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16% Decline In Admission To Medical School

By TZVI HIRSHAUT

Yeshiva and Stern College graduates' annual acceptance rate into medical schools has declined by 16% for the 1983-84 year, with only 31 out of 42 graduates getting accepted into a medical school. Dr. Barry Potvin, pre-health science adviser, attributes this decrease to a policy change by the Guidance Office, the late submission of letters of recommendation by several faculty members, and the students' unfamiliarity with the application process. At the same time, a record 22 students have been accepted to the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, 9 students have also been accepted at the Downstate Medical Center, 6 at NYU Medical School, 5 at the Mt. Sinai Medical School, 3 at the NY Medical College and 1 at the Columbia University Medical School.

The policy change, implemented by Dr. Potvin's predecessor, Stephen H. Lazar, eliminated screening procedures that the students were formerly forced to undergo before applying to medical school. With the screening procedures of Dr. Saul Wischnitzer, Dr. Lazar's predecessor, the acceptance rates of Yeshiva and Stern College graduates were exceptionally high, averaging between 90 to 95 percent of the applicants. This year the acceptance rate has dropped to 74%.

Dr. Potvin predicts that by maintaining a similar policy in the future the acceptance rate will stabilize at an annual rate of 75 to 80 percent. Despite the continuance of the open application policy, he will counsel students that are not adequately qualified for medical school to consider other health science fields with less stringent admission standards such as dentistry, podiatry or optometry.

An open application policy, however, is not the only cause for the lower acceptance rate. Since Dr. Wischnitzer's departure, there have been at least two other

"significant problems" encountered by both the Career Guidance Office and the students that have resulted in a lower rate of acceptance, especially to the more prestigious schools. They include the late submission of letters of recommendation by several faculty members coupled with the students' unfamiliarity with the application process and the resulting inability of the office to optimally process the applications.

Dr. Potvin, though, assured *The Commentator* that he has already taken steps to remedy these problems. Central to his solution is a booklet that he has drawn up which details the application procedures and explains ways for one to improve his chances of acceptance. In addition, following the purchase of a computer in the near future, the Guidance Office hopes to have more thorough records of each student's progress, thereby enabling them to keep track of and troubleshoot any problems that may arise.

Dr. Potvin reiterates that "just because a student did not get into a medical school this year does not mean that he or she will never be able to be accepted into one. "All," he states, "will probably reapply next year and of the eleven who did not get in this year, more than half will get in eventually if they are persistent in their efforts."

It should be noted that although the acceptance rates for YC and SCW are lower than they used to be, they are still higher than those at most other undergraduate colleges. At other colleges, Dr. Potvin estimates, the acceptance rate is only about 60% and that, he adds, is during a good year.

As for the acceptance rates for graduates applying to schools in other health-related professions, it was 100%. All 14 pre-dents were accepted into dental school, the sole graduate who applied to podiatry school was accepted, as was the sole applicant to a school of osteopathic medicine.

Grand Opening of Yeshiva College Bookstore Set For Thursday

By PERETZ HOCHBAUM

While the students are setting in for the coming semester, the managers of the YCSC bookstore are busily preparing for the store's grand opening which will take place on Thursday, September 13, during club hour. According to Jonathan Kranzler, director of the bookstore, the grand opening will be a gala event highlighted by Dr. Norman Lamm, President of Yeshiva University, cutting the ribbon to officially open the store. In addition, Mr. Sy Syms, chairman of Syms Inc. and a member of the board of trustees of Yeshiva, will address the assemblage on the topic of business and entrepreneur. Mr. Kranzler hopes to have 186st closed to traffic during the festivities to provide for live entertainment and refreshments.

While plans for the grand opening are being made, the bookstore did have some problems this summer. During August the student council was summoned to a "Bet Din," a Jewish court, by Mr. Mark Weiner, owner and manager of the Copy Shop Plus (located on 187st and Amsterdam Ave., one block from the bookstore). Mr. Weiner charged that the student bookstore violated his territorial rights as provided for in Tractate Baba Bathra. The student council maintained that it is merely trying



Jonathan Kranzler (R), Director of bookstore; Jeffery Gejerman (L), Assistant Manager

to provide the students with a service, and is not trying to compete with the Copy Shop. According to Chaim Gerjerman, president of the YCSC, "the products sold by the bookstore in no way overlap with those sold by the Copy Shop. Even the stationary items are unique because they have the Y.U. emblem on them."

After lengthy deliberation between Mr. Weiner, Mr. Gejerman, Mr. Kranzler and Dr. Israel Miller, Senior Vice President of Yeshiva, an agreement was reached between the two parties, and the "Din Torah" was averted. After the entire incident, Mr. Gejerman emphatically stated that "at no time did the student council try to cheat

anybody. We were summoned to court before ever being informed that a problem existed. We are ready at all times to discuss any complaints against us."

The bookstore also experienced some internal changes this summer. *The Commentator* has learned that there was a change in the bookstore's management. There will no longer be a governing board as originally planned. Instead Jonathan Kranzler will act as a director, while Mark Raden will be manager of finance, and Jeff Gejerman will be manager of operations. Aaron Fischman, originally a store manager has left Y.C. and is now attending N.Y.U., and Dr. Larry Goldstein who is a private consultant for the store has become chairman of the department of Marketing at Iona College. Clerks will be hired from amongst the students body.

In addition to textbooks, the store will sell clothing, mugs, banners, gym bags, and other paraphernalia carrying the Y.U. insignia. It will also sell basic stationery products, greeting cards, novels, magazines and newspapers. The store will be open most of the day during the first week of school, and from 12:30-4:00 PM. and 8:00-10:00 PM. on a regular basis thereafter.

Soloveichik Building Purchased

New student activities facilities and additional on-campus parking are just two of the many benefits that will result from the University's purchase of three buildings owned by the recently closed yeshiva Soloveichik. The newly acquired property situated on 185th St. between Audobon and St. Nicholas Avenues also offers ample space for a planned center of cultural arts and additional exhibition space of the University's Museum.

The purchase was officially

By PERETZ HOCHBAUM



Soloveichik Building, 185th Street between Audobon and St. Nicholas Avenues.

made on August 9, by a donation from an, as yet, unidentified donor. Included in the acquisition are three buildings - a main edifice and two annexes located across the street.

The main building was erected in 1921 for Temple Gates of Israel. The Yeshiva Soloveichik, founded in 1937 and named in memory of the Rav's father, Rabbi Moses Soloveichik, z"l, moved into the building in 1945. In 1982, the yeshiva closed due to dwindling enrollment.

Yeshiva Places 9 Students In Top '10' Law Schools

Levitz Named Dean of Students

Dr. Israel Miller, Senior Vice-President, has named Dr. Irving N. Levitz, a professor at the Wurzeiler School of Social Work, as Dean of Students for the university's undergraduate divisions. In the newly-formed position, Dr. Levitz will have authority over all aspects of student life including counseling and career advisement, student activities and religious guidance.

A position similar to Dean of Students has not existed at the university since the passing of Shmuel Lev Sar, z"l, who held the position of Dean of Men until 21 years ago. Dr. Levitz finds it ironic that he now holds the same position that his teacher, the late dean, held, especially considering that Dean Sar was the one who arranged, and then died at, his Chag HaSemicha.

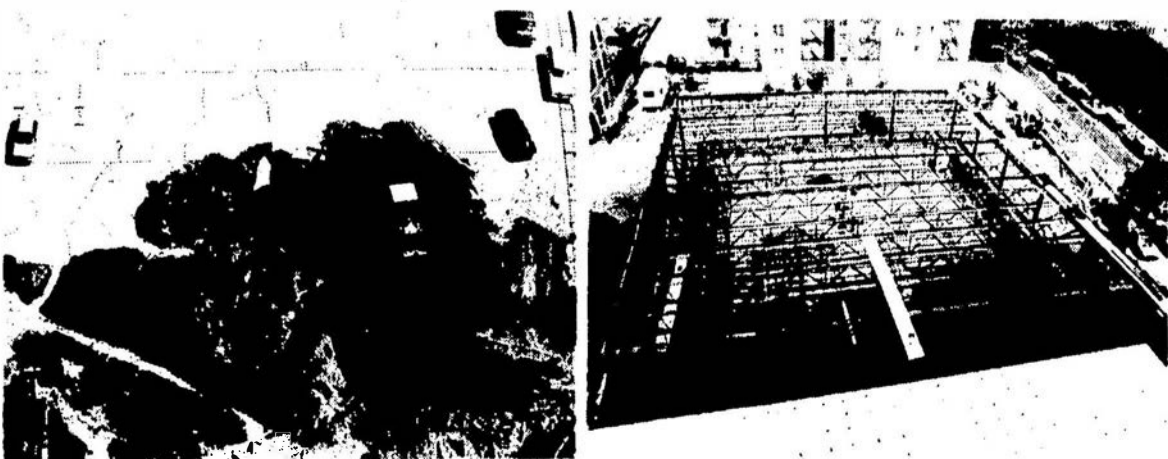
To accommodate his new job, Dr. Levitz will drastically reduce his responsibilities at Wurzeiler and



will reshape his other professional commitments as a clinical psychologist and as director of the South Shore Psychological Center in Woodmere, L.I.

Dr. Miller transferred his student-related duties to the Dean of Students after deeming the job too important and too large to be dealt with only part-time. (He and Mr. Larry Wachsmen, the former Director of Student Activities who is making *Aliyah* next month, served in other capacities at the university while serving as student directors.)

The Max Stern Athletic Center:



Last year on the drawing board...

Now a Reality...



The President Speaks

CHAIM GEJERMAN

Adjusting to Yeshiva Life

The end is near! With the lawn turning to hay, the patio furniture rusting, the NFL's pre-season games concluded, and K-Mart's Back-to-School sale in full swing, we bid summer farewell. Although the season itself hasn't ended, its spirit has been broken. Gone are those long, lazy, summer days filled with canoeing, carping, and chemistry with Mrs. Dobkin. Remember that tentative grade you took in June figuring to complete the work during the summer ("when I have time")? That TD on your transcript doesn't stand for Touch Down - just ask Rabbi Edelstein - summer is over.

Can you remember how this time of year affected us as children? Shopping for school supplies was such a conditioned reflex that by Labor Day we were fully equipped with Buster Brown shoes, Mickey Mouse pencil cases, Popeye notebooks, and super heroes lunchboxes. Then, as we counted down the remaining days of vacation, we'd make our new school year resolutions. We'd be good students, always do our homework on time, refrain from shooting spit balls, and even practice the piano. Finally, the yellow school bus would snatch us from our summer fantasy and deposit us into reality. Sitting straight backed in our uncomfortable wooden desks, feet dangling, we'd need Mrs. Apple Crumby's instructions and begin to write our first assignment: How I Spent My Summer.

Sitting here in my new school clothes, my shiny Smurf lunch box at my side, and a newly sharpened pencil in hand, I begin to write...

In planning for the coming school year, the Student Council decided that our first priority would be providing for the daily diversions that make campus life more enjoyable, the most obvious of which include weekly movies and Cafe de Morg. In response to overwhelming positive feedback, the Student Council-sponsored movies will be expanded to three features a week. We will run our regular weekly movies on Sunday and Thursday nights, and on Tuesday nights the Junior class will host a weekly comedy movie in the Cafe de Morg.

Cafe de Morg has been greatly improved. In response to your demand, we are expanding the Cafe de Morg's hours. The Cafe, which will be open until 1:00 a.m. on weeknights, has been reorganized to make better use of its vast potential. In addition to longer hours and a weekly movie the Cafe will be adding table top games (including chess, backgammon, and trivial pursuit) and increasing the food varieties (to include theater-style popcorn, bagels, and ice cream). We anticipate that these improvements and others will increase the Cafe's effectiveness as a center for campus social life. Additional Student Council projects under way include:

- 1) Student Directory - Our committee, headed by Yossie Teitz and Ronnie Gross, has begun much of the ground work necessary for the completion of the directory.
- 2) Chanukah Concert - Our committee headed by Simmy Weber has booked the concert. Tickets should be available during November.
- 3) Lounges - We have purchased a television set and are presently investigating possibilities for improving the Morg lounge and installing a Ruben lounge.
- 4) Y.C.S.C. Bookstore - Managed by Jonathan Kranzler, Aaron Fischman, Jeffrey Gejerman and Mark Raden, has been prepared to meet all of our scholastic needs. A gala grand opening is planned.
- 5) Freshman Orientation - This year's orientation was a great success, due mostly to the tireless efforts of Nachum Bane. The guidance committee, headed by Alan Strauss, was instrumental in registration advisement. The Orientation committee not only provided guidance during registration, but also made orientation week exciting by arranging movies, theater parties, tours, and a night at Chicago City Limits.

Look around you. Listen to the welders work on the gym. Shop at the book store or play a game of chess at the Cafe de Morg. Heed those rumors about a new student union building - they're true. Our campus is undergoing many changes. We have been acting on your input; we have been providing you with the services you need and the entertainment you enjoy. We do not intend, however, to sit back, smugly on our laurels and gloat. The year has just begun, and so have we - but we need your continued input. As always, my door is open to your constructive criticism and to your ideas. Keep them coming.

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The Editor-in-Chief and the entire Governing Board wish David Greenberg (YC '85) Mazel Tov on his engagement to Mindy Shachter.

The Editor-in-Chief and the entire Governing Board wish Alan Talansky (YC '84) Mazel Tov on his forthcoming marriage to Naomi Millen.

The Editor-in-Chief and the entire Governing Board wish Eli Schulman (YC '83) Mazel Tov on his forthcoming marriage to Lara Schwald (SCW '85).

From the Desk of the Senior Vice President

DR. ISRAEL MILLER

How I Spent My Summer Vacation

Bruchim habaim. We are pleased to welcome the new students and to welcome back all of our students. The campus is dull and colorless without you. Your presence adds life and learning and meaning to the enterprise to which faculty, administration and our lay directors and supporters dedicate their efforts. We pray that you will take advantage of all that Yeshiva has to offer and have a good year, - spiritually, intellectually and physically.

September, 1984 marks a glorious anniversary for me, as I trust it will for all of you who are beginning your college education. It was exactly fifty years ago - in September 1934 - that a frightened youngster from Baltimore, Maryland; enrolled in the freshman class at Yeshiva and began a half century romance with this great and growing fortress of learning approaching its Centennial. I haven't forgotten how disoriented I was those first few days, and I hope that our orientation sessions will help ease your adjustment pains. Please be assured that after a while you will become acquainted with your classmates, you will know where every office is located, who your teachers are, that the dual program is do-able, and that New York is not as scary as it's made out to be in your home town newspaper.

You have come to a special kind of school. The dictionary defines a University as "an institution of higher learning having a college of liberal arts and graduate schools of theology, medicine and law." Yeshiva University meets all aspects of that definition, with additions. It is Yeshiva - an academy dedicated to Jewish learning and Jewish life, to a spiritual, cultural and ethical heritage thousands of years old, to the creative continuity of the Jewish people, to the community as well as to ourselves. We study not only for a degree, or to be prepared to earn a livelihood; but because it's a mitzva "laasok b'divrei Torah." We are committed to excellence - in learning and in the character of our students.

We hope you will grow with us in your mind and heart. We have planned an expanded student service and development program to match the newly added courses and revised curriculum. We want you to enjoy as well as to profit from your years here.

Some day we hope you will look back at the month you started your education at Yeshiva College, and say, as I do now after 50 years, they were the happiest years of my life.

B'racha v'hatzlacha.



A Letter to the Editor

A TRIBUTE TO RAV KRIESER

To the Editor

I was saddened to read of the impending retirement of Rav Krieser from the Y.U. faculty in the near future.

I was privileged to study Talmud under Rav Krieser for three years. During those classes, I and my classmates were introduced to Rav Krieser's world of rigorous logic, deep learning and passionate pursuit of truth. In a sense, this was to be expected from a *Talmid Chacham* of Rav Krieser's reknown. That logic, learning and passion has served me well in the years since I graduated Y.C., both in *Shiurim* I continue to attend and in my professional career.

Often during those three years, Rav Krieser would interrupt a rigorous exercise in Talmudic learning to briefly discuss a seemingly unrelated topic on human nature, politics and world affairs. While I found Rav Krieser's statements on those topics interesting, I do recall feeling that they deserved somewhat less attention than our more formal studies. I find it ironic now that I review those opinions which I can still remember more and more frequently as incisive and wise advice which has guided me in my personal and professional life.

I am sure that my experience is shared by the many hundreds of students whose lives were enriched by learning with Rav Krieser. While saddened by his retirement from Y.C., I am glad to learn that Rav Krieser will be pursuing his love for learning in Israel and wish him success. I urge YC's current students to take full advantage of the many talents of Rav Krieser and the other dedicated *roshei yeshiva* and faculty members while that precious opportunity is available.

Barry N. Saltzman
YC 1976
Editor-in-Chief
THE COMMENTATOR

NEWS FLASHES

Potvin Named Health Sciences Advisor

Dr. Barry Potvin has been appointed pre-health science adviser at both Yeshiva and Stern Colleges but the possibility of receiving a federal research grant may force him to reassess his decision. As a result, Dr. Potvin's tenure will be indefinite. At present, Dr. Potvin is actively working to improve the University's health science counseling services.

Dr. Potvin also serves as an assistant professor of biology at Yeshiva College and previously served as "interim" pre-health science adviser.

Agus Dies at Age 74

Dr. Irving Agus, noted historian of Middle Ages and professor at Yeshiva University's Bernard Revel Graduate School, passed away at the age of 74.

Dr. Agus taught at the University from 1946 until his retirement in 1977.

A prolific author who wrote books in English and Hebrew, Dr. Agus was an authority on German Jewish history. He was widely known for his scholarship and for his appraisal of the Ashkenazic (German-Jewish) influence on modern thought and culture.

New Captain of 34th Precinct



Captain Michael Markman

On July 30, 1984 Deputy Inspector Thomas Coyne, commander of the 34th precinct for 18 months was transferred to a Bronx Division command and was replaced by Captain Michael Markman who served briefly in the 34th Precinct as executive officer to Capt. Martin Feltman.

To combat the high crime rate in the Washington Heights area, Captain Markman plans to provide more foot patrols. "People feel safer when they see the traditional police officer walking a beat. It is part of Commissioner Ward's 'total patrol concept,'" says Captain Markman.

Mr. Stephen Saunders, Director of Security, is confident that captain Markman will uphold Mayor Edward Koch's commitment to maintain Yeshiva's high level security.

Project SAGES

"Project SAGES," a new program to bridge the generation gap between students and senior citizens, has been developed by Yeshiva University together with the Washington Heights/Inwood YM-YWHA.

"SAGES" stand for "Strengthen Another Generation Through Education and Service."

Student Coordinator Jonathan M. Hirsch, a 1984 YC graduate who is now in RIETS, will recruit students for the program. For the first year of the two-year project, pilot groups of ten students each will be recruited from the Marsha Stern Talmudical Academy and from Yeshiva College. In addition, five second-year students from RIETS will be selected to cater to the spiritual needs of the neighborhood's elderly residents.

Professor Bonnie Beck of the Wurzeiler School of Social Work, along with "Y" staff members will train and supervise the students.



Miller Elected President of Claims Conference

Dr. Israel Miller, senior Vice-President of YU was elected president of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany at the biennial meeting of the Claims Conference in Jerusalem.

Dr. Miller succeeds Dr. Nahum

Goldmann, founder and first president of the Claims Conference from its inception in 1951 until his death in 1982. Dr. Miller served as acting president of the Claims Conference after Dr. Goldmann's death.

The Claims Conference is the official body representing the interests of all Jewish victims of

Nazi persecution throughout the world to the German Federal Republic (West Germany). In 1952 it participated in the signing of the Luxembourg Agreements between the State of Israel and West Germany, which set the stage for German remuneration to victims of Nazi persecution.

Law School Admission at 100%

Place 9 in Top '10' Law Schools

By TZVI HIRSHAUT

All 29 of this year's Yeshiva College graduates that applied to law schools were accepted by at least one of them. More importantly, nearly one-third of them were accepted into the "most prestigious and fiercely competitive," top ten law schools including those of Harvard (1), Yale (2), Columbia (5), and NYU (8).

Some of the other law schools which accepted YC graduates include the Cardozo School of Law, the Hofstra University School of Law, the Boston University School of Law and New York Law School.

On the LSAT's, one-third of the Yeshiva College applicants placed in the top 9% of those that took the nationally administered test. And one-half of the applicants placed amongst the top 20% on the same examination.

Dr. Michael Hecht, pre-law adviser, admits that because of the law school boom "this achievement is not as significant as it would have been a decade ago." He notes, however, that the high acceptance rate of Yeshiva College graduates at some of the finest law schools in the country remains as a significant gauge of the quality of the graduates.

These students, because YC does not require of them a special course of study, graduated with a varied assortment of majors (two have dual majors). Amongst the future law students were six economics majors, five psychology majors, four speech and four history majors, two accounting, two biology, two English, two philosophy and two political science majors, one information science major and one sociology major.

Soloveichik Building

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Another benefit derived from the purchase is improved on-campus parking. This will result from a parking area also acquired in the purchase and the renovation of the second floor of the parking garage on Amsterdam Avenue (which presently houses the the student activities facilities) to accommodate additional parking.

SPORTS QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Tommy Moore.
2. Larry Falk.
3. Dwight Braxton.
4. Keith Wilkes.
5. Sorry, readers, this was a trick. Akeem is Nigerian.
6. Howard Cosell, ABC Sportscenter.
7. Marv Albert, NBC Sportscenter.

OP-ED

A Word to Thank Your the Wise Parents

By NACHUM BANE

Dear Freshmen,

Welcome to Y.U.; a world where many faces mix to create an atmosphere of the highest religious and academic standards. On Monday, September 3, Y.U.'s doors will have opened to welcome this year's freshmen — the class of 1988. The deans, the Office of Admissions and the orientation committee, headed by Nachum Bane, have all worked hard to make sure that Y.U. is ready for you. However, experience has proven that no matter how much preparation is done, some problems will always arise. Some of these problems will be easily resolved. In the meantime, the orientation committee has prepared a list of hints that might make your stay at Y.U. more enjoyable:

1. Avoid the "Freshman Blues! Make an effort to meet your dorm counselor, as well as your neighbors.
2. Partake in the various committees and societies that plague Y.U. You'll meet new people and keep your sanity.
3. Try getting involved in NCSY or Bnei Akiva so you'll have something to do over Shabbos. It will be both an enjoyable and fulfilling experience.
4. If you're tube-less, locate the closest t.v. You just might want to spend your lonely hours withering away at the tube.
5. Hunt down your favorite pinball or video game. Don't forget to delude yourself with the traditional "it's relaxing" and the infamous "it improves my eye-to-hand coordination."
6. Every night there are "specials" for supper — follow them, save money, and eat "fairly" well.
7. Obtain toaster ovens and/or fridges 'cause it's imperative in order to keep the body functioning while burning the midnight oil.
8. Locate the local supermarket and get there before they close; otherwise, hang out at Morg Mart and eat your heart out.
9. Purchase subway tokens in large quantities and always have an extra one available in case you run out of cash and need to get home.
10. Use the security shuttle to and from the subway at night. Always walk with others and walk confidently. Don't be afraid!
11. Finally and most importantly, get ample sleep, go to davening every day, and eat a hearty breakfast.

Mighty Macs

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JSP team.

Schlussel started the scoring for TI and scored 10 points in the first quarter, with eight in a row, to give TI an 11-5 lead.

The second quarter saw the same pattern of play as the JSP zone defense could not cope with the big men from TI. Schlussel scored four more points before Shelly Cohen of JSP hit to make the score 15-7. Norm Bergman and Abba Borowich, however, added their scoring punch to the effort and brought the score to 27-9 as the half ended.

At the start of the next half JSP switched to a man to man defense figuring to press the bigger men from TI. Borowich and Torczyner, however, combined to

By SAUL BURIAN

There is something special which we, at Yeshiva University, all share but take virtually for granted. It immediately sets us apart from a growing percent of the population. It provides us with the tools with which we challenge the world around us and realize our dreams. It is education.

My summer experience opened my eyes to the full impact that education has made on my life. The difference between the formally educated and the able but uneducated is crystal clear in the structured environment of the corporate world. This distinction, although often less clear, is also of great importance in other sectors of business. In fact, it can be summarized as the difference between a dead-end job in which the hardest task of the day is combatting boredom as opposed to a challenging, even fulfilling, career. All summer I sat elbow to elbow with people possessing intelligent minds but trapped in unschooled bodies. They are "white collar menial laborers" who enter numbers into ledgers, check computer printouts for mistakes, and alphabetize data bases in offices across America. They are frustrated, often bitter, and usually sarcastic, and only education prevents us from sharing a similar fate. We take for granted, what we should be jealously guarding.

Educated people often pride themselves on being inherently smarter or more clever than their uneducated counterparts. But this is a common fallacy which probably stems from our blase attitude towards education in general. Our minds have been trained, our through processes refined, and our horizons expanded by our respective educations. We are forced to wrestle with such dentists, lawyers, or businessmen, only because of the gift of education that our parents have so selflessly impared to us. The "White Collar Menial Laborers" of this world have not had the chance to pursue an education. For this opportunity, thank your parents.

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thwart the press by working some pretty patterns and converting them into easy lay-ups. Meanwhile the rebounding strength and fine defense of Schlussel and company proved too much for JSP to cope with. The latter went through the third quarter scoreless with the score 36-7 at its conclusion.

JSP's first point in the second half came with six and a half minutes left in the game. TI was superior in every aspect of play. Schlussel and Bergman dominated the boards while Torczyner handled the ball well. Borowich directed the attack while Barry Silber and Irv Treitel played a good all-around game. TI's victory earned it the right to play the winner of the RIETS-Smicha contest for division honors.

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On The Sidelines

What If...?

By MOREY WILDES

On July 29, when the torch of the XXIII Olympiad was lit at Los Angeles, the athletes of Eastern nations were conspicuously absent. Their absence was due to a political boycott because of supposed insufficient security.

As a result of this boycott, the United States dominated these Olympic games as almost no other nation had done before, winning 174 medals, 83 of which were gold. This U.S. Supremacy was expected, as was the Russians' in Moscow in 1980, when the U.S. boycotted and the Soviets kept 195 medals, 80 of which were gold (a record broken by the U.S. this year).

However, what if all those Eastern-bloc nations had attended the games? What would the results have been if all the nations had competed? Obviously, the outcome would not have been the same, but by how much would it have differed?

Some sports would have been drastically affected and it seems that some might not have been affected much at all. In men's track and field, Carl Lewis and Edwin Moses would most likely have won their gold medals anyway. The U.S. gleaned nine gold, eight silver and seven bronze there and the missing nations would not have changed it much. The U.S. women, however, are no match for their brawny hormone-fed Eastern rivals, who would have muscled many of the U.S.'s seven gold, eight silver and two bronze medals away from them. East German and Czech sprinters would surely have deducted from the U.S. medal total. Also missed were the Eastern hammer, discus and javelin throwers, pole vaulters and shot putters.

In basketball, it is unlikely that the Soviet teams would have made much of a difference. The two U.S. teams looked so overwhelming in their victories, observers feel that they would have won the gold medals even without the boycott. In boxing, where the U.S. took nine gold, a silver and a bronze out of 12 categories in the best showing ever by any nation, the Cubans were sorely missed. Cuba is a world boxing leader and would have made the competition much closer, although many felt that here too, the U.S. would still have won most of the gold medals.

In swimming, where American dominance was extensive, the Americans had a medal in almost every event. In men's competition, from among the missing nations, only Vladimir Salnikov, a Soviet freestyler, would have won gold medals. In women's competition, however, where the East Germans are the leaders, the U.S. gold medal total would have been reduced significantly. Only a few Americans would have had good chances for the gold. But Greg Louganis was so far ahead of his diving competitors that there would have been no effect all on his gold medals had the absentees shown up.

As for other sports, American success would have been reduced in freestyle wrestling and probably also in some women's gymnastics. However, the men's team and Mary Lou Retton's remarkable performances might still have won gold medals. The no-shows were conspicuously absent in such "power" sports as weightlifting, wrestling and rowing.

To this boycott, there are two prevalent athletes' views. Some athletes who won medals feel deprived, knowing that they may not really be no. 1. The meaning has been taken out of their medal because the real no. 1 may have been sitting at home. Then again, some athletes said, "Who cares?" Forty years from now, when a gold medal is on display, no one will ask, "Well, who was there to compete against?" Jeff Float, a gold medalist swimmer, best summed it up: "I was there. I swam and won a gold medal. That's good enough for me."

Indeed, it is true: there is no use crying over absent athletes. Has anyone heard the Russians complaining over their 1980 mop-up? To be sure, the Eastern athletes are as disappointed now as the American athletes were in 1980. Nevertheless, governments will continue to boycott, thereby ushering in a time when Olympic medals no longer have the same value. As long as countries boycott the Olympics for the slightest reasons, the Olympics lose their value. An Olympic gold medal will mean only that its bearer is superior to only those who competed, while it used to mean that its bearer is number 1 in the world.

But go try and tell that to Jeff Blatnick, the Olympic heavyweight Greco-Roman wrestling champion, and see if you come away smiling.

All Aboard For A Subway Series!

By ROBERT KATZ

Rumor has it, though, that the Mets will bring back the same campaign in 1985, and for good reason. 1985, with all due respect to the Mets' 1984 season, will be the season of all seasons for New York fans.

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Never before have both the Yankees and Mets been in the upper echelon of their leagues at the same time. Look at the records: while the fledgling Mets were pathetic from 1962 to 1968, the Yankee dynasty was in its waning years, dying out in 1964. With the Miracle of '69 came seven years of .500 ball through 1979, while the Yankees suffered through their worst dry spell in history (1965-1975). The Mets have not had a winning season since 1976, while the Yankees have won the World Series twice and the A.L. pennant four times in that period. If you thought the Americans and Russians were bad at getting their act together, take another look.

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Ah, but now 1984. The Chicago Cubs are doing their Detroit Tigers impersonation — refusing to bend to the second place team's relentless late-season pressure. That team is the Mets. No, wait, that can't be right. Let's try it again: ...refusing to bend to the second place team's relentless late-season pressure. That team is the Mets.

Son-of-a-gun, whaddya know and all other cliches, the Mets are in second place. Regardless if they finish first or second, they have provided us with an unforgettable summer. What with Yankee Stadium always drawing well, Shea

Stadium has also gotten into the act, shuddering and rumbling with each Mets home game. All New York fans should be thankful — yes, even Yankee fans. With their team's dismal start, it looked as if George Steinbrenner's axiom that "the Yankees will always be no. 1 in New York" was his best one-liner ever.

Enter a couple of hustling minor leaguers, though, and you've got a team hovering about 10 games over .500. One pitfall the Yanks might encounter is their youngsters' exposure to the rest of the league. The Yankees (or any other team for that matter) switching to a youth movement means some trying times in the beginning. On the average, one out of every ten prospects make it.

The Mets have found their prospects. They were such last year, are phenoms this year, and should be bonafide starters for years to come. Gooden, Darling, Terrell, Sisk, Fernandez, Strawberry. The list goes on. For the Yankees, it's Cowley, Howell, Mata, Pagliarulo and, of course, Mattingly. Aside from the latter, they all still need plenty of seasoning. Winfield, Baylor, Niekro et al are the spices. They just might have the perfect salad next year.

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For a change, there are less question marks surrounding the Mets than the Yankees. Their youngsters have arrived; they should be here to stay. If the Mets don't make it this year you just know that all those preseason prognosticators will predict postseason play for the precious pixies from Flushing.

David Gunn is the president of the New York City Subway System. His job just might be very easy in 1985.



Sports Quiz

Everyone knows that Kareem Abdul-Jabbar used to be named Lew Alcindor. Can you name the original names of these sports personalities?

1. Ahmad Rashad, ex-Minnesota Vikings wide receiver.
2. Abdul Salaam, ex-N.Y. Jet defensive lineman.
3. Muhammed Qawi, professional boxer.
4. Jamaal Wilkes, L.A. Lakers forward.
5. Akeem Abdul Olajuwon, Houston Rockets center.
6. Who is Howard Cohen?
7. Who is Marvin Aufrehtig?

Looking Back at Some Mighty Macs '63 Intramural Basketball Coverage

In commemoration of The Commentator's jubilee year of sports coverage, The Commentator will be running a series of articles entitled "A Look Back at Some Mighty Macs." This series will consist of a select group of past Commentator sports articles reprinted to honor the exceptional Yeshiva athletes of the past 50 years. This article is the second of the series and originally appeared in the April 4, 1963 issue of The Commentator.

The Sophomores sent the Seniors to their second straight intramural defeat March 26, 38-32. The outcome was doubtful until the last two minutes of play when five straight points decided the issue for the winners. Jack Haller's lay-up, Moishe Brand's foul shot and Jules Kunofsky's basket off of Haller's pretty pass accounted for the points.

At first, the game seemed like a rout for the Sophs against a Senior team minus 6'7" Stu Harris. The lower classmen led 14-4 at the quarter and soon extended it to 19-8 early in the second period.

Kunofsky's fine shooting, Joel Crane's strong rebounding and the sophs' alert defense play accounted for the margin. How-

ever, Crane was charged with his third foul near the end of the half and senior Norman Bergman started to dominate the boards. His quick pitchouts to Josh Werblowsky led to easy baskets which cut the deficit to 19-14.



The Seniors continued to rally in the third quarter, twice coming within two points and eventually taking the lead at the end of the period 26-25 on Abba Borowich's last break basket off of Bergman's passes in the last seconds.

Both squads traded baskets for much of the fourth quarter. In spite of Crane's loss on fouls, the Sophs stayed in contention on bas-

kets layed-up by Haller, Brand, and Chico Wasserman. These were offset for the Seniors on Bergman's two fouls and Werblowsky's and Harvey Dougler's field goals.

With the score 32-32, the sophs then went on their decisive scoring burst in the closing minutes. Kunofsky and Haller led the winners with 12 and 11 points respectively while Bergman and Werblowsky had 11 and 10.

Varsity wrestler Beniy Leifer and hoopster Steve Gralla were both present and found themselves in unusual roles. Beniy played briefly for the Seniors while Gralla reversed roles and assisted intramural director Wettstein in the officiating.

A superior TI five overwhelmed an outclassed JSP quintet by the score of 54-12 in an inter-division basketball game played Tuesday, March 19.

TI was led by the fine all around play of Eddie Schlusael, Abba Borowich, and Jimmy Torczyner. Schlusael's rebounding and scoring paced the TI men and his 23 points outscored the entire

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