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YU FACULTIES VOTE TO UNIONIZE

YU Educators And Administrators Present Views On Faculty Union

There were smiles, frowns, and mixed reactions at Yeshiva this week as the result of the "union vote" by University faculty was released by the National Labor Relations Board. Dr. Manfred Weidhorn, chairman of the Yeshiva College Faculty Welfare Committee, and one of the most ardent supporters of unionization, called the 91-50 vote a "mandate from the faculty."

Dr. Celia Weisman, a professor at Wurzeiler School of Social Work and a co-worker with Dr. Weidhorn in the long drive for the creation of a faculty union, said, "I am very happy over the results. I feel a union, in the form of a unified faculty, is long past due and should be a good turning point for Yeshiva."

Members of the administration, though, were not so happy about the NLRB results. EMC Dean Jacob Rabinowitz, in an interview, stated that "a union is the worst possible option for the faculty, the community, the board, and the students." Dr. Israel Miller, Vice President for Student Affairs commented, "things will not be better because of the union... this does not bode well for a University which has strived for a warm atmosphere."

The results of the 91-50 vote, which according to some is a mandate and for others a reflection of disunity among the faculty, has only heightened arguments whether the union will be good or bad for Yeshiva. "It is time to stop the adversary relationship," Dr. Weidhorn said, while expressing his view that the University should sit down and negotiate with the union rather than go through a lengthy and costly court battle to invali-

date the union. "We are asking to sit down and negotiate a contract concerning basic matters like salaries, tenure, and retirement policies." "The vote," said Ferkauf Professor Dr. Aaron Herskowitz, "reflected the general faculty need to have both representation and a voice in dealing with the administration. I hope they will take us seriously and come to the table with us to talk." Dr. Weisman of Wurzeiler voiced a similar idea when she stated, "the faculty union will not only give us a chance to deal in an official manner with the administration, but will also unify what has been a fragmented faculty."

There are many who hope that lines of communication will be opened as a result of the vote to unionize. One is Dr. Fred Goodman, Professor of Biology at Stern College and an ardent supporter of the move to unionize faculty at Yeshiva. But members of the Administration believe exactly the opposite will happen. YC Dean Issac Bacon insisted that "grievance through the union will become a regimented process, allowing no flexibility." Others who are anti-union warned that an industrial complex attitude will be introduced into Yeshiva, whereby lawyers from both sides will haggle out contracts, set by impersonal ground rules that will al-

low for no flexibility. While Administration members point out that the basic motives for unionization are economic, advocates of the movement claim that the main reasons for the union were widespread and not just simply a matter of money. "It was the way money was apportioned, and of priorities within the University," Dr. Behrends said. "It was



A satisfied Dr. Manfred Weidhorn: it's "a mandate." — ER

a question of governance of the faculty and of being treated with dignity and respect."

There have been some fears among students at Yeshiva that a union will force the Administration to raise faculty salaries, which may result in tuition increases and faculty-size reductions. Dr. Weidhorn has maintained that money exists; "the only question is how it's being used, and the Administration refuses to divulge any such information."

While money was one main topic in discussion of the pros and cons of a union, faculty involvement in the governance of the University is another. Dr. Behrends maintained that the administration "has become the bosses' in the University, which is completely at variance with the concept that a University is primarily the faculty and the students."

In an interview this year, Dr. Sheldon Socol, Vice President of Financial Affairs at Yeshiva stated that "unionization won't help the governance of the University or the decision making process... I will not sit with any union and discuss decisions within the institution. Unions are employees and the board is management."

The question now is not whether the Administration will discuss matters of University governance with the union, but more simply whether they will even recognize the union. The alternatives are: the University can negotiate in "good faith" with the new union, go to court to protest it, or risk being taken to court by the NLRB under unfair labor charges for ignoring it.

Vote In On Unionization Following Long Delays

The full time faculty of five undergraduate and graduate schools of Yeshiva have voted, by a margin of nearly 2 to 1, in favor of a faculty union at the University. Ninety-

one professors voted for unionization, fifty voted against and six ballots were challenged on technical grounds. The vote, the results of which were made known after the ballots were counted Monday afternoon at the National Labor Relations Board office, will undoubtedly alter the existing informal relationship between faculty and administration, and have far reaching effects on the

file an unfair labor practice charge with the NLRB, which could, in turn, challenge the administration in court.

The faculty involvement with the NLRB began in 1973 when professors at Belfer and Ferkauf Graduate Schools filed an application with the NLRB to unionize. The administration forced the application to be withdrawn after it claimed, and the NLRB later ruled, that the entire University had to be involved in the unionization process. In October of 1974 a new application to the NLRB was filed and lawyers representing both sides presented the case to the Board. During the one and a half years of delay, a non-binding strawpoll was taken and resulted in an overwhelming majority vote of 97 for and 11 against unionization. The Board ruled in December of 1975 that a mandatory election take place in 30 days. After protests by the University, the vote was delayed until February. An unfair labor practice charge, filed by Rabbi Bernstein, concerning voting procedure once again delayed the vote until the charge was dropped, finally enabling the vote to take place last month.

Students Rally Against NCC

By SAUL LEIBERMAN

"Come out and face us!", exclaimed Rabbi Benjamin Blech. "We want an answer," demanded Rabbi Shlomo Riskin. "Zachor!" the whole crowd shouted. With these and other exhortations several hundred students and Rabbis, many from Yeshiva and Stern Colleges, rallied on Thursday, December 16, at a mass demonstration in front of the National Council of Churches building, to demand the immediate removal of alleged Nazi war criminal Bishop Valerian Trifa, from the governing board of the NCC.

According to Concerned Jewish Youth, a group which has investigated Trifa and organized the rally, the Bishop was a student leader of the Iron Guard in Rumania, a militant nationalist group of the 1930's and 1940's, equivalent to the Nazis in Germany. Trifa is alleged to have made virulently anti-Semitic speeches which resulted in the deaths of thousands of Jews and Christians. When Trifa entered the United States in 1950, he denied involvement in any of these activities and was granted citizenship almost immediately.

Rising through the hierarchy of the Rumanian Episcopate of America, Trifa had himself proclaimed bishop and now lives in a large estate outside of Detroit. It has also been alleged that in his high (Continued on Page 4, Col. 1)

Security Reports Remain YCSC Discussion Topic

Reports on the newly formed intercouncil committee, the bookstore and the not forthcoming security reports highlighted a brief meeting of the Yeshiva College Student Council on December 15.

President Rick Elfman informed the quorum of student representatives of the first meeting of the intercouncil committee, composed of the presidents of the student councils here and at SCW. Organized to improve cooperation and to coordinate intercouncil events, the group is composed of all councils' presidents and aides. At its first meeting, the Presi-

dent said, the committee announced its first joint program: a series of "Torah Tours," involving four or five students from Yeshiva College or Stern who will go to various synagogues for weekends to talk to Jewish youth. President Elfman expressed the hope that the program will be a stepping stone (Continued on Page 5, Col. 2)



YCSC serious about security.

December 9, 1976

Dear Dr. Lamm,

A front page editorial in our December 8 "Liberal Arts" issue mistakenly stated that "although the PPC was to actively solicit student opinion, no effort has yet been made by the Committee in this area." In point of fact, the various task-forces of the Presidential Planning Committee have held many discussions with student representatives to determine their feelings about many University programs.

The inaccuracy in this editorial was totally unfounded, and I would like to commend Rabbi Hirt and Dr. Hartstein for the interest they have shown in soliciting student opinion, as well as apologize for this error.

Sincerely,
Ricky Eisenberg
Editor-in-Chief

A Refund

When the students of Yeshiva College take a laboratory course and are required to pay a laboratory fee, they expect to have the necessary equipment available the entire semester. This semester, this has not been the case for the students in Information Science 4.

A \$50 lab fee is required for use of the computer in Information Science. Early in the semester, the one computer necessary for this laboratory, broke down. As a result, the many students in the course have been unable to run the required programs.

THE COMMENTATOR calls for the University to take prompt action in fixing the computer. Students should have the option of withdrawing from the course now without penalty and receiving a full refund of the \$50 lab fee, or of completing the course within a reasonable amount of time without a tentative grade of incomplete appearing on this semester's transcript. Upon completion of the course, the grades should then be added to the fall semester's transcript.

A Cleaning

The gym area in the main building is a disgrace, a picture of absolute filth and stench. The showers are unworkable, the locker rooms are unsanitary and the all pervasive odor makes the entire facility repulsive.

To members of the varsity wrestling and fencing teams, the site is a constant source of embarrassment. The shower room into which visiting teams are ushered before each match has prompted one college newspaper to compare the gym area to a concentration camp.

The deplorable condition of the existing athletic facilities cannot continue to be ignored. Renovating the location would seem most compelling, but at the very least, a thorough cleaning is a necessity.

Letters To The Editor

Evaluating Badly To The Editor:

Your December 8 issue contained an "analysis" section which was well-written and most informative. This editorial feature was less than two pages in length; yet it succeeded in pinpointing clearly and accurately many of the strengths and weaknesses in our undergraduate programs.

One segment of this analysis was, however, somewhat disturbing. I refer to your examination of the Yeshiva Program, which included several valid points of criticism, but neglected to offer

any words of praise. No mention was made of the fine faculty of Rebbeim at Yeshiva. Furthermore, only in this section did you choose to single out by name the individual who was the target of your criticism.

Each of the other seven parts in your analysis contained some expression of satisfaction and approval. Indeed, it was these statements of support — no matter how brief — that injected a sense of constructivity into the criticisms that followed. Your study of YP, by virtue of its one-sided presentation, was ultimately self-defeating.

One must bear in mind that it is the Yeshiva Program — and not guidance, athletics, or libraries — which often represents the major reason that high school students choose to attend YU rather than various other colleges.

The preparation of a YP analysis was, therefore, a project which merited special care and sensitivity on your part. Care and sensitivity which I found lacking.

Michael Muschel, YC '77

To The Editor:

I would like to express my disappointment at THE COMMENTATOR (Continued on Page 4, Col. 4)

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A Clear Copy

Anyone who has ever wanted to copy a set of notes or reproduce a magazine article, knows how indispensable a duplicating machine can be. Although the reproductions made by the machines on campus are on a glossy, inexpensive paper, these low quality copies are certainly adequate in serving the everyday needs of the student.

Occasionally, however, it is important to have a quality copy suitable for presentation. At present, the YU student is frustrated in his efforts to make such a copy, even though the necessary facilities are presently available on the twelfth floor of Belfer. The use of this machine, however, is restricted to the Belfer students and faculty. We feel the need justifies the setting up of a program under which students would have access to such a machine at designated times. It is a small request but would provide a much needed service to the YU student body.

From the Editor's Desk

Clearing Matters Up



By RICKY EISENBERG

In our December 8 "Liberal Arts" issue, we attempted to fairly and accurately present both sides to what has become a major campus debate — whether or not to institute a business program in Yeshiva College. One article in the section featured an interview with YC Dean Bacon who, once again, expressed his opposition to the idea of a business major at Yeshiva. While none of the Dean's three major arguments is new, now that he has lucidly presented them all in a public forum, I feel compelled to take up my pen and refute them, one by one.

The Dean's first point is that "most business schools prefer an applicant who majored in one of the liberal arts and, therefore, many students would be hurting themselves if they majored in business." The fallacy in this argument stems from the Dean's general usage of the term "business." In the category of business, there are a number of studies, including marketing, finance, management, and accounting. A Yeshiva business major would, at best, be limited to accounting — a field for which no graduate study is required after successful completion of a four year undergraduate program! The students who would major in accounting in YC would not apply to graduate school, and, conversely, the students interested in marketing or finance are the ones who are still enrolled at YC and are content with a liberal arts education.

The Dean's second argument, that "the formation of a business major would attract the type of student we may not want at Yeshiva" is personally offensive. The implied premise of this statement, that business majors are less desirable, apparently for reasons of mental incompetence, was also accepted by the YC Senate last year. While some business majors may not be as intelligent as some pre-medical majors, some pre-meds are certainly not as bright as their business counterparts. The Dean's statement implies that everyone would be a pre-med or pre-law student if he were able — a statement that should offend not only every YC student contemplating graduate study in business, but every YC alumnus who chose business as his occupation.

The implication of Dr. Bacon's third point, that "if we had a business major at Yeshiva, the excellent reputation YC has among graduate schools would be in danger," is that the purpose of Yeshiva College is to maintain its reputation (and high rate of acceptances to medical, dental or law schools), despite the need for new programs which would serve the Jewish community. To claim that the purpose of YC is to exist as an institution with an excellent reputation among graduate schools is not an unreasonable assertion for one in the Dean's position. A more balanced view, taking the concept of Yeshiva University with its Torah-Umadah synthesis into account, would interpret the character of Yeshiva College as mandating the College to make available an education to all students interested in the dual program.

The Dean's description of the advanced accounting courses which the YC Senate approved for the College, and which were ratified by the Faculty Assembly is also disturbing. The Dean undoubtedly did not offer these courses because of his view that they are "a totally meaningless compromise, as students would be no closer to receiving their business degree, and these courses would take away from registration from liberal arts courses." This argument can also be used to bar transfer of Cantorial Training Institute credits to Yeshiva College (in most of these courses, one learns a skill — not "more of his fellow man, his cultural heritage, and the principles of knowledge"), and should preclude Drafting, Library, and all Informational Science courses from being offered at Yeshiva. While it is possible that the Dean agrees that these courses should not be offered, one must wonder why only when the terms "business" or "accounting" are raised, does the Dean become so intractable about and concerned with, the dying ideal of liberal arts.

The point of this column was not to deny the value of a liberal arts education, but rather to rebut any arguments that can be raised against instituting a career-oriented program in a liberal arts school. That YC must continue offering a liberal arts program cannot be denied — that the institution must, for its own future viability also offer desired alternatives to a purely liberal arts program can also not be refuted. Business students, one must remember, are not opposed to either the dual program or the liberal arts core that Yeshiva requires — they merely want new programs, programs that Yeshiva should institute.

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The strongest argument for representation of lower classmen on the YC Senate was made at last week's Senate meeting, where a Student Senator, who is a YC senior, supported the proposed requirement of a thesis for all students desiring to graduate with honors. This proposal, which if enacted will affect the Class of 1979 and all classes thereafter, should rightly be unpopular with all students whose majors do not otherwise require them to write a comprehensive paper. Unfortunately, the students who will be affected have no voice on the Senate. (If, however, the Student Senators moderated their great zeal for academic excellence with greater concern for the students whose undergraduate education they are affecting, this paragraph would be unnecessary.)

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The faculty vote on unionization has now been concluded. All readers wishing to learn the Governing Board's position on the union are referred to the editorial "The Upcoming Vote" on page six of the November 10 issue.

Maintenance At YU: Continuing Problems

By FRED GRYNBERG

When one sits in his Ruben Hall "suite," sneezing from the dust and sweeping the room for himself, it is frustrating to know that as recently as five years ago, there was daily maid service for each room to obviate such problems. It is obviously not that way now, but there are reasons for this difference in maintenance quality, reasons of which most students are unaware.

The two most important events having a bearing on the situation were the formation of a union, eight years ago, involving service and maintenance employees, and the recent contracting of the Red Top Service Co. to take care of the housekeeping at the main campus. It is important to realize the effects these two specific events have had on the University's services, in order to understand the disparity between the services of the past and the present.

Mr. Jerry Bodner, Labor Counsel for the administration and a participant in the University's union negotiations, described the type of union formed in 1968. He explained that this union, local No. 1199, is basically a hospital union, which covers the service and maintenance employees of the University, the lab technicians at Belfer, and the clerical and professional employees at Brookdale. Since expiration of the first contract, which had lasted three years, a new contract has been negotiated every two years. The unionization of the employees has resulted in substantial increase in salary, additional vacation and holiday time, additional days of sick leave, and vastly improved health benefits. The health benefits include a welfare package in which the University pays for employee medical and dental expenses.

Tacitly Understood

Mr. Bodner felt that there is a tacit understanding between the University and the union. The University realizes it has to do what is fair and the union is aware of the University's financial problems. This awareness was brought clearly into focus with the union strike against YU in 1971. According to Mr. Bodner, it was evident from that situation that strikes don't create a sudden availability of money in the midst of financial problems.

The ramifications of the union on the housekeeping and maintenance service were examined in an interview with Mr. Jacob Blazer, the Director of Buildings and Grounds. Mr. Blazer discussed the type of services that existed prior to unionization that are not being provided at present. These services included daily maid service, linen free of charge, and the painting of the campus on a rotational basis of three years. The University also had extra "stand-by" help if such help was required for student needs.

When the union was formed, retention of this entire staff would have resulted in substantial increases in payroll costs. Mr. Blazer explained, "we were faced with a fiscal problem as to how to pay for it. Part of it, the University was to have absorbed,

and part of it was to be passed on to the students in the form of an increased dormitory fee. The student leaders were called into a meeting, and my understanding was that they elected to have the services in the dormitories reduced, rather than pay the higher dormitory fees."

Above Dirty Water

At first, maid service was reduced to two days a week, but the students were still supplied
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Just stopping for a visit, or doing a job? — ER

The President Speaks



Halftime

By RICK ELFMAN

The first Semester is quickly drawing to an end. I've beckoned many people to do their jobs, and imposed upon others to do more than their jobs. There have been varying degrees of success, and on the whole, I've been satisfied and appreciative. (Perhaps this type of column should be saved for my finale, but I deem it necessary to give praise now, for the maintenance of the high level of success till the end of this year, and for renewed vigor for next semester.) All too many good councils have fallen apart at mid-year because of a lack of appreciation leading to dissension. I want everyone who has assisted me to know now, that I appreciate the work they have done so far.

A passage in Thomas Jefferson's First Inaugural Address aptly applies to both my first column on the proper perspective and to my present call for unity and understanding. "I have learned to expect that it will rarely fall to the lot of imperfect man to retire from this station (the Presidency) with the reputation and the favor which bring him into it. — I ask so much confidence only as may give firmness and effect to the legal administration of your affairs. I shall often go wrong through defect of judgment. When right, I shall often be thought wrong by those whose positions will not command a view of the whole round. I ask your indulgence for my own errors, which will never be intentional; and your support against the errors of others who may condemn what they would not, if seen in all parts."

That a president retires with fewer friends at the end of his term is not uncommon, because you cannot please everyone. The more decisions one makes, the more people one can turn off. The president's decisions, hopefully, will please most of the people. In an apathetic group, however, it is easier to arouse anger than it is to elicit joy. No one will deny that student apathy is not low at Yeshiva University. The students, consequently, more readily condemn than praise their leaders.

There is safety in numbers, there is power in unity, and there is confidence in unanimity. Council must work together as a whole, without petty squabbling, to facilitate progress and save time. There is also a need for all the student councils to work together. Contrary to what the last Commentator Op-Ed article stated, there is unity among the councils this year. All the council presidents of YC, SCW, SOY, JSS, and EMC meet regularly in a conference labeled "Inter-Council-Committee." This combined assembly is just realizing its full potential. I'm sure its presence as a strong student voice will become well known next semester.

Finally, to my teachers, roommates, and friends, a special thank-you for the understanding you have shown towards me. Forgive me if I have not had enough time to devote to you. For the students, my door is always open to respond to your problems. I thank the many who did not desert me in my times of need, and remind them we have only just begun.

AECOM's Dean Friedman Interviewed: Discusses School's Ideals And Policies

Recently, THE COMMENTATOR, interviewed Dean Ephraim Friedman of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine on a series of wide ranging issues relating to the Medical College.

Most important to the average Yeshiva student is, perhaps, the relationship of the Medical College to the University's undergraduate body. Beginning with an evaluation of the philosophical ties between the two schools, Dean Friedman asserted that "emphasis at Einstein on scholarship . . . derives its source from the same philosophy as that of Yeshiva University." He pointed out that many clearly Jewish values, such as "glorification of learning," are made evident at Einstein. He did not hesitate to add, however, that the college is purely and unequivocally non-

sectarian. On a more practical level, Dean Friedman stated that, scholastically, the College of Medicine feels a responsibility to the undergraduate school. Thus, when asked whether, if ever the need arose, the Medical College would bail out a faltering science department at Yeshiva College, the Dean replied with a categorical yes.

When asked to evaluate former Yeshiva College students now studying at Einstein, Dr. Friedman stated, "To the degree that the dual program selects outstanding students, the Yeshiva students that are at Einstein are excellent . . . the dual program does, however, put some constraint on the science training and there are some clear deficiencies in the science training of YU graduates." He termed these deficiencies a very serious problem and expressed his hope that the Presidential Planning Committee now evaluating the various departments at YU will realize the need and importance

of a viable science structure and revitalize Yeshiva College's science departments. He added, however, that, after comparing Yeshiva students' grades with those of students from other outstanding schools, the Einstein faculty had found that "grade inflation is not one of YU's problems." And despite the problems with the academic program of YU, he felt that "the student who does well at YU is known at Einstein for being an outstanding student."

In Opposition

Recently, Congress passed the "Health Manpower Education and Assistance Act" which requires all American medical schools to admit, to their second year classes, all foreign trained American medical students who have passed the first part of the National Medical Boards. Yale University has been the first medical school to openly refuse to comply with this ruling, risking the loss of all forms of fed-
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Eccentricity In Belfer Halls; Yeshiva's Own Mad Scientist

By GARY ABBERBOCK

Offhand, Dr. David Finkelstein of the Belfer Physics Department seems like the prototype of the mad scientist. His office on the thirteenth floor of Belfer is representative of his seeming eccentricity. There is no desk in this room; a chair and a couch are the only pieces of furniture. "I do most of my work on the floor," explains Dr. Finkelstein. By the window there is a large wooden planter filled with a great variety of lush green growth. Outside the room, his nameplate is not to be found on his door but is, instead, attached sideways on the doorpost. Eccentric? Or, perhaps, logical? Only after getting better acquainted with Dr. Finkelstein can one really decide.

Dr. David Finkelstein, Professor of Physics at Yeshiva University for the past sixteen years and the Acting Chairman of the Physics Department of the Belfer Graduate School of Science, was born and raised in New York City. A graduate of

liked by the professor, who resembles the expanded set-up at Belfer, which does not allow for much personal contact among students. Dr. Finkelstein himself strives for highly personal relationships with people, and is well liked by both students and associates.

Those who know Dr. Finkelstein instinctively associate him with his strange practices. Plants in the office, no desk, nameplate sideways on the door post: what reasoning can explain these unusual ways?

In explaining his uncommon practices, Dr. Finkelstein goes on the offensive, attacking those who do not follow his ways. He explains that the nameplate on the door post is simply, "so you can see it down the hall." In responding to why the majority of people, nevertheless, place theirs on the door, he boldly contends, "Most people are irrational." As for the absence of a desk, Dr. Finkelstein claims the room is too small for unnecessary pieces of furniture, and, in truth, space is rather limited in his office.

How then does he mark his test papers? "Lately," says the physics professor, "I've discovered that it's possible to get the class to do most of the grading." However, he continues to explain that when he does have marking or work to do, it is usually done on the floor since, "it's bigger than the desk and, there's less chance of things falling off it."

Physics Over Plants

As for his affection towards plants, Dr. Finkelstein explains that all people have an affinity for them, for "we were born in the woods." He does not speak to them though he does cherish and take pride in them. In discussing his peculiar, "rationalistic" ways, Dr. Finkelstein is extremely honest and straightforward though, understandably, he prefers dis-
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— YUPR
Dr. David Finkelstein

City College, with a PhD from MIT, he currently resides in Teaneck, New Jersey. He has been with Belfer ever since the school held classes in what is now the annex to George Washington High School, when, Dr. Finkelstein wittily recalls, "I had my plasma laboratory next to Ruth's Girdle Shop."

The close quarters were well

Immediate Removal Of Trifa Demanded At Gathering To Protest Against NCC

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 5) position, the Bishop was able to bring over to America other former members of the Iron Guard, placing them in high positions around him. Trifa was long ago sentenced in absentia to life imprisonment in Rumania, along with many of these clergymen.

The rally was aimed at the NCC because it has allegedly known of Trifa's activities since 1952 and has consistently denied the charges made against him. Last October, after Concerned

Jewish Youth occupied their office, the NCC agreed to establish a committee to determine Trifa's status in the organization. But this committee, according to CJY, has taken no action. From atop a sound truck, many Rabbis from JSS, along with Rabbis Avi Weiss, Saul Berman and Walter Wurzbarger, demanded that the National Council of Churches dismiss the alleged Nazi collaborator. All the Rabbis and other prominent members of the Community attending, vowed not to

remain silent and not to remember the Holocaust without bringing its perpetrators to justice. Among organizers of the group and speakers at this event were two Yeshiva College students, Wayne Perlmutter and Andrew Kane. Sherwood Goffin led the group in the singing of Ani Maamin, and in reciting El Molei Rachamin. After more marching and speeches and only silence on the part of those indoors, the rally ended with a pledge to return if Trifa was not removed.

(Continued from Page 2, Col. 3) TATOR's evaluation of our University's various undergraduate structures. I object not only to the assessments presented, but also, and particularly, to THE COMMENTATOR's failure to poll the student body in order to properly represent their opinions.

I refer specifically to the ill conceived analysis of the Erna Michael College of Hebraic Studies. Rather than conduct a poll of the EMC student body (in which EMC3C would have gladly

assisted), or at the very least seek out the opinions of a representative sampling of the students, the Governing Board chose to project the views of no more than a handful of students as representing the sentiments of a student body of over 200.

EMC3C meetings are open to all, yet the student leaders of COMMENTATOR could not find time to attend these meetings in order to obtain a deeper understanding of what EMC is all about. Nor did they interview the members of EMC3C, whose job, after all, is to represent their constituency. Nevertheless, they attempted to analyze the situation of EMC in one short paragraph and to print an off-the-cuff proposal which would radically lower academic standards. I doubt if the editors of COMMENTATOR did sufficient research to be able to intelligently evaluate a structure and curriculum which was developed only after many years of intelligent communication between students, faculty and administration.

COMMENTATOR has failed in its endeavor to present to the PPC a study worthy of serious consideration. More significantly, however, it has strengthened the growing student sentiment that COMMENTATOR now represents the views of an elite coterie and no longer merits the title of "the official voice of the students of Yeshiva College."

Benjy Goldstein, YC '77
President, EMC3C

The Editor Replies:

The Governing Board and I stand by our evaluations which, of course, represent the unanimous opinion of the entire Governing Board, and do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the entire YC student body.

Applause For YCDS
To The Editor:

After each semester's drama production, I am in awe of the professionalism of the students in the YC Dramatics Society and of the dedication of Dr. Beukas. Though short of time, money, and resources, they consistently produce excellent performances. In any appraisal of the College's strength, Dr. Beukas and his students must be counted among our richest assets.

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YC English Department

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Letters

Friedman Interviewed

(Continued from Page 3, Col. 5) eral assistance for its programs. When asked to comment on the controversy, Dean Friedman stated that Einstein, along with most American medical schools, supports Yale in its opposition and that there is a distinct possibility that due to such pressure from medical schools, the law will be reversed.

Dean Friedman was then asked to comment on the argument between Einstein and Misericordia Hospital, over affiliation with Lincoln Hospital in the Bronx. He stated that ever since the closing of Fordham Hospital, Misericordia Hospital had been searching for another affiliation, at first with the new North Central Bronx Hospital and then with Lincoln Hospital. As Einstein had been the affiliate of Lincoln Hospital officially for twenty years and unofficially for the ten years preceding, Dean Friedman felt that it was in the best interest of the College, the student body, the patients of the community and the hospital that Einstein remain the affiliate. Despite the one or two controversial quotes in the local newspapers, Dean Friedman felt that there were no religious overtones in the dispute and termed it merely an "inter-hospital controversy." The present agreement, recently concluded between the two hospitals, gives the affiliation contract to Misericordia and allows Einstein to retain an academic affiliation with the Hospital. Dean Friedman declined to comment on whether health care in the Bronx would in any way be affected by the new accord, saying, "It is not a black and white issue." When asked how the agreement would affect the clinical education of the medical students at Einstein, he did say, however, that "if through our academic affiliation we are able to enhance the quality of the faculty and therefore patient care, we are hoping . . . to have it remain a viable place for teaching."

A Clear and Present Need

Commenting on recent statements that municipal hospitals are expensive, inefficient and unnecessary, as Medicare and Medicaid allow the poor to seek medical care at voluntary hospitals, Dean Friedman asserted that municipal hospitals are necessary to provide health care to a significant portion of the population, namely, the working poor, who are not eligible for Medicare or Medicaid. He did, however, say that he thought "the statement that municipal hospitals tend to be inefficient is true. The municipal or state or federal bureaucracies, for that matter, tend to increase cost and decrease efficiency." Yet, he did not fail to assert that there are some mu-

nicipal hospitals which provide excellent health care, like Jacobi Hospital in the Bronx.

As all systems, public or private, have their own bureaucracies, however, Dean Friedman said that he sees politics as the major problem with the municipal hospital system. "There are just too many politicians who have vested interests (in the municipal hospital system). Lincoln Hospital has been a classic example, where we have doctors, capable and wanting to deliver care to patients in desperate need of good care, a beautiful facility which should have been an ideal place to deliver that care . . . but the politicians have made a tragedy of what could have been an exciting possibility."

Many Hear Kahane Speak; Stresses Need For Aliyah

By HENRY KAMIONER

Striking out at American Jewry for failing to make aliyah to Israel, Rabbi Meir Kahane addressed nearly two hundred Yeshiva students and faculty members during club hour, December 16. Kahane is presently on a world-wide speaking tour, urging Jews to come to Israel. With the dynamic enthusiasm and warmth the former head of the Jewish Defense League is known for, Kahane brought many arguments to support his claim that every Jew, "including the YU Jew" belongs in Israel. Claiming that the Land of Israel must be ours, "from the Euphrates River to the Great Nile in Egypt," Kahane exclaimed that "not one inch can be sacrificed."

The apathetic attitude of the Jewish people towards Eretz Yisroel is and always has been the cause of the "Jewish Problem." The Jew, no matter how hard he tries, will never be able to "make it" in Galut. "The Jews cannot depend on Nixons, Fords or Carters to make the Jewish State survive. The responsibility of Israel is on the Jew, and the strongest missiles we can send are Jews themselves."

"How many times in their existence," Kahane asked the attentive audience, "have the Jews become too comfortable in their non-Jewish societies only to discover too late the horror of anti-Semitism?" He exclaimed that tragedy can strike just like it struck in Nazi Germany thirty years ago. Anti-Semitism is spreading in every major community in the world; Mexico, Paris and Johannesburg were

Eccentricity In Belfer Halls; Yeshiva's Own Mad Scientist

(Continued from Page 3, Col. 5) cussing his major interest, physics.

Dr. Finkelstein traces his interest in physics back to his adolescence when he would spend time reading works of science fiction. Since that time, he has developed into a dedicated physicist who teaches and inspires others about "the most fundamental of the sciences, the science which broadens the human view of the world." He also dedicates a great deal of time to research, and is presently developing and publicizing a new theory of nature which "attempts to dig beneath the usual conceptions of time and space."

According to popular rumor,

Dr. Finkelstein has been mentioned as a candidate for the Nobel Prize. He denies, however, any knowledge of being considered for this award, saying that if he were considered, it would not be for present work but rather for work done in the past.

A striking difference in the way Dr. Finkelstein teaches is that, as compared to other teachers in elementary courses, he omits chapters dealing with friction. He explains, "I try to teach a course at the most fundamental level I can; friction is superficial. Friction is one of the things put in just because it's easy to make up problems with."

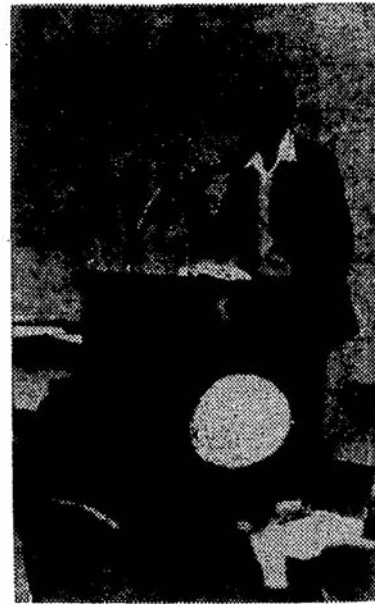
It Came From Nothing . . .

While with YU, Dr. Finkelstein has seen the physics department grow from nothingness to a point where, "it's one of the best around." He has high regard for the teachers in the department. He conveys his admiration of the quality of YU's physics department saying, "Originally when I'd get tired of this place, I'd go visit another place and come back feeling better." Dr. Finkelstein himself has contributed both time and energy to the growth of this department.

At the present time, Dr. Finkelstein is completing a book entitled, *Quantum Logic*, geared to people interested in the Quantum Theory. This is his first work, and though he enjoys writing, he vows never to write a textbook saying, "I hope never to write a book for someone who's not interested in the subject." Dr. Finkelstein says he is unsure about future projects at the present time.

Due to cutbacks on government grants, which have eliminated the lucrative rewards for research in the field of physics, the type of person who chooses physics as a profession, explains Dr. Finkelstein, is basically one who enjoys it and is willing to dedicate himself to it without expecting great financial compensation. Dr. Finkelstein himself is truly dedicated to his work.

Dr. David Finkelstein is well liked, respected, and admired as a teacher, a physicist, and as an associate. His eccentricities, if you wish to consider them as such, merely add glitter to his sparkling personality. He has done a great deal for YU in sixteen years and will continue to dedicate himself to the institution in the future. He richly deserves the recognition he gets, and while at YU, hopes he will succeed in making an everlasting contribution to the world of physics and bring the Nobel Prize home to Yeshiva.



Rabbi Meir Kahane

just a few of the examples that Kahane cited.

Religious Jews have a double responsibility and an even greater obligation to Eretz Yisroel — as individuals who must be physically involved in helping to build the land, and as a people who must construct a religious environment in Israel. Besides the vexing problem as to who is a Jew in Israel today, Kahane insisted that the religious environment in general needs bolstering. Israeli public schools have been turning out anti-zionist Israelis and not "frumma yiddin." Several leaders in Parliament, the Rabbi continued, even refuse to mention G-d's name in the Knesset.

The geulah is on the threshold, Rabbi Kahane said. "It is ours for the taking if we return to our Land. It is our responsibility and our challenge, our goal and our heritage."

"Indians" A Success For YC Dramatics

Last week the Yeshiva College Dramatics Society presented its 1976 Fall production — Indians, by Author Kopit. The play was viewed by seven near sell-out crowds at the college theatre in the Student Union Building. The Dramatics Society is currently celebrating its twelfth year of fine productions under the direction of Dr. Anthony Beukas.

The play Indians explores the white man's exploitation of the Indians. Set in the 1880's, the play is seen through the eyes of Buffalo Bill Cody, who presents his Wild West Show. The play's many scenes are taken from his Wild West Show, American history, and Cody's life and dreams. While skeletally based on facts, the production incorporates theatrical fantasy in its attempt to symbolize American society's exploitation of not only the Indians, but also of the Vietnamese, Black Panthers, and Jews in Nazi Germany as well. The symbolism is often explicit while it is sometimes buried deeply in the play's mosaic structure.

As in past years, YCDS selected a challenging show for its production. Although the play has been performed extensively by amateur actors across the country, its very nature makes it a hard drama to "pull off." Part of the difficulty is the author's goals in writing Indians. Kopit says, "the purpose of the play was to create a fresh feeling for the confusions of history, the amorphousness of history, and hopefully to put the Vietnamese situation into a context of American history and American method. . . . I wanted to capture the nightmarish confusion of being bombarded by statements, by justifications, by historical references. The only way to present these in a play was to create a sense of disorientation in the audience."

The risk in producing this play is that many leave the play disoriented, not sure of what they have seen. Surely, the play provokes them to think. It is not a documentary or a light-hearted drama, but rather, a work of art. As with all art forms, it has its supporters and its critics. Two people can view the same piece of pop-art, and while one appreciates it as he understands its

symbolism, the other sees nothing in it.

As in the past, the Society turned out a truly professional production. The cast of over twenty spent only six weeks rehearsing for the show, and it was almost flawlessly performed. Steve Passer, last year's winner of the best-actor award for his performance as Joel in Mari-golds, was brilliant in the lead role as Buffalo Bill. Returning veterans Jay Solomont (Sitting Bull) and Joel Tessler (Wild Bill Hickock) were also outstanding in their supporting roles. In general, Dr. Beukas' casting was appropriate and his stage directing was outstanding.

Many long hours were spent by the technical staff in constructing the stage set and in organizing and operating the lighting and sound equipment. The technical aspects of the play also added a "classy" touch. The theater staff also did a tremendous job in publicity, as they sold a record number of tickets.

Finally, Dr. Anthony Beukas, who designed and directed the entire production must be lauded. Dr. Beukas is Assistant Professor of Speech and Drama in YC, the Artistic Director and Faculty Advisor to the Yeshiva College Dramatics Society, and Faculty Advisor of Yeshiva's Dramatics Honor Society. He is one of the most dedicated faculty members and has eleven years of successful productions at Yeshiva to his credit.

The Editor-in-Chief and Governing Board of THE COMMENTATOR wish to extend a hearty Mazal Tov to Dr. Steven Bayme of the YC History Department upon the successful completion of his doctoral thesis.

Elfman Presents To Council Intercouncil Committee Plans

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 2) leading to organized seminars.

The presidents also discussed the Yeshiva College bookstore, a part of Yeshiva about which many students and faculty members have voiced their grievances, either because of its lack of supplies or its inaccessibility. The situation, President Elfman reported, has improved and the necessary books should be available if teachers will order in advance.

Leave It To The Colonel
As reported earlier in THE COMMENTATOR the student se-

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Senate Debates Plans For Required Honors Thesis

By JEFF KANTOWITZ

The Yeshiva College Senate met December 16 to continue the discussion on the merits of awarding honors at graduation only to students who have written theses in their areas of study. A report containing a Senate resolution was delivered by the committee assigned to investigate the honors program and possible alternatives to it.

The resolution recommended by the committee would require a student who wishes to graduate with honors to write a thesis in his major or minor field, or as part of his Jewish division studies. It would have to earn a minimal grade of "I". A student who would choose not to submit a thesis would be reduced one rank in his degree of honor. Dr. Bayme, chairman of the committee, added that the resolution would apply to those students who entered YC in the fall of 1975 and after.

Several points favoring this resolution were cited by members of the committee. Honors would be measured qualitatively as well as quantitatively, under the proposed system. A required thesis, furthermore, would reduce the number of degrees with honors awarded and would consequently raise the value of those honors.

Sounding off

Almost all the senators commented on the resolution. Rabbi Charlop voiced opposition, citing the already heavy burden imposed on YC students. He pointed to the students' excellent performances on the standardized tests like LSAT, GRE, MCAT, and in graduate and professional schools, as proofs that grades at YC truly reflect the students' abilities. Student Senator Robert Blass remarked that from the contact that he has had with professional schools, Yeshiva's

grades are highly valued. Rabbi Charlop also questioned the gradings of these papers, on the grounds of the lack of uniform standards. English Professor Dr. Lainoff viewed the resolution as undemocratic. "It is not educationally sound to write a paper just for honor grades. All students," he said, "should be required to write a paper."

Dr. Aaron Levine, a YC Economics Professor, questioned the consistency of the resolution and suggested that the topic of the paper be extended to any course or field.

The problem of implementing the proposed program was raised by Dr. Haar. "The quality of the paper depends a large part on the quality of guidance given by the instructor," something which is out of the student's control and for which he may be penalized.

YU Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Israel Miller agreed with Dr. Haar, saying that he saw nothing wrong with the GPA as a good evaluation of a student's capability. A paper should be included in some required courses, and not be required for graduation with honors, he said.

Dr. Bayme, representing the committee, responded to many of the objections expressed. He suggested that should students wish to write a thesis in the area of Jewish Studies, a Talmud faculty member could assign papers which would insure adequate reading and research by the student. Dr. Bayme said that the paper should reflect the area of a student's specialization. His background in that area would enhance the paper.

On the point of guidance raised by Dr. Haar, Dr. Bayme admitted that the burden would be on the faculty and that they would have to help students with their theses. While admitting that the grading of such a paper would lack uniform standards, Dean Rabinowitz, who also supported the proposal, pointed out that different grading standards reflected in the GPA already exist in the school.

Who's Whose

MARRIAGES:

Steven Staum, YC '76 to Yosifa Kohn.

ENGAGEMENTS:

Joel Cohn, YC '77 to Shulamit Predemsky.

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Jay Zitter, YC '77 to Emmy Stark.

Steven Singfer, YC '77 to Vivi Auerbach.

Marty Thaler, YC '77 to Marcia Rothstein.

Fred Kanarfogel, YC '76 to Devorah Carmel.

Chaim Brickman, YC '74, AECOM '77 to Hassidah Bigmen.

Daniel Cohn, YC '79 to Rivka Schneider.

Asher Leeder, YC '74, RIETS '77 to Shira Buxbaum.

PPC Hears Students

During the past few weeks, the Presidential Planning Committee has been working on its evaluation of Yeshiva, and has been gathering recommendations on how to improve the University. Many students and student organizations, at the outset, complained that there was not enough student input with the Committee. While it is true that there are no student representatives on the Committee or on its many task-forces, there has been a wide range of student input, according to Rabbi Robert Hirt, one of the



PPC's Rabbi Robert Hirt

PPC's coordinators. In fact, every task force of the Committee has interviewed numerous students.

On December 15 and 16, thirty students were consulted by one of the task forces. Dr. Goshen Goldstein, chairman of the task force dealing with Jewish Studies met with student representatives from James Striar School and the Stern and Erna Michael Colleges, in order to discuss the problems with the programs, and to entertain any solutions that the students could recommend. Other dialogue, concerning the structure and course offerings of the different departments at Yeshiva College, has also been conducted between task-force representatives and students within the past few weeks.

In its last issue, COMMENTATOR attempted to identify some of the problems within various programs affecting the YC student body, as areas for further study by the PPC. Copies of the evaluations have been sent by Rabbi Hirt to the different task-forces involved with the specific problems discussed.

After each of the four task forces comprising the Committee, in the areas of Behavioral and Social Sciences, Humanities, Jewish Studies, and Mathematics receives reports from its member sub-committees, the PPC will convene in order to evaluate the general recommendations. PPC members will subsequently draw up a report based on the references of the task-forces and present this document to Dr. Lamm next month.

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A History Of Campus Maintenance: Services Decline Due To Cutbacks

Continued from Page 3, Col. 2' with free linen. The frequency of the cleaning of the halls and showers was also reduced. In addition, there was almost a total cutback on the surplus of men who were available to take care of special situations and to fill in for sicknesses and latenesses. Mr. Blazer remarked, "We kept just enough staff to keep our heads above water in trying to maintain the place."

Following the next union contract, three years later, another dorm fee increase was forthcoming. At this point, some five years ago, the students chose to completely do away with free linen and reduce the maid service to one day a week. This is the situation that exists today, with service which Mr. Blazer terms a "token" cleaning. The difference in quality is clear when one considers the reduction in staff from eighteen maids, who were employed prior to unionization, to the three full-time maids who are employed now. Mr. Blazer explained that, in the past, the Yeshiva was "pampering" or "mothering" the students. It is apparent, that the students did not want to be treated in such a manner if it would result in raising the dormitory fees. Mr. Blazer expects the students to maintain their own rooms and keep them at a "livable" level.

Recently, there has been another factor influencing the quality of housekeeping service in the dormitory, namely the employment of Red Top to supervise the housekeeping department at the Main Center. Red Top is a national managerial service based in Denver, Colorado, which specializes in institutional housekeeping. Mr. Blazer felt that the quality of cleaning beforehand was inadequate. There was especially a problem in the laxity of the workers while performing their jobs. "The men were cleaning the bathrooms and showers in a physical or manual manner, but it wasn't a proper cleaning," Mr. Blazer commented. Therefore, he believed, YU had to get involved with a managerial service with a systemized way of operations, which would have better routine, employment, and the know-how to maintain the University in proper condition.

Mr. Blazer claimed that another advantage in employing Red Top was in separating the maintenance and housekeeping staffs into two independent departments. Previously, when there was a breakdown in one department, people were taken from the other, so cleaning was neglected. "But

now," Mr. Blazer insisted, "on a day-to-day basis, 'schlepping' people away from their cleaning jobs shouldn't occur, so cleaning should be concentrated on and should improve."

There are two supervisors representing Red Top here, the Housekeeping Manager, Mr. John McDougall, and the Assistant Manager, Mr. Steve Berkowitz. Despite this apparent addition to the managerial staff, Mr. Blazer emphasized that the number of people employed in housekeeping and maintenance has stayed the same. He explained that Mr. Berkowitz was working as a supervisor here beforehand, but now he works for the University under Red Top. Also, before Red Top arrived, Mr. C. Thompson, a supervisor in maintenance, was retired and wasn't replaced. Consequently there has been no net change in the number of staff. This factor, plus the fact that Red Top is a managerial service and not a subcontractor, is why Mr. Blazer hoped that the additional costs involved would be negligible in the long run.

Red Top assumed responsibility for housekeeping on October 18. Mr. Blazer claimed that they haven't been in complete control as of yet. This could be termed as a general lag in assuming the responsibility or could possibly be attributed to the time taken away by the investiture of President Lamm and the inability to get equipment because of the UPS strike. Mr. Blazer explained, "Our aim in taking Red Top was not to neglect the students. Our interest is to improve the situation, that the students should feel comfortable living here."

No Paper

Commenting on the recent lack of paper towels and the infrequent cleaning of the bathrooms, Mr. Blazer insisted that this was not deliberate. He attributed this apparent neglect to the general lag in takeover and Red Top's

unfamiliarity with the situation at YU. "I won't tolerate such a cutback in service," Mr. Blazer exclaimed. He then claimed that he had already received such complaints and has brought them to Red Top's attention, and the situation has been rectified. He admitted though that the problems shouldn't have existed in the first place.

Mr. Blazer explained that if services are inadequate, there is a clause that enables the University to terminate the association. The administration, however, would initiate such action only if complaints and observations were made by the students. Mr. Blazer then said, "If the students find specific areas, whether it be in the showers, floors, schoolbuilding, or whatever, that seem to be in absolute neglect, they should bring it to my attention. If it is just something that happened and needs service, then we had asked students in notices to please notify Red Top. If they don't get satisfaction from Red Top, this office takes full responsibility for the condition and the service the student gets."

Mr. Blazer concluded by commenting on the lack of pride students seem to take in the condition of the campus area. He pointed to the fact that students continue to put up posters all over the school, despite the repeated requests made to students to put them only on specially designated bulletin boards. He also observed that students drop papers and garbage on the floor, even if there is a garbage disposal can a few feet away.

Mr. Blazer claimed that no matter how much you scrub and polish, the appearance of the campus is ruined by the abundance of papers on the walls and floors. The students are the ones who live here and must be on the lookout for any need or neglect in service, and must direct their complaints to the proper channels. Students who assume that others have already complained, or students who just complain to friends, do very little to help the situation.

Yeshiva Open House Held In YC Recruitment Drive

By ROBERT FRIEDMAN

"Phase Two" of an energetic recruitment drive at Yeshiva began Sunday, December 12, with a highly informative and well-organized open house for prospective students and their parents. Held simultaneously at Yeshiva and Stern Colleges, these sessions enabled New York area high school students to acquaint themselves with the curricula of the respective schools. Rabbi Abner H. Groff, newly appointed Dean of Admissions of all the schools comprising Yeshiva University termed the program "highly informative" but expressed some disappointment that only 150 people chose to attend. Groff's attempts to acquaint high school students with Yeshiva is not limited to the New York area. Many cities throughout the country will be reached through different programs called Career Nights.

At Yeshiva College the program opened with speeches by members of the faculty in the various fields of study. Dr. Moses D. Tendler, Chairman of the Biology Department, spoke about the natural sciences. Dr. A. Levine, Chairman of the Economics Department, discussed the social sciences, and Dr. Paul Conolly, concentrated his remarks on the humanities.

Following the broad introductory speeches, faculty members answered specific questions about each major, and fact sheets, describing each department, were distributed. Two mini-seminars were held, one for the health sciences and one for the pre-law and business programs.

In the afternoon, the group at Stern College joined those at the

uptown campus for a combined program on the technical aspects of Yeshiva, including admissions policies, financial aid, and registration. After the sessions were completed, all were invited to a reception and an exclusive performance of Indians, the latest YCDS hit production. The YU Museum and the Mendel Gottesman Library were also open to prospective students.

In reference to this past summer's "recruitment blitz," Dean Groff pointed to the increased enrollment of thirty new students at YC and fifteen students at Stern. However, he emphasized that this is only a beginning and that the Admissions Office is now involved in "Phase Two" of the program. Among the major innovations are an extensive traveling schedule to familiarize students throughout the United States with the ideals of Yeshiva University, a massive mailing campaign to yeshivas, day schools and Talmud Torahs throughout the continent, and Career Nights held at various yeshiva high schools in the city.

Calling All Students

A phone-a-thon to be undertaken in the near future is also planned. Interestingly, the major problem encountered, Groff said, is the lack of personnel, not insufficient funds. Rabbi Groff appealed to all students at Yeshiva to assist in their very crucial program.


When asked what the significance of his promotion from Director to Dean of Admissions was, Rabbi Groff replied, that the move suggests that the Admissions Office would now add input into general academic matters.

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Defense Is The Key As Juniors Defeat Srs.

By RUSTY YOUNG

In what could prove to be a preview of the championship game in intramural basketball for this term, the Juniors, despite the absence of Mitch Merlis, downed the Seniors 51-42. The first quarter was purely offense, with both teams scoring at will. This was a switch from the usual start of intramural games where both teams generally take the first quarter to warm up and re-adjust themselves to full court play. It was especially surprising since there had not been a basketball game for almost a month due to midterm examinations.

All the players seemed to make the adjustment, as they let loose in the game. This scoring spree was due to both teams' taking advantage of the other's weak defense. The Seniors' defense keyed on denying the ball from the Junior forwards. This allowed repeated scoring from the Junior slot men.

Good passing and continued deep penetration from Sheldon Small, combined with sharp shooting from Mike Weiss and Shelly Lindenfeld, gave the Juniors a five point lead. The Sen-

iors stayed in the game with the good outside play of Herbie Lempel and Sholom Wind, and the strong play underneath of Big Dan Feuer and Avi Moskowitz.

While the first quarter was only offense, the second quarter was the opposite. Both teams tightened their defense and as a result neither team could score. The only baskets came on two fast breaks on the part of speedy Sheldon Small.

The Seniors, who trailed by nine at the half, came out with a balanced game, playing superbly on both defense and offense. Six quick points by Alan Lempel and a layup underneath by Feuer brought the Seniors to within a point. The Juniors called time out to reorganize. Making a key defensive switch from a zone to a man to man, the Juniors stalled the Senior drive. Fine rebounding and scoring underneath by recently-engaged Lenny Pianko, plus the stabilizing play of Leon Behar and player-coach Alan Schuchalter soon put the Junior's back on top by a comfortable margin. With the play-making of Leon Behar and the consistent shooting, the Seniors could not catch up.

With only the Freshmen left to play, the Juniors stand a good chance of ending the term undefeated and rewinning the championship.

Commie After Dark

THE SCREEN

Fourth in a hilarious series, The Pink Panther Strikes Again which could just as well be called Further Misadventures of Inspector Clouseau is now coming to local theaters. The plot of this movie, in which ex-chief Inspector Dreyfuss, who went totally bananas in the last of the Pink Panther movies, returns, desiring to destroy his nemesis Clouseau (Peter Sellers), has no connection to the Pink Panther diamond, which gave the series its name, and is well off without it.

The movie almost totally dispenses with all reality, and is primarily a vehicle to show that Peter Sellers is a funny, funny man. This superbly acted film is undoubtedly much funnier than the previous addition to the series and cannot help but make the audience await the Pink Panther's next visit. (RE)

A typical plot — boy meets girl, falls in love and tries to save her life — provides the movement in the new suspense comedy Silver Streak. Although the action begins slowly, a few hilarious twists liven the story as Gene Wilder attempts to keep up with the Silver Streak, a cross-country train. The subject of this frantic chase is his lover (Jill Clayburgh), the secretary whose skills include things other than typing, who is held hostage on board. The true star of the

movie, however, is Richard Pryor, the generous supplier of comedy, who joins Wilder in the mad chase.

Silver Streak is a very entertaining film, in which deep messages give way to comic "color." It is an enjoyable way to spend a few hours without involving oneself in "heavy drama." (PK)

All This and World War II is an anti-war film that's different from all others. What makes this film unique is that it's presented totally as film clips of WWII and of old WWII movies with Beatle songs playing in the background. The songs, which are old Lennon-McCartney tunes done by various artists, are the key to the film. Each song has a relevance to what's being presented on the screen and as a result the film clips are given a stronger meaning. The effect can be shocking and is even humorous at times, but the viewer is constantly reminded of the futility of war.

The film's style was captured by a film clip showing signs in England in 1939 with the message that Hitler wasn't a threat while one could hear the lyrics from Strawberry Fields, "Living life is easy with eyes closed."

ATTENTION SENIORS!

Ad money for Masmid must be brought in immediately to Neil Halpern, Editor-in-Chief.

As this is the final issue of THE COMMENTATOR until next semester, we wish everyone good luck on finals, and a pleasant inter-session. We will return on February 16, 1977.

Taubermen Defeated

By DAVID SCHWARTZ

In a hard fought match, the fencing team was defeated by Pace University by a 16-11 score. The Taubermen were never in the lead, with each weapon having a losing record. The foil men were 4-5, the epeemen 3-6, and the sabremen 4-5.

In the first round, Pace took a commanding 6-3 lead with YU winning but one match per weapon. Richard Seltzer defeated his man for the foil men and Dave Wolfson pulled in the win for epee, but those were their only wins for the evening. For the sabremen, Ricky Eisenberg won his match, but he was the only fencer who had a win in the first round and went on to win another bout in later rounds.

After the disastrous first round, the Taubermen tried to cut the deficit, but were successful in winning only 4 out of 9 matches, bringing the total to 11-7, with Pace still ahead. The winners in this round were David Brusowankin for foil, Steven Tennenberg for sabre and Marc Felberbaum and Alan Feldman in epee.

To win the match, the Taubermen needed a 7-2 performance in the third round, but they could only master another dismal 4 out of 9, and were defeated. The winners in this final round were Leonard Budow and David Brusowankin for foil, while Steven Tennenberg and Ricky Eisenberg won for the sabremen. ~~Epee came up empty, unable to win a match in this crucial round.~~

Hopefully, the Taubermen, who have now lost consecutively to Drew and Pace, will break out of this losing streak, and will defeat John Jay College in their next meet. However, both losses have been away matches, and therefore, there should be a stronger performance when the home stand begins after inter-session.

YESHIVA vs. DREW; vs. PACE

Foil		
D. Brusowankin	2-1;	2-1
L. Budow	0-3;	1-2
R. Seltzer	0-3;	1-2
Epee		
M. Felberbaum	2-1;	1-2
A. Feldman	2-1;	1-2
D. Wolfson	1-2;	1-2
Sabre		
R. Eisenberg	2-1;	2-1
S. Tennenberg	1-2;	2-1
R. Berko	1-2;	0-3

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Maccabees Gain First Win Of Season; Victory Attributed To Stubborn Defense

By BOB GITTLEMAN

After six straight losses, the YU Maccabees have finally won a ballgame. The first victory was achieved on Wednesday, December 15, against NY Poly by the score of 60-58, a score that did not accurately reflect the actual play of the game. Except for the first

few minutes, the Maccabees were in control for the entire ballgame. In the first half, the shooting of Junior Robert Rosenbloom (21 points and seven rebounds) and the aggressive rebounding and defense of co-Captains Jerry Jozsef and Sol Genuth, gave the momentum of the game to the Macs.

Keying the offense was the quarterbacking of Witzzy Hoenig. He calmed the team down when things seemed to get out of hand, and made some fine passes to "Rosey" which led to some easy baskets off fast breaks and well-set plays.

Yeshiva had a five point lead at half time, and kept that lead the rest of the way. However, in the last three minutes of the game, Poly's Mark Anderson made some crucial baskets to narrow the gap to two points, 55-53. Jerry Jozsef was fouled and made two clutch free throws, but, Poly came back again to cut the deficit to two points.

With forty seconds left, Lenny Schwartzbaum made a key steal, and fed it to Robert Rosenbloom who was in turn fouled. Rosenbloom made both free throws, and that was the proverbial ballgame.

Credit for the win must go to the aggressive defense, which, combined with a fine offense, gave the Macs their first win. Is it

possible that they will now continue the fine play that has been the trademark of Yeshiva basketball in the past? The next game, on January 5 against Kings Point, may very well tell the answer. The next home game is on Sunday, January 9, against Hunter.

YESHIVA (60) vs. NY POLY (58)									
Name	FGA	FG	FTA	FTM	R	A	PTS.		
Rosenbloom	13	8	7	5	9	2	21		
Kufeld	11	5	4	3	16	0	13		
Jozsef	10	5	3	2	15	4	12		
Hoenig	8	3	8	5	4	4	11		
Genuth	4	0	4	1	6	2	1		
Schwartzbaum	5	0	3	2	4	2	2		
Weinstock	0	0	0	0	2	0	0		
TOTALS	51	21	29	18	54	14	60		

Foilman Wins Gold Medal

By MARK TARAGIN

In recent years, one of Yeshiva University's strongest athletic teams has been the fencing squad. The fencers have compiled an impressive record (1974-75, 10-2; 1975-76, 7-3),

despite tough opposition. One of the most dependable segments of the fencing team has been foil, which, for the past two years, has been led by David Brusowankin. David is an excellent fencer, and for good reason. He comes from Baltimore, Maryland, and has been deeply interested in his favorite weapon, the foil, since an early age. At his local Jewish Community Center, he was taught the fundamentals and



Foilman David Brusowankin

from there, with practice and enthusiasm, he improved tremendously. Dave soon rose to the position of Captain of the team at the Jewish Community Center.

Upon entering Yeshiva, he easily made the team, compiling an impressive 31-6 record in his freshman year. The next year produced an even better record of 22-4. For another two years, Ye-

shiva can look forward to a winning foilman who can help lead the Taubermen to victorious seasons.

This past week David competed in an AFLA Unclassified Rated Tournament, the purpose of which is to give fencers the opportunity to face many other opponents and hopefully to achieve a rank. After achieving a rank, one can rise through the various levels of fencers. Dave exhibited all of his skill and grace, winning a Gold Medal and rising to the "C" level. There are only two higher ranks, which he can eventually enter by defeating opponents from those upper levels.

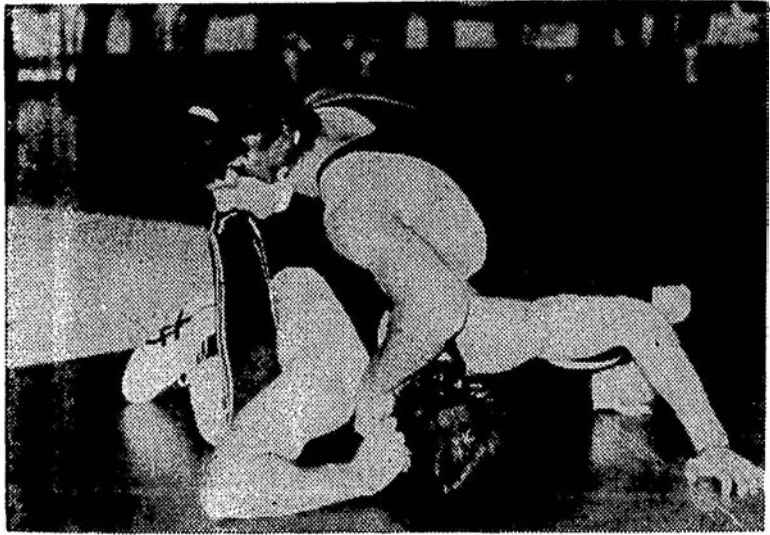
When asked about the difficulties of fencing in college, Dave placed time as the major problem. He is a physics major and, like many other students, always finds himself busy. He feels it is amazing that Yeshiva does so well when one compares the Taubermen to their opponents. All other teams have many more hours of practice and in fencing the only way to improve is through practice. Another one of the problems is the barely adequate facilities. The lighting in the gymnasium is not sufficient for following the lightning fast moves so common in fencing.

On the positive side, Dave feels the spirit of our fencers is the key to their success. Under the guidance of Coaches Tauber and Marcel, the team has overcome many difficulties and has developed a good reputation for Yeshiva College in the field of fencing.

Wrestlers Victorious At Kingsborough; Two Consecutive Pins Determine Match

By T. KRUMBEIN

Last week the Ellmen traveled to Brooklyn to wrestle Kingsborough Community College. Kingsborough always has a strong, competitive team, and this meet was no ex-



Wrestlers at work in gym.

ception. Every match was exciting and held the interest of the large crowd. With only two matches left, the Ellmen were down by nine points and they could win only by scoring two consecutive pins. Captain Mitch Merlis came out and was able to quickly pin his man, bringing the

score to 24-21. The outcome of the entire meet now rested on the shoulders of big Zev Golombek. Zev, in clutch fashion, pinned his 351 pound opponent in 60 seconds. Other pins were recorded by Joel Schwitzer and Nathan Rosenblatt. The Ellmen won this meet 27-24.

In the next meet, the Ellmen wrestled against Staten Island Community College in Staten Island. The Ellmen were favored to win this meet, but they experienced some early trouble. So with three matches left, the Ellmen were once again down, and needed three consecutive pins just to secure a tie. Once again Mitch Merlis pinned his opponent for his third pin in three matches. Mitch also set the new team record for the quickest pin, executed in 21 seconds, one second better than the record shared by Joel Schwitzer and Dave Seigel. Alan Bell followed Merlis and also pinned his man. Using one of his patented moves, Alan extended his personal record to 3-0. At heavyweight, there was a forfeit and the meet ended in a 27-27 draw.

The next meet was a home encounter with long-time rival Brooklyn College. Last year, the Ellmen lost to Brooklyn by a small margin and the Ellmen wanted revenge. The gym was packed, the crowd was cheering, but it was all to no avail. The Ellmen could not rise to the occasion.

On the Sidelines

A Hannukah Wish



By LENNY PIANKO

Queens 85, Yeshiva 60. Stony Brook 138, Yeshiva 81. Mercy 104, Yeshiva 89. Drew 90, Yeshiva 41. Pratt 79, Yeshiva 39. Another basketball season has begun and again Yeshiva is being destroyed by her opponents. The Maccabees have lost their first five games this season, and have been outscored 496-310 during this span. The controversy concerning the basketball team continues. Is this team more of a detriment to the school than a benefit? Can this team ever really be competitive? Do the fans and players care about the success of this team? If one answers all the above questions in the negative, then he is criticizing the team too severely.

Yeshiva College's survival does not depend on the basketball team. No more students would matriculate here if we had a better team, and no fewer students are present due to our weak team. People are too quick to say that they are embarrassed by our poor team. It is really a credit to the school and to the students that we can even field a basketball team. Most college varsities practice seven days a week, with players who can devote themselves completely to basketball. All our varsity members have rigorous schedules, but still find enough time for several practices. Although last week we lost to Stony Brook 138-81, there was no embarrassment. At halftime, the deficit was only 6 points, but in the second half our lack of depth was evident. Had there been more members on the team, more practice, and better conditioning, an upset could have been possible.

One wonders though, don't the wrestling and fencing squads face similar problems, yet they still have victorious seasons. Why hasn't the basketball team been able to have a winning campaign even once in the last 10 years? There are several key differences between basketball, and fencing and wrestling. Wrestling and fencing are individual sports, where the coaches only have to develop specific skills in their players. Each match is completely separate and only the final outcome is contingent on the entire team. Basketball, on the other hand, involves a complete team effort. Lack of depth, practice, and talent affects a basketball team much more than the same problems in other sports. Also the basketball team is mired in a long tradition of losing. The team's confidence and optimism toward each game is very low. Most of the members of the basketball team don't realistically expect to win many games. Finally, fencing and wrestling are not as popular sports as basketball. Basketball talents are developed by most of our early competitors while fencing and wrestling are elite sports. Therefore the Maccabees face teams with seasoned veterans who gain further polish in practice. The Ellmen and Taubermen however face squads who have backgrounds and talents similar to their own.

One positive step which the basketball team must take is a reassessment and alteration of their schedule. Last year the Maccabees played extremely well in the Manhattanville Tournament, finishing in third place. Yeshiva should remove the powerhouses from its schedule, in favor of less competitive teams. This undoubtedly would improve the team's record tremendously, which in turn would raise morale on the team. Success breeds further success, and a few wins would alleviate most of the basketball team's problems. Yeshiva's win over New York Poly attests to this point.

This year, at great expense, the school renovated the gymnasium at George Washington High School in order to provide the Maccabees with a home court. The hope was that a home court would increase student interest in the team. To date, this has not been the case. Few students have so far attended the home games. Before anyone can complain about the basketball team, they must first do their share to help the team. Let's have a nice crowd at the next home game, and support the team to a victory.

As COMMENTATOR goes to press, all varsity teams have returned from sports' action. The fencing team defeated John Jay 14-13, but the wrestling team fell to CCNY. The basketball team won its second game on Saturday night, but no word was available on the results of Monday night's game.

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