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Cafeteria Prices Go Sky High

Commentator Investigates Price Increases

By STUART WEINERMAN

Students returning to school this fall were shocked by the significant price increases in the YU cafeteria. Raises of ten to thirty per-cent in food prices were announced for this semester. Shabbat meal prices increased by \$1.25, or 21 per-cent.

Student Council first demonstrated concern with the formation of a Cafeteria Committee. This led to a meeting on September 21st of Dr. Miller, Mr. Parker, the heads of the student councils and other student representatives, the only such meeting held to date.

University Operation

Mr. Alfred Parker, who is Director of Food Services, is a salaried employee of the university, not an independent restaurateur, as many students believe. The cafeteria is a non-profit service of the school, not a private business.

Dr. Miller explained that his one reason for Shabbat increases was that his office stopped subsidizing Seudah Shlishit, adding one dollar to the cost of a meal ticket. Overall price increases were attributed by Mr. Parker to inflationary trends, most notably in labor costs.

Meal Plan Proposed

A plan to reduce Shabbat prices to earlier levels by substituting...

Radio Station Here To Stay; WYUR Has Music, News, Sports

By ARI KLAPHOLZ

WYUR, YU's own radio station, is back after a year's absence, and as far as Steve Cohen, the new station manager, and the rest of the seventy to eighty Stern and YC D.J.'s, newscasters and engineers are concerned, WYUR is here to stay.

At this time last year, WYUR was having trouble. Vandalism struck. Transmitting equipment was either stolen or destroyed,

Integrity Of Student Body Is Topic Of Dean's Speech



Dean Kurtzer after addressing students during Club Hour on Nov. 2.

By LOUIS TUCHMAN

On Thursday, November 2, Dean Daniel Kurtzer addressed a meeting of the Yeshiva student body in Lampport Auditorium during club hour. All club activities were cancelled to accommodate this special assembly. The subject of the address was, as the Dean put it, the "Menschlichkeit Factor." The Dean expressed some disappointment in the small number of students present, but hoped that those attending would relay his message to the remainder of the student body.

Speaking from a prepared text, Dr. Kurtzer said that in YU, the attainment of academic superiority is a mere "luxury" when compared with the goal of producing morally responsible community members. After explaining that YU alumni have always played an important ethical role

in the Jewish community and the community at large, the Dean deplored what he called the "erosion of human values" among

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Non-Science Majors At Yeshiva Protest The Difficulty Of Interscience Course

Interscience, a year-long course which was instituted this year to replace non-science Biology and Physics, is currently the subject of student protests. The course, which is required for all non-science majors, is a combination of physics, chemistry, and biology.

Three professors, Dr. Finkelstein, Dr. Goldstein, and Dr. Tendler, are dividing among themselves the teaching duties of the course.

A Commentator investigation was launched concerning the matter as a result of student discontent which manifested itself almost immediately in the form of bitter grumbling about the difficulty of the course and the required lab. The first lab assignments revealed that few students understood the experiments which they were conducting. Several students lodged complaints with Dean Kurtzer, but no visible action on his part was taken.

Students' reaction to the course was often tinged with "gallows humor." "If I had wanted to be a 'pre-med' I would have taken organic (chemistry)," said one. Another added, "My roommate took regular Physics last year and I don't think he did as much work in the whole year as I've done so far."

When a Commentator reporter approached Dr. Finkelstein to ask him for his response to the allegation made by students in his course that the majority of them did not understand the material, he replied that this was the first time he had heard such an allegation. "It's a shock. I don't believe it, and I'm going to poll the class."

Dr. Finkelstein's "polling of the class" turned out to be a full period question and answer session. During the class it was confirmed that the "allegations"

Dean Finkelstein Resigns, Will Carry On Research

By ELI BERNSTEIN

On Friday, October 27, Dr. Norman Lamm announced the resignation of Dr. David Finkelstein, University Dean of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, from the Yeshiva University staff. The resignation will take effect at the end of the fall semester.

Dr. Finkelstein has been an instructor of Physics at YU since 1959, but even after his appointment to the rank of full professor, his main impetus was research. Along with Dr. Goldstein, he was instrumental in bringing about the creation of the new Interscience program, in which he is also an instructor.

Before the start of the past spring semester, the administration named Dr. Finkelstein as Dean of Natural Sciences and Mathematics. Understanding that it would be time consuming and burdensome, he nonetheless accepted the new position. However, there was a provision which, according to Dr. Finkelstein, stipulated that he would be free to leave the school if the responsibilities of the deanship would interfere with his research work.

Dr. Finkelstein admitted that the formidable demands placed upon him by his deanship were a great burden, "much larger than it should have been and, in fact, it crippled [my] research." His decision was also influenced by the lack of ample research grants and insufficient administrative help which made YU most inconducive to his research needs.

In January of next year, Dr. Finkelstein will be joining the faculty of Georgia Tech which gave him what Dean Kurtzer called "a phenomenal offer." He will be given the post of Director of Physics, and with five secretaries, ample funding and a graduate program, he will gain the proper support necessary for his research work, support which he did not find at Yeshiva.

As of now, the administration has not disclosed the name of a replacement for Dr. Finkelstein either in his role of instructor or

were actually facts. Nearly every member of the class participated in the discussion and lodged serious complaints about the course. Many students complained about the difficulty of the course and the textbook; others stated that they had no idea of what was expected of them. Dr. Finkelstein stated that in response to the students' assertions that they did not understand the material, he was going to give a quiz on a part of the material taught in the course. By the next session of Interscience however, the quiz material was significantly increased. Many students felt that the quiz was a punishment imposed for complaining about the course. Dr. Finkelstein maintains that the quiz is designed to prove

to the students "how much they really know."

The structure of the course has also come under fire. One student stated, "This is probably the last time most of us will learn any science in a formal way, and I can't see what this course will do for me in my life the way it has been taught until now." Another student echoed his feelings; "We would like to learn something that will have meaning in our lives, but under the present structure I don't think we are."

Dean Kurtzer is a strong supporter of the Interscience course and has followed its progression with interest. He stated that the three teachers of the course had different teaching philosophies



WYUR: making a comeback.

— D. Goldstein

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Museum Displays Exhibit On The Jews Of Yemen

By MITCHELL GEIZHALS

Now that the holidays have passed and the inevitable commencement of serious schoolwork becomes a reality, those of us who put off all our studying until finals week will be pleased to learn that yet another diversion is available with the YU museum's exhibit featuring "The Jews of Yemen." The show is a collection of photographs, religious artifacts and numerous other items characteristic of Yemenite Jewry, focusing primarily on the renowned "Operation Magic Carpet," the round-the-clock airlift for the year 1949-1950.

In that year 50,000 Taymanim were brought en masse to the newly created State of Israel. The pictures capture the essence of this strong, proud and capable group of dark-skinned Jews who in a short time, acclimated themselves surprisingly well to a novel and alien way of life in a young, fastly modernizing country.

An anecdote has it that in order to keep warm, a group of immigrants lit a bonfire on the propeller plane that was winging them to the Holy Land. This little story is put in its place by the exhibit as a cheap undercutting of the scholarly and talented Yemenites, whose work as craftsmen, weavers, embroiderers, and jewelers is displayed. Indeed, they are seen arriving in Israel with an enthusiasm which one would be hard pressed to find in those who endeavor to make Aliyah today. Seen here are exquisitely fligreed finery of joyous Yemenite children celebrating their first Chanukah in Israel, as well as young men poring over the lines of a newspaper, able to read the print from any seating angle, a talent which traces back to when Torah manuscripts were scarce. In this study of a people locked into tradition we see only modestly dressed women, children with peiot and men who wear their hair long according to the code of the Nazarite. The show is a tribute to a strong people who

managed to uproot themselves from their native land of over one thousand years and integrate themselves within Israeli society. For a paltry fifty cents, it is well worth seeing.

For those who are hard pressed for money, the show in the lobby of the Pollack Library really should not be missed. Just outside the Museum hang some fantastic color blowups by photographer Harry Garfield which will immediately transport anyone who has been there back to the streets of Jerusalem. Mr. Garfield who is, amazingly enough, legally blind, says it all about Israel today by capturing on film the charming vicissitudes of ordinary



— YUPR
YU museum exhibit:
"The Jews of Yemen"

Israeli life. Of special note is one comic frame, "Lady Tying Her Shoe Lace," which is guaranteed to amuse anyone worth amusing.

How this myopic fellow does it is just unbelievable, and perhaps a picture or two of his sent to that Bermuda-shorted, camera-toting Jewish tourist (there is one in every family) who comes from Israel each summer with thirty rolls of color film to develop will finally persuade him to hang it up. In any case, it's good to know that a trip across the street to a library with a few works beyond the turn of the century can result in some sort of refreshing experience.

Cafeteria Prices Hit Student's Pockets As Students Demand Reduction In Prices

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 1) tuting for expensive items such as cake was accepted at this meeting. A proposal for a meal plan was also discussed.

Dr. Miller expressed his belief that cafeteria prices are reasonable, given inflation. "If students can afford to bring dates to Lou G. Siegel's," he reasoned, "then there is no need for across-the-board reductions subsidized by the school." For any student who cannot afford to eat, Dr. Miller promised to arrange a total financial aid package through his office.

A meal plan, Dr. Miller felt, would be disadvantageous to students, but good administratively. Menus would be without choices, and members would be forced to eat most meals in the cafeteria. The problem of skipped meals, a problem to all food plans, must be considered, according to Dr. Miller. He noted that the added financial burden of another large payment due before the semester might scare away potential YU students.

The benefits to be gained by a meal plan do not outweigh these

factors, in Dr. Miller's opinion. But whatever meal plan and payment system the student body adopts, Dr. Miller promised complete administrative support.

Union And Supply Problems

Mr. Parker blamed union labor contracts and volatile commodity markets as the largest inflationary causes for the price increases. The benefits due the twenty-five cafeteria employees, members of National Union of Hospital and Health Care Employees, Local 1199, are a major expense, he complained. Union officials could not be reached, and individual workers would not comment.

On Shabbat price increases, Mr. Parker noted a 40% drop in attendance. Nevertheless, he considers proposals to cut costs, such as not serving cake at the meals, as foolish. "You're talking pennies," he said, "and Shabbat meals are almost at a minimum now."

Stressing the positive, he said, "Students should see the full picture, the full rainbow. Quality and portion-sizes are still high, and Kashrut is guaranteed."

Yeshiva College Student Council Attacks Various Problems At YC

By ALAN DAVID LISTHAUS

The second meeting of this year's student council began with a discussion of the problem of rising prices in the school cafeteria.

Until now, the cafeteria had

been allowed by the administration to run at a loss. This year, however, the administration decided not to sustain the cafeteria's losses, hence, the rise in prices.

Many students have expressed

extreme displeasure at the price increase and the student council decided to take action. A meeting was set up between some council members, Mr. Parker, head of the cafeteria, and Rabbi Israel Miller.

Phil Floumenhaft, Senior Class President, reported on the meeting, and stated that two proposals had been made. The first was a meal plan for the weekdays. The second was a change in the present Shabbat meal plan. In order to find out exactly what the students want in a meal plan, President Golombek requested that the Polls Committee conduct a poll. Once the poll results are in, Council will meet with Mr. Parker.

Parking Situation

The next issue to be discussed was that of the parking problem. Parking has long been a problem at Yeshiva, and Secretary-Treasurer Marc Schneier has taken a big step towards solving the problem. Mr. Schneier was able to set up a meeting with Mayor Koch to discuss the situation. It was reported at the council that the city was very optimistic about obtaining angle parking on 185th and 187th streets to alleviate the problem. There are a few problems yet to be solved, but Mr. Schneier is hopeful that the announcement on the resolution of the parking problem will soon be made.

The next topic on the agenda was the budget, which was unanimously passed. Also, there is good news for Rubin Hall residents! A mechanic will be engaged to repair the TV set outside the cafeteria.

Finally, the council announced a number of upcoming activities. Among them were a YU-Stern Shabbaton at Stern to be held on Dec. 9th, and a Sophomore YU-Freshmen Stern class party to take place on Dec. 14th.

WYUR Broadcasting After A Year's Absence

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Physical Plant Redecorated

Even the aesthetics of the station have improved. The floors were carpeted and the walls were decorated with posters. The station was painted over the summer and a mural was drawn on the back wall of the studio. There seems to be an internal exuberance amid the people involved and, as Steve Cohen said, "We're trying very hard to generate the same feeling among our listeners."

The entertainment will include music ranging from Israeli or folk Hebrew to progressive and mainline rock. One can expect the usual with the broadcasting of the news, the Macabees basketball games, intramurals, and the Rav's Yahrzeit shiurim.

Talk Show Features

Three weeks ago, there was a live talk show with the new Dean of Humanities, Dean Ackerman. Dean Ackerman received numerous letters from students expressing how much they enjoyed his informative interview and appreciated his candor on the air.

According to Mr. Cohen, WYUR plans to increase its listening audience by telecasting interviews of well-known personalities. More importantly, Mr. Cohen emphasized, WYUR is acutely aware of its problems and is trying to do something about them. "There is a wall of apathy as high as the Belfer building" he said, "and we're trying to overcome it." A large number of freshmen have taken an interest

in the station this year, and according to Mr. Cohen, they are somewhat less apt to get influenced by the apathetic attitude toward the station, which was predominant among last year's student body. "Although they are young and lack experience, they are the insurance the station needs for its future success."

Secondly, WYUR plans to organize and broadcast events which pertain more directly to the student body. They have included weekly talk shows in their programming. They plan on having deans, faculty members, and student leaders appear on the air to discuss certain policies or decisions made concerning the student body. Last week, the station had its first of hopefully many of these shows, interviewing Commentator Editor-in-Chief Ira Tokayer and Sports Editor Danny Hartman.

WYUR is also the only club with both YU and Stern participants. "It's more than a club," Steve said. "The people learn by being part of the station and feel that they are contributing something substantive to the life here at Yeshiva."

Steve ended off by saying that he envisioned WYUR as a station which students could find relaxing, entertaining, and informative. "Give us time and encouragement," he said, "and we can do it."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Dr. Leon D. Stitskin, Director of Community Relations and Special Publications at Yeshiva University and professor of Jewish Philosophy at the University's Bernard Revel Graduate School until his retirement this Fall after 25 years of service to the University, died Friday, November 3, at the age of 67.

Dr. Melvin Zelefsky, Chairman of the Office of Admissions at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine will be speaking to the Pre-medical-Pre dental Honor Society during club hour on Thursday, November 9. The topic will be "The Admission Process of AECOM" and all Premeds are invited to attend.

Professor Harriet A. Feiner, an assistant professor at the Wurzelweil School of Social Work, has been appointed conference coordinator of the Fifth Annual Interdisciplinary Conference on Bereavement and Grief. The conference will be held on Tuesday, November 28, and the topic will be "An Interprofessional Dialogue For Those Who Serve The Bereaved."

The Yeshiva University Museum has been awarded a \$10,500 grant from the Institute of Museum Services, a recently created federal agency within the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. The grant will allow the museum, which normally is open Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, to be open on Wednesdays from 11:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

The Office of Admissions will be sponsoring an Open House program for high school juniors and seniors on November 12.

A Biology Society is now being started under the guidance of faculty advisor Dr. M. D. Tendler. The society will present guest speakers from college campuses and research laboratories and films, and also hopes to set up a job placement facility for permanent or summer employment.

The Yeshiva College Guidance Center's next program for its Career Conference Series will feature Mr. Jerome Lazarus, Chief of the Federal Job Information Center in New York City. The conference will take place on Thursday at 2:45 in F206 and the topic will be "Career Opportunities In The Federal Civil Service."

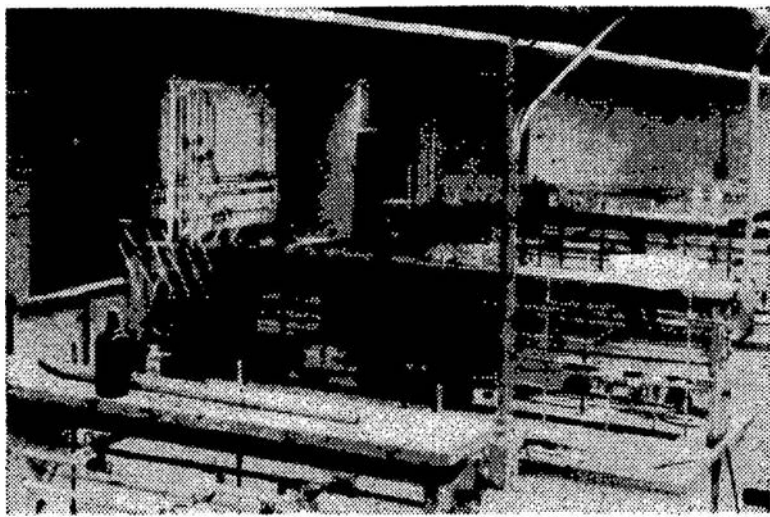
Chemistry Department Moved To Belfer, Better Facilities Will Benefit Students

By JEFFREY S. FRIELING

The entire Yeshiva College chemistry department has been moved from the Main Building to the two uppermost floors of the Belfer Science Building. Students in undergraduate chemistry courses requiring laboratory work are expected to benefit greatly from the new facilities.

Renovations of the labs began in August, but were not completed by the beginning of the semester as the contractor had promised. Original estimates for the complete modernization of the Belfer labs into labs comparable in size to those in Riets Hall were, according to an informed source, about \$150,000. In an effort to save time and money, the renovations were not as complete as had originally been planned and now cost only about \$30,000. Since professional movers were not hired to transfer material and equipment, it will be several weeks before the labs are operating efficiently.

The labs to be used are located on the fifteenth and sixteenth floors of Belfer. Each of the two floors has a core lab which can accommodate eighteen students. Two smaller labs, previously used for research, have been converted into one large lab. There are also two small labs on each floor to be used for quantitative analysis work. There are five weighing rooms three of which are on the fifteenth floor. Equipment in these rooms will be used primarily



Modern facilities for chemistry students.

by students in the inorganic and organic laboratories, as well as by students in the quantitative analysis lab.

Housing labs in a centrally air-conditioned building with operating hoods will alleviate drafts and fumes which created serious problems in the old labs. The new labs, however, do have less floor

space than the older ones. The college administration deemed the move necessary as the old labs needed tens of thousands of dollars worth of repairs to replace the wood countertops and to repair the inoperable hoods. They hope the new location will "present a better view of a college laboratory to Yeshiva students."

After Eighteen Years Of Devoted Service Joseph Levovitz Departs From Yeshiva

By MARC KLAPHOLZ

It has been eighteen years since Joseph Levovitz set up his first chemistry lab in Riets Hall. Now Joseph Levovitz, better known as just "Joe," is leaving. As the Chemistry Laboratory administrator of Yeshiva University, it was his responsibility to keep an account of all the chemicals and equipment, and to set up the experiments conducted in the labs. But he did more than just prepare chemicals and test tubes, for over the years Joe has helped hundreds of students who may never have made it through Chemistry without him.

Joe was born in Israel and came to the United States during his high school years. He spent several years at Chaim Berlin and two years at Brooklyn College, after which he returned to Israel to serve in the Israeli army. When he returned to the United States he applied for the position of "lab boy" and in the summer of 1960 joined YU. Joe, surprisingly enough, does not have any chemistry background or schooling, nor in fact was he ever able to complete college. The knowledge that he has acquired in the field has come from many years of practical experience. He does, however, lend credit to several people who were quite helpful to him in the early days. One in particular is the late Dr. Soloveichik who was the associate professor of Chemistry at that time. "No matter how foolish my questions," Mr. Levovitz remembers, "he would always answer — nothing was ever below him."

Impetus For Changes

Over the years it became obvious that there were a number of problems confronting the Chemistry department concerning the antiquated labs. There was little Joe could do to remedy the situation, for the previous administration had tried to avoid major expenditures wherever possible. Joe was, however, able to effect a change in the lab curriculum. In particular he instituted the once a week four hour lab in contrast with the twice a week

two hour lab. This affords the opportunity to do experiments with greater quantitative values, and makes the experiments more accurate.

There are many emotions which surface when Joe reflects

Honor Code And Requirements Discussed By Yeshiva Senate

By JONATHAN GREENBERG

The Senate began the new semester with a discussion of its role and its rights of governance. The controversy was initiated by the current Document. Dr. Miller explained that this document calls for a University Senate with all schools represented. This Senate will discuss academic affairs while a student senate will discuss student life. Dr. Miller further said that he thought the Senate should not discuss this matter but should continue with its regular business. A committee was organized to formulate more definite suggestions, but its report was tabled for discussion just prior to the meeting on the Hartstein Document.

Dean Kurtzer presented an informal proposal calling for the "release of six credits of requirements at Yeshiva University in a

random way." Dr. Levine argued that he foresaw a cheapening of the Yeshiva degree as "students will perpetuate their own ignorance." After more discussion it was agreed that students' requests would be subject to approval by a faculty advisor, Dean Kurtzer, and the Scholastic Standing Committee. At present the Senate is discussing what reasons for exemptions will be accepted as valid.

In other business, a committee was set up to discuss the institution of an honor system or code at Yeshiva College. The committee members are Mr. Binny Shudofsky, Dean Kurtzer, Dean Groff, and Leo Taubes.

Interscience Instigates Major Student Protest

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 5) and that he too had ideas of what should be included, but that he still supported the course.

Dr. Finkelstein also defended the course. "There are two methods of learning: memorization

and understanding. The majority of students in the course may have had a possible emphasis on memorization. The transfer to understanding is a shock and therefore there is a failure to grasp. It is said that the beginning of understanding is ignorance."

Student antagonism to the course has not assuaged. Many have stated that they would like Dr. Finkelstein to reteach the material from the beginning and explain it in more detail. Both faculty and students are waiting for the quiz results which Dr. Finkelstein maintains will accurately reveal student's comprehension. "It's not fair," groaned one student, "everyone is studying for the quiz and will probably do well, but still no one will understand what's going on in class. All that he's (Dr. Finkelstein) proving is that we can memorize material."

Commentator will continue its investigation of this matter.

YC Grads Accepted

By JAY BINDIGER

The acceptances of Yeshiva University undergraduates to medical and law school this past year far outdistanced the national average. Nearly 100% of the pre-law applicants and about 85% of the pre-medical, dental, optometry and related professional health science applicants were accepted to leading graduate schools.

Nationally the average acceptance rate of undergraduate colleges for pre-law applicants is 30% and about 35% for medical schools. In Yeshiva University this year according to Dr. Michael Hecht, of 43 students applying to law school 42 were accepted (98%). Among the 30 law schools YU graduates were accepted to are Harvard, Yale, Boston University, Columbia, and other leading schools.

According to Dr. Wichnitzer, Associate Dean for Health Science Advisement, 83% (32 out of 39) students applying to medical school were accepted. Seventeen medical schools accepted Yeshiva graduates including Yale, Cornell, Mount Sinai, NYU, SUNY Upstate and Downstate and Yeshiva University's Albert Einstein College of Medicine.

Eighty-eight percent (15 out of 17) of pre-dental graduates were also accepted to nine dental schools including University of Pennsylvania, NYU, and Columbia. The Yeshiva graduates were also accepted (83%, 5 out of 6) to optometry schools including SUNY's College of Optometry and the Pennsylvania College of Optometry. Graduates of the class of '78 will also be attending New York College of Podiatry.

New Project Memorializing Dr. Belkin To House Museum And Personal Library

By MARTIN SAMOSH

If you are one of the people at Yeshiva University who wants something a little more aesthetic on the campus than the piece of art gracing our Furst Hall lobby, you're about to get it. That bulge you've been seeing at the back of the library is to give birth to one of a number of projects with

which Yeshiva intends to remember the late Dr. Belkin.

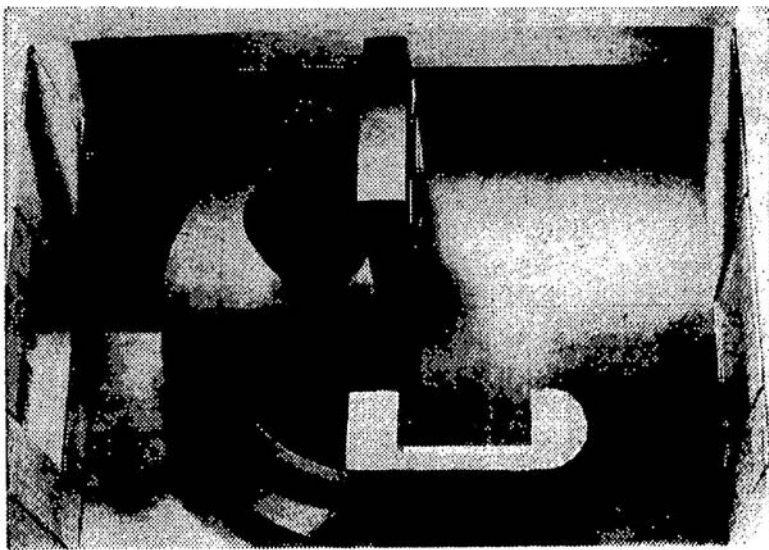
"The Sanctum for Dr. Belkin," as it is to be called, is being financed by an unnamed board member who wanted a structure which would serve as a proper memorial to Dr. Belkin and at the same time, enhance his reputation as a scholar. Although the

area of the library being utilized for this purpose is small, architects have managed to split the available space into a few levels. According to Rabbi Miller, one of these levels will include Dr. Belkin's personal library. The late President was a scholar whose specialization was the works of Philo, the Hellenistic Jewish philosopher of Alexandria. Dr. Belkin's work on the philosopher will be included in the collection which will, however, be available only by request to scholars doing research on this period, and not the general student body.

The sanctum will also house a quiet study area and a miniature museum containing memorabilia Dr. Belkin collected during his 32 years as President and Chancellor of Yeshiva University.

And finally, the aesthetics. No, it's not an aquarium, nor is it a fishing pool, as has been rumored. Rather, it's a fountain! Yes, our campus' very first and very own fountain complete with a glass roof.

The sanctum should be finished next semester.



Architect's model of "The Sanctum for Dr. Belkin" now under construction.

I B A Provides Middle East News With Worldwide Transmissions

For the average American Jew, gathering news about Israel can often be quite frustrating. The primary source for such information, the American mass media, is often spotty in its coverage. Secondary sources, such as Jewish newspapers and journals from both here and Israel, while supplying more in-depth coverage, are often no longer current at the time of their appearance here. Recently a third source has grown in popularity both in America and abroad, namely, shortwave transmissions produced by the Israeli Broadcasting Association — I.B.A.

These broadcasts are not new, as shortwave transmissions from Israel had been aired even during the Mandate era. Originally run by the Jewish Agency, they were taken over when the government established "Kol Israel" in 1948. It was not until the mid-1960's, however, that a highly organized effort was made to spur the increase of such transmissions. In 1965 the I.B.A. was established under the Broadcasting Authority Law. This agency expanded the scope of Israeli broadcasting and acquired powerful new transmitters for overseas broadcasts. The general electronics boom of the late 50's and 60's, which saw a great increase of shortwave radio owners both in America and Europe, also helped increase the I.B.A.'s listening public and its

popularity.

I.B.A. is governed by a Plenary Council appointed by the President, consisting of seven members headed by a Director General. The association is a member of the European Broadcasting Association, and is run along European lines. This is to say that I.B.A. has control not only over shortwave transmissions, but over local radio and

television broadcasts as well (similar to the BBC in Great Britain).

I.B.A. is divided into four major networks. Network C is the overseas service. It is on the air for sixteen hours a day to various parts of the world (two hours to the US) and transmits in nine languages. According to the Association, the aim of the (Continued on Page 5, Col. 8)

Different Point of View

Parker Is A Pen — Not A Cafeteria

By NORMAN KINEL

I would like to discuss a misnomer that has been accepted as the truth at YU for many years. What I am referring to is the term "Parker's Cafeteria." Most students in this school are under the impression that the cafeteria in our school is owned and operated by Mr. Alfred Parker. In the article in today's issue about the cafeteria it is correctly stated that Mr. Parker is merely an employee of this University and that the cafeteria is owned and operated by YU. This may come as a shock to many of you who have seen the term "Parker's cafeteria" printed in this newspaper, written on signs, and spoken about in conversation. It is not Parker's cafeteria, it is YU's cafeteria. I'd like to explain to you what the difference between these two terms mean, and I can

assure you that it is more than semantics.

If a cafeteria belongs to an individual, in this case Parker, then that individual has only himself to please. He is in it for his own profit, can run it the way he likes, and is accountable to no one but himself. On the other hand, if a University runs a cafeteria for its own students, then there is to be no profit made, it should be run with the best interest of the students in mind, and the person running it should be accountable to both the administration of the University and the students whom he is supposed to serve.

What I am obviously driving at is that for as long as I've been in this institution it has been quite evident to me that calling our cafeteria "Parker's" may not

Religious Observances Hindered In American Penal Institutions

By BENJAMIN HORNSTEIN

Out of the prison populations in many of the penal institutions around the nation, there is a small percentage of Jewish inmates. Rabbis and knowledgeable Jewish social workers speculate that the increase of assimilation among Jews into society is the cause of Jewish convicts in prison. Their crimes range from hijacking to school lunch money fraud, stock market mani-

pulation, and tax evasion. There are also many Jewish youths in prison for involvement in crimes related to drug abuse and other crimes common among the rest of the prison population.

There are many problems that must be faced by an orthodox Jewish person who enters prison. How can he meet all of his spiritual needs during his confinement? How will he be treated as a prisoner?

In prisons which are run according to fairly liberal guidelines, religious Jews have little difficulty in maintaining religious observance. In such institutions, there is a Jewish chaplain who collects a roster of names, seeks out Jewish inmates and tries to see that their religious needs are met. In some cages, kosher food, seforim, talesim, tefilin, and other religious articles can be brought inside to the prisoner in need of them. In some correctional facilities, religious services are held for most, if not all, of the Jewish holidays. However, religious tolerance is not a characteristic consistent in all American prisons. Simcha Miller is the head of the National Committee for Jewish Prisoners. Once a convict in a California prison, he is now a Baal Teshuva, a Lubavitcher Hassid, and a conscientious leader, concerned with the welfare and treatment of Jews in American prisons.

Mr. Miller charges that Jews face unique hardships and suffering when they are in prison. He claims that in many institutions, the administrators and directors of prisons are insensitive to the problems and needs of inmates. In some prisons, working conditions in farms and factories are often primitive and unsafe. Many vocational training programs are usually poorly run and obsolete. In some institutions, medical attention can be so poor that illness or wounds may be allowed to fester for days before treatment is administered. Sometimes, mail to or from prisoners is confiscated and destroyed. Many times, visitors are harassed and discouraged from providing prisoners with outside human contact. In some institutions guards might (Continued on Page 5, Col. 3)

Quebec's Jews Face Uncertainty Due To New Ruling Government

By MOSHE E. ROSNER

While most Jews are focusing their attention on the aftermath of the Camp David accords and the effects it will have on their Israeli brethren, the Jews of Montreal are preoccupied with a grave situation of their own. The November 1976 provincial elections, in which Rene Levesque's radical Parti Quebecois (P.Q.) emerged as the commanding majority in Quebec's National Assembly, poses serious problems for the vital and flourishing Jewish community. Jews in Montreal are almost constantly wondering whether they will have a place in a society where French will be the dominant language in business, education, and day to day activities, where the collective rights of the majority will be placed on a higher priority than the individual rights of minority members, where the ruling factions of the government will be of French background and perhaps insensitive to the economic and social needs of members of the English speaking class.

The Nature Of The Problem

Jews have lived in Montreal for over 200 years, numbering today at 115,000. Although they have played a major role in establishing Montreal as an economic and cultural center in Canada, they have never really been visible in any of the political circles. Now that the Parti Quebecois is in power, Jewish influence in the government at best will be minimal. But the issue that Jews seek to clarify is what can they expect now that a new form of government has arisen, and what counter measures, if any, can be taken.

To fully comprehend the present situation, one must understand what the Parti Quebecois is, and what it stands for. The Parti Quebecois is an extremely nationalistic French party that wishes to see Quebec separate from the rest of Canada and achieve its own independence. The reason for their indignation is that although French speaking Quebecois have always comprised the overwhelming majority of the provincial population, the Francophone has been relegated to a "second class status."

They cite that immigrants arriving in the province have usually chosen English speaking schools for their children and have adopted English as their language and cultural way of life, without even considering French as an option.

The P.Q. further notes that it was usually the English speaking Quebecois who were at the top of the economic and social sector, controlling the commerce and cultural development in a province that is 90% French. To terminate these "blatant injustices" they demand that strong and immediate measures be taken to insure French domination in all aspects of cultural, economic, and social life in Quebec. And even though the P.Q. played down the independence issue during the campaign, it is evident that secession from Canada is its ultimate goal. And while taking just over 41% of the vote they were able to oust the perennially unchallenged liberals from office, and become the leading party in Quebec.

Immediate Reaction

The Jewish reaction was one of distress and dismay. They are

staunch Federalists and the prospect of an independent Quebec did not loom favorably. As Anglophones, they believe that their role in such a society would be significantly curtailed and that they would be subject to circumstances uncomfortable and alien to them. Although most Jews have resided in Quebec for many years and are fluent bilinguals, they feel that since they do not possess the cultural or religious (Continued on Page 8, Col. 2)

Israel Retires C-54 Skymaster

The following is the first in a series of articles about Israel written by The Commentator's Israel Correspondent Abraham J. Edelheit. Each article has as its basis some place in Israel that the author has visited which is pertinent to Modern Israel.

BEN-GURION AIRPORT-LOD, ISRAEL

The big airplane rests quietly now. This C-54 Skymaster, now being retired from service with Heyl Ha'Avir, is being readied for its last flight. As it sits on the flight line at the I.A.I. plant one is reminded of the Biblical verse (Exodus 19:4) "I bore you on Eagles Wings and brought you to Myself." Today, the verse is a mere memory, but just 28 years ago this old Sky master and a dozen similar aircraft made that verse ring true for the Jews of Yemen.

The Jews had been living in Yemen since the days of King Solomon. There they lived in peace with their Arab neighbors,

only on rare occasions did they suffer persecutions. The most recent of these persecutions followed the creation of the Jewish State. The old Sultan was assassinated and rival armies despoiled the Jewish community. Many Jews concentrated in the British controlled city of Aden. Others, forced to flee their homes wandered aimlessly, easy prey for their enemies. A Jewish Agency liberation camp was set up but was soon overflowing with Jewish refugees.

In Israel numerous plans were laid for the rescue of Yemenite Jewry. One by one each had to be discarded. They could not come over land as Saudi-Arabia was at war with Israel. By sea was no good as the Egyptian Navy would, no doubt, try to stop the ships and anyway, no ships were available at that time. In March 1949 a scheme was finally worked out. At that time the Jewish Agency camp, built for one thousand, housed over 13 thousand people. Doctors were sent from Israel to tend the sick. Also sent

were 4 C-54 Skymasters and two Constellations, all of the I.A.F. transport command. Regular flights were made ferrying between 100-200 passengers from Aden to Lod Airport.

To the Yemenite Jews, few of whom had seen airplanes, let alone those flown by Jewish pilots, this operation was nothing less than a Divinely sent miracle. Thus the operation came to be dubbed "Magic Carpet," while the verse "On Eagles Wings" became the slogan. Six more Skymasters were soon chartered, bringing the "Magic Carpet" fleet to twelve aircraft. By 1950 most of the Jews of Yemen, some 78 thousand men, women and children had been brought to Israel. In mid 1950 the airlift was ended. It had succeeded beyond all belief.

Looking at this rusty old Skymaster one can only remember: "The old Yemenite Jew, with his Torah Scroll back after 2000 years, kissing the dusty runway. Coming home . . . "On Eagles Wings."

Chabad Club Offers Tanya Shiur Which Has Been Well Received

By YITZCHOK WAGSHUL

One night a week, a change comes over a group of Yeshiva University students. It happens every Thursday night, at the close of a busy week filled with the different aspects of college life. Right after Maaviv, about twenty students file into Room 101 in the Morgenstern dormitory, where they remain for about an hour. Later, they emerge, thoughtful, philosophic, reflective. What transforms these men? What, in the short space of one hour, could bring on so pensive an attitude? It is the weekly shiur, given by the noted Rabbi Yaakov Aharon Schwei, of the Yeshiva of Ocean Parkway, in the basic work of Chasidic philosophy, Tanya.

Tanya, written by the great talmudist and mystic, Rabbi Shneur Zalman of Liadi, Z"L, first appeared 181 years ago in Slavita, Russia. Written primarily to explain just how each and every Jew can easily develop a true love of G-d as stated in D'vorim 30:14, it deals in part with the relationship between G-d and man, and the role of the Jew's observance of Torah in the Divine plan. In accordance with this, Tanya is also called Sefer Shel Beynonim, "The Book of the Intermediates," that is, intermediate individuals whose moral position is between that of the Tzadik (righteous) and the Rasha (wicked). Since not every Jew can reach the lofty heights of perfection attained by the Tzadik, the author wrote for the average Jew, explaining how every single person can reach such a high level of righteousness so as to never commit any sins.

Tanya has enjoyed increasing popularity in recent years, and the shiur at YU is but one of many. Throughout the world, in Yeshivot and colleges alike, interested students participate in shiurim. Tanya has even been translated into many different languages, among them Yiddish, Italian, French, Spanish, and English. The English translation is notable, as there is now an excellent edition of Tanya in Hebrew and English complete with glossary, footnotes, and a great deal of invaluable supplementary material. (A number of these Tanyas are kept by the Chabad Club of YU, which



Tanya shiur in progress.

will lend one on request to anyone wishing to borrow one. It's something worth looking into).

In today's troubled world, replete with religious confusion, Tanya is replete with answers, and this may account for its popularity. For everyone, from cynical atheist to learned Rabbi, Tanya presents a new perspective in which to see the world and new insights by which to comprehend one's surroundings.

It is interesting to draw a parallel between Rabbi Shneur Zalman and Tanya, and the Rambam and Moreh Nevuchim

("Guide to the Perplexed"), as Rabbi Nissan Mindel points out in his introduction to the English edition of Tanya. In the words of Rabbi Mindel, "Each of them created a new, lasting school of Jewish philosophy. . . . Yet both of them evoked sharp opposition from the direction of a part of orthodox Jewry; both were misunderstood and their philosophical treatises were banned." Indeed, Tanya is considered controversial in some circles even today.

Not so in YU, however. Every (Continued on Page 8, Col. 4)

IBA Provides Middle East News With Worldwide Transmissions

(Continued from Page 4, Col. 3) shortwave network "is to give the listener abroad an appreciation of events in the Middle East and the Jewish World." It is also used to combat heavy anti-Israel propaganda by both Arab and Communist nations, and is generally accepted as the most objective news source in the Middle East. In addition to hard news, the programs include native music, features on Israeli life, interviews, and editorials from the leading Israeli dailies.

Although I.B.A. can be heard throughout the world, the major thrust of Network C transmissions are directed towards the US, Canada, Western Europe, the Soviet Union, and South Africa — generally areas with relatively large Jewish populations. Jamming by the Soviet Union and Arab countries is a problem behind the Iron Curtain and

within the Middle East, but fortunately there is little interference with transmissions to North America. Here broadcasts can be picked up on even the cruder, inexpensive, multiband radios on many of the major meter bands.

Considerable emphasis is placed on these half-hour transmissions. They serve the three-pronged purpose of reaching the American community at large, drawing American Jewry closer to their brethren in Israel, and keeping the quarter million Israeli Yordim in the region in touch with their homeland.

Indications are that I.B.A. will continue to play an important role in world-wide Israeli publicity efforts. Its sign-off "Shalom from Jerusalem" will hopefully become more familiar in Jewish homes here and around the world.

Jewish Prisoners Suffer In Abusive Penitentiaries

(Continued from Page 4, Col. 5) be cruel, brutal, and in a few cases, sexually abusive. In several states, through legal technicalities and lack of supervision, prison could literally exercise the power of life and death over the

prisoners. Another problem Jews face, Mr. Miller charges, is that the very organization and structure may encourage homosexuality.

As a person knowledgeable in drug and alcohol counseling and cure, Mr. Miller quotes figures showing that of all the convicts in prison, about 70-75% were convicted of alcohol or drug-related crimes. About 70-80% of all inmates are victims of child abuse. However, Mr. Miller points out that at present, not enough time out of prison routine is devoted to drug, alcohol and emotional rehabilitation to sufficiently cure the underlying emotional reasons which cause these people to commit crimes. He also believes that many prisons which neglect convicts' drug, alcohol, and emotional illnesses, mistreat them, and then later parole them, do not rehabilitate offenders into reformed, useful, and socially responsible people, but rather create more vicious and determined criminals.

Citing many actual cases, some from personal experience, Mr. Miller claimed that in many prisons, anti-semitism surfaces when Jews turn too religious. He cites cases when Jews were beaten wearing a kippah or have been put in solitary confinement for trying to become orthodox. He says that Jews have been occasionally abused by guards, both physically and verbally, and have had their religious articles destroyed and desecrated.

In some prisons, Shabbat observance is banned and services for holidays are hindered. Meanwhile, holiday services for non-Jews are allowed.

Non-Jewish prisoners, instead of doing farm or factory work are permitted to devote themselves completely to religious work by working in the chapel, learning through correspondence courses, attending Bible classes, studying to enter the ministry, or working for college credit toward a degree in religion. Jewish prisoners don't have this option open to them.

Recently, however, Jewish organizations have begun activities aimed at reaching Jews in prison. Lubavitch and Young Israel, most notably, have been welcomed into some prisons so that Yiddishkeit can be brought to those who seek it.

At Leisure

The A-Plan

By CHAIM WEXLER

There's a war going on in this school and few of us know about it. From the facts just beginning to emerge, it appears that the faculty and the administration are engaged in a bitter precedent-setting controversy. The faculty has demanded the right to unionize on the grounds that they are employees of the University. On the other hand, the administration claims that since professors play a part in setting school policy, they are to be considered management and therefore need not be given the right to unionize. In a recent court test, three judges ruled in favor of the ad-

ministration, leaving the faculty in doubt as to how to pursue the matter.

The other question that still remains is student reaction to this issue. The rare opportunities the situation presents precludes any tendency toward neutrality. It is in our self-interest to ally ourselves with one side and in our opinion the natural choice is with the faculty. The students too have a score to settle with those who make them wait hours in line to register, raise food prices and cash checks only from two to four when everyone has class. There is evidence that the pro-

fessors are not adverse to students joining their cause and certain overtures have been made.

In formulating a joint plan of action many factors should be weighed. The faculty could continue the legal battle but that would mean protracted litigation with little or no chance of success. A teacher walkout might in the end accomplish its goals; however the lost class time would serve only to antagonize the students. It is obvious, therefore, that the best and most logical form of action is the A Plan.

Simply stated the A plan calls on all the teachers (including Drs. Tendler and Taubes) to give every student in their class the final mark of A regardless of merit. It is rumored that certain disgruntled professors have been doing this for years already! This job action if put into effect in time for the upcoming marking period, would ultimately have the same result as a strike. Firstly, an incredible amount of pressure will come to bear on the administration. If they fail to settle with the teachers during the upcoming year and a half (enough time for my Harvard acceptance to come through) rumors of YU's inflated grade policy will begin filtering through the graduate schools. This could touch off a disastrous chain of events for the University. The graduate schools would cease giving credence to YU transcripts and probably not consider any of their applicants. Enrollment in the college would then drop dramatically and the University would be plunged into a serious moral and fiscal crisis.

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Dean Discusses Student Cheating And General Erosion Of Integrity

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 3) the students of Yeshiva. The indications of this erosion which the Dean mentioned were cheating, the destruction of school property both in the dormitories and in the academic buildings, the dangerous and destructive throwing of bottles from windows, the destruction of chemistry experiments during the summer session, and the posting of obscene notes about faculty members. He also alluded to the revelations made last year concerning the CLEP exams.

Other indications of the deterioration of the students' moral fiber were indirect. Dr. Kurtzer expressed distress over the fact that certain companies doubt the maturity of YU students because company representatives were treated with disrespect while on campus. He could not understand

why professors have discipline problems in their classes in YC.

Addressing himself to the students who had performed the actions enumerated, the Dean pleaded that they "change for [their] own good or leave." He said that the "fall from grace when you're on high" is more substantial than the "setback you'd suffer now." He also said that the actions mentioned reflected moral defects in the actors, the community, and the bond between the two groups.

When asked after the address

what specific events prompted him to call the meeting, Dean Kurtzer said that he didn't keep any notes but there were many such events. Although his pleas were directed at the perpetrators of the deeds he described, the Dean did say later that he hoped for more "community responsibility" from the whole student body. This, he said, does not mean the "tattle-tale syndrome," rather, more working communication between the students to help curb these actions.

Upcoming YCSC Events

Thurs., Nov. 9 at 9 P.M. — YC & SCW Cafe House at Stern College

Thurs., Nov. 16 — YC & SCW Bowling Party

Mon., Nov. 20 — Lost and Found Auction

Thurs., Nov. 30 — Kedem Wine Tasting Party

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Restless

An activity which seems to have captured the attention, if not the imagination, of the student body has been the late-night ruckus on Amsterdam Avenue, culminating most recently in the celebrated Toga party. Unfortunately, these functions invariably lead to bottle-throwing and the rude awakening of our neighbors who have the misfortune of living so close to "campus."

It is clear that the administration regards these displays as reflecting a basic immorality on the part of the students involved. However, their perception of the issue is indicative of the administration's poor grasp of what irks the YC student, and what motivates him to such ends. The issue is by no means a moral one. Rather, it is a recreational one, one which stems from a fundamental lack of acceptable avenues through which the YC student can constructively release pressures and anxieties.

Recreational facilities at Yeshiva are inadequate, and the long-awaited Gym and Student Center does not seem any closer to reality than it was when it was first considered tens of years ago. Students are restless, tense, and bored. Being that Yeshiva does not provide them with an acceptable outlet for releasing their energies and frustrations, students "take to the streets." The late-night activities will not disappear by the administering of harsh punitive measures, or by setting up more musar classes. A Multi-

purpose Recreational Facility (MRF), although not a cure-all, would, at least, be directed at the root of the problem, and would go a long way in alleviating the natural tensions and pressures experienced by students.

The neglecting of the quality of Yeshiva life will continue to produce students who are bored and discontented. A structure specifically devoted to the betterment of student life is an integral part of any university and deserves top priority.

Anxious

Brazenly assuming that desks are an essential element in any university, The Commentator, last issue, chose to devote some of its editorial space to the very basic problem of the lack of seats in Furst Hall. This being such an embarrassing problem for an institution of higher learning of the caliber of which YC claims to be, we good-naturedly called the vital issue to the attention of the students and the proper administrative authorities.

Our light tone was obviously a tactical error. It is over a month later and nothing has been done. This most recent example of YU inefficiency characteristically displays a lack of sensitivity for the most basic of student needs. We call on the proper authorities to act on this no longer embarrassing, but now insulting problem.

Letters

Yeshiva Or University

To the Editor:

As I have often written to The Commentator in the past berating its editorial policies, I feel that it is only proper to write when I wish to congratulate the editor on a particularly appropriate column. I am thinking of the recent column analyzing the problem that besets YU as it "modernizes" its organization. I, for one, was shocked when I read in The Commentator that Rav Ginsberg was released from his faculty position at the University with the closing of the Belfer Graduate School. From where I stand in the distance, I receive the distinct impression that it was the goal of the University to "eliminate" the religious instructors. This impression was further strengthened when I heard that Prof. Rosenfeld and Prof. Patt were also being released. It seems that when the University wishes to "terminate" faculty, they turn to the religious teachers first. I would like to know: did Dr. Lamm ask a shaila before firing these people? Did he receive a psak that it was correct to fire (and purge the faculty of) these competent religious teachers? Is this the institution that we (the alumni) are asked to give money to because it is the leading institution in the Orthodox Jewish Community?

Perhaps the question that should be raised is the following: does the University need funds so badly that it is willing to compromise (and perhaps abandon) the very basis for its existence? Most of the students presently on campus may not recall that back in 1970, the students picketed because YU was declaring itself to be a non-sectarian school in order to receive various funds. At the time, we (the students) were assured by the administration that such a declaration would not

effect a change in the essential character of the school. I suggest that it is time for the students to arrange another demonstration and force the administration to come out and declare exactly what it is doing. I suggest that it is time for the University to state once and for all what will be the ultimate guiding standard at YU. Is it going to be a Torah standard? Or is it going to be a secular "academic" standard coming from a person who declares that the fact that she is not observant is actually an advantage in working in the YU administration?

The YU motto is Torah U' Madah. Corny as it may sound, there is a simple reason why the motto is not expressed as Madah V Torah. The fact is that we believe that it is the Torah that determines how one relates with and to the Madah — not the other way around. Once the administration abandons that idea, then there is no particular reason to support YU. There are lots of places where one can receive an excellent secular education and a good Torah education — even if both are not under the exact same roof. Many students already do this going to Ner Israel and Johns Hopkins or Chaim Berlin and Brooklyn College or (for girls) the Breuer Seminary and City College. The attraction of YU is not that one can learn everything under one roof — the attraction is that one can go to school where the guiding principle is that of the Torah. If the administration abandons that ideal, then YU is not much more than a gloried Brandies.

In closing, I wish to apologize for the length of this letter — yet I feel that I have only begun to state my objections to the present conduct of the University. I (Continued on Page 9, Col. 1)

Retirement

To the Editor:

Last year I wrote the letter "Is the Rav of Age" concerning changing YU's mandatory retirement policy. Unfortunately, the administration missed the point. The students didn't want some "mystical pardon" so that a few teachers could stay an extra year, rather they were interested in humanizing the existing policy.

If there were an ideal method in which to select teachers it would be at our small, Jewishly moral school. We just wanted a small committee of faculty and students to confidentially report to the President if they feel that a professor who is at retirement age should be asked back one year at a time. Of course the president was to have the final say. This system alleviates student petitioning for teachers, and it stops the shameful kneeling that a professor does as he asks for a "year of grace."

Dr. Blank, along with her secretary, Mrs. B. Friedman have been most patient and helpful in furthering this cause. However, the committee has either missed the point, or chosen to ignore it. Serving on the committee are Israel Miller (Student Affairs), Sam Hartstein (Public Relations), Ernest Jaffe (AECOM), Sidney Shutz (YU Lawyer), and Dr. Blank (Academic Affairs).

This past summer the retirement committee has decided to suggest to the president and his cabinet that there should still be mandatory retirement, but that it should be changed to the age of (Continued on Page 9, Col. 1)

The Commentator would like to encourage a free flow of ideas; we welcome letters from our readers.

Corrections

To the Editor:

Permit me to make four minor corrections in the last issue of The Commentator. (1) The story on the YUFA had me formally introducing a six-point motion which was then passed. No such motion was introduced; I merely spoke at length on the six points, and my remarks were applauded at the end. (2) The article on the Etz Chaim Yeshiva of Borough Park neglected to mention that numerous alumni of that school are to be found on the YU faculty as well as among the YC student body. Dr. Fleisher, Rabbi Orlian, and I are examples that come to mind at once; there must be others. (3) The writer of the article called it the oldest Jewish elementary school in America. Can that be correct? Or did he mean the oldest surviving Jewish elementary school in America?

Sincerely,

(4) Manfred Weidhorn

Left Out

To the Editor:

Yeshiva College writes the disclaimer that they do not discriminate against applicants "on the basis of sex, ethnic background, or other prohibitive criteria." This seems like an even-handed statement. But is it?

I don't know. As I look into various classrooms in Furst Hall, I see many students struggling and juggling their books and notebooks. These minority students were admitted, yet they are discriminated against. They are known as "lefties."

As one of these disadvantaged students, I've managed to get by because I've unearthed a limited number of lefty desks. They're not much different than a "normal" desk; these just have the wood attached to the left side of the chair. But these desks are oddities — much less, in number, than the population of lefties here who'd appreciate them.

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Inside Straight



The Sounds of Silence

By LEWIS GENUTH

At Commentator's summer meeting at Camp Morasha, it was decided to devote a page in each issue to the Jubilee Year, featuring special articles dealing with the college's history and achievements of the past 50 years, and its future outlook.

When I was first placed in charge of this issue's Anniversary page, I was somewhat apprehensive. What theme could I present that would interest both alumni, for whom the feature was specifically intended, and students, for whom Commentator generally is published.

After much consideration and discussion with my fellow Board members, I finally came up with an idea that I thought would meet both specifications. The proposed theme was "The Role of the Student at Yeshiva College: The View of the Student Leader." So with Ira's help, I obtained lists of past student leaders, and contacted many of them, asking them to share their views on the theme. But now new questions arose in my mind. What kind of response would I receive? Would it allow me to put together an interesting and coherent Jubilee feature?

The response was really more than I could have hoped for. It solved not only my own immediate problem, but saved the other editors from countless future headaches. Of the twenty-odd alumni I contacted, not one chose to reply. In response to this overwhelming wave of apathy, the projected Jubilee series has been cancelled.

Despite this "solution" to the problem at hand, some questions still remain. There is something to be learned from such a "unanimous" non-response. But what? Is it that I am a poor letter writer? Was my timing poor? Has Commentator ruffled the feathers of too many student

leaders and/or alumni in the past? Is Commentator too trivial a matter for such men of the world to be bothered with? Perhaps. The more obvious message is, however, that ex-student leaders in particular, and alumni in general, have little if any concern

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Quick Help Offered By Hatzolah Corps

By ARI KLAPHOLTZ

In today's society, where the buck reigns supreme, it is most rare to stumble upon a group of people who, with a touch of grace, have voluntarily accepted the ongoing task of serving their peers in time of need. Such a group is Hatzolah. Hatzolah is an organized ambulance corps composed of several dozen Orthodox Jewish volunteers who serve their respective Jewish communities. Their domain stretches over the five boroughs of New York City and some suburban areas such as Monsey and New Square. The purpose — to provide immediate first-aid to a victim and, when necessary, to accompany him or her to the hospital of their choice.

Shimon Mendlowitz, a resident of Monsey, and owner of Realty Kosher Meats, is one such person. "We're on duty 24 hours a day, seven days a week," he said, "and sometimes the store is left unattended for hours. I have done everything from delivering babies to administering CPR (Cardio-

Pulmonary Resuscitation) to heart victims." He also emphasized that Hatzolah is swift. Two dispatchers are at the scene of the trouble within six minutes of a call. Mr. Mendlowitz attributes this to the availability of its volunteers plus the strong motivation inherently present within the organization.

20 Years Of Service

The organization, Mr. Mendlowitz continued, was started in 1957 by a Jew from Brooklyn, Mr. Weber, still chief of Hatzolah today. Mr. Weber, as it is told, was motivated to start Hatzolah when he lost his father due to the negligence and apathy displayed by the ambulance crew at the time. Since that time, the organization has grown. "The city branch," Mr. Mendlowitz stated, "is on par with any other professional ambulance business in the city. The vehicles are modern, the medical equipment up to date and the technicians qualified." Technicians are licensed by the state (with the title of EMT — Emergency Medical Technician), having received their first-aid training through Hatzolah. They also receive some funding from the state to defray some of the costs incurred in buying equipment and ambulance maintenance. Mr. Mendlowitz also mentioned that although the Hatzolah city branch provides its

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Project Ezra Brings New Hope To Elderly On Lower East Side

By MOSHE ROSENBERG

One day, some five years ago Misha Aranoff, a founding member of Project Ezra, looked up from his desk to find an 89 year old man named Mr. Jacobson waiting to speak with him. An extremely frail man with a proud gait and a sparkle in his eyes, Mr. Jacobson wanted Ezra's help regarding a phone bill which he felt was too high. Misha, intending to merely pay the small difference between the bill and Mr. Jacobson's estimation of what he deserved to pay, asked his client how much he thought the bill should be.

Jacobson replied, "I shouldn't have to pay anything."

"But how could you have not used any electricity or gas all month?" asked Misha.

"My apartment burnt down this month," answered the man. "How could I have used anything?"

Further questioning revealed that the elderly man no longer had a home and was sleeping curled up on a mattress in the back of a local synagogue.

Project Ezra immediately provided him with an apartment and financial support and Mr. Jacobson became another elderly Jew whose life had been made so much easier by the organization. Even today, at 94, Mr. Jacobson frequently pays visits to his friends at Ezra.

Such incidents are everyday

occurrences at this extraordinary organization. An elderly man is being divorced by his wife of many years because he wants to remain religious and she does not. An old and stooped woman who sacrificed many years to nurse an ill brother and now alone, needs help herself. A group of elderly Jewish poor are fearful of the crime-ridden Lower East Side, isolated in their apartments and quickly forgotten by society. All of these people have found help at Ezra. But what is Project Ezra, and how does it work?

Multi-Service Organization

Ezra is an independent non-profit organization serving the aged on the Lower East Side. Its roots go back a short six years. The project began as an attempt by a group of young Jews to form a type of commune in which people would live together, and help each other fulfill all varieties of Jewish needs. The commune aspect of the experiment didn't work out, but the idea of helping other Jews remained. The founders of Ezra decided to carry out the idea providing unique services to sections of society somewhat neglected by the organized Jewish community. They found that section in the elderly Jewish poor of the Lower East Side.

Once the Lower East Side contained the largest Jewish com-

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Faculty Speaks

Scientific Russian

By ANNA GUTNIK and GREGORY TITELMAN

Language is a means of communication among men, a means of coordinating human activity. It is a form of existence of thought and a form of its expression. "Language is not an abstract constitution of the learned, or of dictionary makers," Walt Whitman used to say, "but is something arising out of the work, needs, ties, joys, affections, tastes of long generations of humanity, and has its bases broad and low, close to the ground."

There are more than 3,000 languages in the world. Some of them are spoken by millions of people, and some by only a few thousand. English and Russian are the only languages that are spoken in many countries of the world.

According to the latest estimates, Russian is spoken by well over 250 million people as a first language — by more people than any other language except Chinese and English. However, perhaps even more important is the fact that Russian is understood by millions of people in Europe, Asia and America. Almost anywhere you go, you will find Russian spoken: in Warsaw and Prague, Belgrade and Sophia, Rome and Vienna, Berlin and Paris, New York and Toronto.

It is almost impossible for any nation today to keep in touch with the developments in science, business, culture, politics or any other major human activity unless it has a good number of Russian-speaking specialists.

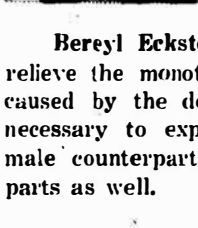
Behind Dorm Doors

During a recent WYUR interview with Commentator Editor-in-Chief Ira Tokayer and Sports Editor Danny Hartman, a student called in from Stern inquiring as to why there aren't more joint activities between Stern and Yeshiva College. In quest of a male response to this perhaps controversial issue, we take you BEHIND THE DORM DOORS . . .

Would you like to see greater participation by Stern women in Yeshiva College functions, and why?



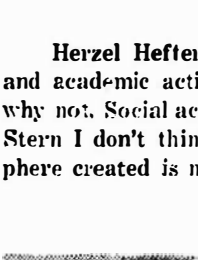
Norman Shapiro, JSS, Senior — I think it would be a good idea because a good college should have both men and women participating in a normal setting. I would like to see participation by Stern women not only at social functions but in an educational setting as well. Besides, how can you have a good toga party without women?



Beryl Eckstein, YP, Senior — In order to relieve the monotony and the rigorous pressure caused by the double program, at times it is necessary to express oneself not only to our male counterparts but to our female counterparts as well.



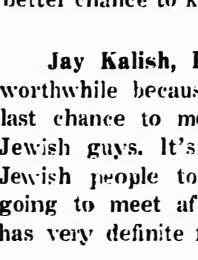
Alan Phillips, JSS, Sophomore — I would certainly like to see participation by some girls. I guess Stern college would be the right type of girls because they are affiliated with YU. When you're going to college it gets pretty depressing a) because you're going to college in Washington Heights, and b) because in general it's hard going thru the week without socializing. I feel there is a definite need for it and I don't think it goes against any religious principles or anything like that.



Herzel Heffer, YP, Senior — As far as clubs and academic activities are concerned I don't see why not. Social activities such as Shabbatons with Stern I don't think are right because the atmosphere created is not yeshivish.



Arty Luxenberg, EMC, Junior — I feel that for a long time Stern girls have been put down. I myself have put them down, professors have put them down, and I feel that it is wrong to put them down without knowing anything about them. I frankly don't know much about them, I've never gone out with a Stern girl. I would like to see more Stern girls participate in Yeshiva College activities, thereby giving YU boys a better chance to know them.



Jay Kalish, EMC, Senior — It's definitely worthwhile because for a lot of people it's the last chance to meet a lot of Jewish girls and Jewish guys. It's got its advantages, it keeps Jewish people together. Where else are they going to meet after college years? Besides, it has very definite fringe benefits.

It is almost impossible for any professional today to keep pace with the latest achievements in his field unless he knows what has been done by his Russian counterpart.

The ability to speak and read two or more languages reasonably well is not only "prima facie" evidence of better-than-average intelligence but a practical necessity of promotion and success.

The study of Russian can no longer be the privilege of language lovers and bookworms. It is in the highest interests of the nation as a whole.

Russian is a relatively easy language for foreigners to learn because a very small number of words — about 1,000 — are enough to express almost any idea in a simple way. An English-speaking person, if he concentrates on these 1,000 words, can soon speak enough Russian to get along fairly easily. After these basic words are learned, picking up further vocabulary is quite simple. Moreover, the Russian language is saturated with such English words as "box," "transistor," "radio," "TV," "hockey," "football," "jazz," "jeans," not to mention entire vocabularies in the natural and social sciences and in literary criticism.

Russian is a great language with a wonderfully rich vocabulary of about half a million words. Words are, of course, the most powerful drug used

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Project Ezra Brings New Hope

(Continued from Page 7, Col. 2) munity in the world. Today, vestiges of the original community remain. One such vestige is the over 100,000 elderly Jewish poor who have seen the neighborhood in its prime, some fifty years ago, but are now isolated in their apartments by crime and old age, unable to reach an organization to ask for help. It was upon this area of Jewish life that the founders of Project Ezra focused their attention.

First, the volunteers of Ezra began to seek out these elderly people; apartment buildings were canvassed, tenements were investigated and it was not hard to find the people they were looking for. The workers also tried to organize volunteers to be ready to help the elderly poor found through outreach. Finally, with the needy located and the volunteers in readiness, the founders of Project Ezra were ready to start the programs that would soon help many of the aged Jews of the Lower East Side.

One of the programs instituted by Ezra is the regular visiting of the aged by concerned young people. From the start, Ezra has stressed the importance of the close one-to-one relationship between each individual elderly person and the volunteer visiting him. This relationship has advantages for both parties. The volunteer can help with small but difficult tasks like grocery shopping or lodging a complaint, can be someone to look forward to seeing and chatting with, and can be a link with the outside world. To the volunteer, the person visited means a source of vast experience and good advice, a chance to do a great mitzvah, and a link with the past. This close relationship is a factor that sets Ezra apart from other helpful institutions, for, as Misha says, "The average social worker doesn't have the time to spend an hour 'shmoozing' about chicken soup or gefilte fish or the way life was forty years ago or the way life was in the shtetl." Currently, Ezra visits over thirty people weekly and reaches another fifty to sixty bi-weekly through special projects.

Other Projects

Visiting the elderly, though, is only one aspect of Ezra's activities today. Ezra also arranges special programs regularly for its senior citizens. These programs are usually held in honor of a Jewish holiday and

in conjunction with synagogues in the Greater New York area. Parties, theater outings and picnics are only a few of Ezra's special projects. Ezra has also begun a L'chaim Health Counselling Project, through which the aged are assured better and more convenient health care.

Ezra also currently conducts two outreach programs. It arranges speaking engagements at suburban synagogues and other organizations in order to acquaint people with the problems of the elderly Jewish poor. Ezra volunteers also give walking tours of the Lower East Side in order to make people aware of the area's history and present needs. Finally, Ezra realizes that synagogues are the second homes of many Jews, and that many older Jews not yet reached frequent the shuls on the Lower East Side. Ezra regularly sends volunteers to clean and decorate many of the deteriorating shuls in the area.

Ezra's annual budget is \$45,000, half of which is supplied by foundation grants and half by contribution and honorariums for tours and speaking engagements. With such a budget, the seven workers at Ezra must hold down second jobs in addition to their twenty official and many more unofficial hours on the job at Ezra.

Ezra hopes to enlarge upon the projects already in progress and seek out new clients and find new ways of serving the lonely Jewish aged on the Lower East Side. But it can't, for lack of volunteers. "Ezra won't close for lack of money," says Misha, "but lack of volunteers is causing us to curtail our activities." Ezra's most pressing need, then, is for

volunteers to devote an hour or two a week to visit an elderly person.

Those interested can call Ezra at 982-3700 or 982-4214 between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM or see this writer in R615.

Joe Leaves YU's Labs

(Continued from Page 3, Col. 4) and contentment in that he has helped two thousand students go on to successful lives. One painful realization for him has been the values and attitudes adopted by the majority of today's students. "The student today feels that the end always justifies the means especially when it comes to the academic average." The most important contributing factor, Joe points out, is that we have sanctified the "A" because in our society credentials are the only currency.

No one has been hired to succeed Joe as Lab Administrator. The university has hired on a part-time basis two Yeshiva College students, Scott Berlant and Bumy Kaisman, and a Persian woman, Mrs. Victory, to share in the responsibility of the upkeep of the Chemistry labs. The administration has also asked Joe to remain on a part-time basis until the Chemistry labs, recently relocated to Belfer, are operating smoothly.

Student reaction was unanimous in expressing regrets at Joe's departure. He will sorely be missed, but fondly remembered by Yeshiva students, past and present.

New Ruling Party In Quebec

(Continued from Page 4, Col. 2) background common to a Francophone, involvement in a French dominated society would hardly be appreciated. Even French speaking Jews, who emigrated from North Africa, fear that integration into the Francophone society of Quebec will not be as easy as they had expected.

One of the immediate effects of the P.Q. election has been the increased amount of psychological pressure Jews and other minority members have been subjected to. Already the government has accused English Quebecois for many of the undesirable aspects of Quebec society. Claiming that the English who control the banks and most of the large corporations are responsible for Quebec's declining economy, they are in fact implying that were the English to be replaced by the French, the situation would improve significantly.

The Jewish community was unsatisfied when Yvon Charbonneau, radical separatist teachers' union president, "lashed out at terrorists in the business community," and named only two — Sam Steinberg, owner of the supermarket chain, and Bernard Finestone, president of the Montreal Board of Trade, and when labor leader Michel Chartrand charged "the Jewish community in Quebec has had more privileges than any minority in the world. . . . We don't want them to pollute anymore the atmosphere of this country." Although Premier Rene Levesque has tried to reassure Jews about their future in an independent Quebec, he has been unsuccessful partly

due to statements that have appeared in recent magazines describing Zionism as "the cancer of humanity." Quebec Jews are also apprehensive about the economic value of their business and professional skills, should Quebec achieve independence. They fear that the currency of an independent Quebec would be much less than the Canadian dollar which has already gone down 15%.

Language

A second major effect of the P.Q. election has been the language legislation adopted by the government. Known as Bill 101, this law, by instituting French as the only official language, calls for French supremacy in all aspects of Quebec life. Although speaking French hardly poses any threat to either Jew or any other minority member, the fact that it is being imposed by law is somewhat disturbing. What the law really states is that French will be the sole form of communication in the province. Businesses will have to use French in all their dealings. Professionals in search of employment will be required to take and pass French proficiency exams. The use of English in the courts and the legislature will be sharply diminished. Nearly all schools, especially those that are publicly funded, will be required to give instruction in French. Admissions to English-speaking schools, including Jewish day schools, will become increasingly difficult. Only children who have at least one parent who was educated in English in Quebec, may attend English schools.

Silence

(Continued from Page 7, Col. 3) on what goes on in the old alma mater. This assertion may be unfair to some graduates but I am led to believe that these comprise but a small minority among the thousands of students who have graduated Yeshiva College in the past half-century.

Yet what is the underlying cause of such widespread apathy? To be sure, the Alumni Office and Public Relations do point to alumni participation in the affairs of the University. Perhaps that is the crux of the problem. Alumni and Public Relations are primarily concerned with improving the image of, and raising money for, the University (Most of the events planned for the Jubilee of the College seem to involve events outside it, e.g. dinners and symposia of the various graduate and professional schools). It is often pointed out that the University is a large diverse institution spanning four campuses throughout New York, while it is downplayed, or

even worse, ignored, that at the base of the University lies a small liberal arts college spanning four blocks of Washington Heights.

One would think that the 50th Anniversary of Yeshiva College would be the ideal opportunity to reestablish the identity of the College, which has been lost somewhere in the shuffle of the University's four campuses, 1200 faculty members, 7000 students, and 111 million dollar operating budget, and that student leaders, both past and present would be in the forefront of such an effort. It would perhaps be worthwhile to contact them. But then again, based on my personal experience, there would only be another resounding blast of silence from the past — with no answers, only more questions.

Editor's Note: As this issue goes to press, I have received one response from an alumnus and would like to thank him for his concern.

Tanya Shiur Is Success

(Continued from Page 5, Col. 3) Thursday night, new faces turn up at the Tanya shiur, which has been received very enthusiastically here. The subject matter is fascinating, and it's not unusual for several hands to be in the air at once. All questions are answered in detail, and often supplemented by illustrations from Chassidic lore. The teacher, Rabbi Schwei, is well versed in his subject, having studied Chassidic philosophy all his life. It is for-

fortunate that so experienced a Rabbi could be found for mostly English-speaking students. Rabbi Schwei in particular is quite articulate and knows just how to get his point across.

As of this writing, the group is studying chapter two. Each chapter covers a new topic, so that a new student can easily follow the shiur. In addition, all special terms are fully explained as they come up, so no real background is required. Finally, thanks to the Hebrew-English Tanyas, anyone can follow in the text without much difficulty.

The Tanya shiur is a project of the Chabad Club of YU, which also sponsors many other programs and activities. Along the lines of Tanya, there is a discussion of the sefer on radio station WYUR (820 AM) every Sunday from 4:00-5:00 PM. Students are invited to call the station at 568-4700 and ask questions during the program.

The Chabad Club maintains an office in the Student Union Building from which it conducts its various projects. The Chabad Club Bulletin, coming out shortly, is expected to contain a description of some of these.

From time to time, the Chabad club sponsors a Farbrengen, or Chassidic gathering, after the Tanya shiur. This usually consists of Rabbi Schwei speaking on topics of interest, with everyone seated around a large table. Refreshments are served, songs are sung, and a festive atmosphere prevails, whatever the occasion. Farbrengens in the past have been in honor of Purim, Pesach, and, more recently, Succot. All are invited to attend, regardless of whether or not they go to the Tanya shiur, but since a new subject is discussed every week, why not drop by the shiur anyway? Stop in any (or better yet, every) week and get a taste of something really good.

Anyone wishing to work for the Commentator — there are openings on our writing and copy staffs. Please see Ira, M222.

A Plan

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Of course, no one seriously expects the job action to last that long. The administration, seeing the potential results of a prolonged dispute, would settle within the year. In the meantime some positive effects could be achieved, including an end to cheating and the enhancement of the intellectual atmosphere of the University by doing away with grade pressure. For a few months, anyway extracurricular activities and events will flourish.

In dealing with an administration that neither understands nor cares about the realities of the situation, a show of force is in order. It is, therefore, with great thought and solemnity that I recommend the immediate implementation of the A Plan.

(Author's note: This report is based on an Analysis by Harold M. Waller. Certain fragments from the context of the Analysis, as well as all statistical figures have been used. The Analysis is entitled: *Montreal Jews Face the Challenge of Quebec Nationalism.*)

Scientific Russian

(Continued from Page 7, Col. 5) by mankind. And once you succumb to their lure, you will become a word addict for the rest of your days.

Russian is a delightful language. It is the language of Tolstoy and Dostoyevsky, Akhmatova and Pasternak, V. Horovitz and M. Rostropovich, Igor Sikorsky and Vladimir Zvorykin, A. Voznesensky and B. Pasternak, M. Bulgakov and A. Solzhenitsyn.

It is now becoming the language of 22 Yeshiva University students who have taken up Scientific Russian and who are doing very well. Frankly speaking, we have never had such smart students in our 25 years of language teaching experience. When they learn how to turn this "most powerful drug" to their advantage, they will find their rewards — social, financial and intellectual — almost beyond counting. The knowledge of Russian will be

an additional asset in their great future.

Andrey Voznesensky, the contemporary Russian poet, making fun of the endless queuing up in Soviet life and signing-up years in advance for commodities that are in short supply, writes:

I am 1st for Plisetskaya, 33rd for the theatre at Taganka,

45th for the graveyard at Vagankovo.

I am 14th for the eye specialist 21st for Glazunov, the artist, 45th for an abortion

(When my turn comes, I'll be in shape),

I am 103rd for auto parts (They signed me up when I was born),

I am 10,007th for a new car (They signed me up before I was born).

Do you like the poem? Do you want to read it in the original? Sign-up for the Russian NOW!

Hatzolah Ambulance Corps Helps Jews In Emergencies

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suburban chapters with the basic first-aid equipment, there are times when one might want to get a special piece of equipment incurring a personal expense — sometimes running into hundreds of dollars.

Jewish Volunteers

He mentioned some other points of interest. Firstly, Hatzolah will only take married men as volunteers. Why? The organization operates according to the Halacha. There are numerous times when a woman must be examined on the spot for a gynecological disorder and cannot be examined by an unmarried man. Secondly, Hatzolah specifically serves the Jews in the community. When asked why Hatzolah only helps Jews, Mr. Mendlowitz answered: "Of course if I see a man dying I'll help him. But this is not my profession. I'm a volunteer. Jewish people give their money to Jewish institutions and I give myself to Jewish lives. It's simply one Jew helping another.

This is a cause not a business." Thirdly, he described the response of the community toward Hatzolah. "In general," he said, "people feel better when they see that the person assisting them has a genuine interest in their well being."

Hasidim especially appreciate Hatzolah. The religious volunteers spare them the embarrassment of having to explain to gentile attendants all their personal Jewish observances, like making sure that hospital sheets cover the women below the knee at all times.

Mr. Mendlowitz also mentioned the fact that Hatzolah does not, as a matter of policy, accept offered payment from a victim. "We do not accept any money till at least six months after the incident so as to ensure that the money will be in the nature of a donation and not as remuneration." Upon finishing the discussion, he said, "here is our number — feel free to call." A joke, yes, but something worth remembering for the future.

Letters

Left Out

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Maybe I'm blowing the whole thing out of proportion because of a personal bias. Some south-paws have adapted themselves to a righty world. But people shouldn't have to change, especially when a viable solution is so near at hand (no pun intended). All it would require is the University to go out and purchase a fair number of these desks. The administration must be more sensitive to their students' needs. The cost of these desks is nominal; the benefits for the students would be overwhelming. Frankly, I'm tired of being LEFT out. I hope the administration will make the RIGHT decision.

What else can I say now but "LEFT ON !!!"

Marc A. Singer
YC '81

Retirement

(Continued from Page 6, Col. 5) seventy. Quite noble, isn't it? Not really, since the federal government will force us to raise the mandatory retirement age anyway in a few years. After all this time and effort we have

still gotten nowhere. The chances of keeping an outstanding professor for more than two years past retiring age is quite rare. Forgetting about our Jewish morals for a second, if a person is still an excellent teacher, then his age has as much to do with his ability as the color of the shirt he wears on Thursday nights.

Sincerely,
Joel Yaffa
YC '80

Yeshiva Or University

(Continued from Page 6, Col. 4) did not even touch upon the idea of the desirability of observant teachers. Nor did I touch upon the hiring policies involved in recruiting such people. Yet, if the little that I did write will stimulate discussion — then I shall be satisfied. I repeat my challenge once again: let Dr. Lamm demonstrate that what he did in releasing these observant competent instructors was in accord with the spirit and law of the Torah. Or else let him state once and for all that YU has abandoned the basis of its existence.

Zvi I. Weiss
YC '71, RIETS '74

Commie After Dark

Unfortunately (or fortunately, if that's how you feel), the legendary Chicken Ranch of Texas no longer exists. For those of you who might not know just what the Chicken Ranch was, well, to be genteel about it... it didn't sell chickens. It sold something else... that something being what the "oldest profession in the world" is all about. Anyway, the Chicken Ranch is closed now, but something is open that is just as good. The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas, at B'way's 46th Street Theatre, is such a foot-stomping, knee-slapping, one heck of a good musical-comedy, that it's probably the next best, legal, thing to being there.

The play is political, about how the pressures of a TV crusader, Melvin P. Thorpe, cause the Governor of Texas, a man not immune to sidestepping major issues, to close the Chicken Ranch; someone comments that while they close a harmless place like the Chicken Ranch, not 2 blocks from the state capital building, you can get anything you want for money. Is it coincidence or careful planning on the part of the producers that the play is on 46th St. off of 8th Ave.? Prostitution is not glorified by the play, but the audience learns to appreciate the complex feelings which motivate the "working girls."

But don't try to analyze the play, sit back and enjoy it. The

music is fantastic, the lyrics expository and understandable. The dancing scenes are unbelievable. I thought it was impossible for legs to move the ways they did on stage. And the acting all around was superb, but of particular mention, Henderson Forsythe, as the cussin' Sheriff Ed Earl Dodd. Some of the play's best lines are made memorable through his expert delivery. Carlin Glynn as Mona Stangle, the Madame, is the moving force of the play. An actress who never sang on stage before, Miss Glynn belts out her songs with a voice you have to hear to believe.

So don't let the name keep you from going. (You know, you don't judge a book by its cover.) Your sense of morality won't be offended, just tickled silly.

Lightning flashes and thunder crashes as the murderer stealthily creeps into the room; the mystery thickens in The Gate of a Hundred Sorrows, a foul Opium den; the mystery climaxes in a terrifying boat chase on the River Thames; and all of it takes place on a Broadway stage.

"The Crucifer of Blood" is a Sherlock Holmes play that promises to rivet you to the edge of your seat, even if you're not a Holmes' fan. Based on an amalgam of Holmes' cases, including "The Sign of Four," the play traces the story of two British soldiers who gain possession of a great treasure in India, and the

curse that comes with it. Murders abound, mysteries increase, clues lead nowhere. Enter Sherlock Holmes, the world's only private consulting detective, and the only man alive with the mental faculties needed to solve the case. The mystery will terrify you, the solution astound you.

"The Crucifer of Blood" has the effects of Star Wars, the suspense of Alfred Hitchcock, and a Sherlock Holmes portrayal, Paxton Whitehead, who ranks with the best. The play is a masterpiece — see it!

— Wali Dad

As the saying goes, life is tough, but whose life can be worse than a person who has just lost his job, his girlfriend, and his cat, and then gets robbed for the third time, all on New Year's Eve. This seemingly hopeless situation is the setting for P. S. Your Cat Is Dead as our unlucky hero catches the thief. What follows is some first class humor and an entertaining evening.

Surprisingly, appearances are deceiving as an undercurrent of serious thoughts flows through the play. The most obvious one is having your head on straight. Life is full of facades, but what is worse is if you believe in your own creations. Don't fool yourself.

This play can be enjoyed on many levels and shouldn't be missed.

Editors Interviewed

On October 30, WYUR interviewed Commentator Editor-in-Chief Ira Tokayer and Sports Editor Danny Hartman. In what will hopefully be the first of many such talk shows, key issues were raised and the public got to know their student leaders a bit better.

Response from the listening audience was favorable. Steve Cohen, WYUR station manager, said: "We found [their] remarks informative and, at times, provocative. It is also refreshing to see that the members of this year's Commentator are men of sincere and honest integrity."

Speaking spontaneously, the editors addressed such topics as the proposed Honor System, the infamous Toga party, and the reorganization of Yeshiva's internal structure. In response to a re-

mark by Mr. Tokayer that Mr. Hartman professes to be a trivia expert, the second half of the interview was dedicated to questions from the listening audience.

The interview began when Joel Mael, the host of the talk show asked Mr. Tokayer how he feels about himself, his staff and the direction the Commentator is taking. Mr. Tokayer self-assuredly answered: "As far as myself, I basically have no ego problem, as far as my staff, I have total confidence in their abilities... and as for the direction the Commentator is taking, it is still too early to tell."

Turning to more serious issues, Mr. Hartman was asked how he has attained the reputation of being YU's John Belushi, (Continued on Page 10, Col. 3)

Creative Photography

Just about everyone has a camera. Whether it's a Kodak Instamatic or a Nikon F2A, however, really makes no difference. It's possible to take professional pictures even with the cheapest of cameras. The equipment is not the key, it's you.

In a recent issue of Popular Photography Magazine, a professional photographer presented a collection of photographs which he had taken while on vacation. The remarkable thing about the pictures was that they were taken with an instamatic and processed at the photographer's local film processing service. The photographer had exercised no creative control in any aspect of the photographs except when he took the picture. He used his eyes to "see" the final photograph. No darkroom manipulations, no exotic techniques, just the ability (Continued on Page 10, Col. 1)

Pen - Not Cafe

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gard to the cafeteria there really seems to be nothing that one can do. I'm informed that there is a Student Council committee on the cafeteria, but they obviously have done nothing, or very little, to try and change anything with regard to "the caf." But who can blame them, considering that YCSC as a whole has done next to nothing this year.

I feel the time has come for all of us to stop the grumbling about the cafeteria and to raise our voices in protest over the lack of student representation and input into decisions with regard to a facility that affects many of us three times a day. Students must demand that either the Student Council become active and ask for student input, or that a new, independent committee be form-

ed that will work directly with the administration in investigating the cafeteria. I think enough students are concerned and bothered by many things that they see in the cafeteria that there should be no problem in getting volunteers to work on a committee. I think that there have been enough rumors with regard to various employee and student impropriety in the cafeteria that on open investigation ought to be conducted. I feel that Mr. Parker ought to be aware that he is an employee of this school, here to serve the students' needs, and that he will have to be responsive to student input as any other employee of this university is, including all administrators and faculty. Finally, I would like to call on everyone to cease from referring to our cafeteria as Parker's.

Who's Whose

engaged:

- Stuie Samuels YC '79 to Mimi Handler
- Mark Sokolow YC '79 to Rena Haar
- Ethan Spiegler YC '79 to Cheryl Mirvis
- Frank Rubin YC '79 to Handa Berger
- Robert Moskowitz YC '78 to Evelyn Kramer
- Glenn Winter YC '79 to Marcia Handelsman

married:

- Avraham Feld YC '76 to Sarah Leah Shlian

GUIDANCE NOTES

The Lawrence Livermore Laboratory will hire a few undergraduates for summer 1979. Deadline: December 31; applications in Guidance Center. Juniors and seniors only; very competitive.

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The US State Department has announced the written exam for Foreign Service Officers will be given December 2, 1978. Deadline: October 20. Information and applications in Guidance Center.

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Seniors: the National Science Foundation will award \$3,900 Graduate Fellowships on the basis of an exam given December 9. Applications due November 30. Only for majors in science, engineering, social sciences or math; not for pre-meds. For applications, write: Fellowship Office National Research Council 2101 Constitution Avenue, Washington, DC 20418.

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The Guidance Center has developed a new "Academic Plan" form which lists all College regulations. Copies available in F 413 to help in long or short term program planning.

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The National Endowment for the Humanities has established a "Youth Grants" program to support, among other things, learning projects of college students in the humanities. Deadline: Nov. 15 and April 15; preliminary inquiries due one month earlier. Budget up to \$10,000. For further information write, now: Youthgrants in the Humanities, National Endowment for the Humanities, 806 15th St. NW, Washington, DC 20506.

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The 1978 National Directory of Summer Internships, which describes hundreds of possibilities for the summer, is available in the Guidance Center. NOW is the time to apply.

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Mr. Jerome Lazarus, Chief of The Federal Job Information Center of NYC, will discuss, "Career Opportunities in the Federal Civil Service" this Thurs., Nov. 9, Club Hour, F206. All are invited. Sponsored by YCSC & The Commentator.

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Photography for Everyone

(Continued from Page 9, Col. 5) to see a potential photograph.

According to the photographer, anyone can do the same. All you have to do is restructure your approach to picture taking. If you've gotten into the rut of taking boring family pictures, start looking for new and different situations to point your camera at. Go out on the street and take pictures of anything and everything. The cost of the film and processing is fairly inexpensive, and the results are worth the cost.

Instead of taking cliché pictures such as landscapes or skylines, which you always see tourists from out of town taking, look for new ways to get your point across. There must be thousands of pictures of the N.Y. City skyline, and everyone always thinks his is going to be a prize winner. But instead of concentrating on the whole, look for details. There might be an interesting picture in the way one building forms a background for another. Tilt your camera up or down to give a strange perspective to a tall building. The point is, originality and creativity are all you need to produce "photo-

graphs," rather than just "pictures."

Don't worry about exposure or other details. Most situations will be handled easily by whatever camera you use. Of course if you want more creative control, you'll need a more advanced camera. But if you're shooting outside you should have a minimum of problems. Most people who can handle an instamatic find no trouble switching to a range-finder, which requires focusing but automatically sets exposure. This type of camera allows you to use different types of film, thus increasing your independence when shooting in various lighting situations. For example, if you're shooting indoors and you can't use a flash, ASA 400 film would be your logical choice. (The ASA number refers to the film's sensitivity to light; the higher the number, the less light you need.) Non-flash photographs give a pleasing, natural rendition of colors, and allows you to shoot without disturbing your subjects.

A range-finder also allows you to use black and white film. This type of film is often neglected by many amateurs who think that only color is for them. But most photo journalists and professionals use black and white exclusively, only occasionally, in very special cases, switching to color. Black and white can cover up exposure mistakes more easily than color, and if you're really ambitious, you can develop black and white film at home for only a fraction of what it costs at a professional processor.

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Editors Interviewed

(Continued from Page 9, Col. 4) famous star of Saturday Night Live. Mr. Hartman denied these rumors "once and for all" and "unequivocally" stated that "John Belushi is the world's Danny Hartman."

The honor system came up during the hour-long conversation. Mr. Tokayer referred to the Commentator editorial entitled "High Honors." "I personally have confidence in the maturity and integrity of the student body. If YU is the kind of institution it claims to be, such a system should definitely be attempted. However, if the fears of those who do not have confidence in the students turn out to be justified, it is well to find that out now and let YU stop professing to be something it is not."

The second half of the interview seemed to accentuate the personalities of the Editors as the talk strayed from the issues. Encouraging callers, the Editors took questions ranging from Bob Lanier's shoe-size to the name of Tonto's horse. "We were glad to involve the students, although the interview did lose a bit of its serious tone," Tokayer said.

All-in-all, the interview was

interesting and informative. "WYUR will continue to be a forum for student opinions and a medium through which to raise issues," said Mr. Mael, who will host many such talk shows on various Tuesday nights throughout the year.

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Correction —
In our last issue, on page 3 column 4, in the article entitled "Academic Research at YU Funded by Several Sources," the number should read \$221,000.

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Fencers Cautiously Optimistic About New Season's Prospects

(Continued from Page 12, Col. 5) year of their training," Coach Tauber said, adding wistfully, "they all can't be like Ben Kurtzer." He was referring to a senior who first started fencing when he was a junior in college, and has made the team this year, a remarkable feat.

Elsewhere, Marv Huberman vigorously attacked Ralph Abbitan, both in Sabre, while Ira Herman, team captain, fenced David Katzenstein in Epee. Of

special note, Ben Kirschenbaum will return this year in foil. Kirschenbaum hopes to better last year's record, and prove to the coaches that David Brusowankin, star, will not be missed. Also returning is Mark Taragin, who hopes to repeat this year as an invaluable addition to the team fencing Sabre.

The following is an insider's report on the team's prospects for the 1978-1979 season:

Epee

A strong squad led by Ira Herman, Team Captain, and Davaid Katzenstein. Other members include Alan Rosenthal, Mark Rubin, and Sam Stochinsky. This squad has the potential of becoming the star of the team. As Ira Herman said: "To tell the truth, I'm worried. But I have real faith that we can pull it off. We're all healthy and fairly experienced, and I just hope that the competition is tough, but not too tough." David Katzenstein chastised members of the team who have not been coming to the practices. "Maybe seeing their names in print will get them off their butts and into the gym." He pointed out the need for everyone to come down to practice, mentioning the oft neglected factor of morale. "We need to see bodies; if we can beat the morale factor, we've won half the battle."

Sabre

To be on sabre you have to have sadistic tendencies. To be able to inflict pain and damage

on your opponent, you have to lack psychological stability. Such characterizes the present Sabre team. Led by Mark Taragin, Baruch Deutsch, Ralph Abbitan, and Marv Huberman, the squad will probably slash, maim, and mutilate its way to victory. Finesse is not the name of the game here, As Huberman glibly commented, while decapitating his opponent: "We on the sabre squad are interested primarily in drawing blood not crowds." The members of the squad are generally aggressive and promise to give a good showing.

Foil

This is a squad composed of contradictions: experience and inexperience; veterans side by side with rookies. But the promise is there to make this squad the dark horse of the '78-'79 season. Ben Kirschenbaum returns with experience under his belt. Marty Ast, David Bart, and Stuart Weinerman return with enthusiasm but no real bout time to speak of. Once again, however, the password is optimism. In the words of Kirschenbaum: "Weinerman has the reflexes; Bart's got the nerve; and Ast has got the class."

The coaches and the team are optimistic and hope for a winning year. The squads show both strength and confidence, but they need more experience. The road is rocky, the cliches are many, but the Taubermen believe they can do it.

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get in shape would be to join a team, but not so in every sport. Also not all of us are so skilled. Wrestling, basketball, followed by fencing are the most physically demanding sports. Frequency of practice and intrinsic exertion are the determinants. The native grueling quality of wrestling gives it high marks, but with basketball and fencing much practice time must be given to technique, thereby necessitating personal conditioning. Tennis is fine, but two practices a week do not always guarantee a good workout. In all due respect, bowling and riflery will not whip you into shape. Getting into the realm of non-team sports, karate and swimming are great pursuits. Swimming combines many principles of conditioning, while karate's way of life is conducive to good health. It must be noted, however, that only regularity in workouts will afford benefits, and that proper diet is as vital as exercise. (NO! Junk food is out, considering the many places to purchase good food around the neighborhood a bad diet is inexcusable!)

If you are uninterested in "skill" sports as the medium of good conditioning, but want to get in shape, running is the best way. We may not have a track, but the city streets are open, it is just a matter of knowing where to run. During the daytime Laurel Hill Terrace is quite safe from the YU loading platform northward, and in the evening running in two's and three's would be advisable if you venture away from the home turf. Before using our facilities, you should know that a doctor's o.k. is mandatory before any program of physical activity (undoubtedly, he will tell you to start off slowly, which is the wisest way).

By now you may have your shorts on and are lacing up those Keds, but before you go let's look at our facilities. If the weather is nice a soccer or football game could be attempted on the verdant green of Danciger Campus, but beware of falling window glass.

Although the ground is pitted and the rims are the wrong height, a spirited half-court basketball game can be often seen on the Danciger courts, which have the bonus of being open all night (although there are no lights!) The main center has a gym of sorts, which is bad for high jumpers but can be utilized. Usually after long hours of karate, fencing, and gym classes, the gym is used till all hours by basketballers. We also have a Universal Weight Machine, which when utilized properly and augmented by running can be the best system to get into shape. The school for many years has had the use of nearby George Washington High School. Varsity basketball practices and games are held there. Intramural swimming and basketball programs are also conducted there.

This brings us to another area — intramurals. They are great for a good night's run, either in hockey or basketball, but to rely on them alone will not be enough. The ambitious amongst us can take advantage of the numerous health clubs around the city, many are just a subway stop away. Actually, if you live at home, your neighborhood should have adequate facilities.

Now comes the question of which program to apply yourself to. Well, luckily such information can be obtained without much hassle. First off you would go to the Athletic Office in Belfer 106. Dr. Arthur Tauber (Director of Health Ed, and acting Athletic Director) would be glad to work out the program that is best for you. Also, the formation of a Varsity Club will be forthcoming, and one of its functions will be to give helpful guidelines in the realm of physical fitness.

In the end, the motivation must come from within, for only true desire will get you to run on a frosty morning or to trek uptown to a health club. (Ohne fleiss, Keine preis.) But the rewards will definitely outweigh the hardships. When you look at it you will be getting into a healthy routine that should continue throughout your life.

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longer be a competitive match. (This is to be determined by the following schedule of point differences: Football — 10 pts., Basketball — 20 pts., Baseball — 5 runs, Hockey — 4 goals.) In the special case of a playoff game, a majority of 2/3 shall be required unless another playoff game is aired opposite that game. Then a regular majority would be required.

Any changing of channels will be done during a commercial.

Any person found to have artificially adjusted the odor of his mouth or body by not showering or eating spicy food for the sole purpose of gaining an edge in a debate shall be banished from the lounge until the situation is corrected.

The main purpose of these proposals is to keep distractions to a minimum and allow the games, visual and verbal, to proceed smoothly.

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Getting in Shape

Proposals from
the (US) Senator

By DANNY HARTMAN

On Sundays, and during eras of cable television, a special caliber of "quasi beings" crawl out of the wood work (or peeling plaster) at Yeshiva College. They are a special breed (half-breed?) who can recite verbatim the texts of any Gillette or Lite Beer commercial. They are ever aware of reams of statistical information (and betting lines). At the start of any sports event they place their integrity, skill, and sometimes physical well being (as well as much money) on the line.

These are the "optic warriors" of Yeshiva College. The men and mouths who, without the comfort of a soft cushion to sit on or the protection of a good deoderant, watch the gladiators of sport. These ever present advocates of blind faith for the home team can be found on Sunday in the Morg lounge.

The confusion caused by these stalwarts' affinity to argue about anything is compounded by the vagueness, or lack of rules, governing the TV lounge. I therefore propose some rules and regulations which, if adopted, may avoid argument time wasted on what to watch when it can be wasted by arguing about more absurd, and less important, topics. These rules are intended only for Sunday TV.

Only students from YC shall have a vote as to program selection. High school students and outsiders shall have no vote and must abide by the decisions of the voting body.

Any person who has voted on an issue which has received a majority must remain in the lounge for at least 20 minutes. This to insure that transient voters are not recruited for the sole purpose of gaining a majority.

No sporting event shall be watched excessively should it no
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GETTING FIT

By DAVE KUFELD

The majority of the students here at Yeshiva spend the bulk of their time in college trying to develop their minds to the fullest, thereby (unfortunately) neglecting their bodies, which are in the prime of being. It is a matter of health, moreover it is criminal, that the sedentary lifestyle runs rampant here at Yeshiva. It is true that we are not a "Jock" college, but even with our limited facilities a good physical condition can be attained. There is nothing like being in good shape,

and in a college that stresses synthesis, the ancient Greek idea of "MEINS SANA EN CORPORAL SANO" should be followed to the letter. In this article we will be examining the various ways a student can get into good cardiovascular condition. If we all pay heed to a few suggestions, perhaps the situation here (where most of the physical exercise consists of running to class and schlepping books) would be changed.

At first glance the best way to
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Bowlers Show Promising Start
As Women Join The Keglers

By JOHN SMITH

This season the YU Keglers have a less than spectacular win-loss record which is not reflective of improvements of the team. Since last year the team average has risen from 145 to the mid 150's with more strikes. The additional strikes and spares

have left the team in the middle of some close matches. Last week the Keglers mounted an almost complete comeback against Cooper Union with each member of the Keglers collecting a strike or a spare in the last four frames. Unfortunately they were two points short and lost by just two pins, 837 to 835.

The team has been given a large field of competitors to choose from. For the first time in history of Yeshiva varsity sports a team has taken women players. The women from Stern have joined the team and provide needed depth. Sheila Pepose and Annette Weisman have proven that style is what counts in bowling. Another new member to the team, Steve Horowitz, has also been rolling some good games for the Keglers.

Coach Marc Breslow has been teaching approaches and releases which may be cited as a factor in the team's improvement. He has also brought spirit to the team, which is needed in any sport.

In recent matches the Keglers have faced the top teams in the league but have failed to come up with a win. Yet, the team is not short on individual highlights. Bill Sharfman and Norm Shapiro are members of the "200" club, both having a 214 pin game. Four teammates have bowled 500 plus in a three game series, Bill Sharfman (543), Abbie Iwan (521), Norm Shapiro (516), and Aaron Glatt (512).



The hockey season got off to one of its finest starts this season. Hockey has become YU's most popular intramural sport, and its popularity seems to be growing. Shown is Eliezer "The Beam" Cohen, a YU alumnus, shooting on net in recent intramural action. (Hockey stats on page 10.)

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About New Season's Prospects

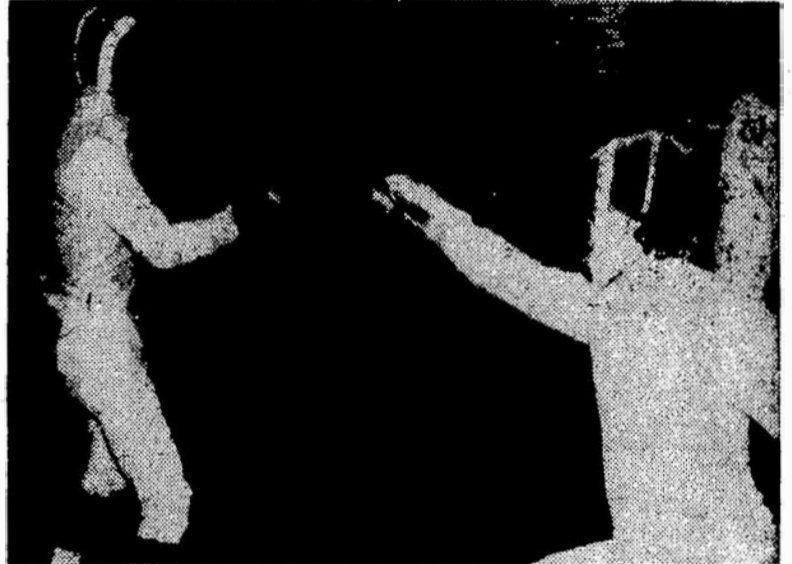
By A. STEIN

"It's going to be a building year." These were the words of Coach Tauber in reference to the YC Fencing Team, during a reflective time-out at Monday night's practice. "The team needs a lot of work," the coach continued, "but I think we've got a basically good, experienced team."

Marty Ast, member of the foil squad, was receiving first-hand tips at the hands of the coach, who last year, along with Coach Marcell, led the Taubermen to his 200th victory as a coach. The coach had only words of praise for Ast, who parried and lunged with the finesse of a butterfly dodging the collector's net. "Marty has the potential of becoming a twenty match winner easily," the coach said.

The gym was a flurry of action as fencers went through the basics in preparation for the season opener on Sunday, November 26, 1978, against the alumni. "This is our chance to gauge our basic strengths and weaknesses," the coach commented. "You'd be surprised at the great shape which some of the alumni are in."

Surveying the fencing action, Coaches Tauber and Marcell lamented the poor turnout of fresh-



Another fencing season: "Only the faces are different."

men for Elementary Fencing. "Basically, it's due to the changing of labs from Sunday to weekdays; fencers," the coach explained, "must be trained from

the earliest possible time in order to take full advantage of their potential. If they start in the sophomore year, we lose a whole
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YU's Ellmen Prepare
For Upcoming Season

By CHARLIE KLEINER

Annually the first team to start preparing for their season, the wrestling team, is working hard to get into shape. This year's team will look a bit different since they lost three of their top wrestlers, Co-captains Merlis and Schweitzer and also Buggy Seigal.

The Ellmen will be without the services of their coach, Neil Ellman, who is on a year leave. Coaching the team this year is Nat "Tiger" Schwietzer. Nat was captain of the YU wrestling team and has coached on the high school level. He seems to have brought a great enthusiasm to the team.

118 — Izzy Klein — senior and captain of the team. Izzy has good moves and technique and is a big 118.

126-134 — Fred Carroll — Experienced wrestler and is in the best shape on the team.

150 — Danny Kaufman — also a veteran wrestler. Danny is an intelligent thinking wrestler.

142 — Jay Lerman — Brother was ECAC champ and may have

the same genes. Has good moves and is from South Bend, Ind.

150 — Arny Rogoff — Good strong wrestler, but right now is sidelined with a shoulder injury.

177 — Saul Grief — Senior captain, all around wrestler, good shape, strength and moves.

190 — Robert "Mugs" Marcus — Tough and quick for his size, will wrestle 190 or heavyweight, depending on Carvel.

190 — Alan Bell — 3 year vet, was high school weightlifting champ and is the strongest man on the team.

The loss of players like Merlis Schwietzer and Segal are hard to take. But the team as a whole may be stronger. Teamwise the Ellmen are more experienced than last year. With hard work and a bit of luck they may be able to more than compensate for their losses in personnel and improve on last year's winning record.

The Ellmen are participating in the Metropolitan JV meet at Hunter and the John Jay Invitational. They open the season on Nov. 28 at home.

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