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Belfer Library Closing Soon, Various Options Explored

By MARK ADELSON

Belfer Library, the graduate science library, will soon be closing, according to Frederick S. Baum, Director of Libraries for Yeshiva University. The move, inevitable after the closing of the graduate school, will be made by next September at the latest.

Options Available

The prospective closing of the Belfer Library presents the question of how to dispose of the library's vast technical reference resources. In Director Baum's view, there are three options available. One is to keep all the library's resources where they are, and let them gather dust. Another option is to sell them to either another university or send parts of the collection to other branches within Yeshiva University. The combination of these options that would realize the maximum monetary and educational profits from these resources is the goal to approach, in Mr. Baum's view.

Of course, the proceeds would be channeled to the perpetuation of other YU facilities. Resources of possible use to undergraduates would be consolidated with the undergraduate libraries of SCW and YC, which are extremely deficient in science material, according to Director Baum. However, the Director stated that as

long as one graduate student is left, the library should remain up-to-date, primarily emphasizing the maintenance of technical journals. If journal collections fall behind by any great length of time, they become worthless. The investment in current issues of journals will greatly increase the entire collection's salability.

Utilization Of Fifth Floor

Sure to follow is debate on how the vacant space on the fifth floor is to be utilized. Possibly the establishment of a lounge, swimming pool, or a much needed study hall will be seriously considered. On this issue, Director Baum opines that "what is best for them (the students) is best for the University." Further, he believes that it is an excellent idea that students should participate in the decision-making process to salvage this resource.

At present, the Belfer Library is open to everyone who seeks a quiet study space, books on elementary and advanced topics in physics, math, and chemistry, and a conveniently located photostat machine.

YC Jubilee Celebration

Prominent Alumni Participate

By BEN KIRSCHENBAUM

Showcasing some of its prominent alumni in science and law, Yeshiva College celebrated its Jubilee year with a day long program held on February 18, 1979, on its Washington Heights campus. The event consisted of a morning symposium on the interaction of science and ethics and an afternoon symposium entitled "Ethics in Law: Perspectives." Each featured four distinguished guests from the scientific and legal fields respectively.

The morning session on "The Interaction of Science and Ethics" was chaired by Dr. Melvin Zelefsky, a 1956 Yeshiva College graduate currently serving as professor of radiology and director of admissions at Albert Einstein College of Medicine.

Dr. Alvin Krasna, YC '50, a professor of biochemistry at Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons launched the morning's panel on the topic of "Recombinant DNA: Promise or Threat." Dr. Krasna presented a rare view of the outer reaches of today's science and

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YCSC Approves '79 Budget After Heated Confrontation



WYUR Station Manager imploring Student Council for funds at recent budget meeting.

By JOSH BRICKMAN

FEB. 20 — In a meeting characterized by intense debate, the Yeshiva College Student Council voted unanimously to approve the Spring 1979 budget. In an effort to accommodate the various organizations, Council agreed to overextend their budget by \$1,000, confident that the difference can be raised during the course of next semester.

There was an unusually large turnout, as approximately 200 students showed up — full of emotions and ideas. President Golombeck read off the proposed budget which was limited to \$12,000.

Criteria

The criteria used to determine this budget, as explained by President Golombeck, were from the individual budgets submitted by the various organizations, the potential for the future, and student as well as community participation. Due to the large turnout, a suggestion was made to open the floor to the audience for proposals and opinions. Immediately, suggestions were made by various students and Student Council representatives to cut funds from The Commentator, in view of the fact that WYUR and the Dramatics Society were facing "post-budget cuts." It was quickly clarified that the actual need of Commentator was \$13,000 per year, and it was cut down to the bare minimum \$5,000 limit for the Spring semester.

The remainder of the meeting turned out to be a heated confrontation involving the three major organizations: The Commentator, WYUR, and YCDS. Steve Passer, representing YCDS, opened his remarks by expressing his discontent with the Student Council's "G-d like attitude" of presenting the budget, and not conferring at all with the students about how much should be allocated to the various clubs.

At this point, a proposal to cut off at least one issue of The Commentator was brought up. Editor-in-Chief Ira Tokayer explained how this would detract from the effectiveness and responsibility of The Commentator as a "newspaper." The meeting then turned to the issue of fund raising.

All three organizations presented their respective figures concerning fund raising efforts. When the Student Council was asked to account for their own efforts, President Golombeck regretfully reported that the figures weren't available at the meeting. This was found unacceptable by the students present, and they complained loudly and openly.

Steve Cohen, Station Manager (Continued on Page 4, Col. 1)

Blackman To Leave Faculty In June After Substantial Salary Difficulties

Dr. Samuel Blackman, long-time Associate Professor of Chemistry at Yeshiva College, has informed The Commentator that he will not be on the Yeshiva faculty next year. Dr. Blackman, who reached the age of mandatory retirement during the previous academic year, has been teaching as a result of a special one year appointment by former Dean of Sciences, Dr. David Finkelstein.

Although Yeshiva invited Dr. Blackman to return next year to the position of Adjunct Professor, Dr. Blackman has turned down that offer because of what he described as "the pitifully inadequate salary they offered me which would have made it more lucrative for me to accept Social Security checks instead of salary checks." In addition, "the offer they made was accompanied by the statement 'My hands are

tied, that is as high as I can go,' so there was no grounds for discussion or negotiation."

Dr. Blackman is well known for his uncompromising devotion to his students, as exemplified by such actions as personally paying for part of the expense of mimeographing study sheets, and the unprecedented action of voluntarily teaching an extra section of quantitative analysis without pay because of too large an enrollment. He indicated that he would not be retiring from teaching, and that he already had several offers within the many fields of his experience. Dr. Blackman stated that "I guess I'll just have to

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High Court Will Hear Appeal Of YUFA Case

By YITZHAK TWERSKY

FEBRUARY 21 — The Supreme Court has agreed to review the refusal of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, in New York, to recognize the Yeshiva University Faculty Association as a bargaining unit representing the university's full-time faculty members.

Today's action by the Court, brought by the National Labor Relations Board, stems from YUFA's 1975 application to the NLRB for certification as a unit entitled to bargain with the university. The Court has yet to make an actual decision on the merits of the case. The case is not expected to be

heard till October at the earliest, with a decision expected several months afterwards.

The National Labor Relations Board, in asking the Court to review the case, told the Justices that the lower court's reasoning that the faculty are managerial workers, would deprive most other faculties of other universities of their right to organize.

The University administration contends that a faculty union would create an atmosphere inconducive to Yeshiva University. The faculty union wants to bargain with the university on three basic issues: retirement, tenure, and salaries.

Controversial Yiddish Proposal Passed; Concludes Three Week-Old Discussion

By ROBERT GREENBERG

FEBRUARY 15 The YC Senate finally passed the controversial Yiddish proposal today at their weekly meeting by a vote of 11-5.

The proposal was the key issue of the Senate meeting for the third consecutive week.

At the end of the previous meeting, Drs. Kramer and Taubes had agreed to meet to word a new and clearer proposal that would clearly indicate who would be eligible for consideration as having fulfilled his foreign language requirement with Yiddish. However, they were unable to reach an agreement on the wording, thus forcing the motion to be left in its original form. Dr. Taubes continued to voice his op-

position to the proposal of a Yiddish committee, and raised a substitute motion that Yiddish should fulfill the foreign language requirement on an individual basis at the discretion of the Dean of the College.

New Proposal

Dr. Helmut Adler, head of the Psychology department at YU, later mentioned yet another alternative. His plan called for a

student to be allowed to take a year of German and a year of Yiddish, since Yiddish is an Old German dialect. This, too, was later rejected by the Senate.

After additional debate, Dr. Kramer's original proposal was passed by a margin of six votes. It is still subject to a veto by the Faculty Assembly, after which a Yiddish Committee will be formed.

Poor Reflection

"Regulations in this Catalog and other official statements of the University are binding on all students." (Yeshiva University Undergraduate Catalog 1974-1976)

One must look no further than this opening statement of the undergraduate catalog to understand the important and crucial role the undergraduate catalog plays at Yeshiva College. The catalog is considered the "contractual agreement" between the College and its students. However, if the catalog is a contract, the existing one has grossly misrepresented its terms.

The college expects to publish a new catalog and have it ready by the Fall. Obviously it is better to be late than never. But this neglect has had effects within and without the school which cannot be eradicated. The YC student has gone through undue hardships in finding out the current state of requirements. Prospective students certainly cannot but hesitate attending a college which sends them a 1974 catalog for the 1979-80 school year.

This situation has been quite embarrassing and reflects poorly both on the College and its students. The administration should insure that such instances of neglect do not recur. The students of Yeshiva College deserve better.

Resourceful

Last week's YCSC budget meeting saw student organizations vehemently divided, as they engaged in almost theatrical competition for scarce funds. As the session progressed, frustration and fatigue led to feelings of hostility. Yet all this could have been avoided, had representatives of the various organizations met with the President of Council prior to the session and worked together to arrive at a reasonable and equitable budget.

In order to prevent a recurrence of this uncomfortable situation, we propose that in the future all budgets be worked out in advance through such a preliminary meeting. If satisfactory budgets cannot be allocated, the student organizations, in conjunction with representatives from Council must evaluate not only the various financial needs, but also the potential resources available to each independent group. Together, fund raising programs can be formulated, and on the basis of this projected revenue, a budget can be finalized.

Inactive

A university is judged not only by the quality of its students and faculty, but also by the activities on its campus. A vital and integral component of student life is involvement in, and attendance at, student club activities. Yeshiva College has always had many clubs, most notable for the speakers and/or presentations which they sponsor. In the past, many well known and distinguished individuals have visited Yeshiva under the auspices of various clubs, and this has enhanced academic growth and intellectual discussion, which is the foundation of any university.

This year, unfortunately, there has been a conspicuous lack of club activity and club sponsored speakers. The most notable example has been the lack of activity on the part of the Political Science Society. Whereas last year there were numerous lectures sponsored by this club, including the highly successful series by the late Dr. Joseph Dunner, such activity has been re-

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From the Editor's Desk

Paper Chase



By IRA TOKAYER

A 'Sacred Cow' is defined as "Any individual, organization, or institution regarded as exempt from criticism." There are those among Yeshiva's student body who are irate that The Commentator should be considered one of these inviolable sacred cows. Yet nobody is as upset as The Commentator itself. For being relegated to the dogmatic as a symbol of unquestioned establishment in our modern day and age is self-destructive, and has led students in our institution to begin to take The Commentator for granted. In this event, the recent controversy which culminated in the challenging of Commentator's already minimal budget must be viewed as an important and necessary stimulus for the students of Yeshiva to reflect on the function of a newspaper in a university structure, and to reevaluate its categorical importance in any institution which takes its claim to being a university seriously.

The purposes of a newspaper are manifold. It serves as a vehicle for straight news, relating an objective perspective of Yeshiva untainted by public-relations considerations. It contributes to the overall academic and intellectual environment by stimulating a free and constant flow of ideas. This is evidenced most cogently by the fact that Middle-States in their evaluation look to the viability of the respective student newspapers and to the extent of their influence.

However, there is an additional and less immediately tangible factor. Through its power, the unmitigated power of the written word, students become the most vociferous and therefore the potentially most influential aspect of a university structure. By expressing hard-core student sentiment, it can motivate and subliminally manipulate policy and programs. By continually evaluating, constructively criticizing, or merely by elucidating existing norms it can shape the future and motivate YU to embark upon new and previously uncharted roads. For this reason, above all others, a newspaper is essential to student life. It becomes more than just another student function, but that which actually defines student input. More generically, it is that which represents the university in potentiality for it is only in the visions of youth, symbols of optimism, that any change can realize its first expression.

The importance of such a student publication must be self-evident. Why then does there seem to be growing indifference to its plight? Why has it become the target of seemingly vindictive attack? Commentator has in the past functioned as the most coveted and respected of student institutions, why do students now seem to hesitate to support its fundamentality?

The answer to these questions are complex, and can most probably not be reduced to one all-inclusive factor.

Perhaps the egalitarian doctrine has so entrenched itself into our very consciousness that we can no longer distinguish between those student activities which are more essential, and those which are peripheral to student life.

Or, perhaps this reaction is inherent in the nature of a newspaper. Hoping to be steady and consistent it cannot resist being overlooked by students in an action-oriented society. A newspaper cannot be sensationalistic for then it becomes irresponsible; it cannot

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gretably absent and sorely missed this past year.

From a journalistic perspective, we find it unfortunate that this lack of activity must necessarily be reflected in this newspaper. The Commentator is merely a reflection of life at Yeshiva; it can not be otherwise. We ask that all clubs and student organizations attempt to pick up the pace of campus activity, to not only alleviate boredom among students, but to also increase the quality of intellectual life at Yeshiva.

Letters To The Editor

Provincialities

To The Editor:

In a recent articulus ridiculus in The Commentator, "The State of Jewish Ethics at YU," a YU alumnus chastised segments of the Orthodox community for what he perceives to be their "provincial" attitudes towards "non-Jews," "the Diaspora" and "Mada'h in the broad sense." His remarks reminded me of the comment made by the Greek philosopher Bombasticus (in his classic "Reflections and Ruminations of a Tippih"), "Those Ostjuden are so echhy!" Consequently — for the benefit of Yekkes and American Jews with Anglicized names — I will outline some of the biases which keep Poilishe Yiden out of country clubs.

1. To Poilishe Yiden, "Gentiles" aren't friends, neighbors or col-

leagues; they are Crusaders, Cossacks, Nazis and State Department officials. They are treated with decency but suspicion. In short, "shkootzim" by any other name, are still shkootzim.

2. For Poilishe Yiden, America is not home; it is a pit stop on a turbulent journey of two thousand years. It is a monument to superficiality, artificiality and greed, where perjurers and embezzlers presume to teach Israel "morality," and where even the Jews are anti-Semites. For them, Eretz Israel is the only Jewish "Fatherland" and Zionism does mean moving to Israel, fighting its wars and contributing to its social, economic and cultural development. (Although some Poilishe Yiden are not Zionists, they agree on the definition of "Zionism." It does not include pencil-pushing for a WASP law firm.)

3. Poilishe Yiden do respect and contribute to serious scholarship. They have, however, no interest in philosophical residue — the high-brow pettiness which keeps minor academics employed — or cultural trivia — the name-dropping by which pseudo-sophisticates pay homage to each other. In short, those who know little about the Jewish experience in Eastern Europe lack the historical perspective and uniquely Jewish sensitivity to render judgments concerning "Jewish ethics." They're simply provincial.

Moshe Koppel
YC '76

Plausible

To The Editor:

As law students across the country are well aware, the

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Phonathon Success; Bolsters Recruiting

By ARI KLAPHOLZ

This past week, faculty, administrators, alumni, and students from both YC and Stern contacted nearly a thousand high school students in an attempt to increase the number of entering freshmen at Yeshiva next year by eliciting commitments from prospective Yeshiva College students.

Phone Recruitment

The calls were directed to several categories of students. One group consisted of students who, upon applying, were missing some requirements such as SAT scores or transcripts which are needed to process an application. Phoning these people was a direct method by which to give instructions and answer questions the applicant might have. Another group of students were those who participated in the high school seminars sponsored by YU and

had shown interest in wanting to attend YU. An effort was also made to call parents of students who were studying in Israel for the year and to find out about their children's future plans. Mr. Paul Glasser, Assistant Dean of Admissions, emphasized that the parents were especially receptive and were impressed by the follow-up that Yeshiva and Stern Colleges were undertaking.

Calls were also made to students who had simply sent in their SAT scores or transcripts without requesting an application, and to students who had already been admitted to YC-Stern, but had failed to make a binding commitment.

Influential Students

Mr. Glasser also pointed out that the students who participated in this "phonathon" were the most influential of all the partici- (Continued from Page 5, Col. 5)

Innovative New Biology Course Offered At YC, Students Acquire First-Hand Medical Experience

A new and exciting experience for YU pre-med and pre-dent students now gives them a first-hand clinical view of medicine in action. This unique hospital orientation program being offered at Yeshiva is popularly known as Biology 60.

This innovative course, developed by Dr. Saul Wischnitzer and Mr. Jordan London of Jewish Memorial Hospital, is composed of two parts. The first, offering clinical experience, has students joining doctors, medical students, interns and medical technicians at Jewish Memorial Hospital in observing about two dozen aspects of hospital health care. Mr. London, chief administrator of the hospital, coordinates the student exposure to hospital staff. The second component of the course consists of a series of lectures given each week by experienced medical personnel to the students.

Aside from the surprisingly original course structure (which can be considered to be an off campus lab), coupled with a varying lecture format, what is specifically dealt with in this course? To what extent can one participate? What are the orientation and objectives of the lectures? How much can one gain from this course?

Local Hospital

This semester, over twenty students have registered for the program. Students travel to the hospital at rotated times based on their availability, and therefore some have already gone to Jewish Memorial. Their schedules have all begun with an orientation in the hospital facility by Mr. London, the moving force behind the program. Located at 192nd Street and Broadway, Jewish Memorial is a small, not-for-profit hospital with almost 200 beds. The community that it serves is basically elderly Jews and other minority residents of this neighborhood. One cannot expect to see many unusual or extravagant operations or services at Jewish Memorial, but one does see health care in vivo. Markedly different from textbook discussions, students here visit departments ranging from nuclear medicine to physical therapy to admissions to emergency, and so on. One gets an excellent perspective on our health care system and its interactions

with other medically oriented branches.

In-Depth Discussions and Demonstration

But Yeshiva students don't just watch from behind glass doors; rather, they are lectured by the head of every department and devote an hour or more to in-depth discussions and demonstrations with doctors, patients, and hospital personnel of that department. Before embarking on a career, especially down the long and winding medical road, a person should get a feel for his profession. Yeshiva students have listened to heart murmurs, tested blood antigens, read X-rays, interpreted EKG's, EMG's, EEG's, helped set plaster casts, derived the proper time a patient should remain in the hospital based on formulae in utilization manuals, examined medical records and their implications, etc. In addition, students are urged to observe surgery of their choice, "suiting up" with the surgeons for a cholestomy or mastectomy, and observing highly technical procedures.

Student reaction has been enthusiastic. Students were impressed by the ingenious physical therapy methods available, even to a small hospital, ranging from silicon gel hot packs to electromyograms, to paraffin, ultrasound, shortwave diathermy. The use of nuclear medicine in brain and liver scans, to locate tumors and cirrhosis was especially impressive.

Efficacy and Ethicacy

Also explored are those areas indirectly related to medicine, such as medical social service, the pharmacy, admitting, utilization, etc. The feedback and interplay between these areas and doctors is often unknown to medical school students, but is essential for an efficacious health care system.

The topic of efficiency and ethicacy is the heart of the lectures coordinated by Dr. Wischnitzer.

Future speakers include professors from Einstein and Sloan

YU's Library System Tries To Reorganize; Centralization Of All Libraries Considered

By JOSEPH FRIEDMAN

The Yeshiva University library system, one of the University's chronic problem areas these past few years, is currently seeking to change its image under the leadership of a new Director of Libraries.

One of the ideas that is being developed to integrate the seven University libraries is a union catalog. Originally, this catalog, which would list books in all the libraries, was to be computerized, but, according to Mr. Frederic S. Baum, the Director of Libraries and also Head Law Librarian, this was considered unfeasible and the system presently being used was adopted. This system consists of the catalog at Pollack Library being used as a union catalog where books from all university libraries are listed. The individual libraries extend the same privileges to all members of the YU community. That means that if someone at the Main Center wanted to borrow a

book available only at the Midtown Center, and the book is allowed to circulate in the Midtown library, the book could be sent to the Main Center via inter-office mail where it can be picked up by the borrower. There is hope that the catalog will be computerized soon.

Renewal

The process of weeding out outdated and useless books from the shelves of the Pollack Library together with the changeover from the Dewey Decimal System to the Library of Congress system is a time consuming one that will take many years. Priority, though, is given to new reference books which are put on the shelves a relatively short time after they

are received. But even this takes up to six months according to some reports.

The weeding out of old books is helped somewhat by book sales to various book dealers, through which the library is trying to raise some money as well as clear out its basement. Although the sales have been going on slowly, including a retail outlet for students on the first floor of Pollack, the better books, if there are any, have not yet surfaced. The library, therefore, must look to other sources of funding.

The most natural source, the Yeshiva administration, has neglected the library in past years. According to Mr. Baum, however, the library may soon be getting (Continued on Page 4, Col. 1)

Dr. Hyman Elected Philo. Society Head

By ALAN DAVID LISTHAUS

Dr. Arthur Hyman, Professor of General and Jewish Philosophy at Yeshiva, was elected as the first president of the Society for Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy. The society was founded last December, at the annual meeting of the Eastern Division of the American Philosophical Association, held in Washington. The Society will foster research and teaching in Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy, organize meetings and conferences, publish a newsletter, and cooperate

with other learned societies in common projects.

The Society is a national one, with its membership coming from scholars and teachers in Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy.

Philosophy Comes Of Age

When asked what was most significant about the founding of the Society, Dr. Hyman stated that, "It arose out of a general need. The founding of the Society has been in the works for the past two years, because a number of scholars thought it necessary. The founding also indicates that Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy has finally come of age in the United States."

Dr. Hyman received his B.A. from St. John's University and his M.A. and Ph.D. from Harvard University. Dr. Hyman has been at Yeshiva since 1957. He has served as Chairman of the Executive Committee of BRGS, has been a member and chairman of the YC Senate, and chairman of the YC Faculty-Judiciary Committee. One of his many other distinguished tasks has been to serve as editor of the Division of Jewish Philosophy of the Encyclopaedia Judaica; he is also a fellow and the recording secretary of the American Academy of Jewish Research.

Dr. Hyman's researches have been in medieval Jewish and Islamic and 17th century philosophy. He is the co-editor of *Philosophy in the Middle Ages*, a standard work now in its fourth printing. He has also contributed the chapter on Jewish Philosophy to *The Jewish World* which will be published in London this spring.

Washington D.C. Is Site Of SSSJ Lobby Effort



SSSJ demonstrating on behalf of Soviet Jews in Washington, D.C.

By STUART VERSTANDIG and LENNY GUTTMAN

FEBRUARY 14 — YU's SSSJ Club, with its many other collegiate chapters, joined the national organization in a lobbying effort in Washington, D.C. on behalf of Soviet Jewry.

The delegation arrived in the nation's capital at noon and promptly joined the daily vigil outside the Soviet Embassy in Washington. Over 300 students participated in this demonstration in support of our brethren in the Soviet Union. Our large and noisy presence provoked a response by the Washington Police Force. Many of the participants in the crowd were amazed to learn that freedom of speech is not completely guaranteed in our country; a federal law prohibits demonstrations within 500

feet of a foreign embassy.

Following the vigil, the lobbyists proceeded to the nation's capital. The delegation was divided up into small groups to lobby as many Congressmen and Senators as possible on the need to keep the Jackson-Vanik Amendment functioning as at present. Congressmen were told the great danger the proposed Stevenson Amendment poses to the spirit of the Jackson Amendment.

Many of the participants expressed anxiety that their representatives were not fully informed on the perils facing Soviet Jewry today. The majority of the students returned with the feeling that a greater degree of student activity is needed to arouse public interest to the plight of Soviet Jewry.

The French Society of YU will present "An Evening of Entertainment" featuring folk-song guitarist David Nesenoff and the film "The Sleeping Car Murder," Thursday, March 1st, 8:00 PM in the Stern "Orange Lounge." Admission — \$1.50.

Student Council Approves Budget After Much Heated Confrontation

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 5) of WYUR, proceeded to express his distaste with the Student Council's "bad faith" toward the radio station, which raised much of its money through its own fund raising. He yelled out bitterly, "You're not making cuts from WYUR, you're killing it!" Jeff Kantowitz, Chairman of the YC Senate, pointed out that the real problem is that the budget is limited to \$12,000. Instead of complaining and arguing, the various clubs should get together and work out something, so there won't be a lack of money next year.

Compromise

As the 3-hour meeting continued, various proposals were made, among them to close and reopen the debate, to adjourn for 20 minutes, to cut 15% off from all organizations involved, and even a proposal which would cut out parliamentary procedure was suggested. At 12:30 A.M., as everyone was getting restless, a two-fold proposal was called for by various members of Student Council. It was suggested that first, the \$500 allocated to the entertainment committee be split between WYUR and YCDS and also that the budget be extended by \$1,000.

At that point, Steve Cohen ask-

ed for the floor — for a "point of information" and then yielded the floor to Mr. Passer, who graciously suggested that \$250 be transferred from YCDS and allocated to WYUR. The main features of the budget as approved read: The Commentator: \$5,000,

YCDS: \$3,250, WYUR: \$2,000.

The debate was finally closed, and the motion to accept the newly proposed budget was unanimously passed. Future meetings were then arranged to discuss the further issue of fund raising.

... But Not Least

Mohamed, Religion, And Refrigerators

By MEYER LAST



The other day, as I walked through the hallowed halls of Yeshiva College (where "Knowledge is Good"), I chanced upon three friends of mine, Mohamed, Clayton, and Sydney, in the midst of a heated conversation. Their words made me aware of a particularly poignant problem at Yeshiva, and I felt it would be in the best student interest to discuss it here.

It seems that Mohamed's dorm counselor, Sam, had demanded the removal of certain posters from Mohamed's wall on the grounds that they were halachically forbidden. Because Mohamed

is a close friend of mine, I have often had occasion to visit his room, and I can personally attest to the fact that the posters are within the parameters of good taste. While Sam may find them lewd and lascivious, others, such as Sydney, are moved by them to undergo deep religious experiences.

The three began deliberating on what form of action to take. "Now we could fight him with conventional weapons," began Mohamed, "but that could take years and cost millions of lives. No, in this case, I think we have to go all out. This situation ab-

solutely requires a really futile, stupid gesture on somebody's part."

Sydney swelled his chest proudly and proclaimed, "Yeah, and us Yeshiva students are just the guys to do it." And so the discussion continued.

The next morning, while practicing my golf game on Danciger Campus during country-club hours of the morning, I realized just how ludicrous Sam's demand was. It wasn't as though he were performing his required duties as a dorm counselor. If he were, why didn't he complain about the six-foot refrigerator with the automatic ice maker in Mohamed's room? (Mohamed claims it's five cubic feet with a lot of insulation.) No. It seemed that Sam was out on a personal religious crusade. It was his attempt to impose upon the residents of his floor his personal standards and expectations. The very thought of this infuriated me. Surely this was more than just the outcry of a single, isolated dorm counselor. It represented an indictment, not only of the students of Yeshiva, but of all of today's college youth. It was a condemnation of the entire American educational system! It deplored our American way of life! When the Germans bombed Pearl Harbor...

A note in closing: Sam, if you're reading this, the posters are not going to come down, and Norman feels the same way.

the distinction of being placed on the "Dean's List" (receiving a grade point index of 3.4 or above) for the previous academic year. The program, to which both the honorees and their parents were invited, was moderated by the Dean of Yeshiva College, Dr. Daniel Kurtzer, and included remarks by President Lamm and a major address by Dr. Sid Z. Leiman, Dean of the Bernard Revel Graduate School. The afternoon also included a special presentation by members of the Yeshiva College Dramatics Society.

President Lamm opened the afternoon by formally greeting the honorees and their families. Dr. Leiman then spoke on the topic of "Lifeboat Ethics." Leiman in his talk compared secular and Jewish ethics in the modern world. Throughout much of his lecture, Dr. Leiman quizzed the honorees concerning various mishnaic references which had been distributed to them. Dr. Leiman made a distinction between secular law and Jewish law, in that secular law is merely protective, whereas Jewish law has a whole body of positive obligation. He then proceeded to discuss the Jewish view on the famous ethical dilemma of having to decide whether to allow a few to die or suffer in order to save many more, such as the example of a sinking lifeboat. Leiman discussed the halachic process in making such a determination. Dr. Leiman concluded his lecture with an exhortation to those present to engage in the study of the oral law, in that this is the only real distinction that Jews have as opposed to non-Jews, since both profess to accept the Bible.

The culmination of the luncheon was a performance by the Yeshiva College Dramatics Society of selected numbers from their fall presentation, "Pippin." This performance, as well as the participation of the honorees' parents in the afternoon's events, were two innovations which made this year's event unique, and contributed to the successful turnout.

YU's Library System Tries To Reorganize; Centralization Of All Libraries Considered

(Continued from Page 3, Col. 5) funding for capital improvements in the order of \$50,000, but that day seems to be far off in the future. These improvements are to include a turnstile at the circulation desk with a device that senses a book that has not been checked out, a security device found in entrances to department stores. The money is also supposed to be used for a renovation of the fire escape that serves as entrance to the libraries and the addition of ancillary lighting to allow students to see what they read. These are good ideas and according to Mr. Baum, they are coming in the near future, but the student body has not seen much in the way of improvements lately.

Dewey, Rowdy, and Copies

The library has other problems besides the financial ones. These include the inconvenience of more than one catalog because of the changeover from the Dewey to the Library of Congress system, the general rowdiness of high school kids who have nowhere else to go, and the constantly breaking copying machines. The Gottesman Library, however, received a new copying machine last week which uses a better dry process copying system.

Going up the elevator to the Gottesman Library on the fifth floor, one may notice that he cannot go higher even though there is a button for 5A that doesn't light up. The reason for this is simple. A few years ago, when the circulation desk of the Gottesman library was on the fifth floor, it was felt that for security reasons no one should be allowed to leave the library without passing the desk. So 5A was turned off. Since then the circulation desk was moved to the second floor and combined with that

of Pollack, yet no one thought to turn the elevator back on.

Replacement and Changeover

The Gottesman Library has also been left with no head librarian aside from Mr. Baum, since Mr. Aksler, head librarian for Gottesman Library, left in December. As this paper goes to press, however, a search committee is meeting to find a successor to Mr. Aksler. Meetings will continue until the person suitable for the position is found.

In other areas of Gottesman, the changeover from Dewey to Library of Congress is again a slow and tedious process. There are two English and two Hebrew catalogs which cause much frustration, but the staff is extremely helpful. As with Pollack, there are two sections of

shelving for the old and the new systems, but Gottesman has an extra problem that necessitates the use of another section of shelving. That is that many volumes are oversized folios which waste much shelving space and are unsightly on the shelves. The Library of Congress system allows for this by reserving a section for oversized books, but for the Dewey books, the staff is separating the oversized volumes and shelving them separately.

All these problems are the responsibility of the directorate of the library, which is working on finding the necessary funding for these projects, but the main emphasis seems to be on recataloging from Dewey to Library of Congress and to catalog the newer books.

Yeshiva Receives Gift

Yeshiva University has received a \$1 million gift from the estate of the late Harry Jacobs through the Harry and Rose Jacobs Foundation, Inc.

In announcing receipt of the gift, Dr. Lamm said "There can be no better manner of perpetuating the memory of Harry and Rose Kadin Jacobs than the investment in the future of generations to come. Funding for the vital areas of medical research, for education, and Jewish scholarship and continuity is in desperately short supply. This gift, which can accomplish so much in the present, is Harry and Rose Jacobs' wish for a better tomorrow for the Jewish community and all of society."

According to Yeshiva University general counsel Sidney Schutz, in the mid-1950's Mr. Jacobs, who was on close terms

with Dr. Samuel Belkin, spoke of making a gift in perpetuity to the University. After Mr. Jacob's death in 1961, his wife, Rose Kadin Jacobs, dedicated a research facility in the Ullmann Research Center of the University's Albert Einstein College of Medicine in memory of her husband.

Distribution from the Harry and Rose Jacobs Foundation, established after Mrs. Jacob's death in 1977, will go primarily to Yeshiva University and the Albert Einstein College of Medicine for scholarships and general needs. The anticipated income from the Foundation should amount to approximately \$80,000 per year.

Mr. Jacobs had headed the Metropolitan Greenhouse Company in Maspeth, New York, and was organizer of the Wall Street brokerage firm of Jacobs and Low.

Paper Chase

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create, for objective reporting is a criterion of credibility. It is easy to see how something of this nature can be disregarded, in favor of more glamorous and dramatic student endeavors.

Or, perhaps the factor which has led to this shift in focus is that students no longer feel that they are contributing through the newspaper, in which case this phenomenon would be most alarming. Perhaps students no longer feel that they can affect change through it. When student sentiment is often ignored students become disillusioned with their input ability and begin to feel impotent and anything but integral. Pragmatically, perhaps our students have abandoned the traditional modes of communication, and thus are emphasizing more individual and self-contained endeavors.

If this latter be the case, we must not abandon the paper but rather strengthen its very institution. We must not further weaken it, but rather support it unequivocally as never before. If we understand the power of the written word let us all strive to sustain and buttress it. Yeshiva is committed to continued development; it will only stagnate in direct proportion to its student body. Critical evaluation and adequate vocalization of what ails Yeshiva will keep it abreast of the ever-changing tides and societal currents.

There is nothing inevitable except change. It is the obligation of the student to seek to strengthen his position in the university structure and through the newspaper be responsible to the future of Yeshiva and ensure that it not lag behind. Through it the students must motivate the institution to strive ever higher and in this manner become the integral aspect of change essential to every university's growth.

Inside Straight



Extra Curricular

By LEWIS GENUTH

Last week, the editorial board of Rutgers' student newspaper The Targum, went on strike. The students involved feel that they should be compensated for their forty-hour work weeks, and are therefore demanding honorariums of \$5,100 from the University.

Upon reading this, two points struck me. The first, that the requested honorarium was greater than the entire budget allocated

for Commentator by YCSC this term. The second was that it is absurd for students to receive pay for an extracurricular activity.

There are basically two reasons for partaking in such activities: either the student wishes to expand his educational experience at the college, or he wishes to accumulate a set of impressive "extracurriculars" which his ad-

viser is constantly urging him to do. Usually it is a little of both. If one is interested primarily in the former, he must expect to spend a certain amount of time to achieve his goals. If the individual student feels that the amount of time is excessive, he should not have made the commitment. If the students as a group feel such, then they should curtail the scope of their activities. But to expect payment for an activity which they took on voluntarily, and whose guidelines they arbitrarily set is somewhat preposterous. (On the other hand if such an activity is deemed vital by the University for its well-being, such compensation would be reasonable. However, then it is no longer an "extracurricular" activity.)

The opinion that services rendered faithfully deserve financial remuneration does, however, offer an interesting alternative concerning those who join dormant clubs or committees primarily to inflate their transcripts. If one expects to be paid for activity, perhaps students can be expected to pay for positions which are nothing more than an honor. Prices could be arranged according to the impressiveness of the title. For example, Chairmanship on the Senate Library Committee would fetch a fair price, while a membership on the Commuter Affairs Committee would go for considerably less.

Of course, such an idea would never work. Neither the University nor YCSC can be expected to pay the members of such groups as Commentator, WYUR, or YCDS. The student, I suspect, would not be willing to shell out for positions on the various organizations and committees which are heard from only during the confirmation hearings during the first meeting of the newly elected student council. Still, with the state of student finances, it is enough to make one think.

Among some of the items which they hope to acquire are a full size 1909 Rolls Royce car and a good number of circus stage wagons.

Careful Dress

A second obstacle which faces YCDS and one which is more financially taxing is costume rental. Normally costumes rental can run into the thousands of dollars; however, Yeshiva Dramatics has been able, mostly by careful selection, to side step a large part of the cost. In addition, the Dramatics Society often improves or embellishes the costumes, appreciating their value, and ultimately lowering the total rental cost.

This semester, YCDS will be putting on "Streamers," a drama by David Rabe, which deals with the conflicts and struggles that the Vietnam soldier endured. Specifically, it is the story of a group of men on the eve of their departure to the battlefield. The show is scheduled to run from March 31st until April 5th. In addition, there will be a special benefit performance by YCDS on April 29th to raise money for the Yeshiva University High School for Girls which is opening up a new building in midtown. It is expected to be an opportunity to "expose YCDS to theater conscious people." Seats are expected to be sold for as much as \$10.

YCDS: Behind Stage Doors, Why "Streamers" Is Next

By MARC KLAPHOLZ

The Yeshiva College Dramatics Society, long renowned for its theatrical talent, has come to be a spring of technical creativity and economic resourcefulness as well. One of the major tasks that confronts the society with each production is set construction. Putting together a set from crutch, such as the one used in last semester's "Pippin," is a near impossibility since it would require months of work and could cost as much as \$30,000. The society discovered through alumnus Sandy Herman that many producers have their sets burned or destroyed after their show closes, enabling the producers to claim the loss as a tax write-off. For the cost of the truck rental, YCDS is able to acquire scenery and assorted props, often valued at hundreds of thousands of dollars. With some woodwork alteration, the set is readily acclimated to the physical boundaries of the student theater. In fact, the platforms used in last year's production of "Equus," as well as the twenty thousand square feet of blue velvet stage curtain used in this year's production of "Pippin," were acquired by the Dramatics Society from the Broadway play "Cheaters." Presently, the Dramatics Society is negotiating for the set from the play "Grand Tours," which is scheduled to close March 3rd.

Blackman To Leave Faculty In June After Substantial Salary Difficulties

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 3) force myself to live with higher earnings elsewhere and not teach here. But I'll manage."

Dr. Blackman is leaving the University amidst a controversy with regard to his official position during the current academic year. In a letter by Dr. Finkelstein, Dr. Blackman was asked to return to Yeshiva as an Associate Professor after his official retirement. Dr. Blackman accepted that offer, along with an understanding that his pay would remain the same. However, when the first pay period for the current academic year had passed and Dr. Blackman had yet to receive his salary, he was informed by Dr. Finkelstein that his reappointment was only as an Adjunct Professor, with a substantial loss in pay.

When questioned about the disparity between Dr. Finkelstein's letter of reappointment and his verbal retraction in October, Dr. Blanche Blank, Vice President for Academic Affairs, stated that "Finkelstein made some kind of

mistake." She indicated that he had no right to reappoint Dr. Blackman to the position of Associate Professor. According to Dean Daniel Kurtzer, such an action would appear to violate a regulation outlined in the Teacher's Handbook. The rules state that the mandatory retirement age for all faculty is 65, unless a reappointment is made by, or with the approval of, the President of the University.

Dr. Blackman claims that because of his being misled about his status at the University, he suffered a substantial financial loss in the form of pension money, and Social Security checks that he could have collected. In addition, Dr. Blackman did not receive a salary check until the last day of 1978, thus being forced to live entirely on his own savings for a period of four months. In Blackman's own words, "I was cheated out of money."

Dr. Blank stated that as far as she was concerned, the matter was closed. However, sources close to Dr. Blackman have in-

formed The Commentator that legal action may result from the controversy.

Reflecting on his pending retirement from the University, Dr. Blackman made the following statement: "I enjoyed every minute of the 20 years I taught here. I love Yeshiva students and I will always be grateful to them for having reclaimed me for Judaism, just by their presence near me." Dr. Blackman questioned the soundness of filling some of the College's teaching slots with part-time instructors. He stated that "I know the college is pressed for money. But somehow I can't shake the feeling that the administration is knowingly selling the students short by filling some of the teaching slots as inexpensively as possible, sometimes without any regard to their experience, scholarship, or teaching ability." Dr. Blackman related that this practice occurred in his own department, where instructors have been hired to teach areas outside of their own expertise.

Behind Dorm Doors

With Yeshiva University about to achieve national prominence due to its impending Supreme Court debut, the Faculty Union certainly seems an extremely immediate issue. In an effort to probe student sentiment concerning all this recent publicity, The Commentator takes you BEHIND DORM DOORS . . .

What is your opinion of the faculty's desire to unionize?



D. Fischer



M. Haims



R. Stafford



T. Chovev



R. Taub

David Fischer, JSS Sophomore

The faculty of this school should have the right to form a union because every worker has the right to collective bargaining. The faculty is not really part of the administration, nor do they make administrative decisions, no matter what the court decides.

Ruven Stafford, YP Senior

I am basically in favor of the faculty union, based on what I've read in The Commentator and heard from faculty members. If faculty is not being treated as management, they don't have the input of management, they're not consulted on high-level decisions and they don't have power even when they're consulted, then it seems to me that they are not in fact management and should be allowed to unionize.

Aaron Glatt, YP Senior

I think that we shouldn't drag this to the courts. Both sides are wasting a lot of money. I would say that the faculty should be allowed to unionize since they are grossly underpaid and do have very little say in what is actually being done here. If unionization would give them more input it's certainly worthwhile. Also, I'd like to say that I'm an eligible bachelor who's been accepted to Yale Med School.

Tolly Chovev, EMC Junior

I don't feel any sympathy for the faculty because they don't have any sympathy for us. When it came to the six credit vote when the students needed some alleviation from their heavy work load they didn't care about us. I don't see any reason why we should give them a break.

Mark Haims, JSS Junior

The faculty's attempt to unionize seems to be a move to better their working conditions, as well as a future source of unity. I therefore strongly favor such a move since it can ultimately improve student conditions.

Reuven Taub, EMC Senior

Although in the short run it might be beneficial for both faculty and students to have the faculty get a raise through the union, in the long run it may prove detrimental. It might alienate the students from their teachers were they to go on a prolonged strike. Factionalism caused by the union could cause the school to shut down which would be the worst effect even though the short term effects might be good.

Hunter Considering Blank For College Presidency

Dr. Blanche D. Blank, Vice-President for Academic Affairs at Yeshiva University, is one of the leading contenders for the presidency of Hunter College, a unit of the City University of New York.

Dr. Blank, who served as Dean of Social Sciences at Hunter, came to Yeshiva in September of 1977. In an interview with the Commentator at the time, she described her current position as that of a provost. It is understood that government officials, who are expected to influence any decision, are looking at such an academic - organizational background for Hunter, a public college with an enrollment of 20,000 students.

As one of the architects of Yeshiva's reorganization, Dr. Blank's specialty in organizational theory is expected to help her if she is appointed to the position at Hunter.

Phonathon

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pants. Peer to peer conversation "evoked the best response," Mr. Glasser said, "and the guys really felt good about their input in trying to help sell YU."

"Phonathon II" will be held March 20, 21, 22, and will be directed mainly to students who have sent in their applications.

Letters To The Editor

(Continued from Page 2, Col. 5)

month of February marks a memorable point in the first year experience, for it is during this month that first year students are required to participate in moot court competition.

Moot court is a program which presents students with a hypothetical legal problem that they must research and analyze, using the skills that they have acquired during their first months in law school. The competition traditionally concludes with oral presentations, in which teams of students, representing opposing sides, argue the case before a panel consisting of professors, lawyers and possibly students.

This year's moot court competition at Harvard Law School should be of particular interest to the YU community.

Among the cases being argued this year is one which is sponsored by the Harvard Jewish Law Students Association, whose president, Barry Saltzman, is a former editor of The Commentator.

The fictitious case involves Heilegeh University, a state-funded private institution, and Heilegeh Yeshiva, its religious affiliate, which are operated according to Jewish law, and thus

choose to maintain separate schools for men and women. Heilegeh suffers from financial difficulties, and a management consultant advises the school to make cuts in its academic programs. The university has, therefore, decided to eliminate its costly women's pre-med program, which has only fifteen students as compared to the 800 students in the men's program.

The problem is that Devorah Stern, a student in the imaginary university's women's division, is intent on completing her pre-med studies at HU and sues for the right to enroll in the men's division.

Heilegeh University contends however, that it cannot admit Ms. Stern to the men's program for that would conflict with Jewish law. Furthermore, Rabbi David Seh (think about it!), President of Heilegeh, has testified that the institution of co-ed classes at HU would result in an "exodus of students, faculty, and contributors which would make the Exodus from Egypt look like a family outing." Thus the school would probably not survive the integration of classes.

The legal issues posed by this problem include a conflict between the Constitutional rights of the University and the girl.

The University claims that it is protected by the Free Exercise Clause of the First Amendment, which protects the individual's right to free exercise of religion. Ms. Stern, however, claims that the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment guarantees her "equal protection of the laws," including a right to the same education that HU offers its male students.

The record of this fictional moot court case indicates that this case has already been tried in a Federal District Court which ruled in favor of the university. On appeal, however, Circuit Court Justice Hecht has reversed the District Court decision and has decided to allow the woman to enter the men's division. The case now comes before the Supreme Court.

Although the case is purely hypothetical, and the names have been changed to protect the innocent, eight Harvard Law students are preparing feverishly for their day in "court." It might be interesting and worthwhile for members of the Yeshiva community to consider the issues raised by this case.

Name withheld at request of the writer, who is a first-year student at Harvard Law School.

YU Ellmen Beat New York Polytech Before Standing Room Only Crowd

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Another senior, Allen Saks, fought his final match, but even though he put in a valiant attempt, he lost in the first period.

In addition to all the senior graduates, the Ellmen must bid farewell to their 2 captains, Izzy Klein and Saul Grife. Izzy wrestles the 118 class usually, but earlier this semester he dislocated his elbow against Man-

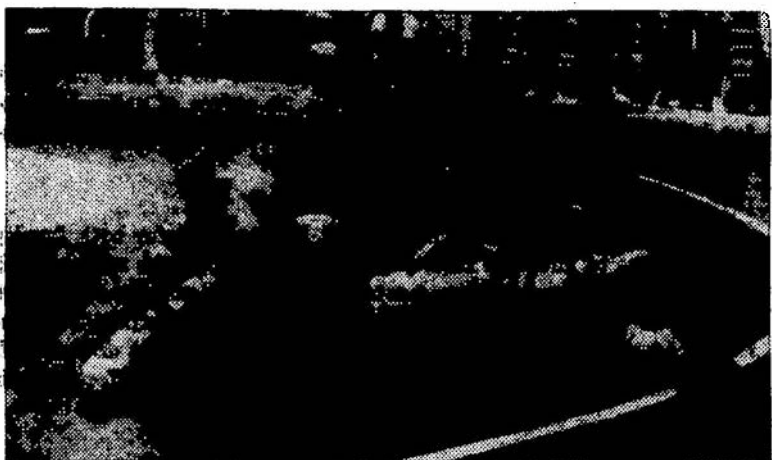
hattan College. Izzy was an inspiration to the team and always thrilled the crowd. Klein will be sorely missed next year.

The other captain, Saul Grife, put on a magnificent show against Carl Behrans. Each man kept flipping the other one over on reversals. In the closing seconds of the 3rd period Grife was centimeters away from a pin, but time ran out and Yeshiva lost on

points 11-8. Saul was a tough contender and he'll be a hard man to replace in the future.

The quickest match of the evening set YU's Robert "Mugs" Marcus against Ron Sabatino. It took only :45 seconds to put away Sabatino. In one big lunge and slam "Mugs" received the quickie count for a very enjoyable and entertaining victory.

The final match of the season was the battle of the big men: Zev Golombeck battled Rich Foch. Golombeck, in the final match of his YU wrestling career, showed some good movement but was pinned on a reversal.



Yeshiva holds on at season's end.

Hockey Intramurals

(Continued from Page 8, Col. 2) Sophomore's drastic reversal of their early season form, Kenny Resnicow had this to say:

"First of all, don't forget that Tolly Chovev was not our goaltender until the third game, which was the first game in which we were competitive. Also, Shelly Green and Saul Sladowsky didn't play until our fourth game, and we're undefeated since then.

"As far as why we're winning now, I see it like this. Shelly is as capable of scoring goals as any player in the league. With him around, teams can't concentrate on only stopping Gary and me. And defensively, we are more physical than any other team. When our defensemen — Judah

Koolyk, Jerry Schiff, and Saul — go into the corner, you know they are going to come out with the ball. And anybody who tries to set up in front of our net, gets cleared out immediately by our defensemen.

"I like our chances in the playoffs."

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Coach Marcel To Retire

(Continued from Page 8, Col. 5) then Dean Isaac Bacon, Coach Marcel joined the staff for the 1963-64 season.

Indeed Coach Marcel was a most respected and beloved man, as personified by these words of an alumnus: "Lorand was a most enjoyable teacher of fencing; in many ways he was unassuming and appeared slow, ungainly and old, but then he would dazzle us with his demonstration of technique of sabre. YU will have to work hard to replace this jewel of a man." According to Head Coach and Athletic Director Arthur Tauber, an average teaching stint for Mr. Marcel would start at 6:00 p.m. when he would teach elementary fencing to freshmen, after which he would spend a few

more hours imparting his expertise to the varsity fencers. With his great motivational abilities, Coach Marcel has shown to his athletes that the size of one's heart (metaphorically so) can be the determinant of victory.

Coach Marcel considers all of his students his children, which is a beautiful and touching way to describe his relationship with Yeshiva and its athletes.

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The story and lyrics by Adolph Green and Betty Comden, and the music by Cy Coleman, are electrifying. You may not find yourself humming the tunes after the show, but all of the songs are beautiful pieces of music. The story involves a broke producer who tries to woo the star he originally discovered to do the show that will carry him out of bankruptcy. The plans and counterplans of the desperate producer are conceived and carried out on the *Twentieth Century Limited* during its sixteen hour run between Chicago and New York.

This is one train you can't afford to miss. All aboard!

As if it hasn't been cold enough this winter, Robert Altman brings us his new work, *Quintet*, which is literally chilling.

Set in a futuristic city on the soon-to-be-frozen-earth, we are given a detective drama, surrounded with social criticism. The inhabitants of the ice-bound city have given up all attempts to survive the impending doom, and occupy their remaining days with a backgammon-like game called *Quintet*. Besides playing these

games, the most skilled competitors are awarded a chance to kill each other off. To solve the dilemma of how to dispose of the murdered bodies, as well as those frozen stiff, Altman adds a ghoulish touch in the form of roving packs of Dobermans who, unlike their human counterparts, are never at a loss for food. Paul Newman, searching for his brother, is thrown into this murderous competition against his will. Between the chilling murders, there are bits of dialogue which attempt to inform us of the reasoning of this frozen society, in its eleventh hour.

Newman, as well as the other actors, are not given much of a chance to act, though it is remarkable how agile they seem beneath several layers of clothing.

If the plot doesn't chill your spine, the ice-laden and snow covered scenes will leave you shivering. Though the film is a bit slow at the outset, the viewer is soon caught up in the chilling game being played.

The most painful thing a human being can experience is the loss of a loved one, especially one's mate. What should a person do in such a situation?

Neil Simon presents such a case in *Chapter Two*. While the subject matter is basically a serious problem, one must laugh at all the funny occurrences that plague the eligible bachelor and bachelorette. Their relatives and friends are constantly finding "wonderful" people. Who wants to go through the ordeal of blind dates a second time?

Nevertheless, despite their efforts to remain single, these two

people are brought together. Overcoming poignant memories, they fall in love. But these memories are not erased, surfacing all over again and causing problems. Again a serious situation is interspersed with many funny one-liners.

The main drawback of the play is the watering-down of a serious situation by humor. The problem deserves an answer, and the one given can be lost in the horseplay. However, the play is definitely worth seeing.

For those of us who are always searching for someplace new that will cater to our monumental appetites but leave our wallets relatively intact, there is a new alternative. BJ's Brooklyn opened a week and a half ago, and is already drawing a substantial group of YU students. Managed by Ariel Cymbalista and under the hashgacha of Rabbi Shlomo Mendelson, it offers dishes such as spare ribs, shish-kebab, steak, barbecued chicken, and deli sandwiches, in addition to a varied assortment of salads and dressings. The restaurant is located at 1210 Kings Highway between 12th and 13th streets, and is right near Kaplan's so you can grab a bite after a night of studying. BJ's is open on Sunday through Thursday from 11-11 and on Friday until four. After Shabbat you can eat until about 2:30. The food is delicious, and you can get a meal of spare ribs, soup, salad, french fries, and a drink for about five dollars. So go on, check it out, and while you're there, see if you can get Ariel (he's the one with the Kaiser Wilhelm moustache) to sing a couple of German beer songs. See you there.

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Jubilee Celebration Held at Main Center; Symposia Features Prominent Alumni

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 3) the ethical efforts of the scientific community in self limiting dangerous experiments. Dr. Elliot Aberbach, YC '56, and senior systems consultant for DSI presented the second lecture on "The Ubiquitous Computer: A Challenge to Human Values."

Dr. Aberbach illustrated halachic difficulties relating to computer technology, first and most obvious *Rechilut* and the invasion of privacy; in a more subtle vein, computer aided teaching of *Limudei Kodesh* — can and do we want such subjects to be taught without the *hashkafah* and influence of a *rebbe*? Also posed were the dangers of computer catalogued responsa literature where a student could simply "pick" a different and favorable *posek* for each of his *she'lot*.

Director of the division of ultrasound at Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Dr. Mordechai Koenigsberg, YC '59, spoke of new frontiers in diagnostic medicine. Dr. Koenigsberg related the impact radioactive medicine has by providing a halachically acceptable definition of death. Dr. Koenigsberg related a personal experience common in the field

of ultrasound: A couple with three girls, pregnant with a fourth child and hoping for a boy, asked Dr. Koenigsberg to determine the sex of the fetus, should it be another girl they would abort. His answer was — he would take no part in their endeavor.

After the morning session and lunch, participants of the Jubilee celebration were treated to an excellent exhibition of fencing and karate by Professor Tauber, Director of Athletics at YU, and Professor Sober. There was also a guided tour of the museum.

Professor A. Leo Levin chaired the afternoon session which consisted of short talks given by Professors Louis Henkin, Abraham Sofaer and Malvina Guggenheim. A 1939 Yeshiva College graduate, Professor Levin is a professor of law at the University of Pennsylvania Law School and is currently the chairman of the Federal Judicial Center and Commission on Revision of the Federal Appellate Court System.

Professor Henkin, Hamilton Fish Professor of International Law and Diplomacy at Columbia Law School, spoke about the "Ethical Tensions in the Field of Human Rights." A member of the YC Class of 1937, and a one time clerk to Supreme Court Justice Felix Frankfurter, Prof. Henkin analyzed the diverse considerations which must be taken into account when one discusses human rights.

Columbia Law School Professor Abraham Sofaer related a personal anecdote before beginning his talk on the topic "Can Government Be Ethical?" Born in Bombay, India, Professor Sofaer explained how he "won his first case" back in 1958 when he was able to persuade Rabbi Besdin to accept him into the James Striar School, thus allowing him to matriculate at Yeshiva College. The 1962 Yeshiva College graduate has just recently been nominated by President Carter to serve as a Federal judge in the Southern District of New York.

The final speaker of the symposium was Malvina Guggenheim, Professor of Law at the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law. A graduate of Columbia University School of Law, Professor Guggenheim discussed "Women's Rights — An Ethical Revolution." She sought to outline the expanding role that women wish to play in society and especially in the legal field. Turning to Judaism, Professor Guggenheim pointed to the opportunities that are open to women, as she quoted from various Biblical passages.

Following the symposia, a reception and social in the form of a buffet style dinner was held. The dinner honored returning Yeshiva College faculty members, who were presented with gifts in gratitude for their dedication and service to Yeshiva College.

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Sophomores Outclass Hockey Intramurals

By SAUL SLADOWSKY

Incredible. Awesome. Just keep the words coming, in an attempt to describe the recent performances of the Sophomore Intramural Hockey Team.

To understand how remarkable it is that they are currently in first place, one must realize that they began the season with three consecutive losses. At that point, it appeared unlikely that they would be playing at all, come playoff time. Since then, however, they have stormed to five victories in impressive fashion.

Their resurgence began with an 8-4 victory over the Juniors. Then came a 15-7 romp over the Freshmen, in which the league's leading scorer, Kenny Resnicow, set a record by scoring ten goals. The Sophs remained red-hot the following week by crushing a shorthanded senior team 13-3, in a game highlighted by the spectacular goaltending of Tolly Chovev. That left their record at 3-3 for the first semester.

The intersession break did not halt their momentum. Not even a little bit. In their first outing of the current semester, they chased two goaltenders while humiliating the Juniors 19-7. In that game, the Juniors employed a novel strategy by assigning a man to guard Kenny Resnicow at all times. The move was singularly effective as the irrepressible Resnicow shattered his own league record by blistering the cage for 12 goals.

Thus the stage was set for a rematch with the defending champion Seniors, playing at full strength for the first time all season. The contest was a hard fought, physical one, with players from both squads bitterly contesting the officiating.

Score Two After Penalties

The Seniors jumped out to a

2-0 lead on breakaway goals by Joel Mael and Saul Grife, as Kenny Resnicow sat out 7 minutes of penalties. Exactly six seconds after his penalties had elapsed, Resnicow raced into the slot, took a pass from Gary Litwak, and blasted it by a stunned Alan Berkun. One minute later he did it again, and the score was tied. The Seniors could be seen shaking their heads and muttering to themselves in frustration.

By the end of the second period, the Sophs had pulled out to a 7-3 lead and appeared to be coasting. Suddenly, however, net-minder Tolly Chovev seemed to doze off for five minutes, and the score was knotted at 7-7, with Barry Mael contributing 2 goals during the flurry. Things looked bad for the second year men. One minute later Kenny Resnicow limped off with a twisted ankle, and things looked really bad.

Green Takes Over

Then Shelly Green took over. Stepping in to replace Resnicow, he won a faceoff at center and started bulling his way towards the Senior net. Seconds later the entire Sophomore team exploded in jubilation as Green flipped in a backhanded shot that he got off only out of sheer determination. 8-7 Sophomores.

Off the ensuing faceoff, Green cut in on goaltender Berkun, faked everyone in the gym out of their sneakers, and passed to Gary Litwak, who merely had to tap the ball into an open net. 9-7 Sophomores.

For the remaining 8 minutes, the Sophs dominated play, clearing their zone with ease, and holding the Seniors without another shot on net. The 9-7 victory moved the Sophs into first place, with only one game remaining.

When asked to explain the

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YU Ellmen Beat New York Polytech Before Standing Room Only Crowd

By MURRAY LEBEN

In the final match of the season, the YU Ellmen convincingly defeated New York Polytechnic Institute 36-19. A capacity crowd of standing room only saw Yeshiva's wrestlers overpower their opponents to complete a most satisfying winning season. The Ellmen finished off with a 7 and 3 record, one of the best in recent years.

The two most exciting and surprising matches started things off. Rookies Aaron "Big A" Epstein and Wayne Brecher, both pinned their opponents on tremendous efforts. Epstein, in his starting role at 118 lbs., came out shooting like a cannon. "Big A" was all over his opponent throughout the match and almost pinned him on numerous occasions. Finally, inspired by the crowd's overwhelming cheers, Epstein made the impressive pin with 1:10 remaining in the 3rd period.

Freshman muscleman Wayne Brecher also won in similar style. Wayne had a perfect hold on Polytech's Steve Seferoudis, but the buzzer at the end of the 2nd period saved the visitor for the moment. Immediately in the beginning of the third period, Brecher went to work, and with 1:05 left he pinned Seferoudis in typical Ellman fashion.

Seniors Fred Carroll, Danny Kaufman, and Arnie Rogoff all registered forfeit victories in their final career matches. Danny fought an exhibition match at 142 lbs. and gave his usual all out effort. Kaufman almost had his man beat, but unfortunately was pinned on a swift move with 1:00 remaining.

This season the heart of the Ellmen attack was old reliable, David "Bugsy" Segal. Usually, Bugsy wrestled at 150 lbs. but this match he fought in the larger 158 lb. class. Throughout the sea-



Polytech wrestler with his nose to the grindstone.

son Bugsy's quickness and agility enabled him to overcome all of his competitors. However, Peter Panformark of Polytech

was just too large and strong for Segal to handle. Bugsy went the distance, but lost on points 13-5. (Continued on Page 6, Col. 1)

Coach Marcel To Retire After Years of Dedication

When one thinks of fencing at Yeshiva, certain images come to mind, some being of a dark and musty gym where sparsely attended matches take place. Beneath this humble

exterior exists a rich, proud and winning tradition that has been thriving for many years. A primary contributor to this success has been the hard work of assistant coach Lorand Marcel.

Since his joining of the Yeshiva coaching staff fifteen years ago, Coach Marcel has been the symbol of dedication and selflessness, qualities that have made the YU coaching staff, on the whole, so special. Unfortunately for the fencing team, Coach Marcel will be retiring from the active ranks at the conclusion of this season. The intangibles that he brought to the program will be hard to replace. He is a man with exemplary credentials. Born in Czechoslovakia, he began his career at Charles University in Prague where he was a student-athlete.

In 1933, he became the first epee champion of the Maccabiah Games, an accomplishment in itself worthy of notoriety. Three years later, he was chosen to rep-

resent his country in the infamous 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin. Even though this would have been the apex of any amateur athletic career, he chose not to attend, and in his own way, protested the anti-semitic dictatorship in power. Soon after, he fled Nazi aggression by escaping to Israel where he joined the British army. When in service, he won the 1942 epee championship of the allied forces. Always a staunch Zionist, he settled in Israel with his wife Lotte after the war, and won numerous championships in epee and foil. In 1947, he emigrated to the United States, and in 1953 won the MacConnel Trophy in the International Canadian Competition. Mr. Marcel was then selected to train the Junior US Olympic Team. He has also been associated with the Salle Santelli and the Amateur Fencing League of America. After the insistence of

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YC Taubermen Lose Two Close Matches Both Decided And Lost In Final Round

The Yeshiva College fencing team started off the spring semester with two defeats, although both games were very exciting and extremely close. Both were decided, and lost, in the final round.

On Thursday, February 16, the team fenced a very strong squad at Drew. The Taubermen were caught off guard and Drew jumped out to a first round lead of 8-1. At this point, Coach Tauber made some key strategic substitutions, in hopes of starting a YU surge. The strategy worked as the team made a comeback to 8-7, with exceptional performances by Ben Kirschenbaum in foil, Ira Herman in epee, and, in sabre, Baruch Deutch and Mark Taragin.

In the third round, however, the short lived comeback lost its power, as the team won only 3 out of 9 bouts.

On Wednesday, February 22, the Taubermen played host to N. Y. Maritime. The Taubermen jumped out to an early first round lead with a sweep by the sabre team of Deutch, Taragin, and Marv Huberman, who helped the sabre squad to an overall 7-2 record for the night, with 2 wins and 1 loss. Mark Taragin contributed a superb 3-0 record, while Baruch Deutch went 2-1, losing a heartbreaker in the 3rd round.

In epee, the Taubermen managed a 5-4 overall record, with Ira Herman's 1-2, David Katzenstein's strong 2-1 record, and a phenomenal showing by Saul



Tauberman striking new pose during most recent fencing match.

Skolnick, who, substituting for Howie Rosenthal in round 2, won both his matches without working up a sweat.

The foil team was disappointing, maraging only a 1-8 record, the sole win coming from Ben Kurtzer in the 3rd round. Coach Tauber utilized almost the entire squad, including Marty Ast, Stuei Weirnerman, David Bart, and Ben Kirschenbaum. The coach said that the squad is really an excellent one but that it needs more experience.

Once again, the match was decided in the third and final round.

With the score 12-11 in favor of the Taubermen, Ben Kirschenbaum lost in foil and Dave Katzenstein lost in epee. It all depended now on Marty Ast to win the crucial and deciding 14th match. But victory was not to shine on the Taubermen that night, as Ast lost an unbelievably tense match.

After the game, Coach Tauber told the team that an attitude of champions would make the team champions. "The other teams had the will and the breaks," he said, "but I'm confident in our team for the upcoming matches."

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