1958 Y.U. Charity Drive

Specifies Goal of $5,000

Five-thousand dollars is the 1958 goal of the Annual Yeshiva University Charity Drive, which began Monday, February 10, announced Joshua Gottler '58, chairman.

The Drive, which netted three thousand dollars last year, will donate forty-five cents of its intake to Yeshivath Hadarom, B'nai Akiva and Chinuch Artzi; thirty cents will go to Pelyn; fifteen percent to the United Appeal and ten percent to Anti-Missionary Activities.

Monday, January 31, 1958, until the second week of May and a contribution of twenty-five cents a week will be requested from each student in the University's divisions to add up to a minimum of three dollars per person.

"Certainly the students realize the importance of the organizations sponsored by the drive for the furtherance of Orthodox Judaism," asserted Mr. Gottler.

Sub-chairmen for the Drive of the individual divisions are:


Financier Gives University Early Einstein Manuscript

An original manuscript representing one of Einstein's early attempts to find his now-famed unified field theory, has been donated to Yeshiva University by Dr. Leo Perlman, New York financier and philanthropist, announced Dr. Samuel Belkin, president. Dr. Perlman's gift has given impetus to the University's long-projected program to establish a collection of Albert Einstein memorabilia.

The donation was hailed by Dr. Belkin as "the first of a series of major acquisitions of important Einstein papers, which we intend to use for research and to supplement a permanent collection of his work. The University will combine this and other papers for which we are negotiating" he continued, "with personal correspondence he has received. Since Einstein's death, we have acquired a host of other materials including diaries, letters, and other papers."
The administration's unilateral act of extinguishing all dorm room lights at one a.m. marks, we hope, the lowest point of student-administration relationships.

This action violates the right of the individual student to determine whether he needs or wants his lights on for study. Although the ostensible purpose is to decrease noise in the dormitory, it has had exactly the opposite effect. Students, forced out of their rooms by the lack of light, congregate in the halls, awakening those who have already gone to sleep.

The administration is, in effect, telling the student that it must decide when he should go to sleep. Will there ever be an end to the administration's treating college men like babies?

The childish quality of the administration's action is clear. We are ashamed to have to waste space in a college newspaper to strongly urge the administration to reconsider.

Givel

B-D Day is February 19. Last year, Yeshiva College had the highest percentage of student donors of the colleges in the metropolitan area. Let's do even better this year!

Givel Again!

The Y.U. Charity Drive is now underway. The cause is an excellent one. We expect every student to fulfill his quota.

To Be, Or . . .

It is with deep regret that we take note of the coming demise of the Varsity Show. If a full turnout does not materialize at the next rehearsal, the show will be cancelled.

We remember the cries of enthusiasm which greeted the finishing of the script. Everyone seemed to want to participate. However, it seems, once the producers got down to the serious business of casting, only seven students showed up. Our students, who continually clamor for more dramatics, more extra-curricular activities, a fuller school life, etc., etc., are just talking through their hats. If the administration were to cancel the show, the outcry from these very students who refuse to come down would be deafening.

It took many years for Student Council to convince the administration to allow a Varsity Show, and now it seems that Council Student Council may need that much time to convince the students themselves to support their own show.

The Varsity Show is open to every member of the student body. Student Council members, when impressed with the urgency of the situation, assumed the obligation of getting student from their classes to participate. Since that council meeting, a total of two new students appeared at casting.

We can visualize the scene at the council election time. Mr. May. Candidate after candidate will cry, "I promise more and better extra-curricular activities!" It seems quite strange that this pledge is so popular with the very students who will kill any new activities before they are born by their patent apathy.

Mr. Norman B. Abrams Lauded For His Service and Devotion

Mr. Norman B. Abrams, who has never worked for anyone but Yeshiva, Mr. Norman B. Abrams, is the man; and his credo may be summed up in one phrase — consciousness and devotion to duty.

Mr. Abrams, who recently was cited by the Rabbinic Alumni for his service to the university, never allows anything to divert him from his duty. "I don't care one iota if what I do is unpopular," he said, "as long as I know it is the right thing to do."

While impressed with the physical expansion of the university, which was housed on Montgomery Street when he came to Yeshiva in 1926, Mr. Abrams is even more delighted with the intellectual progress of the student body.

"The typical student of today is more progressive, alert, informed, and better educated than his contemporary of a generation ago," Mr. Abrams said on the EZ Rady, WNYC radio network. "Many of the media of communication have had much to do with this modernization trend. Today's student has a

Dr. Gelbart (Continued from page 1)

Dr. Gelbart, who holds the rank of professor of mathematics, fills the post left vacant since the death of Dr. Ginsburg last October at the age of 68.

An expert in the fields of analysis and applied mathematics, and co-developer of the important theory of pseudoanalytic functions, Dr. Gelbart will also serve as editor of the university's noted journal — Scripta Mathematica — which Dr. Ginsburg founded and edited for twenty-five years.

He will assume his new position, July 1, 1938 when his resignation from Syracuse University's department of mathematics becomes effective.

Dr. Gelbart's best known contributions were made in the field of applied mathematics, as co-author, with Professors Lipman Bers of N.Y.U., of the widely-lauded theory of pseudoanalytic functions which is concerned with the mathematical theory of high speed motion of gases.

Dr. Gelbart received his Bachelor of Science Degree from Dalhousie University of Halifax, Nova Scotia in 1938 and his Ph.D. degree from M.I.T. in 1940.

You will not regret an evening at the Theatre East seeing the Broadway Chapel Players' delightful "Tobias and the Angel."

Christopher Hewett is charming and sophisticated as the Archangel Raphael in the adaptation from the apocryphal Book of Tobit. All the other roles are very well played, too, with Roy Boyle capturing just the right spirit as Tobias.

The story is of a pious Jew, Tobit, who lives in Niniveh. Once prosperous and very charitable, he has become impoverished and blind. At the insistence of his wife, Anna, Tobit sends young Tobias, his only son, to Media to collect a twenty-year-old debt due him from a man now wealthy. The Archangel Raphael accompanies him on his hazardous journey, which is depicted very well on the small theater-in-the-round type of stage.

On the way, Tobias is to stop at the home of Raguel, a good friend of Tobit. Although poor, Raguel is beaten by troubles. His daughter, Sara, has had seven husbands snatched by Asmodey (the Devil) on her wedding nights. Tobias becomes her eighth husband.

Asmodey is driven away by Raphael who later restores Tobit's sight and reveals his true identity.

From the Balcony

To the Editor:

Lest silence be interpreted as approval, let me be the first to express severe disappointment at the low standards maintained by The Commentator this term.

I direct your attention especially to the tasteless and poorly written note on the passing of a Gadol B'Torah, Rabbi Karp, Zal. The rest of this issue does not reveal any better editorial judgment.

Rabbi Moses D. Tendler

To the Editor:

The last "Maybe I'm Wrong" column was rather critical of the alumni referring to it as a do-nothing organization. I do not care to deny that I for one would like to see a much more active alumni in behalf of many causes.

The Commentator espouses but an alumni depends for its growth on those who were students and a very small percentage of Commentator Editors and Student Council Presidents during the past five years identify themselves with the alumni in any manner. Apparently, once they have put their criticisms of Yeshiva, the school and the ideal, on paper, they are content with their immortal contribution.

As one who consistently supports student requests from alumni, I might add that these requests would be more readily granted if the people who were making the same requests a year or two ago were present when current student requests are made. May I also point out that student representatives' attend all alumni meetings. A student-alumni-faculty committee has been established, but student participation is exceptionally poor from the point of view of attendance.

The alumni would welcome an avalanche of active members of the class of '58. It is precisely because of their recent status as students that they are in a position to make a major contribution to Yeshiva and to the alumni.

Sincerely,

Louis Bernstein

Condolences

The Commentator extends its sincerest condolences to Rabbi Jersualem Carelik upon the loss of his son. May he be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.
Metropolitan Debating Tournament
Scheduled for Sunday, March 16

The second annual Metropolitan Debating Tournament, sponsored by the Yeshiva University Debating Society, will take place Sunday, March 16, at Stern College, announced Joseph Chervin, 58, president of the Society.

The tournament, which is held to determine the debating champion of the New York area, was won last year by St. John's College of Hillcrest, Columbia, N.Y.U uptown and downtown, Fordham, Brooklyn, and City College were among the ten schools that participated.

The tournament consists of four round-robin preliminary rounds. The team compiling the best won-lost record in the affirmative will meet the best negative team in the championship round.

The annual Oratorical Contest, sponsored for the first time by the Debating Society, will be held the following day, Monday, March 17th. This contest, in which students from seven of New York City's Yeshiva High Schools will participate, will replace other contests which had been sponsored by a N.Y.C. newspaper.

The society's annual spring tours will take place during the week of March 3. Four tours are scheduled, to New England, the Mid-West, upstate New York and Washington-Baltimore areas. They will include encounters with Notre Dame, Cornell, Georgetown, Johns Hopkins, Loyola, and other schools debated in past years.

This year, for the first time, the Debating Society has a Student Lecture Bureau, which is working in cooperation with the Community Service Division Lecture Bureau. The society's bureau supplies student lecturers to congregations and community centers for an honorarium.

Play Review

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Although produced by a church group, the Broadway Chapel Players, the show is done in what a Yeshiva student considers good taste.

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The Yeshiva College fencing team defeated Drew College by a score of 14-13 at Yeshiva. Y.U.'s swimmers, recuperating from their loss at the hands of Columbia, came from behind to win their fourth match in five outings.

The victors were led by a strong epee team that won six of its nine bouts. The saber and foil divisions were won with identical records of four wins and five losses.

Blair, Drew's leading foilman, won the first bout with a 5-1 victory over Captain Jack Ghiniat, but Jules Rosenberg and Jack Nushka both came through with competitive victories to give Yeshiva and early lead. From then on, the match was nip-and-heap, neither team having a marked advantage.

After many bitterly fought bouts, and with the tally all even at 9-9, Coach Arthur Tauber pulled the surprise of the night by substituting (freshman) Hershel Farkas in the foil division. The promising newcomer proved the coach right by defeating his opponent, 5-4, to give Yeshiva a 10-9 lead. Yeshiva lost the next two matches and fell behind, but sophomore Herb Joseph, fencing brilliantly, shut out Green of Drew to tie the score once again, this time at 11-11. The saber team split its last two bouts.

After Abe Aromon lost his final epee match, prospects looked bad for the home team. Jack Finkenstein, proving that his two Columbia victories were no flukes, won his third consecutive encounter.

In this fell everything in the hands of Benny Shapiro, who faced Drew's Bosdorff. The big redhead got off to a quick 3-1 lead and lunged his way to a 5-2 triumph, giving Yeshiva a 14-13 win.

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**Perspective**

By Artie Sidelman

Six thousand miles away is a fair point value. It offers the opportunity of a sustained estrangement, which may or may not be an unpleasant consequence. Divorces may vary, but concern inadverently lies and interest is normally scattered to the winds. But distance provides clarity, and for one usually caught in the currents of events, this is most welcome.

The fortunes of Yeshiva University's hoopsters, fencers, et al. even reached Israel. My brother was the center, as he spaced one of his letters with the latest scores and facts. Aaron, that's his name, is both a fan of the Dodgers and Yeshiva University, and signification if any is debatable. Unfortunately he likes a winner, thus the comments were not appreciated.

However, six thousand miles away, the results were unimportant.

I was too busy explaining to the Israelis what Yeshiva University was, and the results of the Army game didn't matter too much. It was enough for them to believe that the match took place, that Yeshiva won or lost didn't enter into the discussions. In Israel all main sport events are held on shabbat, and the idea of a Yeshiva" playing in the spotlight was very foreign. An impression was made on religious and irreligious alike, warming the hearts of some, astounding others, and drawing criticism from a few.

Six thousand miles away is not quite on the sidelines of Yeshiva's sporting fields, but for me, it never was "off the sidelines." For the past five months I have been rooting for Yeshiva, though not in the literal fashion. My shout of "Go Yeshiva!" were not on an and score, but rather—Go on and keep playing—go on and keep setting an example for Jewry. But my trip is over, and I can't help those crowds on the immediate sidelines, shouting heartily—Go Yeshiva! Go! Maybe my voice will make the difference.