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BA-MBA Program Misleading

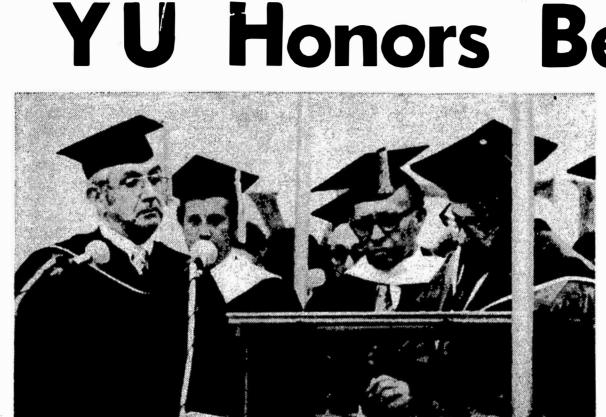
MAY 10 - Last academic year, a combined BA-MBA program with Columbia was announced, which implied a special combination plan between Yeshiva and Columbia University Graduate School of Business. Since sentiment is that the YU student interested in business has few options, this was viewed optimistically and considered a major breakthrough.

The program consists of the applicant meeting the standards set by Yeshiva, being reviewed by a YU Committee, and, if acceptable, getting a recommendation sent to Columbia. If accepted to Columbia, the student would have his BA conferred upon completion of the first year while he works toward his MBA.

However, now there seems to be confusion about the program. Students are calling it "totally misleading,' and contradictory statements seem to be floating out of the offices of Dean Kurtzer and Dr. Batton.

There is A Program'

Dr. Bacon insists that he doesn't know what all the confusion is about. "There is a program." A special relationship does exist between the two schools, and, in fact, a student was admitted to Columbia this year on this program who would not have gotten in without the (Continued on Page 3, Col. 1)



Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin at Yom HaShoa ceremony.

Dr. Fleisher, Head Of English Dept., To Be Honored At YC Alumni Dinner

MAY 11 — Dr. David Fleisher, senior professor of English at Yeshiva College and longtime friend of Yeshiva University faculty members and students, will be honored for his thirty six years of outstanding and dedicated service to Yeshiva University, at a

dinner to be held on Tuesday, June 6, at Yeshiva's main cam-

College Alumni Association, is a pus. The testimonial dinner, be- fine indication of the degree of ing sponsored by the Yeshiva appreciation, admiration and

of a more liberal nature than the

Jeffrey Kantowitz, a member

Ben Kurtzer, the dean's little

Mark Taragin, captain of the

encing team and formerly the

Former Feature Editor Stuie

Sports Editor has now taken the

Chesner will serve as Contribu-

position of Executive Editor.

brother, is now Managing Editor.

of the Yeshiva College Senate,

will serve as Associate Editor.

outgoing Board.

warm feeling that fellow faculty members and students of past and present hold for Dr. Fleisher. Two of Dr. Fleisher's former students, President Norman Lamm of Yeshiva University and Dr. Chaim Potok, renowned author and alumnus, will speak in honor of the occasion. Dr. Fleisher will be presented with a scroll of tribute at the event.

From the time he was appointed to the Yeshiva College faculty in 1942, Dr. Fleisher has taken an active and dedicated role in student and faculty affairs. Promoted to a Professorship in 1951, Dr. Fleisher has served as chairman of the English department since 1946 and as chairman of the Division of Language, Literature, and the Fine Arts at Yeshiva College since 1957. Besides being honored for his contribu-(Continued on Page 3, Col. 3)

Prime Minister Awarded DHL In Colorful Ceremony

MAY 4 — The Prime Minister of the State of Israel, His Excellency Menachem Begin, received the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Humane Letters at a convocation ceremony held on Yom Hashoa V'hagvurah Thursday, May 4, on Danciger Campus.

Frequent Visitor

Mr. Begin, who has visited Yeshiva many times in the past as the opposition leader in the Knesset, returned to Washington Heights for his degree and was greeted by thousands of professors, students, and guests under tight security, in contrast to his last visit in November 1976 when he spoke at an RCA meeting in the Rubin Shul. A processional, led by a scepter-bearing Dr. Blanche Blank, Vice-President for Academic Affalrs, began the ceremonies. Participants included Governor Hugh Carey of New York, the Directors of Cardozo Law School and Albert Einstein School of Medicine, among others. Dr. Daniel Kurtzer, Dean of Yeshiva College, was conspicuously absent from the proceedings. A reliable source informed THE COMMENTATOR that due to political differences with the Prime Minister the Dean would not attend.

Dr. Norman Lamm, President of Yeshiva University, opened the exercises by recalling Mr. Begin's first visit to YU 30 years ago when he was head of the Herut party and Dr. Lamm was Vice President of his senior class. At that time Mr. Begin said that "there are no two Jerusalems, only one" and quoted Isaiah, "From Zion shall go forth the Torah and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem." Dr. Lamm added that today Jerusalem is a unified city once again and "the Torah" is coming from Jerusalem. Menachem Begin is an "extremist in his love of his people to implement the dreams of Theodore Herzl and Zev Jabotinsky (Begin's mentor); and (Continued on Page 8, Col. 4)

78-79 Governing Board Announced, **Commie Becomes More Innovative**

By E. GOLDOFSKY

MAY 1 — After four hours of a closed door meeting THE COM-MENTATOR announced that Ira Tokaver had been elevated to the position of Editor-in-Chief for the 1978-1979 academic year.

A reliable source has informed this reporter that Tokayer was selected mainly for the decisive attitude he took on certain issues. Upon accepting the position Tokayer stated, "THE COMMEN-

TATOR will serve as a forum ble reporting."

No Bored Members

Tokayer's new Governing Board is viewed by most insiders to be

where all responsible views will be exchanged and debated. We realize the immense responsibility we have toward the student body and the University. The paper will be expanded and be innovative, but these changes will not come at the expense of responsi-

> ting Editor. The new Board members who did not serve on last year's Board include: Danny Gottlieb as Senior Editor, Meyer Last as Coordinating Editor, Norman Kinel as News Editor, Simmy Lauer as Feature Editor, Chaim Wexler as Projects Editor, Danny Hartman as Sports Editor, Louis M. Hait as Make Up Editor, and Yechiel Friedman as Copy Edi-

The new Board members stressed their hope that COMMENTA-TOR's popularity would increase and that students would take a more active role in newspaper affairs.

In the celebration following his elevation Tokayer jubilantly toasted, "We're going to blow the lid off this place."



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A kid from Brooklyn who made good.

Could It Be Magic?

The decision by Dean Jacob Rabinowitz to implement several innovations in the Yeshiva College Judaic Studies program is a positive step in dealing with a serious problem which has been overlooked for far too long. The Bible department in particular has deteriorated to the point where it instills more cynicism that inspiration. Dean Rabinowitz has displayed awareness and sensitivity in expanding the faculty and refining the courses which are to be offered. Yet, we must not fall into the comfort of complacency and feel that the recent innovations present all encompassing solutions to the present dilapidation and disarray of the Judaic Studies program. Rather, they represent an important first step on the part of an administrator in dealing with a fundamental deficiency in Yeshiva College.

The Hustle

All eyes were fixed upon Menachem Begin, on May 5, when he received an honorary degree from Yeshiva University. But did those eyes see the recent changes that took place on Danciger Campus, or that the Prime Minister of Israel was in fact responsible for those changes?

The effects of last winter's ravaging storms left Danciger campus looking less like a campus and more like a scarred and pitted battlefield. The first casualty was the fence which bounds the campus along Amsterdam Avenue. The next victim was the tiled walkway between Rubin and Morgenstern dormitories. The combined effects of freezing weather and debilitating snow storms dislodged and cracked many of the tiles. Fortunately, there was no third victim — that is, no student was hurt by either of the potential hazards.

What did suffer were student pride and confidence in the efficiency of the Office of Buildings and Grounds which waited until a week before the arrival of Prime Minister Begin to start work on the campus. The argument that the inclement weather prevented the crew from working may have applied in February, but certainly was no longer valid in late March or early April. Even more appalling is the knowledge that the hastily done work is already showing signs of deterioration.

In the future, repairs should be immediate, contingent on need, and not dependent on who is receiving an honorary degree next week.

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Just The Way Y'are

The Bakke case, a current issue that has attracted much public attention, is now before the Supreme Court. Mr. Bakke was denied admission to the University of California at Davis Medical School. Due to the school's special admission policy, which reviews minority applications separately, students with lesser qualifica-

tions than those which Bakke possessed were admitted. According to Bakke, this policy violates his 14th Amendment rights, by discriminating against him on the basis of his race.

We agree with Bakke's claim, and believe that admissions quotas for minorities should be declared unconstitutional. While recognizing the urgent need to help those who have been discriminated against in the past, such assistance should not be given at the expense of the civil rights of others. To do so would be hypocritical, and would constitute a negation of all the principles that minority groups themselves have striven so long to achieve.

Times Are A'changin?

This Editorial is being reprinted from THE COMMENTATOR — May 27, 1963. Unfortunately, it is still relevant. We specifically call this to the attention of the faculty.

"Have a nice vacation," our professors tell us, but after a few weeks in June running to the mailbox and finding no grades, more than one Yeshiva student has doubted the sincerity of these words. The mental anguish, or worse, caused by professors tardy in grading finals and reporting the grades, give the lie to their otherwise gracious valediction.

The "worse" which can result is when a failure in a course necessitates a term in summer school — which, of course, cannot be registered for when a student does not know if he has failed. Graduate school acceptance is also contingent on eighth term grades — and a senior whose acceptance is uncertain cannot be expected to have a "nice vacation."

A similar situation exists after January finals: grad schools want those grades, but professors seem more interested in playing a waiting game (or "I've Got a Secret"). And outright havoc ensues when registration time comes for courses that have prerequisites in which grades have not been entered.

We find it hard to believe that professors who have spent years in an academic environment are ignorant of these repercussions, or do not appreciate their seriousness. We find it easy to believe that marking tests can be a tedious chore, and one that almost invites to be put off until tomorrow. But if our professors will but remember that tomorow can be too late for the plans of some of their students, and the waiting interval nerve-wracking for others, they will surely spare no midnight oil to put substance into their "happy vacation" wishes.

Letters To The

his tuition. In every aspect, "the

machine" was a winner and no-

Vinnie's Machine

To the Editor:

I have a little story that I would like to share with my fellow students.

There once was a Yeshiva University student whom everyone called "Vinnie." Vinnie had a beautiful car which had taken him over two years to build to perfection. It was a 1970 Chevelle SS 396. It was dressed with a

fresh, metallic blue paint job with white racing stripes. It sported new Crager S/S mags, a Hurst four-speed transmission, a booming AM/FM stereo eighttrack and a whole slew of other goodies. "The machine," as he called it, was mint inside and out. One could spot the car a mile away - it was a "billboard." During the summer, Vinnie would race "the machine" for money so it would help defray the cost of

toriously second to none. On the morning of March 28. 1978, tragedy struck the campus of Yeshiva University. "The machine" was gone. No one had seen her depart on her maiden journey. Not even "Pops", the old guard that was on duty that morning. How could he have missed them taking it? The machine was parked in front of Pollack Library, on the corner. One would have to be blind not to see someone break into the car and drive it away! Where is the se-

campus.

So my little story ends. "The machine of a dream" is gone. Never again would it rule the streets of Washington Heights.

curity at Yeshiva University? It

certainly isn't protecting our

Alan H. "Vinnie" Bresalier JSS, YC '79

No Major Problem

To the Editor:

In his article "A Major Problem," Mr. Stiefel advocates the abolishment of the pre-med major. Unfortunately, Mr. Stiefel does not offer an acceptable alternative to a good many students who are enrolled as medical school aspirants.

The article states that the College's reputation for producing pre-med students who are accepted in large numbers to America's finest medical schools attracts a large number of prospective physicians. What Mr. Stiefel states is true. We must, however, be realistic. Yeshiva University is still in financial distress. Registration is still not at an acceptable level. How do you propose to raise registration if the pre-med major is abrogated?

It is a self-evident truth that the majority of high school students even remotely interested in Yeshiva University are medical or dental school aspirants. We must understand that the most appealing aspect of Yeshiva University is the pre-med major. As unfortunate as it may seem, a large number of students are not here primarily for Torah education. If the major is abolished, there will be a mass exodus from the Yeshiva. The Yeshiva is not sound enough to handle such a

migration.

At the present, it is difficult for the prospective medical school applicants to handle a double program. The pre-med major allows more time for the student to concentrate on the basic sciences. To gain acceptance to medical school, a student must do well in these courses which are covered on the MCATs.

With the many requirements of the College, the Hebrew Studies divisions, a science major, and the normal courses required by the medical schools, the student would have to work continuously in an already closed environment. College, Mr. Stiefel, is a time to expand one's horizons in many respects. The college student should be able to grow socially as well as intellectually and spiritually. The Yeshiva University student is in school more than double the amount of time that a student spends in another university. To keep the students attached to their books more than they are now would be a gross injustice.

I do agree that the Biology and Chemistry departments need revitalization. The idea of re-

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Poli Sci Election To Be Reheld; Quality Of YC Questioned Presidential Voting Contested

MAY 10 — Controversy and conflict have erupted over the recent election for officers of the Political Science Society held on May 4. The election not only failed to conform to any of the regulations set down in the YCSC Constitution, but it also caused contention

among the candidates themselves. Notifications of the elections was made on May 2, the first day back from the Pesach vacation, and candidates were asked to submit their names by midnight, May 3. This violated the constitutional regirements that nominations for club officers he made at a meeting of the club, two to three weeks before the election; that each nominee must acquire a petition signed by five members of the club; that nominations be submitted to the Vice-President of Student Council ten days prior to the election; and that the names of the candidates be posted at least one week before the

Mr. Steven Cohen, outgoing President of the society, stated that he was unaware of these regulations and was later informed by Gary Torgow, Chief Justice of the Student Court, that these regulations are not widely followed in most club elections.

election.

Questionable Practices

The candidates met on the night of May 3, and although a number of candidates left thinking that the election would be May 10, it was later decided, with only four of the eight candidates present, that the election would be held the next day, May 4, between the hours of 12:30 and 2:30 PM.

Due to the conflict with the convocation honoring Prime Minister Begin, the polls were closed at 1:45. Mr. Cohen was informed of this by the Chairman of the Canvassing Committee, at which time he agreed to the closing. He later decided to reopen the election until 10:00 PM. However, not

all the candidates were notified. When Allen Friedman, a candidate for President, learned of the change at 5:30, he immediately (Continued on Page 8, Col. 1)

_ Cleveland Crusader __

When you get what you want in the struggle for self And the world makes you King for a day Then go to the mirror and look at yourself And see what that guy has to say.

By SHELLY SENDERS

have for reflection, I fancy myself a journalist. I have always viewed the different, the unexplored, the untouchable areas within our University as challenging points of departure for objective critiques of the system. As a journalist, I believe strongly in the universal human principles of freedom of speech and of the press within the boundary lines of respectability. That is why I view the harassment that has followed me for most of the year as a most disturbing encroachment on this liberty. For years it has been members of the faculty and administration who have taken opportunities to silence the dissenting voices of the students. Anyone willing to tackle a controversial issue always had to fear

In the few spare moments I that he would be faced with a lawsuit or that his honors would be revoked by a vindicative teacher.

> This past year however, what seems to be emerging is another most interesting phenomenon. It is now the students who are beginning to silence themselves. Henry Kamioner, President of SOY, wrote an article on the propriety of the Dramatics Society's presentation of "Equus." But it was never printed because someone made an obscene phone call to his room at 3 A.M. Frankly, I don't blame him for refusing to subject himself to the same treatment as I received for many months. But why can't a student be allowed to speak out on unpopular issues without fearing for his life? There is, unfortunately, an awful lot of cheating occurring within our hallowed halls. If the system has failed to instill a little ethical appreciation in the hearts and minds of the

students whether, because it denies the importance of teaching morality in a halachicly motivated institution, or the rabbeim implicitly condone cheating, or the secular teachers find it easier to look the other way, then a responsible and honest student has the ethical duty to report the matter directly to the dean. And this business I've been hearing all my life about the halachic impropriety of reporting such things, yes, "finking" on your classmate is pure "hogwash." Privately, Rav Soloveitchik who still is the moving force behind the Yeshiva stated unequivocally that it is not only permissible but religiously important for the students to step forward and reveal the details of cheating practices. But no one does because we're all so darn afraid of what others will say or what others will do. Can't everyone see that by thwarting the efforts of students interested (Continued on Page 10, Col. 1)

ary 26, and the results show that 32% of those seniors who took the test, failed. This is a 5% increase over last year's failing percentage, which was 27%. Students who have failed the test in the past would normally take it over. However there is no other test date scheduled during the current academic year. Students who failed are required to take a departmental exam, and if they fail this test, must submit to an oral exam in their major field.

As Students Fail GRE's

One of the requirements that

must be fulfilled in order to

graduate Yeshiva College is the

achievement of a passing score

on a comprehensive exam. The

test used by YC is the Under-

graduate Assessment Program

(UAP), what is commonly known

as the GRE (Graduate Record

Examinations). This year the

test was administered on Febru-

According to Dean Daniel Kurtzer, the purpose of the GRE is to "satisfy us, and you, that you have mastered the material" in your major field of study. However, the test results, when broken down into individual subjects, show that students are achieving very poor results in some majors. Such majors as Political Science, Psychology, and Sociology, showed failure rates of 69%, 44% and 86%, respectively. In fact, in Political Science and Sociology, the performance of YC students was well below the national means in these

Ascertaining the reasons for the poor performance on these exams is a difficult task. According to Professor Silverman, Registrar of Yeshiva College, it is not that the students or courses are poor, but rather it is a case of "sheer negligence on the students' part." He indicated that when students use the scores of these tests in order to gain admission to graduate school, they take the test seriously and perform considerably better on them. However, for the sole purpose of graduation, students think they can "pass without any study," (Continued on Page 8, Col. 1)

Business BA-MBA Option Surrounded By Confusion

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 1) recommendation of the YU committee. This is true enough and has been echoed by Dean Kurtzer. So what is all the commotion about?

It seems to center around the use of the term "program" for what actually exists. Program, it is felt, implies a more automatic acceptance than has been indicated this year. Students on the program with impressive credentials were rejected, whereas senfors with less substantive credentials were accepted without the recommendation which constitutes the program.

'Not Our Fault'

But nowhere does it say that **ac**ceptance is automatic. In the original drafting of the program it is stated explicitly that "YU's nomination does not guarantee admission to Columbia University." And, as Dr. Bacon put it: "It's not our fault if YU students can't read."

So where does the controversy lie? First, many students feel that the labeling of this option as a program is misleading on the grounds that it provides nothing more than does the Professional Option, which allows any student to pursue early admission to any graduate school.

Terminal Jargonese

Dean Kurtzer says that it still provides more, in that it is set up in advance, and the student, if accepted, receives an automatic recommendation. While students acknowledge that it is an added advantage, still the terminology is misleading.

Also, the fact that two students who were highly qualified (98 and 95% on their Boards) were accepted on the program but were not admitted to Columbia indicates that it is not a viable option for most YU students. As Joel Mael, a student on the "program" said: "It seems ludicrous that Columbia would accept students on a program when the average age of participants is 26, and 80% of the students there have had substantial work experience after college." "It seems that Saul (i.e., Saul Lieberman, the student accepted) was an exceptional case, and it is unfair to mislead both prospective and enrolled YU students," David Cherna, another student, said.

As it stands now, the issue is nresolved as to the status of the option. Students expect that the administration will issue a statement which will clarify the situ-



Saul Lieberman — the BA-MBA

YC Alumni Association To Honor Dr. Fleisher

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 5) tions to academic excellence at Yeshiva, through his numerous publications and through his leadership of various University seminars and colloquia, Dr. Fleisher is being honored for his dedicated efforts on behalf of the students, particularly in the area

of student rights.

Having served recent and past terms on the Yeshiva College Senate and having been the first chairman of the Undergraduate Council, Dr. Fleisher had come to sympathize with student demands for freedom of the press and general rights during a time of student-faculty friction in 1960. When the wave of student demands upon faculty began to flourish across the country, Dr. Fleisher took up the student cause and was appointed Chairman of the Student Activities committee set up by president Belkin Z"l, in 1960. In this post, Dr. Fleisher compiled the "Fleisher Reports" which has since governed extra-curricular activities at Yeshiva College. As proposed in his report, a Student-Faculty Judiciary Committee, comprised of Faculty and Students was established to function as the official organ and channel of recommendations between students and the administration. In addition, Dr. Fleisher outlined

standards for freedom of the

press. Regarding the freedom of



Dr. David Fleisher

expression in COMMENTATOR editorials, Dr. Fleisher wrote in his report "Yeshiva College students have a stake in the college and in the university as a whole. Nothing affecting the welfare of the university can be deemed alien to their legitimate interest or outside their proper editorial concern." This statement came at a time when COMMENTAT-OR columnists were being heavily penalized for issuing opinions contrary and dissenting to those of the administration.

Dr. Fleisher earned his bachelor's degree from New York University and his masters and

doctoral degrees from Harvard University, He holds a Certificat des Etudes Françaises from the Universite de Grenoble and a Diploma in Literature from King's College, University of London. He has also served as a visiting lecturer at New York University.

Aside from his academic pursuits, Dr. Fleisher has served as Dean of Faculty's liaison officer to the Middle States Association, as Chairman of the University Committee on Academic Personnel, and was a member of the Presidential Search Committee after Dr. Belkin's death in 1976.

When it became known that Dr. Fleisher was being retired under the mandatory retirement rule at the end of the 1976-77 academic year, an enthusiastic and appreciative student body came out "en masse" and petitioned for an extension of Dr. Fleisher's teaching mandate, President Lamm extended Dr. Fleisher's stay until the end of the present academic year, at which time Dr. Fleisher will be retiring as a full time faculty member. In a fitting tribute to Dr. Fleisher and due to student admiration for him, Dr. Fleisher has been asked to serve as an adjunct Professor for the 1978-79 academic year, during which time he will teach a course in his area of expertise, Romantic Poetry.

In Retrospect

By PHILIP KLEIN -

It is certainly not an easy task to reflect upon my eight years at Yeshiva, four in YC and four in the High School. Yeshiva has been more than a school; I have undergone a personal, religious and intellectual development within the walls of these buildings lining Amsterdam Avenue. Without attempting to write a column praising Yeshiva for all it has meant and continues to mean for me—something which would not be totally inappropriate—I would merely like to say that I believe there is no realistic alternative for an orthodox student who is committed to Jewish learning and to a rich Jewish life, other than Yeshiva, assuming that his career interests can be provided for by YC.

In looking back at this year's COMMENTA-TOR, I can proudly say that the paper has continued to serve an important function on campus. In addition to reporting and commenting on significant issues, the paper reflected quite well the

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polarization of which unfortunately characterized much of student life at Yeshiva this year, specifically among some of the student leaders. THE COMMENTATOR did not create any issues this year — excluding the regrettable aftermath of the printing of the "CLEP" column — but merely reported them. If some consider this to be a creation of divisiveness among the student body, I can only disagree. With politics, "shtick" and personal grudges being interjected into student activities, it was quite understandable that the students would be as divided as they indeed were.

I do hope that the newly chosen student leaders learn from this year's mistakes, namely, that they do not allow any personal differences to affect the manner in which they interact in the carrying out of their responsibilities. It is only they who will regret the shortcomings of and the ill-feelings towards their respective councils.

It must be stated here that the success of any student endeavor depends as much, if not more so, upon the participation of students in general, as upon the planning of the student leadership. Therefore, if a function does fail, student apathy can very well be blamed. An obvious case in point is that of last week's EMCSC Yom Haatzmaut celebration. The program was admittedly quite poorly planned and poorly publicized. Hiring a group of professional dancers to somehow enhance the Israeli spirit seems to have been an absurd waste of money. However, even if the program had been an excellent one, there would nevertheless have been very few people participating. Students are always more eager to begin their weekends a day earlier or to go off to play ball than to make a school program into something meaningful. When the Deputy Consul from Israel has to address an audience of fewer than fifty people, it is the students at Yeshiva, and not the EMC Student Council, who should feel embarrassed. It is they who should have been there to help, by the mere force of numbers, to get the program off the ground.

This phenomenon of student apathy is the essence of the current general student mentality. Not only at Yeshiva but at other schools as well are students "into themselves" rather than into some worthwhile group endeavor. Students energies are exhausted in their efforts to achieve academic success, i.e. grades, admission to graduate and professional schools, etc., with any free time devoted almost entirely to recreational activities. At Yeshiva, we seldom see such once successful publications as the psychology journal, the French magazine or even Hamashkif. Their existence, let alone success, are no longer deemed important by their potential contributors. It is, of course, easier and more relaxing to go out or to listen to records than to spend time working on some student activity. But students should consider which in the

long run is more worthwhile. It is such a question which must constantly be raised in order to ensure the existence of a collective conscience on campus.

Turning towards my educational experience at Yeshiva, I cannot even hope to convey with mere words of gratitude my feelings towards my rebbeim, Rav Ginsberg shlita, Rav Romm shlita and Rav Lifshitz shlita. They have provided the framework for my education at Yeshiva as well as the foundation for a hashkafa around which I hope to build my life, It is they who also showed tolerance and understanding for a talmid who was quite often less than diligent. For this too I am thankful.

Among my teachers in the College, several will remain outstanding in my memory in terms of their knowledge, teaching skills and personalities. Dr. Manfred Weidhorn of the English Department was one of the more motivating instructors with whom I came into contact. His lectures were always interesting and exciting, sometimes shocking. Through our many conversations, I have grown to admire and respect him for his unique enthusiasm and intellectual vitality. In physics, Dr. Ralph Behrends was able to transform a course once dreaded by pre-meds at Yeshiva, into a clear and fascinating discipline. His well prepared lectures, challenging exams and constant smile won him the good-will and respect of the students who were fortunate enough to be enrolled in his Physics 1 class, I wish both of these men continued success in their respective fields and I sincerely hope that Yeshiva continues to benefit from their membership on the faculty.

Above all, however, the fondest memories of my days at Yeshiva will revolve around the many friendships and good time I have enjoyed here. Fumbling around in the chem and bio labs, none of us knowing what we were doing; staying up late and shmoozing the nights before the Orgo exams; joking about the miserable hours at Kaplan's studying for the MCAT's; going from room to room trying to find the solution to a "wheatstone bridge" physics problem; convincing my roommate that he won't flunk out of college in his senior year. These are the experiences which will always elicit a smile

My work on the paper will always hold a special place in my college memories. It is difficult to put into words what I have felt these past two years as Copy Editor and as Editor-in-Chief. Working together on a project and seeing the "fruits of our labors" has been the most rewarding activity in which I have ever been involved.

The job of editing THE COMMENTATOR would be impossible without the help of the senior editors. Mickey, whose graduation in January left the paper with an unfilled void, was always available for well thought-out advice. His comments added color to our meetings and to the paper itself. Aaron, my substitute memuneh, chavrusah, "right-hand man" and friend, was the hard working editor without whom no newspaper can survive. His well researched articles, including the analysis of the Office of Student Finances, and his sharp columns were certainly an asset to the paper.

The other seniors, Shelly, Dave, Morris and last but not least, Robert; each added his own unique, flair to our sometimes heated discussions. An aversion to sentimentality and the shortage of space prevent me from describing, and thanking you individually for your contributions to the paper. Suffice it to say, that all of you were great to work with and that you should all share in the pride of this year's COMMENTATOR.

The juniors as always were the foundation of the newspaper, providing the substantive news, feature, sports and special interest articles. With a year of hard work behind them, they will no doubt function well in their roles of leadership on the Governing Board during the coming year. Ernie's early departure to law school in Canada will be a loss for COMMENTATOR. His work this past year added a new dimension to the feature articles, something the paper would do well to maintain in the future.

Credit for the readability of the paper and for the eye-catching headlines must go to this year's Copy Editor. Ren, with whom I've apent almost every other Monday and Thursday night for the past two years, was always a pleasure to (Continued on Page 11, Col. 5)

We congratulate the newly appointed student Sonators — Moishe Lovinger, Binny Shudofsky, Lewis Genuth, and Joel Solter.

In Review

By HARRY SKYDELL

It is hard to believe that a year has passed since I assumed the presidency of YCSC. It has been a hectic year, marked by high moments of accomplishment, as well as by low moments of discouragement. In the words of Dickens, "It was the best of times; it was the worst of times."

We started off with high hopes and many plans. This was going to be a banner year for the YU student body. Council officers spent many weeks last summer shopping for the best buys in furnishings for the student lounges to fulfill the first of our campaign pledges. Funds were raised from alumni towards the long-awaited purchase of the universal gym. The groundwork was laid for the first benefit concert sponsored by YCSC.

At the start of the Fall semester, Council officers submitted a budget which was widely acclaimed as innovative and responsive to the needs of the various elements of the student body. We worked very closely with the new Dean, proposing curriculum changes which were long overdue. Partly as a result of this input, a Business course, which had originally been scheduled to begin next fall, was instituted during the current spring semester.

havior, COMMENTATOR displayed a curious need to join in destroying the unity of the student body and respect for the student leaders.

All this reached a climax last month with the charges of "fraud" in the process of elect. ing the new president of YCSC. and although the Student Court unanimously agreed that there was no evidence to warrant new election, COMMENTATOR found it necessary to give prominent space to these unproven charges. Since this paper is read not only by students, but also by alumni and supporters of YU, it certainly is not helpful at a time when massive recruiting and fund-raising drives are underway. to print unsubstantiated charges which do not rebound to the credit of yeshiva or its students.

These events are a cause of no small regret to those of us who have spent the last four, and in some cases, eight years in the YU environment. Some of us have given countless hours to the service of the student body, which could otherwise have been devoted to study or recreational pursuits. Was it worth it? If nothing else, we learned that life is full of disappointments and frustrations, that people are not

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A great deal of effort went into the Robert Klein benefit, and in spite of a disappointing lack of support from the students, for whose entertainment the event was designed, the evening was a huge success (thanks to a last-minute surge of support from members of the wider New York City community). This was followed by two highly successful Shabbatons (one at Stern College, the other at Yeshiva) in which members of the administration participated.

Aside from the students' apathetic response to the concert, the first sign of discord appeared in connection with the security problems at YU last Fall. When Council leaders resisted the demands of a few students to call a student strike and, instead, sat down to "reason together" with the administration, everything started to come apart.

Although we worked out arrangements with the administration to improve security in the area between the subway and the school, the plan called for student participation, which again was sadly lacking, leaving the situation at present very much as it was before. As the new term began, exposure to THE COM-MENTATOR of cheating among some students resulted in dissension and the hurling of slanderous charges, which would be bad enough in a non-sectarian college, and were disgraceful in a yeshiva whose students are warned again and again in the scriptures of the sin of lashon horah Instead of censuring such beperfect and that beautiful dreams can suddenly turn into nightmares.

But we must not lose faith in the future. Next year's leaders now have an opportunity to bring their dreams to fruition. As the torch passes to the new Council, we pray that they will have a successful year, with the whole-hearted support of a reawakened student body which takes pride in its Alma Mater, and a newsepaper that will proclaim proudly to the world that YU stands for the best in Jewish life.

As I take leave of my fellow students and the school which has enriched my life in so many ways, I pledge continued support for its goals throughout the future, and I urge my fellow students to do the same.

I wish to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Dr. Lamm for the improvement he has brought about in the quality of life at Yeshiva and for the innovations that are in the offing. I, personally, wish to thank him for his inspiration and for the assistance he gave whenever called upon for the benefit of the students. I express my appreciation also to Dr. Hecht and Dr. Levine for the guidance and wisdom they provided throughout my years at YG.

There are also a few students to whom I must express my gratitude: Jay, for four unfere gettable years of loyal friends ship and love. Mitch, for the nights and tunas we shared — you've been a great pal. To my (Continued on Page 9, Col. 5)

In Preview

By A. ZEV GOLOMBECK-

For over a decade, since the campus unrest of the sixties, college students nationwide have making their demands known through demonstrations. protests, and violence. At Yeshiva College too, although the tactics may have been different, the students have made strong demands of faculty and administration. At long last the needs of the Yeshiva College students are being realized and changes are under way.

The new schedule of courses for the coming year is one indication of improvement. Additional faculty have been hired and many new courses are being offered. An accounting program at Yeshiva College is a reality and the Judaic Studies requirements have been restructured. Aside from academic changes there are also physical changes on the horizon for the Main Campus. The Reis Medrash in Tannenbaum Hall is being renovated, to make it a more belitting atmosphere for the learning of Torah. In Rubin Hall the floors were carpeted, acoustical tile ceilings have been installed and new bright light fixtures and doors will reblace the old ones. After many years the university has finally taken steps toward the building of an athletic facility. Obviously the voice of the students is being heard.

The voice of the Yeshiva Uni-

bridge, Mass., to an athletic competition in South Bend, Indiana, to the home town of each and every Yeshiva College student.

Possessing so strong a voice is an immense responsibility. Utilizing it to its maximum potential is an even greater task. We dare not be silent lest we be forgotten. Yet we dare not explode lest we destroy ourselves. Among members of the Yeshiva University family we must continue to criticize and demand. Rut let us accompany our complaints with positive suggestions, and let us all involve ourselves in the promotion and implementation of new ideas and advancements. Let us also realize that "Rome was not built in one day," and that while we exert pressure, we must also be patient.

Outside Yeshiva University circles, we must look upon our school in a different light. When speaking with inspectors from the State Board of Regents, or from Phi Betta Kappa, the students of Yeshiva must put their best foot forward and display academic achievements. In talking to prospective new students and their parents, we must stress the assets of our institution. We cannot compare Yeshiva to Harvard, Columbia, Cornell, or Yale, nor can we compare those institutions to Yeshiva. The Torah Umadah ideal is as unique among universities as the Jewish People is

In Prospect By IRA TOKAYER

Philosophically, perhaps, as we face our miserable world, it is better to feign ignorance. Our happiness, says Schopenhauer, depends on our not knowing life too well. Let one sojourn through our hospitals and surgery rooms, our prisons and torture chambers, our battlefields and places of execution - one is overwhelmed if he sees clearly. The great writer Dante, when he set out to describe hell, took the materials for it from our actual world, and made a very fine hell out of it. But when he came to picturing heaven he had insurmountable difficulty, for our world afforded him no materials for such a place. Life represents a constant struggle which one can never seem to win. If one fails he is miserable and if one wins he is disappointed. We are all robots moving to our inevitable doom. And, as the intellect increases so too does pain. The only answer - to feign ignor-

However, as a newly-appointed newsman I must begin to reformulate. Don't we have the obligation to live in reality no matter how disillusioning? Knowledge cannot always be pleasant (which one of us did not shed a tear when they found out that Mr. Ed could only talk on TV). Without this knowledge, however, life would be a bitter lie. But even more, we must call for unhappy wisdom, even at the cost of disillusionment, for in it lies the only hope of betterment.

Especially as newsmen, we have the ohligation to uncover all truths even it it may breed cynicism. For a cynic's disillusionment stems only from his unrealistic optimism, and this can only result in an attempt to make the world a better place to be. This is the direction that THE COM-MENTATOR will take throughout the course of next year; informative, investigative, all-encompassing, airing the dirty linen in public if necessary, even if it may hurt, out of love and unlimited expectations of the heights to which we feel YU can climb. Enough sweeping of problems quietly under the rug. If we clearly see the reality we will he able to point clearly to its hetterment. We hope that our paper next year will make the necessary waves,

Let us state now, that any aspect of Yeshiva which seems sensitive to student needs, and acts efficiently and honestly, will find a good friend in COMMENTATOR. We were happy to applaud the efforts of Dean Rabinowitz in our editorial. But, hy the same token we will look for the rotten and demand change. We will choose our adversaries carefully and responsibly. But once we do, we will not be stifled. We will preach unhappy wisdom even at the cost of disillusionment. Through it, we hope to make Yeshiva that much better. We are conscious of the power of the press, and plan to use it uncompromisingly.

Aside from a vehicle of power and potential change, a college newspaper has a responsibility to act as a vehicle of student opinion. To this end we hope to expand our Op-Ed section. Anyone with something significant to say, and a good way of saying it, will be encouraged to express himself.

While on the subject of Op-Eds, I would like to take this opportunity to respond briefly to remarks appearing in HAMEVASER (re: A Comment to COMMENTATOR, April 18), and through it clarify some misconceptions about the purpose of a college newspaper. No, although I disagree with Teddy, I will not call him a "nitwit," hut J would like to enlighten him on the "logic behind representing all points of view."

You see, truth is not a product of complacency, it is forged from the tension of a struggle. As John Stuart Mill has advocated; any ideal, no matter how true, becomes a dogma if not challenged. And, it is important that these ideals be challenged in the newspaper so that responsible responses can be forwarded. Insulation is not the task of any college newspaper, especially, I feel, in a religious school where questions exist but (as we see) are not permitted to be tolerated. THE COMMENTATOR will remain dedicated to the free flow of ideas even if we have to put up with those winds Teddy seems to bear "rushing from ear to ear."

Another responsibility of a college newspaper seems to center around its editorials. On our editorial policy I would like to make two points. Rirst, we would like to expand our editorial jurisdiction to issues outside of the immediate Yeshiya focus. I point to our Bakke editorial as such an issue. It is a controversial subject on campuses all around the country, and should be no less so here on our very own Danciger. We hope to be able to open students' eyes to issues outside of their own ivory tower, and give them more of the total college experience which too many feel they have given up by coming to YU.

Secondly, clearly our editorial policy will not always correspond to overwhelming student sentiment. I state now that we will be responsible only to our own consciences, and by the same token we ask students to be equally responsible to theirs. We expect students to praise our strong stands or to condemn our muddle-headedness. But not to ignore us. Again, to encourage a free flow of ideas, we call on students to express themselves.

In this issue, we hope to have given Yeshiva students a glimpse of THE COMMENTATOR they can expect to see next year.

As can he seen, we have placed great emphasis on innovation. For the actual innovation I will point to "Behind the Dorm Doors" which we hope will be fun and even possibly provocative. The use of color, and a more clearly defined feature section are just a few of the technical changes which are indicative of a general spirit of change we hope to engender. Stagnation seems too often to be the unconscious motto of our institution. We will not be dull by design. We will try to be exciting and different in the hope of provoking renewed interest in COMMENT. AFOR, and through it, Yeshiva.

Entering our 51st year, we plan to start the next cycle fresh with renewed vigor and enthusiasm, a sentiment we hope will spread throughout the school, to the higest echelons of YU. We await a positive reaction from our students.

The task of Editor-in-Chief already seems frightening and lonely. For reasons that I have not yet formulated it is inevitable that I shall stand alone for a great part of next year. I understand this and am sorry about it, but it is a responsibility I have accepted. Because people are human, they, as individuals, when hurt, cannot see with the scope that I will and will not understand errors and oversights. I will try to be consistent; I apologize now for mistakes, and heg now for understanding. But, as the same time, I hope to have the strength to take solace in the knowledge that my errors will be the result of myself being human in the same sense. And as unforgiveable an attrihute as it might he for an Editor-in-Chief, I maintain that right to err.

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versity student echoes far beyond Washington Heights. It is heard by politicians in Washington through letters and demonstrations. It is heard in Israel, where Yeshiva College and Stern College students have demonstrated staunch support for Prime Minister Menachem Begin, despite public denouncements by individual faculty members and administrators. The voice of Yeshiva students is heard as the of the future leaders the world, from the Harvard Model United Nations in Cam-

among the nations of the world. We do not guide ourselves by the standards set by a modern decadent society, but rather we follow in the tradition of our ancestors. Just as they analyzed the laws of the Torah and set their life-style by those guidelines, our guidelines must clearly be in those same directions. It is only with this in mind that the Yeshiva College students will continue to sound their voices with hones of reestablishing in Yeshiya world Jewry. It is heard all around College the highest standards of Judaism, academics, culture and

SOY's distinguished scholarly publication, Gesher has been published under the editorship of Jordan Cherrick, Shelly Senders, and Aaron Stiefel. The annual journal, rejuvenated last year, features articles from notables both within and without the Yeshiva community.

Two student publications, Kol and Polis, have recently been published. Polis, edited by Ernest Roll, is the official Political Science journal of Yeshiva University. Kol is the literary magazine of Ye-Bhiva College.

WYUR has announced its new Governing Board for 1978-79. Steven Cohen is the Station Manager. Rudy Vogel will serve as Program Director while David Ginsburg will assume the post of Chief Engineer.

A student who has sent a transcript during the spring semester may have a supplementary transcript sent with his final grades for the term without charge, to the same institution receiving his original transcript if he comes to the Registrar's office and fills out Form 'T7 (pink form) and mailing slip T13.1 NO LATER THAN JULY 7, 1978.

The Yeshiva College Debating Team will stage its final debate against Stern College on Thursday, May 18, at 7:30 PM in F 440. The topic is: "Resolved: that human rights should be the prime determinant of United States foreign policy."



Reception For Begin

By ELI CHOMSKY

With pompous glory and bubbling fanfare the order of the day, Prime Minister and Mrs. Menachem Begin of Israel were welcomed by President and Mrs. Carter to the White House for a May 1st reception. This gala event in the Rose Garden was the first in a week-long list of political image-making appearances by Premier Begin. The reception was sponsored by the Synagogue Council of America, with 900 rabbis from across the American Jewish community in attendance.

Carter Pledges Support

In their brief remarks to the 1,200 guests, both President Carter and Prime Minister Begin reiterated the special American-Israeli relationship and alliance. Mr. Carter pointedly remarked that "for 30 years we have stood at the side of the proud and independent nation of Israel. I can say without reservation as the President of the United States of America that we will continue to do so not just for another 30 years, but forever."

Mr. Carter then went on to stress anti-Jewish persecution by noting that "Jews often suffer religious discrimination, inquisitions, pogroms, and death."

Noting that there was no formal monument in this country to the victims of the Nazis, Mr. Carter announced that a commission would be appointed to report to him in six months on a suitable memorial "to insure that we in the United States never forget."

Mr. Begin seemed visibly moved by Mr. Carter's references to American support for Israel and to the tragedy of the Jewish people.

"May I humbly tell you," Mr. Begin said, "that today we heard from the President of the United States one of the greatest moral statements ever."

Asserts Friendship

Concluding his remarks, Mr. Begin asserted that "for freedom, for justice, for human pro-

gress, and for human dignity, let there be everlasting friendship between the great United States of America and the renewed State of Israel."

At the conclusion of the leaders' remarks, the President and the Prime Minister chatted with a number of guests, including this reporter. In our brief discussion, I sent best wishes from all members of the YU community and expressed the hope that the day of peace would soon come to all parties in the Middle East without endangering the security of Israel. The leaders replied that the youth in America and Israel must play a significant role in any future peace and should continue to work hard to reach that ultimate goal. I assured them that I would relay the message to the entire YU family and expressed the hope that they would soon come to visit our campus.

Minority Students Demonstrate As Students Are Injured And C

By JOSH BRICKMAN

"No one is going anywhere until we get our money," shouted Richard Perez. Within seconds, chairs were flying, fists connecting and mass hysteria erupted. Sound like a John Wayne movie? Guess again. This whole scene took place last month at Brooklyn College in the Flatbush section of Brooklyn.

In the last week of April, a Student Assembly meeting was held at which the Jewish Defense League was allocated \$1,000 to defray the costs of a trip to Skokie, Illinois. That same week a group of minority students calling themselves the "Students Revolutionary Brigade" put in a similar request for money to cover the expenses of a trip to Washington, D.C. to protest the decision of the Bakke case. Unfortunately, the issue never came up for a vote. According to the minority groups, their representative was ignored. But according to the predominantly Jewish Student Assembly the representative simply failed to bring up the issue.

Chairs and Punches

This all set the stage for the next Student

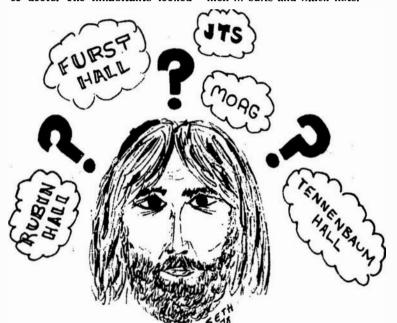
Assembly meeting. This time the minority students brought forth their request for \$2,000 in a more cogent manner. After a heated debate, a move was made to adjourn. At that point Instructor Perez reportedly threw chairs at Jewish students and punched them. Howard Aaron, the president of the Student Assembly, and a graduate of BTA, had to be locked in a closet by security officers for safety reasons.

The next day Brooklyn College president John W. Kneller suspended Perez and barred him from the campus for "conduct unbefitting of a faculty member." Some minority students were extremely upset with Perez's suspension as tension mounted at the school. Over the weekend, a Jewish student was attacked by a Puerto Rican student, Indio Allahandro, and had to be treated for minor injuries at a nearby hospital. According to Harold Harris, an administration spokesman, it was not known who was at fault in the incident. One Black student leader claimed that it may have been instigated by the Jewish student though he felt that it was an isolated incident. In an effort to dispell

YC, An Assumed Haven For Runaway Hippie Drug Addicts, Is A Disappointing Breeding Ground For Crew-Cut Frumies

When I attended Mesivta of Long Beach they told me that YU was full of heresies. There are three courses at Yeshiva, the old joke went: Bible courses, Talmud courses, and Apikorsus! My mashgiach went on to imply that the college was a haven for longhaired, marijuana-smoking degenerates. Of course, I believed everything they told me. Each new warning only whetted my appetite for the inevitable. At night I dreamt about freedom. Freedom to grow my hair down past my shoulders and freedom to wear the most outlandish and ridiculous clothes imaginable. I looked forward to the dorm with its non-stop orgies of drugs and women. Endless hours of mirth and hilarity with activities my mind dare not conjure up.

But my dream was destroyed on the first day at Yeshiva. By some mischance or cruel prank, I was placed in Riets Hall, the building with an as yet undetermined architectural style and a shatterproof silence broken here and there by the slamming of doors. The inhabitants looked more like characters in a Mesivta picture post-card than like any latter-day hippies. The only people around were clean-cut young men in suits and black hats.



It must be a mistake, I thought, as I donned my jeans, brushed up my spiffy new afro and headed to shiur. But I was in for another letdown. My rebbe, a venerable patriarch with a large white beard, is religious enough to make even a Lakewood rebbe jealous. He used no corrected texts, no enlightenment scholars: only the regular rishonim and achronim. What a disappointment! Worse yet, after class my rebbe called me over and told me in no uncertain terms that my hair is too long and my pants would do better in the garbage.

That night I checked out the other dorms. To my amazement, I found there were no wild parties and the nearest single women were millions of miles away. No one seemed to know where I could get a whiff of pot either and to this day my virgin nose has not sensed its (pungent?) (Continued on Page 8, Col. 5)

Al Rosen, Yankees' President And Ex-Indian Discusses His Career

By NEAL AUERBACH and STUART FISCHMAN

Al Rosen was born on February 9, 1924 in Spartanburg, South Carolina, and grew up in Miami, Florida. He attended high school at the Florida Military Academy and is a graduate of the University of Florida with a degree in business administration. Mr. Rosen played professional baseball in the Cleveland Indians' organization. During his outstanding major league career, Mr. Rosen twice led the league in home runs and in runs batted in, and in 1953 was voted Most Valuable Player in the American League.

Question: How did you first become involved in organized baseball?

Answer: I guess I'd always had a burning desire to be a major league ballplayer, and while in high school, I met some people involved in baseball. I went to spring training in 1942 with a Boston Red Sox farm club. While in Suffolk, Virginia the manager of that team told me that I'd never be a ballplayer and to go on home. I was rather crushed, but was introduced by a friend of mine to a bird-dog (part-time, local) scout named Frank Stein. Stein sent me to the manager of a Thomasville, North Carolina, team, which signed me to a contract. That's how I got started.

Mr. Rosen served three years in the Navy, and upon his return was assigned to a Class C team in Pittsfield, Massachusetts. He spent the following year in Oklahoma City, with an AA team. In 1947, he was called up to the Cleveland Indians for the first time, and became the regular third baseman in 1950.

Question: What was your single higgest thrill in basehall?

Answer: I would say that it was my first game as a regular for Cleveland. We opened the season in Cleveland and drew over 60,000 people. I had just replaced a favorite, Kenny Keltner, and the crowd let me know it. But in the bottom of the eighth inning I hit a home run tieing the game. We lost the game but for me it was a beginning.

Mr. Rosen retired from baseball after the 1956 sea-

son, and became a stockbroker for Bache & Co. in Cleveland. He subsequently became a Vice-President of the firm. During that time he maintained ties with the Cleveland organization as a board member. In 1975 he, along with George Steinbrenner, Gabe Paul, and Steve O'Neil (now majority stockholder of the Indians) attempted to buy the Indians. The deal didn't materialize and George Steinbrenner formed a new group (including Al Rosen) which purchased the New York Yankees from CBS. After Gabe Paul left the Yankees to return to Cleveland, Mr. Rosen assumed the presidency.

Question: When you were growing up in Miami, did you receive any Jewish education?

Answer: Very little. We were members of Temple Israel. Though I did go to Sunday School, I had no Bar-Mitzvah. My brother did.

Question: Did your mother impress your Jewish identity upon you?

Answer: While we were Jewish, and my family and I observed all the Holidays, I'd be deluding you if I told you we were an observant family. We were not.

I always observed the Holidays, even during the season. When I was in Cleveland, we belonged to the Temple. I was on the Board of Trustees, and my children went to Sunday School. I was involved in Jewish life there. I was very active in the UJA, at Bellfaire, a Jewish orphan's home, and with the Telse Yeshiva.

Question: What is the extent of anti-Semitism in baseball?

Answer: I found anti-Semitism a normal, everyday thing which Jews will find when living in communities that aren't predominantly Jewish. You hear things. I always felt that unless it was an overt attack on my heritage, I'd overlook it, just the way Joe DiMaggio reacted when he was called a "Big Dago." I always felt that if you did your job well, they will never find anything with which to criticize you. You oftentimes overcome that kind of pettiness by your own actions.

I can recall one or two times that I was overtly picked on. One time in Cleveland I was involved in an

incident with Matt Batts, a third string catcher for the Red Sox. He had been looking to start something with me for a long time. Finally, I walked over to the dugout, took off my glove and asked him to come out. Two players, Johnny Pesky and Bobby Dorr, both of whom were great players, grabbed Batts, ushered him down to the runway, and, I understand, gave him a good verbal going over. I never had any problem with Batts again.

It would make a great story if I could say, "Yes, I overcame anti-Semitism," but it just didn't happen that way. It was the normal kind of thing Jews experience all the time, but if you bristle at everything people say, you'll have a fight everyday.

Question: Are the Jews at a disadvantage in getting into baseball?

Answer: Not at all. We're looking for talent; we don't care about the color of their skin, their heritage, or their background.

Question: Isn't a Sabbath-observing Jew at a disadvantage in terms of pursuing a career in baseball?

Answer: It's a terrible disadvantage, but you make sacrifices and decide what you want. If your religious background is such that you just can't bring yourself to do it, then you have to give up and find yourself another profession.

Question: Many students follow the career of Ken Holtzman with interest, his heing a Jewish pitcher. Why is he out of rotation?

Answer: That's a delicate subject around here—Ken Holtzman. It has been determined by the manager that he is not as effective as the other pitchers we have. In other words, we have pitchers that we think can outperform him and therefore they will be our starters. The only time the manager will use a fellow like Holtzman is when he gets into a spot and has no one clse to pitch, because naturally he's going to use his best people ordinarily. That is why Holtzman isn't pitching. I would like to see Ken Holtzman pitch; I think he can pitch and win. The problem here is that he is not as effective as the other pitchers we have.

In Unrest At Brooklyn College verzealous Instructor Arrested

any actions of a brewing racial conflict a joint news conference was called and both sides officially declared that there was no racial dispute. The assembly then allocated \$1,000 for the Bakke protest.

Storming Whitehead Hall

The next day Instructor Perez showed up to teach his regularly scheduled class. When notified that Perez was on campus, President Kneller immediately summoned the police, and Mr. Perez was arrested for criminal trespass. The following day 150 Black, Caribbean, and Puerto Rican students stormed Whitehead Hall, a building used mainly for its classrooms, chained the doors and began a mass sit-in. They demanded a "stop of Puerto Rican and Black student harassment" and that charges against Perez and Allahandro be dropped.

An attempt by the police to break the siege on the building was repelled by a group of students who threw rocks and bottles at the approaching officers. According to Harold Harris, the police suffered six casualties but other reports go as

high as ten. The Tactical Police Force was summoned and, armed with helmets and clubs, were finally able to penetrate the building. Three students were arrested, two of whom, according to college officials, did not even attend the college.

Most of the other students interviewed seemed very apathetic about the whole situation. Some displayed anger and resentment that 150 students had caused so much commotion. One Black student leader who chose to remain anonymous, said, "The answer is not in violence but rather in a peaceful dialogue between the students and administration to determine a program for minority students." He did emphasize, however, that this was not a racial dispute and blamed the administration for having given it a racial slant.

Although it seems as if the situation has been ameliorated, a stalemate still exists on the issue of Perez's suspension. Perez still faces a disciplinary hearing the decision of which, according to a BC spokesman, will probably result in the termination of his employment.

Discrepancies In The Law School Admissions Test Are Causing Great Consternation For Applicants

By TSVI KILSTEIN

A large number of students who took a revised version of the Law School Admission Test achieved abnormally high scores, a fact which threw admissions offices of leading law schools across the country into a quandary, and seriously impaired the chances of some stu-

dents to get into law schools. The abnormally high scores appeared when the Educational Testing Service, which administers the LSAT, made the test administered in October and December more difficult, which in turn lowered the median scores and allowed those students who did better than the median to score deceptively higher scores. Three times the usual number of scores above 700 (out of a pos--Bible 800) flooded admissions offices as a result of the modified exams.

Effect on Admissions

When the higher scores came into the law schools around the country, the discrepancy was noticed immediately. Yale University Law School notified the Educational Testing Service in February of the influx of high scores. The testing service notified all the law schools that use the test as one of the primary bases of admission that the October and December scores "varied from past experience." The warning came too late for some schools. For example, Harvard Law School has a "rolling" admissions program in which students are notified of their status as the files are completed. Hence, Harvard admitted some students on the basis of the deceptive scores. which limited the chances for those who normally would have been accepted at Harvard. Further, those students who took the July exam had lower grades and were hurt in their application attempts.

Stanley H. Kaplan, whose test preparation centers have become a mecca for those seeking admission into prestigious graduate schools, explained the foul-up on the "law-boards" as follows: "It is wrong to say that the test was changed. The style was the same but certain sections, such as the quantitative comparisons, were more difficult." Mr. Kaplan noted that since students who scored higher on the test had their scores boosted because of a lower median, his students did better. He stated that law school admissions officers all around the country believe that the LSAT is a successful predictor of how a student will perform in his first year in law school. "If go-

ing to a top law school is your goal, and you don't score above 600, chances are you've got problems." Some of his students found that they were extremely well prepared for the test, even with the modifications. "Our scores keep going up," he boast-

Cardozo's Opinion

The Director of Admissions of Yeshiva's Benjamin Cardozo Law School, Professor John Hanks, stated that the modified test had no effect on admissions policy at that institution. "It's primary effect was at leading law schools, such as Harvard, Yale, and Columbia. I wish I could say that most of our students scored above 660 or 700, but it is not true." Professor Hanks stated that he expected that law schools will be especially careful to observe the test results in the fu-

Oddly, Yeshiva College students were minimally affected by the modification. Since Yeshiya students take the Monday test, they did not receive the more difficult test. Dr. Michael Hecht, YU's pre-law advisor, stated that this year was the most successful year in the history of Yeshiva College. "As of now, we the situation.

probably have 100 per-cent acceptance into law schools." He enumerated that many students had breached the walls of the coveted top-line schools. When asked about Kaplan's claim that his students were in a better position to take the test, Hecht stated that he advised students to prepare for the test in some fashion but did not specify Mr. Kaplan's service. "He is a businessman and does a fine job in preparing students for the LSAT test." Hecht questioned the prices that some test preparation centers charge for their services, "I dislike people who prey on the anxiety of students for their own financial gain."

The error that the Educational Testing Service made this year in modifying two exams out of the three in the cycle is not likely to be repeated. Still, students across the country who plan on entering law schools may be dismayed as their career plans could be abruptly changed because of a testing service's bad judgment. Admission to law school is Kafkaesque in impersonality. Errors on the part of the "powers that be" that administer the test only serve to further aggravate

Pro and Con.

Behind Dorm Doors In an effort to provide a forum where open and spontaneous student sentiment can be expressed, THE COMMENTATOR will pose questions dealing with relevant topics to different members of the student body. Thus, in our effort to present the views of the student

What is the single most important change you would like to see in YU next fall?

we take you on our journey BEHIND THE DORM DOORS.

Anatoly D. Trakhtenbroit - Sophomore, JSS - I would like to see an increased number of courses in YC next fall. 90% of YC students are now Pre-Meds. I am a biology major and there are only two courses which I can take in the next two years.





Harvey Wind - Freshman, EMC - I would like to see more participation by the females on this campus.

Binny Shudofsky - Junior, YP - The major fault in YC is that the problem of synthesis is not being dealt with properly. Every secular department in YU must have a significant link with Judaism. A pre-med major should take a course in Jewish medical ethics and a business major should take a course in business ethics. YU shouldn't serve as a factory to produce doctors and lawyers. YU must implement and inject Torah values wherever possible.





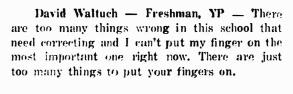
Jon Stein - Senior, JSS - Student anathy is the biggest problem in YC. The administration can get away with practically anything. Students aren't willing to put themselves out for each other. They're all grubbing away trying to get into grad schools. Only if students take a more active role in school affairs will the administration realize they are dealing with people.

Alan "Woody" Levin - Senior, JSS - I definitely feel that a more open-minded attitude has to be instilled within the YU community. Many ideas which are against those commonly accepted within the University, are dealt with in a very intolerant way. Having open discussion would be much more productive.





Elchonon M. Berkowitz — Senior, YP — My philosophy is that I'm in YU for the education. I don't want to get involved in politics or anything of that sort. With regard to education I'm satisfied. I feel I got what I came for.







That Goodbye Column

By DAVID KAHN -

Ah, the ubiquitous goodbye column in year-end issues. It turns up as regularly as those cheery if not necessary editorials wishing everyone an enjoyable summer with that "see y'all next year" flippancy endemic to the lighter issues in Commie. Well, here's one Editor, a senior by label, circumstance, and the supreme will of the registrar, who by the magnanimous nature inherent in the newly elected Editor-in-Chief, and by virtue of the fact that he's leaving and NOT returning, is being given that once-in-an-undergraduate-

lifetime opportunity to write a

goodbye column - and isn't.

Not that I object to them in all their fantastic, albeit repetitive, forms. But they're becoming an institution here just when YU's getting used to dropping them.

Take the Serious Goodbye Column. Its author writes with the urgency of a tefillin-tied guru who's had a blinding revelation in front of Morgenstern, and must, for the sake of the University. Motherhood, and llumanity prophesize impending doom before fleeing the environs with a preframed diploma. I was always suspicious of these characters. While putting on tefillin at 11:00

isn't unusual for this side of Washington Heights, these serious goodbye column types make it a point to save their brilliant criticism of this upstanding institution for the last week of school. You can bet they're on a train out of town before our fine PR department lodged up there on the fourth floor of Furst can regurgitate a splendid rehuttal to their fallacious accusations.

Then there's the sentimentalist, you know, the guy who finds it necessary to thank thirty-one professors and seventeen "really close" friends and the guy who handed out vegetables to him in

the caf for four years. No, our friend doesn't heat around the bush. He buries you in it, This senior has somehow gotten the idea that YU's entire student body wants to know how many times he went to Carvel with the fellas and was treated to brilliant insights-into-life by his math professor. By the time he's through he'll have included enough relatives in his column :) put a daytime soap opera writer to shame, and you'll wish be hadn't listened to his great aunt whom he "can't thank conugh" for sending bina to YU.

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Many Fare Poorly On Comprehensive; YC's Academic Quality Is Questioned

(Continued from Page 3, Col. 5) and arc often "shocked" by the results.

Another possible reason for low scores in some subjects may be that the department does not structure its course offerings the same way as the GRE tests do, certain areas may be stressed on the tests that are not in the courses. Prof. Silverman questioned whether it would be proper to teach with the GRE specifically in mind, but he also admitted that no department has ever stated that it has decided to concentrate on other areas and that the test is not suitable for its students. Silverman also stated that very few departments have studied the results of these tests and had attempted to draw conclusions.

Both Dean Kurtzer and Professor Silverman agree that some change in the arbitrary designation of 450 as the passing score ahould be made. The possible alternatives to this could be a percentile system, or perhaps another arbitrarily chosen score. According to Silverman, the 450 score was chosen because when the tests were originally normed, the national mean on all the tests was about 500, and 450 represented the 33rd percentile. But over the years the national mean has varied considerably from 500, and Silverman suggests that it might be more fair to set the passing score at the 33rd percentile, rather than 450. But even with this change statistics show that only 3 more students would have pass-

Poli Sci

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Legal Wranglings

Mr. Jeffrey Cymbler, another Presidential candidate, later argued that the polls should have remained open, and Mr. Cohen agreed to invalidate the election and to hold a new one. Mr. Friedman requested that the Student Court uphold the original election, but Chief Justice Torgow has declined to hear the case based on Mr. Friedman's evidence.

New elections for the office of President have been set for Wednesday, May 17, with Political Science majors and minors eligible to vote.

CORRECTION

Dr. Lowell Bellin is Professor of Public Health Administration, not Dean of Columbia University's School of Public Health as was reported in our last issue.

ed their respective tests in February, and 2 more would have failed, meaning a net result of only one more passing score.

Most undergraduate schools do not require a comprehensive exam as part of the graduation procedure, even though many graduate schools require such an exam from applicants. Student opinion seems to be against such an exam being required, as indicated in a COMMENTATOR editorial dated March 8, 1978. "A student's academic record, course grades, and recommendations more accurately reflect his achievement in college. In more cases than not, these exams tend to obfuscate his record. We feel that because of the deficiencies and inequities of such exams, and the incogruities between the exam and the curricu-

Relling Along

lum at Yeshiva College, they be removed as graduation requirements."

Whatever action that will be taken regarding the tests, if any, will be too late for the 32% of those seniors who failed the GRE in February. For them, a departmental exam is scheduled and perhaps this time the test will be taken more seriously by all involved. Dr. Kurtzer related the case of one student, who three years after his finishing YC, has yet to pass a comprehensive exam and graduate. Although this is a very rare case and may involve extenuating circumstances, it tends to illustrate the burden which seniors who have fulfilled myriad of requirements throughout their four years at YU now face.

That Goodbye Column

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He may be better than the Goodbye Column Reflective type. He ranks among the worst. You'd figure after four years of writing about Torah and Madah he'd had enough, but no, come his last column he's still synthesizing us to death with the air of a philosopher-judge, chewing on a pencil rather than a pipe. The only black robe he'll ever wear will be the one which he has to return to the Committee on Ceremonial Affairs a day after graduation.

Of course one can't exclude the goodbye column of former Sports Editors who are tops at creating emotional prose out of jock-schlock. These fellas would list you the vital statistics of every

basketball game, wrestling match, and fencing meet if you'd give them a chance and the space.

But what about the exiting editor who combines all of the above? He's the one who hopes that the administration stays on the right track, improves the quality of education and makes things a bit more enjoyable in what amounts to a 31/2 year pressure cooker. He won't slam the administration because after semesters of meetings and commissions he realizes that inevitable bureaucracy and shortage of funds are more responsisble for problems than any possible lack of dedication on the part of administration and faculty mem-

And although he believes in Torah and Madah by the Hudson, even with the inherent problems it poses, he wouldn't force it on anyone because he believes if must be expressed in a personal way. For HIM it is something for which to live and strive.

Lastly, although this type of goodbye columnist isn't a clubby sentimentalist, he doesn't forget too easily either. Not those who inculcated, instilled, and inspired, nor those who helped, befriended and laughed. He doesn't mind ending his column — and four years — by praying that they and his parents and family have long lives and healthy years. Because they, quite simply, mean so much to him.

That is, me.

Gather Ye Rosebuds

By ERNIE ROLL thed to me by previous radiate the

The paint was not yet dry on queathed to me by previous radi-Yeshiva University's new "secals and continue to serve as a curity" car, the cement was not dissident voice in the crowd, in yet dry on the newly patched the hope of keeping the adminwalkway between Rubin and Moristration at least semi-honest and genstern dormitories, and the resomewhat responsive. Such is the stuff that oils the political mechvitalized fence around Danciger anism. Now on to the traditional Campus had just been completed, COMMENTATOR goodbye colas Menachem Begin drove up to Main Campus to accept his honorary doctorate. If it hadn't been Ten or twenty years from now for Menachem Begin, the prewhen we look back on all the fond memories that had made each of ceeding sentence would never have seen print. The new security car, however, has surprisingly remained in service long after Menachem Begin has left. Luckily for us, this has successfully alleviated the security problem

our respective YU experiences unique, we will long to relive these midnight walks to Carvel, the 4 AM Danciger football games and those radical student rallies. What we must realize however, is that all those reminiscences about which we will dream in the years to come are occurring and are unfolding before us and upon us at this very moment. Why must we wait to enjoy these memories in latenight discussions with our children? What we must do to make the university experience a real one, right now, is to enjoy every moment to its fullest and to "gather our rosebuds while we may."

Let us not forget too, the myriad of frustrations: the trauma of finals, the political infighting and the dilemma as to which Stern girl to take out Saturday night. All of these and other traumatic moments that combine to bring on the infamous "YU blues," must also be enjoyed to their fullest. We must apperci-

ate the vitally alive feeling of vivaciousness that accompanies the despair of frustration. This is that glorious time in our live about which the poet Herrick said "when youth and blood are warmer." Let us recognize these years as the ones that will mold our very lives and that will serve as the foundations for our respective futures. Let us fully enjoy (Continued on Page 9, Col. 1)

Begin Receives Degree At YU On Yom HaShoa

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the man who fought for justice
as leader of the Irgun, and fought
for truth as the leader of the
opposition in Knesset, is now
striving for peace as the Prime
Minister of Eretz Yisrael.

Accepted for History's Sake

Mr. Begin, in accepting the Honorary Degree, said that "I cannot accept it on my own behalf but will accept it on behalf of the members of my generation, the freedom fighters of my youth." He then told the story of those days, of the Jewish pride in its heritage which endured through all persecutions. He spoke of the dreams "fulfilled" by the Balfour Declaration, the return to Israel, the destruction of a people, the concentration camps and crematoria, and of the rebirth out of ashes, through the liberation of the land of their fathers. The underground decided that "never again shall a bloodthirsty animal raise a hand on a Jewish man, woman, or child while the world remains silent. If we don't fight, no one will give us our liberty. Our people were destroyed, our land was subjugated, and boat-loads of refugees turned away. We battled with all, and conquered liberty for our people."

Mr. Begin continued, "Today we pay tribute to all the fighters of the ghettos, the partisans (of WW II), the Hagana, Irgun Zvai Leumi, Palmach, Lehi, Nahal, and the Israeli Defense Forces, suffering, revolting, grieving, never retreating, to bring the Jewish people back home and re-

turn to them human dignity."

Such was the generation of Jabotinsky's patriots: some survived, some destroyed, and it was

vived, some destroyed, and it was on their behalf, and as the Prime Minister of the State of Israel, elected by the people and the Knesset, that Menachem Begin accepted his Honorary Degree.

A special Yizkor service was held after Mr. Begin's speech. SOY president Henry Kamioner and SCWSC President Sally Roth both, children of survivors, lit 6 Memorial candles together with Premier Begin and others. Cantor Paul Glasser sang the "El Moleh Rahamim" and concluded the Convocation with the Hatikvah.

Discoveries

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I was getting desperate. My last hope was the Bible department. Surely among all its infamous staff one professor could be found to deny the unity of the Torah. Even a visiting teacher merely claiming the existence of Deutro-Isaiah would have made me feel better. Alas not even this small request was to be granted.

Finally after a year of searching, I found what I was looking for. It came in a recent Op-ed article in which a student wrote so much "questionable" material that my heart jumped in excitement. However, to my despair, most of my fellow schoolmates wanted to lynch that student.

Does anyone know the address of the Seminary?

In Prospect

at YU. The new patchwork

around the Danciger complex has

given our campus the long-await-

ed college appearance that it truly

deserves. One can only hope that

the University will take similar

cosmetic measures before the

next Israeli Prime Minister visits

Yeshiva University. We look for-

ward to the day that the admin-

istration might even undertake

and effect not mere cosmetic, but

substantive changes on campus

and within the university system

itself not in response to the com-

pelling presence of the Israeli

Government, but in response to

student needs and the student

So much for my traditional bi-

monthly radical student comment.

I do hope however, that after I

have left YU someone will con-

tinue the tradition that was be-

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I would like to briefly say good-bye to all those who were fortunate enough to work with me on the paper this year. I hope they have benefitted as I have. Though I will handle the paper very differently next year, I am grateful to them for the experience that I've gained.

To Shelly and Aaron who taught me the meaning of the word 'dedication.' To Robert, whose emotionality livened up many a board meeting. To Morris and Dave, whose viewpoints I respect because they seem to be close to my own. To Ernie, whose warmth will be missed by all those who know him.

And, to Mickey, who I hope will read this some day, for giving me a start and affectionately taking me into his confidence. Coming from the Make-up Staff I am flattered to think of myself

as his protege, and I hope he will be proud of the job I will do.

Finally, to Phil, with whom I've spent innumerable all-nighters and trips to the printer. I never felt panic in his presence and was always impressed by the cool calm with which he worked at times when a mere mortal would have cracked up. From him I learned responsibility and devotion And, since it means so much to me, I hope that I have earned his confidence and respect.

In conclusion, I hope that I am worthy of the faith invested in me and the task entrusted to me. With the help of the other senior board members lien, Jeff, Mark, and Stuie, and the other newcomers, we will put out a paper which students will be as excited about as we are, and surpass the excellence which has been THE COMMENTATOR trademark in the past.

Dr. Kurtzer Meets With YC Students To Discuss Various Important Issues

On Tuesday evening, May 9, a meeting was held between Dr. Daniel Kurtzer, Dean of Yeshiva College, and concerned students, to discuss the new course schedule and University policies in general. The meeting, organized by the incumbent student council, began with opening remarks by the Dean, declaring to the students present that the university has ended its period of transition and is now attempting to expand and improve curriculum and activities. Dean Kurtzer further emphasized that the meeting was conceived to fight the growing attrition rate and growing number of transfer requests, particularly among freshmen.

Students Are People Teo Dr. Kurtzer was asked what is being done about the attrition of instructors in the chemistry department, and if it would be possible to appoint professors who showed more interest in the students. Dr. Kurtzer answered that Dr. Blackman would be returning next year and that the university was searching for three full time people to teach at Stern and Yeshiva Colleges. Among the criteria mentioned by the Dean in hiring these faculty would be interest in being close to students. Dr. Kurtzer stated that with the closing of Belfer, the University could no longer afford esoteric thinkers who won't mingle with the students. One student raised the point of how the Dean could justify the apparent non-reappointment of Mrs. Schubert of the economics department in light of the fact that she received her notice via the bulletin board in the form of the newly posted course schedule. The Dean responded by saying that the situation was regrettable and was an apparent breakdown in communications. Dr. Kurtzer would not rule out her chance of reappointment but stated that Mrs. Schubert is not likely to return.

Dean Kurtzer then addressed himself to the question of new faculty hirings and pointed out that while it would be financially more attractive to hire part time faculty, he regarded that as bad for the college, and that it would be better to hire a full time faculty member than four adjuncts. Dr. Kurtzer also cited a case that occured this year in the political science department where student uproar prevented the hiring of a new full time faculty member. This reporter, having intimate knowledge of the situation, pointed out that student uproar might have occurred because such a hiring might have meant the possibility of one or maybe even two present faculty members not being reappointed. In addition, the students in that department indicated that a revolving door faculty proved itself ineffective in serving student needs.

Shame On Sham

Another topic of interest to the students at the meeting was

the status of the Business-CPA program. When queried about the programs, Dr. Kurtzer pointed out that the business major as opposed to accounting is "absolutely meaningless" and he reminded students that such a major would not help them find a job and is not recommended by graduate schools. Dean Kurtzer continued by stating that graduate schools still prefer a liberal arts education. He indicated that case studies in Business Policy seminars would be emphasized instead of a how-to-do-it structure. When questioned by one student who claimed that his information was that a basic core in accounting, economics, finance and (Continued on Page 19, Col. 8)

Commie After Dark

Oscar Wilde, the well-known personality whose genius awakened the imagination of his century, is the subject of Diversions and Delights, a new play at the Eugene O'Neil Theater, starring Vincent Price. The play is an imaginary lecture being given by Wilde in Paris during the last year of his life, 1899.

By this time he had become a figure of tragedy, destroyed by the same Victorian England which had made him what he was. It is a mistake that Judas betrayed Jesus, he muses. Rather, it should have been the beloved John, for one can only be betrayed by those one loves. Thus had Victorian England betrayed Oscar

Through the reflections of this genius we become acquainted with his tremenduos wit, prefundity, and outspokenness. We also perceive his supreme sensitivity, and grapple with his sense of defeat, for he is portrayed in the light of his feelings at the time.

The play is intriguing and Vincent Price is excellent. However, a familiarity with Oscar Wilde and a feel for life at the turn of the century is recommended, for his rambling relates to every aspect of his age. Being a one-man show the action is, of course, minimal. And the "intellectually unemployed," as Wilde would call them, are better of at a cheap movie — Diversions and Delights will make you think.

_ Spontaneous Reactions _

Going, Going

- By AARON STIEFEL



Each year graduating seniors look back over the four years behind them trying to find something that makes their stay at Yeshiva unique. Often this task is futile, for there may actually be little to distinguish between the many classes and thousands of students who have graduated from Yeshiva over the years. This year, however, it is quite obvious that our graduating class is unique because of the many changes that have taken place at Yeshiva over the last four years.

The class of 1978 has experienced and survived four distinct periods in Yeshiva history. Our freshman year marked the end of Dr. Belkin's long reign as University President. Unfortunately, due to Dr. Belkin's failing health we did not have an opportunity to witness and truly appreciate his brilliant leadership as did our predecessors. During our sophomore year Yeshiva was governed by its Vice-Presidents who could do little more than act as caretakers while the University searched for a new leader. Our junior year, which saw the appointment of Rabbi Lamm as Yeshiva's third president, was basically a "get acquainted" period that allowed Dr. Lamm to study the school's problems and map out a strategy for tackling them. Finally, in our senior year we have begun to feel the first effects of Dr. Lamm's leadership with the implementation of a Universitywide reorganization plan and the appointment of many new administrators. Undoubtedly, during no previous four year period has Yeshiva experienced so many changes and welcomed so many new faces.

While the changes have certainly made the last four years quite interesting and exciting and have provided those of us on THE COMMENTATOR with plenty of writing material, they have likewise made these years difficult ones.

ties have discouraged prospective students from enrolling and have caused some current students to consider leaving.

As a COMMENTATOR editor who has written about and fought for high academic standards I am well aware of the deterioration that Yeshiva has experienced in recent years. I am convinced, however, that the new administrators, from Rabbi Lamm down, are making a herculean effort to reverse the decline and restore the academic integrity that has always characterized Yeshiva.

In order to accomplish this, however, the administration will need the trust, support, and assistance of the students who may have to endure more turbulent years of change as the University strives to reestablish academic excellence. Though students fully committed to the ideals for which Yeshiva stands may never benefit fully from these forthcoming changes, it would not be truly too much to ask them to make these sacri-

Those of us who are graduating must share the burden as well. Although we have seen only the very beginning of the rebuilding process and may feel somewhat like Moses who crossed the desert to see, but never reached, the promised land, we too have a role to play in the future of Yeshiva.

For its size, Yeshiva boasts an amazing list of alumni who have reached important positions in a wide variety of fields. Although many of our finest alumni have, in fact, returned to teach at Yeshiva, many others have offered little to their alma mater. As products of an era of change the Class of 1978 must likewise exhibit a new attitude and willingness on Yeshiva's behalf.

In addition to financial assistance we will be able to offer much needed assistance in recruiting future YU students. Many of us will also be able to offer the University advice on both curriculum and faculty, a vital service which has been lacking in the past. Finally, many of us will be able to offer our expertise and our resources by providing career guidance and by offering employment to future YU graduates. The resources that Yeshiva alumni offer have never been fully exploited, yet only through dedicated cooperation between the University and its alumni will Yeshiva realize its full potential.

In conclusion, I would like to congratulate my fellow graduates who have made my experience at Yeshiva what it was. I would also like to thank COMMENTA-TOR editors past and present who have made working on the paper both worthwhile and enjoyable. I would also like to offer special thanks to Phil Klein who did an outstanding job during a very difficult year, and finally to Dean Kurtzer who has survived the same difficult year and has done a great job in improving student morale and reestablishing communication between the administration and the student body.

Gather Ye Rosebuds

(Continued from Page 8, Col. 4) these years - these very moments - as they happen, and save the reminiscing of how and why they happened for coming years.

The university experience is a total one. It is learning, studying and going crazy with the guys. In order to fully appreciate university life, we cannot merely sit busied at the books every moment of every day. We must, as they say, "check things out," get a feel for what this world is all about and broaden our horizons. We are not, as the song says. "dust in the wind." We are all important actors in the realm of humanity. Each of us must, thereby, dedicate our lives to

Drucowankin di uəvwalikli

(Continued from Page 12, Col. 8) might have ranked in the top ten this year and last, if it had not been for the unfair division over Shabbos."

Even though the NCAA finally did give in and gave David his ranking they did so only because their hands were tied. In addition, there is no reason why they could not have arranged for Brusowankin to fence his bouts this year and last. "But still this was a moral victory for David Brusowankin and Yeshiva University" as Coach Tauber puts it.

If the NCAA stands for sportsmanship and scholarship as it supposedly does, they certainly did not show it in their handling of this situation. Their original decision showed obvious religious discrimination. It is quite unfortunate to find this in a national institution such as the NCAA.

something. That something will necessarily be different for every person. But it must be something that can tie us to this complex. alienating and often imposing world. It must be something active, something to mold, something about which we can in the end say, "We've accomplished something."

Let me interrupt this column for a brief word to my roommate: Dear Moish, sorry about not putting the cap back on the toothpaste all these years. It's been great. Love, your wife, Ern.

To the professors who taught and helped me, and who encouraged me in my endeavors, I will always be indebted. I would especially like to express my thanks to and admiration for Dr. Bevan, Dr. Fleisher and Rabbi Fulda, who took a special interest, and who cared and helped, even when the going got rough.

Finally, I'd like to say a word To all my friends, thanks for just being there.

It's hard to say goodbye. How to me. Now I'm on my own.

In Review

(Continued from Page 4, Col. 5) two incomparable partners, Henry and Vic. As roomies and Councilmen (V.P. and Chief-of-Staff), you've been like brothers, sharing experiences we will never forget. You've enhanced my year beyond all expectations. Thanks also to Leon, Gary, Marv, Joel, Saul and Zev. It's my wish that these cherished friendships will endure forever, as will my memories of them.

To Miriam — a one-in-a-million girl - and that special category of rare "guys" with whose friendships I have been blessed for many years, what would I have done without you behind me all the way?

My final and deepest thanks to my parents, who have been a never-ending source of love and encouragement. Credit for any future success or fulfillment I may enjoy belong to you both.

of thanks to all my friends. To the guys on the hockey team, you were great. To the guys on the Governing Board, you were crazy. To the guys on the floor, it was an experience, to say the least.

much more difficult will it be to leave these halls for the last time. It's funny how my friends and I have finally reached the top of the undergraduate ladder and as we step out into graduate school and into the real world, we're at the bottom again. I guess that's what Yiddishkeit is all about. No matter where one is and how much one knows, one must keep learning, striving and growing. Thank you YU. You were great

Unfortunately these difficul-

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(Continued from Page 3, Col. 4) in a better academic and moral environment, we are only dooming ourselves to stagnation. Furthermore, how can we expect teachers and administartors to deal responsibly with us if we treat each other in such a fashion.

John Stuart Mill in his essay, "On Liberty" writes, "The peculiar evil of silencing the expression of an opinion is that it is robbing the human race, those who dissent form the opinion still more than those who hold it. If the opinion is right, they are deprived of the opportunity to exchange error for truth! If wrong, they lose what is almost as great a benefit, the clearer perception of truth produced by its collision with error." Let's face it: we have many problems here at Yeshiva and it should be the prerogative of each student to voice his complaints and demand some answers. But this can only be achieved in an atmosphere which encourages the expression of freedom. Let us remove the restraints of those who attempt to limit our freedoms even if they are more powerful physically or politically and exercise our student responsibility to influence positive change.

For a few years now, I have been having good natured discussions with the many students who plan on making aliya to Israel about the proper attitude one would adopt regarding the state. Perhaps it has never been clear. but I have tremendous respect for anyone who is serious in his beliefs and is willing to take this difficult and risky step. I have heard the halachic argument and the moral points of persuasion and yet, at this point I personally am not prepared to go to Israel. For despite its possible apologetic overtones, I honestly believe I can achieve much more for Judaism in the United States. It sounds strange, but I am truly afraid, dear friends, that when you, the best and the brightest, the ones with true convictions and dedication to a Jewish ideal, do indeed leave our country, and I feel most of you will, the United States will be left without the learned middle-of-the-road Orthodox people that are needed to fill leadership roles now more than

The future of American Orthodox Jewry is not at all promising, The right wing black yeshivot are suffering irreversible enrollment declines with concurrent decreases in overall national influence. As the years go by, more and more students have entered kollelim congregations like flies on fly paper; they become mentally ghettoized and mainstream Jewish society becomes a threat instead of a challenge. Their moral conceptions are weak as well; they have begun to remove the heart and soul of our religion. The products of such yeshivot are no longer moderate in approach and are completely ignorant of any of the wider issues facing Orthodoxy in the 20th century; they wish to recreate the artificial European shtetl society which didn't work in Europe in

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the 19th century and certainly cannot work now in America.

We as Yeshiva must fill the impending void, and if we do not choose to go into Jewish education, we must take the initiative in assuming community leadership roles on all levels. With alarming rates of assimilation. with the terrible effects of an increasingly vocal and religiously unrealistic right wing, we must bear the burden of guiding Orthodox Judaism in the USA. And so my friends, please do not denigrate those of us who are sincere in our views and don't act as if our Judaism will be less fulfilled than your own. We're all in this game together; I respect your position - please extend the same courtesy to me.

It is clear that I am a strong Yeshiva devotee. With all its problems, it is the only school that comes close to institutionalizing our collective philosophies on life and Judaism. It is not only senior goodbye rhetoric when I say that we as alumni and future alumni, who appreciate the need for good teachers, advisors and curricula, must try to help avoid the problems that we have faced by giving generously of our time and money. It is all a matter of gratitude: despite all its shortcomings Yeshiva has molded our lives, allowed us to breathe a rarified modern orthodox atmosphere for four years and prepared us for the future. Soon, we no longer will be able to improve the system by writing columns and making demands of the dean; those responsibilities will be delegated to future students and it will be our job to improve Yeshiva in other ways.

Well, the Cleveland Crusader is hanging up his skates. Of my four years here, what I will value the most are the friendships that have been forged over this span, for I believe that true friends are rare indeed. With Phil, my coworker and leader on the paper for the better part of three years, Jordan, my coeditor on Gesher since its rejuvination, Paul, my roomie during the most trying years of our college career, Joel, my chavrusa during the transition from Rav Dovid to the Rov and finally Aaron, my coworker

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on almost everything. I think I have developed the type of especially close ties that have truly enriched my YU experience.

Finally, a note of recognition to the persoon I believe has singlehandedly achieved a renewed student interest in school affairs and a greater trust in administration: Dean Daniel Kurtzer of Yeshiva College, I only hope he continues to remain as frank, optimistic and successful in years

Dean Kurtzer

(Continued from Page 9, Col. 3) marketing was desirable, the Dean countered by stating that both Deans from Harvard and Columbia Business schools had expressed an opposite viewpoint. Dr. Kurtzer pointed out that he had personally visited the NYU Ross Center for Business with YU Dean of Social Studies Dr. Morton Berger and had been told by NYU Dean Michael Schiff that new YC courses in introduction to the business, economics and accounting fields were excellent and that YC should resist the sham courses found in Baruch College.

The next topic raised by a student was that of the new Interscience course that will replace the Biology and Physics offerings for non-science majors. The Dean answered by saying that these courses previously varied in quality. The administration, he pointed out, felt that such courses were not fulfilling their intended goals. The Interscience course is designed to give students a broad perspective of the different areas in science.

Most students were generally satisfied with the meeting and felt that additional constructive meetings of this type should be held in the future.

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Juniors Victorious In Hockey Finale

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The fourth and decisive game was played doggedly by the two exhausted rivals. They showed that hockey could be a clean sport by commiting only two penalties during the game. The junior team, looking to recapture their crown, played with their usual finesse. The SAS ("the over the hill gang") seemed to rely on their experience, strength and depth.

The game proved to be a battle of the goalies from the first drop of the puck. The tension mounted as the two cagemen, Alan Berkin and Cuz Brown made amazing saves. Yet they were tested by Bresslow, Schultz, Merlis and Berkowitz. The juniors felt fairly smug with a 4-2 lead. As the juniors let their defense slacken, the seniors saw their opening. Using more than

just brute strength, the SAS squad passed well, and set up three quick goals. With two minutes left the "oldies but goodies" led 5-4.

The seniors fell back and played a defensive game. The juniors managed to rediscover the location of the senior goal and Saul Grife was their compass. With a wide open slap shot from mid-court, Saul, assisted by Joel Mael, tied the game. Everyone anticipated a sudden death

As the seconds ticked away so did the senior defense. With one second left the junior dream of championship came to fruition as Saul Grife assisted by Ernie Roll, fired in another one from mid-court. The game along with the official Gemorah Cup returned to the juniors as they defeated the senior team 6-5.

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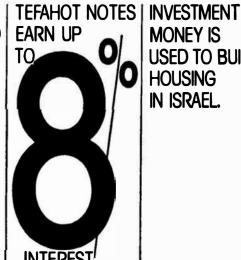
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Letters To The Editor

(Continued from Page 2, Col. 5) structuring the departments to create a major composed of courses from both departments is excellent. I disagree, though, with requiring the pre-med to complete a major in one area of the sciences without discarding most of the requirements. If the requirements are discarded, however to alleviate the tremendous burden on the student, the education he would receive would be even less well-rounded. To require the student to complete a major in a science would be fruitless.

I believe that the College should seriously consider the repercussions of abolishing the premed major. To abrogate the major would be suicidal to the Uni-

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Absentees

To the Editor:

At the recent convocation to honor His Excellency Menachem Begin, I was struck by the notable absence of two members of the Yeshiva College faculty. It is my understanding that these absences were not accidental and are therefore open to scrutiny.

Our Dean, Dr. Daniel Kurtzer, decided that Prime Minister Begin is not enough of a charismatic leader to warrant his presence and respect, so he drove his Volkswagen elsewhere than to the convocation. Rabbi Israel Miller, who has never been a big fan of the Prime Minister, was on hand to honor this leader. Rav Dovid Lifshutz, who has religious sensitivities and emotions for Israel that go beyond mortal expression, was there. But Daniel Kurtzer, who is ostensibly the leader of a student body, which could not constrain its own out-

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cries of joy and respect for this brilliant and sensitive leader, felt that he didn't have to be on hand.

For the first time in the history of the Jewish People in their own land since Galut Edom, there is a leader of the State who recognizes and feels the active hand of the Almighty in the governing and protection of our Holy Land. He has shown enormous respect and deference to our Gedolim and is facing the crises of our people with a fervent hope that it be Hashem's will fulfilled on Earth. And still, our Dean could not see it clear to honor this man by his presence.

As to the absence of Dr. Steven Bayme, it can only be asserted that his narrow view of the issues and his inability to show any respect to this leader who may differ somewhat from his authoritative view of the needs of the Jewish People in Israel, can only be seen as a reflection on his own character, rather than on any policy of the Prime Minister's.

Dr. Bayme has thus shown, as has his schoolmate, the Dean, that there has been a grave lack in the Hashkafic backbone of this Jewish institution which can only present the radical "liberal" view of an issue before ever having fully developed the beauty and intellect of our Hashkafa.

Ephraim D. Becker YC/Revel/YP

Lonely Man

To"the Editor:

The nature of my problem can be stated in a three-word sentence: I am lonely. Let me emphasize, however, that by stating "I am lonely" I do not intend to convey the impression that I am alone. I, thank God, do enjoy the friendship of people I meet; I am surrounded by comrades and acquaintances. And yet, friendship does not alleviate the passionate experience of loneliness which trails me constantly.

I am lonely because I am not married.

Often I have heard shadchanim whisper each to each, assigning one a plum and one a peach. They have not spoken to me. Too often, my personal sphynx has turned upon me its vast behind and replied to my distressed: "Shall I be lonely always?" with its hard laconic "Yes."

And so it was as if in answer to my prayer that I read Shelley Senders' article in your April 19th issue. Senders avows that the mere act of attending the Rav's shiur qualifies one for \$50,000 in the marriage-market. It is, I am pleased to state, several years since I first began to attend the Rav's shiur as an undergraduate. Now that I have finally discovered the rewarding prospect of an affluent match, my desire to continue doing so is infinitely ignited.

But permit me, worthy redactor, to ask a simple question: To whom do I apply for the girl (and the 50 grand; frankly, I can use the money)? Give me a simple answer and I shall no longer sign

A. Lonely Man

A Zionist

To the Editor:

I wish to note an errata (sic) in the publication of my article in your distinguished Op-Ed section. The word "not" should be deleted (on page 9, column 2, line 8). Its inclusion implies precisely the view with which I disagree . . . I do see YU not as a new invention but rather as an expression of an authentic approach prescribed and practiced by many G'dolei-Yisrael throughout the generations.

In this vein I would like to commend you for your "Guardians of Whom?" It is excellent writing, and presents, what I consider, a cogent and cohesive response to Neturei-Karta.

One of the mistakes we in mod-

ern Orthodoxy make usually is that we tend to agree that the "black hats" are more "frum." As far as Religious Zionism goes we are not forceful enough in denying that the bulk of Sages are opposed to Zionism. (Of course, this is NOT true!)

The time is over that we need to "save face." Let us reassert ourselves. As Yeshiva University students let us staunchly affirm our belief that YU is not just "Al-pi Halacha acceptable" but fully deemed necessary in proper religious Hashkafa! And as supporters of Religious-Zionism let us not budge an inch; we must be faithful to our conviction. We recognize these concepts and beliefs as authentic, and as such, part of the core of Judaism.

> Joseph Chaim Klausner YC '79'

Phil

(Continued from Page 4, Col. 2) work with. His sense of humor was the only thing which allowed me to remain sane and which gave me the ability to still laugh at five o'clock in the morning. His diligent efforts on behalf of the paper and his cheerful nature will make him a valuable member of the new senior board.

Now, I come to the man who this year "made the paper look professional" and who next year will be running the entire operation. Ira, I have a great deal of confidence in your sensitivities, discretion, and ability to work well with others. It is these personal traits which will enable you to survive a year of continual responsibility. As Editor-in-Chief you hold the most powerful position of student leadership at Yeshiva. It is your obligation to ensure the freedom of the press. Never refuse to print something merely because some people won't like it; always be guided by your principles. You have a fine group of people to work with and you will certainly have to rely on them throughout a year which will be filled with pride, frustration, excitement and aggravation. I leave COMMENTA-TOR assured that it will enjoy much success and that it will earn the respect of all those who have ever had anything to do with its production, as well as of the Yeshiva community in general.

With this my final column, I must express my thanks to an individual who has brought back a degree of faith in the Yeshiva administration. I am referring to Dean Daniel Kurtzer with whom I have spent much time discussing the "relevant issues." I wish him many years of success at Yeshiva - hopefully the two are not mutually exclusive. Thanks must also go the the mighty women of this institution: Judy. Mrs. Streich, Mrs. Levinson and Mrs. Owgang, all of whom made my joh that much more pleasant.

Finally, I must thank my roommates throughout my college years for putting up with my idiosyncrasies and my ridiculous hours. To Saul, Mike, Robert and especially Barry, I can offer only my warmest appreciation and best wishes for happiness and success in the years ahead. You, and all my other friends have made the years at Yeshiva great ones, and I truly envy those who remain.

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Future World

By DANNY HARTMAN -

The time is many years into the future, well past the diode decade. All things which are useless have been removed from mankind. What is left are only heads.

What about sports? For insight into this question let us travel to the planet of Washingtotheous Heights. There stands the great learning institution of Whi Una. More specifically, study the Morgus viewing and engagement celebration room. On Sundays (earth time) the students (only heads) are shuttled into the room via conveyor belts for the viewing of sport.

The actual games do not take place any more. What is shown are games played by computers. While watching these "sport" competitions the students engage in the traditional discourse comparing apples to oranges.

Let us return to 1978. Every Sunday since October the Morg TV lounge has been mobbed by students who have their senses bombarded by sports programs. Passively (while not comparing apples to oranges) they sat as the networks crammed as much sports as they could into the hollow halls of the spectators' minds. (This is done between commercials which try to convince the viewer that the world is a bowl of cherries, if one uses Brute).

It almost seems as if we have come to believe that sport consists of sitting, seeing, and listening. Have we allowed ourselves to be enticed (suckered?) into discarding any designs we may have had about participation? And all this done by the likes of a few women from Texas, and cameramen who insist on giving cleavage more air time than playing field activities.

The question posed is theoretical vs. actual. Shall we continue to sit back and be spectators philosophizing about a particular team's strategy or a player's ability? Or do we take advantage of the free time coming to us during the summer vacation to participate.

Maybe YU "grub" spectators cannot understand this issue as previously stated. So I'll try to restate the issue in a way that hopefully they may understand better.

The case of spectator vs. participant does not necessarily involve a contradiction. Just as watching a sport may help one to participate better, participation is likely to help one become a better spectator. What better spectators we would be if we used the insights gained by participation to weave stronger, more complex webs of sophistic sports arguments.

So the sports grub can view summer participation as studying for a course to be given next year, namely "spectation 78-79."

Juniors Beat SAS For Gemorah Cup In The Last Second Of Fourth Game

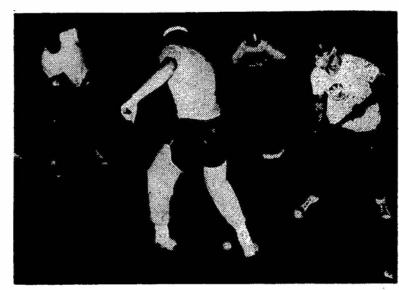
By MARK SINGER

Another YU hockey season has drawn to an end, and the juniors have been dubbed champions. The final series, which lasted four games, was well played and lacked the violence that had smeared games during the past year.

The juniors walked away with an easy victory in the first game. The hard hitting SAS'ers (Senior-Alumni-Semicha) came back and took the second game. Mitch Merlis, Steve Laifer, and Zvi Friedman led the seniors attack as they overpowered the Juniors in the third period. The psyched seniors proved they were ready.

The third game was especially close. Ernie Roll stickhandled. checked and scored. Golden Glove Berkin, the junior goalie, was called for slashing repeatedly. Yet Junior defensemen Ron Mitnick and Mike Klein were able to guard against the senior power play. The evening ended with the juniors one game away from the championship.

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Another successful YU season ends. Shown is Steven Pasternak (with mouthpiece) league leading scorer.

in BB Intramurals **Juniors**

By TULLY CHOVEV

The juniors, led by captain Steven Solomon with a game high of 24 points, Chaim Gettenberg, 22 points, 10-13 from the field, Most Valuable Players Duv Weinstock and Beryl Eckstein defeated the freshmen by the score of 61-56. The juniors, who had

been previously defeated by the freshmen by two points, came out like gangbusters seeking revenge as they jumped out to a 10-2 lead. Chaim Gettenberg scored the first six points with two outside shots and a reverse layup. Freshmen called time-out to regroup. However, the juniors, hungry for the title, increased their lead at the end of the quar-

ter to 24-11. Steve Solomon scored ten big ones, Chaim Gettenberg had eight and Mark Tarragin added four for the juniors first quarter scoring punch. For the freshmen, Shelly Green scored seven.

The second quarter saw the juniors stretch their lead to twenty. Steve Solomon's and Beryl Eckstein's strong rebounding off the defensive boards, as well as Duv Weinstock's excellent coordination of his fast break that enabled Chaim Gettenberg to put in six more easy points, helped the juniors open up their big lead. The freshmen narrowed the gap to fourteen at the end of the half by slowing down the play. Jack Smith worked the ball around and hit Shelly Green for six points and Marvin Sperling for two. The score after the end of the half was 35-21.

The second half began with freshmen applying defensive pressure which led to numerous junior turnovers. But the freshmen could not capitalize on the junior errors. Midway through the third quarter, however, things finally started to go well for the freshmen. Howie Lcrner put in six points, Irving Schwartzbaum hit on a pretty

for twelve points as the freshmen cut the lead to four.

All the juniors could come up with in the quarter was six points for Steve Solomon and a bucket apiece by Mike Malka and Beryl Eckstein. The score at the end of the quarter was Juniors 45, Freshmen 41.

However, the main reason for the Freshman comeback was the fact that Chaim Gettenberg was sitting on the bench with four fouls and Steve Solomon had to back away on defense because he too had picked up four fouls. But the juniors kept their cool. Duv Weinstock, who kept the game under control hit Chaim Gettenberg for an easy bucket. Duv also passed to Steve Solomon inside for six baskets as the juniors regained control. The freshmen tried to pull off another miraculous comeback but fell short. The final score 61-56.

Duv Weinstock, known best for his ball handling and his passing as well as his great defensive play, was voted MVP by his fellow teammates. But much credit is due also to Steve Solomon who led the team in scoring and rebounding, to Chaim Gettenberg for his scoring and to Mark Tarragin for his excellent defensive play on the freshman shot, and Shelly Green exploded high-scoring guard Shelly Green.

Yeshiva Fencer Attains 20th Ranking **Despite Association's Discrimination**

By JAY BINDIGER

A year ago, a fencer from Yeshiva University, David Brusowankin, was forced to drop out of the final competition of the NCAA Fencing Championships soley because he was a Shomer Shabbos Jew. Because he was not able to compete on Shabbos, the NCAA

tournament committee, at that time, also removed Brusowankin's scores from the standings, dropping him from the top 20 of the National Fencing Rankings in

According to Professor Tauber, coach of the Yeshiva fencing team, the team was assured by the NCAA before the tournament that they would not be penalized because of Sabbath observance. If the NCAA would have followed the rules they set before the tournament there was no doubt that David would have retained his eighteenth place national ranking.

According to the "Sunday rule" set up for the fencing finals, "an institution which has a policy against Sunday competition must inform the games committee prior to the beginning of the championships in order to be excused from competing." This, of course, should also apply to the Shabbos for Orthodox Jews. Coach Tauber, in adherence with the "Sunday rule," informed the Games Committee and requested that should one of the Yeshiva fencers advance to the finals, it should be possible for him to fence all his final bouts before sundown of Friday. The answer Tauber received was that his team would be permitted to compete, but that the championship format would not be changed to allow his fencers to complete all their bouts on Friday.

In addition to this decision, NCAA Fencing Rule P.FE-9 Article 533 states that "if a fencer withdraws from competition after fencing more than half his matches, his record shall stand and all unfinished bouts shall be defaulted by a score of 5-0."

David Brusowankin did qualify for the finals, and fenced the required fifteen of 23 required bouts. He won eight and lost seven and then was forced to withdraw from the competition.

According to Coach Tauber, the bout committee decided to follow the established rule that David would forfeit his eight remaining bouts, but still be ranked. However, the NCAA committee negated that ruling and unjustly stripped Brusowankin of his ranking. When Coach Tauber later asked why the decision was made against a written rule, he received no satisfactory answer.

An obvious solution to the problem would be to permit David to complete the matches Friday afternoon. As a matter of fact, according to Gerald Lulhan of the "Southbend Tribune" (March 25, 1977) Michael Deciccio, the Notre Dame fencing coach (host of the matches), suggested to Tauber to have the remaining bouts fought Friday before sundown. However, according to Deciccio, other coaches opposed it and the bout committee said it would disrupt the tournament.

"The hout committee should have made some concession to allow him to fight the bouts before sundown," Deciccio said. Brusowankin was allowed to fence twothirds of the final bouts on Friday and it would not have been very difficult for Brusowankin's eight remaining opponents to fence just one more bout on Friday. As it turned out, Mr. Brusowankin not only defeated the seventeenth ranked fencer from Ohio State but defeated the sixteenth from Maryland, fifteenth from Wisconsin, fourteenth from Columbia, thirteenth from Cal. State, seventh from Cornell, sixth from Princeton as well as the fourth ranked fencer from Maryland. Even with all those victories, David Brusowankin was not allowed to keep the eighteenth place ranking he justifiably deserved.

This year, however, the NCAA finally gave in and let David keep his ranking. The situation was made clear before the championship and Brusowankin was to fence his matches on Friday and forfeit those held on Saturday; if he did make it to the finals he would retain his ranking. Brusowankin did make it to the finals, despite an injury, and forfeiting his bouts on Shabbos, he achieved 20th ranking in the country in foil competition. According to David, "I (Continued on Page 9, Col. 5)

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