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All positions on the governing board of the Maslim ex
clusively to students, two are still open, and will be awarded on the basis of merit, it was stated.

Debating Team To Go On Tour

Squad Will Compete With Ivy Teams

Plans for a tour, covering a number of Eastern colleges as far South as Washington, D. C., have been made by the Yeshiva College Debating team, Bernard Finkelstein '39, newly elected president of the group, announced.

A program, which is in line with the new policy of extended debating union, the various teams, will include debates with such Eastern institutions as Columbia, Pennsylvania, Princeton, Rutgers, Williams and Temple, plus.

It is expected that the home debating team will play over as well as in the past, by prominent per
sonalities who are authorities on the subject under debate.

The policy of radio debates in the future will be a regular feature of the forthcoming season.

The Freshmen debating group organized last season as a means of developing debating talent among the lower classmen, will be continued this year under the supervision of Mr. Norman A. Aus, 21, vice-president.

Business Positions Open

Students desiring of securing positions on the Business staff of The Commentator should submit written applications to Max Klie
man, Business Manager, as soon as possible.

These applications should include the name and class of the applicant and his past experience.

Junior Ethics To Be Required Only For Philo. Majors

Braun Will Head Fresh Department; Litman Teaches Latin

In an attempt to give the students a greater choice in the se
lection of courses, ethics, which was previously a required subject in the Junior year, has been made an elective. Students whose major will be in the department of philosophy, Jacob I. Hartstein, registrar, announced.

Due to the absence of Professor Solomon Rhodes, Mr. Sidney Braun will act as temporary head of the Freshman department, and will include debates with Professor Solomon Lipitz.

Professor Aaron Margulich is teaching the course in American His
tory in place of Dr. Alexander Brandt.

The Latin department will be supplemented by the services of Dr. Lucy S. Lipitz, recently elected as president and chairman of the Student Relations Committee for the coming year, and recently elected as president and chairman of the new Student Council held last June.

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Fourty-five novices discovered last Thursday that the difference be
 tween a mere high school graduate and a college freshman was a cer
tain lightness in the vitality of the university spirit.

Besides Mrs. Levin's hand ex
pectedly they were made feel a much more pleasant welcome from a committee appointed under the purp,
pose, consisting members of the president of the Student Council and the Moderator of the Maslim, and the Maslim—
but this time it was functioning.

As soon as they entered the main lobby they were button-holed by Hyman Chippewy '41, sitting pugnaciously over his desk and pap
ers. He recorded their names and native cities and gave play-boys with their pedigrees inscribed to pin themselves as to nullify the necessity for the formal introduc
tion.

Morris A. Landes '39, Jacob Goldman '40, and Bernard A. Poppko '39 were on hand to direct the In
formal introduction.

NEWLY ORDAINED RABBIS

Norman Siegel '34, former fel
low in the department of English and Romance Languages, and Alexander Goldstein '28 were recently ordained into the rabbinate. Other recipients of the rabbinical degree were Max Ber
stein '28, Ariel Weissman '27 and Nathan Bernstein '40.

The newly ordained rabbis are students who are to be trained to fill the positions of interest on the campus. They were shown to the students for the first time in its history the Alumni Association of Yeshiva College is embarking upon a di
rect fund-raising campaign with a quota of $1,000 as the announced goal.

The purpose of the campaign, as announced officially with the opening of the drive, is "to enable Leo Levin and the Yeshiva College by presenting it with a large lump sum" and "to initiate the future of the institution. And the drive, we hope, will swell to much bigger figures in the future.

The campaign is designed to endure for only ten weeks, before which time the minimum quota is expected to be secured, according to Jo
don Kohn, formerly chairman of the Alumni Association of Yeshiva College Alumnic Financial Committee, who is also chairman of the drive.

Letters are being sent at present to all alumni affixing a nomi
nal sum, varying from a minimum of $2.00 to a maximum of $25.00, which it will be the duty of the individual or non-organizational donor to give, at his option, to interested parties.

The annual theater-party of the Alumni will be held Tuesday eve
ning, January 3 at the Yiddish Art Theater where Max S. E. Schwart's "Three Citlars" will be presented, it was also revealed.

The Alumni Quarterly, official organ of the organization will make it its out-going issue in the middle of October under the editing of Moses I. Feuerstein '35, former editor-in-chief of the Commentator. Hyman M. "Moe" Rosenfeld '27 were recently elected as president and secretary of the group respective
ly, succeeding Max S. E. Schur and Isaac Goldberg '33 in those posi
tions.
fire rapidly growing, the name of Yeshiva College as the home of a dynamic, liberal, and progressive student body is acquiring much recognition.

If any one factor of all the multitudinous factors responsible for the achievements of the previous year is most important, it would be that of the unification and complete cooperation among the members of the student body on all critical issues. The Commtentator, too, is proud of its record of achievement in behalf of the student body and for the continued development of the College. It has ever stood in the vanguard of every struggle for student rights and has always derived its strength from the united support of those whom it represents.

To us, as to you, Yeshiva tradition means much. The Commentator sincerely hopes that the newcomers to our midst will gain with the passing of time a true appreciation engendered by a healthy, vital, and growing tradition. Perhaps they will make their own contributions to its growth.

The Alumni Drive

The news that the Alumni Association is currently undertaking a drive to tap the alumni is welcome information for all. It indicates that the association is coming of age and that with the feeling of growing maturity and increasing power has come the acknowledgment of added responsibilities towards its alma mater.

In the past, the alumni have never been lacking in their loyalty; nor have they ever shrunk their duty when occasion demanded. That is why we feel confident that each member will respond to the call which is now being made.

Certainly the purpose of the campaign could not be more worthwhile nor could the moment be more opportune for the actualization of the purpose.

The success of the undertaking means much to both the college and the alumni. The attainment of that goal would be the most appropriate manner in which to begin a new and auspicious year.

Seeing Double

For the first time in the history of the college a joint reunion was held by Student Council with the council of the S. O. Y. to discuss a question of great importance to both organizations. The issue of securing a suitable cafeteria for the restaurant is a matter which directly concerns the health and well-being of all the students in this institution.

The two councils felt, therefore, that a unequivocal expression of their honest opinion should not be withheld. Personal politics from extraneous sources have no place in any situation where the health of the students is concerned. Their decision is the decision of the representatives of both student bodies. It should not be disregarded.

Obituary

It is with sincere regrets and deep sorrow that we learned of the passing of Mrs. Kessenaum, mother of Jerry Kessenaum. Managing Editor of the Commentator, who was called to her eternal rest during the summer.

The Governing Board offers to Jerry its deepest sympathy in his bereavement.

PREVIEWS

AND VIEWS

By PHILIP KAPLAN

"Avocato d'Amour" (Consortement for Romance) currently showing at the Belasco Theatre, featuring the vivacious Danielle Dar- riens made before coming to us to be heard in the French capital.

If it was meant as a preview of what Mlle. Darriens can do on the physical side, it succeeded admirably.

The production is a testament to the ingenuity of the writer who tried to buck Francais stern rules of parental supervision by giving his heroine (I believe she is female, given the little comedienne ample opportunity to display her nervous, lively beauty and charm that has always been the hallmark of the French theatre public). True, there are occasional musical sequences were added without simple provocation, but the mixture of artificial decor and the astregeons to overlook that in a musical picture. It is not to be expected that a much apotheosis dramatic or French.

This French musical is happily devoid of that super-embellishment of the American picture with its novel decoration. Its tunes are catchy without the blare of American swivel, while the dance is done in a way too well by Mlle. Darriens and Henry Garat, who is the film's characteristic of French cost.

The Keynote of this cinemagia is that the film is an end in itself, "Avocato d'Amour" accomplished its end of it.

It effects a sort of humor by the film to work to the end dealing with the serious. However, perhaps the critic knew where he spoke when he said that one must be a Frenchman who has lived in his native land to gain the full impression of the cast.

Those who had the patience to sit through the end of "Consortement for Romance" were rewarded by the Belmont Theatre's supporting cast. "Vendetta" attracted a near production by the Oxford Group.

Admittedly a propaganda picture, the supporting bill propounds the doctrine that all would be well with present economic political systems if only the individuals would get up and work together "to rebuild society on the foundations of mutual interest and to create a new public opinion through people who place themselves under God's direc for purposes.

With typical Catholic laissez-faire philosophy in keeping with things of this world, it believes that all worldly wrongs would be rectified, were man to lead a simple, well-regulated life, which smacks much of Fascist organization and to adhere to the theory of the Italian of the Savoy and to the present order of affaires.

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History tells us that once, long, long ago, Italy was a country, a Roman civilization. And, then, it was conquered, with the might of their arms was ruined all the lands in the hands of the French. Today, however, in washing away Caesar's triumphs, leaving behind only the memory of an ever-looked temple there.

As we have entered a new period into the world, an age of enlightenment. No longer was the theory of the Punic state, where an altruistic uncon- scientious mortal would rule his less gifted compatriots for their grea- ter welfare. This doctrine of Mussolini was propagated over the world through his "new lays," "Panzaglia d'oro." But, it had to be imbued in Ethiopia by means of the bomb and the mas- sacres and revealing that the negro had his own good.

Invading Germanic hordes also used to use the thunder of blood—without blood—without piss-fog with the help of the enemy. Even concentration camps were not so much beneath the power of protection.

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But History also told us of Caesar being killed by Brutus because he was ambitious. Perhaps it will now tell all of human history. There is no such a thing as a young man who is not afraid of being caught in the web of lies by the authorities.
Another summer has passed into oblivion; returned are we once more to the heights of New York's island where we supposedly sip thirstily from the well of knowledge. Tennis courts, mess halls and pine groves have receded into the fond memories of days gone by—replaced by "stunners", labs, and the "Empress." 

There is one distinct advantage which Yeshiva students have even when the tumultuous streets of New York town. No matter where one saunters or hotel, he is sure to find someone from Yeshiva and is guaranteed the true Yeshiva hospitality. It gives one a feeling of confidence to know that however distant he may be from civilization and however futile the thumb may have proved to be—there is still some Yeshiva men somewhere near.

Another thing that I noticed this summer on making the trip—by thumb, of course—is that the name Yeshiva has at last come to take its place in educational circles as well as in the public mind. No longer are you met with gazes of wonder and ignorance when you explain that you attend Yeshiva College. The day is past when a lengthy description had to follow any mention or identification of Yeshiva College.

What can be held responsible for this sudden gain in recognition? Well, for one thing, the fact that Yeshiva men circulate widely during the summer months and during the holding of our athletic campaigns, a great deal to this trend. But, there is something yet greater and more far-reaching than summer jobs, namely, the basketball team. There can be no doubt that the basketball team has been in a large measure responsible for the attainment of the goal we have been striving for these past ten years.

We know, today, that the Sports pages constitute the chief outlet for college publicity. Large sums of money are spent in financing university teams—just as if they were merely gigantic advertising campaigns. Professionalism reigns supreme in college athletics; yet, Yeshiva, with strictly amateur (in the monetary sense) team has held its own in colleges of its class.

With the help of our stand¬
ing and of our athletes who get opportunities to dem¬
strate their prowess before discriminating audiences— espe¬
cially in the case of the basketball team—have succeeded in spreading the name of Yeshiva and raising its prestige. It is the duty of all us students, therefore, to cooperate with the team and show the spirit which is neces-
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