It is better to have an immoral Israel alive than a moral Israel dead," declared Alfred Organsky, professor of Government at Brooklyn College, in the first lecture Thursday evening of the International Relations Society on December 5. The statement came in reply to a question from the floor that asked whether it would not be "immoral" to allow the Arab refugees to be freely re-absorbed into the Israeli population without exacting conditions from them in view of their alleged murderous activities. Professor Organsky's talk, "Israel and the Social and Economic Problems of the Middle East," was introduced by Dr. hyman Reischel, co-chairman of the evening.

"The value that we put in the Middle East is that it is aggressive," said Prof. Organsky, and this aggressiveness is the very foundations of the Arab world." It is not, however, an aggressive population, he added, but one which needs to be doubt his established institutions when he sees what is being done in the Middle East.

Professor Organsky called Israel a "tremendous pilot plant in the midst of the Arab world," but it is a pilot plant that offers hope for Arab people, he said. "We have seen the signs of new life in the Arab world," the speaker said, "and we have seen the value that can be put in the Middle East, even into the world of Arab culture." It is interesting to note that two of the students registered in the Yeshiva and those who have expressed an interest in the cultural life of the Arab world. The average student at Y. C. could answer no question from the floor and was not even familiar with the Hebrew press, but when the Hebrew language was mentioned there was an immediate and hearty expression of enthusiasm.

"Refreshment entertainment and comedy routine by Lacey Burack" (Continued on Page 4)

Sociology Society Heirs Hy Shapiro

The value of comparing other cultures, Mr. Shapiro pointed out, in order to determine the extent to which our environment affects our ac­ cess, was discussed by Hyman Shapiro '53 in an address on "Sex and Temperament," before the Sociological Society, on December 11.

"Sex and Temperament" in Three Primitive Societies was an address to the American culture.

"Contrary to popular opinion," Mr. Shapiro pointed out, "there is no innate pattern of behavior for each sex." It is rather the social environment which determines the proper forms to be followed. However, he added, when strict lines are set up, the individual's personal instincts are often restricted, resulting in mal­ adjustment, psychological alter­ nations, and frustration.

A short discussion period fol­ lowed the lecture. In the business period that followed, Prof. N. Goldberg, adviser to the group, recommended that the club sponsor a series of student "Baladi-Wad" by Moshe Lipshitz with accompaniment by the Student Band, and was questioned about the arrangements of the evening's events. The program will include "a medley" of Hebrew songs sung by Moshe Lipshitz with accompaniment by Benjamin Bielski; "a comedy sketch by Eliezer Seagal;" a natural drama "Siah-Eliot" by Bialik Lerner '54; and a medley of Yiddish songs sung by Pinchas Berlan with cooperation by the Student Band. The program will include: a film, "Tomorrow Is a Wonderful Day;" an original sketch "Siah-Eliot" by Bialik Lerner '54; a comedy sketch by Eliezer Seagal; a natural drama "Siah-Eliot" by Bialik Lerner '54; and a medley of Yiddish songs sung by Pinchas Berlan with cooperation by the Student Band.

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**On The Sidelines**

**Students' Attitude Toward Hoop Squad**

**Weighed By Sports Ed.**

By Sheldon Rudoff

Sure, we got "shumped"—but good. We played out of our class. It was, at times, pathetic to see our shots blocked, our helplessness under the boards as Yeshiva bowed to St. Francis by the lopsided score 66-38. In that "context" we were able to observe some interesting things. The Panthers are not a bad team; they're just not up to par. Krieger is out of shape; his shooting percentage is very poor. The "Heights" are big in name only, for they are a ragbag of boys, all dreamers. These are, for the most part, tangible problems which can be solved with time. But there is one phase of the Yeshiva basketball picture which seems to be a flagrant flaw that needs to be played up but up in the stands. It is the disgraceful attitude that many of us students take towards our basketball squad.

The complacency of the Yeshiva student toward the basketball team is an old problem, and is understandable. The Mites haven't produced a winning team in two years and Yeshiva fans, like any other sport fans, want a winning ball club. It's very easy to side with the favorites, but it takes a little more grit to root for the underdog and we don't seem to have it. In many cases our outlook towards the basketball team can be summed up in the words told to me by one disgruntled student, "Why don't we just pack up." Yes, this attitude is understandable—but not justifiable.

We seem to be guided by the fervent and consuming principle which is one of the basic reasons for the present college sports crisis. We've got to win. The fact that this desire on the part of college administration is driving basketball downhill is no variation on the theme. The situation is today in nul in minds. It is a condition in which every missed shot is accompanied by the cries of "fix" or "dump." It is a condition that has made the names of top-flight teams synonymous with corrupt athletics and all their records. Certainly, we want to win but not so badly that we should lose our perspective; not so badly that we should be willing to destroy the very essence of the sport of college basketball. Fortunately, the college administration has set down a clear policy in this matter. They have rejected the applications of several individuals, who would have wanted to make the Mites a big ball club, and have limited them in the possibility of entering the requirements of Yeshiva College. The Yeshiva College basketball team may lose basketball games but not its self respect.

There are several aspects about our hoopsters which we should keep in mind. First, the Yeshiva basketball team can't win games. The players receive no special programming privileges. They carry the same double program that we do. They don't take any courses in "kicking and kicking" or "Kicking and Kicking." They are on the program of several convicted cage dogs. The Mites practice only two nights a week. Despite these handicaps, when playing any school our size, whose teams practice more and have more staff, the Mites hold their own. They may not win—but that depends on whether Hershkowitz sparkles or the Heights get the big man—but they are always giving a creditable performance. They rush out and give it their best while we sit in the stands and criticize the coach and players. But I guess that's a fan's prerogative.

The real trouble with the Yeshiva hoop picture is that there are fans in the second quarter who watch the beginning of basketball games. A little support goes a long way. It gives the players some stability in their movements. We can't give them the feeling that "they drive" and lend them our moral support.

**Panthers Mangle Saracheekers, 74-58; Height And Fast Break Defeat Mites**

By virtue of an exceptional third period, the Panzer Panthers defeated Yeshiva, 74-58, at East Orange, New Jersey, on Tuesday, December 11.

Led by 6'6" center Joe Guthrie, the Panthers demonstrated all the qualities they had been fashioned for and was the deciding factor in their victory over the Mites. The Heighters, who were on a winning game leading in the final period, on fouls by Levine and Narrowe, quickly baskets by Panzer and Marra, pushed the Panthers through the lead of 19-9 at the end of the first quarter.

In the second quarter, the Heights scored 10 straight points, led by the two-all, and the Heights scored 21 points. This lead was 12-9 and the Panthers cut into the Panthers' lead to 12-9 by the end of the first quarter.

In the third period, the Panthers sunk ten out of sixteen field goal attempts to lead the Mites, 74-58, by the end of the third quarter. High scorers were Panzer's Guthrie and Marra who scored 22 and 20 points respectively. Hershkowitz, with fifteen tallies, was high man for Yeshiva.

**Bloomfield Beaten; St. Francis Jars Y. U.; Duelists Slaughter Pace, 17-10 In Opener**

Newcomers Shine In Dueling Debut

The Yeshiva University fencing team opened the 1951-52 schedule by pasting Pace College, 17-10, on Wednesday, December 19, in the Yeshiva gymnasium.

In the first period, the Mites were in control as the fence- men took an early lead as the sabre team swept both of nine bouts with the Pace-men. The visitors' rally in foil fell short as Milton and Schulman led the foil squad to a 5-4 victory. The Duleics' epee men maintained their undefeated record of the past two seasons by copping a 5-4 decision.

The match was marked by the Yeshiva substitution of Guthrie, Arthur Tauber. Nine new men made their debut for the Blue and White. Outstanding among the newcomers was Herbert Rosenberg who took both of his sabre bouts 5-2 and 5-3. Rockies Arsy Shmull and Neil Hecht split their foil and epee tussles, Sam April, foil, and Norm Greene, epee, made successful debuts.

The returning lettermen also shone. Schulman, keyer, and Toporywsky won two and dropped one each. Millen and Schulman scored victories in their two bouts in foil and epee, respectively. They may not win but at least they keep in mind, and maybe we'll be able to appreciate them. The Heights managed to keep their self respect. With the Mites' record of the past two seasons teen points, the championship game of the Yeshiva High School of Needle Trades.

Although outclassed, the Mites fought the "fight of the century." The final buzzer. Eli Levine, playing one of the best games of his college basketball career, kept the blue and white together throughout the contest, and emerged victorious for Yeshiva with four points.

Playing before a crowded opening-night house, the Heights were favored in the first round. When Hershkowitz hit on a hook shot, after forty seconds of play. Seconds later, the Heights were in the lead. Schmitt, scored on a free toss, and then tallied on a short range jump shot for a 2-2 lead. Thereafter, the Brook­ lyn quintet, with its great height advantage, focused on offense and zone defense, and led at half-time, 27-17.

In the second minutes and twenty seconds remaining in the con­ test, and the Mites trailing by nine field goals, Levine breaks the deadlock; intercepting passes, bounding out, and tallying four times, he was the hero as the Mites took the lead back to 3-2. After four straight goals, Schmitt, scored, on a free toss, and then tallied on a short range jump shot for a 2-2 lead. Thereafter, the Brook­ lyn quintet, with its great height advantage, focused on offense and zone defense, and led at half­ time, 27-17.

In the second period, the Mites successfully opened their season; when Hershkowitz was held to the fast 9-3 lead. Bloomfield rallied and soon knocked the score at 9-6 at Lommy Jackson, sensational guard of the maroon and gold slant straight points. The quarter ended with the blue and white ahead 11-10.

**Marv Wakes Up**

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In the second period, Yeshiva one point behind. marv, played by as much as seven points with Ruby Davidman and Morty Narrowe. The Marv's hit the Mites led 26-23 at half-time.

Beautiful play by Joe Clarizio and hard driving by Captain Don Crisco helped Bloomfield take the lead for the first time 38-35, as the third-quarter buzzer sounded.

With the insertion of Allon Gewirtz, one of Y. U.'s. "freshman flashes," Yeshiva began to move. The first quarter. The combined scoring of Hershkowitz and Gewirtz proved to be just enough for Yeshiva's win. They obtained their four-point margin of victory. Eli Levine duplicated the performance against St. Francis by pacing a beautiful floor game and led a successful Yeshiva game. Bloomfield Five at bay in the closing minutes. This was the Mites second vic­ tory in five starts.

**Juniors To Tackle Sophs For Crown**

The championship game of the Y. U. intramural basketball tournament was held Monday, December 29, in the Yeshiva gymnasium. Manhattan Talmudical Academy and T. A. Brooklyn are tied for first place and there were results of two wins and no losses.

Paced by co-captains Marvin Teich and Sammy Cohen, T. A. Brooklyn has overwhelmed all opponents in its quest for the Brooklyn championship and has built a team which is greatly improved over last year. They are led by Chaim Berlin and Tohar Voda, and are now the only unbeaten team in the league.

 Plays are being made to form a team which will enter for the next season, and will try to be ready for competitive activity by next year. All students are invited to join the group which meets every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Yeshiva gymnasium. No wrestling experience is necessary.

Mr. Maier To Instruct Y.U. Wrestling Addicts

Twelve students attended the first meeting of the wrestling group in the Y. U. gymnasium last Wednesday.

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Y. U. Delegation Will Attend I. R. S. Conclave In Baltimore

Yeshiva University will be represented by Stanley Z. Siegel '52, Gilbert Rosenblatt '52, Jack Adelman '53, Irving Shannon '53, and Maurice Novoseltz '52 at the International conference of the American Association of International Relations Societies of the Middle Atlantic Region, which will be held this year at Johns Hopkins University in Balti-
more, on December 20. Dr. Siegel is chair of the conference and Prof. Aaron M. Margalith, head of the Social Science Division of Yeshiva College will attend the conference as faculty adviser to the delegation.

In line with the current international situation, the theme of the conference is the Far East, with the center of attention being given to Korea and Taiwan. A highlight of the conference is a scheduled address by Secretary of State Dean Acheson, who will speak on United States Foreign Policy and the Far East. Other distinguished speakers are scheduled, including Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, Prof. Owen Lat­torri, and General Patrick Hur­sey.

The Johns Hopkins University Political Science Faculty will lead the daily seminars which will be held. Four panels will meet twice each day and will discuss the day's business and lectures.

"This is the first time that Ye­shiva has ever had a complete delegation at this conference, due to the au­thority of the International Rela­tions Societies and we look for­ward to making a very active and effective performance at the meetings," Mr. Siegel stated.

Talpiot To Offer Judaism Lectures

The series of lectures on vari­ous phases of Judaism, initiated last year, is to be continued next semester. Prof. S. K. Mirsky, editor of Talpiot, announced last week.

Dr. W. Hoffman, a visiting lec­turer at Yeshiva College, will be the first speaker. His topic will be "Medicine in Talmud." A definite date for his address has not been set.

Rabbi Saul Israel, editor of the "Hatorah V Hamedinah," who is now visiting in the United States, is scheduled to present a series of lectures on "The Problem of Torah in the State of Israel."

These lectures are sponsored by a committee headed by Mr. Boris Margolin, prominent manufac­turer and scholar.

College Will Offer Two New Courses

Two courses, never before given at Yeshiva College, are to be offered this year. They are 104, "How to Give a Talmudic Lecture," to be offered by Prof. M. Silverman, registrar, and 105, "How to Give a Speech," to be offered by Prof. R. M. R. R. Y. Aaron B. P. M. R.

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afraid of publishing books of popular fiction for the first time because they have no market.

Figures Quoted

"In response to the obvious skepticism of half a dozen other rabbis," Prof. Max Goldberg stated that "though one might argue that lack of literary interest is incomprehensible, figures on religious activity are even more significant." He illu­trated from polls on religious education, synagogue attendance, and ritual observance.

This was followed by syn­agogue figures which showed that the parents of Hebrew school children, who might be expected to show greater interest than the rest of the community, only 11% of the Reform, 14.4% of the Conservative, and 14% of the Or­thodox attend their synagogues regularly. "This included," he pointed out, Friday Night ser­vices, which are often devoid of religious spirit and activity.

Reasons Discussed

To show the lack of religious observance, he read from surveys taken in the Reform and Ortho­dox Hebrew schools. It was found, he said, that only 30% of parents were Synagogues. 25% don't smoke, 12% of moth­ers don't cook, though 50% "know something" on Shabbat. Turning to the reasons for the "appalling" situation, Prof. Gold­berg maintained that the process of secularization and security consciousness were largely re­ sponsible, and also that the Jew­ish community is frantic to be­ come "integrated." He added that Jews in general have not learned to escape anti-semitism by eliminat­ing all differences between them­selves and their Gentile neigh­bors, partly because of the whole principle of American democracy which stresses individual develop­ ment and uniformity of standards and culture.

Possible Solution

In conjunction with the mani­fold Jewish contributions to hu­manitarian pursuits, he pointed out that "This is not necessarily a "Jewish" interest, but rather an attempt to justify the exist­ence of the American people by the American people, which is the American culture. Few solutions to the problem were in sight, the lecturer de­clared. He claimed that the re­vival in education was in reality a matter of more schools than that of more students, and that the existence of the State of Israel may have had an adverse effect upon American Jew­ism, because it could now be considered as the Jewish cultural center, making it unnecessary for the American students to labor in their own behalf.

The lecture was followed by a question period, during which Mr. Goldberg stressed the important role of Yeshiva students in com­munity life, which is to sur­vive in America.

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