposing side by minimizing the true cause for the need of the blue laws and then burying it in a mist of religious trivia.

The major issue here is the fate of the small-time retail merchant. If the blue laws remain defunct, these storekeepers will be forced to open their shops on Sunday, due to the amount of business that otherwise would be taken away by the big corporate chain stores that subscribe to a seven-day work week. It should be noted that the board of directors of Macy's or Korvettes will not be the ones who have to wake up early Sunday morning to toil for their income. These merchants, who do not have unions to fight to give them a four-day work week or to provide them with retirement benefits and health and insurance policies, will now have to depart from their homes on Sunday, no longer being able to go with the family on a picnic, or to take the kids to a ball game. On top of all this, due to the additional maintenance costs and increased wages incurred by operating on Sunday, the storekeepers will begin to see their net income diminish.

While reforms are needed to correct some of the inequities contained in the blue laws, it is imperative that they be reinstated at once. This will serve to preserve the fate of our merchants who are truly representative of the ideals of our American free enterprise system.

Jacob Hendel, YC '78

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Slow Start For Keglers Future Seems Brighter

By SAM BEER

The season has not begun as well as expected for YU's bowling team. The Keglers have run into stiff competition, and have been unable to bowl up to their potential.

In the opening contest against Kings Point, YU bowled poorly and blew many easy points. Only

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Captain Bob Gittleman scored high, with the rest of the team ineffective.

That same day the Keglers faced Pace University, one of the toughest squads in the entire league. YU was totally out-classed and manhandled as Pace racked up a classic five man total of well into the nine hundreds — a phenomenal average of close to two hundred per man. For Yeshiva, Bob Gittleman rolled his usual 175 game and Aaron Glatt finished with a 165 average.

Looking for victory number one, the Keglers met St. Peter's the next week. Yeshiva almost pulled off a stunning upset, losing by only a few pins in the second game. Once again, Gittleman led the team, with strong games from Norman Shapiro (205), Bob Zei-

ger (167) and Sammy Berkowitz (164).

Playing a three way contest (with St. Francis College and Pratt University), Yeshiva picked up her first seven points, sweeping all three games. Norm Shapiro came close to bowling his second 200 of the day (197) and Joel Weisbloom came through with a strong 171. Needless to say, the captain continued his terrific bowling and is among the league leaders in total average. Yeshiva bowled a season high 834 — a sizzling 167 per man average.

Last week's contest showed that even with Yeshiva's tough dual program, allowing limited time for practice, we can compete against other universities

without embarrassment. Against these tough odds, Yeshiva should still have a fine competitive season.

REGISTRATION, 1976
YC registration will be held the week of December 13. The registration schedule is on the Registrar's Bulletin Board, and students are advised to check it carefully.

Player	Games Played	Total	Ave.	High Game
Capt. Bob Gittleman	15	2490	166	204
Norman Shapiro	13	2011	154.7	204
Aaron Glatt	4	591	147.8	168
Sammy Berkowitz	12	1638	136.5	164
Jules Greif	3	401	133.7	154
Joel Weisbloom	13	1721	132.4	171
Bob Zeiger	7	891	127.3	144
Ephraim Berger	1	124	124	124
Jay Lipis	5	579	115.8	143

BBI: Seniors Trounce Sophs As Juniors Demolish Semicha

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Despite the absence of player-coach Alan Schuchalter, who was bed-ridden with the flu, Paul Freedman guided the juniors through a fine game. Mitch Merlis dominated underneath along with Lenny Pianko. Leon Behar, with fine moves and good shooting, took advantage of the disorganized semicha players, while Sheldon Small played his usual running game, winding up with thirteen points. Elliot Chomsky and Mike Malka worked the ball for semicha, but Sheldon and Mike Weiss were too powerful for them.

By the second half, the game was more or less over; Mitch was well on his way to a 22 point game. Some newcomers to the junior squad also fared well on the court. Alan Gomberg of semicha managed to keep his team together with twelve points.

It should be noted that semicha had to call upon "extras" to get the required five starters. If semicha is to have a team, they must have players willing to participate in the games.

Sophs	FG	FT	TP
Solomon	3	1	7
Malka	3	0	12
Grife	0	0	0
Gettenberg	8	1	17
Gladstein	4	1	9
Bresalier	0	0	0
Hartman	1	0	2

Seniors	FG	FT	TP
Moskowitz	2	2	6
Goldstein	1	0	2
Singer	1	0	2
Nitzky	0	0	0
Hochman	1	0	2
Lempel A.	8	0	16
Lempel H.	5	1	11
Wind I.	1	0	2
Wind S.	2	0	4
Feuer	3	0	6

Sophs	FG	FT	TP
Solomon	7	3	17
Malka	3	0	6
Grife	1	1	3
Gettenberg	3	1	7
Gladstein	2	0	4
Mandelbaum	6	0	12
Taragin	1	0	2
Shnitzer	1	0	2
Schiffman	0	1	1

Freshmen	FG	FT	TP
Altoltz	2	0	4
Kirschenbaum	4	2	10
Chesner	1	0	2
Lenefsky	1	0	2
Charlap	1	1	3
Comsky	6	1	13

Smicha	FG	FT	TP
Malka	4	1-3	9
Kirschenbaum	3	0-0	6
Rosenbaum	1	1-2	3
Chomsky	4	1-1	9
Gomberg	5	0-2	10
Moshe	2	2-3	6

Juniors	FG	FT	TP
Weiss	6	0-0	12
Merlis	9	4-7	22
Behar	3	2-4	8
Small	4	5-6	13
Pianko	2	3-4	7
Freedman	2	0-2	4
Rosenblatt	1	0-0	2
Lindenfeld	3	0-3	6
Schnitzer	3	0-0	6
Eisenberg	1	0-0	2

Taubermen

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and advanced to the second round, scoring first round records of 2-2. Dave and Len, although fatigued, fenced extremely well in the second round, but were decisively beaten by keen competition. Dave went down with a 1-4 record and Len was held without victory in his five second round bouts. The junior member of the foil team, Richard Seltzer, fenced very well in the first round, finishing with a 2-2 record. Richy, too, was deadlocked in a three-way tie and was eliminated due to his low indicators.

Olympic Competition

Yeshiva's epeemen faced many of the nationally ranked fencers, including several olympic and junior olympic competitors, who contributed to the large turnout for this ALFA event. Competing for Yeshiva were senior Mark Felberbaum and junior Alan Feldman who both went 1-5, which eliminated them after the first round. Sophomore Dave Katzenstein, a bright prospect for future years, went 0-5 in the first round.

The Taubermen, under the skillful leadership of Professor Arthur Tauber and Lorand Marcell, are highly optimistic about their 1976-77 season and hope to provide Yeshiva University with a season of exciting fencing action.

Yucons Are Victorious

By ISAAC SOIBLEMAN

An astonishing 11-1 record can be boasted of by only one team in the YU sports world. The Yucons have, over the past three years, compiled this phenomenal record against such schools as Columbia, Touro, Brooklyn, and JTS.

The Yucons play field hockey. Their team is composed of all-stars from all four intramural hockey teams. A combination of excellent goaltending, explosive offense, and merciless defense has created a top notch team. The opposition has been battered and bewildered by overwhelming scores of 10-1 and 13-3.

Last Tuesday, the Yucons opened their season against a rugged JTS team. The home opener brought a large turnout of spectators who packed the gym. The Yucons, still recovering from the sudden loss of their coach "Stiff" Wally Walpoe were a bit anxious about their new leaders Tzvi Friedman and Joel Mael. Tension existed throughout the first period, thus making the team appear sloppy and ineffective. In the middle of a JTS powerplay, however, a new addition to our school and team, Norman Gold, stole the puck and raced downcourt on a breakaway. After taking a wicked slapshot which knocked the goalie off balance, he scooped up his own rebound and flicked the puck into the net. The period ended with a 1-0 score.

When the second period began, the Yucons regained their normal composure. Goals scored by Saul Grife, Barry Mael, Ernie Roll, and Mitch Merlis gave the Yucons a commanding 5-0 lead after two periods. The third period proceeded as did the second, with total domination by YU. The only goal scored by JTS came at the seven-minute mark of the third period, when goalie Alvin Pasternak lost the rebound of a long point shot which slipped in behind him for a goal. The Yucons immediately retaliated with goals by Steve "Cuz" Brown and Ernie Roll. The game ended in a 7-1 victory for the Yucons.

This game exemplifies the high caliber and expertise of our own Yucons, a team to be proud of.

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Foil, Sabre Compete At PSU Epee Fences In AFLA Open

By PAUL RIDDLE

On Sunday, Nov. 14, colleges from throughout the U.S. had their first good look at Yeshiva University's Varsity Fencing team. The starting foil and sabre teams participated in the Penn State Invitational Intercollegiate Open and the epee team competed in an Amateur Fencers' League of America epee open held in New York.

Journeying over 200 miles to Penn State's spacious University Park Campus, Yeshiva's fencers met opponents from the Universities of Maryland, Michigan, Pennsylvania, as well as from New York University (NCAA fencing champions), Cornell, Penn State, St. John's and North Carolina. Although outclassed amidst these top fencing colleges, Yeshiva was able to proudly hold its own and advance two fencers into the second round of competition.

Delicate Touch

The sabre team bowed out in the first round, but not without

putting up a good fight. Team captain Robert Berko and Ricky Eisenberg, the seniors of the sabre team, both went 1-3, losing several tightly contested bouts. The surprise came from one of the junior members of the sabre team, Steve Tennenberg. Steve, fencing in his best form, was 2-2, locking him in a three way tie for second place. The tie was broken by each fencer's indicators (touches given minus touches received). Steve's indicators were the lowest amongst the three fencers and thus prevented him from advancing in the competition.

The foil team, powered by two strong seniors, provided Yeshiva's best results of the day. David Brusowankin and team co-captain Lenny Budow both fenced well
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Seniors And Juniors Triumph; Sophs Split Two BBI Games

By RUSTY YOUNG

In a close intramural basketball game, the seniors edged the sophs 51-47. The seniors opened with a smooth-running attack to take a 12-7 lead at the end of the first quarter.

The sophomore opening was slow and disorganized; they could not keep up with the seniors. In the second quarter, the soph offense began to work with strong plays in the front-court by Steve Solomon and Chaim Gettenberg. The seniors still held onto the lead and were ahead by three at the half. Together with some inside rebounding and scoring on the part of Dan Feuer, the seniors kept pace with the sophomore surge.

The third quarter belonged solely to the seniors as they outran, outshot, and completely dominated the sophomores. Led by the outstanding back-court play of Avi Moskowitz and Sholom Wind, and aided by the consistent scoring of Allen Lempel, the seniors built up a commanding fourteen point lead. In the fourth quarter, the sophomores began to chip away at the deficit. With Mike Malka and Jack Gladstein scoring and moving the ball, the sophomores came back. The sophomore drive came too late, however, and the seniors were able to hold on and win.

Don't Cry, Babes

In other intramural action, the sophomores finally won their first game of the season, destroying the freshmen, 54-34. During the first quarter, the sophs played together and pulled ahead of the inexperienced freshmen, 13-9. The freshmen, led by Larry Kirschenbaum, managed to even things out at the half, 20-20.

The second half, however, saw a decisive attack on the part of the sophs. The freshmen were unable to contain Steve Solomon, who repeatedly scored underneath. By the fourth quarter, the freshmen had lost all semblance of team play and were unable to score any further. High scorer for the freshmen was Frank Comsky with thirteen points. For the sophs, Solomon scored 17 points and Mike Mandelbaum added 12 more.

The championship juniors breezed through the semicha team in a quick, disorganized game. From start to finish the juniors

led, using their experience as a team to execute smooth plays and successful fast breaks.

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Seniors And Sophomores Are Winners Frosh Defeated In Hockey Intramurals

By EDDIE ZUGHAFI

The Yeshiva intramural hockey season is now in full swing, having already completed three weeks of play. The undefeated sophomores and seniors are tied for first place while the juniors are in third and the frosh trail in last place.

The second week of play pitted the freshmen against a short-handed soph team. It looked as if the freshmen had a chance to pick

surrendered two goals. Steve Pasternack went in unmolested against his brother Alvin, the



Intramural Hockey: A Tight Season Likely.

up their first victory of the season with their usual hustling game. Inexperience and lack of team play, however, once again proved too much for the frosh. Steve Pasternack, one of the few bright spots on his team, scored all three frosh goals. Saul Grife and Barry Mael combined for four soph goals as they downed the freshmen 6-3.

Outclassed

In the next game the frosh were matched against the tough senior team. The game seemed to be a mismatch with an experienced senior team playing against a freshman team with only three games' experience. Looking a bit overconfident, the seniors quickly

senior goaltender, and scored at the 2:17 mark. His teammate, Danny Miller, followed with another goal just 45 seconds later. Following these two goals, Alvin improved and played well. The senior team, likewise, put it all together as they scored seven consecutive goals on their way to demolishing the freshmen, 12-3. Steve Pasternack was again the only bright spot for the frosh with two goals. Naty Katz had an amazing seven goals and one assist and Judah Koolyk added two goals, to pace the seniors who, once again, proved that they are the team to beat in the '76-'77 season.

Another YHI game featured

Ellmen Split Three-Way Match Manhattan Rivals Overwhelmed

By T. KRUMBEIN

On Wednesday night, November 17, the Ellmen participated in a triangular meet with the veteran West Side "Y" and Manhattan College. Although the meet was only exhibition, there was true rivalry between YU and Manhattan College. The West Side

"Y" team was a group of older and more experienced wrestlers who by no stretch of the imagination could be considered fair rivals to college wrestlers. In this type of meet, every weight class from each team wrestles two matches in a round-robin procedure.

The evening started with Captain Joel Schwitzer quickly pinning his opponent from Manhattan. He showed speed as well as technique in pinning his adversary. Later on, in a very close match, Joel lost to the veteran "Y" wrestler.

At 118, Izzy Klein, showing his new found speed and aggressiveness, had one of the quickest pins of the night. Izzy shot in a leg dive and quickly pinned his opponent. Izzy, too, lost a close match to the "Y" wrestler.

Moshe Mirsky, the team's only senior, picked up a forfeit in the 134 lb. weight class from the Manhattan College team. Mirsky was pinned in a close match by the treasury agent from the "Y."

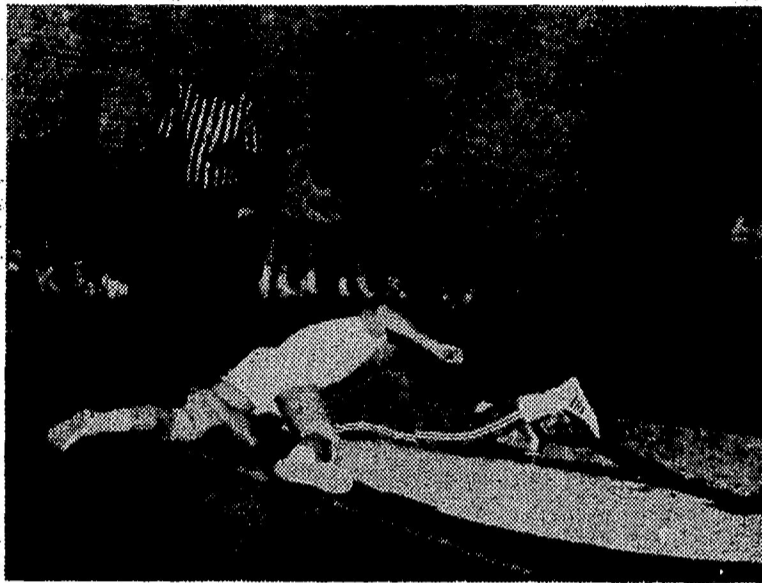
At 142, the very strong and capable wrestler, Dave "Bugsy" Siegel pinned the wrestler from the "Y" in the last few moments of the match. Dave wrestled one of the best matches for the Ellmen. Freshman Scott Miller wrestled at 142 against Manhat-

tan College and lost a very tough match.

Danny Kaufman surprised the crowd by pinning his opponent from the "Y." Danny displayed ability which could earn him a starting role on the Ellmen this year. Mike Lazarus wrestled a

from the "Y." In the second match, despite the crowd's cheering, Avi could not pull out a victory from his Manhattan College opponent.

Nate Rosenblatt wrestled a very tough match against his opponent from the "Y." Although



Grapplers at the tri-meet in the gym.

good match at 150 but couldn't defeat his Manhattan College rival.

At 158, Avi Schreier wrestled a tough match against a stronger and more experienced wrestler

Nate lost, he put up a good fight.

Saul Grife pinned his Manhattan College adversary in one of the most action-packed bouts of the night. Saul's determination is a key to his success.

At 177, Captain Mitch Merlis, in his own inimitable way, pinned his opponent from Manhattan College. Once Mitch got started he was very impressive but not good enough to defeat his opponent from the "Y." Mitch lost by one point in a very close match.

Alan Bell wrestled a close match against his opponent from the "Y" and was only down 2-0 near the end of the final period when he was pinned. Big Al came back strong in his second match and pinned the Manhattan College wrestler.

At heavyweight, Zev Golombek, although he was pinned, showed speed and determination in his first match. When Zev learns more, he should be a bright spot in the Ellmen's future.

The match ended with Yeshiva defeating Manhattan College and losing to the "Y." The cheering of the crowd sparked many of the Ellmen's victories and although there was a nice turnout we would like to see more YU students at home matches.

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