

Commentator Analysis: Yeshiva's Sciences

Physics

By ARI KLAPHOLZ

There are two types of problems which presently face the Physics Department at YC. There are those logistical problems which may be common to the other science departments and can be described as peripheral and short term in nature. Such problems can usually be remedied through technical adjustment and more careful programming.

For example, the most outstanding grievance of many students against the Physics Department concerns the Lab program. Firstly, the students complained about the lack of correlation between the material learnt in lectures and the experiment done in class. Many times, they said, they would be doing experiments in the lab on topics which had not been dealt with in the lecture. The students were further annoyed at the fact that the lab instruction sheets were not given out the week prior to an experiment which they felt was further slowing down the progress of the class.

Moreover, some of the physics professors expressed some dismay at the structure of the lab

program. They felt that too much had been jammed into the program and as one instructor said, "If I had to explain to a committee of three knowledgeable students why each experiment was required, I would have a tough time of it." He suggested that some effort needs to be made to reconstruct and update lab experiments which would reduce the total number of experiments and yet encompass all the material dealt with in an introductory

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Chemistry

By JOSEPH FRIEDMAN

Two years ago, when the Belfer Graduate School of Science was closed, many academicians inside as well as outside of Yeshiva University felt that the absence of a graduate school would severely constrain the level of instruction in the undergraduate science divisions.

Along with the closing of the Belfer School came the announcement by President Norman Lamm that there would be a major restructuring of the various undergraduate divisions. All of the sciences were incorporated under one division together with Math and one dean was appointed to oversee the division as a whole.

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Biology

Of the three science departments the Biology department has the least problems. There are a sufficient amount of Biology majors to allow for a full schedule of courses and the advanced Biology courses are, generally, very good.

As for the General Biology labs, there was a meeting two weeks ago between the chairman of Sue Golding, which supplies the lab instructors, and a committee from Yeshiva College. According to Dr. Bacon, Acting Dean of Sciences, the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the problems that had been encountered this year and to try to avoid their recurrence in the future. "If the situation as it stands now is not a positive experience for both sides (Sue Golding and YC stu-

dents)", she said, "we may have to stop using Einstein people for those labs."

Miss Angela Shen, who had been operating the General Biology laboratories for the past few years was relieved of that duty this year and was replaced by Dr. Gabelman. Dr. Gabelman, being new to the position was not completely familiar with the system. Personality conflicts arose between Miss Shen and Dr. Gabelman and Miss Shen subsequently left the school in December. Dr. Bacon suggested that the personality problems were only exacerbated by all the other problems suffered within the department.

In any case, the labs suffered from a lack of management all year and Dr. Bacon has been working hard to make sure that the situation is corrected by next year.

Though Dr. Gabelman claims (Continued on Page 6, Col. 1)

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YCSC Executive Board Members Chosen; Schneier To Head 79-80 Student Council

By YITZHAK TWERSKY

MARCH 22ND — In today's YCSC Executive Board elections, Marc Schneier was chosen by a large majority to succeed Zev Golombeck as President. Jay Wildstein will serve as Vice-President and Robert Friedman as Secretary-Treasurer. The turnout was better than average as 493 students participated in the election process.

President-elect Schneier, a philosophy major, boasts extensive previous Council experience, having served as President of the Freshman and Sophomore classes, and Secretary-Treasurer this past year. After the results were announced, Mr. Schneier commented concerning his plans for next year. Emphasizing Yeshiva's intercollegiate role, he said, "It is our responsibility to take a more active role in the New York Jewish community." He also stated, "I am a great believer in early planning and better organization. Anyone interested in working with YCSC next year had better plan on working hard."

The race for Vice-President proved to be close, as Jay Wildstein won on the third ballot. Asked about his priorities for next year, Vice-President elect Wildstein replied, "One of the first things we must get working on is the bookstore. If we want it to succeed next year, we must work on it as soon as possible." He further noted his intention

to keep the Morgenstern Dormitory Lounge opened later at night and to be committed to "soliciting ideas from the student body."

Robert Friedman, although running unopposed on the ballot, faced stiff competition from Shelly Green, a write-in candidate. Majoring in Political Science, Mr. Friedman has served as Sophomore President and Freshman Secretary-Treasurer. "It is important to start preparing early for next year so that we don't encounter the same difficulties that were encountered this year." Specifically, Mr. Friedman referred to fund-raising events to have ready-cash on hand for the beginning of the next academic year. He also mentioned a need to meet with the leaders of all clubs in the college to iron out any monetary difficulties which might arise during the course of next year.

Security at the polls was very tight. Students were required to produce ID cards, and to sign in before being given their ballots. The rigid procedure was followed in order to avoid disputes similar to those that arose during last

year's Executive Council elections.

A minor snag was encountered regarding the use of absentee ballots. Since many students attended an out-of-town funeral, it was impossible for them to vote during the regular voting hours. Although the polls closed at 5:00 P.M., they were reopened from 6:00 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. to enable these students to vote. This extension was granted due to the general consensus of the candidates.

Political Science Society Goes to Washington; Hectic Three Days of High-level Meetings

By MARC KLAPHOLZ

The Dr. Joseph Dunner Political Science Society sponsored a three-day study tour to Washington, D. C., focusing on the energy problem and its domestic as well as its international political ramifications.

The 36 students, from Yeshiva College and Stern, were accompanied by Dean Kurtzer, and were housed in Silver Springs, Maryland at the homes of alumni of YU. The idea was first conceived eleven months ago by Dr. Blanche Blank, YU Vice-President for Academic Affairs, who made mention of it to Allan Friedman, president of the Political Science Society. After writing and mailing eighty letters to various government offices in Washington, Mr. Friedman, under the guidance of Dean Kurtzer, compiled from the responses a three-day series of meetings with those agencies most directly affecting energy policy and energy use. The dean delivered a lecture to the group before the trip in which he outlined the supply and demand curves of world oil and discussed the various interest groups and their political leanings. In addition, Dean Kurtzer, throughout the trip, laid the groundwork for each meeting by

briefing the students of what to expect from each of the speakers and in what perspective to see them.

The first meeting was with the

several questions. He noticed that there were discrepancies between the transcripts submitted by YU and those submitted by MTA. While YU had granted the student an exemption from the course, MTA had the student listed as having taken the course and having received a grade for it.

Grading Options

This problem resulted in the adoption of the present system. (Continued on Page 3, Col. 4)

American-Israeli Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC). The participants were addressed by Lenny Davis, Director of Information at

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It is with the deepest sense of remorse and grief that the



Yeshiva must acknowledge the death of Steven Gladstein z"l. Every individual, our Sages teach us, is an Olam Maleh, a full world unto himself, and it is therefore impossible to formulate an adequate description of this good-natured and sensitive Olam who was taken from our midst so suddenly. Through a senseless, brutal, and most tragic set of circumstances, Steven will no longer be a living part of our lives, but his blessed memory will serve as a perpetual inspiration to all those who knew him. May his family be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.



MONDAY, MARCH 19TH — President of Yeshiva University Rabbi Dr. Norman Lamm gave his annual halakha shiur commemorating Rabbi Isaac Elchanan's Yahrzeit to an audience of students and Rabbinical Alumni in the new Bet Medrash. He spoke on the concept of Kiddush and Havdalah.

Proficient

Students intending to graduate from Yeshiva College must take, as part of their requirements, a standardized UP or GRE test in their major. A score of 450 is considered to be the minimum passing grade. The test is pointless.

A score of 450 does not indicate proficiency in any field. The tests often ask questions in areas which the Yeshiva curriculum either ignores or does not emphasize. In addition, students failing to pass the test are given a departmental exam which, by its very nature, comes closer to testing what the student actually knows.

The theory behind requiring a student to demonstrate proficiency in his major is sound. Yeshiva College has been praised by academicians and accreditation committees for this graduation requirement. But in practice the test results, as indicators of proficiency, are invalid. A better indicator might be to require all students to participate in a seminar as a part of their major program, thereby eliciting the thoughtful application of their acquired knowledge. Passing such a seminar would indicate proficiency and ability to contribute original thought in the particular field.

A basic premise of learning theory is that knowledge must be made meaningful in order for it to be retained and later applied. Taking a UP exam does not indicate the accomplishment of this primary educational goal. It is therefore necessary that alternatives be instituted which test our Yeshiva education and the ability to apply acquired knowledge.

Full-Time

The University is now witnessing the loss of several full-time faculty members, notably in the Biology, Chemistry, and Jewish History departments.

While it may seem more economical for the University to replace some of these professors with part-time faculty, financial considerations must not be allowed to dictate policy in this domain. The lack of full-time professors has already had a deleterious effect on our college. Phi Beta Kappa has already cited "an excessive reliance upon part-time adjunct faculty" as a major factor in its rejecting Yeshiva's bid for a chapter.

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From the Editor's Desk

Professional

By IRA TOKAYER



It seems that the momentary euphoria engendered by the coming of a new administration has all but died slowly and surely in the course of a paltry two years. The infamous comprehensive reorganization introduction by this administration has been treated skeptically, and new innovations are perhaps regarded too cynically by an institution to whom change is certainly not a cornerstone. With all the problems facing Yeshiva a certain sense of stagnation is the most disheartening to its students. Change is the cardinal principle of growth. Yet, notwithstanding all the strife and recent controversy, irrespective of the contingencies of social circumstances or new trends among the nation's collegiate youth, Yeshiva, it is felt, tantamount to regressing, will always remain the same.

Yet, this is a misconception, for Yeshiva has recently embarked on a road which should have altered this traditionalistic, stolid image which has become perceived as stagnation. We must simply have the foresight and courage to see its potential consequences. It is easy to be pessimistic, for if one admittedly expects nothing he can never be disappointed. It is easy to be perennially cynical for it is easier to fight than live up to one's ideals. We must begin to readily acknowledge subtle changes in attitude, and view new programs constructively in order to motivate interest and facilitate involvement.

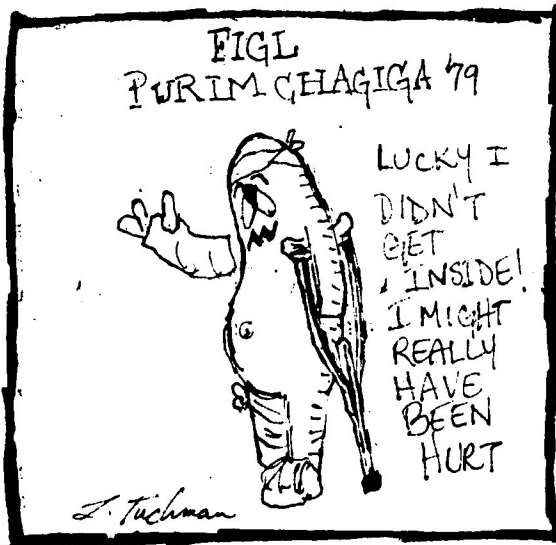
The immediate institution to which I am referring is the newly accredited Accounting Program, and the commitment by high level administrators to "actively" look into the feasibility of a Business Graduate School.

This relatively new found interest on the part of Yeshiva towards business-oriented programs is easily understandable. It has become a popular and respected field of endeavor for Jewish collegiate youth. Business, traditionally, was for those who could not "make it" intellectually, yet now attempts have been made to approach the discipline scientifically and with a more rigorous academic orientation. In addition, students in our modern day and age accentuate the practical, and the pre-professional programs are therefore growing by leaps and bounds. Any institution such as ours, ultimately involved in a battle for enrollment, must seek to accommodate this until now untapped reserve of professionally oriented potential students.

Although these new programs are symbolic of a certain shift away from "hard-core" liberal arts programs, the Faculty in one of their more lucid moments passed the proposals. (Incidentally, it is interesting to note that proponents of liberal arts are paradoxically the most close-minded, and represent supposedly uncharacteristic narrowness in their relation to the introduction of more "practical" programs.) Yet, this will by no means destroy liberal arts at Yeshiva. On the contrary, the increased enrollment envisioned from this move will decrease the deficit, and, in effect, enhance our liberal arts curriculum. With the increased resources we will be able to bolster our relatively limited curriculum and provide more lucrative offers and working conditions to attract and keep prestigious faculty.

And, in an altruistic vein, by appealing to a maximum of different vocational interests we will be able to imbue a maximum amount of students with what we consider to be a very unique educational experience which is available only at YU.

Instead of projecting my own cynicism and insecurity upon new projects, I would like to uncharacteristically, and at the risk of sounding audaciously positive, acknowledge this new professionalistically oriented attitude as an important new step in keeping Yeshiva competitive in its bid for its unique form of excellence.



Full-time faculty are an integral part in a university setting, and as such it is imperative that departing faculty be replaced by full-time professors who can strengthen and stabilize undergraduate departments.

Letters To The Editor

Impressive

To The Editor:

On Feb. 23-25, Northeastern Illinois University sent a delegation of nine to the Harvard Model U.N. One of the first delegations we met was the Islamic Republic of Iran, represented by Yeshiva College. Since Northeastern was the Syrian Arab Republic, we immediately had much to talk about.

Through the four days we spent in committee meetings and caucusing, not only did our conversations extend politically, but they also extended in friendship.

Northeastern was truly impressed by the kindness and hospitality that was shown on the part of Yeshiva College. Not only did we learn about the Islamic Republic of Iran, we also learned about Yeshiva College, Judaic studies and New York City. (Being from Chicago, we had a lot of questions concerning New York.)

I feel moved to inform you that the representatives which were

sent to Harvard by Yeshiva College are a credit to their school, and you have every right to feel proud of them.

Sincerely,
Susan Ann Grosklaus
Northeastern Illinois University
Harvard Model UN team member

Purim '79

To The Editor:

I was shocked, and amazed at Bumy Kaisman's (President of SOY) statement during this year's Purim Chagiga. After inviting and admitting non-YU students, he had the temerity to ask those not from YU to leave because of the lack of space to dance. He further stated that he owes an apology to the YU students who could not get in since this was for all intents and purposes a YU Chagiga for YU students. Mr. Kaisman, as president of SOY which sponsored the Chagiga, owes a public apology to the non-YU students for his senselessly foolish statement and inefficient handling of the Cha-

giga. As paying guests they deserve a better welcome than Mr. Kaisman's boorish insult.

Reuben Taub
YC '79

Subjective

To The Editor:

The fact that the "official undergraduate newspaper of Yeshiva University" refused to report on the progress and give their annual review of Yeshiva College Dramatics Society's Fall production, in my estimation, does not diminish the success, nor the appreciation by the student body of our show, "Pippin." However, somehow I feel this newspaper has a "responsibility" (as it was stated in a recent edition concerning YCSC) to report on an event involving 165 students and an audience of more than 1,600. It is now March, and yet no review and no statement of oversight! So, in lieu of the paper's incompetence I add as a subjective review: "It was beautiful, it was brilliant, it was fun; Dr.

B. and his gang did it again!" — Thanks for coming! !

Steven Passer
YCDS President '79

Irrational

To The Editor:

After much scientific study, I hereby propound the Weidhorn Principle: "If a YC faculty member is voted by the students 'Teacher of the Year,' he will soon be out on his behind." That has been the experience in the past decade of Irving Greenberg and David Berger of Jewish History, Ernest Simon of French, Charles Shami of Economics, and Daniel Gassman (who was actually only second in the vote) of History. And now Sam Blackman may be joining the roster. Nothing offends YU administrators as much as does excellence — apparently because it costs money. As far as they are concerned, the entire school could be staffed by part-time indentured graduate-servants from Outer Mongolia. Yet these same wizards whine

endlessly about student "attrition"! But why should students come or stay here when most of the YC luminaries end up, thanks to our administrators, teaching at other places?

That an employee (let alone one associated for twenty years with YU) should be deprived of income of any kind for a quarter of a year, while our enlightened and honorable "leaders" try to determine whether he is fish or fowl, is typical of an administration which has consistently exhibited the moral sensitivity of a piranha. But that one of the most popular teachers has to go elsewhere because YU cannot find it in itself to pay him a decent wage verges on the obscene. Now the allegedly limited financial resources of the University must be devoted to fending off yet another law suit, rather than to academic standards, student services, and faculties. Here surely is an enigma for the donors and contributors to contemplate. Does anyone realize the vast size of
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Yeshiva Students Join Avital Scharansky At Rally Supporting The Release Of Her Husband Anatoly

By STUART VERSTANDIG and ARYEH BLUMBERG

On Sunday, March 18, 1979, Yeshiva College students participated in a rally in support of Anatoly Scharansky at the Park East Synagogue. Among the participants was Avital Scharansky, Anatoly's wife now engaged in fighting for her husband's freedom.

Avital was raised as a communist and was never told she was Jewish. She remembers as a child standing with her brother on a street corner screaming insults at Jews. As a young adult she found out that she was Jewish. One day at a Simchat Torah celebration outside the Moscow Synagogue she saw a man who was trying to hoist up an Israeli flag without tape. She handed him some tape and in this way met her husband.

Anatoly was always brought up close to Jewish tradition. Until 1973, Anatoly was a leading computer programmer and a chess master. Then he decided to go to Israel and applied for an exit visa. Upon being refused, he realized that a Jew could not be part of the Soviet society, and he became increasingly active in the emigration activist movement. His thorough knowledge not only of English but of Jewish tradi-

tion and Russian thinking made him a national spokesman for the movement. His activists were viewed by the Kremlin with increasing alarm, so much so that when President Nixon came to visit Moscow in 1974, Anatoly along with other Jewish activists was jailed in order to silence them.

His imprisonment did not discourage him in the slightest. Upon his release he became increasingly active — organizing not only Jewish activist groups but also non-Jewish activists, in addition to teaching classes in Jewish culture. After meeting Avital at a Simchat Torah celebration, they decided to marry and build a Torah household in Israel; they planned the wedding day for July 4th.

Before the wedding he was arrested by the KGB and thrown into prison and denied contact



Avital Scharansky

with the outside world. Avital with faith went ahead with plans for the wedding relying on a hope that her beloved Anatoly (Continued on Page 5, Col. 1)

At Leisure

The Mezuzah!

By CHAIM WEXLER

Dear Rabbi Miller:

It is my sad duty to relate a certain unfortunate incident. Some time ago my roommate and I suffered a series of strange setbacks. It started with simple things like overly exaggerated phone bills and crumbling roof plaster landing with marksman's accuracy on our sleeping faces. However, a pattern began to emerge as things grew worse. We started failing tests and our girlfriends were suddenly "very busy." Everything we took part in seemed to go sour and nothing we tried ever worked. To put it

bluntly, my dear rabbi, we had fallen into a deep rut!

One day, while I was shaving near the door, my roommate burst in suddenly — spinning me to the floor and knocking off half my moustache. As I looked up angrily, an idea suddenly hit my mind. The mezuzah! Why hadn't I thought of it before? Being a pre-med, a master of introductory science, I quickly rejected the irrational explanations for our predicament like chance or bad luck, and seized on something solid like divine intervention. Surely God was punishing us for having a faulty mezuzah. Our case would

certainly not be unique. There are hundreds of documented stories that have proved conclusively that the absence of a proper mezuzah leads to grievous results. Sure enough, a close examination revealed that our scroll was laden with mistakes.

The next day my roommate complained to the dormitory secretary, but was told that the University does not supply new mezuzot. After applying to your office with the same request, he was informed that if he objected to the kashrut of the Yeshiva's mezuzot, he was free to buy a new one — with his own money. Since (like every other YU student) we had blown all our cash at Lou G. Segal, we no longer had enough for a new scroll.

And then it happened! One Sunday night after returning to my dormitory, I noticed a sour odor in the room. It did not take long to discover the cause — our refrigerator had broken down. It took a full two weeks and thirty five dollars to remedy that situation.

The final examination of our scroll revealed that there were seven minor imperfections that corresponded to the seven minor setbacks we had suffered, and one big mistake that corresponded to the broken refrigerator. Our lawyers have informed us that we have a firm basis with which to sue the college on all eight counts, for mental cruelty and financial loss. However, because I am a firm believer that YU is the best Torah institution since Babylonian times, and also because I am the son, brother, brother-in-law, cousin and nephew of alumni, I have decided not to file suit if your office will but reimburse us for the thirty five dollars, in repair costs. I hope you will realize the validity of our complaint, and accept our generous offer for a peaceful settlement.

Student Committee On Reaccreditation

MARCH 20TH—In an effort to define student sentiment, a student Self-Study Committee has been set up to evaluate Yeshiva for the upcoming Middle States Association Reaccreditation. Although there are students already involved in the evaluation process as members of various sub-committees, this committee will hope to focus specifically on those aspects of Yeshiva life which directly affect the undergraduate student body.

Although reaccreditation is usually a relatively simple matter, Yeshiva is using the 1980 Middle States visit as leverage to set up a comprehensive evaluation procedure and use it as a means of pinpointing problems and constructively moving to their amelioration.

The student self-study will direct its efforts to formulating a coherent and systematic statement of student sentiment within "academic, spiritual, vocational, and avocational" categories. Methodologically, interviews will be conducted with student leadership, and national polls will be administered to a cross-section of the undergraduate population.

The Committee is chaired by Ira Tokayer, and includes students Barry Holtzer, Sheon Karol, Lisa Treitman, Judy Rudoler, Malca Steifel, and Zev Golombeck.

Dr. Mirsky, Special Assistant to the President for the Middle States Evaluation said: "We are looking for an honest, straightforward self appraisal to see what questions Yeshiva should be asking itself and in this manner motivate Yeshiva to find answers."

"If done responsibly this could be a most important student document," said Ira Tokayer, "We have the resources to conduct a comprehensive and fairly scientific evaluation, and the fact that it will be made available to Middle States means that Yeshiva must take a concrete look at the dissatisfactions voiced."

It is expected that students will be contacted by the end of the month in relation to the polling and interviews.

Yeshiva Represents Iran At Harvard's Model UN

For the fourth consecutive year, Yeshiva University participated in the Harvard Model United Nations, held this year in Boston on February 26-28. The University's delegation, sponsored by the Joseph Dunner Political Science Society represented the newly created Islamic Republic of Iran, and as such, was one of the centers of attention at the Model UN. The delegation was headed by YC senior Allen Friedman, and included eight students from Yeshiva College and four from Stern College.

Although severely hampered by their inability to participate in the Friday night and Saturday sessions, the delegation performed extremely well. The delegation held extensive meetings with the other nations in the Islamic bloc, to help ensure that the bloc's interests were "properly" represented in the "UN." In particular, the delegation held lengthy caucuses with the PLO delegation (which included an Iraqi Arab among its members).

Condemning Terrorism

This cooperation produced a number of concrete results including the introduction of a resolution on terrorism, co-sponsored by delegate Orie Shapiro, in the legal committee. The resolution condemned the "racist regimes" of Israel and South Africa as the root causes of terrorism for their denying the Palestinians and the Blacks of South Africa their basic rights.

In the Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee, Jay Lerman, reflecting Iran's new orientation towards the third world, co-sponsored an amendment to a Russian resolution calling for the allocation of a specific percentage

of an industrial state's G.N.P. to aid underdeveloped countries.

The new Iranian position was reflected in committee after committee, as the YU delegation found itself working against the "capitalist imperialists" and for the "oppressed Palestinians" and all "downtrodden people."

For example, in the Special Political Committee, head delegate Allen Friedman helped draft an amendment to a resolution, using Iran's new position of refusing to sell oil to South Africa which called for a total trade embargo on South Africa.

In the General Assembly session, delegate Ellen Kaufman outlined, in the opening session, the new direction the Islamic Republic of Iran would take under the leadership of Ayatollah Khomeini.

Following these guidelines, Jeffrey Cymbler and Melanie Wolf set forth the Iranian position on the Working Group of Transnational Corporations, as did Felice Grossman in the Economic and Financial Committee.

Strategic Disarmament

In the disarmament conference, an area of special concern to Iran considering the billions of dollars in arms sales that the Ayatollah has cancelled recently, delegate Jeffrey Kantowitz worked on the plenary session, Andy Greene and Ira Herman worked on conventional arms sales, and Betsy Mondschein worked on nuclear free zones.

On the Law of the Sea Confer- (Continued on Page 4, Col. 1)

Co-ops' Status Debated Grading Parity Sought

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 5) According to this plan, a student has two choices. He can, if he wishes, take the straight grade and credit for the course as before, or, he may opt for the A-P N system available to regular YU upperclassmen. The Co-op student desiring to take a course A-P N must file a form during the same week that the college students have to file. The only difference is that the Co-op student may apply this option to any or all courses in which he is enrolled, something the YU student cannot do.

Recently, this practice has come under fire. Several people have called for some sort of change in the grading of Co-op students. The proposal which the Senate is

now debating is for the Co-op student to have to accept a regular grade the same way that any freshman in the college has to. Jeff Kantowitz, Chairman of the Senate, was one of the supporters of the proposal, saying that there is no reason for the Co-op student to be treated better than the fully enrolled undergraduate freshman.

After lengthy discussions and debates between Rabbi Weinbach, the head of the Yeshiva University High School for Boys — Manhattan, and other members of the Senate, the meeting was adjourned without having reached a definite conclusion. Discussion of the issue will resume at the next scheduled Senate meeting.



The Yeshiva College Senate takes up new issues in their characteristic pose.

Soviet Union Accuses

By STUART VERSTANDIG

For the past few months, members of various Jewish communities throughout the country who have been regularly writing to refuseniks in the Soviet Union as well as people who have travelled to the Soviet Union, have been receiving letters indicating that their letters had been intercepted by Soviet officials.

Although the letters from the USSR are not all the same, they all carry the message that while the US is supposedly greatly concerned about human rights, there is a former Nazi representing the US in the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

The UNESCO representative referred to in the letters is identified as Konstantin Vakvariv who, one letter claims, "took part in the execution of 17,000 Jews in Kovno." According to another letter, "in 1941 to 1944 he served

as a Nazi and was seen in the black uniform in the city of Kovno." He himself shot more than one dozen Soviet citizens and took part in the execution of 17,000 Jews according to these letters, referring to an article in the October 24 issue of Pravda, entitled "Fighter For Human Rights From Gestapo."

The charges against Vakvariv are as yet unsubstantiated. In 1978, a State Department investigation found no evidence to support the allegations and reaffirmed the confidence of the department in his loyalty and character. After emigrating to the US in 1945, Vakvariv joined the State Department in 1962.

The National Conference of Soviet Jewry is now conducting an investigation into the letter writing campaign. They request that any such letters be sent to their office in New York.

Yeshiva Represents Iran At Harvard's Model UN

(Continued from Page 3, Col. 5) ence, of special concern to Iran because of the vulnerability of Iranian access to the sea through the Straits of Hormuz, Iran was represented by Larry Klein.

Although financing the University's participation was not easy, with support coming from both the YC and Stern Student Councils, and the YU Alumni Asso-

ciation, the effort was definitely worthwhile. It was an excellent experience both for YU students, and for students from other colleges who although they may never have heard of the word "synthesis," came away from the Model UN with a deep respect for Orthodox Jews in general, and Yeshiva University students in particular.

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 2) course. Some professors also felt that the program lacked flexibility. "Quite often," one lab instructor stated, "I find myself teaching at the pace set by the plan book and not the pace set by the students."

Everyone complained about the conditions of the labs themselves. "A part has been replaced here or there," one lab instructor stated, "but the labs must be outfitted with new equipment. Some of the stuff is over 25 years old."

Some of these problems were discussed at a meeting between Dr. Bacon, Acting Dean of Sciences, and the professors. Firstly, an agreement was made that a comprehensive analysis of the lab program would be conducted. Proposals were made to give the program some flexibility and to update the experiments to reduce unnecessary work.

The physics lecture has its problems too. Many students complained that the teachers were not gearing the course for a student who has to know all of Physics I and II for the upcoming spring Med Boards. They continued to say that the teachers were taking a lot of time in trying to explain things in depth and not utilizing the time to assist the students in solving physics problems, a skill needed for the Med Boards. The teachers retorted that they had no idea of the circumstance at hand and no one until now had informed them of the students' situation. They further said that next year some adjustments will be made to

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avoid these problems — but at present they will continue their method of teaching for the remainder of the year. In response to the students' complaints, Dr. Bacon will be scheduling problem solving sections which will be taught by either Dr. Frye or Dr. Posen.

There is another problem facing the Physics department, and science in general at YC, which is more severe and more primary in nature. The physics professors expressed the feeling that the viability of the science program has come to a point where they no longer feel secure of their own status as faculty members. "We have lost our security and confidence about the present situation," one professor said, "and we foresee no drastic change in the future." The professors continued to say that the administration has neglected to support a vibrant and highly academic science program, and has caused some of them to reconsider their

staying on at YC. This feeling of a pervading erosion is a symptom they said, "caused by a policy change of the administration." The same policy which they said transformed the Belfer Graduate School of Science building into a sixteen story monument.

"The graduate school was a gem," Dr. Komar, ex-dean of the Belfer Graduate School said. "We had government grants, we had an outstanding faculty, and we had excellent graduate students." Cutbacks in grants issued by the government had necessitated the closing of the school. Ever since, he continued to say, he has felt that the administration has not taken a positive stance toward improving the program. The emphasis he stated seems to be more on dollars and cents rather than the "Madah" part of the school slogan, and when such a criterion exists, he said, anything is expendable — even physics professors.

The students of Yeshiva College would like to express their appreciation to Rabbi Israel Miller, Vice-President for Student Affairs, for providing transportation which allowed our students to pay their last respects to Steven Gladstein z"l.

Letters To The Editor

(Continued from Page 2, Col. 5) the University's avoidable legal bill? Can anyone explain why the administration would much rather give money to hired lawyers than to its own "managerial and supervisory" faculty? And that the administration is unable to hold on to precisely those teachers whom the students find most inspiring is a scandal for the Trustees (if they can ever bestir themselves) to investigate.

If worse came to worst, the school could have kept Sam Blackman — i.e., attended to academic standards and student morale — by simply subtracting one or two thousand dollars from each of the top administrators' salaries. Their salaries are so bloated that they would never have noticed the difference! Or it could have taken a few thousand out of the tuition increases or out of the million it collected last Chanukah (as reported in the Dec. 6 Commentator) and frittered away on who knows what.

The source of this, as of most of the academic problems at YU, is a V.P. for Business Affairs who insists on overseeing Academic Affairs — which are literally none of his "Business" — down to the last penny. What does he know of academic values and judgments? Like the notorious American general in the Vietnam War, Socol is going to save YU even if he has to destroy every part of it to do so. If this penny-wise pound-foolish man cannot be brought under control and put in his place, President Lamm, who is only nominally president, should resign — and preferably take Socol with him.

Other people can be found to mind the store.

The students need Sam Blackman a lot more than they need Norman Lamm or Sheldon Socol. After all, did not President Lamm himself say the other day, "the two fundamental components of a University are its students and its faculty" (Report to Trustees, p. 6)? If he says it, it must be so. And are the students going to sit idly by while yet another one of their favorite teachers is, at best, treated like a serf or, at worst, given the boot?

Sincerely,

Manfred Weidhorn

P.S. The Corollary to the Weidhorn Principle is: "Money saved by getting rid of the best teachers is spent on administrators' salary raises and on unnecessary legal fees." For, as my Galitzianer grandmother used to say with a sigh, "Quis custodiet custodes?" The mathematical formulation of the Weidhorn Principle and Corollary is

$$YU = i\pi (a^2 + b^3 + c^5) = \frac{w-x-y-z}{2}$$

i = Socol's ego, π = the pie, the total YU budget, a = Lamm's salary, b = Socol's salary, c = avoidable legal fees, w = the YC faculty, x = teacher of the year, y = academic standards, z = student welfare and morale, YU, of course, = an irrational and imaginary number — and place.

Lest anyone think that I am indulging in poetic license or Swiftian satire, consider the case of Prof. Laurel Hatvary of SCW. She was twice elected Teacher of the Year, and the administra-

tion, naturally, tried to fire her in 1975-6 for financial reasons (The Weidhorn Principle). During that same year, Socol got himself a \$4,000 (10%) salary increase (the Corollary): Q.E.D. The reasoning of the administration is as simple and coherent as it is plausible: students select a college not for having excellent and inspiring teachers but for having ridiculously overpaid administrators.

Repeating

To The Editor:

The world is repeating the sins of the Holocaust. Forty years after losing six million Jews while the world stood by, we have forgotten the lessons of this tragedy. Today, an ancient Jewish community in Ethiopia is disappearing. Years of slavery, murder and missionary activities have taken their toll on the Jews known as "Falashas." Falasha means stranger in the Ethiopian language. These Black Jews were persecuted for years because of their belief in the Torah. Recently, the situation has deteriorated to near hopelessness. Because of the Marxist revolution in Ethiopia, starvation and anarchy are rampant in the areas where the Falashas live.

Until the election of Menachem Begin, nothing had been done by the government of Israel to save these Jews. The Chief Rabbinate verified the Jewish identity of the Falashas in 1975. Nevertheless, efforts to bring home the Beta Israel (as they refer to themselves) have only recently begun. There are still powerful politicians in Israel who oppose

Falasha Aliya. We must write to support Prime Minister Begin while there is still time left. Letters, telegrams and post cards can be addressed to: Prime Minister Menachem Begin, Prime Minister's Bureau, HaKirya, Jerusalem.

The only possible memorial to the victims of the last Holocaust — is to prevent all others.

Joel Woolf
YP '81

Reproach

To The Editor:

I am sure that most Commentator readers will agree that this newspaper is not at all the proper place for columnists to air personal grievances or settle personal scores with a fellow student, teacher, or dorm counselor. In fact, unfairly using the paper to get back at someone is disgraceful for two reasons. Firstly, such misuse means publicly embarrassing another person and as we all learn from Tomor, one should sooner die than publicly embarrass another; secondly, getting even with someone in the Commentator is simply a low thing to do. I am referring, of course, to the article in the February 28th issue in which a regular columnist shamelessly mocked his dorm counselor for daring to suggest that his roommate remove some provocative pictures from the walls of his room. The columnist later told me that everyone he had consulted agreed with his point of view regarding the pictures. I can only say, then, that he failed to consult the Torah, which explicitly prohibits such pictures by stating

"Lo sosuru acharey levavchem veacharey eynechem" — do not be raised by your heart or your eyes. Not only do those pictures mean a violation of that command by the student every moment they are up in his room, but they also constitute a "lifney Iver" problem, a situation in which everyone who steps into the room is forced to view the pictures and transgress. In fact, in such a case the law of "Hochayach Tocheyach" — reproving another person when he sins — is applicable to every person who enters the room, yet it was only the dorm counselor who had the courage to discharge his obligation.

By Torah standards then, this counselor's act was commendable, and moreover, had the counselor, a semicha student, not gotten involved, then he would not be fit for the career in the rabbinate to which he is aspiring. The vicious opposition shown by the students is merely indicative of the shabby way dorm counselors are treated by the students at YU. Counselors are not seen as friends and examples, but as necessary evils that can be tolerated if they let the students oversleep minyan and blast their stereos. The fact that many students agree with this columnist does not say much for the moral condition at YU.

Finally, I'd like to encourage others, both counselors and students to speak out against any immoralities they may see in the halls or newspapers of Yeshiva. Get Smart! Don't be afraid, for the Torah is on your side.

Tsvi Dinnerman
YC '79

Rally For Jewish Activist Held Near Soviet Mission

(Continued from Page 3, Col. 3) would be there. As she began to walk down the aisle, he had not shown up. As she reached the end of the aisle, the door opened and Anatoly walked in unshaven, unbathed, still in his prison garments but ready to get married to Avital. Within hours after the marriage Anatoly was rearrested and Avital was escorted out of the Soviet Union. March 15, 1979 marks the 2nd anniversary of Anatoly's current continuous arrests. The wedding ring which Avital gave to him to show her love for him, was stolen by the Soviet authorities who contend that it was property belonging to the state.

During the course of the rally, Avital and Anatoly's brother attempted to present another ring to the Soviet authorities to replace the one that was stolen. The Soviet government refused the simple request.

In her protest she was joined by Rabbi Avraham Weiss, who spoke movingly about the ring and the two things it represents: to love each other in difficult circumstances; as well as convenient circumstances; life and marriage cyclical no matter how far down you may seem, will always rise again, not only man and woman, but for the Jewish people as well.

Among the other speakers were Glenn Richter, NY SSSJ, Representatives Ted Weiss and William Green, along with Cantor Sherwood Goffin who led the participants in songs written by Soviet Jews, and Israel Friedman who was actually present at Anatoly's Moscow trial.

Avital spoke of a letter his mother received from Anatoly. Throughout all the mistreatment, his spirit had not broken. He still demanded his rights and permission to go on Aliyah to be reunited with his wife. He knows we are writing him; we have not forgotten him, but he has not received any letters and asked that we keep writing and demand that the Soviet government conform to national agreements and deliver his mail.

Both ask us to continue pressuring the Soviet government for his release and allow the appeal on his "trial" to be heard.

The final speaker was Anatoly's brother who asks that we continue to pressure the Carter administration to intervene on the case.

Following the talk in the shul, an assembly of people gathered outside to let the Soviet government hear that we have not forgotten our fellow Jews in the Soviet Union.

Einstein Hospital To Merge With Three Bronx Hospitals

By LOUIS TUCHMAN

The Albert Einstein College of Medicine (AECOM) recently offered to merge three Bronx hospitals into one, to be administered by the college. According to Dr. Ephraim Friedman, Dean of the medical school, the purpose of the merger would be to provide "more effective primary and sophisticated medical care for patients in the Bronx, while providing more financial stability for each of the hospitals involved." Those hospitals are the Hospital of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, the St. Barnabas Hospital and the Bronx-Lebanon Hospital Center.

Leased to Montefiore

The AECOM hospital had been administered for the last ten years by the Montefiore Hospital Medical Center, which had leased the college's hospital. When the lease ran out, efforts to renegotiate it failed. The college, however, still maintains teaching ties with

Montefiore.

Since the original announcement of the proposal, little progress has been reported. According to Mr. John Busick, Director of Public Relations at St. Barnabas, the proposal is currently in the hands of state officials in Albany. Mr. Arthur Oshins of the Publicity Department at AECOM said that no real speculation could be made before there were more definite developments. There was no statement available from Bronx-Lebanon.

The proposal for the merger comes at a time when there is much talk of improving the efficiency of the health facilities in the city and the elimination of wasted hospital beds. However, before anything can come of the merger, it must be approved by many officials, including the three hospitals' boards of trustees, the hospitals' workers' unions and state and federal health officials.

Political Science Society Goes to Washington; Hectic Three Days of High-level Meetings

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AIPAC, and a YU alumnus, who brought to light intriguing concepts in international energy politics. The first being what he termed the "Petro Diplomat Complex" in which petroleum experts are trained in diplomacy and are placed in the diplomatic corps. This greatly augments the political and economic power of the oil companies since their oil experts can now double as articulate lobbyists. Secondly, there seems to be a trend by the Arab Oil Producing-Export Countries (AOPEC) "to purchase power near those in power." To substantiate this proposition, Mr. Davis cited the names of Richard Kliebard, Clark Clifford, and William Fulbright as a few examples of the many now being employed by the Arabs to represent them to the American public.

Equally important information was presented to the group by Michael McShane, the representative from the Department of Energy. He contended that there is no energy crisis, but rather a shortage of money and technological know how needed to extract energy from various resources such as shale. He did concede that in order to satisfy the 75-quadrillion watts used by this country each year, we would have to resort to a matrix of energy sources. Among these would be solar, geothermal, and nuclear energy as well as the burning of coal and wood. In responding to various questions, Mr. McShane demonstrated a clear understanding of the global political implications resulting from energy policies. He defended the U.S. government's unwillingness to breakup the oil cartel by explaining that the many car-



Yeshiva (and Stern) students meet with NY Senator Jacob Javits on the recent Washington trip sponsored by the Political Science Society.

tels formed in recent history have all dissolved with the passage of time.

Throughout the trip there were opportunities to meet with a number of congressmen. Those meetings were informal and friendly and the topics ranged from medicine to oil to Israeli-Egyptian peace negotiations. One of the more memorable events of the tour was the meeting with Senator Javits. Mr. Javits, speaking on the problems of world oil stated: "The oil fields in Saudi Arabia are as important to us as those in Texas," implying that the U.S. would militarily intervene if necessary, in Saudi Arabia to safeguard our oil supplies. This view was later reaffirmed in a meeting with the Cen-

tral Intelligence Agency in which Malcom Rose, Coordinator of the Academic Office of the CIA, stated "military intervention in Saudi Arabia is not inconceivable." The group also visited the Israeli Embassy and the State Department, where they received a number of insights on the current situation in Iran and on the status and problems of the mid-east peace negotiations.

For entertainment, the students were treated to a bus tour of Washington narrated by Dr. Irving Weisblatt, and spent an evening in the Shoreham Americana with political satirist Mark Russell, who having received advance notice of our arrival had prepared material especially suited to Yeshiva.

Yeshiva Speech Club Holds Oral Interpretation Contest

By STUART VERSTANDIG

MARCH 15TH—The Dr. Arthur Tauber Speech Club has held several contests for its members, including its annual Oral Interpretation Contest, held today. Nine participants delivered a speech, poem, or other literary work and presented an oral interpretation of the work for 3-5 minutes.

Rabbi John Krug and Joe Rothstein were the judges. The winner of the event was Jacob Kanner who recited Edward Robinson's, "Mr. Flood's Party," which de-

picts a lonely, old New Englander who has outlived his friends. The performance was considered by many to be one of the best recitations in many years at Yeshiva.

Efram Berger and Leonard Fink received honorable mentions, the former for his recital of "Daddy" by Sylvia Plath, which deals with the author's oppression by her father, a German native during World War II. Leonard Fink recited "To The Dead of Family Wars" by Elizabeth Suados. It describes the way in which our lives have been shattered by a society that discourages intimacy and sanctity in human relationships. It comes from the Broadway play "Runaways."

In a previous meeting on March 1, the speech club sponsored a speech by Mr. Stuart Leherer, Assistant Director of the New Jersey Region of the Jewish National Fund. Mr. Leherer, a

Yeshiva College graduate, spoke on the uses of a speech major beyond college, discussing various career opportunities for the speech major.

One of the most important factors in a successful career based on a speech major, according to Mr. Leherer, is experience, whether it be working with people, the elderly, in extracurricular activities, or in other organizational affairs. Citing the tightness of the job market for college graduates, he stated that all of these factors are all the more important when going out and looking for a job.

A resume, stressing one's work and other experiences, is of great importance in landing a final job and in community service after college. The speech club will soon be conducting an extemporaneous speech contest as its last contest of the current series.

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This, according to Dr. Ezra Levy, a professor in the chemistry department, is the root of the problem. He feels that there is no division head for chemistry who knows enough about the subject to make the correct and knowledgeable decisions. The chairman, had there been one, would be more sensitive to the needs of the faculty and students in the chemistry department. With his knowledge in the field he would be able to make the right decisions on which instructors should teach what courses. According to Dr. Levy, the teaching assignments in the past have been distributed indiscriminately without regard to the specialty of the instructor. He doesn't feel that any

change will occur in this policy in the near future, particularly when teaching assignments are being decided soon.

The faculty is also concerned with the indiscriminate discharging of instructors and the hiring of graduate students to teach laboratory sections. According to both the chemistry faculty and students, the graduate students are not familiar enough with the experiments conducted in the chemistry labs and are becoming a liability to the students.

The deans have asked for suggestions from the faculty, but as yet no action has been taken on any of them.

When Joe Levovits, the lab instructor for many years, left last year, the administration hired a

number of graduate students from other divisions of the University, but these students were not well versed in chemistry labs. The administration has asked Mr. Levovits to return, but it is believed that he will not accept the offer.

As is true in all other divisions of Yeshiva, financial constraints preclude the hiring of the necessary assistants and full time instructors to teach the courses and labs, though they are badly needed. Dr. Levy is teaching four lecture courses and a lab, while Mrs. Dobkin instructs four labs and two lectures. Dr. Blackman teaches two lectures and two labs. Many of these are at very late hours like 8 or 9 o'clock which is

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GUIDANCE NOTES

Students seeking summer employment should immediately consult the 1979 Summer Employment Directory (New), the National Directory of Summer Internships, and the announcement ("Summer Jobs") of opportunities in the Federal Government — all available in the Guidance Center. We expect soon also to be nominating students for positions in the 1979 Federal Summer Intern Program. Look for future announcements.

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Various companies notify the Guidance Center of job opportunities and such announcements are posted on the bulletin boards outside the Guidance Center. Consult these regularly for new information.

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(Continued from Page 1, Col. 5) that he has not as yet been notified, the office of the Dean of Sciences has announced that Dr. Gabelman will not be asked to return next year. So far Dr. Keenan has been suggested as his replacement as Director of the Labs but she claimed that she would like to "think about it for awhile."

When Dr. Bacon was appointed Acting Dean of Sciences, she was quoted in The Commentator as having said that "some of the department's problems can be rectified by faculty members meeting to discuss the goals and needs of the departments." To this end, she has set up a Curriculum Committee in the Biology department and it is her hope that by talking openly and resolving their disagreements, the faculty will be happier and work more efficiently.

The Committee is composed of Dr. Keenan, Dr. Rosoff (from Stern) and Dr. Tendler. At their first meeting, the major topic of discussion was the future of the comparative anatomy lab.

The second half of the General Biology lab has, for the past few years, been called Bio 10L, Comparative Anatomy. When Dr. Finkelstein presented the schedule in the Fall, however, the name had been changed to General Biology Lab 2. The lab curriculum calls for the dissection of a shark and cat — the same curriculum as would be included in a comparative anatomy lab, though the latter would entail more text-book work.

Dr. Tendler would like to see the second semester lab for General Biology continued to be called comparative anatomy. Dr. Keenan, on the other hand, would like to see a separate laboratory course taught on comparative anatomy that would teach more than just dissection. Dr. Tendler has pointed out that many medical schools require a course in comparative anatomy and that by a modification of the standard second semester lab, this requirement can satisfactorily be fulfilled.

The meeting ended without any resolution of the matter, which raises a very important question on whether problems which are rooted on differences of philosophy and background can ever be resolved by discussion. There are many more questions which have yet to be discussed. Many have complained of an alleged over-emphasis on book knowledge. As Dr. Keenan put it, "I am a Biologist and Biology is a living subject, not something that you find in books." Dr. Gabelman pointed out that "it is useless to draw pictures of cells and organelles with a blackboard and chalk. All major universities are moving toward the extensive use of audiovisual aids."

Many others have complained about the difficulty of the text-book being used in the general biology course. One teacher remarked that "the only other school in the country using that text is Harvard and that's only because Villee (the author) is a member of the faculty there." The primary complaint was that the book is "encyclopedic in nature," but none would deny that it is the most comprehensive book available on the market for General Biology.

The Curriculum Committee will also be making suggestions for new full time faculty members for next year and according to Dr. Keenan, they are looking for someone to teach an Immunology and Cell Physiology course.

One of the things Dr. Keenan was asked to do when she was hired was to set up a research program on the undergraduate campus. Money has already been allocated through a special grant by the Roth Institute which is responsible for the improvement of undergraduate science education. Dr. Keenan said she would like to do her work together with Dr. Weissblatt of the Chemistry Department though they have not as yet decided on a project.

In the meantime, they have presented Dr. Bacon's office with a requisition for some of the equipment they will need before they can start. The work will either be done in the Belfer building or in the basement of Furst.

Dr. Keenan did point out, though, that finding time for research work was going to be problematic since she has been assigned a full teaching load.

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(Continued from Page 5, Col. 3) another reason why it is hard to get new instructors or assistants.

Another area which is receiving less attention by the administration is the labs. This year they

Commie After Dark

The Deerhunter

"The Deer Hunter" is not another American Movie about good friends and the effects of war. It is a movie about friendship and survival and their relationship at home and at war.

The story itself centers around three steelworkers from Clairton, Pa. who have enlisted in the army. The movie begins two days before they are to leave for Vietnam, on the first night one of the trio, Steve, gets married. The next day the other two plus three other friends go off on a deer-hunt. The wedding scene is warm and gay and takes up about 45 minutes worth of film. The deer hunt scene, on the other hand is tense and serene. But both are rich in symbolism and foretell what is about to happen.

The rest of the film is devoted to some gruesome details of the war and DeNiro's attempts to pull the lives of his friends and their community back together again. Cimino's treatment of the Vietnam War is unique. He is not making a moral statement about it, as so many directors of this decade have been wont to do. His concern is only for the people who fought the war and their love for their friends.

Of course the movie does have some serious flaws. Its major problem is the fact that the various scenes don't blend into each other.

These minor flaws are not enough to mar the overall dramatic effect of the movie. The cast is more than able to make up for it. DeNiro and Walken are getting all the ink, but the others are just as good, especially Meryl Streep. She plays the demure, sensuous, perhaps empty-headed hick girl with a devastating smile perfectly.

The movie is three hours long, but don't let that scare you. It never drags and it makes a statement about life and death, and friends, which is worth noting.

were moved from Riets Hall to the 15th and 16th floors of the Belfer building. This is a definite improvement but there is still a long way to go. The instruments are very old and often break. Since Mr. Levovits left, there is no one who keeps them in their proper condition.

This, together with the problems with the lab instructors, leave much to be desired in the laboratories of the chemistry department.

Of course, together with a strong laboratory, there should be a solid program of study that a student can follow in chemistry. Right now, aside from the elementary and some advanced courses, there is no in-depth selection of courses that a student can pick from to have a deep concentration in chemistry. There was a BA-MA program a few years ago that was discontinued. This program would allow an undergraduate to take graduate level courses in chemistry and in four or five years, would be able to graduate with a BA and an MA in chemistry. According to Dr. Goldstein, as well as other faculty members, this was a good program that enjoyed much student interest and would allow the student, whether he be a chemistry major or a pre-med, to have

a concentration in his major field of study. But the administration discontinued the program "with no investigation into the academic benefits" to be had by the program, according to Dr. Goldstein. The program was dropped when the Belfer Graduate School was closed.

The students who take the chemistry courses also agree with the faculty that the conditions are atrocious. They feel that the labs are not run well by the graduate student instructors. They also have many complaints about the regular lecturers. They believe that the instructors are either too easy and do not teach enough of the material because the course they teach is not in their specialty, or the work is much too hard with emphasis many times on details that are not very important. The teacher evaluations of last semester have shown that except for the two sections of Organic Chemistry taught by Dr. Blackman, which received high points for most questions, the reaction to the other courses were generally lukewarm. It is generally felt by the students that not only the administration but also a good portion of the faculty is to blame for the extremely sad shape the chemistry department is in.

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Maccabees On The Rise

(Continued from Page 8, Col. 3) displayed inconsistency as they fell short in their last 4 games. The high points of the year were undoubtedly the victories, but games where fan turnout was ample helped the players realize their potential place in the Jewish community at large. A feeling shared by all was the closeness that the athletes shared with each other throughout the year.

Looking at the players individually we find some fine achievements. Phil Klapper, this year's winner of the Joel Yaffa Leadership Award (a tradition started last year), was the floor leader of the team. He broke the I.A.C. season assist record by one, and even though he was a rookie he showed poise and polish. Forward Chaim Gettenberg also filled in well for the Macs, with his good moves and shooting touch. Speedy defensive specialist Duv Weinstock was a valuable asset to the team with his unassuming example. All of these players will be missed since they were fine examples of where determination will get you. The Juniors were the biggest bunch on the team. 6'7" center Dave "Kooft" Kufeld had one of the finest years for a center in YU history. Dave won the NCAA Div III rebounding championship by a good margin, and could have achieved ranking in scoring if more experienced guards were on the team. He is a prime candidate for postseason honors and could conceivably make All-East. 6'4" Frank "The Buick" Cumsky earned a reputa-

tion for bruising play; his accomplishments at forward and center were notable. 6'3" reserve Joel Yaffa was valuable to the team with his inspiration and exhortation, which brought class to the program. The Sophs had three representatives in Jack Varon, Shelly Goldman and Mitch Weiss. Hack the leaper played the "swingman" position and was high scorer in a number of games. His potential is tremendous. Shelly is developing into a dependable shooting slotman and may be the "Sleeper" of next year's team. Mitch had spot duty at guard where he showed flashes of talent. The Freshman class was exceptional in terms of production. 6'4" forward Harvey Sheff had a tremendous season, with games like Dominican (35 points) and Pace (30 points) proving that he is an offensive force worth reconning with. He too, will be in contention for I.A.C. honors. Morris Thomas at 6'4" gave the Macs the luxury of a big guard. His moves and pinpoint passing gave YU fans reason to see success for next year's team. Lou Rohde saw time at point guard and could develop into a team leader. Mo Azoze and Lew Stein did not get into many games, but their shooting may earn them spots in the future.

Looking to next year the Macs will be returning 11 vets including 7 who have started at one time or another. The shooting percentages will hopefully only go up, and with a recruit or two the promise showed in 78-79 will become a reality in 79-80.

Sophomore Champs Defeat Seniors; Remain Intramural League Leaders

(Continued from Page 8, Col. 2) the Seniors more than doubled their score of the entire first half. With Solomon getting hot from the outside, and Taragin scoring on the drive, the Seniors surged into the lead. Baskets by Schwartzbaum and Eckstein rounded out the Seniors' scoring, and the

Seniors seemed to be running away with the game. On the other side of the coin, however, the Sophomores weren't able to generate their usually high-powered offense against the bigger and stronger Senior squad, but due to the timely outside shooting of Brickman (6 pts), and two more inside moves by Shelly Green, as well as a basket by Howie Lerner, the Sophomores were able to avoid being blown out. Coming into the final quarter the score was 35-31 in favor of the Seniors. It was quite obvious from the standpoints of each of the respective strategies, that the Sophomores would have to stop Solomon and Taragin (13 pts each) whereas the Seniors had to quiet the Sophomore big guns, Green (12 pts) and the now hot Brickman (7 pts).

Green and Wagner each led to Sophomore layups. Brickman and Seelenfreund each hit from the field, and the Sophs seemed to be rolling. The Seniors, though, had no intention of rolling over and playing dead. Solomon hit four more points from the outside, and Taragin and Ira Tokayer added a bucket each to narrow the gap to 41-40. The Sophs rose to the occasion, and after Wagner connected on a 20-footer, Green scored a layup and was fouled. After Green completed the three-point play, Solomon hit once again from the outside, and Eckstein hit from close in. The Seniors' comeback fell short, though, as a last-second shot glanced off the rim after three jump balls between Green and Taragin. The defensive play of the game belonged to Josh Brickman, who blocked a Steve Solomon shot with just 31 seconds to go. That, plus the expert ball handling of Steve Wagner were the final nails to be knocked into the Senior coffin. The final score: Sophs 46, Seniors 45.

Who's Whose

Engaged:

- Yehuda Frischman YC '74 to Chana Cohen
- Steve Tennenberg YC '78 to Rena Wohlgernter
- Marc Spero YC '69 to Barbara Schwartz
- Jay Kalish YC '79 to Judy Miller
- Dov Kanner YC '76 to Nachama Tenenbaum
- Josh Schreier YC '78 to Sheera Weinberg

Married:

- Alan Gomberg YC '77 to Wendy Turk
- Michael Malka YC '79 to Fern Cooper

Sophs Retake Lead

The fourth quarter began just the way that the Sophomores had planned. Two quick steals by

Keglers Bowling

(Continued from Page 8, Col. 5)

In the first game NJIT established their superiority by rolling a spectacular 932 to Yeshiva's meek 766. Nonetheless, Bill Sharfman displayed his bowling skill with a 212.

The second game was the game in which the Keglers almost upset NJIT. Coming into the last frame the Keglers were winning by one mark. However, NJIT displayed their class in the tenth with every single one of their bowlers doubling. The third game completed the rout as NJIT swept past the Keglers by 120 pins and won the match going away 2662-2332.

In the second match of the day Yeshiva received seven points as Columbia forfeited.

The Seniors were led by Steve Solomon with 19 points and an excellent game by Mark Taragin (15 points). The still undefeated Sophomores were led by last semester's scoring leader Shelly Green with 19 points and another of the top scorers, Josh Brickman with 11 points, 10 in the second half.

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Tauberman Match Take Four Straight

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Epee also came 5-4 as Katzy and Skolnick each won two and Ira Herman won one. The star of the night was Marty Ast who, with the score tied at 13, beat his man 5-4 to win the bout and clinch the match.

With the NCAA's to take place at the end of March, the Tauberman sent two representatives from each weapon to an elimination meet. In sabre, it was Marv

Huberman and Captain Mark Taragin. In foil, it was Marty Ast and Ben Kurtzer, while in epee it was David Katzenstein and Captain Ira Herman. In the first round the tough fencing eliminated everyone except sabreman Captain Mark Taragin. Moving into the second round of the eliminations, Mark placed fourth, losing the last bout 5-4. One more touch could have sent him to the NCAA's. Nevertheless, Yeshiva's showing was respectable, highlighted by Taragin being second alternate.

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Super Sophs Defeat Strong Senior Team

By CLAM STANCE

The first game of the spring semester was scheduled as a repeat of last semester's championship game, pitting last semester's championship Sophomore team against last semester's runner-up, the Seniors. The game was closely played, with the lead changing hands a number of times. When it was all over, the Sophomores had a hard fought 46-45 victory, remaining undefeated and continuing to lead in the intramural league.

Sophomore Offense

The Sophomores opened the game in the same balanced scoring attack that has typified their previous seven straight victories. Baskets by Josh Brickman, Shelly Green, Howie Lerner, Michael Seelenfreund and Steven Wagner paced the Sophomore offense in the first quarter. The Sophomore outside shooting though, was ineffective, and strong rebounding by the Senior team, plus the scoring of Steve Solomon (5 pts) and a basket by Mark Taragin cut

the Sophomore lead to 11-7 by the end of the first quarter.

In the second quarter, the Sophomore team came out doing what they do best. With one of the fastest backcourts in the league, a fastbreak had been expected from the team. Green scored on two easy layups, thanks to the strong rebounding of Josh Brickman and Howie Lerner. The Seniors, though, were able to keep up the pace, and received needed scoring from Taragin (3 pts), baskets by Lenny Schwartzbaum and Zev Golombeck, and a foul shot by Beryl Eckstein. The potent offense of the Sophomores was held to just one more basket by Shelly Green, and one by Yoram Nachamovsky. The score at the end of the first half was Sophomores 19, Seniors 15.

Senior Comeback

The intermission seemed to be just what the doctor had ordered for the Senior team to get their act together. In the third quarter, (Continued on Page 7, Col. 3)

YU Hockey Team Rips Fordham; Resnicow And Mael Lead Scoring

By R. N. COW

In a game played with clean play and good sportsmanship foreign to YU Intramural Hockey League play, the YU Icemen demolished Fordham 15-8. The YU pucksters literally scored at will, despite the severe handicap of playing the second and third periods with a puck instead of the usual ball, at the demand of the visitors.

It must be noted at this point, that the team fielded by YU contained only two regulars; Kenny Resnicow and Joel Mael. The rest of the team was composed of scrappy newcomers such as freshmen Zauderer and Israeli, juniors Eli Bernstein and "Mugs" Marcus, and Senior Phil "Cannon Ball" Floumenhaft.

In the game, Resnicow contributed his usual bevy of goals, leading the way with six goals. Bernstein and Zauderer each netted hat tricks, while Joel Mael — outstanding throughout on defense — chipped in with two more goals. Rounding out the scoring was indefatigable "Mugs" Marcus, while Phil Floumenhaft was thwarted twice on late breakaways.

Also deserving of special mention is the rookie goaltender for YU, who requested anonymity.

The victory kept the Icemen undefeated, and should the Inter-scholastic Floor Hockey League ever come to fruition, YU could prove to be a powerhouse.

Yeshiva Maccabees Show Promise For The Future Despite A Relatively Weak Showing This Season

By JEFF ATRIK

As the winter frost turns into spring dew, so does the 1978-79 Varsity Basketball season change from the present into the past. The prospects were not too encouraging for head coach Johnny Halpert when he initially observed this year's aggregation, since amongst the 15 man roster only two players had substantial game experience. This was compounded with the many inherent difficulties in fielding a winning basketball team at Yeshiva. Despite these hard facts, the largely "rookie" team overcame many obstacles and achieved a few things that come very infrequently to the program, namely beating a CUNY team and having a player win a national statistical championship.

The season began for the Maccabees as they participated in the first N.Y. Maritime Invitational tournament, an exciting event, but rough on an inexperienced club. They finished in fourth place, but as a hint to future successes co-captain Dave Kufeld was named to the All-Tournament team. Unfortunately, in the second game the Mac's lost the services of senior co-captain Len Schwartzbaum for the rest of the season as he suffered a career-ending ankle injury. After the tourney the team started on its Independent Athletic Conference schedule by dropping decisive contests

to Drew and Stevens Tech. In total the Macs had a poor I.A.C. showing, as they concluded with a 1-7 conference record and a fifth place finish. Next, some tight tests were dropped to highly regarded N.Y. Maritime, Lehman, N.Y. Poly (a 7 pt. heartbreaker) and to the powerful Div II team, Pace. The scenario was set for the first win against I.A.C. member NJIT. Clutch performances from freshman Harvey Sheff, Junior Dave Kufeld and Soph Jack Varon helped seal the 67-57 "romp." After a 3-week layoff the Macs spent an enjoyable weekend in cosmopolitan Baltimore where they met Johns Hopkins. Although the game was not the best, the Macs won the hearts of the few hundred local Jewish rooters who came to cheer them on. At this midway point in the season, various problems were obvious, mainly a lack of cohesion on offense and defensive pressure. A weak point was the lack of outside shooting, something that enabled teams to sag inside on the YU big men.

With Great Determination Yeshiva Taubermen Take Four Straight Insuring Winning Season

By A. MANN

Bouncing back from a weak 2-5 start, the fencers won their next four matches to insure a winning season. The matches were against N. Y. Polytechnic, Jersey City State, Pratt, and Hunter.

Showing their determination to come out on top, the Taubermen mauled the Poly fencers with a 19-8 victory. As usual, the Sabre team led the way, going 7-2 with Baruch Deutsch sweeping all three, while Marvin Huberman and Mark Taragin each went 2-1. Foil also did well, as Marty Ast, Ben Kurtzer, and Ben Kirschenbaum all went 2-1 to compile a 6-3 record. Epee also went 6-3 as Ira Herman swept all three, while David Katzensten went 2-1. The third epeeman was substitute Sam Stochinsky who, despite good form, went 1-2.

Victory Over Jersey

With the taste of victory in their mouths, the team went to Jersey City, which had only four fencers, two sabremen and two foilsmen. Despite this factor, the team showed its skill as sabre went 7-2. Baruch Deutsch went 3-0, while Mark Taragin went 2-0. Marv Huberman went 2-1, losing a close one, while substitute Jay Zauderer also lost in a close bout. Foil went only 3-6 as Marty Ast, Ben Kurtzer, and epeeman Saul Skolnick won one apiece.



Determined Taubermen finish off a strong season for Yeshiva.

With their momentum, the fencers took on Pratt and squeaked out a 14-13 win. Again Sabre was the crux of the attack as Baruch Deutsch went 3-0, and Marv Huberman and Mark Taragin went 2-1. Baruch's last win was crucial as he beat the fencer who beat his teammates and provided that needed extra win for the night. He had now won nine straight. Foil had a weak night, going 4-5, as Marty Ast went 2-1, while

Ben Kurtzer and David Bart each won one. Epee had one of their poorer nights, going 3-6.

Hunting For NCAA

With a record of 5-5, the team beat Hunter 14-13. Surprisingly, sabre went 4-5 as Baruch experienced a losing streak and Mark and Marv went 2-1. Foil fortunately went 5-4 led by Marty Ast at 3-0, with Ben Kurtzer and David Bart winning one apiece. (Continued on Page 7, Col. 4)

Yeshiva Keglers Show Improvement, Consistency Winning Three Consecutive Hard Fought Matches

On March 5th a bowling match was held, pitting the Yeshiva University Keglers against the bowlers of TCI (The College of Insurance). In this match the Keglers swept to their third victory in a row as they took five out of the possible seven points. The final pin count for the match was 2388-2309 in favor of Yeshiva and throughout the match one could see vast improvement that has taken place throughout the

year.

In the first game the Keglers were led with a rousing 200 by Captain Norm Shapiro and a smooth 184 by the imperturbable Bill Sharfman. The final score of the first game was not as close as the score might indicate.

The second game was Yeshiva's most consistent even though they lost. Led by Charles Ostheimer the bowlers of TCI nipped the Keglers by only 10 pins in the second game. Mr. Ostheimer rolled a wicked 236 to carry TCI to the second game victory. Still, Yeshiva managed to roll an 826 again led by the amazing Norm Shapiro and the super Bill Sharfman. In this game Capt. Norm rolled a strong 191 and Bill a 175. A very honorable mention must be given to Sheila Pepose who rolled a 165. Aaron Glatt finished off the consistent game with a respectable 157.

The third game, though the weakest for the Keglers, was the game that clinched victory as

well as the game in which they won by the largest margin 764-713. In this game the Keglers were led by freshman Mark Goldenerger with a 166. The performance was obviously well appreciated by Mark who, after a whole year of struggling, is finally showing the results of his year-long apprenticeship under the tutelage of Coach Mark Breslow. Next in line was (of course) Bill Sharfman with a 163 and a total series of 522. Then there was Sheila Pepose with a rugged 160. Norm Shapiro finished his series with a three game total of 538. Truly this was the Keglers' most satisfying victory to date.

In a double match staged March 12 the Keglers took 7 out of a possible 14 points. In the first match versus league leader New Jersey Institute of Technology the Keglers were unsuccessful in capturing any of the possible 7 points. (Continued on Page 7, Col. 4)

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