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President Lamm answering questions posed by Commentator Governing Board.

FEB. 8, 1979 — Rabbi Dr. Norman Lamm, President of Yeshiva University, met with the Governing Board of The Commentator. The meeting was sparked by a controversial WYUR interview with Dr. Lamm last term. At the meeting Dr. Lamm was requested to remark about his statements in that interview and was asked questions about major issues presently confronting the University.

Concerning the radio interview, and in response to a letter sent by the Commentator Governing Board following the interview, Dr. Lamm stated that he felt there was merely "letting off steam on both sides." He further stated that his criticisms were not solely aimed at The Commentator, but also at Hamevaser and The Observer. He did, however, express his opinion that there was a lack of judgment shown by the Commentator staff on some of the issues taken up. . "The big problems in the Yeshiva is student recruitment and financing," claimed Dr. Lamm, "and recruitment and financing go hand in hand." He noted to the Board the importance of the image reflected in The Commentator, and that he was afraid of the image the newspaper presented. "I'm worried about the image reflected by single irresponsible articles." He affirmed that he can tolerate differences of opinions, but it's the lack of judgment to which he objects. "I'm upset at a lack of judgment. it's not an in-house publication. You have a mission as important as mine," he added, "you can help get students here."

In response to a question about the apparent polarization in the Jewish community and whether YU was losing its unique YU product as a result of this trend, Dr. Lamm claimed that this is not the case. He said that looking at the situation from a perspective of 30 years, he believed the polarization was greater when he attended YU as a student. "But despite this, there are many alumni who are fine examples of the YU education." Dr. Lamm added that, "there are functions he is planning to have which would further the ideal of Torah (Continued on Page 5, Col. 3)

## Dr. Lamm Speaks Out, Yeshiva College Senate Debates New Legislation Emphasizes Recruitment Allowing Yiddish Acceptance On Individual Basis

By ROBERT GREENBERG

FEBRUARY 8 — The controversial Yiddish proposal was the topic of the new semester's first YC Senate meeting in its new meeting room.

The meeting, held during Club Hour, was highlighted by arguments for and against a motion proposed by Dr. Kramer, the Alumni Representative, during last semester's Senate sessions. Dr. Kramer's motion suggests that the acceptance of Yiddish as fulfilling the requirement be evaluated on an individual basis. A Yiddish Committee, consisting of three members,

would be required to review each case separately, and then pass a decision for or against the individual making the request. The committee would consist of three members: the Dean of Yeshiva College, a Yiddish department faculty member, and a fac-

ulty representative appointed by the head of the Academic Standings Committee. They would then be responsible for deciding each case separately, with a unanimous decision mandatory for any favorable decision.

#### Narrow and Wide

Among those who supported the "selectivity proposal" were Prof. Tauber, Dr. Levine, Rabbi Charlop, and Student Senators Weisz, Shudofsky, and Genuth. Jeffrey Kantowitz, Chairman of the YC Senate, spoke out against the motion, saying that by granting Yiddish the status of fulfilling the foreign language requirement, the liberal arts education at Yeshiva would suffer. The curriculum of a YC student would become even more narrow than it presently is. Mr. Taubes of the English department further mentioned the liberal policy taken with regard to the granting of credits for a year of study in Israel. Due to these credits, the student leaves YU without having received the full benefits of a liberal arts education.

Senators Weisz and Shudofsky both felt that Yiddish should be accepted for students planning to enter either the rabbinate or the field of social work, where the person will be dealing with older Jews, for the same reason that scientific Russian and German are accepted for pre-meds. The reason given in those cases is that scientific languages are somewhat relevant to the profession that these people will be entering in the future.

The meeting ended with a proposal by Dean Kurzer that Drs. Kramer and Taubes meet to word a new proposal that will state specifically who will be affected, should the proposal be put into effect in the future.

## Professor Tauber Appointed YU Director Of Athletics

By YIZCHOK APPLBAUM

Professor Arthur Tauber, coach of the Yeshiva Fencing Team since 1949, has been recently appointed Director of Athletics at Yeshiva.

Dr. Tauber began his career in YU's Physical Education Department by giving fencing lessons twice a week in the evenings. As a result of the positive response to his lessons, Prof. Abraham Horowitz, then the head of the Department, asked Prof. Tauber to join the faculty.

In 1952, he was named an Assistant Professor, and upon Prof. Horowitz's retirement, was asked by Dean Bacon to fill the vacant position as Acting Chairman of the Physical Education depart-

It was not until 1975, however, that an invitation was extended to Dr. Tauber by Dr. Belkin to join the faculty full-time, and upon acceptance of the same, was appointed to a position as an Associate Professor, and advanced to become Chairman of the Department.

Dr. Tauber has become a wellknown figure on the Yeshiva campus due to his work as Coach of the distinguished Fencing team. The success of the Fencing team throughout the years can be



Dr. Arthur Tauber

attributed to his own career as a champion fencer. Last year, the team reached a Yeshiva sports milestone, recording its 200th victory under his tutelage.

Turning toward the future, Dr. Tauber noted that there would be few changes in the Physical Education department. He emphasized that within the limitations under which YU operates, there is an excellent physical education program. The high quality of instructors that YU has had in the past will continue to be maintained.

## YCSC Discusses Bookstore Problem **Votes To Broadcast Future Meetings**

FEBRUARY 6th — At to-YCSC meeting, the council unanimously approved to broadcast their meetings over WYUR indefinitely. The council noted the favorable comments received regarding the broadcasts and agreed to continue such broadcasts. President Golombeck criticized the faculty for not submitting book lists to the college bookstore, which inevitably led to the store's closure. Mr. Golombeck announced that in order to help alleviate the problem, YCSC was providing a book service shuttle to Barnes and Noble.

Next year's academic calendar will be discussed at a meeting with Dr. Miller. The committee will consist of Messrs. Schneier, Marcus, Friedman, and Kreitman. Pres. Golombeck announced that food machines had been installed in Morgenstern basement, and he thanked Mr. Parker for his cooperation. Seth Kaufman was appointed Student Court Jus-(Continued on Page 7, Col. 4)



Marc Schneier attentively listening to remarks by Zev Golombeck, President of YCSC.

## **New Accounting Program Expecting Accreditation**

In an effort to accomodate a shift in student attitudes toward professional and pre-professional programs, Yeshiva College expects to announce New York State accreditation

for its Accounting program within the week.

In the presence of Dr. Morton Berger, Dean of Behavioral and Social Sciences a letter was sent to The New York State Board of Regents by a State committee to recommend certification of the new program. It is now up to the Board of Regents to formally recognize it. This recognition is usually automatic.

Impact, Finances, Courses

The initial proposal was sent to New York State last spring. A committee was at that time sent to study the proposed program and questions were raised as to the impact the program would have on area schools, indications of finances were requested and course recommendations were made.

The 60-credit program, which basically consists of an Economics major with a concentration in Accounting, had received a "verbal go-ahead," according to Dean Dainel Kurtzer, this last term, but, "we will now have official credibility, and students upon graduating will be eligible for the CPA examination."

The committee stated that while there are enough students interested in Accounting, finding faculty is problematic. Dean Kurtzer stated that "Yeshiva is actively pursuing a search for a program director and another full-time professor." As of now there are only part-time faculty

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## Disparity

On January 10 the Faculty Assembly in a near unanimous decision vetoed Senate legislation initially proposed by Dr. Daniel Kurtzer, Dean of Yeshiva College. The legislation was designed to unburden students of six credits of requirements while maintaining safeguards to ensure a strong liberal arts curriculum.

The obvious disparity between the passage of legislation by the Senate, a body composed of administration, faculty and students, and the near unanimous veto of the Faculty Assembly raises certain questions. Dean Kurtzer and the Senate felt a need for a bill easing requirements; why didn't the faculty? Is the faculty too far removed from the heartbeat of campus life to sense the changing needs of our institution? Or perhaps the faculty, admittedly insecure about their positions, feel coerced into vetoing any legislation which they feel may further imperil their precarious situation.

This blatant disregard for Senate legislation as manifested in the near unanimous faculty veto reflects an insensitivity to the needs of our students and consequently the needs of Yeshiva College.

## Disregard

The Student Union Building is host to many student activities. The YCDS Theater, WYUR studios, and all student offices are housed there. It has also been the scene of recurrent vandalism and crime.

The mugging of a faculty professor last year led to a relocation of the Guidance Center to Furst Hall. The students, however, have been left behind. The most recent incident has been the theft of several turntables from the WYUR station. In addition, the almost periodic ransacking of the Commentator darkroom has been among the many reported incidents of vandalism.

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ered a building in name only. The present security arrangements are inadequate as vandals enter the offices seemingly at will. If the administration is not, at this point in time, committed to the building of a new gym facility, it must at least be responsible for the maintenance, security, and upkeep of the existing structure. It is up to the administration to end its policy of malignant neglect and to make the desperately

needed architectural alterations to convert the present site into a viable center for student activities.

## Disappointment

A student council is charged with the responsibility of leadership. Ideally, it should cater to student needs and improve campus life. Our elected representatives should act as liaisons between the students and the other facets of the University. In addition, Council should work to organize intra- and intercollegiate social activities.

Such dynamic leadership has long been lacking at Yeshiva College. The performance of this year's Yeshiva College Student Council has been only adequate in some areas and definitely lacking in others. Most of Council's time is spent allocating funds, almost perfunctorily, to various clubs and organiations, while precious little time is spent on constructive planning. Although work has proceeded on a few pressing problems (most notably an attempt to obtain badly needed parking facilities), most of last spring's campaign promises have fallen by the wayside.

Student Council has failed to act as a responsible student voice. More often than not, it has been up to individual students to voice opinions in an attempt to rectify various administrational and academic problems.

With regard to social and intercollegiate activities, YCSC has again been dormant. The annual YC-Stern Shabbaton and the Cafe Night were refreshingly successful. Sadly, however, there are no major activities planned with Jewish collegiate youth in the metropolitan area. Student activities on campus have also been sorely lacking.

It is now almost a year since this year's Council was elected. With one term left, it is hoped that Council members will reevaluate their roles and apply themselves wholeheartedly to improving life at Yeshiva College.

## Letters To The Editor

### Disruptions

To The Editor:

The recent period of final exams uprooted an old story at Yeahiva College. To find a quiet corner on campus in order to study became a near impossible venture. Moreover, the library, a building existing solely for this purpose, was the last choice of many.

Personally, my mements of frustration began on Sunday, Jan. 4. the eve of finals week. Although I articipated a fruitful evening of study in the Pollack Library, the lights were abut at 8:45 P.M. Although frustrated, I was convinced that I could find inother room available for study. Searching throughout the campus from Belfer to the High School dorm, I was confronted with locked doors and hence forced to study English Literature in the Beis Medrach. In this sense Yeshiva has no reason not to offer its students the same academic accomodations as other universities by providing generous library hours and additional study areas. This is imperative throughout the entire academic year, but most important during finals sea-

However, even when the library was available it seemed to be an offer that many students opted to refuse. Those of us who lived in the library during finals week can easily recall the infinite se-

quences of noise and frequent immature disruptions. The main floor was extremely cold and students sat in winter coats studying for hours. The serious problem of insufficient lighting only presented additional obstacles and inconveniences to those who had immense amounts of reading. In addition, let me recommend that High School students go play hide-and-go-seek in the parking lot and not between the library stacks.

A university like Yeshiva whose major prestige lies in its academic statistics must seek to provide and accommodate its students with adequate study areas and with extra time allowances year round with an emphasis during the period of finals. This would intensify and upgrade the academic environment of Yeshiva College.

Binny Shudofsky YC 79

### Dispel

To The Editor:

An article written in a November 1978 issue of the Washington Heights/Inwood local newspaper stated that a spokesman for the College said that faculty and/or students could not find decent housing in the vicinity of the college.

I am a superintendent of a building in the neighborhood. The building is located at 570 West 189th Street, and has new plumbing, new wiring, intercom, front doors locked, good steam, and good tenants.

I would gladly give an apartment to some students or faculty when an apartment becomes available. The apartments consist of two, three, and four bedroom apartments with two bathrooms. If someone from the University would like to look at the building I would be glad to show them one of the finer buildings in the Heights.

You can get in touch with me at 928-0459 anytime.

Sincerely,
BH Schreiber
579 W. 189th Street

### Disobey

To The Editor:

I'm oure that by now most people at IV are aware of the latest source of friction between the religious and non-religious sectors of the bread population. It concerns the desire of Tel Aviv Mayor Shiomo Lahat to allow the Cameri Theatre in that city to perform on Friday nights. The Mafdal (National Religious Party) has threatened to pull out of the city and national coalitions if the theatre is allowed to perform.

An impartial observer might be accused at this threat by the NRP. He might hel that, indeed, all this is "much ado about nothing." Yet we religious Jawa cannot afford to take this matter so lightly. Chilul Shabbat Berabim committed by any Jew in any

place is a serious enough matter. But to change a municipal law in order to allow it to happen freely in Eretz Israel, is something truly worthy of vigorous protest.

An article written by Robert Rosenberg on the Op-Ed page of the Jerusalem Post of January 5th accuses the NRP of being "hypocritical and surrealistic" in applying the pressure on Lahat and Prime Minister Begin. The author then goes on to describe Friday nights in Tel Aviv as a place where one can go to the cinema, hear jazz, listen to folk singers, have a meal in a restaurant, etc. Unfortunately, this is a very accurate description of Friday nights in Tel Aviv. "Yet," he claims, "When Mayor Lahat decides to add a more genteel tope to the entertainment available in the city by opening a small theatre, the religious factor of the city council flexes its muscles and threatens to pull down not only the city coalition, but the national conlition as well." This is an argument I cannot understand. Should the NRP not protest the theatre's opening, because it is more "genteel" than the entertainment forms available now on Friday nights in Tel Aviv (a sort of un-Youldvish Kal VChemer)? Is the groteel Charles Shallest any loss a Call Shalles than the nongoaloul?

The author of this opinion and I are actually asking the same question, but we reach different conclusions. He is asking: "Is it

not hypocritical to allow movies and cabarets to be open, but to make the theatre stay shut?" And so he reaches his conclusion: "Allow theatre too, since it's too late now to stop it." My question is: "How did we ever let the situation get this bad?" But my conclusion is: "No, it's not too late." If we allowed a situation to deteriorate until this point, we should not let it deteriorate further, but begin to fight back now - and hopefully go on to restore some element of Keddushat Shabbat to this part of Eretz

Israel. I remember once reading an article in which a group of children were asked what they thought of the problems Israel has with her neighbors. One of the children replied with an answer that was both simple and logical, "The Arabs have 20 states of their own. Why can't they let the Jews have just one?" We can apply this same logic to this problem too: "There are six other nights in the week in which the theatre can perform. Why do there have to be performances on Friday?"

We will have to see what the final outcome of this situation will be. I am, and hopefully the rest of the YU community, is, hoping that the lights of the Cameri Theatre stay darkened on this and all future Friday nights.

Sammy Zimmerman

YC '80

Sammy Zimmerman is a YC student learning in yeshiva in Israel.

## Academy Establishes Unique Environment, "Open" Classes And Hebrew Emphasized

By MOSHE ROSENBERG

Up in North Riverdale, surrounded by country scenery and overlooking the Hudson River, lies a unique see-through building. Set amidst a large open space which means room to play in the spring term and strong biting winds in the winter term, the special building

houses a mest special school, a school which evolved to its present form a short ten years ago - SAR.

SAR stands for Salanter Akiba Riverdale Academy. The school's unusually long name is due to the piece of history which accounts for its present form; over a decade ago Mesifta Rabbi Yisrael Salanter of the East Bronx, Akiba Academy of University Heights, and the Riverdale Hebrew Day School found that, due to changing neighborhoods, they could no longer function independently. Consequently, the three schools merged, and September 1969 saw the first term of class for the new SAR school.

Unique Curriculum

But the new school was not rejuvenated in name only; SAR also has a special philosophy of education that sets it apart from any other Jewish elementary school. Rabbi Sheldon Chwatt. the school's principal, expressed that philosophy in three points. Firstly, he said, SAR places a premium on the individuality of each student. It attempts not to blot out or extinguish, heaven forbid, the spark of holiness in each child, but rather seeks to "nurture that spark until it bursts into flame." Secondly, through many special projects, the school teaches its students a sense of responsibility to the people of Israel and the land of Israel. Finally, through its carefully planned programs, SAR tries to insure that its students will grow to be mature, independent scholars. It is in helping to realize this philosophy that the structure of the school's building plays a large role.

The best way to describe the SAR building is with the word "open." Its classes are open to outside view through the many transparent panels which form its outside walls, and, more importantly, inside, the structure is totally open. There are no walls between classrooms; rather, staircases lead down past brightly colored scenery to four levels of teaching areas. These levels. called by letters of the Hebrew alphabet, are comprised of several large instruction areas. with different subjects assigned to different areas. There are no

doors, no walls; even the principal's office is merely a small section of one level with see-through walls. Students can see from one classroom to another and one level to another. The building fosters a sense of openness and contact among students. This type of situation, says Rabbi Chwaft, helps realize the school's • (Continued on Page 4, Col. 1)

At Leisure

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## Moriah Serves Elderly **Combatting Loneliness**

By MARK ADELSON

When passing by 90 Bennett Avenue, it is impossible to tell from the sidewalk that you are near one of Washington Height's most vital organs, Moriah Older Adult Lunch-

eon Club. Moriah is a program, in the words of Robert Benedict, Commissioner of Aging of the Office of Human Development Services, "which helps reduce the isolation of many older persons by offering them an opportunity to participate in community activities and to combine food and friendship." It's conveniently located near the 185th Street sub-

way central in the lives of this community's senior citizens.

The government funded Moriah, which will soon be celebrating its fifth anniversary, provides essential services for the 60 year old and over age group. Chief among them is the dispensation of hot well-balanced meals at the luncheon center located at 90 Bennett Avenue and to homebound individuals. In fact, many homebounds were referred to Moriah because they suffered from malnutrition.

#### Culture

Another invaluable service rendered to the elderly Jewish residents is a multi-faceted cultural program. This weekly series of activities includes a discussion group, arts and crafts, Bingo, and a Shabbos Party.

A fortnight ago a Friday lunch Shabbos party was held. The party, according to Moriah's director Sue Stern, was designed to show how nice Shabbos can be and began with a dvar Torah. The highlight of the party was the intense enjoyment experienced and shared by the participants who praised Sue Stern and Moriah. The Shabbos party is the most widely attended event that Moriah sponsors.

On top of this, Moriah has planned summer trips in the past, and is scheduled to commence a (Continued on Page 4, Col. 1)

innocent and objects bitterly to

-By CHAIM WEXLER-

To The Editor:

The guys at my table were pretty upset the other night after reading Behind Dorm Doors in the last Commentator. They were irked by one Stern woman's remark that "she can expect good things from the nice YU boys."

"It's frustrating" said Mel, "that after all the time and effort we put into learning, the only thing they find attractive about us is our niceness."

"It's not even true," Yitz added, "some of us are downright rotten."

These sentiments are by no means unique. Too often the YU man finds himself valued more for his "good things" than for his mind. He begins to feel exploited and used. All his religious and secular learning suddenly seem worthless as he becomes an object for the gratification of others. No longer does he look forward to his Thursday evenings at the Orange Lounge. Finally, in desperation, he must turn to other less satisfying means of entertainment, like water fights and Barnard women.

This grave situation must be rectified. One suggestion might be for the Stern woman to take a greater interest in her YC friend's schoolwork. Unfortunately the interest shown at present is hardly sufficient. One personal example will illustrate this problem. When I go out on a date, the thing I like talking about most is benzene. It's a versatile and important cyclic compound, even if it does have a funny smell. But my date seems totally uninterested - wishing only to discuss movies and plays. When I ask her if maybe she'd rather talk about the other rings, all she can answer is "leave me alone, I still have plenty of time." In this case, as in others, a few words of encouragement would have gone a long way towards establishing a relationship built on mutual respect.

Finally, the use of the term "good things" is an affront to the purity and chastity of the YU man. The Commentator is simply not the place for Stern women to vent their personal frustrations. Moreover, the Yeshiva student is

breaches of modesty. He cringes when he sees what goes on in public in the Stern lounge. While admittedly only a tiny percentage of the Stern student body engages in such activities, those type of things are just not tolerated at the uptown center. In generating an atmosphere

of harmony and mutual understanding, greater sensitivity must be shown to the needs and feelings of those who have suffered for so long. In this way a united Yeshiva University can again assume the leadership role of today's Jewish youth.

A Concerned Student

## Danish War Against Hitler: When No One Else Cared

By A. J. EDELHEIT

Late at night, on September 30th, 1943, the ships set out. It was only a small group of fishing boats, and the Nazi coast patrol paid no or very little attention. At about

the same time, the first groups of Gestapo and SS troops were starting the round-ups. This was supposed to be a simple operation, just as it had been in many European cities. The murderers' orders were to round-up as many Jews as possible for transport, via rail. Destination: Auschwitz. That night, German troops moved through the Jewish section of Copenhagen to collect Jews. At night's end, the Nazis were astonished. Less than 500 Jews, mostly the old and the sick, remained of Denmark's 7,700 Jews. The Danes had managed to transfer the Jews to safety in neutral

Sweden, in less than three weeks, right under the Nazis noses!

#### Righteous Of The World

The story of Denmark in the Holocaust is miraculous, and one of great personal bravery. Whereas in many other European countries, the Jews were abandoned by the Gentiles, in Denmark not only the people, but also the government of King Christian X participated in rescuing the Jews.

At the Yad Vashem memorial, nere is a garden dedicated to the "righteous of the world," those who helped save Jews. One tree (Continued on Page 4, Col. 3)

#### Tips Explain How You Can Pinch Your Pennies By MARC A. SINGER New York metropolitan area has proven that the Daily News is A classic complaint of everyconsumer. one is inflation. Prudent shopbest for food shoppers (especi-The Payoff

Coping With Inflation Through Smart Shopping,

ping is a practical way to stretch the dollar. This is especially true for food shopping, a major part of students' budgets.

Proper preparation is essential not only for academics, but for shopping too. You needn't go down to Barnes & Nobles for the text; it's available almost everywhere. In Sunday and Wednesday editions of local newspapers, one can find the major chain supermarkets' weekly advertisements, which contain both valuable "in-ad" coupons (redeemable only in that supermarket, during that week), along with the Store's weekly promotional specials.

#### Coupons, Freebies and **Double Your Money**

Sunday and Wednesday papers also contain numerous manufacturers' cents-off (and "Freebie") coupons. Although these coupons are redeemable in almost any grocery, it is best to wait until a major chain of supermarkets offers "double the value" specials, making these coupons worth twice as much. Analysis of the

major daily periodicals in the

ally with their revamped localized foods section). For those who reside on the Island or in Queens, ... Newsday is also comparable. Both newspapers carry many supermarkets' advertisements, as well as many dollars in coupons (watch for inserts on Sunday).

Once in the store, alertness is the key. Buy only what you need. When buying perishable items, do not take the nearest product. Grocers rotate stock, and the longest lasting products (milk, bread, etc.) are stocked in the back or on the bottom. Select the refrigerated products last; they do not need to ride around in your warm shopping cart. Plastic bags aren't only for vegetables; they are especially useful for those cartons which tend to "sweat."

House brands (manufactured under the name of the chain stores) are usually cheaper than name brands. Quality, though, should be considered too. A relatively new marketing innovation is the "no frills" brand. As the name implies, you get no fancy package, just the straight product. This reduces the cost to the

Now that you have spent all this time saving yourself money, it is time to pay. After waiting patiently on the check-out line, spread your items on the counter. Watch the cashier carefully. We are all human, and capable of error, but why should you literally pay for the cashier's mistake? Remind the cashier that certain of your purchases are on sale, as he or she may not be aware of it.

.Finally, pack your own groceries. Double bags are recommended because they prevent breakage. Ask for special freezer bags for any frozen goods. They keep the cold in, and capture any sweat from the package. Realize that everything has its place in the bag. Heavier cans, bottles, cartons or jars belong on the bottom, lighter and breakable items like eggs on top. Upon returning, place everything in its place. Refrigerate perishables immediately. Check over your cash register receipt, and make sure that you have everything you paid for. Lastly, enjoy your food and your savings.



Onlookers enjoy works of art in Furst Hall Lobby. Yeshiva's budding Rembrandts' are being groomed in a new Studio Art Course.

## Moriah Provides Meals And Programs For The Elderly Of Washington Heights

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weekly educational program, in
conjunction with the Senior Center of the YM & YWHA of
Washington Heights and Inwood,
to expand the horizons of its
members. This program consists
of diverse sessions on pottery and
sculpture, Canasta instruction,
exercise, beginning and advanced
bridge, chess, and beginning
Hebrew and Spanish. The plan
makes available a apecial minibus
to and from the Y.

#### Special Needs Met

Further, a daily Mishnayot ahiur is held, in addition to a Dinim shiur for the Jewish Holidays. Also, on Mondays, a discussion group gathers to ponder the issues of today. The discussion group, usually attended by eight to ten people and led by a student from Wurzweiler School of Social Work, is sponsored by the Jewish Agency of College Youth (JACY).

As Moriah is dynamic so is its membership. Recently, there has been an influx of Russian Jews into Washington Heights, especially elderly emigrants who now number approximately 50 at the Moriah center.

#### A Little Yiddish

Director Sue Stern says, "I get along with them because I have a little Yiddish." There is an occasional program for them in Russian. For instance, a yearly seder is sponsored for them by the Jewish Community Council.

Of Moriah's programs, probably the most indispensible is the homebound hot meal service. However, the program is the most difficult to manage because of its large requirement of manpower and coordination for delivering 66 meals daily. Of course, the number is inflated over the normal number as a result of the weather.

Sue Stern reveals that the homebound program is "tapping every source." Notably, yeshiva elementary school students are engaged in the delivery service. Also, Project Hope's buses and Self Help's buses are being utilized.

#### YU and Moriah?

Sue Stern added "YU used to help us deliver homebound

lunches. In fact, two years ago there was a very nice group of boys that helped us deliver homebound lunches. If we could get that started again that would be marvelous." Some even had cars which facilitated matters.

Sue Stern is also in need of people to give dwar Torahs for the Shabbos Party held every Friday morning at 11 o'clock, freeing her for other vital functions. Moreover, there are volunteer opportunities to study individually with interested homebounds.

Perhaps Rose Zuckerman's

New Associations.,

Fourth Anniversary issue of the Moriah Voice best evaluates Moriah's influence. An excerpt: "Oh, the most precious things in life — family and friends — we take for granted when we have

If you are still fortunate enough to have them, enjoy them, treasure them and be very, very kind to them.

All at once they are gone and we are very sad.

The Moriah sure does help. We meet many kind people and make many friends."

Rolling Along

## Putting Things Into Perspective

- By ERNIE ROLL -

Having attended YU over the last three years I have become attuned to the various amenities that YU has to offer, as well as to the various problems that YU students face. In the past I have used this column to demand responsive government by the administration. I hope that the "Question Hour" forums initiated last year by Dean Kurtzer are

still being staged so that the students can offer their opinions on general and specific university policies and so that the administration can gauge student opinion and take such student opinions into consideration while setting and reforming university policy. This forum, which proved to be very beneficial to both students and administrators last year, brings university government down to the grass roots level.

A prime point of contention between students and administration over the past few years has been the alleged overly burdensome amount of requirements, especially in the area of Liberal Arts. While in no way turning my support away from the push for a business major at YU, which would make YU a more attractive option to many more students, I now realize, being a first year law student, the necessity for a solid university Liberal Arts education. I too had been an advocate of a reduction in the amount of requirements at YC and failed to see, as many of us do, the need for the language, art, music and literature requirements. While now being in favor of the retention of these requirements, I would support the introduction of a Humanities course which could include literature, readings of philosophy and political development, as well as writing.

Having now spent six months studying law, encountering cases which involve issues touching all areas of human interaction, from damages to contracts, I now better appreciate the necessity for a broad liberal arts background. My foundation in literature has helped me understand the various analogies that judges draw (Continued on Page 6, Col. 1)

# Not Only The Faces Change By JEFFREY KANTOWITZ

Changes take time; so one would naturally expect little to have changed at this university since we all left for our intersessions, our short intersessions, less than a month ago. Yet there have been several changes which have occurred at this university which will at least affect some of

Our first days back were not made any more pleasant when we learned that the "Furst Stop" is no longer the first place to stop for books. In fact, it is now probably one of the last, if not the last place to stop for books. It seems that not cnough professors submitted lists containing the texts required for their courses to make it profitable (or even "slightly unprofitable") for the subsidiary of Shaller's Bookstore to remain in operation. The "University approved book store at the main center which sells books, supplies, records, and electrical equipment at reduced rates" which the 1974-76 Yeshiva University catalog so eloquently describes must have. . . .

On that topic, sources (too often confused with the by now famous or infamous "rumor") say that a new University catalog is in the finishing stages and should be ready for publication by the time school starts again

in the fall

. . . Which leads us into our next topic: the 1979-80 academic calendar (the word calendar is not to be confused with the often used word "schedule," which refers to the schedule of courses, which lists class sections and instructors). "Academic calendar" refers to that single sheet of paper that provides such vital information as the days that CLEP tests are administered — February 11th and May 13th this year, or the day that will follow a Tuesday schedule even though the New York Times that morning will not say Tuesday. The academic calendar for 1979-80 tentatively calls for a long intersession by YC standards (two full weeks I'm told), since school is scheduled to start in the early fall, or in the late summer (for those of us who reside south of the Mason-Dixon Line). Of course, an early start is not especially good news for those planning on entering law school in the fall of 1980. They will not have plenty of free

time to sharpen their skills for the fall administration of the LSAT.

Naturally, prices only go up as time lingers on. Stanley Kaplan, the renowned midtown Manhattan sharpener of standardized test skills, has raised his fee for preparing aspiring pre-meds for their futures. Friends have indicated that his fee for the MCAT review and preparation course this year is \$375, up fifty dollars from a year ago. I guess that he, along with universities and university-run cafeterias, sees the need to raise prices in order to keep up with the inflationary economic times. It would almost seem economical to eat out more often at New York restaurants, such as Lou Segal's.

Yeshiva College's physical plant seems to have undergone changes, too. More dirt and refuse seem to be swirling around next to the wall and fence bordering the west side of Danciger Campus. Although I'm not a meteorologist, I (Continued on Page 5, Col. 1)

## Underground Fight To Save Jews; Over 7,200 Saved In Daring Rescue

(Continued from Page 3, Col. 5) is dedicated to the government and people of Denmark. Yad Vashem also houses a vast archive. Many are the documents on the bravery of the Danish people. When the Nazis ordered the Jews to wear the yellow badge, King Christian himself ordered that all Danish citizens should, as he himself would, wear the yellow star. When the Nazis wanted to set aside a specific area for a Jewish ghetto, the King said that he too would reside there. And when in August 1943, it became known to him that the Nazis planned to deport the Jews, he was prepared to be deported with

#### Swedish Help

At the same time, his Majesty's Government appealed to the Swedish government to help the Jewish refugees. Prominent Danish church officials also made such appeals, as did the Danish-Jewish nuclear physicist Neils Bohr. In mid-September, the Swedish government relented, and as many Jews as could be brought from Denmark would be admitted. Now the brave and resourceful Danish underground

came to the fore. They put together a daring plan. Jews would be moved to evacuation centers at Copenhagen hospitals. From there, they would be transferred, at night, to waiting fishing boats. These vessels would cross the Baltic and bring the Jews to Sweden.

There were a number of vital links in the chain. All strata of society had to cooperate; especially vital were the Danish police who worked with the Nazis. Here the miracle occured: The Danish police, who up until then had cooperated with the Nazis, actually joined in the operation. Another weak point was in transit. If the Nazis became suspicious, they would search the ships. Thus, only fishing boats could go out, and only in small groups. No ship would leave at an unusual time. Thus the Danes hoped to fool the Nazis, as they actually did. In three weeks, 7,200 Jews were transferred to Sweden. Only 500 Jews — the old and those who were too weak to make the trip

#### After-Care

Even after the operation, the Danish government took care of

its Jews. Many of those who remained were deported to Theresienstadt, a model camp, the least notorious of the Nazi concentration camps. There, only 50 Danish Jews died, most of natural causes. This was due to the fact that Danish government and church officials visited the camps regularly to show that they had not abandoned the Jews. Thus, at the end of the war, a 97-year-old Danish-Jewish great grandmother returned to meet, for the first time, her year-old great grandson, who had been born in Sweden.

The operation proved that even in the worst of times, humanity can still come through; that good can defeat evil, if only it tries. Here, on the well-kept and serene grounds of Yad Vashem, gazing at the many horror monuments, visitors ask a silent why; why did other nations and peoples not help, not even try to help? One can appreciate, and be proud of the heroic deed that the entire Danish people did 35 years ago, when out of compassion for other human beings, and at great personal danger, they saved Denmark's Jewry from sure destruc-

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(Continued from Page 3, Col. 3) philosophy, for besides being admirable in its flexibility and utilization of space, it helps develop a caring and responsible relationship between children and adults, and among the students, especially between older students and younger ones.

#### Controversial Or Not

Two special, and somewhat controversial, practices followed in SAR are its co-educational and Ivrit-Belvrit — Hebrew speaking instruction. Regarding the teaching of girls with boys, Rabbi Chwatt says that separation of the sexes is more an issue in high school than in elementary school, and that he has not encountered any difficulties in this respect. In fact, SAR advocates giving girls as good an education as is given boys, for the principal says that the Jewish people "just lose brainpower by not educating its

women to a greater extent." Through co-education, there is a classic illustration of the Talmud's principle of one party benefiting with no loss to the other party, for while the girls get a better education, the boys lose nothing.

Finally, in explaining why many of the school's courses are conducted in Hebrew, Rabbi Chwatt, though conceding that perhaps 10% of students don't catch on to the Hebrew method and would be better off at another type of school, nevertheless says that the Hebrew language is both a unifying force for the Jewish people and a key to the understanding of our many holy books. Thus Lashon HaKodesh is just another way SAR emphasizes the importance of unity and responsibility among our people, and attempts to raise a new generation of scholarly and caring Jews.

## "Face And Mask" At YU's Museum Of Purim

The YU Museum's new exhibition, focusing on "Purim: The Face and the Mask," will open on February 13th. The celebration will continue for five months as the museum explores the Festival of Esther as it has been celebrated in Jewish communities throughout the world throughout the centuries.

According to Sylvia Herskowitz, director of the Museum, "This exhibit, based on primary source material, is the first of its kind ever assembled. It has been designed to appeal to the viewer with a general interest in ethnography, the decorative and fine arts, and history as well as to those with a specific interest in Jewish culture." The exhibit was made possible by a \$25,000 grant from the New York State Council for the Humanities, a statebased committee of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

#### Exhibits From The Ages

The exhibt will feature paintings and sculpture, folk arts and craft, ceremonial objects, and rare manuscripts of historical value. The displays include books and manuscripts dating from the eleventh century describing laws and customs applying to the observance of the holiday, illuminated Megilloth, drawn from the Yeshiva University Rare Book Collection as well as from other outstanding institutional and private collections, groggers, both new and old, used by generations of children all over the world.

A section of the exhibit will be devoted to photographs and slides depicting the celebrations of Purim balls in the late 19th century, New York celebrations in the Borough Park section of Brooklyn, and carnivals in Tel-Aviv in the 1920's and 30's.

The guest curator for this exhibit is Shifra Epstein, a folklorist and ethnographer specializing in East European Jewish culture.

Students are invited to view the exhibit free upon presentation of a valid YU ID card.



Rembrand't rendition of "The Triumph of Mordecai," on display in YU Museum exhibit.

## Dramatization Of 'A' Wins Speech Contest

One of the most enjoyable and popular contests of the Dr. Abraham Tauber Speech Club was held a week before fall finals commenced. Competing before a large crowd of

contestants and onlookers the team of Josh Caplan and Glenn Winter took the group title with their dramatization of a student trying to convince a professor to give him the almighty "A." Special individual mention was given to David Nessenoff and Alan Friedman. The contest was coordinated hy David Kufeld who

enlisted the gracious help of Dr. Keating and Rabbi J. Krug as judges. They explained the criteria for winning as being the entertainment value and believability of the dramatization as well as the innovativeness and creativity of the characterization. Keep your eyes open for future Speech Club contests.

## Not Only The Faces Change

(Continued from Page 4, Col. 4) would venture to guess that the windy and cold (translation for certain dormitory residents: heatless, without heat) weather has had a helping hand in producing this eyesore.

Additionally, the Yeshiva College Senate, a fixture in Furst Hall Room 535, for the past several years, has been evicted from its place of meeting. The room, to the delight of the faculty, has become a full-fledged "faculty lounge," open for use from ten to five Mondays through Thursdays, and from ten to two on Fridays. Unfortunately, those faculty

members who teach on Sundays, or after five during the weekdays still seem to be without a fullfledged faculty lounge.

Finally: three questions which might be of interest:

Where have all the gym shorts, that were in such plentiful supply last year, gone?

When will the drawing for the WYUR raffle for a thirteen inch black and white television, take place? Many fifty cent tickets were sold!

With so many other administrative officers, why does not this university have a provost and an ombudsman?

## President Lamm Discusses Controversial Issues Including Recruiting And Intra-University Relations

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 2) U'mada, "both curricular and extra-curricular," but he did not choose to be more specific at this early date.

On the resignation of Cardozo School of Law's Dean Monrad Paulsen, the attendant fears of a change in the special relationship between Cardozo and the undergraduate division of the University was discussed. President Lamm assured The Commentator that this would not be the case, "the special relationship will continue as it does in all the graduate schools."

When asked whether the Law School is bringing money into the University, Dr. Lamm agreed that most Law Schools bring money into a university pool and are considered to be money-making propositions. But he hinted that at this time it is not contributing a great amount because of the initial cost of its founding. "We want it to be a great Law School and that will require money."

The announcement that the Law School will be graduating separately from the rest of the university brought concern that it may be a sign of an already beginning estrangement process of Cardozo from the rest of the university. Dr. Lamm and Dr. Israel Miller, also present at the meeting, stated that the reasons for the separate commencement exercises were solely logistical, being that it would be impossible at once to accomodate Cardozo School of Law, and the other schools of YU at the Danciger campus. They added, however, that the CSL's ceremony would be held on the uptown campus, and not as was suggested by some at a more prestigious place downtown such as Lincoln Center. Dr. Miller strongly affirmed that the commencement exercises involving the undergraduate schools will be the main focus, stating that "the honorary degrees will be given during the undergraduate ceremonies."

When asked about sentiment at Cardozo to keep the Library open on Jewish holidays or to conduct late classes on Friday, Rabbi Lamm remarked: "If you are concerned about me wavering on this, don't worry."

Dr. Lamm was questioned about the faculty administration relations which have been strained recently. He said that certain conciliatory gestures have been made by the administration. Fac-

ulty-administration socials were arranged through Dr. Blank's office. "The university." claimed Dr. Lamm, "also raised the salary minimums faster than the welfare board requested."

When asked to comment specifically about the issue of the Faculty Union, President Lamm said, "the Faculty Union is not a panacea; it is not the solution. If the Supreme Court rules that there will be a union, there will be an administration-union industrial corporate relationship."

Finally, Dr. Lamm was asked whether he anticipated budget cuts for the coming year. Dr. Lamm firmly assured Commentator that there will not be budget cuts with regard to the undergraduate divisions, stating that they are the core of the institution. Referring to the closing of the Belfer Graduate School of Science and Central Brooklyn, he claims to have taken admittedly unpopular action directly aimed at keeping what we have here

Dr. Lamm concluded, "as in life, not every demand can be fulfilled, but with administration, faculty, and student cooperation, we are going to make a go of it."

\_\_ Alumni Speaks

## The State Of Jewish Ethics At Yeshiva

– By JORDAN CHERRICK –

In a much discussed article that appeared in Sh'ma (Dec. 24, 1976), Steven S. Schwarzschild questioned whether there was room within normative Judaism for a universalist ethic. After discussing the possibilities for a particularistic and universalistic ethical stance, he concluded by asking rhetorically, "Is it (Jewish ethics) to be imitatio Dei (i.e. universalism - my interpretation) or individual and collective sacro egoismo (i.e. particularism)?" While it is clearly unfair to present such an eitheror approach to Jewish ethics as one can certainly take a legitimate middle-ground attitude between both positions, it is nevertheless curious that the extreme particularistic view seems to be maintained by many American Jews, especially traditional Jews who are committed to Halacha. One wonders why such feelings continue to exist in "post-modern America." Schwarzschild himself pointed to Halachic responses on this issue (most notably, Rav Aharon Lichtenstein's) which are very universalistic in substance

In recent months, Yeshiva has undergone a critical self-evaluative process which has, in the main, brought to light the serious academic and financial problems facing the university. There has been little mention, however, of some of the underlying attitudes which are prevalent among students, faculty, and administrators, and which, in my opinion, present grave areas of concern for Yeshiva in the long run.

and approach.

1) The lack of real sensitivity among many of those who have serious religious dilemmas, and who thus feel compelled to question the assumptions of Halachic Judaism.

2) The desire of some to con-

stantly use pejorative expressions to describe the species "non-Jew" or goy and the concomitant need to mock all other religions or approaches to life other than the normative Jewish ap-

proach. How many of us have heard, for example, the following: "Is it the Jewish Theological 'Seminary' or 'Cemetery'?"

3) The propensity of Yeshiva (Continued on Page 6, Col. 2)

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### Putting Things Into Perspective

(Continued from Page 4, Col. 5) from English literature in aiding them to come to rational and equitable decisions based on humen customery practice and experience. My bachground in French language and literature has helped me understand the various French phrases that judges use in the course of their decisions and in understanding the Latin phrases that are so often employed. In addition, my knowledge of history based on the development of English literature and the arts, as well as history itself, has allowed me to appreciate the flow and development of the law and judicial reasoning as it responded to the changing circumstances of time. Finally, in a more general sense, the overall background that I have received from my general liberal arts education has given me a sense of understanding of the human complex, and has allowed me to apply such beginnings of understanding to my study of the legal mind and of iudicial decisions.

In addition to its benefits in the academic world, I have found such background equally beneficial, if not more so, in the realm of social interaction. I have found my liberal arts background especially beneficial in a general sense, in my work at a Toronto legal aid clinic, as my knowledge of human behavior and the human complex drawn in part from my study of the liberal arts, has added a human and personal dimension to my dealings with people who come to the clinic seeking legal advice. It goes without saying that such a background will serve to benefit pre-med and science students in giving them a more well-rounded education and in aiding them in their future professional interpersonal relationships.

During my years at YU, I too was often guilty of not putting sufficient emphasis ento these "secondary" liberal arts atudies, as I considered them. Now, however, I am able to put the necessity for a strong liberal arts education into the perapective that it truly deserves, serving as a broad foundation for my future studies, while adding a warm and human element to my future inter-relationships as a professional.

## Accounting Program

(Oratinus from Page 1, Col. 5) in the program, as Dr. Snow, who was to be the only full-time professor, resigned this past December.

Although the pre-professional program does seem to signify a shift away from traditional liberal arts, the Faculty Assembly has voted for the principle of establishing such a program. However, it is clear that Yeshiva is still strongly committed to a strong liberal arts curriculum.

It is hoped that the new careeroriented program will cater to the needs of today's college youth and will aid in student re-

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Besides the learning of Torch Lishma, which of course, is the highest priority, my background in Gemara has certainly aided me in understanding the process of applying legal principles to various factual aitentions. You would be samplied at how often half vectourer a fortier comes up! I would just like to set my Robbe's (Ray Fulda) mind at ease, by informing him that I am learning twice a week at the kollel. Thanks Robbe.

I would just like to conclude by eaying that I miss all the guys on the Commentator Board — I hope you're keeping the administration in line; the guys on the hockey team — I hope we're still unbeaten; and the guys in general — will you go to sleep already, it's 4:30 A.M.!

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## Jordan

(Continued from Page 5, Col. 5) to boast of having the most brilliant scholars in all areas of Jewish studies. Yet, one must look very hard to find genuine religious personalities within the university. One observes that people constantly use the terms "observant" and "religious" interchangeably. Is there not a distinction between the two?

4) The missing sensitivity among many Judaic scholars with the values of mades in the broad sense of the term. One gets the feeling that many of Yeshiva's synthesized personalities do not really see the value or importance in studying Kant, Haydn, Dali, Goethe, and, to be sure, Buber and Rosensweig.

5) The attacks of many here at the materialistic goals of the pre-meds and pre-laws; yet, these same people implicity argue that they are members of the select (Continued on Page 7, Col. 1)

## Maccabees Win Two Out Of Five; Excellent Turnout In Baltimore

cided with the start of the YU invitational high school tournament, so a win in front of these prospective students would be quite opportune. Rising to "the occasion, the basketballers played a controlled game that enabled them to hold off many MIT attempts at victory. The Yeshiva defense was sparkling as it took the New Englanders out of their game. Center Dave Kufeld played one of his strongest games ever, scoring 16, pulling down 25 rebounds, and holding the opposing center to 5 points. Dave has been named to a few weekly E.C.A.C. All-Star teams, and is currently the leading collegiate rebounder. Harvey Sheff was unstoppable in the crucial second half; he finished with 19 points A major factor was the scoring from the backcourt, as Jack Varon and freshman Morris Thomas combined for 23 points.

Kings Of Breoklyn

The game against Brooklyn a week later was disappointing, not in the fact that YU lost, but that only seven players were suited up (the others having been disciplined for skipping practice). As expected, the former Mighty-Mites could not keep up with the fleet Kingsman. The first half was a runaway for the Brooklynites; even Harvey Sheff's good

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point half-time bulge. In the face of adversity, the Macs regrouped somewhat and managed to outscore Brooklyn by one point in the second half. A good sign for YU rooters was the play of swingman Sheldon Goldman, who had a career high 12 points.

Continuing their tour of the CUNY system, the travelling Macs met the Knights of Queens College in lovely Flushing, New York. The game was encourag-

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they could stay with a tough metarea team. For a good 33 minutes, the game was up for grabe, until some costly turnovers changed the outlook for Yeshive. If anything, the Meccahoos learned that they must find and stick with a potent backcourt combination. Leading the Washington Heights-based contingent was Dave Kufeld, who came alive with 22 points and 20 rebounds; forward Harvey Shoff had a Vig scoring game with 20 points. The next home game will be on Thursday, February 15th at 8:00 against Hunter College. Be there!



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## The State Of Jewish Ethics At Yeshiva

(Continued from Page 6, Col. 2) few who are on the yellow brick read to heaven and who await pure spiritual bliss by making Aliyah only and that life in career in the Rabbinate, chinuch, etc.

6) The view of certain Zionists on campus that Zionism means Aliyah only and that life in America is meaningless—spiritually and socially.

7) The charge of anathema of apikores to anyone or everyone who shares a religious or Halachic position (which may, in fact, be a political or theological position, but these people cannot be bothered with such distinctions) that differs only slightly with their own. (Allied with this, of course, are the instances of those students who have brought taperecorders into their Jewish history or Bible classes to make certain that the material presented was in fact correct and that no words of apikorsus were uttered. 8) The psychological need

(more accurately: neurosis) of some who like to be constantly checking on the religious progress and development of their friends by, for example, making sure that they attend minyan regularly; and the ongoing competition to gain the coveted

"frummer than Thou" award.

9) The veneration of Rav Soloveitchik as the quintessence of the homo religioso. Yet, one wonders how many of his fine Talmudic and Halachic devotees have read or understood his philosophic works or have grappled with Kant or Hermann Cohen (two thinkers who ought to be understood if one wishes to read the Rav with facility) with as much enthusiasm (or any enthusiasm!) as they analyze the Rambam or the Milchamos. (Indeed, one cannot help but compare the Rambam and the Rav in this light i.e. compare the historical responses to each. It is one of the major advances in modern Jewish philosophy and history that we are finally getting a unified picture of Rambam which encompasses all facets of his personality and scholarship and which does not focus solely on Rambam qua Halachist-Talmudist or Rambam qua philosopher-theologian.)

This is the parochialism (better termed: provincialism) that exists at Yeshiva. While this parochialism may manifest itself at times in various academic areas, the true provincialism which lies underneath our institution exists in the spirit of members of the administration, fac-

ulty, and student-body. One senses this mood on a day-to-day basis, while living within the isolation of Washington Heights.

Such an attitude represents, in my opinion, a Weltanschaung which forces one to atrophy on religious, intellectual, and social levels. It is a position that says, "we've got all the answers" and it claims to be intellectually consistent and thus ipso facto correct. One can recall Emerson who once brilliantly remarked that "consistency is the hobgoblin of small minds" and, more recently, Aldous Huxley, who argued (in his essay, "Wordsworth In The Tropics"), "Too much consistency is bad for the mind as it is for the body. Consistency is contrary to nature, contrary to life. The only completely consistent people are dead. Consistent intellectualism and spirituality may be socially valuable up to a point; but they make, gradually, for the individual death. And individual death, when the slow murder has been consummated, is finally social death."

In its relatively short history, Yeshiva has made a tremendous impact upon the American community in general, and upon the American Jewish community in particular. Part of the reason for this great success is that Yeshiva has filled missing gaps within the American Jewish social structure and thus has responded well to the key issues of the day. If Yeshiva is to remain a viable institution, it must continue to respond to the existing needs of the community. This requires a continued dedication to the fundamental principles upon which the institution has grown and developed since its inception. The subtle erosion of these principles that is occurring today bodes evil for Yeshiva's future.

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## **GUIDANCE NOTES**

Summer Intern Program, and will be nominating outstanding students for specially designed intern positions at Federal agencies this summer. The first opening is for a business or liberal arts major to work at the Occupational Safety and Health Administration in Washington, D.C. Salary: \$180-\$202 per week, depending on qualifications. Minimal requirements: 60 credits by June 1979; upper 1/3 of class; demonstrated leadership ability (class officer or leadership in some organization). Yeshiva University may nominate two cardidates for each position, and will select its nominees by committee from among those students asking to be nominated. The Government reports that there will be only four to six students competing for each job, so the chances of a nominee are very good; in general, this is an excellent opportunity for students. For further information and to apply, see Dr. Connolly (Furst 413 or, from Stern, call Ext. 483 on MW 11:30-1:30, 5:00-6:30; F 9-10, 12-1) or Dean Kurtzer or Dean K. Bacon. Act immediately. Deadline: February 26 (Monday). Watch for announcements of other internships as our University is invited to make nominations.

This Thursday, Feb. 15, an IBM Recruitment Visitation will be held in the Guidance Center from 1-4 p.m. Contact the GC (F413) immediately for appointments and bring professional resumes. Representing IBM will be Ted Kallner, YC alumnus, Information Systems Advisor. Full-time (not summer) jobs include computer programming, financial planning and analysis, business administration, personnel work, and engineering.

Next year's Juniors and Seniors: Consider applying for a Youthgrant from the National Endowment for the Humanities in support of an Independent Study project. Deadline: April 15. Full information in Guidance Center. Project must clearly relate to humanities.

### Student Council Discusses Bookstore

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 8) tice replacing David Cherna who graduated in January. YU decals, mugs, and shirts will be available to the student body next week. Upcoming YCSC activities of the month include a bowling party, ski trip, old time movies night, talent show, wine tasting

party, shabbaton, trip to Washington, and a cafe night.

In the last order of business, Pres. Golombeck announced that Tuesday, February 20 will be the YCSC budget meeting and all clubs and organizations desiring financial assistance should submit a written proposal to the student council.

## Unbeaten Sophomores Capture Championship

(Continued from Page 8, Col. 4) them from the foul line. The Seniors immediately called time out with 2 seconds remaining, but they were unable to score. The OT ended with the score of 68-66.

Early in the fourth quarter, there was a controversial call,

which the Seniors argued with the referees. The play was one in which a Senior other than the ballhandler called a timeout; however, the referees did not acknowledge the request. On the play, Shelly Green stole the ball and converted the steal into a lay-up basket. The referees maintained that if the ball is in play, the player with the ball must be the one to call the time out, but the Seniors felt that anyone on the court could call the time out. The final ruling allowed for the steal and Green's basket; however, the Seniors held the game under protest. At the end of the overtime period, a conference was called between Captains Steve Wagner, Shelly Green, Steve Solomon, and Mike Malka, and referees Tolly Chovev and Murray Leben. In a sportsmanlike manner, everyone agreed to play an additional overtime period to settle the controversy.

The second evertime proved to be the decisive period. The Sophs blew out the game and ran away with the championship.

Shelly Green, who led the league this semester in scoring, with 21 points per game, added 26 points to lead all scorers. Center Howie Lerner had a seasonhigh 16 points. Steve Solomon and Mitch Geizhals were high men for the Seniors, with 21 points each, and Beryl Eckstein, along with Ira Tokayer had 10 and 9 points respectively.

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Getting In Shape



## The Sky Is Falling!

By DANNY HARTMAN

Once upon a time (a time not too long ago, and quickly fading into memory) the NBA was exciting. It was considered the apex of basketball. But that time is all but gone.

Whereas individual people are the ones who usually have identity crises, the NBA suffers from a strange deviation of that malady. The players clearly know who they think they are; it is the teams who are losing their identities. The team concept in most of the NBA is going the way of the two-handed set-shot. The team concept, which has made the Knicks, Celtics, Lakers, and most recently the Trailblazers great, has been rejected in favor of supposedly spectacular individual play. One ball no longer seems to suffice the high priced offensively minded superstars of the NBA today. At times one gets the feeling that even five balls would not be enough.

How did this situation creep into the league? Most likely it has something to do with pressure on the players to achieve high recorded statistics to enable them to renegotiate their contracts into something short of highway robbery. It can also be attributed to pressure on the owners to increase their gate draw.

Of course, one should not be naive enough not to realize that team owners are in business. They make their money on attendance and concession revenues (and, yes, players do have a depreciation value). The more people who attend games, the more money the owners will invariably make. There was a time when owners had special games, featuring giveaways and the like to boost attendance. Today, the front offices splurge on some high priced star, cut the reins and hope to make their bucks off the gaping fans who come to watch their merchandise whirl, swirl, fake, shake, and bake, stuff and shoot his brains out. But this novelty seems to be wearing off and this is reflected in the drop in attendance around the league. Most noteworthy are the Knicks and the Celtics. Once finely tuned teams, they now play with the cohesiveness of spit. They are failing and are in trouble even though they have big name stars. Offensively powerful teams such as Denver and San Antonio are also suffering.

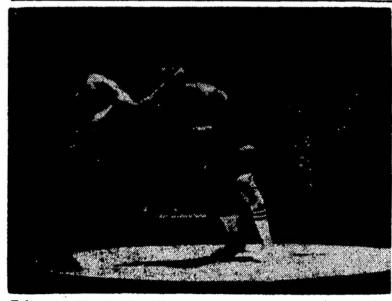
Face it, the game has gotten boring. Who wants to sit for two hours and watch end to end "chucking." There is no fun trying to outguess the game, if you know the man with the ball is bound to be the one to put it up. It seems that the league has overplayed its hand. Wasn't it just last week that an NBA coach declared that he would rather watch college basketball?!

There have been proposals to institute rule changes which would slow down the game and make it more watchable such as a threepoint shooting perimeter, a 30 or 40 second clock, and a legalized zone defense. But these suggestions don't hit at the root of the problem. Simply, there is too much concern about offense (you don't have to score a whole lot of points to win, just more than your opponent), too much individual ball, too much Lloyd Free, and not enough concern about the intangible assets which made Dave DeBusschere, Elgin Baylor, Jerry West, and John Havlicek famous.

To encourage offense by rewarding hot shots with an extra point for heaving one up from the stands is ludicrous. To extend the 24 second clock when it is hardly used up now is useless. And to legalize the zone allows the player to be lazy on defense and would remove an important difference between professional and college ball. To encourage more team play should be the aim of any rule changes.

And to top it off, Walter Kennedy, the commissioner of the NBA, announced that the league is considering expansion at a time when many of the teams that exist now are experiencing financial decline. Why is he trying to dilute an already shrinking market? Expansion may prove to be a quick way to nail the coffin closed on the NBA.

Since this is a college newspaper, there should be something relevant to college in this column. Though it does not apply (yet) to the Macs, colleges should be on guard for the problems and the windfalls of a switch in interest from pro ball to college ball. More interest means more TV contracts which means more money to the schools. But it also gives college basketball the chance to make some of the same mistakes the NBA has made. For the sake of us viewers with "a basketball Jones" please be careful.



Feb. 14 — The Yeshiva Ellmen, coming off an upset victory, after defeating highly-touted Delaware State, this past Monday. A match is scheduled for tonight at home vs. John Jay.

## Maccabees Win Two Out Of Five; Excellent Turnout In Baltimore

By STIV BATORS

The YU Maccabees won two and lost three of their last five games, gaining much hard-earned experience in the process as their season-long crash course continues. In the first of these games, the Macs won over N.J.I.T., in a home I.A.C. contest. The team

displayed a quality that hopefully will be characteristic as the season progresses, as they refused to fold when the game seemingly came down to the wire. Not only did they come back from a two point halftime deficit, but they won by a staggering ten points. The Macs were powered by freshman sensation Harvey Sheff, who pumped in 19 points, and Dave Kufeld, who put in 18 points and controlled both backboards. Reserve cornerman Frank Cumsky helped "beef up" the Yeshiva front line with some punishing plays.

Out Of Town

The Macs then had a three week break that proved to be detrimental to the team's momentum, but it was unavoidable due to the holidays. In a move up to the big time, the next game was at Johns Hopkins in their native Baltimore. The unique aspect of the game was that the team was a guest of the Baltimore Jewish community (centered in Randalstown and Pikesville) for Shabbos. The YU partisans of the area came out en masse for the game, showing that they, unlike New Yorkers, do not take a Yeshiva team for granted. Unfortunately for the Macs, the combined effects of cholent, a three week

lay-off, and the fact that Coach Halpert could not come until halftime (due to a delayed plane) resulted in a poor performance. Once again, Sheff and Kufeld were tops with 19 and 14 points, respectively. The appreciative crowd was treated to some gravity-defying moves by up and coming soph star Jack Varon, (Continued on Page 6, Col. 8)

who had ten big points.

Again, the Macs had to sit out two weeks, until they faced the cerebral engineers of MIT. A quirk in scheduling forced the contest to take place during intersession; the student-athletes must be commended for their dedication. The game also coin-

## YU Keglers Bowl Over NYU, Exhibiting Total Consistency

Led by newcomer sophomore Lenny Plotkin, steady Bill Sharfman, and the torrid Efram Berger, the YU Keglers swept past NYU by total pin count of 2362-2277, taking five out of the total seven points, and putting together the kind of match that everyone knew they were capable of.

Things did not look so promising in the first game, as the Keglers were up to their old tricks and threw away a golden opportunity to open up the match with a win as NYU struggled to a mediocre 748. Nonetheless, the Keglers could not get started and could only manage a 711 series. Bill Sharfman led the Keglers with a strong 168 game, missing only one spare.

The second game was a different story. With only two of the regulars in the starting lineup, it looked like the Keglers had conceded the match without having played it. The results proved otherwise. In a game they dominated right from the start, the Keglers whipped NYU 824-736. The game was highlighted by a strong 194 by Lenny Plotkin, and an equally strong 188 by Efram Berger. Naturally there was Bill Sharfman bowling his usual consistent game, copping a 172. In this game Freshman Mark Goldenberger made his debut as a Kegler, and though he did not bowl up to his potential, bowling in league competition has provided him with valuable experience for the future.

As good as the second game was for YU, the third was even better. In a game where NYU rolled its highest series 793, YU managed an 827 series to finish them off. The game was especially meaningful because even though no Kegler managed a game better than 180, no Kegler rolled a game below 150. This is the consistency that the Keglers have been striving for all year, and that Coach Mark Breslow has been stressing all along. In the third game, Lenny Plotkin led again with a strong finishing 177 to give him a 3 game total of 516. Captain Norm Shapiro along with the impeccable Bill Sharfman each rolled a 168. Bill's three game total was a steady 508. Efram Berger rolled a tough 162 game while Steve Horowitz rolled a respectable 152, giving Yeshiva University its first of hopefully many victories.

## **Unbeaten Sophomores** Capture Championship

By MURRAY LEBEN

The powerhouse Sophomores capped off an undefeated 7-0 semester by narrowly beating the Seniors in the league championship game, 78-71. From the outset, both teams were fired up and emotions were running high. The

game ended in double overtime, as each player contributed his best effort in the finest and most exciting game of the season.

Strong Openers

The sophomores quickly broke out on top in the first quarter 16-10, with pairs of baskets by Josh Brickman, Shelly Green, and Howie Lerner. In the second quarter, Mitch Geizhals bombed in ten points during a Senior attempt at cutting the lead, but Steven Wagner's hitting of his 12 game points, and balanced scoring by the rest of the Sophs caused their effort to go up in smoke. The half ended with the sophs ahead by eight, 34-26.

In the second half, the Seniors were psyched up and played almost picture-perfect ball. Tough defense and well run offensive plays allowed the seniors to cut the lead down to five at the end of the third quarter.

Early in the fourth period, Steve Solomon, Mitch Geizhals, and Beryl Eckstein worked the ball inside with extreme efficiency, allowing the Seniors to tie up the game midway into the quarter. Both teams exchanged baskets up and down the court; however, with 1:10 remaining, Josh Brickman, who finished with 16 points, put the Sophs ahead by 2 on an outside shot. The Seniors came right back, with 25 seconds left on a five foot shot from the side by Steve Solomon. Following that basket neither team was able to

score, and the game went into overtime deadlocked at 54 apiece. Extra Play

The 3 minute overtime saw both teams playing very conservatively, and the score was see-sawing from one end to the other. When there were 45 seconds left, with the score tied at 66, the Sophs had the ball. The team worked the ball around, and with 5 seconds left, Steven Wagner made his move toward the basket. There were two defensemen on Wagner as he hit a shot over (Continued on Page 7, Col. 4)

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