Howard Spear Elected to Student Council Presidency

Aaron Borov and Yakov Jaffe Chosen For Vice-Pres. and Sec'y-Treas. Posts

Howard Spear, '55, was elected president of the Student Council for the forthcoming year at elections held yesterday, May 12. Mr. Spear polled a total of 503 votes to defeat his opponent Harold Schellman, '55, by 208 votes.

Aaron Borov, '55, Yakov Jaffe, '56, and Joseph Polansky, '55, were elected to the posts of vice-president, secretary-treasurer and athletic manager, respectively.

In the vice-presidential race, Mr. Borov defeated Simon Cohen, '55, on the second ballot, 220-151. Mr. Cohen, '55, was eliminated on the first ballot. The new vice-president defeated his opponent Herbert Schreiber, '56, 208-151. Mr. Polansky ran unopposed.

Class Elections

Class balloting resulted in Judah Harris '55, and Teddy Phillips, '55, being elected president and vice-president of the fall Senior Class, respectively. The election was a close one, Phillips receiving 178 votes to Harris' 172.

Julius Bohman, '56, won the full Junior Class presidency over Moritz S. Klein, '56, and Emanuel Feder, '56, by a margin of 44 votes. Martin Schulte, '56, the class vice-president, defeated Melvin Zemsky, '56, by a write-in vote, by a margin of 24. ävenk. were Joseph Book, '56, and Harold Richman, '56.

Sophomore Class

Sophomore Class election, held May 14, '56, resulted in Nathan Levin, '57, and Josef E. Fischer, '57, to the presidency and vice-presidency, respectively. In the vice-presidential balloting, Mr. Fischer polled 53 votes to defeat his opponent, Mr. Marv Narsunsky, '57, by 18 votes on the second ballot.

Student Activities

Mr. Spear, the president-elect, served as secretary-treasurer of Student Council during the past year. He continues in this capacity, which included an expanded guidance, discipline and a restoration of the student council offices. Mr. Spear and Mr. Schellman continued cooperation between the Student Commentator and Student Council. Mr. Schellman is a student in the field of Political Science and he is attending R.I.E.T. Mr. Spear is also captain-elect of the fencing team.

Mr. Borov, the vice-president-elect, is a graduate of the Akiba Academy in his native Poland. A history major in college he also serves the Teachers Institute. Mr. Borov was a member of the Student Activities Committee in the past year on a smaller scale. Mr. Borov was a member of the Pre-Varsity Debate Society and the Dramatic Club.

Mr. Jaffe, the secretary-treasurer-elect, hails from Cleveland, Ohio, where he attended the Cleveland High School and Yeshiva Adath Talmud Torah. He served as president of his Sophomore Class, as chairman of the Student Building Committee and chairman of Campus Improvement Week. Mr. Jaffe is a prepped student at the College and attends the Teachers Institute.

Yeshiva Cops Highest Blood Drive Honors

Yeshiva University captured highest honors in a contest sponsored by New York University's Blood Drive Committee, with the best percentage of blood donors out of sixteen colleges and universities in the city, who participated in the competition.

The Drive, which culminated April 12, with the visit of the Red Cross bloodmobile to Reis Hall, netted a total of 155 donors. Although the "right" figure -below that of last year's drive, the 28% showing was enough to merit the award.

A letter sent by Mr. Charles Seinigers, Red Cross recruiter, to Sheldon Kornbluth, '55, Chairman of the Community Relations Committee, Bernard Pahler, '55 and Otto Newman, '55, congratulating them for their work, read in part, "Thank you again for your splendid cooperation at the Blood Bank which was secured at Yeshiva. Although I know you were disappointed at the final score, the 155 pints of blood are indeed appreciated.

Among the other schools participating in the contest were St. John and Columbia Universities and City and Manhattan Colleges.

S.C. Hears Report On Luncheonette

"The management of the College Luncheonette has been cooperative in meeting Student Council demands for improved hygienic conditions," announced Joel Balas, '54, S.C. president.

Conditions at the Luncheonette have been a constant concern of the Council during the year, and after rebuffing of the management's statements, the student representatives authorized the Executive Council to notify the Board of Health "in the event that the unhygienic conditions in the College Luncheonette are not corrected," Mr. Balas indicated that if the present cooperation continues no such steps will be taken.

At a meeting held Wednesday, April 28, the Council passed an appropriation for the purchase of a sundial "to be presented to the most active club of the year."

Charity Drive To Pass Goal, Says Kramer

"The Yeshiva University Charity Drive is expected to exceed its quota of $5000," announced Abraham Kramer, '54, chairman of the Drive. The students campaign netted a total of $3000 while the faculty and administration drives will wind up tomorrow.

For the total of the individual University branches are: R.I.E.T.S. -$500, Teachers Institute for Women -$650, Central High School for Girls -$600, and Brooklyn Yeshiva Academy -$400.

Rabbi Tendler's R.I.E.T.S. class collected the highest honors with 155 per dollar. The largest amount $183.12, was collected by members of Rabbi Tendler's class through Otto Newman's '54, Drive's top individual donation, $500, was solicited by Sheldon Kornbluth, '55.

Assisting Mr. Kramer in directing the Charity Drive were co-chairmen Simon Cohen, '55, Gilbert Davidoff, '55, Mr. Kornbluth, William Kotik, '55 and Mr. Newman. Future donors were Freshman Philip Fuks and Joel Schieber.

Facilities Are the Last Word in Ease; Girls' School is Bureaureaucrat's Paradise

By Henry Kressel

We paid a visit to the Packard Junior College, whose building was recently acquired for the Stern College for Women, the other day, feeling that after the girls move in September, we may no longer be welcome there.

The first thing that struck us was the architectural design of the edifice. We simply could not imagine a branch of Yeshiva University not built in Moorish or prefabricated style. Much encouraged by this sight, we stepped into the hall and climbed a marble staircase to the first floor which is almost entirely, occupied by a large number of offices. We could not help but compare these with the offices at Yeshiva College where, we have always felt, the bureaucracy do not get the extensive facilities they deserve. We allowed ourselves a moment of pleasant reverie, contemplating how our most efficient school officials would look inside these imposing rooms, and then proceeded onward.

We next stepped into the elevators and took a ride up to the top floor. We probably would have arrived there faster by walking but the luxurious feeling that we got from riding in a Yeshiva elevator was well worth the extra time. We soon found ourselves in spacious classrooms that we looked into - and we readily visualized the insane glare of overbright lights - and then soon be peering from behind polished desks. Tearing ourselves from the pleasurable thought, we arrived at the student lounge which was occupied by two ping-pong tables, a large machine with a self-service cafeteria and a bulletin board with notices inviting the students of Packard Junior College to a tea party after hours.

The image of this notice was instantly fixed in our minds, for after September, alas, such signs would never again be seen inside the building.

Back to the main entrance we went (Continued on page 2)

Howard Spear

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Dr. Churgin at Senate Affair

Dr. Gershon Churgin, professor of Hebrew, has been chosen as this year's recipient of the Senior Award, announced Neil Hecht, '54, president of the Senior Class. The Award will be presented to Dr. Churgin at the Senior dinner, for being "an outstanding example to the class in his ethical conduct and for the moral inspiration that he has instilled in the students."

The dinner will be held Wednesday, June 23, at Temple Zion in The Bronx. A program of entertainment has been planned and an orchestra has been engaged. The cost will be $6 per plate.

Dr. Churgin, born in Russia, has been associated with Yeshiva University in 1959 and was promoted to Professor of Hebrew in 1951. He received his B.A. and M.A. degrees from Columbia University, and his Ph.D. from Johns Hopkins in 1959. He has several of his articles published in Bazaaron, Horoh, Telpioth and other scholastic publications.

In addition to Hebrew, Dr. Churgin also lectures in Ethics, Hebrew literature and the History of Hebrew literature.

Dr. Hecht also revealed that Mr. Norman B. Abrams, registrar of R.I.E.T.S., will be awarded the Senior Citation for outstanding service to the school and the Senior Class. This citation is presented to a non-faculty member of the administration.

Service keys will also be presented at this dinner. Seniors are invited to bring parents and friends.

Seniors are urged to place their invitations immediately with Mr. Hecht or Arnold Knoll, '54.

Commentator Receives First Class Certificate

The Commentator has earned a first class rating in the Associated College Press Critical Service for its issues of the fall semester, 1953. The ACP reviewed a total of 444 college newspapers, in fifteen categories. The Commentator competed as a bi-monthly publication of a student body of five hundred or less.

Praising the Commentator for its coverage, content and physical properties, Judge Wallace Fulton commented, "I was impressed with the maturity of your paper. It shows stuff concern for accurate reflection of college life."

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Graduates Decide to Honor Dr. Churgin at Senate Affair

A special ceremony was held Sunday, May 2, at Yeshiva University to celebrate the establishment of the "Sura Institute in Jerusalem" - a cultural link between Israel and America and to mark the publication of its first annual scholarly journal, "Sura," published jointly by the Institute and Yeshiva University.

"Sura," which is devoted to study and research in problems relating to Israel and the world in the past and present, is an instrument in the program of Yeshiva to further cultural and spiritual ties between the two centers of Jewish life.

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A Letter to the New President

By Joel Balsam

Howard Spear
President-elect of Student Council

Dear Howie,

Allow me to offer you my congratulations. You've been elected to a position that many have sought during their college careers. The College Office for the Thursday club hour, we did not realize that they would insist that we hold assemblies at this time; we assumed that assemblies would continue as usual. School occasions which will be covered in the next issue of THE COMMENTATOR when I review the activity of this year's Council.

School assemblies are one feature of former years that was missing this year. And now that assemblies have been reinstated, the College Office for the Thursday club hour, we did not realize that they would insist that we hold assemblies at this time; we assumed that assemblies would continue as usual. The S.O.Y. and T.I. Council, we attended a meeting of the Second Students' Association. We might learn something from them and I think that there is a danger of their being isolated from the community. The student body needs to hear more from them, especially in the area of Jewish philosophy and history, and informal discussions.

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Reflections On the Pugilistic Art

By Bernie Noeng

The fight was over. The one time champion Randy Turpin lay sprawled on the floor, a cruel and cold K.O. in the first round. The Italian Milti had thrown one punch and Turpin was sent down to the canvas to dream of his White Cliffs of Dover while the birdies were pleasantly clean-cut.

"I just couldn't see no one boxer out there," Randy later explained to his managers. "There were four blured figures moving around. I couldn't see. I just couldn't see."

And that was it. The beginning of the end for another fighter who had taken one too many blows to the head, in this supposedly manly "sport of sports." While the various athletic organizations have compiled statistical rules for this game, the rules of the ring as practiced are still the same as when they were developed years ago in the unwritten constitution of the pages. Rule 1) The object of our little game is to knock the other boxers out..."gently," as possible, of course. Rule 2) For best results, punch hard to the head so that when you loosen his brain and it will float around like a frog in a bottle of formaldehyde. Rule 3) Hit him in the stomach, chest or face, and spread his pretzels nose all over his face to match the style of cauliflower ears. Rule 4) If you meet failure in this sport, you can always go to the Bowery to join the other punchy punks.

All of which brings me to the announcement that Yeshiva University is going to form a Boxing Club next year. "Now, of course, it is prompted by the nongo of discouraging those "H hurricane Cobbers" who interpose the "broad influences". It's only that I can't seem to see this type of "sport" in any college, Yeshiva or otherwise.

Most of the bouts in the big arenas remind me of a prize-fight I once saw in the Prospect Park. The boxers were tangling with each other and the humans outside of the cage were shouting for blood and "Madd the Bums." The regular bouts aren't any different. Two men fight in the ring, the referee declares the winner, and the competitors is half dead or woo to the fighters just aren't dying quickly enough.

In Yeshiva, I must admit that the school spirit might be boosted with a boxing club or later, on an inter-collegiate team. After all, who wouldn't cheer at an old fashioned fist fight, especially if your best pal is winning and your worst enemy is getting all the Gomorrah knocked out of head.

Then again, we should look at this situation in a practical sort of way. Pity the poor professors when those bells start ringing during classes and the punchy boxers suddenly come out of their corners to take on all comers. Chaos and confusion will reign supreme throughout the stately halls of Yeshiva.

... and the result of this column will be the discovery of yours truly in the ring, taking on all opponents of his pugilist philosophy. Nevertheless, I cannot see boxing as a decent competitive sport, as a means of inculcating in young men a respect for authority. When attacked in the alleys by a gang steered in the art of street-fighting, your scientific boxing isn't worth a cent. On the other hand, with the knowledge of the gentle Japanese art of judo, one is taught coordination and balance, and is most certainly given an extra dose of self confidence. That should be taught in Yeshiva and not dropped in the middle of the season.

And so, we have a few things about which to think during the summer vacation. To box or not to box? Before making any decision, study your opponent. Is he the type to know this or that way? How do you like your eyes? Sunnyside up or evening black? Think these things over seriously. Then let me know your decision.

By Paul Roguay

Despite Yeshiva University's loss yesterday, Wednesday's tennis team has established itself as the best in the Jewish community. The Little Men's history, according to Coach Eli Epstein. The netsmen defeated the Jewish College of New York 8:1 before dropping the doubles match 5:0.

The big difference this year seems to be the reserve strength of the players, most of whom have not had too much doubles experience. In the losing match, Captain Dave Lifshutz, Bernie Freedman, Erv Alonson and Leon Estroewitz won their singles matches, while Lifshutz and Freedman combined to win a victory in doubles to clinch the match for Yeshiva. Now, all Lifshutz's wins were straight set victories.

Sweep Singles

The Y.U. raquettes swept all six singles matches and took two of the doubles matches to edge out the Jewish College of New York last week. Two of the singles victories were three sets and Pace's only win was an exciting, close contest that PACMAN

Catalog Joke Not So Funny;
Students Splash to Diploma

By Aaron Frieman

Thumbing through the famous blue and white college catalog—not to be confused with the one he was holding in his hand—Rabbi Abraham Avrech '60, chairman of Yeshiva's Athletic Association and associate director of the Community Service Division, can well remember when Yeshiva's teams adopted a "coach-a-week" plan. He can even remember when there was no Yeshiva Athletic Association and the players scheduled almost any game that they wanted to. Many times did Abraham Avrech and his teammates dig up cash to pay their team's bills! There aren't many who can remember these phases of Yeshiva sports and even fewer who ever tried to do anything about them, as did Rabbi Avrech.

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Sport Life

Editor's note: This is the last in a series of articles on the personalities working behind the scenes for Yeshiva University.

We take it for granted that a team should have a competent coach, that an athletic program should be run smoothly, that an athletics association and that fund raising should not be an athlete's dilemma. Yet Rabbi Abraham Avrech '60, chairman of Yeshiva's Athletic Association and associate director of the Community Service Division, can well remember when Yeshiva's teams adopted a "coach-a-week" plan. He can even remember when there was no Yeshiva Athletic Association and the players scheduled almost any game that they wanted to. Many times did Abraham Avrech and his teammates dig up cash to pay their team's bills! There aren't many who can remember these phases of Yeshiva sports and even fewer who ever tried to do anything about them, as did Rabbi Avrech.

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Hapoe!. (Continued from page 3) fact, stated Rabbi Rose, the or­
organization has become "part and parcel of Israel in every respect."

Rabbi Rose then thanked Hapoe! Hamizrachi’s work in America, declaring that its pro­
gram here is designed to make American Jews more conscious of Judaism and of themselves as Jews. Naturally the organization’s main efforts consist of intensive educa­
tional projects. He feels, however, that orthodox Judaism is at present in an anarchistic state and is in great need of a central authorita­
tive religious body. He said that "there is far too much scorn di­
rected at Orthodoxy because of its decentralized and haphazard status."

At the conclusion of our discus­sion, Rabbi Rose referred to Ye­
shiva University which he feels has already made its imprint upon the American Jewish community despite the fact that, thus far, it stands merely on the threshold of its work to establish a truly Jewish community. Rabbi Rose, who is an alumnus of Yeshiva College as well

French Club

The fifteenth anniversary of the found­ing of “Le-Cercle Franchis,” the Yeshiva University French Club, was celebrated Monday, May 3. Joe Levine ’55, presented a pro­
gram of French songs and was ac­
 companied on the violin by Ori Schonfeld ’54.

Also featured on the program was the showing of “La Grande Illusion,” a full length French Film Classic and an address by Dr. Sidney Braun, professor of French.

Y.U.S.
The Yeshiva University Interna­
tional Relations Society was repre­
sented by a delegation of five stu­
dents at the annual conference of the National Association of Inter­
national Relations Clubs held April 19-24 at Hunter College. The main topic, “Why the United Na­tions?” was subdivided into four panels.

Nell Hecht ’54, president of the Society, and Jack Heller ’56, secre­
tary-treasurer, attended the panel

"Nationalism and Self-Determina­tion"; Vice-President Sheldon Ru­
doff ’54, was present at the "Col­
lective Security and Pacific Settle­
ment" group; Eli Laser ’55, participated in "The U.N. and the
Soviet Union" discussion and
Emmanuel Federman ’56, was repre­
sentative to the panel "Development of Undeveloped Areas."

Dr. Aaron Margalit, faculty ad­
visor to the Society, was chairman of
this last group and introduced the Pakistanite Ambassador to the U.S., the Honorable Anjed
Mohammed Ali.

Sociology Society

Dr. Joseph Kaminetsky ’32, direc­
tor of Torah Umesorah, spoke be­
fore the Sociological Society Thurs­
day, April 8, on the growth of yeshivot in America outside the City of New York. Dr. Kaminetsky empha­
sized the "great contribution of the Orthodox Hebrew Day School in bringing Judaism back into non­
 orthodox homes and in raising the standards of Jewish education throughout the country."

Club Notes

Congrats

The COMMENTATOR extends its heartiest congratulations to Mrs.
Ida Dobkin, tutor in Chemistry, upon the birth of a son and to
Mr. Herman Wolk, visiting pro­
fessor of English, on the birth of a
son.

The COMMENTATOR also con­
gratulates Marvin Feshimbo ’55,
upon his engagement to Miss Judy
Danoff and Calvin Soled ’31, upon his engagement to Miss Tziporah
Rapaport.

as of R.I.E.T.S. voiced his hopes that the Yeshiva’s increased em­
phasis upon the training of lay leadership will not detract from its efforts to produce a capable rab­
binate, for “while a cognizant lay leadership is necessary, an effective rabbinate is certainly crucial for the growth of Judaism.”

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