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Former Yeshiva Dean Returns From Cairo

By YITZHAK TWERSKY

THURSDAY, NOV. 8, 1979 — Dr. Daniel Kurtzer, former dean of Yeshiva College, spoke to a large segment of the student body today during Club Hour. Dr. Kurtzer, who works for the State Department, is stationed at the U.S. embassy in Cairo. Dr. Kurtzer related the nature of his work and threw the floor open to questions.

Politics

Of the 200 Americans working at the embassy, Dr. Kurtzer is one of fifty that are in the Political Section. Basically, the Political Section monitors and informs the U.S. government with what goes on inside Egypt. Being attached to the U.S. government has also somewhat involved Dr. Kurtzer in autonomy negotiations for the "occupied territories" on the Israeli West Bank. He also reports on the National Democratic Party which holds 380 out of 382 seats in the government.

The former dean explained that there were both internal and external factors in the overall picture of Egyptian politics. Internally, massive changes have taken place since Anwar Sadat became president. Sadat has pursued a policy of liberalizing the economy, thus enlarging the private sector. The problem with this is that Egyptians who have trouble purchasing basic necessities find their funds limited, and most of the Egyptian population is in that position. Two thirds of the Egyptians earn less than thirty pounds (forty dollars) a month. Externally, of course, there is



Former YC Dean: Dr. Daniel Kurtzer.

the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty. When asked if Sadat was committed to the treaty, Dr. Kurtzer replied that Sadat was definitely committed to it, but that Egyptians envision peace meaning not fighting, while the Israelis envision normalization which involves a much closer relationship such as cultural exchanges. Dr. Kurtzer stated that while most Egyptians favor peace, they do not favor normalization which

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YU-Middle States Self-Study Committee Meets As Reaccreditation Visit Is Postponed To Fall 1980

NOVEMBER 9 — The YU-Middle States Self-Study Committee met today to hear final report from its subcommittees and to form preliminary plans for the visit of the Middle States Association. Dr. David Mirsky, Special Assistant to President Lamm for the

Middle States Evaluation, opened the meeting by announcing that the M.S.A. on-site visit was postponed by Middle States to the fall 1980 semester. He further restated the goals of the university self-study, a requirement for M.S.A. reaccreditation. "The goal of the self-study, and the review of the visiting team of the M.S.A.," Dr. Mirsky explained, "will be to help YU assess the impact of its organizational and programmatic restructuring of the University's stated mission and educational goals, objectives, and programs."

Reaction and Blueprint

Turning the self-study into a blueprint for action, the committee decided to spur action on, and implementation of, the proposals presented at today's meeting. In this way, it is hoped, the visiting team's report will focus on the progress of the reaction to and implementation of the self-study's proposals.

Professor Peninah Schram of SCW, chairman of the subcommittee studying the effects of the reorganization on academic programs and policies, delivered the first report. Claiming that some aspects of the university were more divided than unified, Dr. Schram cited two reasons for such an analysis: first, geographical, and second, the fact that a uniformity was imposed on the faculty, without its being defined and without consideration being

given to the need for such uniformity. Nevertheless, she cited many positive aspects of the reorganization and its uniformity, such as its impetus on the creation of new courses and programs, more faculty interaction, and grants proposal coordination.

What Means Uniformity

Her committee recommended further study of the concept of such uniformity within the reorganization. There has to be a synthesis of the old departmental chairman structure and the new divisional dean structure. Differences between schools are inevitable, and in sum, she concluded, there should be two equal, but not necessarily identical colleges.

Dr. Norman Rosenfeld, chairman of the committee analyzing the divisional dean reorganization from an administrative standpoint, found the new structure

generally effective. Some divisions had problems with their respective governing structure, and he called for more faculty input in major decisions on this level. Nevertheless, he blamed the major complaints of the divisional structure on insufficient intermeshing of the two (divisional and collegiate) levels.

Furst Power

More power should be allotted to the collegiate deans, who should have more responsibilities for course development. Dr. Rosenfeld further called for more student services, such as student and career advisement and guidance by faculty members, as well as faculty efforts to stem the attrition rate.

Dr. Moshe Sokolow reported on the relationships between the undergraduate schools and the graduate and professional schools of

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Yeshiva Lab Technician Awaiting Larceny Trial

OCTOBER 22 — Mr. Steve Ramos, a lab technician at Yeshiva University, was arrested today on charges of grand larceny.

According to the director of security, Colonel Robert Marmorstein, Yeshiva University received a phone call in April of 1979 from Radio Shack claiming that the school owed them \$5,000 for electrical supplies. Upon checking his files, Mr. Lou Gerstel, the purchasing officer of laboratory supplies, found no record of this transaction.

Forged Forms

Yeshiva University had received other such calls from various vendors with similar claims. Each vendor informed Yeshiva that a man had entered their stores on several Fridays spanning May and June to make a purchase for the college. The man had in his possession Yeshiva University supply forms with specific instructions on them stating that the goods should be given to the holder of the form, rather than the normal delivery procedure.

Also written on the forms was a number that each vendor was told he could call to confirm the purchase. The vendors were never able to reach anyone at this number, but having had previous dealings with Yeshiva, they did not hesitate to pass on the supplies.

Colonel Marmorstein traced this telephone number to a pay phone on the eighth floor of Stern College. Following the pattern of Friday phone calls, the Colonel went down to Stern one Friday to intercept such a phone call. The phone did not ring that Friday.

License Plate Identification

In August Colonel Marmorstein received a phone call from the Tuckahoe Police department. A victimized vendor in the Tuckahoe area had taken the license plate number of the van driven by the purchaser. The Tuckahoe police traced the license number to a rental company and found that the vehicle had been rented to a Mr. Steve Ramos, a lab technician at YU.

The Tuckahoe Police pursued the matter and called Yeshiva to assist them in obtaining a warrant for Mr. Ramos' arrest. Colonel Marmorstein produced pictures of Mr. Ramos, and after a series of identifications a warrant was procured for the arrest.

It was later found that Mr. Ramos had allegedly stolen close to \$40,000 worth of supplies. At present he has made the \$10,000 bail and is awaiting his trial.

President Lamm Meets Student Leaders; Retirement And SU Building Discussed

By E. GOLDOFSKY

NOVEMBER 8 — President Lamm met with student leaders today for a question and answer forum on a variety of issues.

Joel Yaffa, president of JSSSC, inquired as to whether a committee would be formed to review the status of teachers of retirement age in order to determine if they should be forced to leave. Dr. Lamm replied that as of 1981 the retirement age will be moved up to 70 and therefore the committee "is not a pressing item on the agenda."

Jay Dolitsky, EMC President,

and Shmuel Charlop questioned the legitimacy of the mandatory attendance imposed on EMC and JSS students in view of the fact that no such rule exists in YC. Dr. Lamm stated that he personally believed that Torah learning should be enforced. A heated de-

bate ensued but Dr. Lamm moved on to another subject, despite the efforts of several student leaders to pursue the discussion.

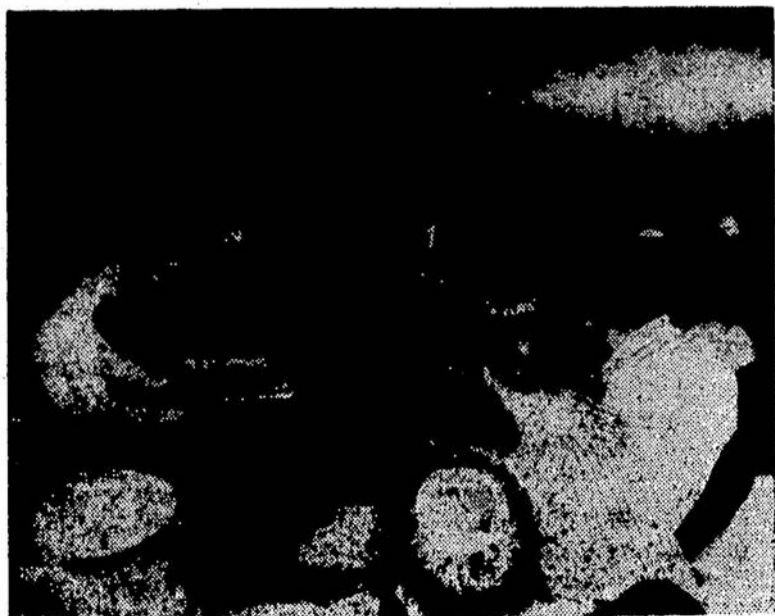
Keeping Warm

Marc Schneider, YCSC President, mentioned that students are trying to revitalize the Student Union Building. He asked President Lamm if his administration would help by providing basic necessities such as ceilings and heating. Dr. Lamm explained that donors are giving money only to specific interests, but that these items would be considered if costs wouldn't be too high.

Other issues discussed were the absence of a guidance program at Stern, and the possibility of early decision notification for YC students accepted to YU graduate schools.

Dr. Lamm closed the meeting by saying that he was pleased with the "healthy attitude" of the students.

Dr. Miller, who presided over the meeting, concluded by saying "in all my years of experience, this is the finest group of student leaders that we have ever had."



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Dr. Lamm meets with healthy students.

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Improving Requirements

In the fall of 1978, a project entitled Interscience was created to fulfill the science requirement. The Interscience program was designed to provide the student with a broad overview of four different areas: biology, chemistry, physics, and scientific method. While there are merits to the theory behind this unique venture, the program itself has proven to be impractical. This situation has left non-science majors with no alternative course with which to fulfill their science requirement.

The science requirement should be designed to provide a student with an understanding of the world around him. In today's world the role of computers is constantly increasing and taking on new importance. Many professional fields now rely heavily upon computers. In recognition of this fact, and in an effort to better prepare its students, Brooklyn College allows its students to fulfill their science requirement with computer courses. Towards the same end, Harvard University includes computer courses in its core curriculum.

A resolution now before the Yeshiva College Senate would allow students the option of satisfying the science requirement with computer courses. We strongly urge the Senate to pass this resolution. This measure would enable the student to fulfill his science requirement with a course that can realistically achieve its objective while providing the student with knowledge that will be helpful to him in the future.

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Requiring Improvement

The sciences have traditionally been a strong suit of Yeshiva College. Unfortunately, critics have recently contended that while we are still producing good students we are no longer producing exceptional science students. Specifically, it has been noted that our science students are deficient in laboratory skills. Undoubtedly, the closing of Belfer is largely responsible for this change in our image. A science department is judged largely on the reputation of its faculty members and the activities of its research laboratories. While the Belfer school once provided us with reputable professors and quality research, much of the faculty has gone and the laboratories now lie fallow.

It is, therefore, an encouraging sign that the two newest members of our Biology faculty have decided to rejuvenate the research program at Yeshiva College. Drs. Weisbrod and Keenan have been working ardently for the past year to re-equip the labs in Belfer and prepare them for biochemical research. A successful research program would bolster the reputation of the Division of Natural Sciences and be of tremendous benefit to students and the University. Students should take advantage of the opportunity to work in a research lab on campus, and administrators who are called upon to assist this program should give it the attention it deserves.

Yeshiva College has, unfortunately, seen many good projects fizzle out due to lack of interest and cooperation. This project must not fail.

Furst Hall Receives Needed Face Lift After Years Of A Corroding Exterior

For the past two months, masons and workmen have been scaling the exterior of the Furst Hall Building in an attempt to refurbish its corroding exterior. "Understand," emphasizes Jacob Blazer, head of the Department of Buildings and Grounds, "that these are not renovations nor are they intended for cosmetic purposes, but they are 100% necessary." The projected date for the completion of this project is mid-December, before the freezing weather sets in.

Falling Apart

There are two problems with the outer walls of Furst Hall. Firstly, since the outer bricks of Furst Hall are glazed, water that seeps into the bricks during a rainstorm is unable to seep out. During the winter, any water that remains in the brick freezes and expands and thereby gradually loosens the brick out and away from the building. The second problem stems from the window sills, each of which weighs approximately forty pounds and is composed of slate. When originally placed on the buildings, the sills adhered to the surface by a special corking adhesive. However, due to natural forces such as rain and wind, the adhesives have worn away. Presently, the sills are secured only by gravita-

tional pull. In essence, the physical condition of Furst Hall poses a serious threat to the pedestrians walking along 185th street.

A reason that has been given for this refurbishing is the desire to avoid any recurrence of the tragedy that occurred last year at Columbia when a coed was killed by a slab of falling masonry.

Mr. Blazer commented that even though this was not the main factor involved in the decision to resurface Furst Hall, any similar incident is meant to be avoided. Furthermore, he squelched any rumors of building violations or possibilities of losing the insurance coverage.

A Work of Art

The procedure for fixing the building is simple but ingenious. First, all loose bricks are being removed. Then a wire mesh is placed on the building's surface and a thick cement coating is applied and allowed to cure. A layer of colored cement is then

applied and fashioned to appear like real brick. These bricks are then randomly spotted to enable them to blend in with all the other campus buildings. When the work is completed, Furst Hall will hopefully appear twenty years younger.

It is painfully obvious that Furst Hall is not the only building in dire need of remodeling. The Pollack Library, the Belfer Building, Rubin Hall, Morgestern Hall, the Main Building and even Brookdale Center also need some attention. Estimates for these jobs run into the hundreds of thousands of dollars. Some work has been done to the minaret on the Main Building and although more work is necessary, it is being delayed. Any type of work planned can only proceed at a feeble pace, since only utmost necessity serves as a criterion for dollars.

Articles for the Op-Ed Issue of Commentator must be submitted to Louis Tuchman, M222, by Monday, November 19th.

Heretofore summer school has consisted entirely of science courses. Is there any student interested in taking one or two Humanities required courses, were they to be given? As a trial, YU is prepared to offer English 3-4 if enrollment can be demonstrated. The minimum number of students needed to make this feasible is eight in each semester. To permit advance planning, students are asked to register their interest by signing up in the College Dean's office by November 15.

Standings Committee Admonishes Faculty

NOVEMBER 7 — At a meeting of the Academic Standings Committee today, the problem of late reporting was discussed. Among the various options considered as a means of dealing with the problem was the suggestion that paychecks be withheld until grades are submitted. The committee, however, decided that the withholding of paychecks was a far too drastic course of action.

Instead, the committee decided that a memo would be circulated to all faculty members in December stressing the gravity of the problem caused to students applying to graduate schools and the impossibility of identifying students on probation in time to provide them with proper academic guidance. In this memo faculty would be informed that, in accordance with existing examination regulations, faculty would be required to submit all grades no later than seven working days after the conclusion of the examination period.

The names of faculty members who do not comply with this regulation would be referred to The

Commentator for publication and publicized in a memo from the College Dean to all faculty.

When asked about this resolution, a spokesman for The Commentator said: "We will be happy to lend our support to this resolution. For too long, many faculty members have neglected their obligation to submit grades on time and thus denied their students a very basic courtesy."

The Academic Standings Committee also decided that ten days after the conclusion of the exam period, the Registrar would send grades to the computer center despite any missing grades.

Dr. Seymour Martin Lipsett, world-renowned political and social scientist, will deliver this year's Hillel Rogoff Memorial Lecture.

The topic of his lecture will be "Jews in Academia: Unique Qualities of Jewish Creativity."

The lecture will be held on Tuesday evening, December 11, 1979 at 7:30 PM in the auditorium of Stern College.

Guidance Notes

The next program in our Career Conference Series will be our annual "Workshop in Test-Taking Techniques and Strategies — GRE, GMAT, and LSAT" which will be presented by Mr. Emanuel Federbush (YC '56), president of the Columbia Test Preparation Institute, on November 29 during Club Hour in room 306 Furst Hall.

In addition to reviewing the above mentioned specific tests and presenting techniques for improving test scores in general, Mr. Federbush will also discuss the truth in testing law and the various competitive preparation courses available to our students.

The Jewish World newspaper in Brooklyn presently seeks applications from Yeshiva College students for internships in journalism or other aspects of print media. Opportunities are open to work in news and feature writing, design, production, calendar, promotion and public relations. Credit may be earned. See Dr. Connolly, Furst 413, Guidance Center.

The Diaspora Yeshiva Band will make their first U.S. appearance this year on Nov. 15th at Yeshiva University's Lampport Auditorium.

YU Security Discussed With Col. Marmorstein

By DANIEL M. KROMBACH

Over the past eleven years there have been an average of eight to twelve muggings per year in the Washington Heights area involving YU students. Most of them have occurred in the good weather months, around the time when clocks are shifted from daylight savings time to standard time. Early darkness can be tempting as well as convenient. However, throughout the past eleven years, there has never been a serious injury to a YU student caused by a mugging in this area.

Our Own Fault

In a Commentator interview, Col. Robert Marmorstein commented that "some of the problems are aggravated by the action of our own people such as the residents, or I should say denizens, of Morgenstern Dorm, who throw water and garbage onto the neighborhood people walking by, and who yell and scream obscenities at some of the neighborhood people . . . but this doesn't excuse what happens."

Yeshiva University's security structure is centered around hired security guards, and in most instances if a guard is needed, he is readily available. During the hours between 11:00 PM and 8:00 AM there are two guards patrolling the area around the dormitories. Another guard patrols in a car until 2:00 AM between the dorms and the subways. He is not allowed to have anyone in the car with him (i.e. students) as this would deter his availability. At 7:30 and 8:00 each morning two more guards come on duty. Another guard is stationed in the museum from noon to 6:00 P.M. Starting at 6:00 A.M. two guards begin to open the buildings. Each of them has a Coneway receiver and periodically checks his phone in order to stay aware of any developments.

Students often wonder at the constant ringing of the security phone at the south side of Morgenstern Hall. Many have concluded that this unanswered ringing is proof positive of the scarcity of security guards. However, in reality, a single call

placed to notify security rings at any number of security guard stations. Even after the call has been answered at any one of the stations, the other stations continue to ring until the conclusion of the conversation.

Stolen Cars

One of the major problems confronting YU students is the accessibility of their cars to local thieves. Over the past years there have been numerous incidents of car-stripping, vandalism, and burglary. Until recently the only protection that a YU student was offered for his vehicle was the infrequent patrols of guards around the neighborhood. However, in an attempt to remedy this perennial problem, YCSC has come up with an innovative protection plan which they have begun to implement. The faculty

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Mobil Corporation Speaks At Career Seminar; Yeshiva Students Are Sought For Employment

OCTOBER 31 — Representatives of the Mobil Oil Corporation spoke to an estimated crowd of over 200 YC and Stern students in the Gottesman Library last night. Representatives of the corporation spoke about career opportunities in the business world, particularly within the Mobil Oil Corporation. This career seminar, sponsored by Rabbi Joshua Cheifetz, director of career guidance, provided the opportunity for YU students to find out what big business looks for in their potential employees.

The moderator of the seminar

was Mr. Robert W. Brochsbank, manager of college relations and college recruiting for Mobil. In his opening remarks, Mr. Brochsbank emphasized the idea of being able to "market yourself" when applying for a job. He stated that there exists very high competition for the limited number of jobs available in big business and in the Mobil Corporation in particular. He said that in 1978 679 people were hired, out of a pool of 38,000 applicants. Mr. Brochsbank strongly urged those pursuing the traditional liberal arts education to take "practical courses" such as accounting, computers, and mathematics. He said that although Mobil will not judge a candidate on the basis of his or her major, they will take into account any familiarity the candidate has or does not have with certain fundamental concepts needed for employment.

Diversity

Mr. Brochsbank was accompanied by other representatives of Mobil Oil who spoke on the different job opportunities available at Mobil, including those in computers, accounting, engineering, and sales.

Many of the speakers tended to downplay the importance of certain post-graduate degrees such as the M.B.A. They claimed that the M.B.A. was not a "pass-book to success."

Mobil originally approached Yeshiva with the idea of a seminar at the suggestion of one of its employees, Mr. Richard Andron, a religious Jew, who felt that it would be beneficial to both Yeshiva students and Mobil if Mobil would recruit religious Jews. Deans Bacon and Hecht were approached late last semester with the possibility of such a program, and their reaction was a favorable one. Dr. Hecht was then made aware of the possibility of a grant, for several thousand dollars, from the Mobil Foundation, a subsidiary of Mobil Corporation, for the purpose of career guidance at YU. At the present time this grant has not been secured and Mobil is awaiting a concrete proposal from the



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Mobil Oil representative denying allegations of job discrimination.

Inside Straight



Dizzy Deans

By LEWIS GENUTH

It has been two years since the divisional dean structure was introduced at Yeshiva. Under this system, four university-wide deanships in Jewish Studies, Humanities, Social Sciences, and Natural Sciences were created. In theory, these deanships would break the barriers between the various graduate and undergraduate divisions by pooling faculty and coordinating joint programs. Concurrently, new deans were appointed at Yeshiva College and Stern. In theory, this would bring vitality and change to the colleges.

Theories, like dreams, have the annoying habit of dissipating beneath the cold stare of reality. The most glaring weakness in this particular theory was the conflicting goals of the divisional and college deans. The naming

of Dr. Daniel Kurtzer and Dr. Karen Bacon as deans of their respective alma maters seemed to indicate real change was in the offing. The redistribution of power to the divisional deans, however, effectively removed any means the college deans may have had to enact such change. The Dean's office was thus reduced to a clearinghouse for student problems — frustrating, to say the least, to those promised a major role in the decision-making process.

This was not the only problem, as can be seen by examining the various deanships individually. For Jewish Studies, Dean Rabinowitz was the logical choice. It was, and is the division with the fewest problems. RIETS-YP remained an independent affiliate, and cordial relations were al-

ready enjoyed between Revel and the undergraduate schools.

In Humanities, as there were no graduate programs, the job entailed only coordinating the two undergraduate programs. Organizational problems mushroomed as communications between Dean Ackerman's office and college administrators, faculty, and students were at times non-existent. This led to confusion and frustration to all concerned. Social Sciences presented perhaps the greatest hope for success. Closer ties with Ferkauf and Wurzweiler loomed tantalizingly before the colleges. While things ran more smoothly than with Humanities, the University now feels that the task at hand is too great for Dr. Berger to handle alone. Dr. Julian Roberts has been appointed Assistant Dean for Undergraduate Studies, utterly defeating the stated purpose of the divisional set-up:

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Radio Station Pursues Religious Themes In Attempt To Interest YU Students

By AVI HENOCH

WYUR, the student run radio station of YU, is seeking to expand its listening audience by broadening its programming themes. The station is mindful of the interests of the students at YU. It will diversify its own programs along with music shows concerning Torah and secular topics concerning the students and the Jewish community at large.

More Torah

The new emphasis will be in the talk shows, as WYUR will invite persons of interest to speak on topics of interest to YU students. Arrangements have been made for various Rabbeim to give weeknight shiurim over the air, and Divrei Torah will be presented with different points during the broadcasting day. Jewish representatives of various Jewish organizations such as UJA and Mizrahi will come to the station to give their views on the various affairs of the Jewish community-at-large.

change is Larry Klein, WYUR's new station manager. Klein, who was a programming assistant at WEVD-FM last summer, hopes to make WYUR a professional station for its audiences.

Larry feels that "if Yeshiva students are going to turn to 820 AM, we must provide fresh, stimulating programming which relates to the need and interest of the Yeshiva University student."

Needed Tape Machine

The station is limited by the small size of its budget and inadequate equipment. What is sorely missed is a reel to reel tape recorder which radio stations use to produce and edit shows and commercials, and keep a log of shows broadcast over the air. Mr. Klein complained of being unable to attract people to give interviews at the late hours that the radio station broadcasts. With a tape machine, interviews could be conducted at the guests' convenience, recorded, and brought to the station to be inserted into the program schedule.

A tape recorder would also allow the airing of shows produced outside the station and would allow WYUR to produce their own shows as well. The cost of a taping machine is quite expensive and there is no money available in the \$1,200 budget. Mr. Klein also complains of being unable to afford such basics as new microphones and records because of high overhead. Klein claims he can barely keep the station operating much less make improvements. The station manager had asked YCSC, which funds the station, for twice the amount of the present budget but was turned down on the grounds that not enough fund raising activities were being made by the station itself.

According to Mr. Klein, WYUR is increasing its money making activities for the coming semester. The station will run sales of sweets, and a raffle is also in the works. Commercials are another potential money maker but the lack of adequate taping equip-

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New Biochemistry Lab Formed Starting YC Research Program

By TOVIA LENT

Dr. Weisbrod, Professor of Biochemistry at Yeshiva College, announced the formation of a new biochemistry laboratory and a biochemistry research lab in the Belfer building.

The chemistry labs are already found on the top two floors of the Belfer building. Yeshiva College has been converting the graduate laboratories left there by the closing of the Belfer School of Science for use by the undergraduate students. Last year the students began using the top two floors of Belfer for chemistry labs, including organic chemistry and several other advanced chemistry courses.

It is hoped that the labs will be ready for the beginning of the spring semester. The laboratory course will be opened to a maximum of ten students.

The lab has been equipped with two brand new incubators, a dishwasher, an autoclave, and a preparation centrifuge. There is also a scintillation counter which must be repaired. The labs require considerable cleaning after a few years of disuse, and the equipment will have to be reorganized. Dr. Weisbrod says that she is beginning to get the cooperation needed to get the job done.

The research that Dr. Weisbrod will carry out in the lab has to do with photoregulation, which is how light regulates biological processes. In her research, she will be using algae as her experimental system. Dr. Weisbrod added that she recognizes the need for science majors to have some research experience, and she will be asking a few students to help her in her research.

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joint coordination of graduate and undergraduate programs.

Natural Sciences has been the basket case of the group. The closing of Belfer uprooted any real chance of accomplishing the professed aim of strengthening undergraduate departments through the graduate schools before the plan could be put into operation. The Einstein complex remained essentially independent of the Yeshiva Administration in general and of the divisional structure in particular.

The job thus became, as in Humanities, one of planning undergraduate offerings. For this position, a physicist of world-repute but an administrator of questionable talents, Dr. David Finkelstein, was chosen. Dean Flakelstein was among the first to realize the University's mistake and magnanimously resigned to accept a position in the sunnier climes of Georgia. Dr. Bacon was named Acting Dean — a move which helped stabilize the Natural Sciences, but certainly hampered her in her role as Dean of Stern. Hopefully, the appointment of Dr. Ernest Lobel as the new Dean of Natural Sciences will rectify the situation.

So what do we have two years later? A university-wide structure where faculty members have been stripped of their departmental chairmanships, and college deans of their powers. Stu-

dents find a new layer of bureaucracy to deal with. Real benefits have at best been minimal. Yet it would be unfair to condemn restructuring as a total failure. Even its most ardent advocates did not envisage it as an overnight success. While sundry mishaps may have been inexcusable, they were certainly not unexpected. (If this sounds contradictory, consider the administration view on water bombs: inexcusable, but certainly not unexpected.)

What can be done to improve the situation? It is premature to contemplate dismembering the structure. The University has placed its prestige, as well as its finances, behind the effort. To quote Dean Ackerman, "as long as it's working," (i.e. unless it collapses under its own weight and utterly fails), the system will remain. Those interested in protecting the integrity of the undergraduate school must carry out a two-pronged program. First, the position of the college deans must be strengthened. It should not be one of Dean of Students alone, unable to carry out meaningful programs. Second, the divisional deans must be made aware that their jobs require them to maintain contact with other facets of the University, including students. Even administrative decisions cannot be made in an informational vacuum. After all, reality abhors vacuums almost as much as it does theories.

U.S. Senatorial Vote Reaffirms Israel Aid

By M. HAROLD CRYSTAL

Is the US turning against Israel? Not according to a recent vote in the United States Senate. A measure intended to withdraw from Israel one hundred million dollars in military credits in a pending foreign aid bill was defeated by a staggering 78 to 7 vote.

This is especially significant in light of the inherent unpopularity of foreign aid among senators and congressmen. Yet, despite their members' reluctance, both houses voted overwhelmingly to continue allocation of various economic and military aid packages, demonstrating a strong desire to boost the Israeli economy and strengthen its military reserves.

Hatfield Bill

This most recent measure is designed to reduce Israel's military credits by ten percent and was proposed by Senator Mark Hatfield (R-Oregon), who has a history of opposing pro-Israel bills. He went so far as to press for a formal roll call, confident of receiving the support of his political colleagues.

"This is but a symbolic gesture," said Hatfield, "In no way are we crippling the military strengths of Israel." But the opposition, headed by presidential hopeful Ted Kennedy, was quick to point out that besides being detrimental to Israel, this measure would weaken faith in the United States' promises. Clearly, if the United States were to renege on a promise, "not only Israel, but Egypt and other countries in the region would begin to question US commitments."

White House Reviews Aid Request
This vote came at the very moment that the White House staff was starting to review Israel's request for an increase in

military and economic aid. This significant show of support for Israel served to reassure Israeli officials who were beginning to wonder how firm the US commitment to Israel was.

The amount of aid awarded to
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Out of the Inkwell

Positive I.D.

By LOUIS TUCHMAN

Take time out from your incessant studies for a moment and take your crystal ball from your bottom drawer. Let the picture clear up (the interference around here is terrible so maybe you should go up to a higher floor). Now pay close attention. Twenty years from now you are sitting in your office in your own clinic or law office (or whatever). Turn around in your huge executive swivel chair and look out your picture window. Don't you feel extremely successful? Aren't you happy with your position in life? Now turn a little and contemplate the wall above your white formica and chrome coffee table with its beautiful potted plant and collection of significant current periodicals. There are all of your awards and certificates, and of course your diploma from Yeshiva College. Aren't you grateful to good old Yeshiva?

Around this point in time the picture starts to get fuzzy. Since almost everyone nowadays goes to a graduate school, the loyalties due Yeshiva are sometimes

eclipsed by those due the graduate schools. That's understandable. But too many people don't bother to form any loyalty to Yeshiva to begin with. Too many don't even bother to stay here; they get fed up and leave after a year or two. Worse, while they are here, they declaim against Yeshiva.

Aren't they missing something? It is true that the school is full of controversies and arguments. That's natural. It is true that students are constantly trying to reshape the University to fit their needs, to solve pressing problems and even to remove injustices. It's also true that the administration can be unresponsive to student needs. But what of the other side of the story? Yeshiva offers a unique environment for pursuing an education. Four years spent at Yeshiva cannot be duplicated anywhere, at any time. It must be remembered that Yeshiva represents a somewhat tenuous bridge between two disparate worlds. Changes in the academic world

From The Heights

Squeezing Out Sparks

By DAVID KUFELD



I suppose after last issue's exposition on the meaning of life (yes, that's what it was all about) I am hard pressed to follow up with a similar work — although some of you might feel otherwise. I was planning a real blockbuster expose but my sources preferred that I wait a bit. (How's that for teasing journalism?) I do, however, have a few things to comment on. First of all, some people take themselves too seriously here, in fact the ones that are offended by me are the worst offenders. I am not saying that folks should have lower self esteem, but let's temper our egos. Moving right along, I have noticed that as the year progresses it is becoming increasingly difficult to get up for class in the morning, as my teachers will attest to. So in light of this I am proposing that an Independent Study course be created for us late sleepers. It would be under Philosophy, and credit would be given for the best logics used to rationalize a long snooze (e.g. "the energy crisis," "increased cafeteria breakfast prices," "sleep induces growth" and the old favorite "how will I be able to stay up late?").

Another topic worth mentioning is the mode of comportment

avored by certain members of the student body. There is no law that states to attain a high level of piety one must neglect all personal hygiene. You must admit that at some sweat producing events here (non-sporting) the most fume-hardened jogger would trade in his racing flats for a gulp of pure oxygen. Let's look sharp fellas!

I must warn you about a strange gang vandalizing automobiles on Laurel Hill Terrace. Two weeks ago they broke into my trunk, but did not take anything. After all, I had some size 15 sneakers, various library books and old laundry lying around inside. Because of the extortion note written on my Cons, I have taken to display a "Viva Puerto Rico" sign on my fender.

You may have noticed a number of "Maccabee Maniacs" prancing about school. Treat them gingerly, for they are a wild bunch given to exclaim loudly, "What do you do when it is cold outside? Yeshiva, Yeshiva." To see them in action, come on down to the first home game (basketball, that is) on Nov. 26 at 8:00 p.m., which is against Brandeis. They will be looking for you.

Youth Movement Meets After Ten Year Absence

By AL T. LENA

After a ten year absence from campus, the Betar Zionist Youth Movement is back. Its first meeting was held on Oct. 29. Its featured speaker was Dov Fisch, a member of the executive committee of the American Zionist Federation. Dov began by talking about the his-

tory of the Betar movement in Eastern Europe. He mentioned, in particular, one story of a Betari, Shlomo Ben-Yoseph, who emigrated to Eretz Yisrael from Poland, only to be the first person in modern Jewry to meet his fate on the gallows for participating in the struggle for the liberation of Eretz Yisrael, at the hands of the British. This martyr set an example of courage to die for the Land of Israel.

Dov went on to speak on the development of Betar through the ranks of the Irgun Tzvai Leumi (IZL) which played a major role in the liberation of Eretz Yisrael. He spoke about the position of Betar for an "Eretz Yisrael Shlemah" and the need of more Betar involvement in Zionist activities.

Commandment Of Aliyah

Aliyah, which is a must for a Betari, is the main goal of the movement and this, Dov stressed, should be impressed upon the Jewish youth of today. Only through Aliyah can one really help in building Eretz Yisrael.

At the end of the meeting a number of projects for the chapter were outlined.

The meeting was well attended by the students, and also present were the shaliach of the world-Betar, and a member of the executive of the National Betar Movement in the US. The shaliach expressed satisfaction at the turnout, and students expressed interest in the movement. The chapter hopes to attract more members and will have more events in the future.

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Commentator Interview

Dr. David Fleisher, Professor Emeritus of English Literature, has been at Yeshiva College for 37 years. He was head of the English department for more than thirty years and headed the Humanities department for more than twenty years. Dr. Fleisher gained additional attention last year concerning the mandatory retirement issue at Yeshiva.

C: Have you done any research during the last 37 years in order to enhance the reputation of Yeshiva College?

D.F.: I think that my book on William Godwin is the standard work in that area. I did a novel interpretation of Browning's "Rabbi Ben-Ezra" which became the standard interpretation of his philosophy. My major interest has not been in publishing, but rather in teaching.

C: Do you have an adequate quote from literature that best describes YU?

D.F.: No, however, there's an old quotation about Yeshiva, originating at Yeshiva, that YC is built on a bluff overlooking the Harlem River. I think that's a good description.

C: What do you think of the concept of Yeshiva College?

D.F.: I'm still tremendously excited about the conception of a college which does justice to both the Jewish tradition and Western tradition. To say that the extent to which Yeshiva University has fulfilled that ideal, that is a question.

C: What was Yeshiva College like 37 years ago?

D.F.: I think it is less autocratic than it was in that period. There is more regularity in the proceedings. When I came to the college an instructor could be earning more than a professor, and everything was on a very personal basis. There was no law and order. I think certain regulations have come into being both for students and faculty which



are very important for a civilized community.

C: Speaking of regulations, what do you think of Yeshiva's retirement policy?

D.F.: Well, at least it's a regulation that applies equally to

"The faculty here is extremely passive and rather selfish."

everybody but I don't believe in mandatory retirement. I think it's very destructive spiritually and financially to the forced retiree. I would like to make it clear that mandatory retirement is not the policy inaugurated by the present administration. It was inaugurated from an earlier administration that I believe did the wrong thing. I don't only blame the former administration, I blame the faculty members of Yeshiva for permitting this to happen. The faculty here is extremely passive and rather selfish particularly as a group unconcerned with what happens to in-

dividuals. If you have a faculty of this kind you're going to have faculty welfare ridden roughshod over them and often I think it's what the faculty deserves.

C: Did you have any students who made it big?

D.F.: President Lamm, of course, Steve Riskin, Nat Lewin, and Chaim Potok among others.

C: What do you think of the Commentator?

D.F.: Commentator doesn't seem to look for these stories. It very rarely pushes for stories. Commentator has a tremendous amount of potential power because it's in a way the only independent voice on campus. I think the student body is more practical and realistic than the faculty. Student representatives should be involved in discussions with the administration on various topics and these proceedings should be printed in Commentator.

C: What do you think of the Yeshiva University faculty association?

D.F.: YUFA won't accomplish anything until the character of the faculty has changed. What I think Yeshiva needs most of all is some kind of grievance committee. When a faculty member feels he has a grievance against the administration, there ought to be somewhere he can go. This committee should have some student representatives because the students are not fearful. I would not have faculty members on it because they are fearful. There should also be other representation on this committee whose arbitration would be binding.

C: How do you feel about the students at YU?

D.F.: The students are really the great strength of the institution. Their background gives them a certain reverence for learning, and it is a tremendous help and inspiration for the faculty.

Museum Special Exhibit Opening Soon, Featuring Jewish Memorabilia Meanings

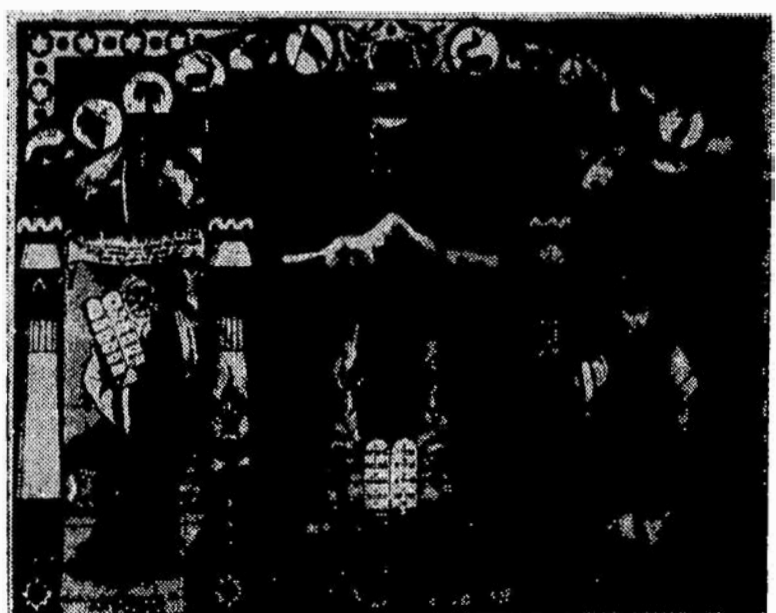
By STUART VERSTANDIG

The Yeshiva University Museum's major special exhibition for this year, "See And Sanctify: Exploring Jewish Symbols," will open on Sunday, November 18.

This exhibit includes unique memorabilia that were transformed from commonplace objects to instruments used in religious ritual. In addition to antique ceremonial silver, books, and textiles, there is a fascinating assortment of curios. These include such artifacts as a World War I artillery shell casing, manufactured by Krupp in Germany. It was used in the war by the Turkish army and then taken to Palestine where it was transformed into a vase to commemorate the liberation of Jerusalem by General Allenby in 1917. A design by an architect inmate for an officer's lounge in Theresienstadt Concentration Camp and defaced by the camp commandant who thought the drawing had Jewish overtones, and paper money showing the image of Moshe and the Ten Commandments ordered by the Nazis for use in the concentration camp, can also be viewed.

Giant Torah

Visitors to the museum will be able to see themselves surrounded by a Torah Scroll replica measuring ten feet in diameter. Another significant symbol, the Keter Crown, will be suspended above the construction. Visitors



will enter through a specially constructed gate flanked by columns that signify the only certainty of life: change. The columns represent the presence of the Almighty. The symbol of light is represented by the menorah with some outstanding menorahs assembled from Yeshiva University and private collections. The Star of David, the unique symbol of Judaism, will be viewed in various dimensions from the early Zionist period to the Holocaust, in a walk through a display of photographs, objects, and documents. Another of the towering symbols of Judaism is the city of Jerusalem which will be represented by rare examples of Jerusalem memorabilia and an ex-

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Behind Dorm Doors

Responding to complaints about the Interscience course, the Senate is considering legislation which would allow computer science to fulfill the science requirement for non-science majors. To gain a student perspective on this proposal, The Commentator takes you BEHIND DORM DOORS . . .

Question: Do you think non-science majors should have the option of fulfilling their science requirement with computer science?

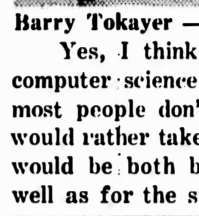


Kenny Reiner — Economics-Finance — Junior:

Other schools that require sciences offer the option of computer science to fulfill the requirement. There's no reason why YU should be any different.

Steven Krauss — Pre-Dent, Chem — Senior:

Definitely. It's a lot easier to ace computer science than interscience.



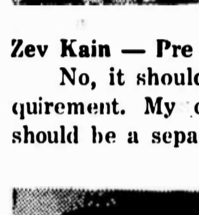
Harry Tokayer — Pre-law-Psych. — Senior:

Yes, I think we should be allowed to take computer science instead of interscience because most people don't like to take interscience and would rather take a course that they do like. This would be both beneficial for the University as well as for the students.



Alan Schuman — Pre-Dent — Sophomore:

I think that computer courses should be able to fulfill the one year science requirement. Of course, the best thing for non-science majors is to require them to take organic chemistry, because we all know that organic is the most fulfilling science.



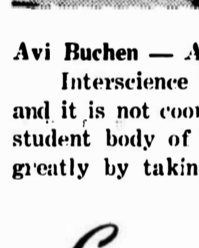
Zev Kain — Pre Engineering — Sophomore:

No, it should not be part of the science requirement. My own personal belief is that it should be a separate requirement of its own.



Barry Felberman — Computer Science — Senior:

In today's society, computers have an effect on many aspects of life, so much so, that it might be a more important course to take than interscience. I think it definitely should be an option.



Avi Buchen — Accounting — Junior:

Interscience is a very non-intellectual course and it is not coordinated properly, and the entire student body of Yeshiva University will benefit greatly by taking a year of computer science.

Computer Field Expanding; Better Facilities Needed

During the past few years, computers have been growing in popularity in all areas of interest. At Yeshiva University, students have also become involved in this area. Aside from Information Science majors, students who wish to take courses to advance their practical knowledge of the sciences are interested in the facilities available to them for their programming and general use.

The administration has recently purchased a Magnuson M-80 computer. This is supposed to be an exact copy of an IBM 4300 series computer except that it is faster, cheaper and more aesthetically pleasing. IBM made an offer to YU, as well as other buyers, to ship an IBM 3032, and possibly even an IBM 3033 computer within a few months. These are the two fastest and best of IBM's computer line. Although YU has ordered a 3033, it is not pushing for its delivery and will keep the Magnuson instead.

For Administration Only

The software that will be used on this machine is VM which is a very good operating system for a learning institution. But since the data processing division of YU is not given directly for student use, the system will not be run at its highest potential.

The IBM 360/50 that was given to Yeshiva University by Time Inc., has now been donated to the division of Natural Sciences and Math. This would normally mean that it will be available for student use as a substitute

for the IBM 1130 that has been used for at least ten years. The administration, however, thinks that students do not need any direct "hands-on" experience on a computer. They wanted to dump even the IBM 1130. The 360/50 will be put into the closet due to lack of operating funds.

Minicomputers

The Computer Center at AECOM recently brought up a DEC PDP-11/70 running under the UNIX operating system. This is a good state of the art system developed by Bell Labs, but since it is only a minicomputer, it has neither the capacity that would be needed to support the scientific computing center at AECOM nor that which is needed for student use at YC and Stern.

Last week, the computer room at YC received an additional two terminals for use with the PDP-11 at AECOM aside from the two terminals already there. Also, there are two low speed printers that lose a few lines of data every time used. Stern College also has two terminals and one printer. These terminals and printers now work on and off because of faulty equipment and bad telephone linkups.

In the near future, Yeshiva will institute a Continuing Education division which will teach computer programming among other courses. In anticipation of this new program, a few terminals will be bought for students who will take these courses.

Captains, Take A Bow

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classmen on the team were lost to a year in Israel. How will the inexperience effect the team's chances this year?

MUGS: The lack of wrestlers with actual mat experience may tend to make us look weaker than last year, however, I feel that this will not turn out to be true. We have a team that is healthy and in wrestling that is a definite plus. Last year we had the introduction of Nate Schweitzer, which made it hard to adapt to a different style of coaching. Nate has found a spot in our lives. Morale is high on the team and there is no way that these guys will get off that natural high. Each man is fighting for a starting spot, and as long as he knows that he must earn that spot, we will have a highly competitive team.

COMM.: The wrestlers have been stereotyped to be gorillas, who just rip people's heads off. Do you think that this is a fair classification, or would you rather refer to your wrestlers as "gentle Bens"?

MUGS: Personally, I stopped ripping heads off two years ago, but let's be serious. Collegiate Wrestling is not the wrestling that you see on TV. It's geared as a battle of brains and finesse in a controlled atmosphere. We don't go into a match looking to hurt anybody, least of all ourselves. Gorillas we definitely are not, but tough as nails we are.

COMM.: Is it still true that you scream in your dreams, "I gotta pin him, I gotta pin him?"

MUGS: Have you been speaking to my roommate? I was sure that I got rid of that habit last year, don't tell my girlfriend, I could get into trouble.

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Marty Ast — Senior — JSS and Howie Rosenthal — Senior — JSS Fencing

COMM.: Many people realize that the object of basketball is to throw a beach ball through a hanger, and wrestling entails ripping your opponent to shreds, but most of us are not familiar with fencing. What are some of the major rules and regulations of the sport?

MARTY: Basically there are three weapons, foil, epee, and saber. Epee is the classical dueling sword and the rules are that the whole body is target and one must score with the tip of the sword. The second class is the saber, which is fashioned after the swords used on horseback . . . the target is the waist up, until the head. Scores are made with the side of the blade or with the tip. The foil is the final class, and it is the sword used in sports throughout history. The scoring area is the vest section, and scores are made with the tip of the blade.

COMM.: What is the outlook for the team this year?

MARTY: Out of a nine-man squad we have six men returning. These veterans will have to support the team, however, today's freshmen seem to have a brilliant future. With coaches Tauber and Bardkok we should shape into a winning team, and continue the traditions of the winningest team in YU history.

COMM.: How is the new Russian coach working out?

MARTY: At first there was a bit of a language barrier, but now his expertise is showing through. He will help us immensely this year.

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QUICK TIP: Keep your eyes peeled for next issue when we will be interviewing the captains of the cheerleaders for each team.

Reaccreditation Postponed; Self-Evaluation Continues

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 5) the university. He noted the insufficient promotion and administration of existing BA-MA programs. There is a lack of available information on these programs, and virtually no faculty oversight of admissions to such programs.

Faculty Administration

He called for more publicity of BA-MA programs, as well as faculty administration of admissions committees. Continued priority for SCW and YC students in admissions to Cardozo Law School was also recommended, as well as implementation of a proposal for automatic admission of YC and SCW students to Cardozo.

Dr. Moshe Anisfeld, chairman of the committee reporting on the interrelationships between the graduate and professional schools, gave a brief report calling for more faculty involvement in decisions regarding faculty tenure. He further called for improving transportation between the campuses of the university, including the institution of a shuttle-bus arrangement.

Dr. Mirsky concluded the meeting by delivering a report for Dr. Arthur Hyman, chairman of the subcommittee studying the over-

all university governance structure. Dr. Hyman and his committee, he reported, noted insufficient faculty participation in higher-level decision-making. He urged more first-hand meetings between President Lamm and faculty members. The financial governance of the university is lacking, and this aspect of the university requires additional study. Dr. Hyman also called for more autonomy to be given college deans as a mechanism for tying together the independent divisional deans. Nevertheless, Dr. Hyman repeated a call for the establishment of a university-wide senate, this time composed of faculty members, with some student participation.

Commie After Dark

The words "superb characterization" do not even begin to describe Brian Keith's acting in the play *Da*. Mr. Keith stars in the title role as an old Irishman who, on the day of his own funeral, hunts his modern, cynical son. Through the flashbacks of the son, Charles, the audience views many events that reveal Da's attitudes and his personality. Through Charles' reactions and comments, the audience learns of his often contradictory feelings about Da.

Everything Mr. Keith does in this play enhances the character he portrays. Da, the man, is warm and wonderful and full of love. So is *Da*. It is not to be missed.

Tickets to "Da" are now available on Yeshiva vouchers: Mon-Thurs., \$5 per ticket.

Modigliani, currently playing at the Astor Place Theatre, is a surprisingly engrossing and entertaining new Off-Broadway play. It succeeds because it does not

try to present us with a biography of the painter Modigliani, but rather, it strives to make us understand him as a human being with all the many talents, frustrations and despairs he possessed. The play, by centering on a three-day span in the life of Modigliani, clearly depicts the protagonist as a tempestuous artist who is unable to sell his works during his own lifetime, only to be recognized for his greatness after driving himself (Continued on Page 7, Col. 1)

Racquetball Achieves Success At Yeshiva While Seeking Sponsorship For A Team

(Continued from Page 8, Col. 5) shots.

Relaxing Facilities

The team plays every Sunday night from 8:00 to 10:00 PM. Three courts are rented for two hours each. By the end of the playing time, the sweating, yet content players are ready to make use of "King Arthur's Court" facilities. The whirlpool baths, dry and wet saunas and showers are all put to good use. The club itself is just magnificent. Besides being great exercise,

racquetball gives each a chance to release frustrations, anxieties and joys. Each week self-satisfaction is derived by knowing that you have improved. The players' constructive criticism is the team's only source of instruction. Their funds do not allow the hiring of a coach. In fact, the funds will only pay for this semester's court time. The team will have to earn more money if it wishes to continue its weekly trips to Fort Lee next semester. The team may take on new mem-

bers. Any interested parties should sign up in the athletic office. Next semester, when the team is ready to conquer, it will be planning a New York Intercollegiate Racquetball Tournament. What began as just an idea, may soon be a university recognized varsity team.

Mobil Oil

(Continued from Page 3, Col. 5) grant development office at YU. Dilemma

During the seminar several questions were asked concerning Mobil's hiring practices in regard to discrimination against Jews. Mr. Andron denied all allegations of job discrimination at Mobil. He was also asked about the moral dilemma an orthodox Jew must face in deciding whether to work for a major oil company such as Mobil. Mr. Andron replied that, "It would be beneficial for the Jewish community to acquire important positions in Mobil so that they may have a stronger say on its policies."

Dr. Hecht commented on this problem and stated that in regard to a possible grant from Mobil he would understand apprehension on the part of some students. Dr. Hecht said that if there were strong student objections, he would agree not to accept the grant.

Exhibit Opening Soon Exploring Memorabilia

(Continued from Page 5, Col. 3) tensive slide show.

Guest curator for the show is Dr. Moshe Davidowitz, scholar, author, consultant and member of the faculties of NYU and The New School.

Symbol Power

According to Dr. Davidowitz, "symbols are powerful because of their association; they carry an entire historic memory with them, and they transmit many meanings simultaneously. Another source of their power lies in the fact that we do not encounter them one at a time, as

with words, but as wholes all at once. Their meaning as a system is more than the sum of each individual element which may be why they are presented singly. More often, they are displayed in a cluster of two or three symbols, that enhance one another and depict an entire system of belief. They emerge from a communal tradition of experience and stand as beacons on our own personal spiritual journeys. Psychologically, they demarcate the various stages of our own lives from birth to death and beyond."

YU Security Discussed With Col. Marmorstein

(Continued from Page 3, Col. 2) parking lots empty each day at about 6:00 PM and remain empty every night until about 8:30 AM the following morning. In light of this, YCSC has obtained permission for students to park their cars in the faculty lots for the night. They are in the process of giving out parking permits which include ID cards for the lot and a key to the gate. At the

end of the year the locks to the gate will be changed.

Finally, information regarding security was given to the dormitory office at the beginning of the year, but due to some oversight on the part of the dorm office, the information was never distributed. Any information on security that a student wants is available in the security office in Belfer.

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Yeshiva Theatre Party Enjoys Special Preview

On Sunday evening, November 4, the YCDS sponsored the first in its series of Theatre Party Night Specials. Approximately eighty YC, SCW and AECOM students appeared to thoroughly enjoy a special preview performance of the new Off-Broadway play *Modigliani*, by Dennis McIntyre. After the show the entire group had the rare opportunity to discuss the merits of the play with its primary creative artist including the producer, director and author. Carvel ice cream was served as a further treat.

Producer Albert Poland, who is also responsible for providing Yeshiva students with discount tickets to *Vanities* and *One Mo' Time* as well as donating to YCDS the entire stage set of *The Price*, commented that he was extremely pleased with the way the evening proceeded and with the turnout considering the students' heavy exam schedule. However,

he did express some concern over what he perceived to be as "the Yeshiva students' absolute fear of going to see new plays whose reputations have not yet been established. It is essential," Mr. Poland continued, "that students keep an open mind and learn to experiment with new shows. More often than not, they find themselves very pleasantly surprised."

The next Theatre Party Night Special will be held on the evenings of Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, November 27, 28 and 29 for the Broadway show *Grease*. This will be the final chance to catch this show as *Grease* concludes its record eight-year Broadway run on December 10, 1979. Tickets are \$6 each and must be purchased in advance. For more information and reservations contact Aharon Ungar in M223 or any ticket service representative. The deadline for reservations is the week of Thanksgiving.

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DRACULA — Tues., Wed., Thurs., Sun. mat.

DA — Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs.

GEMINI — Mon., Wed., Thurs., Sun. mat.

MODIGLIANI — All Performances

ONE MO' TIME — All Performances

ON GOLDEN POND — Tues., Wed., Thurs., Sun. mat.

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GREASE — Nov. 27, 28, 29

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Commie After Dark

(Continued from Page 6, Col. 5) to an early death at the age of 35.

The play, while in need of some first-act cutting, is made to come alive with the aid of outstanding performances by the entire seven-member cast. It is, however, Jeffrey De Munn in the role of Modigliani, who makes the evening memorable by giving the performance of a lifetime. One can only marvel at the sheer stamina and energy of De Munn who is on stage every single moment of the play and is constant-

ly alternating between emotional highs and lows in his performance. Keep your eye on him as this play could make him a star.

"Modigliani" vouchers are also available at \$5 each for all performances, including Saturday evening (7-10 PM) and Sunday (3:00 and 7:30 PM).

Radio Station Pursues A Broader Audience

(Continued from Page 3, Col. 3) money. Without the proper equipment and materials we cannot ease our fiscal constraints," says Mr. Klein.

Despite its problems, Mr. Klein feels that WYUR is a "great station" which is staffed by many "dedicated individuals." He is optimistic that this radio station can become a great cultural force for the YU student community.



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(Continued from Page 4, Col. 4) with its faults and assets. This type of attitude would not preclude the expression of sincerer protests and genuine complaints, but should eliminate unwarranted attacks on the integrity of the University. It might also encourage school pride and spirit, and a more positive identification with Yeshiva.

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New Computer Society Has Lofty Expectations

By JACK KRAMER

The first meeting of the newly formed Computer Society took place on Oct. 22. Over 50 computer majors and minors from YC and Stern were present as society President, Yitzchak Applbaum, opened the meeting with some introductory remarks. The first speaker of the evening, Rabbi Joshua Cheifetz, Director of Career Guidance at Yeshiva, discoursed on the many and varied opportunities open to college students in the computer field. He also spoke of the many career oriented events planned for the coming year.

David Koppel, Secretary-Treas-

urer of the society, outlined the society's plans for the coming year, including plans for a tour of IBM facilities in upstate New York, a number of publications (some of which are already being published) and several other events of interest. Vice-President Joe Friedman mentioned the possibility of joining the A.C.M., a national computer organization. Afterwards he introduced Mr. Lenny Brandwein, Assistant Dean of Natural Sciences, who gave a very informative talk on the current state of computer facilities, and the computer major at YU.

U.S. Commitment To Israel Reaffirmed By Senate Vote

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Israel has skyrocketed since the 1973 Yom Kippur war. Until then, only a modicum of American monies went to Israel, and those only in the form of loans. But after the war, which put a tremendous strain on the Israeli economy, Israel advanced from the number 24 to the number 2 position, following only South Vietnam, as a recipient of foreign aid.

Nevertheless, the State Department is planning to oppose a request for increased aid on the part of the Israelis. Since 1975, Israel has been receiving one billion dollars a year in military credits, of which only half must be repaid, and 785 million dollars in economic aid. These amounts have consistently remained at

least 500 million dollars less than Israeli requests. With worldwide inflation, and the dollar's loss of power, the amount of actual aid received by Israel is steadily decreasing. Furthermore, the withdrawal from the Sinai means that Israeli's foreign oil costs will increase from 400 million to 2 billion dollars, placing an impossible strain on the average Israeli pocketbook.

Ultimately, the decision on how much of Israel's requested 3.45 billion dollars is granted will rest on President Carter's recommendations to Congress, which are expected early next year.

Anyone wishing to write for Commentator please see Louis Tuchman, M222.

Former Yeshiva Dean Returns From Cairo

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 2) they fear would further alienate them from the other Arabs.

When asked about the Jewish community in Egypt, Dr. Kurtzer stated that it was in a "horrible state." There are 90 Jews in Alexandria and 158 in Cairo. While before 1948 there were more than 10,000 Jews in Egypt, most of them left. Within Cairo there are twelve or thirteen shuls, but only one of them functions when there are Jewish tourists present. Regarding kashrut, there is one shochet who is 95 years old and has shaky hands; so for those who keep kosher, there is no meat available. There are no Jewish educational facilities, although Dr. Kurtzer and an American graduate student are tutoring several children.

Security and Safety

The streets of Cairo are safe to walk at night, and the Egyptians are friendly people. Dr. Kurtzer related that Egyptians assume that anyone wearing a kippah is Israeli, a sight to see among Egyptians. Recently, Dr. Sokoloff was treated especially well because, according to Dr. Kurtzer, the Egyptians thought him to be Israeli.

When asked if he had any problems with dual loyalties, Dr. Kurtzer replied that since he has no opposition to the principle of foreign policy of this country, he did not have that problem. As for

differing opinions, he related that the State Department was very open and allowed itself to be swayed by valid arguments for other opinions. When asked about Egypt's commitments to a Palestinian state, the former dean explained that Sadat does have reservations about a Palestinian state, since economically it would not be stable. Egypt is involved, however, in autonomy negotiations with Israel. The autonomy talks involve two parts: the election modalities in which there has been great success, and the area of responsibilities and problems in which there has been little progress.

Military Assistance

The point was raised that with peace on the way, why did Egypt need armaments from the U.S.? Dr. Kurtzer explained that the military had feared that their funds would be cut if peace ensued, and since the military is the mainstay of the government, it had to be pacified. He went on further to say that Egypt had a need for a strong military on its other fronts and in this way was useful to the U.S. too.

When asked about his plans for the future, Dr. Kurtzer said that he did not know if he wanted to pursue a foreign service career for life. His current assignment is for two years. Dr. Kurtzer asked anyone stopping by Cairo on the way to or from Israel to give him a call.

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On The Courts



Captains, Take A Bow

By MURRAY LEBEN

The Wrestling, Basketball, and Fencing teams are about to commence their respective seasons, and a growing concern among the squads is the support of the student body. In recent weeks I have been approached by many people, requesting that this column be used to spark up a strong interest. In past years, the sports columnist has dealt with this problem by reprimanding the student body; however, I feel that a scolding would do as much good as telling everyone not to jay-walk or to observe the new traffic light on 185th Street and Amsterdam Ave.

So I contemplated how to handle this situation and came up with this analysis. Most people who go to games or matches either are excited or possessed by the competition, or they are coming to see their friends. After vast research I postulated that most come to see their friends. At that point, I realized it would be quite ridiculous to go around introducing members of the team to the rest of the student body. I finally decided to do the best I can in familiarizing the senior captains of the respective teams through short interviews, so here they are:

Dave Kufeld — Senior — JSS — Basketball

COMM.: A well-known Jewish sports columnist has predicted that this year's team will be .500 or better, and he maintains that this team is the best team in the last 20 years. Could you comment on this?

Kufeld: We may not have the best team, but eventually the best record. If that's the bottom line, then we will have the best team. In my four years here it seems that this team has the best chemistry to create a winner. In addition, a few of the tougher teams have moved up to Division II so we will not be playing them.

In the past we may have had better players, but now we have speed, depth, and a positive attitude toward winning. There are many workers who are adding a fresh view to winning.

COMM.: There is much talk on campus that this season will be "THE YEAR OF THE KUF." Being that there are many YU awards in your grasp and the fact that you are known for doing things in a big way, have you set any major goals for this year?

KOOF: Firstly, a winning season would be nice. As far as records, the rebounding record should not be far away (250 and I had 350 last year). I'd have to average 23 points per game for 20 games to win the scoring record. Being realistic, my goals are 20 pts. and 20 caroms per game, and I hope again to win the rebounding title for Division III. A life-long dream of mine has been to make the ALL AMERICA team for small colleges.

COMM.: What are your future plans?

KOOF: Next year I plan to play basketball in the professional Israeli league and get a job in communications. I will be exploring other opportunities once in Israel, but in the long run I hope to be in public relations or the radio industry.

COMM.: Will you continue to write your column in hieroglyphics?

KOOF: As Kufeld answers smugly — Hieroglyphics for some people are an illustrated text for others.

Robert "Mugs" Marcus — Senior — JSS — Wrestling

COMM.: Last year many seniors graduated and many under-
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Juniors Extend Unbeaten Streak By Routing Freshmen In Season Opener

The fall intramural basketball season opened with the defending junior team decisively beating a weak freshman squad, 67-47. The juniors displayed an awesome attack in which all nine players scored, extending their unbeaten streak to a record 17 games. A proud junior coach, Howie "Crow" Slochowsky, was pleased with the teamwork and foresees another undefeated season.

Slow Start

Both teams started slowly. During the first half, the freshmen played evenly with the rusty juniors and trailed at the half by a score of 23-19. During the third quarter the juniors got their devastating fast break together and buried the freshmen. Josh Brickman received key outlet passes from center Howie Lerner and poured in three straight baskets to get the juniors going. Sharp

shooting from the outside by Joel Federbush throughout the game kept the juniors ahead. The boards were totally controlled by Howie Lerner, who scored 10 pts., and by Mike Seelenfreund, who contributed 6 points.

During the 4th quarter, the defense, led by Josh Brickman, who was on his way to becoming the high scorer with 24 points, along with Joel Federbush (15 points) put pressure on the scrappy freshmen, and widened their lead. Jack Smith, returning from Israel and filling in for Steven Wagner, helped out on defense and added

two quick buckets.

Strong Back-Up Squad

The juniors showed the great depth of their team when Murray Leben, David Lazarus and Eliot Peyser all contributed to the winning effort as back-up center Eliot Dobin continued to keep the boards under control. The freshmen, led by Neil Tilson (20 pts.) and Jeff Rappaport (14 pts), displayed a good team effort, but their lack of experience was apparent. With experience, they will prove to be a challenging team. As for the undefeated juniors, it was just another sweet victory.

Racquetball Achieves Success At Yeshiva Despite Confinement To Small Cubicle

By JOEL YAFFA

Last year a group of students decided that it wanted to be part of the fastest growing sport in America, racquetball. With a little bit of organization, and a little bit of time, they have earned a lot of money. This group is not an official Yeshiva team, but only a club.

Students must first show the administration that they are committed to a cause by going to some bother for it. Since the team has been successful and has great potential, there is a good chance that the University will sponsor it next year.

Instinctive Play

The twelve members of the team, varying widely in ability, range from a past state champion to a beginner who never played before. One of the beauties of racquetball is that its swift pace often requires the use of one's blind instinctive reflexes. A player is constantly amazed by his own accomplishments. Played within a completely closed cubicle, racquetball makes use of every wall including the ceiling. It is played with a short necked racquet which resembles that used in tennis. The balls are soft,

hollow, and a little smaller than tennis balls. It takes only about twenty minutes playing time for a beginner to learn how to time the ball's bounce. After the brief

awkwardness, one is ready for a game. Of course, it still may take years of practice to perfect one's precise placement of strategic
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Wed.	Dec. 12	Pace	Home	7:30 p.m.	
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Thu.	Feb. 7	John Jay	Home	7:30 p.m.	
Mon.	Feb. 11	Brooklyn	Away	7:30 p.m.	
Thu.	Feb. 14	*Drew	Home	7:30 p.m.	
Wed.	Feb. 20	N.Y. Maritime	Away	7:00 p.m.	
Mon.	Feb. 25	*Polytechnic of N.Y.	Away	7:00 p.m.	
Wed.	Feb. 27	Jersey City State	Home	7:30 p.m.	
Thu.	Mar. 6	.Pratt	Away	7:00 p.m.	
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Keglers Aim For Strikes While Working On Spares

By IRA MITZNER

The Yeshiva University Bowling Team, the Keglers, are looking to continue the success which they have previously enjoyed. Last year, the Keglers ended the season with a .500 record, beating the likes of teams such as New York University.

Powerhouse

This season, the YU bowlers are looking to become a powerhouse in the league. However, because of the unexpected loss of many varsity bowlers, the Keglers may not achieve the success earlier anticipated. "We realize that in the first half of the season we will take our lumps while gaining experience, but by the spring we should emerge as an excellent team." This was the feeling of the team as summed up by Co-Captain Lenny Plotkin.

Signs of the Kegler resurgence can already be seen. Co-Captain Mark Goldberg recently bowled an outstanding 219 game, while both Lenny Plotkin and freshman Scott Borenstein averaged 175 in a three game series. Perhaps the best asset the team has is coach Mark Breslow. Breslow, a Yeshiva graduate, is an outstanding bowler and a highly competent

coach. He has been able to instill the proper technique, which is the most important factor in bowling. Under Breslow's tutelage, the Keglers will prove themselves to be a highly polished and competitive team.

The YU Rifle Club meets Tuesday nights for shooting practice at the Armory at 168th Street in Queens. The faculty advisor for the club is Col. Robert Eagle Eye Marmorstein. The presidents of the club are Charles Barax and Shalom Lamm. The charge for the evening is a minimal one. The club is contemplating starting a team later this year. Anyone interested should attend.

HOCKEY

Top Ten In Scoring

Team	Name	Games Played	Goals	Assists	Points
1 Junior	Resnicow	5	39	13	52
2 Junior	Litwack	5	15	24	39
3 Junior	Green	6	18	17	35
4 Sophomore	Schlussel	6	18	4	22
5 Junior	Koolyk	6	6	10	16
6 Freshman	Rappaport	6	12	0	12
7 Sophomore	Forman	4	3	6	9
8 Senior	Soibelman	6	7	1	8
9 Sophomore	Tuchman	5	5	3	8
10 Senior	Friedman	6	3	5	8



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