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Koch And Lavie Speak At YU; Last Guests In Speaker Series

By JEFF DANOWITZ

MAY 4 — Ambassador Naph-tali Lavie and Mayor Ed Koch addressed the YU student body tonight.

Israeli Conflict

Ambassador Lavie spoke briefly about the nature of the Israeli conflict, the return of the Sinai to Egypt, and the future for Israel. He claimed that the USSR causes trouble all over the world by making use of sensitive situations to penetrate deeper and deeper. He also mentioned that the Israeli withdrawal from Sinai was only a small part of an original argument which would have forced Israel to withdraw from all of her territories acquired as a result of the 1967 war.

Mayor Koch briefly commented on why he has chosen to run for Governor of New York State, and he then entertained questions from the audience. Koch expressed his confidence in winning the upcoming gubernatorial election when he responded "I'll cream them" when asked how he expects



Mayor Edward Koch entering Furst Hall. — M. Steinberg

to do in a four man election. Koch claims that he hopes to serve the 17 million people of New York State as governor, in the same manner that he has served the 7.5 million people of New York City as mayor — with authority.

A World Perspective

Tonight's program with Ambassador Lavie and Mayor Koch

marks the conclusion of a four-part lecture series entitled "A World Perspective" which was sponsored by the YU International Affairs Institute in conjunction with the Dr. Joseph Dunner Political Science Society. Eddie Izso, the president of the society, explained that Mayor Koch, who was not originally scheduled to

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Curriculum Proposal Includes 'Great Books,' 'Western Thought'

By MARK MAZER

MAY 19 — The Yeshiva College Committee today presents to the faculty its proposal for revised YC requirements. The new plan calls for, one year of English Composition, a semester each of Art and Music, and a two year sequence of "Great Books." All other requirements will be abolished, except for Jewish Studies which will remain the same.

Although the "Great Books" sequence is still in the planning stages, a glimpse of what the new courses hold can be derived by examination of the May 17 Committee Report to the Faculty. The first course, entitled "Milestones of Western Thought," is to be a "unified study of works which have shaped the development of modern culture." It is to be composed of four modules, each consisting of classic works in such areas as socio/psychology, political thought, philosophy and history of science. It will not be patterned as an abbreviated version of a first course in any of these disciplines. The course

will rather be organized around the contributions made within these areas to the body of Western thought." The second course in the sequence will be called "Masterpieces of Western Literature." This course would not be identical to the current Humanities 1;2. Rather it would attempt to "expose the student not only to the literature of a single culture, but to the products of different cultures and ages."

The faculty has reportedly been greatly concerned about the possible effects of the proposal on job security. Consequently, Vice President Egon Brenner has

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Glasser Resigns

MAY 17 — Mr. Paul Glasser resigned today as Director of Undergraduate Admissions and Associate Director of University Admissions. His resignation is effective August 1; no successor has been named.

During his eight year tenure, admissions at both YC and SCW rose considerably. This was due largely to the new and diversified recruitment policies the office designed, such as phonathons,

New Governing Board Chosen: Vorchheimer Elected Editor

By E. GOLDOFSKY

MAY 5 — At 10:00 PM the Commentator Governing Board began its deliberations on the elevations of Board members and the selection of a new Editor-in-Chief.

Approximately eight hours later, David Vorchheimer, former News Editor was chosen to serve as the Editor-in-Chief for the 1982-83 academic year.

Inside sources say that the vote was very close, and it wasn't until early in the morning before Mr. Vorchheimer was chosen. After the election, Mr. Vorchheimer took his position as head of the board and submitted for approval his choices for the new board.

When asked about his plans for next year, Mr. Vorchheimer said, "we hope to maintain the high standards of the Commentator, with added emphasis on feature articles and provocative interviews. We also anticipate an increase in student involvement and interest in the Commentator."

Robert Rimberg, outgoing Copy

Editor, was chosen for the second position on the board, Associate Editor. Moray Klein, outgoing Make-Up Editor, was chosen for the Managing Editor position. David Feldman, former News Editor and Marc Berger, former Feature Editor, will serve as Executive Editors. Larry Greenman and Raz Haramati will be Contributing Editors. Mark Tannenbaum, former Projects Editor, will serve as a Coordinating Editor. Michael Rosenbloom is the new Senior Editor.

The new Junior Board Members are Joshua Krasna and Ben-Zion Smilchensky as News Editors, Ralph Sutton as Feature Editor, Ari Silbermintz as Make-Up Editor, Joshua Schnall as Projects Editor, Larry Baruch as Sports Editor and Steve Kastin as Copy Editor. Richard Friedman was appointed to a new position, called Production Editor.

The new board is expected to publish informative and investigative news, as well as expanding other sections of the newspaper in order to capture the interest of the student body.

Rabbi Yudin Appointed

Next Director Of JSS

By STEVEN KASTIN

Rabbi Benjamin Yudin has been named to succeed Rabbi Besdin as director of the James Striar School of General Jewish studies.

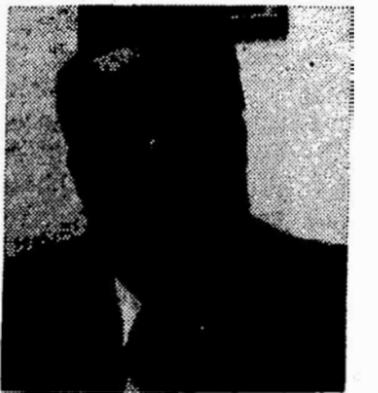
From an academic point of view, Rabbi Yudin is eminently qualified for the job he is about to undertake. He was born in New York, and attended Yeshiva College, attaining his B.A. in History in 1966. Upon graduation, he entered the Bernard Revel Graduate School, where he earned his Master's degree in 1969. Simultaneously, he was attending the RIETS Kollel, where he achieved *semicha*, also in 1969. From there, he went on to become the Rabbi at Congregation Shomrei Torah, in Fairlawn, New Jersey, as well as a Rebbe at Yeshiva University High School for Boys, Manhattan. He has held these positions from 1969 to the present. In addition, he is currently the secretary of the Rabbinical Council of Bergen County (N.J.) and, for the past three years, has had a weekly radio show, where he gives a D'Var Torah on the Parshat HaSavua.

He also has many personal qualities which indicate that he will be well-suited for his new position. In the words of Dean Jacob Rabinowitz, "He (Rabbi Yudin) is an experienced teacher, and an exceedingly warm, sensitive human being. He also has pulpit experience, so he can relate to young people in many different situations. He is an enthusiastic person, thoroughly committed to Yeshiva and the educational goals for which it stands." Rabbi Yudin was chosen as a result of many long hours of

meetings between Rabbi Besdin and Dean Rabinowitz. The goal of these meetings was to find a suitable replacement for Rabbi Besdin, as he was planning to retire at the end of this year.

When asked to comment on his being selected as the new Director of JSS, Rabbi Yudin responded, "I was honored, and deeply humbled. Rabbi Besdin accomplished so much — he shaped the personality of the school. He will be a difficult person to follow. I am simply very humbled." Rabbi Yudin also gave a reassuring note to those who worried that many of the things which made JSS so special would now be gone forever. In his words, "The direction of the school is going to remain precisely the same. It is a privilege to be able to continue the legacy which he (Rabbi Besdin) has begun."

Rabbi Yudin will familiarize himself with the staff, the policies, and the workings of JSS over the next several weeks, and will begin in his new position as of September.



Mr. Paul Glasser

and Scholar's Day. Perhaps the most important development was the broadening of the Israel recruitment and joint programs.

Mr. Glasser offered these reflections on his departure from YU "From the time I came here as a student, it has been thirteen precious and meaningful years. It was a difficult decision for me to leave a position where I'm very happy."

Mr. Glasser leaves YU to become the Executive Vice-President of the Beth Jacob Congregation of Beverly Hills, California.

Wurzweiler Uptown

By MORDECHAI TWERSKY

MAY 12 — The long awaited and carefully planned relocation of the Wurzweiler School of Social Work headed one step further towards implementation last week, as renovations here began on the eighth and ninth floors of Science Hall.

The move, scheduled for this summer, was announced last January, and was prompted, according to University officials, by financial concerns. Wurzweiler's current base of operation, 55 Fifth Avenue, will be converted

for income producing use.

The Wurzweiler School, which trains men and women for service in the general and Jewish communities, offers a variety of programs including the Concurrent Program, Program for Employed Professionals, Black Education Program, Clergy Program, Extended Program, Doctoral Program, and a Post Master's Certificate in Gerontology.

Three Programs Uptown

According to Dr. Loyd Setleis, Dean of Wurzweiler, three of the

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On Yamit

"A burly Israeli Sergeant-Major lowered the Israeli flag that had flown over the Sinai. He stepped back, knelt near a rock, put his hands over his face, and began to cry."

—An eyewitness account of the final Israeli withdrawal from Yamit.

The fearsome date of April 25th came and went without major incident. No suicides, no retaliatory terrorism, no damage in the physical sense. But the spiritual agony of the experience; the sense of national loss, will not soon be forgotten. The dismantling of Yamit was without precedent in Israeli history. Zionism rests on the pillars of expansion and growth, not withdrawal and shrinkage. Tearing down settlements built with Jewish blood and sweat is inherently distasteful to every supporter of Israel. And yet, the withdrawal was an inevitable step in the quest for peace. In reality, the Sinai territory had been signed, sealed and delivered to Egypt three years ago, at Camp David.

"And they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks . . . neither shall they learn war any more."

— The Book of Isaiah

The leader of the most powerful Arab nation offers to live in peace with Israel. This notion was nothing more than a fond dream until a momentous day in world history — the day Anwar Sadat came to Jerusalem. Thirty years of hatred and four bloody wars seemed to recede into the background as a slight, dark skinned man alighted to Israel soil. Peace was no longer merely a transparent illusion.

President Jimmy Carter, to his credit, seized the opportunity to reshape history. He brought Prime Minister Begin and President Sadat together, and hammered out a crucial framework. "Peace for territory." Sinai would go back; no more war, no more violence, no more bloodshed . . .

"Egyptian radio has confirmed that President Anwar Sadat was killed today in a bloody assassination . . ."

— UPI

Israeli people cried. To some extent out of grief over Sadat, but for the most part out of apprehension over the future. Was the Camp David treaty a pact between men, or between nations? Would peace outlast the peacemakers?

Immediately, doubts and suspicions surfaced concerning Hosni Mubarak. Anwar Sadat's break with the Arab world cost him his life. Could Mubarak continue to pursue peace with the same determined zeal as had the fatalistic Sadat? Deep rooted distrust of Egyptians, the loss of Sadat, and a religious attachment to every part of "Biblical Israel" combined to draw American and Israeli nationalists alike to

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a final stand at Yamit. But April 25th passed, and the flag was lowered.

Israelis cannot afford to agonize over the decisions of the past. The future holds many more difficult choices for the Jewish State — there is plenty to worry about.

● A controversial administrative policy on the West Bank has not prevented a mini civil war. "Real, workable autonomy" for 1.3 million Palestinians is no closer today than it was three years ago.

● Demographic projections show that Israeli Arabs may soon outnumber Israeli Jews. Would there still be a viable Jewish state then, or a budding Mid-East Rhodesia?

● Many say that Israel's biggest problem is not physical survival, but economic feasibility. Inflation is rampant — in triple

digits. Interest rates reach 200 per cent; the foreign debt escalates, while productivity stagnates.

● The growing internal rift between Ashkenazic and Sephardic Jewry threatens to split the nation down the middle.

● The PLO continues to wreak havoc on innocent civilians from strongholds in Lebanon. A full-scale Israeli retaliation might cost more lives than the tiny country can afford.

● The Reagan administration is attempting to woo "moderate" Arabs by dangling sophisticated weaponry as twentieth century bribes. There is every indication that neighboring Jordan will be the next beneficiary of the bulging Reagan gift bag.

Clearly, Israelis cannot afford to continue the moot debate over whether Camp David — now an unshakeable reality — was a wise decision. National attention must be focused on future problems, not past disagreements. The Egyptian flag now flies over Sinai; that fact must be accepted.

There were those who said — "What are we gaining in exchange for Sinai? Just a promise of peace, nothing more."

But peace can never be more than a promise. A hope, an ideal. Peace cannot be solidified and transferred from nation to nation like a textbook for some cultural exchange program. Peace is mutual trust; a fervent desire for a life free of needless death and violence. There is a chance for that with Egypt.

And so Israel must look to the future. At this point it is an uncertain future. But Camp David was an unprecedented first step toward permanent Arab-Israeli cooperation (or at least non-aggression). And a journey of even a thousand miles begins with a first step.

"Peace forever"? "Peace forever."
—Menachem Begin to Hosni Mubarak, and Mubarak's reply.

We hope.
The preceding editorial was approved and written by the Governing Board of 1981-82.

New Curriculum

Last spring, the Senate organized a committee to develop a revised curriculum. Today, after a year of deliberation, a concrete proposal is ready for presentation to the faculty.

The purpose of this revision is to reduce the number of required courses and to give a student more flexibility in planning his education. The proposal is intended to lead to a greater degree of interest in courses outside a student's major. If a student may select courses he is genuinely interested in, rather than enrolling in courses he is required to take, the quality of the YU education will vastly improve.

We applaud the committee for a step in the right direction that was long overdue, and we urge the faculty to give this proposal the serious consideration it deserves.

Letters To The Editor

The following is an open letter to the YU administration. It is published here at the request of the writer.

Perspectives

An Open Letter To Yeshiva University:

Differing perspectives are often necessary for one to obtain a complete picture of something. An object viewed from any one angle is necessarily distorted (just as a pencil has a long and a short appearance to it) depend-

ing on how it is held. Views from the various tiers of an organization can detect strengths and weaknesses hidden to other layers. Rarely does an absolute "true" or "false" exist, and occasionally the "less true" vision in absolute terms might be the most useful.

The difficulty with alternate perspectives is that one has already spent much time thinking through an issue, analyzing it, approaching it so that he has become "mentally set." Just as people viewed the world in a partic-

ular way until Einstein came along and redefined the laws of the universe, a person often cannot shift his lines of thought. He unconsciously plugs the new ideas into the old molds, and if they do not fit, discounts them.

Student perspectives: Often irrational, biased, the products of personal grievances or preferences; as often perceptive new views of age old problems. Yeshiva University has a tendency to view student complaints as misunderstandings of the issues, as myths or tall tales fit only for

dormitory gossip. Many are; students — perhaps most people — enjoy complaining when things are not going their way. Israel in the desert gave perpetual annoyance to their great leader. But too often the reply that a situation is more complicated than it seems, that relieving the problem would do additional harm, is impractical, is really not even necessary since the problem is exaggerated.

Security is a well known problem on the uptown campus. Students — not the professionals —

had to demand the lighting of nearly totally dark areas of the campus. Students had to request a security booth, and to redefine guard placement. All earlier complaints about security, however, were passed over as "exaggerated," until several muggings proved the point.

YU exhibits a conservatism that is almost frightening. The university fears to make changes, afraid that they may worsen an existing situation. The Hamevaser of exactly ten years ago contains (Continued on Page 8, Col. 1)

Commentator Interview

On May 4, Mayor Edward I. Koch visited Yeshiva University to address the students. While he did not have time to sit for a formal interview, the Mayor did agree to field questions from the floor. Many of the questions were posed by Commentator reporters and representatives. The following are excerpts of these and other questions.

Comm: What is your opinion on the death penalty?

Koch: The death penalty is a position I have supported for about twenty years. I happen to believe that the death penalty is a deterrent . . . that there would be people alive today if someone knew that if they pulled the trigger that their life would be forfeit to the judgment of a judge and jury. But even if it were not a deterrent, I would still be for it, and the U.S. Supreme Court in a decision by Mr. Justice Potter Stewart held that the death penalty is constitutional and that society has the right to show its moral outrage at particularly heinous crimes. I am of the belief that this year, even before I become Governor, that the legislature will not only vote for the death penalty, but will also override the Governor's veto. When I become the governor, as I hope I will, I will sign it into law.

Comm: We are continuously hearing reports about the rise of anti-Semitism throughout the country. Indeed a while ago, we read a story that anti-Semitic slurs were thrown about the Senate floor. What, if any, anti-Semitic effects do you see in your political and personal life and how can you combat them?

Koch: Well, I suppose that everybody has gone through some anti-Semitic incidents in the course of their lives but I would say that it has neither blemished my life nor prevented me from doing what I want to do. That it is there, sure, and that there seems to be a rise in it, yes, but is it an overwhelming factor in this country? I don't believe it to be so. Will it deter a candidate in this State's election? Frankly, I don't think so. What I thought was wonderful, and I did not know that that law existed, was a recent conviction of someone out in Long Island for having

engaged in anti-Semitic slurring remarks and actions. So we have to, I think, enforce such a law and give more attention to it. If I didn't know that it existed, I suspect that most people are unaware of it. That's the best answer I can give you.

Comm: Did the fact that you took the Republican nomination affect the Democratic vote for you in the gubernatorial race?

Koch: I am the first Mayor in the history of New York City that ran in both the Democratic and Republican primaries and won. I am the first mayor in the history of the city that got 75 per cent of the total vote in the city. Now, you can't do much better than that! Fact is that the next highest vote was by Mayor Wagner in '67. I got 60 per cent of the black vote, even though there were some people who said that I was not liked in the black community. There are some black leaders as well as some white leaders who don't like me. But 60 per cent of the vote ain't bad! I got 70 per cent of the Hispanic vote. I carried every single assembly district in the city of New York. No mayor has ever done that. Now do I think that that will hurt me upstate? No.

Comm: As governor, how would you foster cooperation between federal, state, and local governments?

Koch: As mayor of the city of New York, I represent my constituency, whoever is responsible and in that representation. I am out there defending this city every day. And if I become the governor of the state of New York, I will exercise the same leadership as it relates to 17 million people, representing them and doing for the 17 million what I've done for the 7.5 million. There are certain basic premises that govern my life as an elected public official. I happen to believe that you exercise authority. When I came into office I found that the authority of the mayor, while in the city charter, hadn't been exercised. Mayors give it away. They didn't want to be involved. If they could put in an authority to take the heat, they put in an authority. And then lose control over the functioning of a particular aspect of govern-

ment. If they could delegate to a community group that fosters community control, they did it. I stopped all that. I don't believe in community control. I believe in community involvement. I believe that when you elect a public official, that public official is supposed to perform, take the heat, and exercise the obligations of office, the responsibilities. I do that. That is why very few people are neutral as it relates to me. There are some, I think, but very few. Most people either like me a lot, or dislike me a lot. And



Mayor Edward Koch

I think that tells me something. Because if you want to be all things to all people and not do what has to be done, I suppose you'll be more liked. I'm not sure that they'll respect you, but I know you can't get the job done. I believe that almost everybody that has supported me and voted for me, at some time or another has disagreed with me on a major issue. Why not? I'm not always correct. I do what I think has to be done. And even if I think it's correct, there may be two sides to the issue. Most of the people know that I am honest. Not only fiscally, because most people in public life are honest fiscally. There are some bad ones, no question about it, percentage wise, probably fewer than in the private sector. But intellectual honesty is not the coin of the realm. Many people in public office will seek not to offend. They would hope, when you leave them, irrespective of what

they mean, that you think they said yes. And I have found that people want that kind of government. They may yell, they may scream, they may threaten, but that's exactly what they want — intellectual honesty.

Comm: Recently, New York Magazine quoted David Garth, your campaign manager, who said that after you are elected governor, he would begin to push you to run for President. Would you care to comment on that?

Koch: Well, it isn't true. It isn't true that David Garth said that. He's much too smart to say something as dumb as that. That's number one. The second thing is that any governor of the state of New York would always be someone that would be considered on a national ticket, just by virtue of the fact that it's the second largest state by population, it's the Empire State, the tradition of FDR and Lehman, and Harrison and Alfred Smith and Cary and so forth. So that it would not be unique for a governor from the state of New York whoever he is to be so spoken of. I have no aspirations for that. On the other hand, I never thought I would run for governor.

Comm: As a student, I feel that my most important issue is financial aid. As a result of New Federalism many cutbacks are planned. As a governor of New York State, what would you do?

Koch: I believe that education is our primary defense. And what I said on a number of occasions to kind of convey a feeling is that I wish that President Reagan considered education as our primary defense. Then maybe he would be more supportive as he is of the armed services. I happen to be for a strong armed services. I believe that we should never be second to the Soviet Union. (I'll get to your question in a moment. I just want to add this before I leave that thought.) I happen to be for a nuclear freeze, bilateral one year attempt to seek to reduce nuclear arma-

ment, and capital and biological armament as well. Now to answer your question. The state of New York's budget today is: 40 per cent of the budget goes to education, primary, secondary and the college level. If there is one thing that Nelson Rockefeller will be remembered for, it will be that he expanded the SUNY system. And so I will be very supportive of whatever we can do within our fiscal abilities to provide scholarships and fiscal assistance for students, without being able to tell you at this point if it will be a lot or a little. It will depend on monies that are available, but it has a high priority.

Comm: This year, Yeshiva University students have been hit by a wave of muggings. While New York is only ninth in the country in violent crime statistics, and New York is not number one in rape or murder, this is little consolation to us, particularly in the Washington Heights area. What concrete proposals will you initiate or are you initiating to stop crime?

Koch: Well, the first thing is that we are not number nine, we're number twelve, so we're doing better. Number one last year was St. Louis and it was the worst and number nine was New York. This year the worst is Boston and we're number twelve. As it relates to Washington Heights, you should know that this area has received more attention than more or most areas in the city, because it was the first area that we put our Washington Heights task force where we had extra cops and housing increases and so on. I'm not going to tell you that crime doesn't exist here, but I am telling you that this neighborhood does get very good attention from the police department.

Comm: As you know, the gubernatorial race is crowded. How do you think you will do in a four man race?

Koch: I'll cream them.

Downstate Officials Address AED

By DOUG HALLMAN

APRIL 29 — The Alpha Epsilon Delta Premedical Society today sponsored an address by three members of the Admissions Committee of Downstate Medical School. The guests were Dr. Frederick Tunick, Associate Dean and Chairman of Admissions, and Drs. Jesse Abrahams and Jack Haller.

A Good Doctor

In his brief opening remarks, Dr. Tunick indicated the difficulties associated with his position. "There isn't any test that will tell us how good a doctor you will be. What we have are indicators that will predict how you do in the first two (basic science) years." He noted that while medical schools are not tougher than undergraduate courses per se, the realization that "this is for all the marbles" places great pressure upon the class.

The rest of the session was a question and answer period. Some of the topics discussed included the following responses:

Dr. Abrahams indicated that Downstate has no quota of local residents. He said that the high proportion of area residents in the class is derived from the overwhelming majority of applicants who live in the tri-state region.

Many Factors Viewed

In their overview of the admissions policy, Dr. Haller noted that the GPA counts roughly twice as much as the MCAT (since the MCAT represents a one day performance, while the GPA describes a performance over three years). Other factors that can help a candidate include post baccalaureate courses, work experience, authorship of a scientific paper, and extracurricular events. Dr. Abrahams remarked that for YU students, special consideration is lent to the recommendations since YU has a full pre-med committee who sign one comprehensive letter. Dr. Heller did say that if two students were equally qualified and one of them indicated that Downstate was his most prefer-

red choice, that student would be viewed more favorably. In addition, they noted that Downstate's admissions committee admits students solely on the basis of qualifications, regardless of where else the applicant has been accepted. (AMCAS supplies Downstate with a monthly master list of all medical school acceptances.) Dr. Tunick commented that if a candidate is forced to apply a second time, the student should attempt to upgrade his application (by better MCAT score, research experience or graduate courses). Dr. Tunick did note that reapplication indicates a certain perseverance on the student's part and this is viewed favorably.

Regarding student life at Downstate, the doctors advocated speaking to YU alumni at Downstate and Downstate graduates. Dr. Abrahams reported that Downstate holds no classes on Shabbat and on the Jewish holidays. He also defended the neighborhood as being no worse than the one which surrounds YU.

Memorial Services Held For Besdin And Mirsky

By HERSCHEL CHOMSKY

Last Sunday night, May 9, approximately 500 people attended the shloshim memorial service in memory of Rabbi Moshe Besdin, director of the James Striar School of General Jewish Studies. The service lasted about two hours, and was led by Dr. Israel Miller, Senior Vice President.

Dr. Miller led off the evening with a reading of psukim referring to Moshe and how the mourning for the prophet ended after 30 days. Rabbi Asher Siev then spoke of Rabbi Besdin's devotion to his profession, and to Yeshiva. He told how Rabbi Besdin came to teach and to give a shiur on Pesach in spite of heavy snows at the time. He added, "Whatever he taught, he taught well." He concluded by reading the last mishnayot of the shisha sidrei mishna. (Every student and faculty member in JSS had studied a portion of mishnayot in Rabbi Besdin's memory.) Danny Besdin, Rabbi Besdin's son, said the Kaddish at the end of the learning.

Rabbi Manfred Fulda then read the 90th Psalm: "A Prayer of (Continued on Page 10, Col. 5)

By LARRY ZIERLER

MAY 6 — The students, faculty and administration gathered today at the Azkara service for the late Rabbi David Mirsky who passed away March 30, 1982. The Azkara began with the reading of Psalm 26 by Dr. Mirsky's nephew, Rabbi Aaron Scholar. Dr. Israel Miller, speaking on behalf of the administration, noted how Dr. Mirsky exemplified the ways of King David. His life was a beautiful song, but a song dominated by honesty, integrity, dedication and candor. He was anointed to serve and had served this institution with distinction. Dr. Jerry Hochbaum, a former faculty member who worked closely with Dr. Mirsky, recalled how Dr. Mirsky sought to expand the opportunities for young people to be exposed to Jewish education. Dr. Mirsky was a skilled teacher as well as a successful administrator. Like Bezalel of the Bible, he not only had ideas, but could translate those ideas into effective educational programs. Dr. Ruth Bevan cited Dr. Mirsky as an example of true friendship. In a world in which friends of that (Continued on Page 10, Col. 4)

"Trumbernickes"

By IRWIN WEISS

Tears have been shed, books will be written, but to all of us who knew and loved Rabbi Morris Besdin, a void has been left which will never be filled.

Rabbi Morris Besdin, that short man who always had a smile on his face — hardly the image of a harried administrator, ran, almost from its inception JSS. In order to make young men from non-observant backgrounds religious, he did not merely teach them 'about' Judaism, but he taught them 'it,' namely the traditional texts. In essence he taught these people how to learn.

His philosophy of education was based on the adage "one does not become a general without experience in the trenches." He did not want his students to sit back and philosophize about Judaism before they were equipped with the basics — among them his beloved *Chumash* and *Rashi*.

Rashi in his view was the commentator *par excellence*. Rashi's attempt to always find the simple meaning of the text symbolized much about Rabbi Besdin — his simple demeanor, his unpretentiousness. When one met with him there was no feeling of going to the "principal's office." He often ate lunch with his students, he kept tabs on their graduate school plans, and he was always free and open about his opinions with them. On one occasion when a particular student was not accepted to

the graduate school of his choice, I saw that it really pained him, as if he were the young man's father or grandfather.

Rabbi Besdin demanded perfect preparation for his classes. I was always fearful that I would be called on and not do an adequate (meaning perfect) job. He tempered his criticism of his students, however, with his famous term of endearment: *trumbernickes*. When he called you that you knew he liked you.

JSP, as JSS was originally known, was founded under the aegis of Dr. Samuel Belkin. Many of those then at Yeshiva protested against the influx of non-religious students. Rabbi Besdin told me that they were right in protesting. The curriculum was such that JSP students had significantly less class time than others. When Rabbi Besdin took over the program, all this was changed. Over the years, he built it into the most respected undergraduate school of Yeshiva University.

Not only has he influenced the thousands of students who have passed through JSS, but he also was one of the first educators to involve himself with the *baal-tshuva* movement. Many of the more recent *baal-tshuva* schools derive their impetus from Rabbi Besdin. He has turned thousands of people into active, contributing members of the Jewish community. For this he will always be remembered.

May his soul be bound up in the bond of eternal life.

As this is my last column in Commentator, a few final thoughts are in order. With the risk of sounding trite the four years I have spent at Yeshiva were the greatest of my life. I have mixed emotions about leaving what has become a second home to me. The feeling of camaraderie one receives from the 'guys' I am sure is unmatched at any other university. Perhaps we sacrifice a bit by not attending Harvard, Yale, or Columbia. But the advantages of attending Yeshiva far outweigh the concessions we may make by coming here. To those who say one can not get an education at Yeshiva, I say 'poppycock.' I will certainly miss Yeshiva, for in no school that I will attend in the future will I feel as at home as I feel here.

Finally, a few thanks are in order. The first thank you I had planned to give in this column was to Rabbi Besdin, which I now must sadly say of blessed memory, for teaching me "it." Dr. Goldstein I must thank for some of the best lectures I have had in this college. I must thank Dr. Marrin for teaching me that things are not always the way they seem. To all my other *rebbeim*, teachers, and professors I am indebted to you for opening my mind and teaching me how to think. One last thanks to my parents, grandparents, and my brother for helping me through these years.

And so it is as the notes of pomp and circumstance begin to filter through the window.

Memorial For Housemother

By MORDECHAI TWERSKY

APRIL 16 — Mrs. Fannie Weitzendorf, who served as housemother in the YUHS dormitory for some two decades, and who affectionately referred to her students as "my boys," died early today at the Beth Abraham Home in the Bronx.

Mrs. Weitzendorf, believed to have been in her late eighties — perhaps early nineties, dedicated twenty years of her life to meeting the needs of Yeshiva high school students before retiring in 1979.

Limitless Assistance

Having provided constant and limitless assistance to the thousands of students who passed through the dormitory doors, Mrs. Weitzendorf was cherished in the hearts of all who knew her.

In addition to the numerous plaques and awards she received for her distinguished service, Mrs. Weitzendorf was honored by the High School class of 1977 at the commencement exercises.

Jewish Royalty

"Those who stood in Mrs. Weitzendorf's presence stood before Jewish royalty," said Dr. Israel Miller, senior vice president at YU, at the funeral services held on the East Side. "The fond memories we have of Mrs. Weitzendorf will serve as a constant reminder of her tireless devotion and service to the Yeshiva and its students."

Mrs. Weitzendorf is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Hayim Leaf of New York and Mrs. Fini Newmark of Israel.

A Holocaust Memorial Conducted At Yeshiva

April 20 — A special observance was held today to commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day. The main part of the program was a symposium on "children of survivors," in which Yeshiva and Stern College students whose parents survived the Holocaust participated. The symposium was moderated by Dr. Erich Goldhagen, Professor of Interdisciplinary Holocaust Studies at Yeshiva University, who is himself a survivor of the Nazi death camps. In response to questions posed by Dr. Goldhagen and members of the student audience, symposium participants discussed the feelings and experiences unique to them as children of survivors.

The innovative program was planned and organized by Harry Shualy, also a child of Holocaust survivors, and chairman of the Holocaust Committee of the J.S.S. Student Council. Mr. Shualy said that the program was

designed to be informative, not just emotional. Furthermore, he explained that the students attending could "relate better to experiences that were being shared by their peers than to those of an older person." In his opening address, Mr. Shualy cited as his inspiration an article written recently by a survivor who stated that in another generation there will be no more direct witnesses. Therefore, he explained, much of the task of reminding the world of what happened will be in the hands of those whose parents are survivors, and who have learned of the horrors first hand.

Many of the nearly two hundred students in attendance expressed gratefulness and admiration for their peers for having shared with them intimate feelings and experiences. The general consensus was that it was a most informative and worthwhile program and an appropriate YU observance of Yom Hashoah. M.G.



YU students dance at Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration. — B. Jacobowitz

JCRC Director Speaks

Malcolm Hoenlein, the Executive Director of the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York, spoke informally tonight in the Rubin Shul to a small group of students who came to hear him speak on the topic of "The Orthodox Jew and the Jewish Community." Due to poor attendance, the planned lecture was cancelled. Mr. Hoenlein's responses to questions about the organization he heads, about Jewish community organizations in general, and about his own personal backgrounds and attitudes, provided those present with an overview of those problems facing the Jewish community today, and a rare glimpse into the personality of a man who is working extremely hard to solve them.

Maximize Resources

Mr. Hoenlein told those gathered that the purpose of the JCRC of New York, which is a central coordinating agency for 33 Jewish organizations in metropolitan New York, is "to maximize the resources of the Jewish community." It was formed because many leaders of various Jewish organizations came to the realization that only by the establishment of a unifying body could many of the problems facing their community be confronted. Although the JCRC is primarily concerned now with propaganda on behalf of Israel, it is

also dealing with a variety of other problems that face the Jewish community. It has set up a task force to deal with missionaries and cults, provided protection for synagogues, supported legislation on behalf of the Jewish community, and has informed a commission on the Holocaust. According to Mr. Hoenlein, the JCRC deals with all issues that confront the Jewish community, except for those which are related to questions of Jewish law.

Local Problems

Mr. Hoenlein, who holds a Masters degree in international relations and was a Middle East specialist for the foreign policy institute of the University of Pennsylvania, explained that his organization is involved with many local communal problems and is not devoted solely to work on behalf of Israel. He feels that the problems facing the Jewish community today are interrelated.

Mr. Hoenlein, in response to a question noted that the Jewish communal leadership is now much more favorable to Orthodox Judaism and traditional causes than they were in the past. He attributes this shift in part to a "new breed" of leaders who are proud of their Jewishness. Also the greater involvement of many Orthodox Jews in communal causes has also helped the situation.

More Than Just Food For Thought

By LARRY GREENMAN

Marriage. Everyone seems to be talking about it or at least thinking about it. Some are earnestly preparing while others simply allow a passing whim to entice them into thought. But what preparation is there? The ever-increasing cases of divorce in the Jewish community attest to the lack of proper orientation of what a give and take relationship entails. To our dismay, many of these divorces occur in Orthodox circles.

Many will scoff at the suggestion that their frame of mind is merely adequate. Tragically, too many realized two or three years later that they were wrong. Is this an unsolvable problem? I think not. A string of sessions could be created in seminar form with faculty members serving as advisors. They could re-create their initial difficulties and provide invaluable suggestions which just might prevent the gloss and glitter of wedding day from coming to a disastrous and abrupt end.

In addition, it is right time that a student at YU be implanted with a clear understanding of the Reform and Conservative movements. While it is imperative that Yeshiva students realize their *raison d'etre*, we should at the same time be able to recognize the definitive divisions existing in the Jewish community and develop a way of dealing with them. To sit by passively and accept the splits within our midst, is to simply

avoid the issue at hand and suggest a lack of interest. Again, faculty input and instruction might be a first step with symposiums to follow serving as further guidance.

A third and equally important issue which should be given our attention is the problem of cults and missionary groups and their affect on the Jewish community. Countless numbers of Jewish youth have fallen prey to those who preach that which is the antithesis to all we are taught. Earlier this year, JSS sponsored a program led by Zvi Kilstein to aid student awareness on this matter. While this should be applauded, it is only the beginning. A club-hour anti-cult and missionary series could be put together to give the student body an opportunity to get involved and learn how to respond. In *Pirke Avot*, the Jew is exhorted "to know what to answer him who treats the Law with scorn." I doubt whether there is a more pressing situation which corresponds to this statement.

The most basic description of the foundation upon which this institution rests is "synthesis." Certain issues and ideals must be passed on to the student if one is to be adequately prepared to confront modern society. I believe that the topics raised in this essay fall into this category. Hopefully these ideas are more than just food for thought and thus will be implemented during the coming year.

PLEASE NOTE AND PLAN AHEAD
CARD CATALOGS located in the POLLACK LIBRARY will be UNAVAILABLE on the following days:

Erev Shavuot — Thursday — May 27
Memorial Day Weekend — Sunday — May 30
Monday — May 31

The catalogs will be interfiled on these days.

The family of the late Rabbi Professor David Mirsky would like to thank those students who joined and comforted them in their sorrow both at the funeral and during the Shiva.

The Envelope Please



By DAVID KOBER

(Cue Announcer) "Good evening, ladies and gentlemen, and welcome to the 54th annual International Academy Awards. It is 4:00 A.M. in New York, 1:00 A.M. in Los Angeles, and 7:00 P.M. here in beautiful Saudi Arabia, as the movers and shakers of the world converge on the Royal Palace in Riyadh. In the past, many luminaries have gratefully accepted the international award for excellence in politics — the Polly. Some, of course, still hope for their first statuette. And notoriety does not assure one of a Polly. Who will ever forget Douglas MacArthur losing three straight times in the category of "Best General in an Island Hopping Role," and each year proudly stating — "I shall return." But enough of the past. It's time to introduce the President of the International Academy of Arts and Politics — Sheik Ahmed Zeka Yamani." (Applause)

"Thank you, and good evening, my friends. Tonight, from the cradle of civilization, we hope to present the highest rated show in the history of American television. I would like to begin by presenting this year's honorary Polly for service to one's country. Would the recipient come up on the stage, please."

The audience breaks into spontaneous cheering as Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger climbs the stairs to the podium. Yamani continues.

"Mr. Secretary, it is my privilege to present you with this

award, which signifies your outstanding service to my . . . er . . . to your country. You deserve it." The two walk off, smiling and nodding.

(Cue Announcer) "And now, it is my pleasure to present the host of the 54th annual Polly awards — a man who knows foreign soil as well as any ambassador — Mr. Bob Hope!" (Thunderous applause).

"Thank you, thank you. Boy, I haven't seen so many Arabs since I was in Beverly Hills last week. (No laughter). I mean Arabs are buying up just about everything in sight. President Reagan sent King Khalid a postcard of the Washington Monument, and the King sent a telegram — "How much?" (Long silence). But I want to tell you, I love Saudi Arabia. It's my favorite underdeveloped country. Not that it's archaic, but I called a cab to get here tonight, and a guy with a camel showed up at my door. (You could hear a pin drop in the audience). Thank you again, we'll be back in just a moment."

During the commercial break, four large men wearing robes and carrying scimitars walk up on stage, pick up Bob Hope, and take him away. When the cameras return from commercial, Dean Martin is standing at the podium.

Welcome back, everybody. Bob had to leave us suddenly — something about an imminent death in the family. And now, to present tonight's first Polly, two

of the most respected names in show business — Kermit, and Miss Piggy."

"Merci, merci, Dino . . . and hello everybody, out there in Neilsen-land. Kermie and I are absolutely thrilled to be here to entertain you. For our first number" . . . (Kermit breaks in).

"Um, Piggy, you know we're here to present the award for Best Country under Oppressive Government Rule. The nominees are — Nicaragua, Marxist repressive junta; Afghanistan, Soviet puppet state; Guatemala, Right-wing military; and Cuba, Leninist dictatorship. Piggy, could . . . uh . . . you announce the winner."

"Of course, my little smydille-dums. And the winner is . . . oooh, Guatemala — right wing military." (Scattered applause, but no one rises from the audience to accept. Kermit is handed another envelope).

"Um . . . due to the turmoil in tonight's winning country, none of the rightful governments could make it here to accept. I thank the Academy on behalf of right-wing militarism everywhere."

Dean Martin returns to the podium. "Presenting our next award is a man who is himself nominated for one of four most prestigious Polly's. Ladies, and gentlemen, the man who is considered the favorite for the Comeback Dictator of the Year award — Mr. Idi Amin!"

"Thank you, and I bid you all (Continued on Page 10, Col. 1)

Behind Dorm Doors

Question: What would you like to see the administration do with the Belfer Building?

Yehudah Mirsky — YP — Senior —

What this University needed for a long time — a 16 story parking lot.



Uri Landesman — YP — Senior —

Knock down the floor divisions and make it the world's largest racquet ball court.

Doni Israeli — EMC — Senior —

Move up Crown Deli so that EMCSC won't have to go so far for their Soviet Jewry Rallies.



Hank Reinhart — YP — Senior —

Wait until all the pre-meds are inside, and then blow the whole place up.

Jeff Katz — JSS — Sophomore —

A pub on the sixteenth floor overlooking New York City.



Masmid 82 Dedicated To Ideals Of Torah Jewry

By DAVID H. SCHAPIRO

With overwhelming anticipation, college students await the arrival of their senior class yearbook. Masmid, Yeshiva College's publication, has helped students relive their undergraduate experience of over fifty years.

Headed by Moshe Rosner, this year's production will hopefully be more successful than previous ones. Joining Mr. Rosner are David Dubin and Richard Soskin as Associate Editors and Ari Jacobs as assistant to the Editor-in-Chief.

Torah Jews In U.S.
For the first time in Yeshiva's history, the yearbook will be dedicated to honor HaRav Joseph D. Soloveitchik. "The Rav represents what our very basic theme is, a dedication to the ideals of Torah Jewry in the United States as well as an allegiance to the State of Israel," the editors point out. Rabbi Yosef Blau, Mashgiach Ruchani, has written a four-page dedication.

Twelve pages of the yearbook, in fact, are dedicated to the seniors' spiritual and physical ties to the land and state of Israel. One section, a pictorial essay, with pictures of students learning in Israel and pictures of their participation in public demonstration for Israel, has been included. According to Mr. Rosner, "The idea of synthesis is also to synthesize involvement in America and Israel. We must maintain an active influence, political, economic or other to insure the se-

curity and viability of Israel. Our theme is how we perceive our class and their actions towards American society and more importantly, towards Israeli society."

Council Donation
The projected budget of this year's yearbook is \$15,000. Thanks to a generous donation from the Student Council, as well as to some substantial ads from fellow classmates, the Masmid staff is not anticipating any major financial setbacks.

Mr. Rosner does, however, point out that some 70 per cent of all seniors have not fulfilled their "responsibility to bring in a mere eighty dollars in ads. If a person can't bring in ads send him to me. I'll send him to the store around the corner or down to Kaplan's . . . there is no excuse."

Activities
Masmid 82 has also run a raffle as well as a hoagie sale. Football jerseys and winter ski jackets were also sold.

The editors project that the book will encompass a total of 240 pages. Through the use of pictures and literary comment, Masmid hopes "to capture four years of memories."

The Masmid staff seems to be well on the way to a very successful publication. "Following in the footsteps of last year's yearbook," Mr. Rosner points out, "is tough and we're going to try to do a great job."

The Last Mirsky

By YEHUDAH MIRSKY

One day in 1926 a young Rabbinics scholar, recently arrived from Jerusalem, paid a visit to Dr. Bernard Revel at the newly formed Yeshiva College, then located on the lower East Side of Manhattan. The two took a liking to each other and it was agreed upon that the young man would begin teaching both in the yeshiva and the college. He stayed with Yeshiva until his death in 1967. His son entered MTA in 1935, continued in the college and RIETS and eventually became a professor and administrator, playing a major role in the University's growth and expansion. He, in turn, sent his two sons to MTA and Yeshiva College.

So you see, my family has been at Yeshiva for the past fifty-six years. Our memory is the memory of the school. We have seen it grow from a small school with a handful of students to a large and diversified institution which has made an indelible mark on American Jewish history. We have seen Yeshiva's own personal vision, its sense of self, change and develop over the years, along with its physical make-up. From this vantage point of memory, and the downed security of this column, please permit me an observation or two, as the shadows begin to fall.

We often berate ourselves for

not living up to the standards of either Harvard or Lakewood. That we are neither is a matter of choice, not circumstance. We should learn to be gentler on ourselves, without losing sight of our own standards.

This school's most precious asset is its student body. The warmth and camaraderie available here is something to be cherished.

True, there are stormclouds on our horizons, financial as well as academic. They have always been there and in all likelihood will stay there. We must learn to live with them and see if their brooding presence can spur us on to greater achievements.

We wear caps and gowns at

commencement because they stand for something — a heritage of learning, of study, of using books and lecture halls to come to grips with the fact and meaning of existence. Universities were made for reflection, not vocational training. They can accommodate both desiderata, but let's try to keep our priorities straight. If we do, we'll be going against the zeitgeist, but that's nothing new to us.

Our motto should be that of Tennyson's Ulysses, "To strive, to seek, to find and not to yield."

"And would it have been worthwhile after all . . . to say 'I am Lazarus, come from the dead, (Continued on Page 8, Col. 1)

REGISTRATION PROCEDURES	
TIME OF REGISTRATION: Registration will take place in Science Hall, according to the following schedule:	
REGISTRATION SCHEDULE	
Classification in Spring Term 1982	Registration Appointment
Returning Seniors and Juniors	Monday, May 24
Sophomores	Tuesday, May 25
Freshmen	Wednesday, May 26
On your registration date report to room 1107 Science Hall in accordance with the following alphabetical schedule:	
12:40	A - CG
1:00	CH - FI
1:20	FJ - HAR
1:40	HAS - LAK
2:00	LAL - NEU
2:20	NEW - SA
2:40	SB - ST
3:00	SU - Z

In Review

By JOSEPH STURM

If there is one thing I've learned about journalism during my three years with Commentator it is this: If a tree falls in the forest and there are no reporters present to hear the crash, not only is there no sound — there is no forest as well. There were significant stories over the years at YU that were not disclosed. For the public they never existed. Conversely, the minor issues which were publicized received unbelievable amounts of attention. Such is the inherent and chronic myopia of journalism.

Unfortunately, nowhere is this "if we didn't see it, it never happened" syndrome more glaring than in the media's obsessive focus on Israel. Cascades of blood flowed this year in the invasions and repressions that took place in areas ranging from Khorramshahr to Kampuchea to Kabul. A simple list of all major incidents of violence fit to print that occurred throughout the world during the past three months would probably fill this entire newspaper. Yet since reporters had no access to the world's oppressive societies, the loss of tens of thousands of human lives went largely unnoticed.

On the other hand, reporters did have access to Israeli society. Consequently, when several weeks ago an Arab woman was wounded in a PLO demonstration and was hospitalized for less than twenty-four hours, the event merited a three column headline and article on page three of the New York Times. In fact, while not a day has passed in recent memory without numerous Israeli affairs articles appearing in the Times, how many of us have even heard of Ghana, Benin, Nepal, or Gabon, all countries several times the size of the Jewish state?

The problem, though, is not limited to excessive attention. For while journalists do report most facts on Mid-east controversy truthfully, they often tend to display one side of facts more prominently than the other. Take a recent New York Times article entitled "West Bank Occupation Leaves Scars on Israel Too" (May 2, Sect. 4, Page 3) as a case in point. Writes David K. Shipler: "Many Israelis would agree with Mr. Begin's striving for perpetual control of the West Bank" (2 lines for the majority opinion) — "But the others believe . . ." (27 lines devoted to the opposition opinion in the Jerusalem Post.) The article continues, "Few Israeli critics of opposition policy have taken up

the Arab cause (one line) — "only Israelis on the extreme left have done so . . ." (six paragraphs devoted to Palestinian supporters within Israel).

Individuals tend to treat this type of New York Times reportage with views ranging between two extremes. Some regard it as revelation from Sinai. Others, shrug it off as anti-Semitic balderdash. Clearly, both extremes are equally dangerous.

In this, the information age, where transmission, digestion, reaction, and counterreaction are all wrapped into one concise process, where the media not only reports but influences any given situation, and where politicians bend sharply in the winds of public opinion, we cannot afford to have a faulty information system about an issue so vital to us. We cannot afford to ignore legitimate facts and realities, just as we cannot afford to be misled into accepting others opinions as fact. It is virtually impossible to act correctly if we do not first discern the truth.

As it stands, however, the current trends in media can only be viewed with alarm. By focusing an inordinate amount of coverage on Israel (a fact admitted by Mr. Shipler, the Jerusalem Bureau Chief of the Times in an interview with The Commentator) and by harping at every opportunity on West Bank clashes, Israeli intransigence, and Palestinian rights, the media is conducting a creeping annexation of its own of the West Bank. Ever since it appeared that Mr. Begin would return Sinai, the media machine, for the most part, has inexorably grinded toward building a case for a Palestinian state.

It is perverse irony, however, that if it weren't for the Jews' insatiable demand for news about Israel, the editors might not cater to the subject as much.

At the very least, we the YU students who are expected to become leaders of the Jewish community, should be aware of what is going on. We have come here to seek truth and knowledge, to listen and read critically. Let us be sure we know the difference between reality and opinion, between fact and fiction.

Now as I leave the newspaper in the very capable hands of David Vorchheimer, I'd just like to thank all those who worked so hard this year. My special thanks goes to Er (as in Earth) my associate editor for his tremendous contributions to the paper.

In Retrospect

By ELLIOT SMALL

The office of the President of the Yeshiva College Student Council is an interesting and challenging one because of its unstructured state. One of the President's many duties is to select the projects that the Council will undertake in the coming year. It has been my feeling that the particular clubs should act upon specific activities and the main responsibility of YCSC should be acting as the students' liaison with the faculty and the administration.

During my year in office, I have attempted to represent the students in a professional and dignified manner in order to establish the Council as an organized group to be taken seriously. The manner in which we pursued this role was through intelligent dialogue and discussion, rather than argumentative agitation. I have continued in the path of my proficient predecessor, and it has continued to work quite well.

In response to the rash of muggings, YCSC acquired a van two years ago. This was to provide transportation for YC students down to Stern, and these bi-weekly trips have been continued. In addition, YCSC, through the university, erected a guard booth to facilitate a more apparent security force. Also, the floodlights and the beefed-up security patrols by the university and by neighborhood police have helped to alleviate the crime problem in our midst. The carefully-worded list of requests delivered to Rabbis Lamm and Miller were both acted upon with alacrity and amity.

In an attempt to involve more students in their student government, I continued the concept of "Candidates' Night," where students could come and hear the candidates' platforms. Two hundred students attended and as a result, 75 per cent of the students voted on election day. I sincerely hope that this practice will be continued in the future.

The Student Council also ran a Shabbaton where more than 300 Yeshiva and Stern College students attended. Rabbi Lamm, President of Yeshiva University, and his family graced us with their presence. Rabbi Lamm delivered a most informative *devar Torah* Friday evening. This weekend, originally anticipated as being a wholly social one, became an educational one as well.

This year we continued with the shirt sales which started last year. We improved and broadened the merchandise available for YC students. YCSC's main

purpose was not necessarily to make a large profit but rather to insure that every student owned a Yeshiva University T-shirt or sweat shirt. I am proud to say that almost all YC students have "Yeshiva University" emblazoned on their chests rather than UCLA or Columbia.

Our bi-annual Blood Drive has gained much prominence in the press for Yeshiva. The combined amount of both the fall and spring Blood Drives totalled 632 pints — an awesome amount. Much thanks to Robbie Koppel and Joey Bodner for their very altruistic activities.

I am having a great dilemma deciding on how to say "so long" to Yeshiva College. What makes us so special is that the day one enters a Yeshiva division, he or she becomes part of a family — the Yeshiva family. By the same token, no one ever really leaves Yeshiva. In any other university, one exits after four years with a diploma in hand — and that is all. However, when you leave Danciger Campus for the last time, you exit with a way of life that is as much a part of you as your body; it will remain with you forever. Wherever you turn in the Jewish world, you will find a YU alumnus working for the community. The emphasis on Jewish studies and Torah U'Madah enables you to go into the world as a committed Jew — and remember, wherever you are, and whatever you do, never forget you are a Jew.

There are many people who have made my stay at Yeshiva a very special one and I would like to thank them: the administrators, who have always had their door open to me whenever I needed them; Rabbi Miller, whose careful counseling and guidance led both me and YCSC to a successful year; Dean Rosenfeld who combines being firm at the right moments, and comforting and gentle at the opportune time; Mrs. Owgang who was ready and willing to be consulted about every detail and occurrence which may have happened; [Dr. Brenner, who brought with him a much needed academic vitality to the campus;] Mrs. Levinson, who every year goes through the trials and tribulations of getting YCSC on their feet again and keeping them on their feet; Jay Blazer, Roy Angstreich, Richard Joel, Paul Glasser, Rabbi Edelstein, Mr. Friedenber, Colonel Marmorstein, Sam Hartstein, Rabbi Hirt, Neil Harris, Jack Nussbaum, Aaron Scholar, Jerry Volk, Myron Chaitovsky, Judy Paikin, Judy Levi, Claire Brooke, Janet Knight and many, many others — your help and cooperation was immeasurable.

Each student in college is fortunate to have a few professors and teachers who leave an indelible impression upon them, because of their strength of character in addition to their teaching ability. I would like to thank the people for helping me shape my life. I have been privileged to learn with some of the finest Rebbeyim in Yeshiva. To Rabbis Schussheim, Paretzky, Katz and Tendler — I have learned much from you, but the deepest impression left on me was the love you showed for Torah and the dedication to your students and Talmidim. To Dr. Wischnitzer — thank you for all your help. To Dr. Beukas — I can only wish the best of the best. To Drs. Adler and Sternlicht, who have in-

spired many students, myself among them, to enjoy and gain much from their courses. To Drs. Reiner, Haahr, Taoker, Lennard, Taubes and Mrs. Dobkin and Mrs. Oster and Coach Klotz, the day will undoubtedly arrive when I will have forgotten some of the things you taught me in class, but I will never forget what I have learned from you about being a human being.

To Rabbi Morris Besdin, whose diligence and constant striving for excellence is illustrated by the many fine products of the James Striar School.

To Dr. David Mirsky, who had an extremely great and profound effect upon my life. His guidance — spiritual and physical — got me through the best and worst of times. May his family and friends know that his teachings, his way of life, will always be a part of all who were privileged to have known him.

I have purposely left one person out because I would like to thank him on behalf of the entire student body as well as myself. That man is Dr. Norman Lamm. In many colleges and universities the President is aloof and out of touch, but not so here at Yeshiva. Dr. Lamm was most accessible throughout the year and throughout my lifetime. I can recall several times when a matter required urgent attention and I debated whether it could wait until the next day. I would call Dr. Lamm and he would always say "why didn't you bring this up sooner — you know I am always here to help." For that, in itself, it would have been enough, but also for Dr. Lamm's unselfish devotion which showed 20 hours a day to keep YU viable and alive especially during this most crucial and difficult year. Thank you, Dr. Lamm, for being there when I and everyone else needed you.

When I have spoken to groups of incoming freshmen, one of the things I stressed about Yeshiva was the camaraderie of the students and the closeness they develop for one another. I have never felt this as strongly as now with graduation approaching and all of us planning to go our separate ways.

While I cannot acknowledge everyone for fear of leaving someone out, I would like to thank my roommates Rob and Ken for putting up with me over the years. There are not nearly enough adequate words to describe how much I appreciate all that you have done for me. To Yaak, Zev, Zevi, Nachum, Joey, Irwin, Sholom, Dave, Jakes, Yehudah, Moshe, Lenny, Richie, Danny, Seth, Leon, Howie, Abie, Joey, Yank, Mitch, Jay, Steve, Marc, Mark and Matis — thanks for always being there. To Gitti, Leah, Sara, Linda, Aliza, Tova, Mona, Daron and Arlette, for all your inspiration throughout it all.

My final and deepest thanks to my family for helping me through the past five years of my life — the most difficult thus far. To Mom, Michelle, Fran, Arthur, Andrea, Roz, Bob, Dan, Viv, Meryl, Paula and Tzvi — I could not have accomplished anything without your patience and love. Credit for even a little success that I might have achieved belongs to all of you. Both my father and grandmother's last wish for me was to receive a good education, and I salute all those who have had a hand in that.



1981-1982 COMMENTATOR GOVERNING BOARD

In Preview

By DAVID VORCHHEIMER

One benefit accruing from the small student body at YU is the close friendships that can develop. This intangible asset is, in many ways, more valuable than the quantitative knowledge that one departs with after four years at YU. However, this intimacy can be detrimental to one particular area of student life — student government.

This year saw an unusually large number of students holding multiple leadership positions. Take, for example, the entire YCSC cabinet: two members were on a newspaper's Governing Board while a third served as Editor-in-Chief of a student publication. One managed and supplied the Council's co-op store. Another member served on the Senate Curriculum Committee, while another sat on the Academic Standards Committee. All these duties were performed in addition to the individual's cabinet tasks. Other YCSC class officials held top positions in various other clubs, societies and publications. Even the Commentator was not immune — our Governing Board contained two Senators and a Student Council official. This is just a brief compilation that results from a cursory glance at the student roster. This list should in no way be taken as a condemnation or deprecation of the job any of the above performed. The purpose of these examples is to highlight one inadequacy of YU's electoral process. Since so many leadership positions are appointed, student representatives have the opportunity to reward friends with a job. This favor is then reciprocated and so on and so forth.

The system is simply unsatisfactory. On the one hand, the hoarding of power by a few individuals serves effectively to prevent the majority of the student body from participating in the governance process. On the other, it sets up a situation where, by definition, conflicts of interest are bound to arise. When these surface, it is, once again, the majority of the student body who are harmed when their leaders are forced to compromise. Furthermore, it is only the truly unique student who can handle both the demands of his schoolwork and of his multiple leadership positions. When the pressures build, it is most often the extracurricular responsibility which is neglected.

The traditional justification for this exploi-

tation goes something like this: in any given population, only a small percentage of individuals have the motivation and personal resources necessary to be a leader. At YU, where the student population is particularly small and the pressures on one's time unusually demanding, this small percentage materializes into a mere handful of individuals. This elite group then occupies all available positions of leadership. This whole argument is a flimsy *ex post facto* defense; an attempt perhaps to cover a combination of power hunger, favoritism of friends, and a negligent failure to recruit sufficient candidates to fill all the jobs.

I should pause at this point to explain the apparent dourness of this piece. This negative tone might seem particularly disturbing in light of the traditional optimism of this column. It should be noted, therefore, that the driving force here is not pessimistic despair, but a fundamental belief in the integrity of the student body. This year, there are positive indications that change is imminent. Posters were up soliciting applications to the Senate and the YCSC committees. Interviews are being conducted to screen those candidates and to select the most qualified ones, rather than an automatic appointment of friends.

Ultimately, however, the responsibility lies with the entire student body. It is by policing ourselves that we can correct the situation. We must make "Jack of all trade" (multiple position) student leaders taboo. The capable and creative among us must be encouraged to get involved. No doubt that countless innovations produced in late night dorm sessions were wasted as the individual didn't have the inroads necessary to execute his ideas. For though Oscar Wilde wrote that "Discontent is the first step in the progress of man," those thoughts must first be voiced and constructive suggestions articulated before any progress is made. By making our student leaders keenly aware of whom they represent, we can insure that they will work for us. With this type of commitment, integrity will be restored to YU student leadership.

I would just like to thank Mark Mazer for his tireless assistance in all aspects of the preparation of this issue.

In Prospect

By AVRAHAM SCHNEIDER

Beginnings are typically times of excitement and trepidation. That of the presidency of Yeshiva College Student Council is hardly an exception of this generalization. I believe that all inceptions innately speak of hope and promise, breeding a sense of optimism with regard to the future. However, in this instance, these feelings are compounded by the particular circumstances of this transition period.

Specifically, it's encouraging to see an intangible, yet, none-the-less, viable revitalization of student body concern and activity. As much as I'd like to feel responsible for this, the truth is that this surge of student involvement is more a product of the times rather than any one particular influence.

Unfortunately, Yeshiva has had a year of various misfortunes, all of which, though of different magnitudes and impacts, have served to touch and reawaken student consciousness. The less than active student council of a spring semester marred by several unpleasanties made everyone acutely aware of the integral value of and necessity for competent leadership to keep our ship afloat in the troubled waters of Washington Heights. Additionally, the tragic loss of two very prominent figures in the YU community had its effect. It's a sad

commentary on human nature that misfortune serves to unite and sensitize people unlike any phenomenon other than mortal danger. The passing away of Rabbi Besdin and Dr. Mirsky, may they rest in peace, marked a time of serious reflection for all of us. To simplify the lessons and ideals which we extracted from these men and their respective characters and influences is difficult. They demonstrated, in an ideal sense, that the monumental task of nurturing, perpetuating and facilitating the future growth of American Orthodox Jewry is a responsibility we all must shoulder. Their greatness was in their identification with this cause, and the unselfish manner in which they dedicated their lives to this ideal, and therefore, directly or indirectly to us all.

For all its deficits and problems, Yeshiva represents the strength and continuity of an eternal tenet of faith which we cannot possibly forsake. Thus, with this understanding grasped firmly in hand, let us move forward into an era of dedication; to ourselves, to those who will follow our path, and to those who've traversed it before us.

In my capacity as president, I promise you no less than everything I can feasibly offer. In return I hope not for gratification, just cooperation. The last

two months have been days filled with the organizing and laying of a foundation upon which we may build in the coming year. I have a great deal of well founded confidence that we are moving into a new period of student awareness and involvement. I ask you to ponder the same question that I asked myself in deciding whether or not to seek the presidency. If all I leave college with is a transcript and a collection of hazy memories of friends and occasions, will that satisfy my conception of the much talked of "college experience"?

The enormity of that which one may gain here beyond the confines of classroom walls is measurable only in comparison with that which one has given of himself. Rewards of this nature leave one with a far greater sense of achievement and satisfaction than that which come with "acing" an exam. The Jewish Community at large looks to us for leadership and motivation, regardless of whether or not they may concur with us philosophically. Let's use our capacity, time and capabilities to effectively pursue the bettering of Yeshiva College and, consequently, ourselves, so that we might be more viable and beneficial people when we enter into the world; an adolescent ideal we dare not allow ourselves to outgrow.

Yeshiva Students Venture Into Broadcasting, An Expanding Field With Many Opportunities

By MOSHE ROSENBERG

"97 WYNY. Good morning from Dandy Dan, your morning man. It's 9:36... would you give me a moment of your time? I want you to share a special moment of my life with me. It's a sad moment... I'm trying not to let it be that sad. We're officially saying goodbye today to someone who's a dear, dear friend of mine... If you were to ask me at any time since I've known him 'is he indispensable?' I would have answered 'absolutely yes; I cannot do without him!'... But he is truly indispensable to me as a friend... Let me tell you a little bit about him.

"He's twenty-five years old... He's like my son. He's maybe one of the two or three funniest people I've ever met... He's absolutely uncompromising in his values in the year 1980... Abe's the kind of guy who wants his life to make a difference, who wants it to count even in the everyday small things. And that's what makes him special. We're really gonna miss you."

Dandy Dan Daniel of WYNY-FM was not saying farewell to a boss or a fellow disc jockey. He was talking about his producer, Abe Rosenberg, a 1977 Yeshiva College graduate and one of the handful from Yeshiva and Stern who have ventured in recent years into the field of broadcasting and communication.

But the broadcasting industry is more than just being on the receiving end of praise. Abe can tell you that, and so can Josh Caplan (YC '80), Elihu Chomsky (YC '77) and Amy Schwartz (SCW '80). They all know that broadcasting can be a frustrating field, sometimes rife with pressure and competition. And observant Jews must necessarily face even more problems than other broadcasters on their way to the job they seek.

Though terms like "jungle" and "pressure cooker" apply to many industries, they fit few fields as well as broadcasting. Television and radio stations are known for their sudden and complete shake-ups of personnel. The day after an unfavorable ratings book is released, few jobs are safe. A new program director often brings with him people who worked for him at his old station.

In his three years at WYNY radio, Abe Rosenberg worked for at least as many program directors. These directors, and their bosses and underlings, are always under pressure to produce.

All the competition in New York does tend to weed out the

less talented, says Abe Rosenberg, but without a doubt, there is much tension, and the employer is in complete control.

There are, however, areas of lesser pressure, and some Yeshiva graduates have found them. The baby industry of Cable TV is one such field, as Josh Caplan of Washington Heights has discovered. There are fewer pressures, and "wholesale firings" are rare. In this growing communications field, Josh has found a niche, both on and off the screen. Starting as an intern at Teleprompter in his sophomore year, he progressed to his present position there, in which he is involved in programming, scheduling and buying. He also supervises the traffic manager, who is responsible for seeing that the right commercials run at the right times, and are billed to the right sponsors. And Josh does community voiceovers — short, on-the-air spots dealing with events of public interest.

A job in research is another way of beating the pressure, if an unglamorous way. Amy Schwartz of Union, New Jersey, is a part-time music researcher for WYNY radio. Research has no deadlines, little competition and not much pressure. But often it also has inconvenient hours, small pay and little challenge. Ms. Schwartz conducts surveys and does research, but she feels that there's much more she could do. In a previous position, as secretary to the production director, she worked with the traffic and business departments, and with network employees. Now she works full-time in advertising, while doing the part-time research.

Elihu Chomsky found a station free of pressure — WEVD-FM. Because of the ethnic format, with a smattering of many different languages on the air, WEVD doesn't fit into any standard category, and is, therefore, free from the pressure-producing ratings race. Chomsky does three five-minute news updates every morning, along with public announcements and weather reports. He spends his afternoons researching for a news round-up show which he occasionally hosts, and he does his own weekly interview show entitled *On The Spot*, airing Sunday evenings at 10.

Abe Rosenberg, like Eli Chomsky, now has his own radio interview program, but for both of them, the pressure is now self-imposed. *Jewish Outlook*, a week-

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Seated (l-r) — Marc Tannenbaum, David Vorchheimer, Morey Klein, Robert Rimberg; Standing (l-r) — Larry Baruch, Josh Schuall, Larry Greenman, Michael Rosenbloom, Richie Friedman, B.Z. Smilchensky, Ari Silbermintz, Raz Haramati, David Feldman, Josh Krasna. Not shown — Marc Berger, Ralph Sutton, Steven Kastin.

Letters To The Editor

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 an interview concerning the Yeshiva Program in which the complaints — shir placement, poor attendance — seem extraordinarily familiar. The replies are also not new to us. Undergraduate course registration is finally being computerized, the efforts of the new registrar Mr. Friedenberg, ending the days of pencil and eraser tallies and quintuplicate forms. Welcome, YU, to the 1980's.

The library is in many ways extremely poor, and needs a serious investment of money and time to be made truly adequate for a college campus. Millions of dollars in equipment has been sitting in the science building, rotting: leftovers from Belfer. University researchers in the colleges or at Einstein might well

be able to use some of this; some of the more modern pieces may even be salable — except that no one knows exactly what is in the building. With the renovation of the 8th floor for Wurtzweiler, the physics lab received a useful and expensive unit which had been sitting around in perfect condition for about five years. Something feels wrong when the starting salary for an assistant professor is virtually the same as that for a typical secretary.

The university appears to top many students as a source of red-tape and irrationality. The volume of paperwork through which students have to wade seems disproportionately great for a small university. The ubiquitous little regulations which can only be satisfied by several signatures combine to make life miserable for students and administrators alike. Students feel as if they are up against an immovable monster. While exaggerated, these feelings are rooted somewhere — probably in frustration at the unbearably perceptible problems, or in the tendency to discount or incorrectly handle greater difficulties. Why should a student state that he will not donate to the university in the future, since he does not wish to see the money go to waste? He intends to donate to other Yeshivot instead.

Teachers teaching out of their fields, where they often cannot give as good a course as in their fields or as instructors trained in the particular area. Laboratory equipment decades old. Cosmetic patchwork repairs on the campus around graduation time. Bureaucratic disorganization. Despite so many positive aspects of Yeshiva University, most students come to think that "this is YU." Perhaps an alumni committee which can present responsible suggestions on any major issue; perhaps greater credibility placed on Student Council's and the newspaper boards' feelings on the matter. The University has a responsibility to itself and its students to recognize that problems do exist, that virtually any is surmountable, and that any little improvement might add tremendously to the institution.

Gilbert Kepecs
 YC Valedictorian '82

Valedictorian



Gil Kepecs, a Chemistry/English/Pre-med major has been named valedictorian for the Yeshiva College Class of 1982.

Mr. Kepecs, a resident of Yonkers, New York, has served as Managing Editor of Kol and a staff writer for the Commentator. He also has earned the rank of purple belt in Karate. But Mr. Kepecs is best known for setting the YU record on the MCAT examination — with a remarkable score of 80 out of a possible 90.

Mr. Kepecs has won numerous awards, including a N.Y. State Medical Regents Scholarship and Finalist status in the National Merit Scholarship competition. He plans to attend the Albert Einstein College of Medicine next year.

The Last Mirsky

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 come back to tell you all, I shall tell you all, if one . . . should say, 'that is not what I meant at all, that is not it at all.' — T. S. Eliot.

I wish I had some sort of meaningful thing to say about the fact that "Death has risen to our windows, come into our parlors" but I am afraid I do not. I have been trying all year to use language to extricate meaning from the silence that haunts our imagination. Now, in the face of the ultimate silence, which renders all the words and days of hands water under silent bridges, I fall mute. All we can do is carry on.

Which brings me to a point suggested by the beginning of this column. This school may not have ivy on its walls but we do have a history. Yeshiva owes its existence to people who dedicated their lives to this school and what it stands for, laborers out

of commitment and love.

My father and grandfather were such men. Yeshiva has been at the center of my family's life for over half a century. My entire family, siblings, uncles, cousins were all educated here. As a child I played in Purst Hall (an effort as that may sound). The ideals of Yeshiva have set the tone for that endeavor which I call my life. My father showed me that they could be given flesh and blood reality, clothed in grace and wit. As Yeshiva was his life, and that of his father's, so too, in some way, will it be mine.

Now I go with Milton's shepherd, "tomorrow to fresh fields and pastures new." I cannot begin to thank those to whom I owe personal debts of friendship.

And so, the young Jerusalemite's grandson, and another Jerusalemite's son, the last Mirsky at Yeshiva, is saying good-bye,

Student Apathy

To The Editor:

Since I have been attending this college, the students of Yeshiva University have had numerous opportunities to play a part in attempting to correct certain wrongs which have been done to Soviet Jews, as well as to their brethren in the Land of Israel. However, many of these students have simply decided to leave the job to someone else. It is always easy to express one's concern when one doesn't have to give of his time or his energy to do it. But that kind of concern will never be helpful in solving the problems that the Jewish community faces in the world today.

As a proud Yeshiva University student I was distressed and angered when only about 6 YU students — 1.3% of the student body — cared enough to attend a rally in Washington, D.C., to protest the Reagan administration's abandonment of the State of Israel. The school administration has generally shown the same apathy with respect to this subject, probably contributing to the indifference among the students.

I have but two questions to ask the students and administrators at my school: If you care only for yourselves who are you? and if not now — when???

A concerned student,
 David Kronish YC '84

Accounting Society Honors Outstanding Graduates

By MORDECHAI TWERSKY

MAY 11 — In a most elegant fashion, Yeshiva University's Accounting Society held its Second Annual Dinner tonight at Lou G. Siegel's in Manhattan.

The dinner, which consisted of well over one hundred guests, included students, faculty members, deans and partners of thirteen major accounting firms.

According to Dr. Norman Schlessberg, chairman of the accounting department who helped coordinate the affair, the dinner was held to honor this year's outstanding graduates from both YC and Stern Colleges who are accounting and business majors, and to introduce them to the representatives of various accounting firms to discuss possible future employment opportunities.

Following cocktails, where both students and accounting firm representatives had become more acquainted, dinner was served as guests heard brief remarks of praise for the accounting society from Dr. Egon Brenner, Executive Vice President of Yeshiva University, Dr. Norman Schlessberg, Dean Norman Rosenfeld of YC and Dean Karen Bacon of SCW. A statement by Dr. Lamm, who could not attend, was read by Dr. Brenner, expressing the President's congratulations to the society, calling its accomplishments "nothing short of phenomenal."

"Forget pre-law, forget pre-med," said Dean Bacon quoting the recent findings of Yeshiva and Stern students currently in Israel, "accounting is 'in' now," she said. Out of the more than 120

students in both YC and Stern who are taking accounting courses, 24 students are majors who will be graduating this year. An estimated 100 additional students will be taking accounting courses next fall, said Dr. Schlessberg.

Following the dinner, there was a brief awards ceremony. Seven awards were presented to students from YC and Stern for excellence in accounting and for outstanding service. Mr. Stephen Agress, president of the Yeshiva College Accounting Society and master of ceremonies for the evening, received the Harry B. Mancher Award of \$250 for Academic Excellence.

Other recipients included SCW student Shifa Ness, a 4.0 student, winner of the Joseph Herbst Award for Excellence in Accounting; Ahava Goldman, Departmental Award Medal for Scholarship; David Aronson, Chairman's Award Medal for Scholarship and Outstanding Service to the Accounting Society; Joel Steinberg, Henry Brout Award of \$200 for Scholarship, Character and Service; Gary M. Simon, Shertz Family Alumni Award for Service to Accounting, and Philip A. Serlin, New York State Society of CPA's Medal for Excellence in Accounting Studies. Dr. Schlessberg himself was surprised with an award, a silver kiddush cup.

Some of the firms that were represented at the dinner included Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co., Ernst and Whinney, and Henry Brought and Co.



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The Boys Of Summer

By MICHAEL ROSENBLOOM

Beautiful and sunny days are conducive to a wide range of activities: sports, hiking, picnicking, sunbathing, even streaking. In fact, some of the only activities they are not conducive to are studying and attending classes. This is one of the considerations taken by many universities when planning their academic schedules to end in early to mid-May, thereby allowing their students to enjoy the latter portion of spring.

In Washington Heights, however, lives a group of young men whose vacational vocations cannot commence until spring is little more than a memory. These "Boys of Summer" will then pack their bags, desert their dormitories, and go their separate destinations in search of a few fleeting moments of relaxation. Their time off will be well-deserved because their exams do not end until June 9th, a date when the baseball gloves of most college students are already well worked in.

Perhaps the most unfortunate aspect of this situation is that there is virtually nothing that can be done to rectify it. Inter-session and the large number of Jewish holidays are unalterable factors resulting in missed class hours, for which no one can be blamed. This does not, however, alleviate the anguish felt by students, at having to study long hours indoors, knowing that it is sunny and warm outdoors, and that their tans will be a full month behind schedule.

It is extraordinarily easy to spot these boys of summer. They are most noticeable during the

final weeks of spring, in the general locale of Furst Hall at Amsterdam Ave. at 185th Street. Their attire is painfully and unseasonably warm, as evidenced by their sweat-soaked shirts and long pants, and their arms are usually burdened with anywhere from one to five textbooks. Their eyes frequently but furtively cast envious glances from their pale faces, at neighborhood youths dallying in the simple delights of running, barely dressed under the stream of an open fire hydrant. They longingly gaze from classroom windows at the half-court basketball games in progress on Danciger Campus and dream of participating or, perhaps, of drowning their sorrows in a few ice cream sodas at Carvel's. But these dreams will have to wait.

Where do the boys get their strength to battle against seemingly insurmountable pressures? Why do they refrain from taking jobs and attending summer school sessions that begin June 1st? Why do the out-of-towners so willingly sacrifice much needed time with their families? Certainly, they are a strange breed. They are able to transcend the pleasures and desires of the average person, favoring the lofty ideals of higher education, cut classes and an occasional Yankee game. Surely, they are the stuff from which heroes are made.

They study, attend classes, and exemplify all that is worthy of admiration in their seemingly endless quest for June 9th. Early in the semester, however, upon being subjected to poetic reflections such as, "If winter comes, can spring be far behind?", they unflinchingly reply, "So what,"

YU Students Venture Into Broadcasting

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ly magazine, is hosted by Rosenberg Sunday mornings on WYNY, and is syndicated to six other cities around the country. Now the pressure is on Rosenberg to produce a show every week, to book interesting and famous guests, and to get the tapes to his station on time. But he, like the other Yeshiva alumni, enjoys his work, and thrives on the weekly regimen.

Whatever pressures may be faced by the budding broadcaster, they can only be increased when the person is Sabbath-observant. Every such Jew must deal with the difficulty in his own way. Josh Caplan had to refuse his first job offer after college because it would have conflicted with his Sabbath observance. But another position opened and his co-workers now "respect him more than anything else" for his religious beliefs. Amy Schwartz would not mention her Sabbath observance unless directly asked by an interviewer, because if she were hired and later fired for her Sabbath observance, there would be grounds for a legal suit. She would write a memo in advance to notify her employer when she had to take off a day for religious reasons, as did Rosenberg when he worked at WYNY as a researcher and producer. Even in his generally non-pressurized position, Josh Caplan would sometimes find himself pressed for time on a Friday afternoon, when the Sabbath was approaching and he had to see to it that the station's logs were filled out. "TV and radio are 24 hour businesses," Josh says. "Everyone must take different shifts, and if they need you on a specific day, you can't say 'it's Shabbat — I can't cover

the story.'" "Jews have won the right to be Sabbath observant on the job," notes Abe Rosenberg, "and if they can do it in a hospital, in life-and-death situations, why not at a radio station?" Still he points out soberly that an observant Jew will never be able to do the six o'clock, ten o'clock or eleven o'clock news, or be a full-time sportscaster, because of not being able to work on Saturday. What's more, his refusal to work Saturdays will cost the Sabbath observer promotions, though, of course, he'll never be told why he's not being promoted.

Women may face further difficulties in trying to advance in broadcasting. From her own experience, Amy Schwartz feels that women are stereotyped and relegated to secretarial duties. Abe Rosenberg believes, on the contrary, that sometimes women have an advantage over men with stations that go to great lengths to show that they are non-discriminatory. At WYNY, he says, a reporter and an engineer, as well as the Directors of Promotions and Community Affairs, are women.

What would these four advise

other Yeshiva students trying to break into the field? Get yourself an internship, and get to know people. People can take you along with them on promotions and can refer you to job openings. Absorb as much as you can and get letters of recommendation. Working for WYUR can't possibly hurt and will help at least a little. On the job trail, bang on a lot of doors and get that first foot in.

Now, the four broadcasters stay in touch and try to help each other out with tips on job openings, or possible guests for shows. They swap ideas and experiences as observant Jews in an industry comprised mainly of non-Jews and non-religious Jews. And they keep their eyes open for future breaks.

Even when that first break does come, broadcasting can be as frustrating as it can be gratifying. Frustrating is Abe Rosenberg producing a show for months only to be thanked as Abe Goldberg. But gratifying is Dandy Dan Daniels asking thousands of listeners for a moment of their time to bid him a sad farewell.

Wurzweiler Uptown

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 2) school's seven programs will hold its classroom sessions uptown in Washington Heights at Yeshiva's main campus.

(The Concurrent Program is a two year full time program of study and field instruction which consists of two classroom days a week and three days of supervised field instruction in convenient locations. The Clergy Program, which prepares clergy of all faiths to meet the increasing demands of their profession is held over a period of two consecutive summers with classes on weekday afternoons or evenings for two years, and field instruction for two or three years. The Extended Program allows for a period of up to five years to complete the Master's Degree Requirements.)

Other Wurzweiler programs, including the Program for Employed Professionals, Doctoral Program, and Post Master's Certificate in Gerontology, will be held in the late afternoons and early evenings at the Stern College facility. Although no permanent location has yet been determined for Wurzweiler's Block Education Program, sessions will be held this summer at Stern. In addition, the part of the program of Gerontology which is held in Rockland County will continue there. A Sunday component of the Doctoral Program will be held here at the main center.

According to Dr. Egon Brenner, Executive Vice President of Yeshiva University, the renovation plans call for the removal of wet-lab tables and sinks from the eighth and ninth floors of Science Hall, and the construction of some twenty five faculty offices in addition to seven classrooms, administrative offices, an audio-visual room, and two student lounges. The audio-visual facility, of which, said Dr. Brenner, Yeshiva College will have access to, will contain video and film equipment for "mock interviews with mock clients." The interviews, as well as the techniques of interviewing will be the subject of analysis and study by the future social workers.

Construction Not Extensive Noting that "incredible pro-

gress has been made," Dr. Brenner explained that the renovation is "not too extensive" because the building is easily adaptable for university use. Dr. Setleis acknowledged that since Science Hall is an "academic building," the facility will "better suit the needs of Wurzweiler than its present location."

Vending Machines

In order to compensate for the additional number of students who will be on campus as a result of the move, the University will install vending machines in Science Hall, similar to those currently at Wurzweiler, which will contain sandwiches from the Yeshiva cafeteria.

Parking Situation

It has also been learned that the first floor of the student union building will be reconverted to a parking facility. Although Dr. Brenner acknowledged that the University is seeking "additional parking locations in the vicinity," he gave assurances that "the Yeshiva College theater and radio station will not be affected" by the parking situation. Also under consideration, according to another administrator is the establishment of an all-day van service to transport students, faculty, and employees to subways and to other convenient transportation.

Library Improvements

The Yeshiva Library, which Wurzweiler students will have access to, will undergo major architectural changes this summer, according to Dr. Fred Baum, Dean of University Libraries. A definable and specially expanded portion of the library, said Dr. Baum, most likely to be level 3A of the Pollack Library, will be set aside as a reading area for Wurzweiler students. "It will also house," said Dr. Baum, "a considerable portion of material specifically referable to their discipline. Dr. Baum explained that over this coming summer, new overhead lighting fixtures will be installed on all the main floors of the library. In addition, an electronic security system will be installed to assure, says Dr. Baum "that students will actually be able to find the books they are looking for."



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Origins: The History Of Yeshiva's Buildings

By NEIL DUBLINSKY

December, 1929, heralded the entry of RIETS and Yeshiva College to the then bucolic setting of suburban Washington Heights. The \$2½ million Main Building contained all the facilities of the young institution. The Nathan Lampert Auditorium is of special interest because of its twelve columns along its walls for the Twelve Tribes of Israel and its forty-eight points on the ceiling for the then forty-eight states — these two features symbolize Yeshiva University's ideal of synthesis. The land all about was undeveloped and served as space for sports.

The forties were a period of much territorial expansion for Yeshiva, starting with the acquisition of the land where the library now stands. Two surplus prefabricated barracks, built on the site were used as a graduate hall and as a Science Hall. A former power station for trolleys which was between the barracks was converted to the Pollack Library.

The Knickerbocker Ice Company, formerly situated where Rubin Hall is now located, suffered an extensive fire which destroyed their building and an adjacent tenement which collapsed. Another adjoining tenement was rendered uninhabitable. Yeshiva stepped in and purchased the disabled lands. The property across Amsterdam Ave. from the Main building was already occupied by apartment buildings and were not up for sale.

As the spatial needs of a sprouting University kept increasing, more projects were undertaken. Dormitory accommodations were one such priority. Strenger Hall, the high school dormitory, was the first residence to be built, followed eventually by Rubin Hall, which opened in 1957, and by the show-case \$2½ million Morgenstern Hall, which opened in 1964 (at the same cost as the Main Building!).

In October, 1969, approval was given to the "Blueprint for the Sixties" development program, prompted by the greenbacks and encouragement of the Federal

government, which was then concerned with bolstering programs for higher education. Yeshiva allocated \$70 million for the express purpose of constructing a host of buildings to house the multivariate functions of the University. The total projected cost was later upped to \$85 million. The order of construction was in line with the most pressing needs. During this construction, Yeshiva had to make do with makeshift facilities, for example, an office building at 183rd Street and St. Nicholas Ave., was used. This building was later used by Bell Telephone.

The block where Furst Hall now stands, was occupied by an ancient shingled building on the corner of Amsterdam Ave. adjoined by a white building which was used as a psychology clinic. Later, the buildings were torn down and the space was used for a parking lot. In September, 1962, a classroom-administration building was opened on that site. The first fruit of the Blueprint was eventually named Furst Hall. After the Morgenstern dormitory was completed, work began on Science Hall and the Library.

April, 1969, brought the dedication of the Mendel Gertzman Library, possessing a 500,000 volume capacity, it was designed to resemble a stack of books.

The early seventies ushered in the culmination of the "Blueprint for the Sixties" program. The Science Building, a \$20 million edifice originally designed to have twenty stories, was dedicated in November, 1970. The Student Union Building opened in September, 1971, delayed considerably due to the scarcity of reasonably priced real estate. For that selfsame reason, a garage still isolates the student center from the rest of the campus.

Looking ahead to the future, Yeshiva is committed to remaining in the Heights and helping upgrade the area. The administration is keeping its eyes open for any choice piece of property, preferably one without tenants.

The author would like to acknowledge the invaluable assistance afforded him by Mr. Sam Hartstein, Director of Public Relations.

The Envelope Please

(Continued from Page 5, Col. 3) A fond good evening. It is my honor to present the award for Most Radical Newly Installed Official. The nominees are—Ronald Reagan, for supply-side economics; Francois Mitterand, for Socialism; James Watt, for destruction of wilderness, and Alexander Haig, for rhetoric above and beyond the call of duty. And the winner is . . . James Watt — for destruction of wilderness!" (Watt takes the microphone).

"I'd like to thank the Academy for this high honor . . . hey, Congress, what do you think of this, huh? But seriously, thanks to the Saudi Arabian government for allowing this awards ceremony to take place in their beautiful country. All this sand and desert, not a tree in sight . . . I hope one day the United States looks this good. Thank you."

A number of minor awards are now presented — Israel wins the

Polly for Greatest Potential Threat to Mideast Harmony; Communist China wins for Most Questionable Ally in case of Nuclear War; Pakistan wins for Most Promising Nation in the field of Nuclear Weaponry (edging out Iraq); and Russia wins for Most Effective Imperialism in a Supporting Role.

(Cue announcer) "And now, the moment you've all been waiting for. Here is Ms. Jane Fonda to present the Polly for Most Promising New Political Movement."

"Hello, everyone. The nominees for this coveted Polly are — the Nuclear-Freeze Movement, United States of America; the Keep Sinai Movement, Israel; the Let's Make Central America Communist Movement, the Kremlin; and the Better Red than Dead Movement, Western Europe. And the winner is . . ."

For the past two years, each regular issue of the Commentator has featured one of my col-

umns. My pieces targeted certain specific national issues, and frequently satirized the "human condition." I focused on world events each time in order to reject the notion that Yeshiva College students are one-dimensional, career oriented people. They are, or at least they should be, concerned with the awesome swirl of politics that broods over our lives — often manipulating, always affecting. If Yeshiva is molding a unique type of student, then it should be a student who recognizes not only the scope, but the responsibility of his education. The Yeshiva student must be a leader in his community, not just in his profession.

I hope my columns have provoked thought and reaction; a truly intelligent person is not one who has merely absorbed information, but one who can analyze and dissect it as well. Thank you for your interest, and farewell.

Never Forgotten

By MICHAEL GRABOW

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If one looks around the Yeshiva and Stern College campuses at this time of the semester, one sees multifarious activities from the left and right. It is one of the more exciting times of the school year with elections to win, final exams to pass, and summer jobs to secure. With the hustle and bustle of these activities there is much to do and much to achieve. Unfortunately, however, with our concerns, and rightly so, for our grades, our goals, and whatever we hold dear to us, we sometimes lose track of crucial events whether internationally, nationally, as well as events that center around Yeshiva University. It is Yeshiva University, specifically Yeshiva College and Stern College, on which we must focus attention and pause for a few minutes from what we are doing to reflect upon the past few weeks.

By now unfortunately, we have heard of three tragic losses within our own midst. I refer to the passing of an endeared Stern College student, Lisa Wachtenheim; one of our beloved Yeshiva College faculty members, Dr. David Mirsky; and the beloved JSS director, Rabbi Morris Besdin. Although, it is still unbelievable that these tragic events have taken place, I feel that a moment's reflection is not only appropriate, but it will convey an unmeasurable strength for us who are the living.

Unfortunately, I did not know Lisa Wachtenheim, but from the little information I have learned about her I do know one thing; Lisa, a respected and admired sophomore at Stern College had her college career as well as her whole future tragically taken from her before she had a chance to make a mark on the world. Unfortunately, I also did not have the pleasure of meeting Dr. Mirsky. However, from my acquaintance with Yehudah, his son, I can imagine what an exceptionally fine, dedicated, and scholarly man his father must have been only so tragically to have his life ended prematurely, with much

yet to offer to his students and those who knew him. However, words cannot express my personal feeling of emptiness on the passing of a man I did know personally, my Rebbe, Rabbi Besdin whom I grew to admire, respect; and emulate as one of his students in JSS.

Though these tragic losses are immeasurable for both in the confines of the Yeshiva as well as for the outside world, there is, if it can be said, one consolation. We are constantly reminded by our Rabbis that each and every person contains within himself an infinite universe capable of making incalculable imprints on his fellow man and on the world. We come into the world with a mission and leave the world with the good deeds, learning, and mitzvot hopefully fulfilled during the time allotted us. The honor, prestige, and other luxuries which we all savor do not accompany us to our eternal reward. Probably without intent, we sometimes lose sight of how extremely important the essence of an individual is as a guide in

Mayor Koch

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 3) participate in the lecture series, spoke tonight to expose the YU community to Mayor Koch as a democratic gubernatorial candidate. Both Dr. Arthur Schneider, the director of the Yeshiva University International Affairs Institute, and Eddy Izzo felt that it may be worthwhile to bring both Lavie and Koch together at one time since they have been good friends for some time.

Izzo further states that "the entire Poli-Sci Society was upset with the lack of respect offered to Ambassador Lavie when Mayor Koch entered Silver Hall. It was a disgrace that Mayor Koch was given a standing ovation during Ambassador Lavie's presentation."

Finally, Eddy Izzo confirmed that the Dr. Joseph Dunner Political Science Society has invited the Republican gubernatorial candidate, Dick Rosenbaum, to address the YU student body on May 18.

Dr. Mirsky

(Continued from Page 3, Col. 3) depth, continuity, and sincerity are rare, how wonderful it was to know that at Yeshiva, there was that friend, Dr. Mirsky's son, Yehudah, recalled his father's tremendous belief in Yeshiva. He felt that modernity could be dealt with clearly and honestly.

Yeshiva has lost a great son, but the words and ways of Dr. David Mirsky will be with us forever.

shaping the character and personality of the living. Furthermore, we learn from such misfortune that we sometimes take life for granted and occasionally we are remiss in our responsibility to treat every moment of life as another present from G-d.

As a student who is graduating and leaving the "walls" of the Yeshiva, it is distressing to acknowledge these tragedies and also to note their occurrence in my last column. However, we can take solace in knowing that Lisa Wachtenheim, Dr. David Mirsky, and Rabbi Morris Besdin have left a legacy for both Yeshiva and Stern students. We must learn from their accomplishments, learning, deeds, and fulfillment of mitzvot as an example and inspiration for our lives and the lives of our children.

Rabbi Besdin

(Continued from Page 3, Col. 4)

Moses the man of God." Following Rabbi Fulda, Professor Kraut, Rabbi Besdin's son-in-law, presented a very touching eulogy. He mentioned how ironic it was for Rabbi Besdin to die on Pesach, the holiday of education, and story-telling, and how Rabbi Besdin embodied those qualities. Everyone who had Rabbi Besdin as a teacher will remember his famous stories.

Rabbi Pesach Oratz, who spoke next, said of Rabbi Besdin that when he had to make a decision he would apologize if it would hurt anybody. He mentioned how Rabbi Besdin made everyone happy and was a very charming person. Rabbi Jay Goldberg, a teacher and former JSS student, announced that he would like all alumni to send in anecdotes of Rabbi Besdin, for a memorial sefer to be published. Larry Stern, President of the JSS Student Council, mentioned Rabbi Besdin's style of teaching, how he would stress each different word and analyze its roots and its structure. He also mentioned Rabbi Besdin's honesty, and his embodiment of the concept of "Torah UMada."

Rabbi Miller concluded with the announcement that there was a parallel service in Jerusalem, at which Rabbi Chait, former JSS teacher and Rabbi Solomon of BMT presented eulogies. (Cantor Paul Glasser, Director of Admissions, recited the El Maleh in Israel.) Rabbi Miller then announced the founding of a scholarship in JSS called the Besdin Scholarship. Awardees will be named as Besdin Scholars. Neil Harris, of the Office of Student Finances, concluded the service with a recitation of El Maleh.

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Adios, Yeshiva

By JOEY BODNER

On leaving YU, the only proper way to do so is by thanking all the people who helped me along the way.

Firstly, I would like to thank Dr. Aaron Levine, my department chairman, for his guidance, concern, care and for his ability to always be there when I needed him. A special note of thanks to a man who I spent a lot of time with - our esteemed Mashgiach Ruchani, Rav Yosef Blau. In my book he is the greatest. Whether it was to talk with or to learn with me he was always there. Thanks Reb Yosef. To Rabbi Charlop - All I can say is I'm speechless - leave it at that.

Special thanks to Dean Rabinowitz, Paul Glasser, Aaron Scholar, Richard Joel, and Jerry Volk for their help.

The last two people in the administration - faculty category were perhaps most influential and cooperative. Firstly, Dr. Miller who is literally the inspiration behind the student body and always knows when to say the right thing, I thank you. Mrs. Ovgang - affectionately called "Mom" - without you I wouldn't have lasted until graduation; you were my drive, my power, my spirit, my Mom, my friend. Thank you and don't worry I'll send you a wedding invitation.

To all the guys who helped out in the Blood Drive I really must tell you how big a mitzvah it is.

Good luck to your future leaders Robbie, Jeff, Yumi, Kevin and Paul. They'll need it. Bob, I'm confident you'll do a great job. Keep up the good work.

Yumi, we've been friends for years and I hope we'll continue to be so. Best luck to you and Reva - my blessings are with you. Beth and Ely - Mazel tov. I'm really happy for you! ! ! Yona & Esther - Hi! Nu? ! ?

The Commentator and I have enjoyed a 2 1/2 year working re-

lationship. I'd like to thank Lazer (Linda) Schicker and Muti Klapholz who opened my eyes to the copy and news departments. Then Lazer appointed me Business Manager and then Joey Sturm chose me as his coordinating editor - "to coordinate," as he would say.

Mazel Tov Seth and Riki, Mike and Chashi, Sara & Mark, Silvio & Joy, Yak and Shari and all my other engaged friends.

To Howie Schwab thanks for being a great friend and a good chauffeur when needed. To my fellow senior YCSC officers Hank and David and our counterparts the Stern Senior Council it was a pleasure working so closely with on the Senior Dinner.

To my dear roommate Mike, thanks for always being there when I needed you. I will remember and cherish your friendship for life. Pedro will miss us. Best luck to you and Jodi.

Here is a list of a bunch of great guys who would be insulted if I didn't mention their name: Richie & Mark Eddie & Mike, Burry & Denise, Stan & Beth, Bennett and Andy, the fourth floor Rubin Freshies, Robbie Van Am, Rosie, Robin, Eileen (sorry Joel), Amy. To the 1981-82 governing board of the Commie it was a pleasure working with you. Mark Tannenbaum, thanks. Vorch, Red best of luck.

The YCSC executive council Tzvi Bernstein - what can I say Tzvi you did a great job and you were right - what the hell -

vote Bernstein. As for the Vice President, there is nothing to discuss.

One of my closest friends made a great attempt at a tough job. Not always can one be the most successful President. I'm proud to say that through all his troubles, through thick and thin I stood at his side along with our mutual friends Yaakov & Robbie - Unlike two of his so called friends (one who is an expert third floor Morg water bomb thrower and the other who signs Elliotts name more than Elliot does. They made everything worse than it was. They blew many issues way out of proportion. I have the most respect in the world for Elliot and he'll be one of my best friends for life.

To Rabbi George Finkelstein thanks for being you - thanks for being my friend. Mazel tov to you and your wife Racheli on the new recent addition of Ariel Yochanan to your family.

To Arlette Leoser you're one heck of a girl. You did a great job with SCWSC. Thanks for clueing me in on your events - Hi Julie Beyer! Hi Marla Silver. Hi Ruth Borgen. Best of luck next year to Avi and Mona.

As the phrase goes "Acharon-Acharon Chaviv" and here it comes. Two people in the world who are very special to me. I owe by BA, my happiness, my life to them. Mom and Dad thanks a lot for everything. You're the best parents anybody in the world could ever ask for. I love you two very much and I thank you again! Todah Rabah! !

THE COMMENTATOR ATHLETIC AWARDS

Basketball	Harvey Sheff
Bowling	Joey Bodner
Fencing	Saul Skolnick
Tennis	Charles Levine
Wrestling	Pesach Kremen
Athlete of the Year	Harvey Sheff

Another View

By JOSH KRASNA

Wurzweiler is moving uptown. The controversy continues, but the fact remains. The question on the lips of many YU students is "How will this effect the Yeshiva atmosphere?" That question is a manifestation of an unfortunate malaise that we should not be seeing at Yeshiva College.

There is something profoundly wrong with us if we consider the introduction of outside, heterogeneous influences a threat to our commitment to our values. If our beliefs and practices are so fragile as to be threatened by a few women and non-Jews, we may well be behooved to examine our own souls for flaws. Our moral fiber and our commitment should be stronger than that.

To be religious does not mean to ensconce ourselves in a shielding cocoon of people like us, a membrane of ritual and shared values. If the only way we can remain Jews is by shutting out the world, how good can we be as Jews? If our only defence against the outside world is naivets and introversion, how

will we be able to cope with the challenges of the future? Being Jewish is more than acting Jewish or looking Jewish; it is a way of life, a way that should be invincible to the slings and arrows of the world. And if our commitment is not sufficiently entrenched here at Yeshiva that we must worry about the corrupting influence of "them," what does this bode for our futures in a gentile world?

Sophomores Victorious Over Seniors

The Sophomores, led by rookie goalie sensation Yak Friedman, defeated the Seniors three games to none in the intramural hockey finals. Game one saw the Sophs leading 7-6, when they broke the game open on a short-handed goal by Moshe Green, his fifth goal of the contest. The game went into the record books as a 9-6 Soph victory.

Game two saw the Sophs jump to an early lead on goals by standout defenseman Chopsie

Yeshiva's Karate Club Holds Annual Exhibition

On Sunday afternoon, April 4th, the Torah Dojo Karate Club of Yeshiva University (T.D.A.) held its annual exhibition in the Lamport auditorium. The crowd of more than one thousand was treated to one of the most interesting and exciting exhibitions that the club has ever put on here at Yeshiva. For over two hours, people sat riveted to their seats, as they watched T.D.A. black belts perform various Karate forms (kata) and do advanced board and stone breaking.

This year's exhibition highlighted advanced stone breaking techniques and a Crane form performed by Prof. H. Sober. His second stone break of the afternoon was dedicated in memory of Dean David Mirsky Z"L, a long time friend of Prof. Sober as well as an avid supporter of T.D.A. Emcee for the day was Yeshiva's own Mark Hirsch (YC '83) who is currently the President of the YU Karate Club. Hirsch, who was

awarded a black belt in 1980, performed a karate routine done to the music of Tchaikovsky, ending with a spectacular finale that included Hirsch doing a soft break on a slab of concrete. Among other YC students in the exhibition were brown belts Alan Wasserman and Paul Grinberg who performed a well executed and dangerous weapons form.

During the past school year, the karate club has initiated several new and innovative programs, many of which gained much attention on campus. An ongoing karate film series was held during both semesters. Membership within the club has also been at an all time high. When one beginning student was asked why he took up the study of karate he replied, "Knowing that I will be studying here at Yeshiva for three more years, karate will help better equip me to cope with the surrounding environment."

Tennis Team Ends With Even Record

By MICHAEL TARAGIN

Yeshiva suffered its third setback of the season against Stevens Tech, the top team in the conference. Yeshiva finished the season with a 3-3 record.

Neil Tilson won two out of three sets to remain undefeated for the season. Michael Taragin was the other victor for Yeshiva, also in three sets. Chucky Levine lost a hard fought match against their number two player. Moishe Bodek, Eli Shulman, and Avrumy Markowitz all lost their hard fought single's matches.

The doubles teams made up of Bodek-Tilson, Shulman-Rosenbaum, and Schlusael-Levine each lost their gruelling matches by narrow margins. With the match closer than the score indicated, Stevens Tech came out on top by a score of 7-2.

Next years team will sorely miss the leadership of its two captains Chucky Levine and Richie Schlusael, and seniors Moishe Modek, Alan Willner, Zev Kain, and Gary Rosenbaum for their unconventional "drive."

The Governing Board of the Commentator would like to thank the following people for their great efforts in helping to prepare this issue of The Commentator: Phil Tutnauer, Brian Shoken, and Todd Rothschild.

Council News

Council is accepting proposals from any interested parties wishing to have rights to operate a Morg Mart-like establishment. This system of open bidding will allow everyone an equal opportunity to run the business. All bids must include a brief resume; a list of products; wholesale prices and projected retail prices and other pertinent criteria.

Interviews for committee positions will be posted. Failure to appear for a scheduled interview will disqualify candidacy for position.

A letter has been sent to all faculty members requesting their proposed book lists for all courses. Faculty members have been advised as to the necessity for complying with this request.

Dr. Miller and Prof. Baum, Dean of Libraries have been petitioned by Council to keep the libraries open late during study week and finals week. Their cooperation has been assured and a list of times will be made public.

Revised Curriculum

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attempted to allay those fears by guaranteeing that no tenured faculty will be dismissed as a result of the curriculum revision. In addition, those faculty whose courses are threatened by the revision will be given a reduced load and allowed to develop new courses which can be integrated into the revision, or be permitted to continue teaching their current course as long as there is even minimal student demand.

The committee hopes the proposed curriculum will "furnish our students with a shared foundation on which they can build; their common background and requirements in Jewish Studies, and the proposed sequence in 'Great Books.'" It will provide the students with "the leeway to explore; the faculty will have the freedom to innovate courses."

No decision is expected at today's meeting. If this proposal is ultimately accepted, the new courses would be developed by YC faculty members during the next year. The new curriculum would then go into effect in the fall of 1983.

A Look Back: '81-82



By LARRY BARUCH

Gretzky, Brooks, Ewing, Sheff, Sampson, Eaves, Klecko, Gastineau, Taylor, Reggie. 1981-82 has been a most eventful and colorful year in the world of sports, from Yeshiva's Maccabees to Edmontons Oilers.

In baseball's three ring circus, George (Steinbrenner, Foster, Bamberger?) occupied center ring. *The New York Revolving Door Manager Syndrome* spread as far as Queens. The Bronx bombers moved to Queens, while the roadrunners opened in the Bronx Zoo. Reggie flew west and the "Ancient Mariner" won his 300th. Poor Fernando led the Dodgers to their first championship since 1965, while Ace Israeli led his Brooklyn College intramural baseball team to a second place finish.

West coast bragging rights didn't belong solely to the Dodgers, as former Notre Dame star Golden Joe Montana led the 49'ers to a Super Bowl victory. Mazel Tov to Jet and Giant fans. Much thanks from us to Joe Klecko and Lawrence Taylor. Thousands attended Danciger Stadium this past winter, to watch championship football in the snow.

Wimbledon is being snubbed by Borg, and Lendl proved he's the number one player in the world, despite a strong challenge from the top player in our conference, Mac ace Neil Tilson. Speaking of tennis, Captain Charles D. Levine was named the Palefski Award winner as the outstanding student-athlete of Yeshiva's graduating class.

Moving indoors to the world of the sliding

Juniors Triumph Over Seniors To Finish Basketball Season

By GARY ROSENBAUM

The Junior Intramural Basketball Team culminated an exciting and successful season by defeating the Senior team last night in the 1981-82 championship game. This marked the first time in recent history that a Senior class has not won the intramural basketball championship.

To reach the final game, the Juniors had to first defeat the Seniors (first semester champions) and the Sophomores, to win the second semester playoffs. In their first playoff game the Juniors beat the Seniors by twenty (20) points, handing them their worst loss of the year. In the next playoff game the Juniors repeated their impressive performance, with a twenty point win over the Sophomores.

In these two games the Junior team exhibited the strengths that were ultimately bring it the Intramural championship. The inside game was dominated by

Yussie Silverstein, Jeff Katz, Moshe Greenberg, and Adam Maslow — the team's leading rebounder and second highest scorer. Barry Klein supplied much of the scoring punch, and finished the season as the Intramural league's top scorer. Additional outside shooting was provided by Jeff "In the Corner" Katz, Michael Gordon, Alan Kestbaum, and Elliot Prince. Every championship team must have an excellent playmaker, and the Junior team, with Benjy Schoenberg as its point guard, was no exception to this rule.

In the championship game, after allowing the Seniors to jump out to an early ten point lead, the Juniors started to play, and established a three point lead by the end of the first quarter. The Juniors continued to outplay the Seniors, adding to their lead in each quarter. With four minutes left in the game, the Seniors, faced with a ten point

puck: Herb was brilliant and proved the critics wrong. Gretzky rewrote the record book, and the Islanders proved they're the best team in the world. The Maccabees, who are playing Columbia tonight for the city hockey bragging rights, were led by the Bernard "Red" Sarachek Award winner Hank Reinhart.

The wrestling team led by Captains Ben J. Genet and Wayne Brecher, could've used some assistance from former Yeshiva stars Mitch Merlis and Joe Frager, not to mention Bruno Sammartino and Bob Backlund.

Remaining indoors, the path of the bouncing ball provided much excitement in the past year. Dean Smith finally took the monkey off his back "by winning the big one" against Georgetown. Net fans cheered, while Knick fans stayed home. But certainly, the hottest ticket in town was for the Macs home games. With "Mac mania" sweeping through Yeshiva, and fans packing G. W. in record breaking numbers, the team posted its most illustrious season in recent memory. The team, led by career scoring leader and Commentator Athlete of the Year, Harvey Sheff and freshman phenom Joe Eaves, made the playoffs, only to be eliminated in the opening round. With the addition of a blue-chip backcourt man from Pittsburgh, next season hopes to be even better. The magic is back at Yeshiva.

After his many years of dedication at Yeshiva, Professor Tauber has been awarded a full professorship. Congratulations.

deficit, attempted to mount a furious rally behind the scoring of Sam Rudansky, Ira Schulman, Elli Schulman, and Mutt Leichtung. The Juniors, despite excellent refereeing provided by the seniors, were never really threatened. The final score was 63 to 57 in favor of the Juniors who were led by Barry Klein with 29 points. Adam Maslow with 16 points and 21 rebounds, Jeff Katz with double figures in points and rebounds, and Benjy Schoenberg with 13 assists.

Everyone felt real bad for the Seniors.

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Yeshiva Will Dedicate Hall Of Fame To Honor YU Sports Heroes Of Past

By MICHAEL KOSOFKY

On June 15, 1982 Yeshiva University will officially dedicate the Yeshiva University sports Hall of Fame. The inauguration will take place at a dinner in Belfer Commons with Dr. Miller serving as guest speaker. The hall of fame will have a dual purpose; for one, it is an appropriate way to pay homage to those whose dedication and achievement have benefited the entire sports program, and it will also serve as a fund raiser for a long needed (and promised) student center.

Throughout the University's history, sports has consistently played a prominent role in the daily life of Yeshiva students. Frequently, however, the administration, as well as the students, take for granted our sports, with-

out fully realizing how much work is needed to run a successful program. Most varsity teams have practice two to three times a week, which is an immense task considering that the athletes must first meet the arduous requirements of their Jewish and secular studies. In view of this, we must also laud the meritorious efforts of the YU coaches who give so much of themselves after normal business hours to come to Washington Heights and teach the necessary skills. This is all the more remarkable since they do not receive a salary comparable to that of Bobby Knight, but rather get paid on a typical YU salary level.

Of the seven people to be enshrined, five will be honorary members. (In view of the fact that they have attended other colleges.) They are: Abraham

Hurwitz, the first chairman of the health department; Eli Epstein, our first tennis coach (also the Grossingers pro for fifteen years); Red Sarachek, athletic director and legendary basketball coach; Hy Wettstein, director of high school athletics and coach at YU from 1939-41; and of course Professor Tauber, the Macs first and current fencing coach, as well as present athletic director. The other two members are graduates of our own illustrious institution. They are Rabbi Avrech, chairman of the athletic association, and Irving Koslowe who played on and simultaneously coached the basketball teams of 1937-39.

The Yeshiva University Hall of Fame is a long-awaited tribute to those who have distinguished themselves in the service of our institution.

Sports Interview

While the art of hitting has been as frustrating as solving Rubik's Cube for many, such has not been the case with Rod Carew. In his 15 years in the major leagues, he has an incredible .322 lifetime batting average, including 13 consecutive 300 plus years. Aside from these statistics, Carew has something else pretty impressive going for him—Judaism. Reporter Robert Katz of WYUR sports, talked with Carew at Yankee Stadium before the Yankees-California Angels game of April 28, 1982.

Q. Being from Yeshiva University, I'd like to know about your affiliation with Judaism.

A. I'm not a converted Jew yet, but I am studying and reading a lot about the Jewish faith. Mark my words for it, though; I will convert to Judaism before my playing days are over. I observe all the holidays, and I don't play on Yom Kippur. As for my children — we go to Temple together and they attend a Hebrew School in California.

Q. Who or what brought you close to Judaism?

A. No one really brought me to see it. After we married, my wife and I talked about how our kids

should be brought up, and we both agreed that we should have a Jewish home. I really have never been a religious person, so I wanted a home and surroundings where I could participate in and learn about the Jewish faith. My wife never once asked me to convert — it was all my decision.

Q. What affect has Judaism had, if any, on your career in baseball?

A. Not much, because on the ballfield you basically concentrate on baseball and really nothing else. In my daily life, though, Judaism has shown me the warmth that the Jews have amongst themselves and within the community. I'm referring to the ways they're always backing each other and helping each other out.

Q. How have your teammates and other players reacted to the situation? Do they comment much?

A. No they don't. I think, and they agree, that everyone has the right to believe in their own beliefs, whether he's Jewish, Christian, Baptist, or whatever. We all have our own rights to decide what we want to do with our lives and what faith we decide to believe in.

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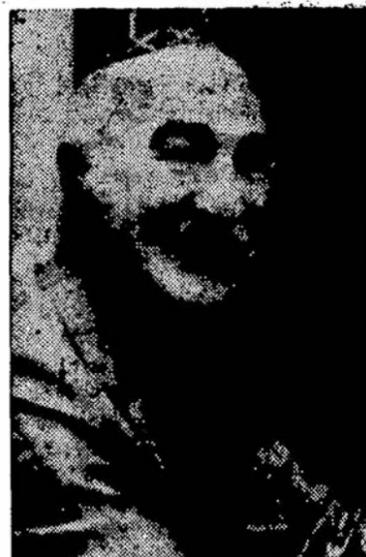
By BEN-ZION SMILCHENSKY

MAY 10 — At the Yeshiva University Athletic Dinner tonight, President Norman Lamm appointed Arthur D. Tauber to Full Professor in the Division of Behavioral Science. Dr. Lamm called it a "most deserved promotion."

A letter to Professor Tauber from Dr. Lamm, Dr. Egon Brenner, Executive Vice President of YU, Dr. Norman Rosenfeld, Dean of Yeshiva College, and Dr. Karen Bacon, Dean of Stern College, it was stated, "We recognize through this action your commitment to the basic concepts and ideals of the university and the work you do in furthering them."

Professor Tauber is presently the Director of Health Education, Athletics, and Intramural sports at both Yeshiva and Stern Colleges.

He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in health and physical education from New York University in 1942 and a master of Arts degree in rehabilitation from NYU in 1948. He joined the YU faculty in 1949 as an instructor in health and physical education and fencing coach. As an expert in physical rehabilitation he became an assistant professor in 1952 and was later promoted to associate professor when he became Director of The



Prof. Arthur Tauber

Health Education Program in 1975. Professor Tauber has served as Yeshiva's fencing coach for 33 years. Over this period the fencing team has been among the most successful of the University's varsity sports with over 200 wins.

Professor Tauber, deeply honored, later responded, "I genuinely appreciate the confidence the President, Vice-President, and the Deans have in my ability. I hope I can live up to the reputation to provide quality programs for all the students and the Yeshiva family."

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