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New Appointments Announced By Lamm, Dean Kurtzer To Replace Bacon At YC

A major academic restructuring program, including the appointment of new key administration members, was recently announced by Dr. Norman Lamm, President of Yeshiva University. The new appointees are: Dr. Blanche D. Blank, Vice President for Academic Affairs; Dr. Daniel C. Kurtzer, Dean of Yeshiva College; Dr. Karen Bacon, Dean of Stern College for Women; and Dr. Morton Berger, Dean of Ferkauf Graduate School and University Dean for the Behavioral Sciences.

Dr. Lamm, who recently began his second year as president, announced the appointments as part of "an intensive effort to keep pace with the rapid changes taking place in higher education." Other appointments including University Deans for the Natural Sciences and Humanities will be announced in the near future.

A Reorganization

Dr. Lamm's restructuring plan is centered around the reorganization of the university's academic programs along divisional lines. Matters pertaining to each of the University's disciplines, Behavioral and Social Sciences,

Natural Sciences, Humanities, and Jewish Studies, will now be dealt with as a unit in an effort to achieve University wide goals. Curricula reform, including experimentation in interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary courses will be introduced so that the students and faculty of the University will have the full benefit of all of the University's resources.

The reorganization is an attempt to do away with a situation that has developed in the University in recent years, under which the dean or head of each division exercised full control over that division. No longer will any one dean be able to operate without taking into account the University as a whole. Input will now come from a number of sources, including, the dean of each school, the University dean for that discipline, and the vice president for academic affairs.

The person ultimately responsible for all new decisions on aca-



— YUPR
Dean of YC — Daniel Kurtzer

demographic programming is Dr. Blank, the first woman to occupy a major administrative post at Yeshiva. A political scientist and former Dean of Social Sciences at Hunter College, Dr. Blank has earned various awards and grants throughout her career as an educator and government official.

Dr. Blank sees her role as that of provost, the chief academic officer of the University. She will be responsible for decisions on the scheduling and budgeting of any newly proposed programs. More importantly, it will be her job to see that any programs which are approved, go into effect. She will be meeting with the deans of the colleges and graduate divisions to seek the kinds of programs and relationships that can be achieved among them. Besides working to enrich existing programs wherever needed, such as in the computer sciences and pre-medical departments of Yeshiva College, Dr. Blank will also be working on the viability of new programs such as a business major at YC or a nursing program at Stern.

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Phaseout Of Belfer Program Announced

An era in Yeshiva University's history ended this past spring with the announcement by President Norman Lamm of plans to close the Belfer Graduate School of Science. This year marks the final year that courses will be offered, while the latest date at which students may receive a Ph.D. from Belfer will be June 1979.

In his letter to the faculty on June 27, 1977, President Lamm cited "declining enrollments" and "fiscal problems" for "the massive drain [of Belfer] upon University resources" as his reasons for phasing out the Ph.D. programs in mathematics and physics. Additionally, he called for "the permanent elimination of tenured faculty positions."

The Belfer faculty was stunned by this decision and questioned the validity of the reasons given for Belfer's shutdown. Just two months prior, Dr. Lamm had attempted with partial success to retain three prominent members of the faculty. Statistics obtained from the admissions office reveal

that for the fall term of 1977, five students and twelve students were admitted to the math and physics graduate programs, respectively; however none registered because of the phase out plans. In the fall of 1976, twenty students and eleven students were admitted to the math and physics graduate programs, respectively, with eleven enrolling in the math program and six students enrolling in the physics program. Enrollment figures for 1975 were almost identical to those of 1976. Belfer defenders also point to the quality of the programs which are being eliminated at Belfer. A ratio of graduate students to faculty members in the physics department is comparable to the same ratio at institutions such as Harvard and Princeton. Also com-

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Dr. Irving Linn's Death Shocks The YU Family

Dr. Irving Linn, a professor of English at Yeshiva College and a member of its faculty for 40 years, died Wednesday, October 5, at the age of sixty-five. He was born in Newark, New Jersey, on January 24, 1912, and lived in Manhattan.

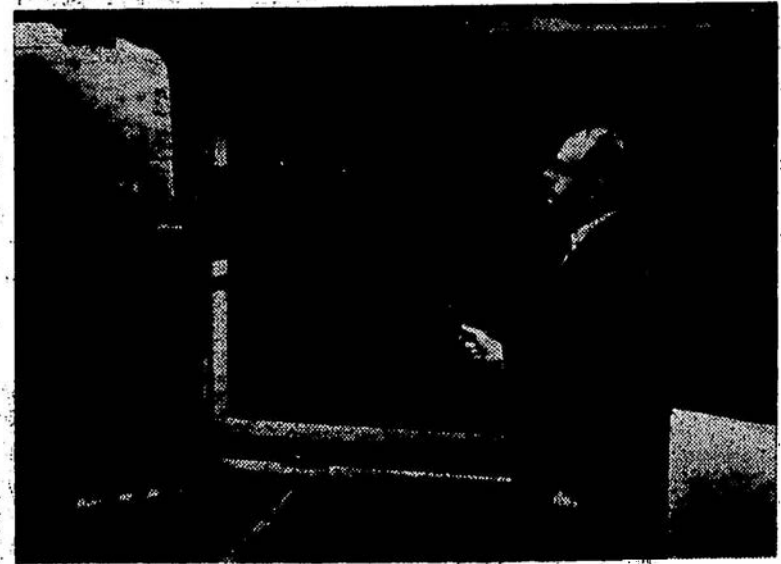
Dr. Linn earned a bachelor's degree at the City College of New York in 1933, and M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from New York University in 1934 and 1941 respectively. He joined the Yeshiva College faculty in 1937 as an instructor in English and was appointed Assistant Professor in 1953. Dr. Linn built his career at Yeshiva College while witnessing its growth in size from a small number of students to a present student body of approximately 800. At one time, Dr. Linn taught all Yeshiva College students either freshman composition or English Literature. In his

later years as a professor, Dr. Linn taught only elective courses, which were always very popular with Yeshiva College students.

A Quiet Man

Dr. Linn was described as a quiet man, renowned in the fields of linguistics and communications. Widely known for his television work, he was the coach of Yeshiva University's successful "College Bowl" team in 1963. Dr. Linn participated in discussions of minority groups in American literature on a series for WNYC-TV in 1965, and in a similar series on WNBC-TV that same year. From 1966-70 he conducted the WABC-TV series

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Dr. Linn as host of "This English Language of Ours."

Koch Campaigns At YU, Drawing A Large Crowd

By MATTHEW J. TROPP

A defense of his confrontation with President Carter over Middle East policy and some proposals for New York City dominated Democratic mayoral candidate Ed Koch's appearance at Yeshiva University on October 13.

Koch recalled the anger he had felt when he learned of the September 25 joint United States-Soviet Union communique that advocated Palestinian rights. "A policy of support for Israel for thirty years was going down the drain," he exclaimed. As a member of the Foreign Operations Sub-Committee, Koch asserted that he was responsible to present the view of all Israeli supporters in the United States.

With President Carter scheduled to arrive in New York on the following day, Koch said that he prepared a critical letter to present to the President. He further claimed that he called the White House to inform the President that the letter would be presented to him when he arrived in New York. A staff error precluded Carter's knowing of the letter prior to his meeting with Koch and the President was, therefore, momentarily upset upon learning about the letter. Koch noted that the President had since praised the action as constructive and that he renewed his support for Koch's quest for the mayoralty.

While regretting the President's anger over the letter, Koch stated, "I don't regret writing the letter for a moment." Koch's remark was met with loud cheers from the large Yeshiva crowd. He claimed credit for spurring

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Koch addressing students

Yeshiva Student Council Plans Exciting Activities

By ARIEL FISCHER

The first YCSC meeting of the semester took place on Monday night, October 17, in the Rubin Shul. A wide variety of topics, including many plans for future student council events were discussed.

President Harry Skydell opened the meeting by thanking the Council members for helping out during Freshman Orientation and Registration. He added that these events had been successful, as was the Freshman mesiba. In addition, Mr. Skydell expressed appreciation at the large turnout of students who came to hear recent guest speakers at YU, Yigal Allon and Ed Koch.

President Skydell then began to outline several future events sponsored by YCSC. Well known comedian, Robert Klein, will appear in a YCSC benefit concert at Hunter College on Sunday night,

November 20. There will be about 2,200 tickets sold, and all proceeds will go to YCSC and SCWSC. All Council members were urged to sell tickets as well as to serve as ushers at the concert.

In a related area, Mr. Skydell announced two upcoming Shabbatonim. The Intercollegiate Shabbaton will be held the weekend of December 4. Also, there will be a YU Shabbaton held for the first time at Stern College the first weekend in November. Other future events include the YCSC auction, to be held on the night

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Too Soon

We deeply regret the University's decision to phase out the programs in Mathematics and Physics at the Belfer Graduate School of Science. Belfer had become a world renowned center of the natural sciences lending prestige to Yeshiva University and enhancing the intellectual vitality of undergraduate education in these fields.

Decreased student enrollment and cutbacks in federal and private funds are problems affecting Belfer which are symptomatic of a national trend away from an emphasis upon science programs at institutions of higher learning. BCSS' operating at a deficit coupled with the financial crisis at YU were deemed sufficient reasons for closing the program.

The manner in which the phase-out was implemented was, however, irresponsible to both faculty and students. A major form of compensation for a life in academia is the job security offered with a tenured faculty position. Yeshiva is renegeing on its commitment to tenure and is offering the affected faculty a choice between two unfavorable options; to resign or to become undergraduate teachers, the latter of which would double their previous workload and offer less opportunity for research.

Even more alarming is Yeshiva's lack of consideration for the needs of its students. Classes will be offered until June 1978 and degrees will be granted only until 1979. This schedule is unprecedented in higher education. A university has an obligation to allow students sufficient time to complete their degree requirements. Arranging for the transfer of students to other schools is a highly inconvenient solution since it may in some instances entail substantial loss of time. It is also impractical since thesis research is highly specialized and relationships between a student and his faculty advisor are very personal. Furthermore, the late announcement of the decision has disrupted to an even greater extent the academic career of those students who had planned to enter Belfer this fall. This irresponsible attitude can only bring about lasting disgrace to Yeshiva.

Too Little

The Yeshiva College Schedule of Courses for the 1977-78 academic year explicitly states that students in Chemistry 5 with weak chemistry backgrounds will be offered an additional tutorial session with hours to be arranged. Despite student requests, the chemistry professor in question has yet to give any indication of his intent to fulfill this obligation, thus placing an unnecessary burden on students with weak chemistry backgrounds. This lack of responsiveness to the needs of the students indicates a lowering of commitment to the standards of academic excellence. The solution to this problem is an easy one, and it is hoped that a tutorial session will soon be established.

Too Late

A lack of administrative concern for the welfare of the students was manifest this past summer. To begin with, the customary mailing of the dormitory assignments prepared well in advance, was either postponed in some instances or neglected completely in others. Compounding this unfortunate situation, is the fact that applications for linen service which usually accompany the room assignment cards were also mishandled, forcing many students to wait unnecessarily for their sheets and towels.

Perhaps an equally serious problem was the poor record for the forwarding of

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mail. It is the University's responsibility to send incoming mail to the proper parties, providing forwarding addresses have been left. This insensitivity to the needs of the students resulted in major inconveniences especially for those students expecting important correspondence.

Although much of the blame for the above must be directed at the dormitory office, there is yet another problem for which the entire university must claim responsibility. The fact is that most upperclassmen were not notified of the day on which classes were to begin. Such a lackadaisical attitude on the part of the administration is inexcusable and should not be allowed to go unnoticed. We only hope that by next year, steps will have been taken to insure that problems encountered this summer will not occur again.

High Hopes

During the summer, three major appointees were added to the YU family. Dr. Blanche Blank was named Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Daniel Kurtzer, a YC alumnus, was named dean of YC, and Dr. Karen Bacon, a Stern alumna, was named dean of SCW. Since their duties have not as yet been defined, it is not clear what role the new administrators will undertake in the restructuring of the University. However, we trust they will work to the utmost of their capabilities and be effective in helping YU meet the challenge of the future.

Improving Service

The curtailment of hours for circulation of books and periodicals from the Pollack and Gottesman Libraries represents a step backward for Yeshiva University. While the libraries remain open until midnight
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From the Editor's Desk



Justice... For Whom?

By PHIL KLEIN

Living in New York City, we are confronted almost daily by crime-related situations. One cannot walk back from the subway station at night alone, without some degree of mental discomfort. The Student Union Building has had an electronic combination lock installed to avoid incidents of crime inside the building. If one utilizes the City buses, he must have exact change for the fare, because of the coin receptacles which were uniformly installed several years ago to end a rash of holdups of busdrivers. Even automobiles require locks on their hoods to prevent neighbors from borrowing certain crucial parts of the engine. The list of examples of situations affecting New Yorkers as well as anyone from another major city is endless.

It is interesting to note that much of these inconveniences are not directly attributable to the individuals who, for whatever psychological or sociological reasons, plague our society with crime. Indeed, our willingness to accept these inconveniences is evidence of our ability to adjust to the even more annoying actions of the perpetrators of crime. This adjustment, however, is symptomatic of a significant problem within ourselves: a tolerance for criminal activity, to the effect that it seems we are more engaged in avoiding the losses which may result from crime, than in eliminating it altogether. The former is certainly the easier and probably the more realistic of the two, yet our choice signifies our flagging spirit in standing up to the infringements upon our personal rights which constitute the socio-political evil of any criminal act.

Ironically though, lawyers, legal groups, and individuals are constantly issuing statements expressing an over-zealousness in protecting the rights of criminal defendants. A case in particular is that which dealt with the Ku Klux Klan members who "instigated" the racial violence at the Camp Pendleton marine base in California. Although several legal groups refused to support the plight of the defendants in the case, a group of members of the American Civil Liberties Union came out in their defense, despite or possibly in spite of the distasteful beliefs and actions of the Klan members.

Another case, although of a different technical nature, is that of the American Nazi Party's planned march in Skokie, Illinois this past July. In a letter to the editor appearing in The New York Times several weeks ago, a reader compared the Nazis' right to march "peacefully" with the right to demonstrate in opposition to the war in Viet Nam, exercised so often and by so many during the late sixties. Claiming that the Nazis were not attempting to incite a riot, he sought to extend the rights of free assembly and free speech to this political group under the specific circumstances. However, the analogy is lacking in substance, for the spreading of an ideology, rooted in hatred and racism and thus inherently foreign to the spirit of and the values established by the Constitution, cannot be morally compared to the yearning for peace expressed in the rallies of the sixties.

Seemingly, lawyers are sometimes concerned with protecting the rights of defendants (if we wish to speak of the Skokie case as one in which the Nazis are defendants) more so than those of the general society for whose protection the entire judicial system was conceived. This type of practice corrupts our court system into a reducto ad absurdum in which sincerity and a commitment to justice seem to be subjugated to a mere exercise in academics. I am not advocating the elimination of the legal loopholes — for they are an integral part of the legal system itself. Rather, I am calling for the use of a more judicious approach in the application of abstract standards to a case. Thus, in the instance of the Nazi march, the claim that a "peaceful" march would not "incite a riot" would be seen at best as having only subjective meaning, and in the extreme, as a falsehood.

In cases in which the critical issue is a technical matter, the lawyer does admittedly have the obligation to use his professional skills and wit on behalf of his client. However, when the issue is beyond a technicality and the balance between the rights of the individual and those of society must be tilted in favor of one party, the lawyer is morally obligated to pursue a path leading to a justice which can approach the societal ideal, as rooted in the morality and the spirit of the Constitution.

I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the entire Governing Board, to extend my sincerest wishes of Mazel Tov to former sports editor and classmate Lenny Panko on the occasion of his marriage. May you and Dale enjoy much happiness and success in your many years ahead.

Letters To The Editor

To the Editor:

Simchas Torah was a big let-down again this year. Only about 35 men and 20 women came to shul; the hakafot were scraggly and short. There was a tiny kid-dush, scraped together by some of the women and my kids kept waiting for the fun, which they had been promised, to start.

Where was I for this holiday? In some small town in Idaho with a tiny Jewish population? No. I spent Simchas Torah at Yeshiva University, oldest and largest

etcetera under Jewish auspices.

It wasn't always this way. Some of my happiest memories as a child growing up in Washington Heights include joyful scenes of Simchas Torah, with whirling bochrim, tzitzis flying and sweat dripping down from their faces, dancing and stomping to the nigunim of hundreds of voices. The overflow of the huge crowd of participants and onlookers spilled over into the street. Yeshiva University was the place to
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Israeli Arms Industries Head For Independence

By A. J. EDELHEIT

The names Uzi, Kfir, and Gabriel are household words to those involved with the Israeli arms industry. They are the names of Israel's home produced arms. At the present time, due to the technological advancements and the unstable international situation, Israel is in the process of reaching a stage of military independence. This article gives a historical survey of the Israeli arms industry, recent developments, and a look toward the future.

In The Beginning

Any historical survey of the Israeli arms industry has to go back to the period of the British rule between 1946-1948. In this period of the High Command of the Hagganah, Mr. Ben-Gurion, Mr. Ja'arov Dori, Shimon Peres and Haim Slavin decided that "Israel should be Israel's best friend arms-wise." Thus, during the war of independence the Hagganah established small factories capable of producing light equipment for the army. Heavy equipment was purchased through illegal channels in the United States.

Israel's costly victory in the War of Independence caused the Jewish nation to realize the importance of producing superior arms. In 1953, an aircraft company, Bedek Aviation, was founded. The arms industry was organized into different companies under the collective name of Ta'as (production). The first major breakthrough occurred in 1955 when Israel introduced the Uzi, a light compact sub-machine gun, which is rated among the best in the world. Although the production of the Uzi was an important step forward, it was only the beginning. The overwhelming majority of weapons still had to be purchased from foreign powers.

In The Present

The period after the '67 War boasts another great breakthrough in arms production. Much Russian equipment was captured and put back into use, after being modified. The French embargo

gave more impetus to the idea of arms self-reliance. The sinking of the Israeli destroyer Eilat by three ship-launched missiles emphasized the necessity for Israel to develop a similar weapon of its own. The first anti-ship, ship-launched missile in the west was developed by the Israeli Aircraft Industry. To coordinate arms research and development the Raphael Authority was set up. Their first study, an air-to-air missile, is now in service under the name Shafrir.

The greatest advances in the arms industry have occurred between 1970 and today. In 1970 a number of far reaching projects were started. The most important are: the Kfir, manufactured by IAI and now in service with the Heyl Ha'avir (A.F.); the Galil assault rifle, in service with the various ground troops; and the Merkava tank, which saw the light of day in late 1976 and was put into production as of June 1977. Other projects of importance are the Luz air-to-surface missile, now in development, and various pieces of electronic equipment which, unfortunately, cannot all be reviewed.

In The Future

Looking into the future each company hopes to increase production in order to fulfill all of

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Anyone able to work Tuesday mornings for THE COMMENTATOR, please see Phil, M221.

Yeshiva Registration Process Bewildering To New Students

By PAUL WEINBERG

Fall pre-registration for the incoming freshmen took place during the summer with each student submitting his program preference form. The Registrar's Office processed these forms and assigned a schedule to each student. However, due to the many requests for program changes and program confirmations, a registration assembly was held on Monday, October 10 in Silver Hall.

Many students found the assembly very disorganized and too lengthy. Some students had to wait up to three hours for program changes. Freshmen who were on last year's Co-op program and waited in hope of having their programs changed at the assembly, were disappointed to learn that program changes for them would take place the following Thursday, October 14. Other Yeshiva College students who registered last May, were able to get their schedules from the registrar's office without any difficulties.

Despite the criticism of many students, a number of transfer students from other colleges found the process at Yeshiva

much less cumbersome than at their previous institutions. A transfer student from Touro College commented that at Touro, "You may wait hours to register for one class and then find it closed right before you register." Another transfer from Brooklyn College commented that despite the faults in Yeshiva's system, it proved to be much less time consuming than the process at Brooklyn.

When asked to comment on the disorder of the assembly, Rabbi Edelstein stated that the Registrar's Office is doing all it can to help the students in the most convenient way possible, but when dealing with such a mass amount of students, some mix-ups are bound to occur.

In addition to approximately 800 students registered in Yeshiva College this fall, over 30 students are now registered in Jerusalem Torah College on the "Year in Israel" program, located at the Gruss Institute. The program, which is in its second year, allows a student to take a full program of Jewish studies in JTC while taking courses in secular studies for credit toward his undergraduate degree at Yeshiva.

Invictus

An Open Letter To Dean Kurtzer

By STUART CHESNER



The following letter and the student it describes are fictitious. Any resemblance to any YU student living or dead is purely coincidental.

Dear Dean Kurtzer,

Three and a half years ago I entered YU. I was naive, young and eager to begin my education, particularly in the field which my heart was set on, namely psychology. Ah, to recollect upon those carefree days. Those sweet days of innocence and bliss. That short era before I was to meet the menace who was to haunt me throughout my educational career. Yes, I remember well that blissful dream world. Yet, as is the case with all good things in this life, they must come to an end and my case was to be no exception. Thus, on that accursed day known in the college world as registration day, I faced the horror which has since allowed me no rest or peace of mind. The menace which plagues many a YU student had focused its force upon me. The menace known as THE REQUIREMENT had stricken another victim.

It was as early as September of my freshman year that the menace launched its first attack. In my youthful naiveté and eagerness to seek courses related to psychology, I had registered for an Introductory Psych. course. I

was a sitting duck for the menace's brutal wrath. With one stroke of the pen, my registration for Psych. One was canceled. "English Composition takes precedence over Psychology," I was told. "The Requirement wills it, thus it is done."

I was shaken. Yet in my sophomore year with a firm resolve I once again undertook my goal of taking Psychology One. In a cunning attempt to escape my dreaded foe, I clepped English Literature. Once again I placed Psych. One on my registration slip. The minutes seemed like hours as I apprehensively awaited the decision on my program. Then in one blurry moment my most dreaded fears were realized. The Requirement had once again acted mercilessly. "Two years of French take precedence over Psychology," I was told. "The Requirement wills it, thus it is done."

My exasperation slowly built up into frustrated rage. By condemning me to two years of French, the requirement had unleashed a fury in me which I had never suspected myself of possessing. Amazing what two years of French can do, isn't it?

In my abounding rage bursting with hostility I demanded to meet my foe face to face. "No man has seen The Requirement

face to face and lived," I was warned. Yet I had passed the point of rationale or reason. To the shock and dismay of those around me, without the slightest hint of hesitation, I dashed toward the steel doors protecting the domain of The Requirement. With a simple turn of a knob I was suddenly facing my awesome foe. Contrary to my expectations, The Requirement did not resemble the monstrous gruesome figure I had imagined. Much to my surprise The Requirement was in the guise of a medium built, middle aged gentleman. I was not to be fooled by this clever ploy for I had heard The Requirement has the power to assume any form it desires.

"What can I do for you?" the monster asked.

"I have come with the desire to take Psychology," I boldly stated.

"Was not your request rejected?"

"Yes, but if there is any mercy in your monstrous being, I beg you to bestow it upon me and grant my request."

"Policy is Policy," I was coldly informed.

Tears filled my eyes, and my throat was suddenly coarse and dry as the futility of my mission slowly began to sink in.

The only word I heard myself mutter was, "Why?"

"Why we have our policy is our

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Allon Expresses Nationalistic Israeli Sentiments To Yeshiva Students In Crowded Ruben Shule

By CHAIM WEXLER

On Wednesday night, October 12, Yigal Allon, the former Foreign Minister and Deputy Prime Minister of Israel, addressed an audience at Yeshiva College. Despite the heavy competition from

a World Series game being played that night, a large crowd comprising students from Yeshiva College and Stern College as well as people from the outside turned out to hear Mr. Allon speak in the Ruben Hall Shul. Mr. Allon delivered an opening message reasserting Israel's position on the substance and procedure of a reconvened Geneva Conference. He also stressed that

Allon explained that neither the Arabs nor the Israelis had ever agreed to the pre-1976 borders. Therefore the land to be obtained by Israel for defensible borders could not be considered as conquered, but rather brought about only by negotiation. In rather strong language, Mr. Allon went on to criticize those groups in Israel who would try to decide the question of returning land in



Yigal Allon fielding hostile questions from the crowds.

Israel must be open to territorial concessions. The speech was followed by a lively and sometimes hostile question and answer session.

In his opening statement, Mr. Allon who had been to Yeshiva once before, clarified certain points in resolution 242 which seemed to be in contradiction. The resolution, which begins by forbidding the acquisition of land by force, later goes on to promise Israel defensible borders. Mr.

an "irrational or undemocratic way." He also said that although he respects it, "Halacha should have no part in this question."

The highlight of the evening was the question and answer period that followed the speech. Mr. Allon fielded difficult questions on very controversial issues ranging from Israeli relations with South Africa to the sinking of the Altalena. On the South African question, Mr. (Continued on Page 4, Col. 1)

Poli Sci At Yeshiva

By ORIE SHAPIRO

When a freshman takes his first late night stroll through the library and witnesses the wide array of science text books strewn around the tables, or hears foreign sounding words like orgo, histology, and biophysics banded about by anxious pre-meds, he might conclude that Yeshiva College is nothing but a breeding ground for medical students. Frantic freshmen study into the wee ours of the morning to overcome the barriers in the selective process which separates potential physicians from future biology teachers. But after a while, the student learns that indeed there are less glamorous majors in the university. They comprise the silent minority whose interests lie in the social sciences and whose burdens are terrifying term-papers, not exhausting experiments.

Political science is one such major often chosen by students planning to enter into the legal profession. Actually, a person embarking on a law career can select any field of study that interests him; political science is not confined to pre-law students. Since many people erroneously assume that the two are interdependent, it is important to analyze the other job opportunities available after one successfully completes four years as a political science major at Yeshiva.

There are numerous governmental positions that are filled each year at the federal, state, and municipal levels. For those (Continued on Page 4, Col. 4)

Allon Speaks At Yeshiva To Overflow Ruben Crowd

(Continued from Page 3, Col. 4) Allon denied that Israel had closer relations to her than any other government in Western Europe. In fact, he said, Israel has less trade with South Africa than some Black African countries. In a later question, Mr. Allon was asked how he could advocate giving back places such as Hebron, which are of great importance to Jews. He responded by saying that he, himself, was a very vocal advocate of the creation of Kiryat Arba. Nevertheless, he again stressed that territorial concessions must be made because Israel cannot absorb all the people in the territories as

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(Continued from Page 3, Col. 2) Israel's needs. This is most obvious in the aircraft industry. IAI hopes to produce a new generation of Israeli-built jet fighters of highly advanced technology. This airplane would be the backbone of Heyl Ha'avir until the late 1990's. Also on the drawing boards are helicopters, both civilian and military, jet engines, more electronics, and many other projects. Similarly, each industry has its own projects, few of which have been officially announced. Yet, the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS) states in *The Arms Balance 1976* that Israel should be arms independent in five to ten years.

The importance of establishing arms independence is evident. Arms independence would eliminate the fear of an arms embargo. This military independence would lead to diplomatic independence. The government of Israel would be free to determine its own policies without the overwhelming burden of United States pressure. Lastly, exporting weapons is an industry which has grown greatly in recent years. If Israel were to export weapons, her chances of achieving a favorable balance of trade would be greatly increased. By reducing the need for foreign imports, arms independence would help curb inflation by reducing the present unfavorable balance of trade.

While some may view the goal of arms independence as a mere fantasy, those Israelis actively involved in pursuing this goal have often quoted the words of Theodore Herzl in support of their cause. "If you will it, it is no legend."

Test Dates

The standardized tests used as a basis for admission to graduate and professional schools are usually given on Saturdays, making it important that Yeshiva students take note of the special administration dates offered for Sabbath observers.

Students planning to attend graduate school may be required to take the Graduate Record Examinations. These tests will be given at Yeshiva on December 12, 1977 and on January 16 and April 24, 1978. The Educational Testing Service in Princeton can also provide information about

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citizens, and, at the same time, remain both a democratic and Jewish state. The goal of Zionism was to have a state that is Jewish and not bi-national. During his reply, Mr. Allon was heckled by certain members of the audience who were unhappy with his positions. Mr. Allon answered them sharply, receiving the applause of the crowd.

In response to a question, Mr. Allon disagreed with the premise that a more traditional education would increase the loyalty of Israeli youth to their nation. He also denied the accusation that the labor government was against the teaching of traditional texts and values in the classrooms. During his five years as minister of education, he claimed, he had seen to it that the school children be required to learn from many traditional books including the Bible, Mishna and Talmud. He also said that he had advocated giving money to yeshivot.

The most emotional part of the evening came as a result of a question asking Mr. Allon for his side of the story of the sinking of the Altalena. Mr. Allon had been the commander of the Haganah division which took part in the sinking of the ship that was bringing arms and supplies to the Irgun. Mr. Allon violently denied ever killing a fellow Jew and said much of the tragedy of the Altalena came as a result of accidents. A shell sent to warn the boat to surrender, accidentally hit the ship, causing it to sink. He also denied Mr. Begin's claim that the Irgun had agreed to surrender the boat before the shelling.

In a highly emotional final statement, Mr. Allon called once again for openness to territorial compromise as long as defensible borders are retained. "We cannot allow ourselves to become isolated from America or the rest of the world," he said, "and we cannot allow ourselves to lose our identity as a Jewish state." "Finally, if another war were to break out, we must be able to tell our children that we did all we could for peace." The program ended after that response and many in the audience broke up into smaller groups to discuss the points and ideas raised in the course of a very interesting evening.

Any student who wants to work for the typing, copy or photography staffs of COMMENTATOR, see Phil, M221.

special administrations held nearly every month on Mondays or Tuesdays in the New York City area.

The Monday testing dates for the Graduate Management Admission Test, which is required for admission to many graduate business schools, are November 7, January 30, March 20, and July 10.

Medical school hopefuls will be able to take the MCAT's on Sunday, April 30, 1978.

The Dental Aptitude Test required for admission to dental school will also be offered on April 30th.

Law school candidates wishing to take the LSAT's will be accommodated on December 5, February 6, April 17, and July 17.

Chernowitz Dead At 68



— YUPR
Maurice Chernowitz 1909-1977

Maurice Chernowitz, who served as professor of fine arts at Yeshiva University from 1948-1975, when he retired, died Monday, July 4, in New York City at the age of 68.

Born January 5, 1909, in Odessa, Russia, Dr. Chernowitz attended schools in Switzerland before coming to the United States in his teens. He received a B.A. from City College in 1932, an M.A. from Columbia University in 1933, and a Ph.D. from Columbia in 1943. He taught French and Spanish at City and Brooklyn Colleges before joining the faculty at Yeshiva University.

Dr. Chernowitz served for many years as editor-in-chief of *Bitzaron*, the Hebrew monthly of America. He was a member of the College Art Association of America, a division of the American Association of University Professors. A life member of the Zionist Organization of America, he served on that organization's National Executive Council. He was also a member of the Modern Language Association, and is listed in "Who's Who in the East" and the Directory of American Scholars.

Yeshiva Mourns Dr. Linn's Death

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 2) "This English Language of Ours."

As a key member of the Yeshiva College faculty, Dr. Linn served as secretary of the Yeshiva College faculty, as chairman of the school's Division of Languages, Literature and the Fine Arts for two years, and as chairman of the University Faculty Review Committee. He held the Abraham Wouk Family Professorship in English from 1974 to 1977.

A Great Loss

Students, faculty and administration all felt a deep sense of loss with the passing of Dr. Linn. One professor remarked that even though Dr. Linn had been at Yeshiva College for 40 years, he constantly renewed his scholarship, not allowing his knowledge to become stale through the years.

A devoted and learned teacher, Dr. Linn had a great deal of patience and never tired of helping students or faculty with personal or academic problems. One student though, seemed to sum it all up by saying, "Much can be said about Dr. Linn, but only those who knew him well can truly understand his dedication and sincerity."

An Open Letter

(Continued from Page 3, Col. 5) concern. Let it suffice you to know that through Me, you shall be a well rounded individual in the field of liberal arts and humanities."

"But O merciless Requirement," I cried, "If you do not allow me to take Psych. One, my dream of being a Psychologist shall be eternally shattered. I shall be condemned to exist as a nobody."

"But you shall be a well rounded nobody!" He retorted. "This is the will of The Requirement, thus it is done."

Dean Kurtzer, Sir, I felt it necessary to relate to you this personal information because it reflects the situation I am presently in. Although I have applied to Psychology Graduate Schools they have unanimously informed me that their policy has been to reject students who have never successfully completed Introductory Psych. Considering the fact, that due to the above mentioned unfortunate circumstances, I have been unable to fit Psychology 1

into my program, my chances for graduate work are severely limited. This being the case, I am presently seeking employment in other fields. I am capable of translating at least fifteen French verbs, and although I cannot construct a sentence, with the aid of sign language, I am able to communicate. I am also quite well versed in the Soncino translations of Isaiah and Jeremiah. Perhaps sir, as you prepare to assume the role of Dean you will find an opening in your office for one who possesses any of the previously listed skills. If you can use me in any way, your response to this application for employment would be much appreciated.

Sincerely,
Pete Frustrer

Epilogue

Perhaps if this were Alice's Wonderland or Dorothy's Oz or even Columbia University it would be possible to find a happy ending for this tale. But, alas, this is YU so it goes . . .

Political Science At YU: A Preview Of The Dept.

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who seek a future in the business world, and yet plan to take relevant courses at the undergraduate level, political science can serve as a solution to the problem. When combined with courses in economics, the political science major can provide a sufficient background in the basic foundations and structure of varied governmental and financial systems to permit a student to advance to graduate school with the goal of gaining a Masters in Business Administration.

Dr. Bevan, head of the department and teacher of the bulk of courses offered in political science, believes that this is an ideal major for those planning to enter the field of journalism. In addition, she points out that political science can prove to be beneficial for future professors, even if there is no interest in teaching any particular course in later life. In fact, some majors pursue a doctorate in this field. Although teaching opportunities have decreased in recent years, the job market usually runs in cycles and it is entirely feasible that in several years there will be a renewed demand for political science professors.

Since Yeshiva does not offer an official pre-law major, many future law-school applicants study political science. While pre-law pupils can specialize in any subject they desire (even outside of the realm of the social sciences), they are usually partial to political science. Many subjects pertaining to law and government are covered in courses offered in the department. Practically speaking, political science offers a good potential for future employment, although prospects in many of these positions appear bleak at this time.

Unlike other majors, the political science discipline offers an especially varied level of subject matter ranging from platonian philosophy to an in-depth analysis of current events. Governments from all over the world are compared and contrasted, leading to a greater understanding of the latest international affairs.

The relatively small size of the department offers both advan-

tages and drawbacks. While the small classes permit open debate and discussion, a student can find himself taking the same teacher for three consecutive periods. Regardless of how superb any teacher is, and the political science professors have excellent reputations, it is a taxing experience for the student to hear the same lecturer for three straight hours. To be perfectly fair, however, this problem does not only affect the political science department at Yeshiva; indeed, it is one of the unfortunate aspects of attending a small school.

Ed Koch Speaks At YC Assembly

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 5) the President's later meetings with Moshe Dayan that produced results "granting satisfaction to Israel and restoring American policy."

The second theme of Koch's address was the potential greatness of New York City and his ability to make it achieve that potential. He expressed concern over the failure of a fourteen billion dollar budget to satisfy New York City's needs, and promised to procure Federal funding for the city, despite President Carter's desire to balance the budget. Koch added, "I don't believe that the budget will be balanced by 1980 or by 1990 for that matter."

Koch criticized the municipal union contracts for allowing employees two days off to donate blood. And he cited that only 1500 policemen patrol the streets at certain times at night. He said that if elected, he would demand higher standards of performance.

The fifty-two year old bachelor and native of the Bronx, concluded his speech by warning that his victory was not yet assured and that every vote on November 8 would count heavily. He believed, nevertheless, that his reputation for telling the truth and talking about reality would lead him to a triumphant victory similar to those he achieved in the Democratic primary and runoff.

Belfer Programs Ended

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 5) parable, are the ratios of Ph.D.'s produced per faculty member per year.

While the administration points to a decline in student enrollment from nearly 600 in 1968 to approximately 60 in 1977, an examination of the composition of those 600 students is appropriate. About 75%, or 450, were part of an In-Service Math and Science Program, suited to educating high school math and science teachers in new developments in their fields. Furthermore, the decline in student enrollment occurred after both departments instituted early qualifying exams to eliminate eventual drop-out students. Such exams are prevalent at most quality schools. Thus the total decline in student enrollment over the past five years has been a mere 13%.

In an August 19 memo from Dean Komar of Belfer to Dr. Lamm, Dean Komar disagreed with the \$750,000 annual savings expected to result from the closing of Belfer, a figure which was reliably provided to him. He refuted the assumptions made to arrive at that figure and estimated the savings from Belfer's closing to be "in the neighborhood of \$200,000 to \$300,00 per year." He also added that other repercussions to the school, such as a decline in undergraduate enrollments, the loss of the prestige of an internationally respected program and the loss in philanthropic funds as a result, were inestimable.

The manner and plans established to phase out BGSS were as startling as the decision itself. The brief timetable for the phase-out is unprecedented in higher education. Other schools, including Belfer when it phased out its Ph.D. program in chemistry, have allowed a four to five year phasing-out period.

Some students will be able to complete their work in time to receive a Ph.D. from Belfer. Others have already transferred to NYU through a system set up by the administration and will complete course requirements and thesis work there. In many cases, students involved in the transfer will lose up to a year's time in obtaining their degrees because of the different regulations, restrictions, and courses offered at NYU.

The Belfer faculty will be offered full undergraduate teaching loads in order of seniority, leaving most professors little if any time to continue doing research. A refusal by a faculty member to accept this offer will be taken as a resignation, while if a tenured professor is fired, a year's severance pay will be granted.

The Belfer building will remain open, and require funds for operating costs (previously attached to BGSS's operating deficit). The Maybaum Research Institute will remain intact, along with other research projects funded by private and government grants. The Redel Corporation has already paid \$175,000 for scientific research for this year, with another \$110,000 in reserve to be committed if the present situation involving Belfer clears up to their satisfaction. Furthermore, more money from the Redel Corporation is expected in future years based on Belfer's ability to perform. A Belfer Research Institute to replace research done by teaching faculty is being planned.

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Letters To The Editor

(Continued from Page 2, Col. 5) be on Simchas Torah.

So what happened? Well, it's all part of a bigger story regarding YU and the community in which it stands. Washington Heights is being drained of its Jewish community and, in my view, Yeshiva University bears some of the blame, if for no other reason than it has not been actively seeking solutions.

Washington Heights was a lovely place in which to grow up. Streets and parks were reasonably safe and the Jewish community, though divided between the German Jewish side and the YU side, was strong. As has happened in many New York neighborhoods, the makeup of the area began to change, slowly at first, and then accelerating dramatically in the last five years. More and more Jews moved away to the suburbs, and fewer young couples moved in to spend the first few years of marriage in low-rent apartments near YU. Rent control was lifted, raising rents and accelerating the exodus.

As the deterioration progressed, there was no constructive action on the part of YU to reverse it. Most of the people in the YU administration leave work at 5:30 and go home to Kew Gardens, Forest Hills or Monsey; Washington Heights seems not to concern them. YU has made no efforts to staunch the flow of Jews

from the neighborhood, and by ignoring the deterioration of the area is committing institutional suicide.

What can be done? Most importantly, students should get involved in the issue of neighborhood preservation; after all, they don't go home to the suburbs every night. It is they who have to walk from the subway to the dorms in darkness and in fear.

The possibility of faculty housing within the neighborhood should be explored. The Community Development Council is a program set up for Washington Heights to encourage renovation of existing houses, granting long term, low cost mortgages with very little down payment. YU should take advantage of this program to purchase and renovate some of the sound, well-built housing in Washington Heights, including some of the magnificent brownstones near the school. Salary incentives could be provided for any faculty members or administrators who stays or moves back into the neighborhood. At first glance, it might seem ludicrous to suggest YU spend money at a time of a severe fiscal crisis; on the other hand, can it afford not to?

Volunteer community outreach projects should be developed by students to assist the Jewish elderly in the neighborhood as well as tutor in the Yeshiva ele-

New Appointments Announced By Lamm, Dean Kurtzer To Replace Bacon At YC

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In line with the overall restructuring plan, Dr. Blank will attempt to "mold the faculty into seeing themselves as a single faculty serving the University, so that in the end, the student gets the full opportunity of the richness of that faculty." Of supreme importance to Dr. Blank is student input, as evidenced by the instructions she has given to her secretary, the "she can keep the president waiting, but never a student."

The New Dean

The man who will be the representative of Yeshiva College in the University-wide reorganization is Dr. Daniel Kurtzer, who



—YUPR
Dr. Blanche Blank

Who's Whose

Engaged:

Alexander Yeres, YC '76 to Rivka Levin
Ira Cooper, YC '72 to Sari Spira
Howard Lichtenstein, YC '78 to Linda Wolf, SCW '78
Billy Eisenberg, YC '78 to Lenore Liwshitz
Naomi Gershkowitz to Stanley Lipnick

Married

Lenny Pianko, YC '78 to Dale Eichenbaum
Eliezer Cohn, YC '77 to Aliza Mishkoff
Maury Bach, YC '73 to Debbie Wunsch

at 28 is the youngest dean in the school's history. An alumnus of YC, Dean Kurtzer is a political scientist and a former Foreign Service Officer of the US Department of State. It will be his job to see that Yeshiva College does not lose out through the restructuring of the University. He will have the same day-to-day responsibilities as former dean Isaac Bacon, with the difference that as he plans for Yeshiva College, he will also take into account the needs of other schools of the University. Similarly, the other administration members will aid him with their ideas regarding the college.

Dean Kurtzer sees the problems he faces as "unfounded criticism, decline in morale, and a generally bad reputation." But in his words, "Yeshiva is neither much better than, nor much worse than any place else, and if we can really attack the morale problem and convince people that we are seriously looking to improve this place; if life here is portrayed accurately in the sense that there are problems as well as possibilities, then we have a fair chance."

He Remembers

Dean Kurtzer hopes that the students will realize that he empathizes with them. "I'm not that long out of here that I can't remember some of the problems, nor am I that long out of applying for here that I don't remember the reasons I came here

in the first place, which were positive." The Dean has even volunteered to go out and recruit new students, saying that, "If I can't go out honestly and say to potential students that Yeshiva will be one of the finest schools that they can choose, then I won't go out at all."

In two specific areas, Dean Kurtzer brings a new outlook to his office. With regard to the institution of professional majors at Yeshiva College, the Dean states that "while students will continue to be educated in the Liberal Arts tradition, there are also needs articulated by students who are here and students who didn't come which must be taken into account." He further believes that these needs can be met by the University without compromising its goals.

Also, with regard to requirements at Yeshiva College, the Dean says that he "has trouble relating some of the specific courses to the goals we are pursuing." While he strongly favors courses that would supply a traditional Liberal Arts education, he is opposed to some of the specific requirements now in existence, and they may be changed at some point in the future.

New Dean of Stern

The new chief administrative officer of Stern College for Women is Dr. Karen Bacon, the first Stern College alumna to be granted a full-time appointment at Yeshiva College. Along with Dean Kurtzer and Dr. Blank, Dean Bacon will be looking for new ideas to improve the undergraduate schools of the University. Although they consider it premature to discuss their ideas, in Dr. Kurtzer's words, they are "focusing on potentially major changes at Yeshiva and Stern."

Another University dean appointed has been Dr. Morton Berger, who will be in charge of the Behavioral and Social Sciences on all levels in addition to being the dean of the Ferkauf Graduate School. A Yeshiva College alumnus, Dr. Berger is a former educator and administrator in the State Education Department. Upon taking office in November, he will be responsible for the University-wide integration of his field.

Improving Service

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Monday through Thursday and until 9:00 P.M. on Sunday, check-out of books takes place only until 10:30 P.M. and 7:30 P.M., respectively.

Mr. Samuel Aksler, Gottesman Librarian, defends the new decision on the grounds that the shortage of library personnel makes it necessary to utilize those who normally check-out books, to reshelve books during the hour and one half prior to closing, so that the libraries can function properly and efficiently the following morning.

The decision as presently implemented seems counterproductive. While reshelving of stray books is necessary, it should not be done at the expense of the circulation of books. Furthermore, THE COMMENTATOR feels that the extra hour and one half of check-out time is vital, for many students attend late classes and are therefore not always free to come to the library until these very same hours. We suggest that Mr. Aksler find the necessary means, possibly in the form of work-study students, to continue the circulation of books until library closing time.

Rachel Ebner
BRGS

Yeshiva College Student Council

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 4) of October 25, and a talent night, which will probably take place sometime in January. Mr. Lieberman reported that plans for a Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) course were well under way. The course will be limited to twenty people and there will be a nominal fee. However, the course may be offered several times a year, so as to afford others a chance to participate. Mitch Merlis reported on the universal gym machine that the Student Council has purchased. Although \$1,500 has already been paid to Coach Ellman, the machine has yet to arrive, as it takes several months for it to be delivered.

New lounge furniture was purchased for the Morgenstern TV room. All students are urged to take good care of this new furniture, as Colonel Marmorstein has warned he will close the TV room if the furniture is damaged by

Basketball

(Continued from Page 8, Col. 5) Friedman also contributed heavily to the sophomore effort by battling junior forwards Beryl Eckstein and Chaim Gettenberg underneath. Sophomore guard Joel Selter was all over the opposing players, diving for loose balls under a shower of pressure supplied by the entire soph team.

Alas, the sophomore rally was short lived as high scorer Jeff Bernstein left the game with an injury. It was at this time that the sophomore hopes for victory were also ushered out of the George-Washington gymnasium. It was now the juniors' turn to dominate. Dov Weinstock was constantly weaving through the soph zone to set up many scoring opportunities for the juniors. The game ended in a 68-37 rout of the sophs and vows of "wait 'till next time."

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students. In a related area, a new color TV was bought for the Rubin Dorm. It will be installed shortly, after an antenna is hooked up. A committee was formed to help patrol the new TV lounge.

New Dean's Message
At this point in the meeting, President Skydell read a letter to the Council from Dr. Daniel C. Kurtzer, YU's new dean. In his letter, Dr. Kurtzer expressed his hope of working together with YCSC toward shared goals. "This is a period of transition for YU," said Dr. Kurtzer, and added that his primary goal was to help the student body in all of its activities. He suggested some YCSC sponsored events, including a cultural tour of New York City, and added that he planned on attending Student Council meetings.

Two new sports programs at YU were discussed. The first is the formation of a University-wide league composed of all schools in the University. The league will enhance the intra-

mural system by allowing more students to participate. The second program is the establishment of a YU tennis team with representative Phil Rosen serving as its captain.

In other business, Mr. Cherna suggested establishing a scholarship in memory of Dr. Linn; general opinion was voiced against the increased cost for the photocopier; and a committee was formed to investigate the possibility of establishing a music listening room in the Pollack Library.

Secretary Treasurer Ira Herman voiced a complaint against the registration system at YU. President Skydell replied that Professor Silverman and Rabbi Edelstein have been very helpful to the Student Council in the past and that Yeshiva's registration system is good compared to that of other schools. Problems with registration will occasionally result, due to lack of employees in the Office of the Registrar.

Recent events such as the planned Nazi march through Skokie, Ill. and the nationwide telecast of an interview with an American Nazi leader, indicate that Nazi activities did not end with Hitler and his cohorts.

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Season Outlook Favorable For Keglers; Returning Veterans Ready To Compete

(Continued from Page 8, Col. 5) Unfortunately, Norman was kept out of competition for a while last year due to a fractured leg, nevertheless he is presently in top shape and looking forward to an excellent season.

Not enough can be said about the next starter, Bill Sharfman, one of YU's representatives at last year's NCAA Tournament. Bill put on a superb bowling exhibition, averaging over 170 points per game through 8 games. Also a two-year letterman, Bill has the highest average on the team. Another strong season for Bill could lift the Keglers into the first division.

The fourth returning starter from last year's fine squad is junior Aaron Glatt. Coming to us from the wilds of Flatbush, Aaron's rookie year on the squad

was quite successful. His unorthodox style and famous "stutter step" helped the team win many important games. Whether the Keglers can reach top-ten territory or not will depend to a large extent on Aaron's performance in the coming year.

The final starting position is still unsettled. Major competitors for it include juniors Efram Berger and Jules Grief. Efram had a fine finish last year, and was a decisive factor in the playoffs. Jules bowled well all year, and a big year is expected from this Monsey import.

If any of the starters should falter, there is an excellent reserve of talent. A final tryout-intramural at Madison Square Garden will determine the final four team positions. Several strong freshmen prospects are

said to be in serious contention for these positions.

Fortunately, the Keglers are once again under the expert instruction of coach Arthur "Artie" Tauber, chairman of the YU athletic department. Dr. Tauber's keen observations and advice are reasons why the Keglers are very optimistic about the upcoming season.

For its first match, YU was pitted against a very tough opponent, Baruch College. Sammy Berkowitz, bowling an impressive 189 that led to a 507 series, along with Aaron Glatt's 165 and Bill Sharfman's 159, led the Keglers, but to no avail. Still, the close defeat to a perennial league powerhouse only proves the strength of the Keglers. Hopefully, this will be the year that Yeshiva finally breaks into the prestigious top ten of the East-coast.

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On the Sidelines

Sports Ingredients



By MARK TARAGIN

As we enter Yeshiva University for the fall term another exciting year of sports lies ahead of us. What will the coming year hold in store for us? Will the fencing and wrestling teams continue to have winning seasons? Will the basketball and bowling teams do better than last year? Will the newly formed tennis team turn out to be a powerful contender? No one can tell. But one thing is for certain, the answers to these questions lie in the hands of three groups.

The first group is the administration itself. The administration must at least maintain, and hopefully elevate, the present conditions of the teams. It must make certain that all the necessary equipment is provided and that the facilities are kept in prime condition. It would be a crime to lose a game that could have been won if not for inadequate equipment. All the teams could use more and better equipment, but what is desperately needed to instill an aura of credibility to sports at Yeshiva, is a field house. This would have a gym, suitable for league play, plus adequate room for the other teams to work out. No college can claim to have a true sports program unless it has the proper facilities. It is understandable that with today's financial squeeze such a request sounds unrealistic, nevertheless it is important that the school realize the importance of a field house and try to work towards this important goal.

Another vital group is the coaches. It is up to them to prepare their teams with whatever material is at hand and get the best performance possible out of them. Fortunately we have been blessed with excellent coaches. I hope that they can keep up their good work and continue to provide the teams with their skill and knowledge, enabling the teams to perform well.

The final and most important group is the students themselves. It is they who participate in the sports and do their best to bring the laurel of victory to Yeshiva. It is the students who must come down and root for their friends, supporting them with the extra boost when needed.

Until now not all the students have tried their hardest. There are students who could bolster teams with their skills but do not even bother trying out. Any student can come down and cheer the teams. Unfortunately the student turnout to team events has been lackadaisical. Of what use is a home court advantage if no home crowd comes down to the court? Those of you who do not join teams or do not come down and cheer, just don't know what you're missing. The excitement of participating in a game, bout, or match is well known to many Yeshiva students. Aside from the fun, what better way is there to relax after a strenuous day at school than among the companionship of your peers? When, in the future, you will look back at your stay at YU, one of the first things that you will remember will be your participation in the sports program. For those of you who can't compete, cheering is the next best thing. You don't have to go down to the Garden to watch an exciting basketball game. We have it right here, where the players are your friends. You like watching a sword fight on television; you can come down to the gym and see your own team fencing. Anyone who has ever been down to a wrestling match will not easily forget the invigorating cheers of "Go! Go!" of encouragement yelled to the wrestlers to give them that extra strength to pin an opponent. Try out for a team, come down to games, you'll find the experience rewarding.

Those of you who have already been on the teams, know how much fun it is and are probably looking forward eagerly to the coming year. You all did very well last year and I am sure will try even harder this year and end up with even better records.

I wish all of you good luck and hope that this year turns out to be a winning year, and even more important, a fun year of competitive sports.

Coach Tauber's Fine Fencers Expect Their 200th Victory

Once an object is moving it tends to remain in a state of motion. Newton's first postulate may well be applied to Yeshiva College's fencing team. Now entering its twenty-ninth year as an official inter-collegiate team, the Taubermen are coached by Professor Arthur B. Tauber, Director of Health Education at Yeshiva University. Professor Tauber has been coaching at YU since 1949 and has tallied up an amazing lifetime record. This year he is looking forward to his two hundredth win at Yeshiva, while losing less than one hundred. Coach Tauber is joined by the equally capable Coach Marcell. Together they intend to lead the team to yet another great winning season.

This year's squad consists of over thirty fencers who will be fencing in eleven matches and two tournaments: the National Collegiate Athletic Association

Tournament and the Independent Athletic Conference Championships. The confidence, stamina and experience gained from working with the team has been a strong influence in building the character and maintaining the health of many YC students, many of whom have gone on to achieve much in their chosen fields and are still coming back for alumni matches. Coaches Tauber and Marcell do not recruit talent from high school. They often start from scratch with a freshman in the beginning class, teaching him the basics and eventually the advanced techniques. Leading the team this year are the three co-captains Allan Feld-

Yeshiva Hockey Adds All-Stars

By ISSAC SOIBELMAN

Yeshiva Hockey will be getting into full swing this week as the new season approaches. All four teams have equivalent potentials with first place up for grabs. The Freshman, the team which usually starts out the most disorganized, will have the best goal-tender in the league. His defensive ability should allow them time to become organized and quickly pose a real threat.

The Sophomores, with a season of many ups and downs behind them, will probably put it all to-

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gether. Unfortunately, they still have a weak spot in goal since last year's goalie is not returning. The Juniors, a strong team last year, will surely continue their hard style of play. Their experience could spell the difference against the Freshman and Sophomore teams. The Seniors, after a mediocre season last year, will be greatly strengthened since smicha and alumni will now be playing on their side.

Aside from the exciting play expected between the different teams, there will also be an All-Star team, the YU Cons. For the first time in Yeshiva Hockey the Cons will have a road trip to Boston. This trip will occur during Chanuka and will pit them against both Boston University and Boston College. The acceptance of our floor hockey team to the ranks of such prestigious universities is evidence of the high quality of players in our school.

The closely contested games between the four intramural teams will surely be exciting to watch and will have the effect of preparing our players for the challenge of playing other schools.

man in epee, David Brusowankin in foil, and Steve Tennenberg in sabre. Last year, while at the NCAA's tournament at South Bend, Indiana, Captain Brusowankin qualified for the finals. Unfortunately the finals were held on shabbat and he was forced to forfeit his status. In the recent past at the NCAA, Yeshiva has placed thirty-fifth and twenty-ninth in a field of over sixty top notch universities from around the country, including Princeton, Yale, Harvard, Army, Navy, and UCLA. Anyone who wants to participate in the fun and join the team, should enroll in elementary fencing as soon as possible.

Keglers Are Anxious Eyeing Top-Ten Spot

With the start of the school year comes the start of another exciting collegiate sports season. Yeshiva University has four major teams: basketball, fencing, wrestling and bowling. Until recently, the first three of these teams captured almost all of the limelight, but now, bowling seems to have secured its place as a Yeshiva University sport.

Yeshiva's bowling team, the Keglers, is a member of the Eastern Intercollegiate Bowling Conference. The Keglers meet every Sunday from October until April, playing three games and having a total of seven points. Last year a greatly im-

proved YU finished just percentage points out of twelfth place. This year the Keglers are looking forward to an even better season, hoping to crack the top ten for the first time in YU history.

Although star Bob Gittleman was lost at graduation last June, the other four starters from last year's team are returning. Leading the parade is senior Sammy Berkowitz, who was unanimously voted as captain of the squad. Our resident senior citizen out of Boro Park, Sammy, captured the only individual award that YU picked up from last year's competition. In his fourth year on varsity, Sam's vast experience and great talent are certainly going to be needed to spark the Keglers on to a record breaking season.

Co-captain Norman Shapiro, a junior from Scranton, Pennsylvania, is another key figure in Yeshiva's bid for top ten positioning. A two-year varsity veteran, Norman's big curve has won many matches for the Keglers. (Continued on Page 7, Col. 3)

Juniors Dominate Sophs In Basketball Intramural

By MIKE ACKERMAN

The big showdown had finally arrived. Any shot, any rebound, or any dribble could determine the outcome of the game. The sophomores, young, vibrant, and eager to capture the throne of the YU intramural empire. The juniors, wise, stoic, and patient, warily defending their title. All the nervousness, the tension, and the pre-game jitters melted as referee Jay Gruenfeld tossed up the ball for the opening tap. The juniors grabbed the ball and Dov Weinstock accelerated down the court for a fast break lay-up. The sophomores refused to be impressed and fought back as Jeff Bernstein hit a baseline jump-shot. It was he who kept the sophomores close in the first quarter, with his hard driving lay-ups and baseline jumpers. The quarter was a series of see-saw ups and downs as both teams battled furiously. The end of the first quarter saw the juniors walk to the bench with a shaky one point lead. The second quarter began in a flurry as the juniors exploited their fast break advantage. Steve Solomon was explosive under the boards, brutalizing the sophomore big men with

his awesome power and making his 21 points and 15 rebounds look easy. Junior Mike Malka, cheating on defense, stole the ball with laboratory precision to set up many junior baskets. Malka, who always has the right answer, later told this reporter, "What could I do but try my best?" The sophomore defense began to crumble against the incessant barrages of the juniors. It was clear at the end of the first half that the sophs would have to get something going to stay in the game.

The sophomores, true to form, exploded off the bench in the third quarter and things began to happen. Jeff Seelenfreund (former MYHSL superstar), back after a year at the YU Gruss Center Israel Campus, blazed his way to the basket with a lightning move for a quick score. Seelenfreund was to victimize the juniors throughout the second half to keep his team close. Howie (Continued on Page 6, Col. 1)

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