Plan New S-F Committee; ’58 Gripes, Asks Meeting

Student Council has appointed a special committee to investigate and prepare a plan for a student government structure. The philosophy of this group is to be based on the program in effect at Wayne University.

The committee, composed of Mordecai Gerstein ’59, chairman, Abraham Shapiro ‘58, Yehudah Felman ’59, and Joseph Lifschitz ’61, is investigating the formation of a Student-Faculty Relations Committee between Student Council and Administration relations.

Leadership Training in College
A new departure in student government at Yeshiva, the program was introduced by the Council President Jerry Wohlberg ’58. “If Yeshiva’s true aim is to be one of the leaders of American Jewry, then it must begin to train them in leadership during their formative years,” Dr. Moses D. Tendler, assistant dean of Yeshiva College, told Student Body members. Extra-curricular activities are as important to the student and the school as curricular activities, he said. “Both are part of the educational process.”

The Assistant Dean also revealed that he had requested the Dean to appoint a faculty committee to study student-administration relations at Yeshiva. Under study by the Student Council is the proposal to serve as the pure light of the nation and the world,” he said.

Nixon Flunks Parents In Y.U. Dinner Speech
Vice President Richard Nixon rated education in the United States as a national art. Speaking at Yeshiva University’s twenty-ninth Annual Scholarship Dinner at the Waldorf Astoria, Sunday, December 15, Mr. Nixon said, “American education is no better and no worse than the individual American parent wants it to be.”

The Vice President became an honorary alumus of Yeshiva at a dinner this evening. He received the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws. He was cited by Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of Yeshiva University, as an “able legislator, gifted author, and world-renowned statesman.”

Mr. Nixon then went on to regret that the conviction could not be held on Yeshiva’s campus. He declared that he will visit Yeshiva “as soon as he is able to.

Yeshiva’s Contribution
At the dinner, the Vice President expressed the opinion that Yeshiva is making to the nation. "Yeshiva is in the great tradition of private colleges and universities which are America’s most effective guarantee against government domination otherwise would lie fallow, is being developed in the service of the nation and the world,” he said.

Rabbi Joseph H. Lookrin, president of the Yeshiva University Board of Trustees, President’s Council, Boards of Overseers, Deans and other heads of the University’s 17 constituent institutions

The dinner benefited Yeshiva University’s $750,000 Scholarship Fund, which provides assistance for 2,600 students.

Charles H. Silver, president of Yeshiva University (Continued on page 3)

Meet Student Leaders: Jerry Wohlberg (left), president of the student council and Abraham Shapiro, Editor of the COMMENTATOR.

Dr. Herman Wouk, University Visiting Professor of English, spoke on “Conformity and Non-Conformity” at a Yeshiva College assembly, December 13. Consisting of a special presentation at 7 p.m. in the auditorium, the program was explained by Student Council committee, which is that it is presumable that the faculty members can aid the students during the deliberative process.

This year’s Dean’s Reception will be held Sunday, February 16, at the Josue of Arch High School, 154 West 93 Street, at 7 p.m., announced Moses Polanicky ’59 and Hyman Wasserman ’60, chairman.

The affair, the major social event of the Student Council year, will feature a formal reception of the students by the Dean, followed by an original stage presentation by each class. Traditionally, the conclusion stages a cotillion, the judging is alphabetical order, and the seniors a drama. In addition there is a special presentation in form. Faculty members will judge the plays and will present a prize for the class staging the most outstanding performance.

The purpose of the affair is to enable the students to meet the Dean and to mingle with the faculty on an informal basis.

James M. Berlin, is the student advisor to the reception committee, which Rabbi Maurice Wohlgelernter, instructor in English, will serve as faculty advisor. (Continued on page 3)

S.O.Y. Chagiga First Affair
In New Dormitory Cafeteria

The cafeteria of the College Dorm was used for the first time in its history for the dispensing of food at the annual S.O.Y. Chasnay Chagiga Wednesday, December 18. Although there was quite a bit of confusion and comotion involved in the process because of the intricacies of the kitchen, everyone who bothered to wait in the line long was eventually served.

A new cafeteria will be created on the basis of the success of Wednesday’s affair, Rabbi Binyon Raphael, one of the main organizers of the event, said. Rabbi Raphael speaks in the cafeteria, the Chagiga was high-lighted by the talk of guest speaker Rabbi Chaim Romem. He compared the Impure oil all found in the Holy Temple to the similarly impure hellenistic ideology. (Continued on page 3)
Two years ago a student wrote in The Comm,entator on the problem of attending minyan. Using university statistics, he proved that if it is impossible, only to attend regularly, but to fulfill the requirements of Yeshiva University. The student wrote: "Obviously, this schedule cannot be put into practice. As a matter of fact it never has been observed. But the continuous administration is repeatedly ignored that the cheating is done on time other than that devoted to their own particular divinity.

He continued: 'The root of the problem is in the tacit assumption that a student is in and of either T.I., the college, R.I.E.T.S. or so on. The more accurate statement is that a student is a member of the University. The unfortunate effect is that student problems are treated as if they were only problems of R.I.E.T.S., T.I., or the college.

"When we wake up to the fact that the divisions are not inherent in the student, to the realization that the problems of students are problems of university students, then we may take a real step toward sensible analysis and action on our individual and divisional difficulties.'

Yeshiva College is expanding. This year has witnessed the largest entering class in Yeshiva's history. However, our physical plant has not kept pace with our increasing registration, a lack of equipment and a lack of space.

Chemistry may serve as a good example of the plight of the college. Students are taking General Chemistry in the Organic lab. Organic students have their lab sessions at Stern College. Students now taking Qual have been informed that less than half of them will be able to take Quant next term.

No pre-med student can take Quant next semester. The problems of the science majors are further detailed in a letter to the editor on this page. Much the same applies to non-science majors: one-man departments, not enough courses.

Yeshiva College accepts students for a four-year course of study it contracts to supply courses, equipment, space and instructors. Yeshiva cannot tell its students to take a course in another institution or during the summer because it does not have the facilities it knew it would need when those students were admitted.

Neglect of Yeshiva's physical plant is but one facet of a problem which stems from an administration policy of continuous expansion, resulting in neglect of the college.

We have, in recent years, made recommendations for the betterment of Yeshiva College. Our recommendations have included, among others, the hiring of additional teachers and guidance counselors and the improvement of curriculum and physical facilities. These recommendations require the expenditure of funds which are told are not now available.

The University's financial problems are primarily due to this rapid rate of expansion. As Yeshiva University is expanding, the school must be able to attract and keep students. The sudden expansion of the college has cost Yeshiva University a great deal of money. The administration must be told that the students are not paying for the facilities.

The aforementioned instances have brought about a breakdown in the fulfillment of this traditional goal of Yeshiva University. This traditional goal has been neglected, and its place has been assumed by a passion to

To The Editor:

As members of the freshmen class, we feel it is our duty to reveal the shocking situation now existing in the chemistry department. With over 50 percent more students taking general chemistry this year than last, we think it ridiculous that there still are only two professors teaching the subject. Furthermore, the two classes consist of many students who have no chemistry background. This last has the doubly adverse effect of slowing down those students who have taken high school chemistry as well as bewildering the novice. Chemistry has lost much of its interest and sparkle to both groups, and has become a tasteless, slow-moving affair.

In the light of these facts we think it surprising that the administration has done almost nothing to alleviate this situation.

The addition of an instructor to answer questions is merely clutching for straws in the wind, and the basic classroom problem is nowhere near a solution. While the administration's laissez-faire policy is surprising, it is not nearly so surprising that almost 50 percent of students confronted by these impossible conditions are flunking. This represents four times as many students as are flunking all other subjects combined.

We would like to reprimand the administration for its lack of foresight in this matter. All of the guidance committees and parent-teacher meetings in the world won't get the facts and conditions out of this mess! This problem is so crucial that only the most immediate action can possibly solve the problem.

Murray Lautlicht '61
Mark Press '61
Congressman, U.S. Judge Put on Prexy's Council

Five prominent public officials have been named to the President's Council of Yeshiva University, announced Dr. Samuel Belkin, presi­dent. They are: Judge David N. Lewis, Judge Louis J. Kaplan, retired of the New York City Court of Special Sessions; U.S. Congress­man Abraham J. Muller of Brooklyn; Guntah G. Rosen­berg, chairman of the Board of Higher Education in New York City, and Justice Morris E. Spector of the New York State Supreme Court.

Education in the United States, which includes 48 outstanding community leaders and industrialists from the United States and Canada, guides the University's overall operations with a view towards expanding its educational and service facili­ties and programs.

Discussing the purpose of the Council, Dr. Belkin said, "We are living in times of tremendous change. Technological advances, a rapidly expanding population and the changing needs of our nation and society in general have brought added responsibilities to higher education."

He further stated, "The participation of distinguished community leaders in higher education's program will enable us to create a two-way bridge between school and com­munity, to interpret trends and events and effectively aid us in meeting communal needs.

"BE PREPARED TO SERVE ISRAEL," Urges Chief Chaplain Goren

Rabbi Shlomo Goren, chief chaplain of the Israeli Defense Forces and one of Israel's lead­ing rabbis, delivered an address in Hebrew to a packed audience at the second T. I. assembly of the year, Wednesday, December 4.

Rabbi Goren, who is deeply in­terested in the education of religious youth, spoke about the rela­tion­ship of Young American Jews to Israel. He said that if our Jewish youth were to succeed in Israel, they should nevertheless re­main devoted to the ideals of that country, and should be prepared to come to be the 'pied pipers' of the situation warranted it.

Rabbi Goren declared that it was fallacious to believe that those state jobs whose fulfillment involves violations of Jewish law be allotted to the religious.

There should be no distinction among Jews in this matter, he felt, because what is illegal from one is similarly illegal for the other.

Earlier that day Rabbi Goren delivered a guest shivah to Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik's smicha class.

Nixon (Continued from page 1) the N. Y. C. Board of Education, was chairman.

Award to Dr. Schiek

A highlight of the dinner was the presentation of the $1,000 Montreal Ben David Award to Dr. Elia Schick, noted pediatri­cian and discoverer of the "Schei­ek" test for determining susceptibili­ty to smallpox.

Dr. Schick, who celebrated his 80th birthday this year, is a visit­er pediatri­cian at Yeshiva University's Albert Ein­stein College of Medicine. A na­tive of Austria, he studied medi­cine at the University of Vienna and received a deep personal respect and admiration for his work in pediatrics.

The award was established an­nually in his name to honor "the student, graduate or Yeshiva College, or such other individual, who shall have achieved prominence and distinction in the field of the arts and sciences, who shall have contributed to the University's annals of distinction and who shall have given back in a material way to the University and the community."
**Commentator Sports**

**Quinnipiac Defeats Yeshiva In Palefski Memorial Game**

Before a capacity crowd of Yeshiva enthusiasts who had gathered to pay tribute to the memory of Norman Palefski, the Mites lost to Quinnipiac, 86-75.

"The Connecticut team, facing Yeshiva for the first time in four years with their extremely tall and fabulous scorer, "Porky" Vi­eira, displayed as did Yeshiva, a lack of experience, but enough promise for the future.

Vieira-less Quinnipiac's offensive attack consisted of the basic attempt to pass, shoot, pass, try to set up screens, and to complete a few variations of the "C", play.

Yeshiva's two-man unit of Mazzuca with Gold­stein, and the hustling sophomore sparked and spearheaded Yeshiva back into the game, 18-14.

**Yeshiva Matmen Swamped By Albany in First Match**

Yeshiva University's rejuvenated wrestling team traveled to Albany State Teachers College December 10, to open the 1957-58 schedule.

In less than four minutes after the start of the match, Yeshiva's first three wrestlers were pinned, and the score stood 15-0. After a fast but dimal beginning, Harvey Rosen, wrestling at the 147-pound class, lost unlimited weight. He was two seconds of the match. A match is three periods. Three min­utes are allotted each period. Yeshiva's representatives in the 157 and 167 pound classes were pinned in short order. The score was now 28-0.

**Fencers Still Unbeaten; Capt. Chinitz, Rhine Star**

The Yeshiva College fencing team won its second and third matches of the season against Quinnipiac and St. Peter's. Both matches were held without home. The Queens, 16-11, and went on to defeat the St. Peters fencers, 15-12.

The Queens match pitted Yeshiva against a courageous team, but our own fencing squad proved to be an Y.U. superior fencers. Each division compiled a winning record for the victorious Queens. Yeshiva was the best showing of the evening by winning six of their nine matches.

Jack Chinitz stood out with a 2-0 tally, Herschel Farros, the freshman on the varsity, won his only match.

The same team was led once again by Howard Rhine, who won two bouts to stretch his inter­college record to ten wins and three losses. Yeshiva spearheaded the epee attack with two victories.

St. Peter's, one of Yeshiva's toughest opponents, put up an excellent fight until eliminated by Jack Finkelstein's epee win in the third round.

Chinitz opened the match with a 5-0 victory over St. Peter's.

**Mighty Mites Make Music, Some Notes Slightly Sour; Fencers Foil Foes**

Since the last time this paper was published, the Mighty Mites have come through the New Jersey longhanded with enough intensity to keep up with the Joneses of American University. The loss to the University defeated Quin­nipiac by more than thirty points, with the latter making less than they did against Yeshiva. Moreover, it took Yeshiva three points to clip the Mites to vanish quil."L.U.

After being downed by the Connecticut basketeers, the Mites bounced back with a 15-12 over lowly Pace College, a team being molested by any and all. This was only the second time in Yeshiva's history that a varsity five has reached the century mark. But for those who saw the contest, Yeshiva still left much to be desired. The conclusions of opinion is that the Mites should not have allowed the Pacers to pour seventy-seven points through the hoop.

Here lies one of Coach Sarachek's chief concerns, defense. It has always been a problem to the Mites that all about offense is a good defense. In that light, Yeshiva is one of the poorest offensive ball clubs.

In the Quinncipiac game, the Mites were unable to stop the steady outpouring of Gaetano, Finn and Togtara who amassed 68 points between them, the first collecting 40. When a Yeshiva de­fender looks for the right through the hoop. To add to Sarachek's misery, the Mighty Mites barely captured an offensive rebound while the Quins swarmed the offensive boards like bees on the trail of honey. This is in no way intended to diminish from the fine showing of the Quins, but it certainly says nothing for Yeshiva's ability to hold an opponent at bay.

Yeshiva's personal foul record alone tells a good part of the story. In thirty minutes of game, he found himself leading the animal trackers while his opponent garnered a quick twenty. On the other hand, when the defender blocked up the middle, the ball was bombed from the outside right through the hoop. To add to Sarachek's misery, the Mighty Mites barely captured an offensive rebound while the Quins swarmed the offensive boards like bees on the trail of honey. This is in no way intended to diminish from the fine showing of the Quins, but it certainly says nothing for Yeshiva's ability to hold an opponent at bay.

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