Debaters Win First Contest; Defeat Cornell

Debating on the national topic, "Resolved: That the United States Should Extend Diplomatic Recognition to the Communist Government of China," the Yeshiva University Debating Team defeated Cornell University in a context held Monday, November 29, in the Dorn Social Hall. Jacob Heller '55, and Joseph Kaplan '56, representing Yeshiva, upheld the affirmative.

Offering a nine-point program for the conditional recognition of Communist China, Yeshiva declared that "only two alternatives are open to us—coexistence or co-destruction. By changing the status quo we will drive a wedge between Russia and Red China." 

Opposing Argument

Cornell countered by contending that recognition must be "modified to show that Communist China is not worthy of unconditional recognition because of the illegal methods she has used to gain power and because she has violated almost every rule of international law. They also stated that if we do not drive a wedge between Russia and China, they will both share the Communist ideology." Mr. Art Epstein, attorney at law, judged the debate. In giving the decision Yeshiva held that the negative had not supported the affirmative argument.

In conclusion Mr. Epstein said, "Who wins is not important. The important thing is that two teams of college students debated a controversial topic."

Club Notes

French Club

Old Places of Paris and The Life of Charlemagne, two French films, were presented Wednesday, November 17, by Le Cercle Frangais in conjunction with Pi Delta Phi, French honor society. Professor Robert Braun delivered a short talk on the travels of Charlemagne, a French romanticist.

French

"Life in Ancient Pompeii" was discussed by Herbert Schreiber '56, president of Eratosthenes, at a meeting held Tuesday, November 23. A pictorial exhibition was included in the program.

Freud Society

Dr. Robert Hansen, member of the Public Health Service, spoke on the benefits of the Service at a combined meeting of the Pre-Medical and Biology Societies, Thursday, December 9.

Y. U. Drive Heads Set $4500 Goal

A goal of $4,500 was set for the Yeshiva University Charity Drive by the divisional chairman at a lunching dinner Thursday, December 2, in Weber's Cafe, announced Joseph Kaplan '56, chairman. The Drive, which will begin February 7, will extend over a period of ten weeks. Quotas for the individual institutions of the University are: Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary, $1800; Teachers Institute, $800; Central Yeshiva High School, for Girls, $700; Stern College for Women, $800 and Teachers Institute for Women, $800.

Charities Named

The following distribution of funds to be received from the Drive was approved by the Student Councils of the College, R.I.E.T.S. and T.I.: United Jewish Appeal, 25%; Jewish Education, 25%; Tashhar, 25%; Chinhut Atzmat, 15%; and Yeshivat Ha-darom, 15%. Chinhut Atzmat, the independent religious schools, in Israel; and Yeshivat Haraz, headed by Rabbi Zvi Yehuda Melzer, son of the late Rabbi Zalman Melzer, will receive 20% of the proceeds for the first time.

Mr. Kaplan also announced the following appointments for the divisional chairman of the high school: Central Yeshiva High School for Girls, Roberta Ozenstein; Upsala Talmudic Academy, Armand Lindenbaum, and Brooklyn Talmudical Academy, Jacob Greenfield.

Hat Magic Victimized Dean; Freshman Reception Clinks

Remarkable as it may seem, the invitations to the Freshman Reception were received after the affair had taken place. But, even more noteworthy, is the fact that this was the first "Fresh" Reception in the history of Y.U., and it began on time—Jewish time that is.

The festivities, which took place Sunday, December 5, were those of the usual Eastern Standard Time, but began instead at 8:45 p.m. Yeshiva Time. The opening was heralded by the singing of the Star-Spangled Banner and Hatikva, to the accompaniment of a four-piece orchestra.

Professor Abraham Hurwitz, director of Student Activities, master of ceremonies by popular request, then exhibited his magical prowess by pulling Dean Guterman out of his hat, making him appear in one of the back rows.

Dean Welcomes Frosh

From that vantage point, the Dean delivered a short talk on the coming Freshman Class and asking for increased school spirit. His speech was constantly punctuated by the applause of the freshmen.

One of the highlights of the evening's activities was an address by Mrs. Diamond, president of the Women's Organization. In the three minutes speaking time allotted to her, Mrs. Diamond welcomed the freshmen.

Leonard Shapiro '58, president of the Freshman Class, then unveiled the spotlight from "Doc" and introduced the members of the faculty. Mr. Shapiro proceeded to transform a group of conservatively-minded musicians into a full-blown jazz ensemble.

As the last strain of the "St. Louis Wohl" died away, the lights dimmed and a celluloid version of life at Y.U. flashed across the silver screen. Unfortunately, the food had been brought out, and no one was present to see the "Rank" production.

With the disappearance of the last hot dog, the first "Fresh" Reception came to an end, and the weary, but happy freshmen, sprinted home.

Outside Site Sought For Dean's Reception

Facilities outside the school are being sought for this year's Dean's Reception to be held Sunday evening, January 2, announced Dr. Sloane L. Guterman, dean. The affair taking place on the Yeshiva buildings was reached after the Student Council had informed Dr. Guterman that the facilities offered on school premises were inadequate. Council felt that the only suitable place on the University campus was Lamport Auditorium.

At its meeting of November 4, Student Council had instructed President Howard Spear to approach the administration with regard to obtaining Lamport Auditorium for the affair.

"When permission for Lamport was denied, Council passed a major instructing Mr. Spear to request the Dean to obtain an outside hall for the purpose of the Dean's Reception," the resolution continued, "if outside facilities are not available, Student Council leaves the matter in the hands of the administration.

Dean Council Met, Meeting with Council, Tuesday, December 7, Dr. Guterman informed its members that he would obtain suitable accommodations.

Professor Israel Young of the Student Activities Relations Committee and Yakov Jaffe '56, secretary-treasurer of Council, are seeking the new premises.

New Chairman

Mr. Spear announced the appointment of Morris Stillman '56, as chairman of the reception, replacing Louis Wohl '57, who resigned.

Admission will be by invitation only.

Pysch Group Hears Dr. Levinson's Talk

Dr. Boris Levinson, supervising psychologist of the Yeshiva University Psychological Clinic, discussed the working of the Clinic before the Psychology Club, Thursday, December 2.

"Criticalizing the present system of selecting exceptional children for special schooling is the basis of the talk," Dr. Levinson said. "The widely popular system of identifying children is not based on the theory that all children are inherently normal but only on the assumption that the children are "better" or "worse" than others. This is the second time in as many years that President Belkin will appear before the students. Last year he entertained questions from dormitory residents at an informal gathering.
Needed, A Guidance Program

When a new student enters college he must begin to consider his choice of profession or vocation and plan his course accordingly. Yeshiva has a faculty that will advise students as to their choice of courses and major fields.

Guidance at Yeshiva consists primarily of two parts. New students are invited to discuss their problems with Professor Israel Young and are also given a list of the various department heads from whom they can seek vocational and professional guidance.

Professor Young, though sincere and conscientious, cannot possibly meet with every student who requires his assistance. His hours at school are limited and he can devote only a few moments to each student.

Department heads are teachers; they are not trained guidance counselors. An instructor in physics or the humanities, for example, no matter how expert he may be in his subject, is not necessarily qualified to advise students on the opportunities that are open to them. For this, specialized training and knowledge are necessary. Also, department heads can not objectively advise students as to their choice of courses and major fields.

A recent incident serves to illustrate the inadequacy of the present program. A student, majoring in English, went to Columbia University to inquire as to the requirements for admission to its graduate school. First, then, after almost four years at Yeshiva, did he find out that a knowledge of French, Latin or German was required before he could receive his master's degree.

It is inconceivable that the school could allow a student to spend four years here without ever having informed him of these requirements.

The solution is obvious. The administration must hire full-time, specially trained guidance counselors who will meet periodically with the students, discuss with them their problems, assist them in arranging their programs and offer them guidance.

Any program short of this will be completely inadequate to fill the requirements of college students.

Dean Guterman Conclusus

We have been informed by Dean Guterman that he is in full accord with our editorial of the last issue in which we reminded instructors that the ten-minute break between classes is necessary for the proper transfer of students from one class to another.

Dr. Guterman also stated that he plans to include a memo on this subject in the next bulletin sent out to faculty members.

Y.U. Reception Welcomes Dr. Dinur, Israel Minister

By Slavik Larner

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short stature and graying hair, was warmly and enthusiastically received in Dr. Belkin's conference by members of the administration and student leaders. Several Israeli students were also present for the purpose of creating the proper atmosphere and put the Minister at greater ease.

Sitting and standing (there weren't enough chairs) around the oblong conference table, we were able to engage Professor Dinur in an informal discussion while Alex with the Siles played the ches, and other games.

He showed deep concern and interest in the educational functions of Y.U., expressing a great admiration for the ideals and ultimate goals of the Rabbinical Seminary and the ideals of our institution and the inedible mark it has made on world Jewry.

By the course of our conversation, we discovered that our guest was once himself a yeshiva student, having studied at the yeshiva in his small native Warsaw and in 1952 he was made Dean of the Faculty of Humanities of the Hebrew University. He now serves as the Council of Trustees of that University.

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We came to the address given at 8:30 with the invitation, 'no one will be admitted without this invitation.' It was so very businesslike that it even impressed us. We rang the bell, and stood in front of the door for a moment, wondering whether we were at the right place. The house was as silent as a Siberian town meeting and as cheerless as our kindergarten report card.

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Rabbi Tendler, Talmud and Bio Instructor, Discusses the Goals of Yeshiva Education

By Nat Lewis and Irwin Hunt

New York City can be a very frightening place for those unacquainted to the intricate ways of urban existence. The confusing crowds, the hectic pace of life, the stunning spectacle of eggs being scrambled into various geometric shapes, have more than once caused a devout Jew to turn back to the tall grass in a state of dementia precox.

Usually, the largest percentage of "New York City" phobia are out-of-town students who annually pour into our metropolis. Most of them are spent amid the sheltering walls of their colleges or in "shuttling" from hotel-hormitorios to their classes. With the little time that they do have to themselves, they venture into the depths of New York, preferably Times Square, uninvited in the annals of the Union.

Some columnist should take pity on these "bunkim" and write something for some good homespun philosopher discussing the ethics and wiles of our native New Yorkers, stressing, of course, the coziness of Times Square area, crossroads of the world and also its biggest "gyp joint.

Rabbi Moses Tendler

Rabbi Tendler, however, has added that it is even more important that the student have a sound foundation in Halachic and Jewish ethics.

Plan for Future Rabbis

As for those who intend to enter the Rabbinate, Rabbi Tendler advises that they be given special training. These students should undergo careful screening and selection and be given separate courses of study. This would, in the opinion of the Rabbi, greatly improve the quality of those ordained.

Rabbi Tendler believes that the lack of a close relationship (Continued on page 4)

Equipment and Description of Bio Field

Biological equipment is designed by Allan J. Scher

Alarmed by a rumor that several "Yeshiva students were suffering from a rare cosmic-ray ailment, semi-ebonitis, a condition whereby the sufferer is afflicted with half a sun tan, the chief called to me from his radioland-protection wastebasket and told me to get to the bottom of it. I promptly did so and was reinforced by the chief. Not to go bottom of my book, 'The idiot, the bottom of the mystery,'

I climbed out, donned a helmet marked "quarantined cosmic ray proof," and set out to find the trail of the two-tone college man.

The very tenth person I bumped into (my helmet on and I couldn't see) told me that he was one of those who had received a cosmic-ray maiming. But his own story was not quite as bad as the one that our academicians was considered to have been preserved.

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Specialized Training for Rabbinic Students Advised by Rosh-Yeshiva Rabbi M. Tendler

(Continued from page 3) between the students and the rabbis is caused by the rabbis living away from Yeshiva and by the lack of time during which students may consult with them. He insists, however, that any student who seeks the advice of his teacher will certainly develop a close relationship with him. At any rate rabbis, apart from their function as teachers, also owe it to Yeshiva and to their students to take an active interest in the students' welfare.

Frequent discussions with the students about their problems should become an integral part of the rabbis' function. Older students could also help solve the problems of younger ones. A greater homogeneity should be created in the University, and one of the most important steps in this direction would be an arrangement whereby the entire Yeshiva would learn the same tractate of the Talmud at the same time. Thus older students could help the younger ones in the Talmudic studies and at the same time serve as an official government interference. It is a rabbi's duty to remind his congregation of the importance of Torah as a blueprint for day-to-day living. Setting aside a specified time for learning every day is a way of emphasizing this. Such time will surely be respected by the congregants and no demands will be made for other use of this period.

Yeshiva has always been proud to have its own products teaching in its departments. It may well be argued that Rabbi Moses Tendler, scholar and scientist, not only a rosh-yeshiva, but also a respected member of the science faculty of Yeshiva College.

Dr. Dinur Discusses State Education and Its Success

(Continued from page 2) Dr. Isaac Dinur, was published, incorporating many of his studies.

Characterizing his historical method mainly as "a study of historical sources," Professor Dinur places great stress on a fundamental appreciation of at least one period in history from the primary sources."

By this time, we had ended our discussion with the Minister concerning education in Israel and Jewish History. But it remained for one of the editors of the Commentator to raise a leading question.

"What is the Israeli Government's attitude toward the Christian missionary schools, and what measures, if any, are being taken to combat them?" read his query.

Professor Dinur's short pause seemed to reflect the delicateness of the problem at hand, and the editor blushed a bit. If any, he tilted his head. The Minister declared that it would be a "social problem whose cure must be effected through social means and not through official government interference."

Rushing to make our next stop, the educationalist Professor Dinur said to the audience.

"We don't know..."

Campus Capers

IF NEVER HAPPENS HERE... The Michigan State News, tells of a student who became so engrossed in reading the News one day while walking to class that he walked into a deep construction hole.

THINGS TO COME... A co-educational dormitory is celebrating its first anniversary. Beisdei (Miny) State Teachers College.

ATTENTION STERN COLLEGE! A fractured pelvis, fractured knee cap and other injuries failed to prevent Nancy Hepp, 21, Colorado University co-ed, from seeing the "big game" between Colorado and Oklahoma October 30, the Colorado Daily reports.

An ambulance took her to the stadium, where her stretcher was raised to bed level and placed so that the young woman was almost in a sitting position.

THE CHESTERFIELD REPRESENTATIVE... When Turkish professor Mahbesh Helia appeared on the Oxford University campus to speak on opium, they had a packed house. When he dwelled for an hour on the joys of opium smoking and wound up by recommending opium for mass consumption, he had a fascinated audience.

But when Professor Helia turned out to be not a professor but an Oxford student in a theater group, he had a great deal of explaining to do. And so did many British and American newspapers which had announced a talk by a new note in academic research.

TOPIC FOR RESEARCH... From the Yeshiva, Smith College: "Is a liberal arts education preparation for motherhood? Frankly we don't know."

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Blumenreich Exhibits Talent As Hoopsters Split in Connecticut

Playing two games within a period of twenty-two hours, Yeshiva University's hoopsters overpowered Hillyer College, 71-65, and were handed their first loss of the season by Quinnipiac College 92-86. The first contest was held at the Hillyer gym on Thursday, December 4, with the latter contest being played the following afternoon in New Haven.

In their win over Hillyer, the Blumenreich, whose exceptional shooting ability was too much for the Hawks' defense to handle. Throughout most of the first half, Yeshiva, with a combination of Blumenreich and Jay Citron together with a few others, who made his first appearance of the season, built up an eighteen point lead. A quick ten-point score spurt, however, left the Mites ahead at half-time by only eight points, 37-29. The early stages of the second half saw Yeshiva increase its lead. About midway in the period the Hillyer five began a strong uphill fight and tied the score at 55-55, with only the minutes of playing time left.

Mites To Meet Kingsmen In Year's Classic Contest

By Julie Landsweig

In what will be the year's highlight athletic event as well as its top social gathering, Yeshiva's Mighty Mites will meet their archrivals, the Kingsmen, from Brooklyn College, Saturday, December 18.

Though not the most crucial game of the season, Brooklyn still is always the most sought-after victory on the Yeshiva schedule. The Brooklyn royals have already won twice in the series, and, though they had an uphill climb to retain it last year, winning by two points, 57-55.

If the Mites are to win, they will need to cut down on their errors and improve their shooting ability. As was previously mentioned, the defending champs are on twelve of fourteen attempts. Both Citron and Blumenreich were also superb in rebounding, shooting 32 and 31 in the two contests. Their combination boosted his scoring average to 27 points per game.

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The intramural basketball championship fell into the hands of the freshmen for the first time in recent years, as they downed the seniors 33-28. The game was played in the school gymnasium Tuesday, December 6, with a comparatively large crowd on hand to witness the event.

Getting off to an astonishing start, the freshmen, on an offensive spree, ripped repeatedly through the senior defense. It was with less than two minutes remaining in the first quarter that the seniors finally broke through the strong freshmen "collapsible zone" getting their first tally of the game and last of that period. The quarter ended with the freshmen leading 9-2.

-Seniors Keep Pace

The more-or-less sloppy ball-handling by the seniors in the first quarter came to a startling halt in the second. The freshmen, who confidently replaced their starters liberally, found the upperclassmen keping pace. Despite an all-out attempt by the senior team, the low-classmen were still ahead at the half; 16-8.

Slow and deliberate play on the part of both teams characterized the third quarter, which saw few substitutions, as both teams used their starters once again. The seniors, scoring ten points, matched the fresh, basket for basket, making the total 26-18 at the end of the period.

The final stanza was one of immense tension as the seniors came within one goal of tying the score. And the freshmen, taking no chances, once again had their starters reinserted, putting experience ahead of fatigue. This move proved effective and at the final buzzer the freshmen were the new intramural champs.

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As an introductory offer in conjunction with the huge money saving Chanuka sale now in progress, all regular size Modern Library books will sell for the low price of 98 cents.

Frosh Beat Seniors 33-28

To Take Intramural Crown

Chapter of Young Dems Organized at Yeshiva C.

A branch of the state-wide Young Democrats Club has been organized at Yeshiva College, announced Emanuel Gold '55, chairman of the new branch.

Mr. Gold said that the purpose of the chapter is to stress to students the idealization and practical phases of politics and to provide them with political expression and enlightenment.

The chapter is planning to present prominent personalities at future assemblies.

Condolence

The CONDOLANCE extends its sincerest condolences to Tobias Wexler '59, upon the death of his father, May he be comforted with the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

Moses I. Feuerstein

heads the Board of Governors of the Young Israel Institute for Adult Jewish Studies and is treasurer of the Young Israel of Brookline, Massachusetts.

Discount Tickets

Student discount cards for most events are available to Yeshiva students through the National Students Association, announced Fischel Pearlmutter '53, Yeshiva's N.S.A. representative.

The cards will be available without charge and may be obtained from Seymour Steinmetz '56, alternate delegate.

Information on the travel and study programs that are available can be obtained from the N.S.A. delegates.

Play Review

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The audience is bound to feel the full power of her ideal and intense love. It was holy and could be given only to Channon, in this world or in the next. When Channon died, she lived between two worlds (as indeed the play was originally named) until they could reunite in the world to come.

Love is a holy obsession. That and not the Jewish characters and setting, is the Jewishness of the play.

A small platform in lieu of a stage seems to limit the movement of this production. The Chassidic dances lack life and movement. Perhaps a chasid in place of a choreographer would have helped. But the performance is good and holds your attention.

Charles Brin is convincing as the messenger, a mysterious fellow who comes in at dramatic moments to announce events and disappear. Ludwig Donath, as Rabbi Azriel, is the most effective player. His awesome power has an electric effect to his words as he commands the dybbuk to leave the body of the girl. This was the easiest the best scene of the play. As a whole, The Dybbuk is a satisfactory performance of a powerful play.

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