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YC Student Council Class Elections Held

APRIL 9 — Following the enthusiastic YCSC Executive Council elections, the polls once again opened today for individual class elections.

The most surprising turnout came from the Senior class with over 75 percent of the students coming out to vote. This is in contrast to previous years when the Senior class demonstrated much apathy in choosing their class officers. All told over 130 members of the upcoming Senior class voted.

The Junior Class election posted the largest turnout of all the classes. Over 160 concerned students came out to vote for the candidate of their choice. The Junior Election was distinctive in that it was the only class whose voting went beyond the first ballot. The Presidential and Vice-Presidential races went to a second ballot, while the voting for Secretary-Treasurer went to a fifth ballot. Canvassing Committee Chairman Robert Greenberg was quoted as saying "The Junior Class elections were by far the most exciting."

The Sophomore class, long with past tradition, had the poorest turnout of all the classes.

Less than 50 percent of the class voted. Some of the reasons that Chairman Greenberg advanced to account for the turnout included the fact that a Bio-mid-term was scheduled for that same day. "In general," Mr. Greenberg noted, "the soon-to-be Sophomores are as of yet not aware of the politics and political structures at Yeshiva University. They are more concerned at this time with studying and doing well in school. Their turnout will pick up as they become more aware of the opportunities that Yeshiva have to offer."

Following is the list of the nine winning candidates for next year's Student Council.

SENIOR CLASS

Pres. Hank Reinhart
V.P. David Singer
Sec. Treas. Joey Bodner

JUNIOR CLASS

Pres. Avi Schneider
V.P. Alan Willner
Sec. Treas. Jay Weinberger

SOPHOMORE CLASS

Pres. Eddie Schneider
V.P. Stuart Berger
Sec. Treas. Norman Saffra

Faculty Assembly Vetoes Curriculum; Establishes Committee To Reevaluate

By DAVID VORCHHEIMER

APRIL 8 — The Faculty Assembly today vetoed the Senate's curriculum revision plan by a resounding 30-0 vote. Although this was the third meeting on the subject, this was the first at which a quorum was present to allow a vote to be taken on this issue.

Establish Committee

The faculty, however, did move in the direction of studying curriculum revision by approving the establishment of a curriculum review committee which will consist of the Dean and four faculty members. As well, as required by the Senate Constitution, two students will be nominated by the Student Council to serve on this committee.

The major thrust of the vetoed proposal would have been the elimination of the current foreign language requirement in favor

of a twelve credit elective group, and reduction in the YP Jewish studies courses. Many students seemed pleased with the proposed changes. Of the 42% of the student body who participated in a recent YCSC poll, 80% voted in favor of the proposal. Student Senator Moshe Schwerd, who was chairman of the Senate Curriculum Committee which developed the proposal, expressed his disappointment with the faculty's vote: "I would be very suspicious as to whether the vote was purely on the merits

of the proposal. The future of the college should have been paramount to the faculty."

Withdrew Motion

At today's meeting, it was also reported that Dr. Edward Levy, Associate Professor of Music and Chairman of the Faculty Welfare Committee, agreed to withdraw his motion calling for the abolition of the Senate. However, he urged the faculty to consider removing curricular matters from the Senate's jurisdiction, increasing the faculty members on the Senate from a plurality to a majority over students and administrators, and reducing the percent of faculty Assembly members required to veto Senate legislation from 67% to 51%. Although Dr. Levy declined to comment on the nature of his proposals or the motives behind them, he did offer, "The question of the relationship of the faculty to the Senate is being discussed." He preferred to wait for a unified faculty decision of the subject before offering his own opinion. He emphasized that, "Anyone who believes this is an anti-student activity is being vicious," and cautioned that, "Somebody is trying to manipulate the students and whip them up into a frenzy." He asked the students, "... to wait for the full faculty opinion and trust in the good will and judgment of the faculty."

University Libraries To Be Closed For Summer; Calculated Nine Week Closures To Save Thousands

By DAVID FELDMAN

In yet another attempt at saving money, the main center and the Stern College libraries will be closed for the summer. The closure will delay cataloguing of new material which usually occurs over the summer.

Necessary

The Yeshiva University network of libraries which encompasses the Pollack, Gottesman, Hedi Steinberg (SCW), Landowne Bloom libraries, Cardozo and the AECOM library is allotted an annual budget of \$800,000, according to Dr. Frederick Baum, Dean of Yeshiva Libraries. The closing of some of the libraries is mandated in order "to compensate for the coming year's projected deficit of \$500,000."

Dean Baum claims that there is no alternative way to save money except to close for the summer.

The Landowne Bloom library, which serves Ferkauf Graduate School and Wurzwaller School of Social Work along with Cardozo Law Library, will remain open this summer. Dean Baum stressed that the former must remain open due to the Block program, a summer master's program in social work. The latter will remain open because of the need that a Law School has for its library. He said "what will be



— A. Jacobowitz
Dr. Frederick Baum

closed is what we feel is least harmful to the students."

Hindrance

The closing of the Gottesman and Pollack libraries may have many effects which were expressed in a memo to the Vice President of the University by the heads of the aforementioned libraries. In it was stated that the closing would greatly hinder the ability of the library to serve the student for the coming semester. Tasks, such as reserve books, binding, cataloguing, and relocation of books, will be among the chores which will be delayed.

In addition, students of the Bernard Revel graduate school who take classes during June and July, as well as those who finish "incompletes" and write theses during the summer, will be unable to obtain the necessary material.

Layoffs

Aside from the inconvenience on the part of the students, the librarians and other library em-

ployees are being laid off for nine weeks. Dean Baum explains that four of these nine weeks will be vacation time accompanied by full pay. During the remaining five weeks, the employees will be able to collect unemployment compensation from Yeshiva University, which carries its own unemployment insurance policy.

Many of the librarians expressed displeasure with the plan, many of whom are, in effect, being forced to take their vacation during the summer. More importantly, "unemployment checks offering merely \$125 a week will deeply affect many of the employees who rely on this income for their livelihood," according to one librarian. The librarians, who belong to District 1199, are in the process of protesting this proposal, but have, in essence, "given up," according to one librarian.

While the libraries will be closed, Dean Baum spoke of a few people that will continue working in order to answer the mail and do various other daily activities that must continue. Dean Baum estimates \$35,000 will be saved by the closing of the libraries for the summer. When asked if he agreed that this sum is nominal in comparison to the twenty million dollar debt still owed by Yeshiva, Dean Baum replied that "In these times, everyone in Yeshiva must contribute, no matter how small a contribution it is."

Dean Baum continued with the assurance that if someone would come forth with a donation of \$40,000 for the libraries, they would surely remain open for the summer.

Commie Survey

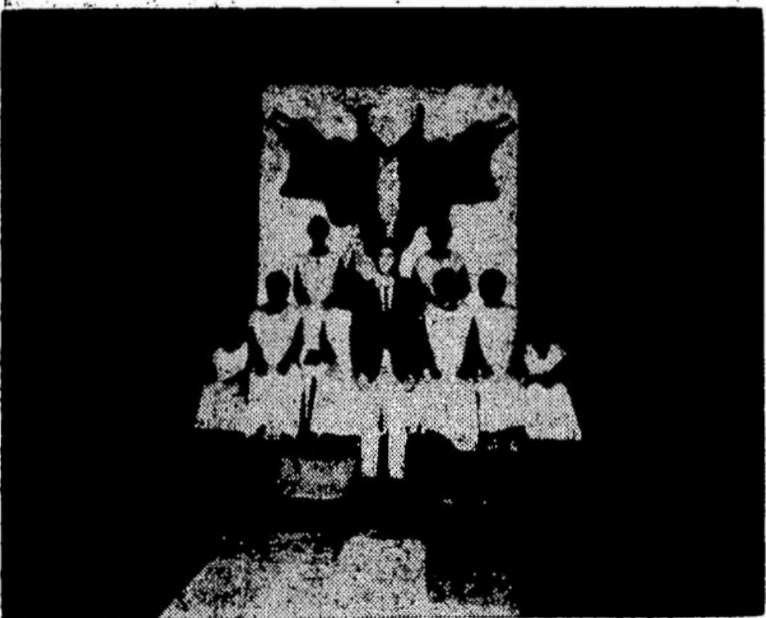
Last year, The Commentator conducted a poll on various facts and attitudes of the Yeshiva College student body. In a statistical analysis done by Dr. Morton Berger, Dean of Ferkauf, the data from the poll has proven to be significant, yielding much useful information.

Last year's survey consisted of 69 questions dealing with general attitudes towards the school; academic behavior; specific school issues; religious attitudes and behavior; and social issues. For the computer breakdown eight variables were set up, categorizing the student body based on year in school, major, religious values, study habits, and other criteria. Responses to the questions were expressed as absolute numbers and percentages

of these various categories.

For example, 139 students, or 42.90%, indicated they would send their child to YU. Almost 13% would not, 3.59% were undecided and two respondents did not answer the question. Heavy studiers were more unsure than light studiers.

The Jewish studies program is the main reason students chose Yeshiva — this held true for all of the eight categories of students. Other reasons were the record of graduate acceptances as well as parental or peer pressure. Almost 65% of the students were upset that the Phi Beta Kappa honor society rejected Yeshiva's application two years ago. Interestingly enough, a greater percentage of students (Continued on Page 3, Col. 1)



— A. Jacobowitz

YCDS performance of "Flowers For Algernon." Review on page 5.

Synthesize

We, the 1980-81 Governing Board of the Commentator, would like, in our final issue, to address a concern that is at the essence of our institution — the Torah U'madah ideal.

It has become apparent that during their college years, students of Yeshiva College acquire no more than a rudimentary understanding or perception of what the synthesis philosophy of Torah U'madah represents. This ignorance extends not only to the abstract facets of synthesis, but, equally important, it encompasses misconceptions about the practical application of the Torah U'madah ideal.

The Orthodox Jewish community today is moving towards the right and hence is becoming more exclusionist. It is once again beginning to separate, rather than to unify, Jewish living in secular society. A large portion of the community no longer finds it necessary to believe in the dualistic ideal of the Jewish community. It is our firm conviction that the survival of the Jewish community depends directly on this dualistic nature. In addition, we have witnessed and are continuing to witness, a strong swing in our student body towards careerization. This, in fact, directly opposes what we are striving for because such a mentality lays aside the sense of communal responsibility, in favor of individual achievement.

The trend continues, and yet there is no response from those occupying the positions of leadership. The time has come to resensitize our student body to the purpose and goal of this University. We are in dire need of authoritative direction and intellectual guidance in the Torah U'madah philosophy and in its practical application. This direction must originate from the upper echelons of our institution. Though we are aware of the University's financial strains, which President Lamm is subjected to, we nonetheless, call upon him to take the lead role in the arduous task of reestablishing the vitality of the Torah U'madah ideal.

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Revitalize

Extracurricular life at Yeshiva College is marked by a great variety and number of clubs and societies. These clubs afford Yeshiva students the opportunity to expand intellectually, culturally, and athletically. Their activities add positively to the atmosphere of and attitude towards the school.

Unfortunately, some of these clubs seem to fill their activity rosters with an annual guest speaker or group meeting. They are not living up to their potential. We call upon the future presidents of these clubs to rejuvenate them by initiating, throughout the year, such programs as lecture series, panel discussions, and group trips.

In contrast, the Dramatics Society deserves special recognition for its outstanding achievements. The dedication and enthusiasm displayed by its members are refreshing and inspiring. We call upon the student body to take heed of their example and to revitalize the entire spectrum of extracurricular activity at YC.

ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS

There are two positions available for students to serve on a curriculum committee, which will act as an advisory board to the Full Faculty Assembly. All sophomores and juniors that are interested are urged to submit their names to Robert Friedman, M223, by April 28.

Letters To The Editor

Shocking

To the Editor:

The display of anti-Semitic literature in Furst Hall was most disturbing and shocking. The well prepared display stands as a reminder of the everpresent threat of anti-Semitism in America. For such an informative and innovative idea, I would like to thank those responsible for collecting the literature and for making the display available to this institution, in particular Shifra Hoffman and the Jewish Defense League.

Robert Schondorf
YC '82

Disheartening

To the Editor:

It disheartens me to see the myopia with which some understand the "Palestinian Question" and Israel's position therein. In your last issue, Michael Klein adamantly declared in the "Letters to the Editor" that a mutual understanding of each other's language would readily allow the Palestinians and Israelis "to understand each other and resolve their differences."

Though illogical, the statement doesn't surprise me. Michael Klein represents a large and growing segment of the Jewish people, namely the bleeding-heart liberals, whose maxim seems to

be "side with the underdogs" regardless of the detriment to yourself." Ration cannot be considered in the liberally-formed opinion. It would only frustrate the liberal, causing him to err and choose the legitimate alternative. What Michael Klein's "solution" suggests is a lack of concern for his fellow Jews in settlements along the West Bank and worse, a total miscomprehension of the historical factors which prompted the current problem.

The Palestinian question is the result of the Arab-Israeli conflict, not the source. The basic cause of the conflict is the fundamental refusal of the Arab states to acknowledge Israel's right to exist as an independent Jewish state. An apprehension of Palestinian language and custom will not rectify what three wars wouldn't, viz, the recognition of Israel as a legitimate entity. In the 30's when Jewish leaders actively advocated the establishment of a binational state in Palestine, where were the leading Palestinian Arabs to join them?

That Michael Klein even sees the necessity for discussions with the Palestinians, adduces to his lack of understanding of the true conflict. I must assume that in advising discussion, he finds something unseemly or lacking in the Palestinian Arabs' current

living conditions, a monstrosity that we must duly correct. Perhaps he's concerned about their economic status which has only improved under Israeli administration. Or maybe Michael Klein feels that all Palestinians should be repatriated in Israel because the Arabs demand it, even though in every war's aftermath resettlement and not repatriation was the best solution. Could it be that he maintains that the Palestinians deserve self-determination and should therefore be granted their own homeland? What a wonderful idea! !! But why stop there? Let's give the American Indians their own homeland! And the Kurds. And the Soviets in Cuba. And the Cubans in El Salvador. What Michael Klein neglects to mention or realize is that the Palestinians already have a homeland, quaintly named Jordan. As Prince Hassan of Jordan eloquently stated, "Palestine is Jordan and Jordan is Palestine, there is one people and one land, with one history and one and the same fate."

So when we come down to the rudiments of his argument, we must acknowledge that they don't hold water. Rather than suggest oversimplified panaceas, maybe Michael Klein should spend a few years in Israel and hopefully alter his trite views.

Sincerely yours,
Joshua Teplow YC '81

Annexing

To the Editor:

I would like to respond to the letters from Alvin Levin and Michael Klein (April 2, Commentator) attacking Dov Fisch.

First, the liberated territories of Yehudah and Shomron are part of Eretz Yisroel; we have every right to establish sovereignty over them. If Mr. Levin opposes settling Jews in Yehudah and Shomron before a peace agreement is signed, and is also apparently quite prepared to relinquish those lands to the Arabs (in clear violation of halachah), then what he really means is that Jews should never be allowed to settle in the liberated lands. As to his remark about "de facto annexation," one can annex only that which doesn't belong to one. Yehudah and Shomron are already ours.

Now, to turn to Mr. Klein. I was most distressed by your constant references to "Palestinians." Throughout all their history, the Arabs living in Eretz Yisroel regarded themselves as Syrians, not Palestinians. The only "Palestinian" people who ever existed are the Jews (yes, us).

Secondly, the Kach movement does not seek to oppress the Arabs residing in the State of Israel or the liberated lands. Rather, they desire to help both parties by lessening the chance of

violent conflict between the Jews and Arabs in Eretz Yisroel, preferably by removing the Arabs from Eretz Yisroel. I see nothing wrong with this. History has shown time and time again that people live best among their own people. If the Arabs in Israel were removed, peacefully, with full compensation for property left behind, to other Arab countries (there are certainly enough of them), the chance of a disastrous confrontation would be considerably lessened. This is not oppression any more than the partitioning of India and Pakistan was oppression.

Now, another point. If (chas v'shalom) we were to return Yehudah and Shomron, to whom would we return them? Jordan? That would not help the Arabs who call themselves Palestinians at all. They (and by "they" I mean the PLO, primarily) regard Jordan to be as much of an enemy as Israel. Giving the liberated lands to Jordan would undoubtedly make King Hussein very happy, but would accomplish little else. Or do you suggest that we give Mr. Arafat a nice little state of his own, just a few short miles from Tel Aviv? If you know of someone else to whom we can give the land, please let me know.

As to the "problem of Palestinian autonomy," there is no problem of Palestinian autonomy. The Arabs have no right to (Continued on Page 7, Col. 1)

Dean Berger Addresses Psychology Club, Outlining Many Options Open To Students

By KEN WAGNER

APRIL 9—Dr. Morton Berger, Dean of the Ferkauf Graduate School, today addressed twenty members of the Psychology Club on the various opportunities available in psychology at the school.

The school presently offers degrees in social, experimental, clinical, and health psychology. The address dealt mainly with the health psychology program and the options available in clinical psychology at Ferkauf. The health psychology program, which is run in conjunction with AECOM, is designed to train psychologists in the specialty of dealing with the psychological determinants and the side effects of disease.

Since the field is so new—the program is only a year old—Dr. Berger stated that jobs would be available in the metropolitan area for at least the foreseeable future.

The other programs highlighted were the two options in clinical psychology which consists of training in scientific methodology and then training in how to apply that expertise to the clinical setting. This program admitted eleven students last year. The term of this program varies from student to student, but basically consists of three years of curriculum followed by a year in a field setting, and then the writing of a doctoral dissertation which, according to Dr. Berger, can take anywhere from one year to ten years.

The other option in clinical psychology is a new program which offers the only doctorate



Dean Berger talks on psychology program.

of psychology (Psy.D.) in the state. This program is geared towards training a practitioner as opposed to a researcher. This degree when compared to the standard Ph.D is similar to the difference between an M.D. and a Ph.D. in biology. The term of this program is limited to four years and starts the student off in the first year with practicum, or hands-on experience in the clinical setting. Courses are given in administering intelligence tests, conducting psycho-therapy, and in other areas in which the clinical psychologist functions. Dean Berger pointed out that as opposed to the other schools in the country that are offering this degree, Ferkauf has a steady

training program in research techniques, not to train the student as a scientist but rather to assure that he will have the capability of digesting and assimilating new research in the field of clinical psychology. Dean Berger stated that this unique aspect of Ferkauf's program would make it a model program for the entire state.

Dr. Berger invited serious YC students to tender applications. He noted that at Ferkauf there is an appreciation for the special training and background of Yeshiva students. Dr. Berger also invited members of the psychology club to visit with the faculty and students of the Ferkauf psychology programs.

YC Departmental Review

Nearly a year ago, Commentator began running the "Departmental Review" as a regular feature. The goal was to present an overview of one Yeshiva College department each week, in order to illustrate its strengths and weaknesses to the students. To date, ten reviews have been written. Many complaints have been aired, and many trends have been made apparent. So now, a review of this past year's YC Department Review.

It is obvious that Yeshiva College has become more and more of a pre-professional institution. As Dr. Albert Marrin of the History Department says, "This is a trend prevalent in most colleges. The trend, starting in the 1960's, was that courses which were traditionally required became optional. There just aren't a lot of Humanities majors any more. The stress on professional education is gobbling up our potential students. And since there aren't that many students, there aren't that many courses."

A department at Yeshiva that does not offer a definite career payoff in exchange for thirty credits is in jeopardy. Dr. Walter Wurzbarger of Philosophy claims that "the student body is putting a cash value on ideas," and demands that "emphasis be put on the value of a liberal arts education."

Dr. Seymour Lainoff, Chairman of the English Department, echoes these sentiments. "People have the economic jitters now; they are scared not to major in a pre-professional subject."

The way that Humanities courses are offered also upsets a number of the faculty. For example, English instructor Leo Taubes: "The question is — to what extent can you treat a college like a business? The present situation in the English Department has the faculty trying to sell the courses. They are treating the students like customers and are saying, 'the customer is always right.' If there are no students — we drop the course. If there are students, we keep the course going. By doing this, the administration is saying that whether or not a course is worthwhile should be determined by the registration. This type of education is disastrous."

The key word, of course, is "career." Humanities departments which lead into lucrative careers are as strong as departments such as Philosophy and History are weak. Psychology, Economics, Political Science; all these are strong and stable divisions of YC.

Dr. Helmut Adler: "The applied areas of psychology are very good in terms of jobs, and ultimately, in terms of a lucrative career, meaning you can make money as a psychologist."

Dr. Aaron Levine: "An Economics major serves as a very good preparation for Graduate School in Business Administration, Health Administration, Public Administration, etc., which would of course prepare a student for entry into the business world's various specialties."

Dr. Michael Hecht: "Political Science is a good, solid academic discipline. It is certainly the obvious major for law schools. It defines talents which help people when they go into law."

Turning to the Science Departments of Yeshiva College, the Pre-Med rules supreme. Biology, Chemistry, and Physics are three of the most popular departments in the school, thanks to the unique YC Pre-Health major. Countless students who wish to go into medicine flock to "Organic Chemistry," "Current Topics in Biology," and "Physics I." Strangely, though, the faculty chairmen of Chemistry and Physics seem to bite the hand that feeds them. Both men are against the Pre-Med major at Yeshiva:

Dr. Ezra Levy (Chemistry) — "Students don't feel they need to major in Chemistry because they have the Pre-Health major. That weakens our department. I really don't believe in the whole idea of the Pre-Health major — it is non-existent in the vast majority of schools. Some students get out of here knowing nothing about the subjects they take. I would rather they take thirty credits of English, Statistics, or anything. Today, Pre-Meds know nothing substantial in any subject."

Dr. Arthur Komar (Physics) "I don't appreciate the Pre-Med

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The Commentator Poll

(Cont. from Page 1, Col. 5) who regretted coming to YU were more bothered by this than those who did not regret coming to Yeshiva.

A large majority of the group satisfied with YU feels that the religious balance is satisfactory. Of the group that regrets coming here, 28% feel that it is satisfactory, 23% that it is too secular, and 43% that it is too religious. Those students with higher, rather than lower, religious values tended to have more positive attitudes toward the University. The same was true for heavier, rather than lighter, students.

Some of the other responses to poll questions comprise the following data:

76% of the students consider themselves Zionists, 6% do not and 15% are undecided. On the other hand only 52% have plans for Aliyah with 22% having no such plans and 24% being undecided.

With regard to dating, 26% responded that they date frequently, 52% occasionally and 19% never. 41% indicated that they would date an irreligious girl and only 8% indicated that they would date non-Jewish girls. Pre-marital sex proved to be a taboo. Use of any drugs including marijuana is exceedingly limited. As we might have expected, however, the use of alcohol is more widespread — 30% use alcohol only on religious occasions, 57% admit to using it occasionally and 10% indicate never. Dr. Berger concluded that sexual and drug attitudes amongst YU students are generally quite con-

servative. Such documented data is quite significant in light of current norms for college-age students.

It appears from the poll that students' social and recreational needs are not being met adequately. 41% indicated that they never spend Shabbat at YU. Over 80% felt that recreational facilities at YU are not adequate, and over 50% of the student body leave the campus at least once a week for entertainment. Finally, on the issue of wheth-

er the University should become a co-educational institution, 35% felt it should not, 48% felt it should and 15% were undecided.

For some of the variables and subdivisions, the number of people responding is rather small, so the answers are not always statistically reliable. But it does seem that the data can help guide the administration in planning University policy. An updated Commentator survey is currently underway.

Museum Of Potential Holocaust Exhibit Displays Anti-Semitic Nazi Propaganda

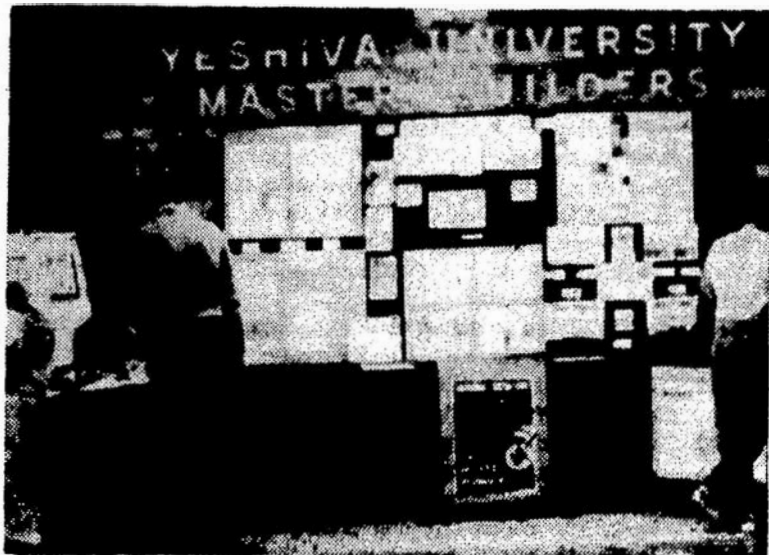
By MOSHE ROSENBERG

For the past week or so, students have been stopping to examine an unusual display in the lobby of Furst Hall. The display is composed of books, paper, teeshirts, and other items related to anti-Semitism. Included are material from Nazis, Neo-Nazis, the Ku Klux Klan and various Christian missionary groups.

PoliSci Sponsored

Sponsored by the Joseph B. Dunner Political Science Society, the display is part of Israel's Museum of Potential Holocaust, an institution which has been gathering such material on the Holocaust for over five years. Previously exhibited in Queens College, the display will go next to the Brooklyn Library. While here, it has generated much interest among members of the student body. Ralph Sugarman, President of the Joseph B. Dunner Political Science Society, estimates that seventy-five per cent of the students at Yeshiva have stopped to examine the items being shown. Even two city council members have come to see the displayed articles. "The re-

sponse has been so great," Mr. Sugarman says, "that I am taking steps to try to make this a permanent display at Yeshiva."



Anti-Semitism exhibit in Furst Hall Lobby.

Library Robbery

By JOEL SLAWOTSKY

April 5 — The library staff discovered this morning that over \$100 had been taken from the library over the weekend. The money used to provide change for the copy machines had been locked up for the weekend.

Upsetting

Colonel Robert Marmorstein, Director of Security and Safety, noted that this incident is particularly upsetting since "I instructed them about 6 months ago on how to secure the money." As a deterrent to future crimes, the library now plans to install dollar bill changing machines. Colonel Marmorstein declined to comment as to whether the police were called in to investigate this incident. As of yet, no suspects have been apprehended.

Vandalism and break-ins are nothing new to the library; last year, coin-operated typewriter machines were broken into and subsequently removed.

Commentator Reviews Pre-Advisors

Pre-Health

By MOSHE ROSENBERG

The Pre-health Sciences Department is easily the largest department in Yeshiva College, boasting some 219 majors. All of these aspiring doctors and dentists are seeking the grades, the knowledge, and graduate school opportunities necessary to excel in their professions. And the task of guiding, advising, and preparing them falls largely upon



Dr. Saul Wischnitzer

Dr. Saul Wischnitzer, Associate Dean for Health Science Advisement at YC.

Dr. Wischnitzer, who earned his Masters Degree and Doctorate at Notre Dame, did post-graduate work in Oregon National Laboratory and taught anatomy in medical school before coming to Yeshiva. Here he joined the Biology Department, where he teaches an advanced course each semester, but it was in 1964 that Dean Isaac Bacon formally appointed him faculty

advisor for Pre-Health Science Students.

AED

The very next year, on the suggestion of Dean Bacon, Dr. Wischnitzer applied for and received permission to form the New York Zeta chapter of the Alpha Epsilon Delta, the international premedical honors society. The best of the Pre-meds join the society, and participate every year in an elaborate schedule of activities. Included are lectures on medical ethics, career planning and preparing for the admissions tests. Alumni return to describe medical school, and representatives of various medical schools address the society. The year is finally capped off with a Senior dinner. Every year, the honor society, advised by Dr. Wischnitzer, publishes a Pre-medical Journal, with articles dealing with various aspects of medicine, as well as the interaction between medicine and Halacha.

Advice

Throughout their stay at Yeshiva College, Pre-Health Science students come to Dr. Wischnitzer for advice regarding course selection, career options, and summer school. He is responsible for preparing the necessary materials for applicants to Medical and Dental Schools. Recommendations, composite letters of evaluation, and comment sheets must be sent out. Here, as always, the efficient Mrs. Rose Unger, who runs a one-woman office, proves invaluable.

Dr. Wischnitzer tries to mold (Continued on Page 7, Col. 5)

Pre-Law

Rabbi Dr. Michael Hecht brings impressive credentials to the position of Pre-Law Advisor at Yeshiva. A graduate of Yeshiva College, he received his ordination from RIETS, while simultaneously attending N.Y.U. Law School. From there he channeled his talents back into the Jewish community. Continuing to say a high school shiur, he also joined the Political Science faculty of Yeshiva and Stern



Dr. Michael Hecht

Colleges, where he presently teaches American Government and Constitutional Law. This schedule was interrupted briefly for the academic year of 1979-80, when Dr. Hecht assumed the Deanship of Yeshiva College. He stipulated though, that he would only serve in that capacity for one year, and, never wavering, returned to his shiur this year. As a result of a year as Dean, Dr. Hecht feels he has gained a greater appreciation of teaching,

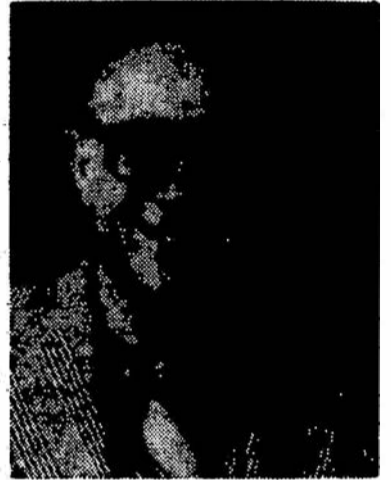
as well as a greater understanding of the problems dealt with by administrators.

As Pre-Law Advisor, Dr. Hecht prides himself on the close and lasting relationships he develops with his students. These relationships being with advice on undergraduate course selection, and continue to intensify during the period of applying to law schools and deciding which school to attend.

Many students from Yeshiva are accepted to the most prestigious law schools of the country. Their excellent scores on LSAT's and success in law careers are attributed in part by Dr. Hecht to the "analytic reasoning and careful attention to nuance which are some of the definite, if not intended, consequences of Talmudic study." And the success rate is indeed impressive. Over 50% of last year's class placed in the top 10 percent of the nation; a third of the class was in the top 6-7%, and six students placed in the top 2% nationwide. Even after being accepted by schools like Harvard, Yale, Columbia and N.Y.U., Yeshiva students continue to do well, with many writing for law review while in school, and with a great demand for them in Wall Street firms. As a result of the inroads made by these students, some of the biggest and most notoriously non-Jewish law firms now have regular shiurim which the YU alumni run. "This is truly a sanctification of G-d's name, and his ultimate aim of an orthodox Jewish lawyer," says Dr. Hecht.

Accounting

The loss to Wall Street and Adelphi University was certainly the gain of Yeshiva University when Dr. Norman Schlessberg became Chairman of the Accounting Department and Pre-Accounting advisor. Dr. Schlessberg, who graduated as an accountant in 1942, spent four years in WW II, and then attended Columbia Law School, after which he and another CPA-lawyer operated a partnership until 1966. Then, he



Dr. Norman Schlessberg

spent some time on Wall Street, serving on the Committee of Arbitration of the American Stock Exchange. Soon after, he began to teach, propelled in part by a personal tragedy, and attained the rank of a tenured Associate Professor at Adelphi University. Seeing an ad for a position at Yeshiva, Dr. Schlessberg, who wanted to make a contribution to Judaism by teaching Jewish boys (Continued on Page 6, Col. 1)

Short Story Contest Winner

Azia And The Jew

By JOSH TELOW

Reb Azia fell down to the ground, crumpled like so many pieces of dry lettuce in front of the tiny shul. The soldiers that dodged back and forth ignored him. Guttural German came from all directions, barked as commands and answered abjectly as responses. Azia looked up and saw that the heavy oaken doors of the shul were ajar. Squeezing through the small space, he entered the tiny shul, his haven now. Darkness surrounded him. In the dingy yellow light scars that framed his face became inconspicuous. He crawled about the dirt floor and grasped for the rich sand that covered the ancient shul. Blood began to flow again from a deep gash above his eye. He felt a throbbing within his head that seemed to measure his every minute he had left to live. He made an attempt to get up but the strain cut through his every tendon. His arms collapsed and his head was thrown into the dust. The perspiration on his forehead began to trickle down his nose. The salty sweat in his mouth reminded him that he hadn't eaten in two days.

"So," he thought, "we've never had better. I enjoy the agony. They would have theirs on Judgment Day." He exerted himself once more and reached out for the arm rest of the pew. Steadying himself, he got up and set himself onto the bench. He wiped dust from his face and began to notice the state of his clothing. Ironic, he considered, the tailor of all Remlin and not one suit did he own. He closed his aching eyes and tried to rest while he could . . .

The morning service had just finished and he was taking off his phylacteries.

"Reb Azia," shorted Sam Neusman, "look at you! I have to admit those phylacteries are magnificent but you're no scribe."

Reb Azia grumbled. Any comment would just provoke Neusman. A boor by profession, lawyer by trade, Sam saw fit that

everyone profit from his questionable scholarship. It seemed Azia was to be the pupil this morning.

"On the other hand, where did you get that truly amazing suit of patches?" Sam pulled Azia close as if to pretend telling him the secret of the world.

"Reb Azia, why do you dress like such a shlep? Better yet, a Jew? It's really an embarrassment to your trade!" He then extracted a large note and slipped it into Azia's coat pocket.

"Now listen to me," Neusman exclaimed, removing his coat. "You must certainly need the money or you would look more presentable. In any event, here is my jacket, Azia. Treat it well, see what you can do about the buttons. Also, this looks slippy," pointing to the collar, "Restitch it if you can; oh, just replace the thing with something rich though not pretentious, you think you can do that?"

Azia responded quickly.

"Well, this isn't . . ."

"Oh, and the pockets," Neusman interrupted, "maybe some felt would do it; what do you think?" Azia waited, but Neusman didn't continue.

"I'll try to . . ."

"Here's the coat, Azia," Neusman interjected, throwing his heavy outerwear at the small man in front of him. Azia stepped aside in disbelief as Neusman scuffed off to catch up with some man.

"Herr Heinrich," Neusman yelled out the shul door.

The doors slammed shut and Azia was left holding the coat. He deliberated now. Looking at the brass buttons of Neusman's heavy jacket, he saw the lawyer's round face shining out. His pretentious smile demanded attention from his friends, two German officers who diffidently nodded back. The vision left and Azia was once again staring at the gleam of the brass buttons. He observed that the coat decidedly mirrored Neusman's character. The

wool jacket was thin and the rich outside covered a seedy cotton lining. He flipped the coat back and looked at the breast pocket in disdain. It was missing the obligatory yellow star worn by all Jews. Probably a returned favor for something Neusman did to some Jew. He had an idea. He smiled and walked out of the shul to his shop. He rushed through the streets, the faster the better. Along the corner of each block brown shirts surveyed Remlin's Jewish population. Azia didn't turn to see the injustice done to one Jew on one corner or the punishment of another Jew somewhere else. He only let up at the bottom of the stairs that led to his shop. He hurried to the door and closed it tight behind him and began to work on the jacket. In the morning he was awakened by Neusman's knocking.

"Wake up, Jew. Azia, open the door!"

Azia let out a satisfying yawn and got up to let Neusman in.

"Good Morning, counselor."

"Good Morning, Jew."

"Let's not be hasty, counselor, you, too, are a Jew."

"Ahh, but I don't look the part. Your clothing makes you the despicable creature that you are!"

"Yes, Neusman," Azia thought, "And your clothes will make you the despicable creature you are!" Then Azia spoke up.

"Regardless Herr Neusman, I have your coat. Observe."

The lawyer looked at the coat and stared in awe at the repairs. Suede lavishly covered the collar and sleeves of the coat. Decorative stitching about the shoulders and front highlighted the wool which somehow shined now through the clever craft of the tailor. His eyes took in the whole jacket, but darted to the breast pocket. Beneath it, melodiously ornate, stood a silver swastika embroidered onto a deep eld of black. The myriads of silver

thread caught glints of a candle's light and threw them back into Neusman's eyes with an intensity that the sun could only mimic. About the swastika's legs was interlaced a brocade border which intensified the resplendent black field.

The lawyer staggered back, allowing himself a minute to reorient himself. He looked up at the tailor and grew somber.

"What is this abomination?"

"Excuse me, counselor, but this is no abomination. I consider it a masterpiece, and an artistic appraisal of you!"

"Don't test me tailor. I won't be insulted by the likes of you."

"Please don't see this as an insult but as repair truly needed. A person's clothing must not only contain the person, fit him, but must also contain the person's spirit. Your clothes, counselor, are an adjunct to your character. While you may not observe this, a man's clothing reveals innuendos that he can't begin to disclose. A tip of the hat, mercy perhaps. A fur collar, kindness. A swa . . ."

"I haven't finished with you," Neusman grabbed the coat, "this will be taken up at some other time!" Neusman stomped out of the small room and down the stairs.

"Good day, Jew!"

"A hint from my clothes, counselor?" Neusman didn't turn. Reb Azia sat down and commended himself on this meeting's outcome . . .

A drop of water from the ceiling hit Reb Azia squarely between the eyes and woke him from his frenzied sleep. He looked about and realized that he was still in the shul. As he scrutinized the walls, he asked himself how a community could have ignored the obvious deterioration of the ancient structure that was their shul. Built in 1862 it was one of the only wooden shuls left standing in Germany. Broad rays of light diffused through large stained glass windows; purple, red, yellow

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Doomsday

By DAVID KOBER



Ronald Reagan was restless. He didn't like being trapped in Camp David, even if he did have to rest and recover. He picked up the television remote control, and flicked the set on. The President began dozing off as the evening news began.

"This is Dan Rather broadcasting live from the White House Situation Room. Just minutes ago, the Soviet Union moved into Poland. The NATO countries delivered an immediate ultimatum: 'Get out of Poland or it means war.' The Russians responded by sending five SS-20's, each armed with ten nuclear warheads, towards the United States. An emergency Cabinet meeting has been called . . ."

HAIG: "I call this meeting to order. In the absence of the President, the Secretary of State takes over. The President is recuperating, so . . ."

ALLEN: "Excuse me, Mr. Haig, but I believe that . . ."

HAIG: "Shut up, Allen, can't you see I'm busy. Why are you always questioning my authority? I am in control here, I am in control!"

BUSH: "What do you mean you're in control? The President placed me in charge of crisis management around here, remember? Hand me that gavel."

HAIG: "Will you keep your voice down, George! You don't have to scare the whole Cabinet half to death. There's no crisis at hand, everything is secure in the Situation Room. Why are you all ganging up on me? I'm the vicar of foreign policy, I can cope with a little distress."

BUSH: "A little distress? Alexander, the Russians have missiles winging their way towards Washington, D.C.!"

HAIG: "All right, we have to evacuate the capital. Get me some maps so I can plot troop movements and supply lines. And Al-

len, while you're at it, bring me a pointer."

BUSH: "It's too late for that now, the missiles will be here before anyone could escape. We have to make the decision on a retaliatory strike."

HAIG: "I know what that is, I was the Commander of NATO. I used to be a general before I became a vicar."

BUSH: "So what are we going to do?"

HAIG: "I don't know, I suppose on one hand we could press the button and obliterate half of the world, but if I took the responsibility, it would probably kill my chances for the Presidency in '84. What do you think, George?"

BUSH: "How can you ask the Vice-President what to do? I'm not familiar with the pros and cons. My biggest worry is what to wear to Prince Charles' wedding next month."

HAIG: "But you know foreign relations. You were Ambassador to China; you were the head of CIA."

BUSH: "Oh, I just took those jobs so they'd look good on my transcript."

HAIG: "I know the problem. We're discussing this on an empty stomach, let's get some lunch. I'll have the prime ribs. George, you always take the caviar . . ."

STOCKMAN: "Wait a minute, Haig, no more of that. I've cut the charge account for the White House catering service."

HAIG: "Can I at least order a tuna sandwich?"

STOCKMAN: "No way; do you know what's happened to the price of fish in the last ten years?"

HAIG: "Well, what do you suggest we eat?"

STOCKMAN: "The jellybean jar is full, dig in."

EDWARDS: "Mr. Chairman,

I'd like to make a statement for the Energy Department. Everyone seems to be looking at the dark side of this attack. I don't think you gentlemen realize what a great opportunity this is to further this country's nuclear research. Why, the power of just one SS-20 could fuel Cincinnati for a year."

REGAN: "Speaking for Treasury, I'd like to say that this assault might just give our economy the jolt it needs to lift itself out of recession. Everybody knows war is good for business. Employment will rise, and factories will spend money on new equipment even without accelerated depreciation."

BELL: "And I'm sure that Education will benefit. Young Americans will have to read up on the topic of radiation sickness, so more people will get interested in medicine. Bomb shelters will have to be built, so new engineers will be in great demand. And as for lawyers, I'm sure the United States will need a whole bunch of them once they decide to prosecute Russia in the World Court."

WATT: "Hey, now the Department of the Interior won't have to go to the trouble of leasing out US land to be destroyed by American industry. Russian industry will take care of that for us."

WEINBERGER: "The Defense Department has no objections. Now I won't have to worry about whether to construct MX on land or at sea. There won't be any America left to protect."

Nancy Reagan shakes the President, who has been muttering "no, no," in his sleep.

NANCY: "Shh, shh, I'm here, darling, you just had a bad dream, that's all. The doctors say you're getting better and better, and you should be able to take full charge again in ten days."

REAGAN: "Forget the doctors, where are my pants?"

Behind Dorm Doors

Although YCDS has recently produced a very successful show, many unfortunate students were unable to see it. For those who want a critical drama review, read *Commie After Dark*. For those who prefer candid student opinion, we take you . . . BEHIND DORM DOORS . . .

How do you rate YCDS's production of "Flowers For Algernon"?

Mark Hirsch — Junior — YP: It's great seeing our guys perform so professionally and with maturity. The respect and admiration that YU receives from the performances cannot be matched even by its public relations department, but they can keep on trying.



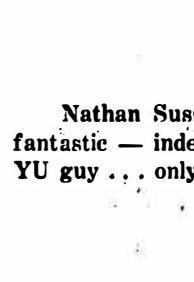
Jeremy Peyser — Senior — YP: Being on the waiting list for two nights I can truly say that it was well worth waiting. By far one of the best aspects of YU. It is too bad not everyone was able to see it.



Phil Goldmeier — Junior — EMC: Excellent production. I think Dr. Beukas and his crew outdid themselves this time.



Michael Sohn — Junior — JSS: The play makes us realize that we are fortunate to be able "to swim like a fish if we want to — swim if we're brave enough to try." Of course it helps if you could sing and dance also!



Nathan Sussman — Senior — YP: It was fantastic — indeed the best play about a typical YU guy . . . only "Charlie" almost recovered.



Meir Rosenfeld — Senior — YP: For allowing our minds some intellectually stimulating recreation from the tedious day-to-day routines of the mid-term season, for producing such a class production, and for giving us a chance to see the Pnyas — I think Dr. Beukas deserves our kudos.

YC Departmental Review

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major at all. I would much rather see students carry on in specific sciences, or even in Humanities subjects."

There are certain items that much of the Science faculty seem to agree on:

- 1) The majority of the laboratory equipment they have to work with is, to say the least, antiquated.
- 2) The BA-MA program, which was discontinued, should be restored.
- 3) An interesting extra-curricular life in a department helps students enjoy their fields of study.

To summarize, the Commentator Departmental Review has shown Yeshiva College to be a career-oriented school. But it has also shown that the true strength of any department is its students. The majority of faculty members interviewed seemed to agree that the students at YC stack up against any around the country.

Guidance Notes

Yeshiva University has now developed a new "Summer Internship Program" for Stern and Yeshiva College students who will be Juniors or Seniors in 1981-82 (with cumulative averages of at least 3.3). Students can receive professional experience in the area of their vocational interest and may also be eligible for academic credit; payment: hourly minimum wage. Applicants must be nominated by the College; those interested should see Dr. Connolly (F413) at once, and no later than April 15.

Students who are now in their junior year are invited to consult with Professor Feldman, F 519, if they wish to have more information about applying for fellowships for studying abroad after they graduate. The following fellowships are available: Rhodes and Marshall (for study in England) and Fulbright (for study in a multitude of countries).

Commie After Dark

There are so many problems in reviewing a college play: you have nothing to compare it to, but other college plays; you don't want to besmirch the reputation of a university club and therefore the university; and if you have friends in the cast, you don't enjoy the prospect of telling them that they need intensive training with Lee Strasberg.

All these potential dilemmas swirled in my head as I sat down in the theater to see *Flowers for Algernon*. But as I left the Student Union Building, my mind was at ease. You see, *Flowers for Algernon* is not a college play.

Dr. Anthony Beukas and his loyal followers have raised this dramatic presentation far above the college level. Director Beukas started with twenty-nine Yeshiva students and a former garage, and ended up with a professional company in an off-Broadway theater. I dread to think what Dr. Beukas could do with the United States army.

Flowers for Algernon is the

touching story of Charlie Gordon, a retarded man who lives in a state of blissful ignorance. Charlie is suddenly subjected to an incredible new medical experiment — one that will give him normal intelligence, and eventually super-normal intelligence. We accompany Charlie on his amazing journey from preschool intellect to Einsteinian genius. But the journey is not a peaceful one. The operation unlocks the door to Charlie's tortured past. His early childhood memories are evoked as Charlie's subconscious mind shakes off its cobwebs. Furthermore, as Charlie's reason expands, he can see for the first time the actual personalities of those he used to call his friends.

Dr. Beukas utilizes some interesting conventions in *Flowers for Algernon*. The most noteworthy is the Greek Chorus. Ten actors, uniformly dressed, help the audience by enacting Charlie's memories and furnishing crucial plot information. This ancient theater technique brought into a modern play not only adds in-

terest and depth, but solves the problem of male performers portraying both male and female roles.

The technical aspects of *Flowers for Algernon* must also be lauded — particularly the music, which enhanced the production throughout.

Now, to the actors. All I can say about Adam Charnoff (Charlie) is: "What is he doing at YU?" This man should be starving in a 44th street hotel, like other professional actors. In *Algernon*, he takes our emotions on a roller coaster ride from the opening scene to the curtain call. He grabs the audience by the throat and doesn't let go.

There is not enough room to congratulate each member of the cast individually. Suffice it to say that under the baton of Dr. Beukas, they played together like a finely tuned orchestra.

One of my favorite lines in the play was: "You can fly like a bird if you want to." *Flowers of Algernon* does not merely fly. It soars.

Azia And The Jew

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low and orange. The red light accentuated his old, creased hands. He looked down and observed for the first time the shabby creature that he really was. Tears began to trickle down his cheeks to be absorbed by his sunken, dried skin. He rubbed his eyes only to irritate them more. Finally, he burst out in a long wailing that could have pronounced sentence on everything that had made his life so bitter. He gasped. *Yom Kippur*; today was the day of divine retribution for sins not atoned for. He had fasted for lack of food. Had he had sustenance, he would have feasted damning God and this horror that he had created. The thought saddened him. Had his life been so melancholy as for him to question God's commandments? He cupped his hands and shook his head morosely. Thinking of his problems only hastened his depression. Sitting in the small pew, it would have been easy to lament over his torn life. It would always be simple to feel sorry for himself. But his physical pain couldn't be bothered with the mental adversity he was experiencing. His thoughts turned to other things that caused him anguish. Neusman came to mind. But he was too weak to deal with the thoughts that surfaced in response to the hated name. He let his head slump over and fell asleep . . .

"Run, Azia, the Germans are headed this way," screamed Sigmund, "they'll be here soon and when they come they'll beat who they can!!" Sigmund picked up his bags and gestured Azia to move quickly. He then scuttled off to find an alley or alcove in which to hide. Azia turned about and hurried to his shop. Another shout from above warned him.

"Azia, get going!" Yossie stuck his head out the window and looked exasperated. "That bastard, Neusman will have

your head if you're not in your shop soon. Don't take your time!" Azia nodded to him and started off, running now in earnest. He finally approached his shop and looked about the street for sign of a crowd of Germans. Nothing. He rushed up the stairs and in one sweeping movement opened the door and let himself in. He then bolted it behind him. Looking about, he made sure his shop was secure. The next few minutes were spent in sweaty panic. Azia walked around his supply table, trying to calm his fright, though the visitors he suspected would come, arrived ultimately. A maddening knock on the door. Then a kicking.

"Yes, yes, I'm coming!" The stopping wouldn't stop until he opened the door. Turning the knob, the door was pushed open from the other side. He was then backed to the wall. Azia came in contact with Sam Neusman's glaring eyes. Neusman wasn't happy with what he had to gaze upon. Azia frowned. On each side of the lawyer were two German officers clothed in SS garb. Without looking at Neusman's face, it seemed that they too acquiesced with Neusman's low opinion of this silly man in front of them. Neusman handed him a paper and concurrently read from a copy that he had.

"You are, hereby, to refrain from repairing the clothing of Aryans. You will stick to the tailoring of your own community's clothing — that means Jews only. Do you understand?" Azia nodded, shocked that he was being ordered by a fellow Jew. Neusman smiled, enjoying the fuming that Azia momentarily kept within himself.

"How does it feel to be a real fascist, Neusman? Aren't we good enough for you that you need German friends? Tell me, do you wake up in the morning to admire your ugly countenance? You fool . . ." This last comment elicited a painful kick

in the groin. Azia doubled over and began to retch blood. Outside the officers finished painting "Jude" in large red letters over the entire shop window. Azia tried to crane his head but his vision blurred and he rolled over unconscious . . .

A ringing in his ear woke Azia once again. Perspiration soaked his clothes so they felt quite dank. He attempted to stand but his legs buckled beneath him and he fell onto the dirt floor. Crawling to the center of the shul, he clawed at the main platform and grabbed for one of the poles. A false security began to envelope him. Deep within his brain's convolutions arose a vision of the biblical criminal gripping onto the temple altar to escape the revenge of his victim's family. His knuckles, drained of blood, took on the semblance of white marble. Courage of a sort came to him. Kneeling in the shul he looked up as if to question the Master of the Universe.

Suddenly, the doors were forced open, splintering at the hinges. Two Germans dressed in corporals' uniforms entered the building. A lieutenant, an SS officer, walked closely behind them. His overdress shined with a festoon of wards and honors. Across his headgear, stitched in silver was the familiar "Death-head" of the Einsatzgruppen, special commandos designated for the mopping up of "inferior races." His eyes twinkled as he observed the old man groveling in the dirt. He chortled and spit into Reb Azia's face.

"Da, er ist, mein obersfuhrer," the first corporal blurted out, playfully poking at Azia with his blood encrusted bayonet. Ahh, he thought. Neusman told the truth. Azia is here. This Neusman is to be trusted, hmm . . . The lieutenant stood his ground and grinned.

"So, Jude, wie geht's?!" Lifting his finger he signaled. The corporals lowered their rifles and shoved Azia with the bayo-

nets out into the street. A crowd had gathered in front to see the outcome of this unfortunate situation. The crowd parted to let him pass. The lieutenant jolted Azia throwing his face into the mud. It took some time for Azia to compose himself. When he did look up his eyes came to rest on a very somber Sam Neusman. The swastika beneath his pocket stood sinisterly bold. The lieutenant gruffly whispered to Neusman. He then pulled a rifle from one of the corporals and handed it to the lawyer. Neusman stared at the gun. The lieutenant pointed to Azia and stamped his feet. Neusman stood mesmerized by the shine of the cold blue steel of the gun's barrel. The SS officer goaded Neusman to get it over with. The lawyer looked up at the officer and then at Azia. Raising the rifle, he tried to aim at Azia's forehead but his trembling wouldn't subside. The lieutenant bellowed an obscenity and Neusman fired. Stunned, Azia's hands made a futile attempt to keep his head from disintegrating. As his body crumpled, the lieutenant pulled the gun away from the shocked Neusman. The SS officer then shrieked.

"Let it be known that the Germans never killed the Jews. It was the Jews that did themselves in!" The lieutenant then shook Neusman back to consciousness and gave him a wide smile.

"Ah, Jew, you'll make a German yet." The SS officer then nodded to the corporal behind Neusman. A muffled shot ripped through the lawyer's back, and as he fell the corporal who had shot him broke out in a wide grin. The lieutenant rolled Neusman over and ripped off the swastika on the front of his coat. He pinned this to his coat and looked down to notice what he had revealed. A tailor's artistry. A magnificent yellow star embroidered with the word "jude" on it.

Yeshiva Accounting Dept. Thriving

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Since then, the Accounting Department at Yeshiva and Stern have undergone a transformation. Dr. Schlessberg predicts that when the new programs, now in their infancy, take hold, Yeshiva College should have over 25 accounting majors, and Stern another 10 to 12. Accounting majors, says Schlessberg, are members of the most rigorous program at the University, for, in addition to all the regular requirements, they must take the 60 credits required by New York State for the accounting program. The result can be, as it was in the case of one accounting major, a four-year course of study without the opportunity to take a single elective. For this reason, Dr. Schlessberg hopes that there will be a relaxation in the future of outside requirements for accounting majors.

For his students, Dr. Schlessberg fills a number of needs. He is someone to whom they can turn to discuss careers or any problems they may have. He has managed to get Ronald Cooper, a partner from Ernst & Whinney, the third largest accounting firm in the world, to speak at an accounting society meeting. Other speakers, from many different types of firms, are anticipated.

An awards dinner is being planned now, as well. It is to be held in early May to honor the graduating accounting majors, and Dr. Schlessberg has already managed to raise a substantial amount of money for four awards to be given to Yeshiva and Stern students who excelled in scholastic achievement or service to their school.

And, of course, even at this early stage, there are the results of which to speak. Of the six students seeking positions from YC after graduating last June, four, and perhaps a fifth, have landed jobs with major firms, with starting salaries of over \$16,000. Similar statistics hold true for the Stern graduates.

A special closeness has sprung up between the accounting students and their advisor. The stu-

dents have pulled together to plan the events and fund-raising activities necessary. And as for Dr. Schlessberg, he's here to get across his message. "I'm firmly convinced that there is a great need and potential for Orthodox Jewish girls and boys in the accounting field." Why does he stay? "The boys make it worthwhile. I fight with them, scream at them . . . but they're good kids."

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Letters To The Editor

(Continued from Page 2, Col. 5) autonomy within the Jewish State, any more than the Jews have the right to an autonomous state within America.

I was also distressed by your characterization, Mr. Klein, of Anwar Sadat, friend of Hitler, as a brave and courageous man. Sadat is a snake, who no more wants peace with Israel than Syria's Assad. Assad, at least, has the decency to be honest about his intentions; he wants to destroy the Jewish State and its inhabitants. Sadat, with exactly the same intentions, walks off with a Nobel Peace Prize.

I have said enough, I think, to make my point clear. I hope that people, both here and in Israel, realize the truth before it is too late.

Shalom,
David Zalkin, YC '83

Enlightening

To the Editors:
Inasmuch as the issues raised at the meeting of the Senate on March 5 are of considerable importance, I am taking the liberty to record my views here:

1) Much was said* against spending time on procedural matters. But as Orthodox Jews we realize the importance in Halakha, of law and order. Why does the Talmud spend so much time on procedural matters when it discusses divorce, for example? Why not discuss to a greater

degree the factors leading to the divorce, the substance of the divorce itself, and the consequences of the divorce, and forget about the formalities? The answer for us is that formalities are important if we are to have an orderly society. Similarly, in the Anglo-American tradition, procedure is crucial, particularly in order to protect the minority viewpoint. It is true that concern with procedure may slow down a body's deliberation, but is a price well worth paying in order to maintain the traditions of fairness, justice, and stability of our institutions.

2) In the Western tradition of universities, matters of curriculum have, almost without exception, been the prerogative of the faculty alone. The Supreme Court, in the recent decision involving our university, noted this fact as part of its argument that our faculty is managerial. When the Senate Constitution gave concurrent jurisdiction in curricular matters to the Senate, it was, I believe, understood that this jurisdiction would extend to such matters as individual courses, minor changes in the curriculum, and the like, but that major changes would remain the faculty's prerogative. The present revision of the curriculum is of a very different order from the curricular changes voted by the Senate in the past.

3) The Senate's Constitution states: "The Senate shall have

jurisdiction over the academic affairs of the College, as specifically set forth below: a) Academic standards, admissions policy, curriculum and requirements for degree; b) The establishment of new majors and new courses. In the above matters, the Senate shall be required to consult with the Department and Division Heads involved before voting on the issue." The question has been raised as to whether the requirement that the Senate consult with Department and Division heads applies to (a) or only to (b); and the point has been made that in the minutes of the Faculty Assembly at which the Senate Constitution was discussed, the Faculty spoke of this requirement in connection with (b) alone. I should like to note, however, that the minutes reflect merely the actual final wording of the provision in the Constitution. The minutes do not indicate that the Faculty restricted this consultation to new majors and new courses. If, indeed, the Founding Fathers of the Senate Constitution were concerned with the principle of consulting the Faculty before introducing new majors and new courses, they would have been expected to be concerned with insisting on such consultation when considering matters of even greater import, namely academic standards, curriculum, and requirements for degrees. In any case, it would seem to be to the interest of the College to have such consultation in matters of this importance. It has been asserted, to be sure, that Department and Division Heads were consulted; but unless one individual equates himself with the Senate, the Senate (and this is the requirement), as an official body, did not invite the Department Heads of Art and Music, for example, let alone the Divisional Head of Humanities to discuss the curricular changes. As for the fact that I consulted with various members of the Faculty, again I am not equivalent to the Senate. The Senate did not consult the newly constituted "Foreign Language Group" of instructors; and this group made its recommendation with regard to the foreign language requirement to the Division of Humanities, not to the Senate. Moreover, the Curriculum Committee of the Senate met in only eight sessions. That is hardly sufficient time to consider what all sides agree is an extremely complex matter.

Most colleges that look into such things as requirements spend at least a year or two collecting data from other colleges, calling in other members of the faculty, administration, students, etc. The Senate itself devoted very few meetings to the subject. Indeed, at one of these meetings, which took place without official notification of members of the Senate, a motion was made to cut off debate on the issue; and, indeed, if it had succeeded, the measure would thus have been voted at a meeting about which members had not even been officially informed.

4) At the time that the Constitution of the Senate was framed, there was a great deal of discussion as to its composition. As is so often the case in such matters, the result was a compromise, with faculty being represented by eight members, students by six, administration by five, and alumni by one. The Constitution specifies that there be "eight full-time faculty members, with each rank represented, preferably two from each rank, elected by the Faculty Assembly for two-year overlapping terms, for each year." When, however, the University was reorganized four years ago by divisions, the individual colleges met much less frequently, though, of course, the Yeshiva College Faculty met, as required by the Senate Constitution, whenever measures were passed by the Senate requiring Faculty approval. At one of these meetings two years ago, the Faculty voted to permit the Dean to make appointments to fill the vacancies then existing in the Senate. Whether it was legal for the Faculty to do so in view of the clear provision of the Senate Constitution is a question. In any case, however, that permission was not given to the Dean forever, but rather for those vacancies which were to be filled at that time. Moreover, now that the University has again been recognized and now that the College Faculty is meeting again, it would seem to be in order to abide by the provision of the Constitution of the Senate. When a member of the Administration appoints the Faculty members of the Senate, this disturbs the system of checks and balances built into the Constitution of the Senate, since it gives the Administration undue power. In any case, one member of the Senate now represents the Faculty even though he is not, as

prescribed by the Senate Constitution, a full-time faculty member (he is not even a part-time faculty member) of Yeshiva College. I have nothing personal against him, and indeed, I have nothing but admiration for his contribution to the University, but I do believe that we should abide by our own Constitution.

5) At the meeting of the Senate, we heard summaries of the discussion and debate of the Faculty at its recent meeting. It was pointed out that discussions and debates of the Faculty, according to the Statutes of the Faculty, are confidential. Even if the summaries had restricted themselves to quoting resolutions that had been passed by the Faculty, this would have been out of order, since the minutes of the meeting have not yet been approved by the Faculty and have not yet been released. There is, I believe, good reason for the Faculty to have its discussions in confidence. This, again, is a long-standing tradition in most universities; and, in any case, it is important to abide by the law.

Sincerely,
Prof. Louis H. Feldman

The Editor-in-Chief and the entire governing board of The Commentator wishes the student body a happy and kosher Passover.

Pre-Health

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the students under his guidance into what he feels is the ideal Jewish medical pre-professional. "That ideal student," he says, "is one who can really apply the concept of synthesis, assimilating his morning Torah learning with his pre-professional career to withstand the potential dehumanizing effect of medical school."

Preparations

But beyond molding and preparing students while they're here, Dr. Wischnitzer plays a large role in making sure that Yeshiva College Pre-meds get into Medical School. By keeping scrupulous records, he can tell students where they are most likely to be accepted, and where they should apply. By keeping personal contact with chairmen of departments of many medical schools, Dr. Wischnitzer can "go to bat" for a student whom he feels should be admitted, but wasn't. He can explain to the particular school all that mere grades cannot convey.

And Dr. Wischnitzer's efforts have been quite successful in placing students. His success can be measured in his books on teaching, and particularly his *Barron's Guide to Medical, Dental, and Allied Health Sciences*, now coming out in its fourth edition. But more concretely and impressively, his success is reflected in the percentage of YC students accepted into medical and dental schools. Almost always, between 80 and 90 percent are accepted. Every student applying to dental school was admitted. Similar high acceptance rates prevail at Stern, where Dr. Wischnitzer also serves as faculty advisor.

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Hockey Macs End Regular Season; Squad Enters Playoffs Undefeated

By ZAHAVA

It started sometime in February when the Macs won their first game against a stunned Columbia team. It has continued for almost three months and now the fairytale is ready for its perfect ending.

The Bleu, Blanc et Rouge of YU are primed and ready to claim what is rightfully theirs — the championship of the City of New York.

Semifinals

The semifinals against Staten Island College are over and only a best of three games series remains. The power of the Macs was never more evident than the third and final game of the semis. YU had taken the first game decisively with a 7-1 victory. The second game played at Staten Island saw the Macs lose for the first time this year under some suspicious circumstances. Besides the fact that the gym and "puck" were not conducive to hockey, the referee had certain problems interpreting the rules after every whistle. Trailing 3-1 at the start of the third period, the Macs showed their true character as they rallied to tie the score at six at the end of regulation time. When Staten Island scored in overtime the tired and angry Macs fled out of the gym quietly promising each other that revenge would be theirs.

Whipped Staten Island

And so after two games of



Face-off in Yeshiva hockey match.

— A. Jacobowitz

anti-semitic remarks and intimidation tactics, Captain Ralph and Co. showed up today at 3:00, pumped up and ready to play. The result — an 11-1 crushing of an embarrassed Staten Island team before a packed YU gym. A key player remarked after the rough game, "Today was the first day that I walked out onto the court and felt that I was proud to wear the YU colors. I did not

only represent YU, I represented the entire Jewish Community."

Scoring for the Macs came from, Sosnowicz—3, Reinhart—2, Rappaport—2, Israeli—2, Litwack—1, and Schiff—1.

Big plans are currently being worked out for the championship series, so be ready to come out and join the Maccabee craze. A Yeshiva sports Championship may soon be a reality!

Congratulations to the Yeshiva Hockey Team upon defeating Staten Island.

The Commentator wishes you the best of luck in the championship games.

fessor Arthur Tauber. Coach Tauber has established a 32 year tradition of producing superior fencers for YU. The coach is proud of Jay's performance throughout the season and his success in the post season tournament.

Jay's accomplishment is distinguished by the fact that he is only a junior and will be back next year to lead the team to another successful season. The team wishes Jay success in the finals.

Yeshiva College Star Fencer Qualifies For NCAA Finals

Every year, at the conclusion of the fencing season, tournaments are held around the country to determine qualifiers for the NCAA National Championship. This year Jay Zauderer qualified for the NCAA finals in Sabre. He will travel to Kenesh, Wisconsin, as one of the YU Sabremen selected from around the country.

Top Sabreman

Jay has been YU's top Sabreman throughout the year as well as his winning fencer overall. His record, 76 wins against 11 losses was a key factor in the successful season that the Maccabees had.

Jay's achievement is in itself a tribute to the coaching skills and dedication of the coach, Pro-

Jrs. Lose Half-Time Lead; Srs. Remain Undefeated

By MENDEL SHMULBERGER

The Seniors downed the Juniors 61-49 to remain undefeated. The Seniors overcame a late second half deficit of seven points and went on to win easily. The scoring of Shelly Green (25 points) and Steve Wagner (15 points) aided by the passing of Jack Smith led the way for the upperclassmen.

Seniors On Fire

Trailing by 40-33, the Seniors caught fire. Green picked his way through the Junior zone on some twisting drives and got the opposing centers in foul trouble. Wagner converted Smith's passes into clean swishes. Suddenly the Juniors were trailing badly and called for time. The Senior big men were instrumental as Howie Lerner and Eli Dobin combined for sixteen points. Dave Lazarus

supplied spark from the bench with his long range shooting.

The Juniors played strongly for most of the contest. Paced by Mutt Leichtung's aggressive play, the Juniors led by three at halftime. Leichtung (14 points) pounded the offensive boards, freeing Sam Rudensky (12 points) and Jay Forman (8 points) to sink open jumpers. Iva Shulman scored thirteen points on flying drives, including one while being shoved through an air vent. Finally cold shooting and foul trouble took the steam out of the Junior attack.

Seniors Demolish Sophomores Again In Critical Third Quarter Comeback

By JACKSON CAGE

On the strength of a 20-4 third quarter sprint, the Seniors broke open a close game and defeated the Sophomores 70-48. Shelly Green paced all scorers with 40 points, 34 on fast break opportunities. In a four minute span, the Seniors altered the complexion of the game entirely, raising a 33-32 lead to 53-36. The contest was marked by physical play, resulting in a total of thirty fouls. The Seniors improved their record to 5-0 as the Sophs fell to 1-3.

Senior Timeout

Unexpectedly, finding themselves in a tight battle, the Seniors called timeout midway through the third quarter. Instead of the 2-1-2 zone they were using, the Seniors instituted a 1-2-2 trapping defense. The results were spectacular. The Sophs committed seven consecutive turnovers, largely due to Eli Dobin's (7 points and 5 blocked shots) hustle. Green (7 steals) broke ahead of the field for twelve layups. Jack Smith sank seven points, along with 10 assists and 4 steals. Subs Dave Lazarus and Lenny Plotkin provided aggressive play, combining for eleven points. Mike Seelenfreund played superbly. "Seals" responded to the Soph challenge with 8 points and a game high 15 rebounds.

The Sophs showed considerable improvement, battling the Seniors evenly for two and a half

quarters. Featuring a mammoth front line, the Sophs controlled both backboards. Yossie Silverstein (13 points, 10 rebounds) and Stuie Liss (12 points) scored inside. Perry Garber added 8 points and good defense.

With their forwards dominating inside, Soph guards Alan Kestenbaum (11 points) and Benjy Schoenberg scored from the outside. The lead sea-sawed as Sophomore brawn bottled up Senior speed.

Fencers Finish Season; Two Wins Cap Year

Yeshiva fencing finished the season on a high note, winning the last two matches, and ending with an 8-5 record. Coach Tauber said this surpassed his expectations for such a young squad in what was to be a year of rebuilding and that he was highly pleased with the performance of every member on the team.

Hunter Defeated

In the first match YU defeated Hunter 20-7. Sabre powered the victory with a 9-0 record, with Aaron Bassan, Robert Weiss, and Jay Zauderer each winning 3 bouts. Marc Epstein led foil with three victories, as Turner, Adelson and Berger each won one. In epee, Moshe Greenberg and David Feit each won two bouts, with

Adam Karp picking up the final Epee win.

Against Pratt, Epee and Sabre passed identical 6-3 records to lead Yeshiva to a 15-12 victory. In epee Moshe Greenberg, David Feit, and Richie Krasna picked up two victories. In foil, Epstein and Adelson each won one as did rookie sensation David Mond. Sabre also split their victories equally, Aaron Bassan, Jay Zauderer, and Robert Weiss each winning two bouts, with Weiss and outgoing Captain Bassan winning the final bouts of their college careers. The team would like to extend their congratulations and thanks to Aaron Bassan, the winning captain of the winning team, another in the long tradition of winning Yeshiva fencing teams.



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