Dr. Feldman Addresses Great Speeches Class On Classical Rhetoric

During club hour, December 21, 1967, Dr. Louis Feldman, head of Yeshiva's Classics department, delivered a lecture on ancient Greek rhetoric. He elucidated the greatness and training of the major orators and the problems involved in translating their works into English.

Introduced by Perry Davis '69, of the Great Speeches class, which sponsored the talk, Dr. Feldman began by noting that in the modern educational system rhetoric has become “more or less a dirty word.” Such was not the case in the ancient world when rhetoric was considered “the queen of studies.” Exemplifying the importance of oral works in ancient times, Dr. Feldman spoke of the major importance of the “Oral Law” in Judaism and the subsequent difficulty in the endeavor to set the Mishnah in writing.

Greek Speech

Turning to ancient Greek rhetoric, Dr. Feldman noted the problems in explaining the avid interest much of the Hellenic civilization.

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Belkin Sees Yeshiva Existence As Manifestation Of Miracle

Under the indirection of free food and entertainment by the lively Old Yishman band, a standing room only crowd jammed Parker's, Wednesday, December 27, for the annual Chanukah Chagiga jointly sponsored by the SOY and the student councils of EMC and JBS.

It can be said that it was a night for physical exuberance, it can also be said that the Chanukah proved to be spiritually reviving to an even greater extent. Thanks to the two guest speakers, the essence of Chanukah and Torah Judaism was explained.

Lichtenstein Explains Menorah Rabbi Lichtenstein, who was introduced as being the one man who reflected most completely the ideals of YU, explained the meaning of the lighting of the menorah during Chanukah. Although Chanukah, as it is known, was conceived as a miraculous act of history, Rabbi Lichtenstein informed his audience that Chanukah could never be considered as derived from the Torah. This explanation is possible because a mirage observation of Chanukah is manifested in the lighting of the candles for the purpose of purim, asach (publishing the Chanukah).

If one considers the occurrence of a miracle to be commemorated by the saying of Halacha, which is from the Torah, then Chanukah, which is one in a series of miracles, can be considered, in a broader concept, to be inspired by the Torah. This aspect of Chanukah was made quite clear by Rabbi Lichtenstein's parting remark in which he advised the students to not only perceive the past as the past but also to see its manifestations in the present.

Yeshiva Is A Miracle

In referring to the past and present, Rabbi Dr. Belkin, the second speaker, remarked that seeing 1500 boys learning at Yeshiva was a nech Nich (a secret miracle) to him, and that it was the answer to the survival of Judaism with its heritage from the past. He added that, in fact, it is a nech Nich that one sees only after reaching the plane of faith. According to Dr. Belkin, seeing a miracle is

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Faculty Votes To Ease Attendance Requirement

The faculty has voted overwhelmingly to liberalize the attendance requirement for YC's undergraduates. The exact details of the new system will be worked out this week by student leaders and a faculty committee headed by Professor David Fisher.

The unprecedented vote came at a December 27 meeting at which YCSC President Ronald Gross, Vice-President Isaac Tuchman, Secretary-Treasurer Sheldon David, and THE COMMENTATOR Editor-in-Chief Gary Schif presented the student demands and arguments for unlimited cuts. Openings the presentation, Mr. Gross called for a plan which would completely eliminate the attendance requirements for sophomores and above. He stressed the need for students to have time for independence, research, participation in light of the thirty-five hour a week program typical of Yeshiva.

Mr. Schiff then added that although the issue of cuts is a vital one, for health and emotional reasons as well as intellectual ones, the fact that it hasn't been dealt with until the threat of a strike looms is a lack of permanent channels through which the students can affect University policy. He urged wide consultation of a University Senate similar to those adopted at City College and Fordham.

There ensued a vigorous two and a half hour question period.

CCA Offers New Studies

An in-service course on the musical traditions of special services will be offered to cantors in the New York metropolitan area by the Cantorial Council of America, it was announced by Cantor-Macy Nulman, director of the Cantorial Training Institute.

The course will be given for a period of five weeks starting January 2, 1968.

Roth Presides At Discussion Of Collegiate Life In Isreal

Thursday, December 28, 1967, the Public Affairs Committee of YCSC sponsored a forum during the day, dealing with the important aspects of spending one's junior year in Israel. Jeffrey Roth '68, president, and Usher Caplan, Hillel Markowitz, Lester Lembowitz, and Alver strength participated in the discussion.

The program began with refreshments of the faculty's requirements for all students, and then with the special requirements for foreign students. Students must obtain a current catalogue, the 50 students present at the forum were told that they must have a working knowledge of Hebrew. Indications are that an Ulpan or through private study and examination test, must take four hours per week of Ulpan or foreign language.

Admissions Office Reports 93% Of '67 Class Are In Graduate Schools, 31% On Scholarship

According to a report released by the Office of Admissions, 158 students out of a class of 167, or 93 percent of the Yeshiva College class of 1967 are continuing their education in graduate schools. Of these students, 31 percent received fellowships or scholarships. Thirty-three percent of the class are majoring in the liberal arts and sciences, 29 percent in rabbinics, 25 percent in medicine and 17 percent in law.

Professor David Minsky, Dean of Admissions, also reported that the graduates entered the college with a median high school average of 83, while this year's freshmen had an average of 85. The graduates entered with verbal scores averaging 545 and mathematics scores averaging 565 on the College Board, while the freshmen averaged verbal scores of 569 and mathematics scores of 601.

Fifty-one percent of the freshmen are from outside New York City, representing 22 states and four foreign countries.

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Hard-Won Victory

We note with a feeling of pride and accomplishment the recent faculty vote to liberalize the attendance system at Yeshiva College. Though the plan being worked out falls somewhat short of our ideal of full freedom, the substantial compromise attained will go a long way in enabling the student to regulate his own academic life at Yeshiva. The COMMENTATOR applauds the faculty's progressive step.

While we are elated to report that COMMENTATOR's efforts with negotiations by its editor and the Student Council officers, have borne fruit on this major issue, we hope that the historical precedent of face to face student-faculty meetings will continue on a regular basis. But more discussion is not enough. The students deserve a vote on policies of their institution. A university Senate would make that hope a reality.

Science, Ethics & YU

A recent letter to The New York Times penned by a doctor spotlighted the ethical and moral questions that arise out of such recent medical advances as organ transplants, DNA synthesis in a laboratory, etc., and called for scientists, theologians and jurists to consider now the full implications of these discoveries. From a religious point of view, certainly such questions are as when is a person to be considered dead—when his heart stops beating, when his brain is no longer capable of functioning etc.—for the purpose of saving another life is a very real one.

Fortunately we at Yeshiva University have at our disposal a number of outstanding Jewish theologians, many renowned scientists, a much-touted medical school, and a million-dollar Rosgozin Center for Jewish Ethics. With such facilities and resources, with the traditional Jewish sensitivity to ethical issues, and with the cry for the word of the Gedolim on a wide variety of contemporary topics, one would expect Yeshiva University to be in the forefront of research on matters such as these.

Unfortunately this is not the case. There is no such research being done on any of YU's far-flung campuses, let alone any cooperative inter-division research on anything. The Ethics Center to date is a meaningless label on a door at Ferkauf Graduate School. The religious divisions have no influence on or interest in the other departments, which are only too glad not to be bothered.

We strongly urge Dr. Belkin to take the first step in introducing the compartmentalism to each other in the hope that they will someday soon benefit from each others scholarship.

Finally Yours,

As a result of efforts on the part of The COMMENTATOR and JSS and EME Student Councils, the finals in these divisions have been scheduled for a week earlier than originally planned. We regret, however, that despite our protestations, the Administrat-

ing Director of RIETS has refused to make similar concessions.

It is our recommendation that a YU-Admissions Committee be formed to go on to obtain similar revisions in the equally inequitable June final schedule in order that needless problems of last minute rescheduling may be avoided.

Everybody's Doin' It

"Changes in administrative structures at City College that would give the college and students increased power have been recommended by a special committee commissioned by the college's president.

"Among the recommendations was the creation of a faculty and a student senate, both with increased, in some areas, equal power in the day-to-day running of the college and in determining educational policies, budget matters and long-range planning . . ."

"The proposal suggests admitting students to fill membership on department committees that play a large part in determining curriculum and teaching matters."

— The New York Times, 12-24-67

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Letters To The Editor

From the Editor's Desk

Do Your Own Thing

While I am a strong advocate of greater student power in the realm of University policy formulation and execution, as my readers may have surmised, in certain areas the administration continues to be more efficiently qualified than the students in enforcing its own regulations and pronouncements.

We in all good faith reported to our readers in the last issue that the compulsory minyan requirement was being lifted next term. We were duped. No luck. Instead the administration has commissioned a study to determine whether or not a student minyan may be required to administer through what is in effect a glorified system of informers and inquisitorial courts. The presidents of these councils, in collaboration with Dean Rablinowitz and Rabbi Chaitke, have devised a plan whereby the student minyan would be established and empowered to pry into the personal lives of fellow students, and religiously supply the powers that be with statistics as to the ostensible religiosity of their comrades as measured by daily attendance at morning services. This new group would also punish violators, appeals being open to the two aforementioned administrators (how about to God?)! The councils themselves have not yet voted approval.

I personally hold no brief against minyan. I think it has great merit. I myself attend regularly. So do many of my closest friends. Certainly as a religious obligation it is of great significance. But religious coercion is a poor substitute—and an easy cover-up—for a successful religious education, or at least indifference. If Yeshiva University does not have an overworking daily minyan then something is wrong with its attempts to transmit the basic values of Judaism, of which minyan is only one manifestation.

To give a small group of religious vigilantes wide powers over the thoughts of others could lead to an attack on the freedoms and privacy of individual. What will be next? Random inspections? Picasso nude burnings? The banning of the bulk of world literature?

I am of the opinion that religious observance at Yeshiva must be imposed from without rather than nurtured from within, then let the University have the courage to enforce its own policies, for better or worse. Let not the students do its proverbial dirty work, even if a few of them would jump at the chance.

Do Your Own Thing

By Gary Schiff

To the Editor:

The Borsa Editor is to be commended for his columns urging re-vitalization of the YU Athletic Association and for his interest in the establishment of teams by the teams.

He errs, however, when he writes (in December) that "out-of-town games were just eliminated" after 1954-55.

During the 1956-57 basketball season, the Yeshiva team spent a 2-weekend in Scranton, Pa., where they were treated to a memorable outpouring of hospitality and backhautt archery. The Jewish community of Scranton was so distinguished itself by the manner in which it warmly and generously welcomed the players, coaches, and other visitors. I recall, in fact, devoting one of my "On the Sidelines" columns to this tour. Moreover, two years ago, my own community in Brookline had the pleasure of hosting the fencing and wrestling squads and we would be delighted to do so again, had the same be requested by our athletic teams, and our community's ties with Yeshiva were strengthened.

Please convey our interest in hosting athletic teams to the administration and to the Athletic Association where a Minyan Committee has already expressed interest.

Moes M. Berlin, President
Young Israel of Brookline
by Alan Rockoff

Among the more noteworthy items in this month's news has been the rise of student unrest at various universities, including St. Louis University. Accordingly, we dispatched a reporter to interview a student leader, Maury Seedcoat, about his role in this significant phenomenon. He found Seedcoat outside the Dean's office at St. Louis leading a vacuum demonstration.

"Pardon me, Mr. Seedcoat, may I have a word with you?"

"Sure, sure. Just let me have all these vacuums turned off. I can't hear a word you're saying."

"Any particular reason they're on?"

"Yes. Our purpose is to end the complicity around here and provoke some student unrest."

"How do you do that?"

"By keeping the vacuums running day and night. Tremendously effective at fostering discipline."

"I see. But don't the students get angry?"

"Oh, I should say. But we see that their anger is directed at the Dean. He's a most congenial target for student revolt."

"That's a little strong. Would you('protest be more apt?"

"Nonsense. I say we're revolting."

"Of course, Mr. Seedcoat. And from the reports we get, you're succeeding as well."

"Yes, we did make a rather impressive beginning, with our Mass Action Rally two weeks ago."

In My Opinion

Although the Vietnam War is taking place 10,000 miles away from United States shores, it is having a tremendous effect on the American citizen. It is altering the fact that one's credit rating is no longer based solely on his financial standing. The Times Square is now a battlefront, and we are being napalmed. Yet the severe problem is one that has grown as the war has gone on. Freedom to which you are passionate about that. In fact, here he comes. Hello, Maury."

"Hello, Maury."

"Maury, why don't you talk to this reporter for awhile? I'm up to San Francisco to attend a symposium on Prospects for a Dead, Dead Man Smoking Bomb to Arouse Student Reactions."

"So long, Maury. Yes sir, what (Continued on page four)"

Wurzweiler Study Discloses Rising Approval Of Intermarriage Among Youth Of Today

While the steady climbing rate of intermarriage in the United States affects all the religious denominations, its most serious impact is being felt by Jews and Catholics. Suddenly, intermarriage involving these two religions carries the highest rate of divorce and presents the greatest source of concern to the vast numbers of children. These findings were disclosed in a published report by Dr. Victor D. Sanus, associate professor of YU's Wurzweiler School of Social Work. The intermarriage of all faiths have a risk of divorce, but a study made by the State University of Iowa, the only state which requests religious preference on marriage and divorce records, indicates that the highest rate of broken marriages is found among those unwilling to identify with any religion.

The Catholics and Jews of stronger religious affiliation carry an additional burden, however, in that they must cope with more pressure from church and family than their Protestant counterparts. Strong religious ties also present a source of conflict in the rearing and religious training of children. Various solutions to these problems, such as the child's own religious decision or his own selection of his parents' religion, are being met with increasing acceptance.

Particularly disturbing to Jewish leaders is the finding that in approximately 25 percent of the cases where Jews marry intermarriage, the children are not Jewish. The conclusion drawn is that the future growth of the Jewish population is seriously affected by the increasing degree of intermarriage within the group.

Despite this evidence of conflict within an intermarried couple, Dr. Sanus cautioned that college students surveyed, with the exception of religious Jewish students, show a growing acceptance of intermarriage.

Dr. Sanus concludes, "Since so many young people today do not see it objectionable to marry outside their religion, one of the greatest challenges for both parents and religious bodies is to encourage young people to marry within their faith."
Dr. Feldman Evaluates Ancient Greek Oratory And Rise Of Sophists

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Dr. Feldman continued by re-emphasizing highlights of some of the greatest orators of ancient Greece. He listed these orators according to the Canon of the Ten Great Orators — written by the Jew, Celsus of Calate.

Rothschild Meeting Of Planning Students Year At The Hebrew University

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A liberal offering, and four hours per week in Hebrew. This course was offered for Hebrew University because it offered courses so that a student can take a full program in English.

Mr. Roth began discussing other important aspects: living accommodations, travel to and from Israel, student life, time between trimesters, and financial needs. If a student goes to Israel through the American Friends program, he is guaranteed living accommodations at about $15 a month. Kefayat Shemul dormitory in the center of town is recommended. He will travel to and from Israel with a group, each by plane or ship. After the first and second trimesters, there are two weeks and six weeks vacations, respectively, and the last trimester is followed by two periods of final examinations. The first period begins about three weeks after the term, but he has due partly, finals are given again short time later. Total expenses for the year are about $3,000. The American Friends program grants scholarships to those deserving assistance.

In concluding, Mr. Roth advised all students to apply through the American Friends as soon as possible, and to do so only for their junior year. The challenge is great and the experience rewarding.

The Graduate” Sparks With Intelligent Wit And With Deliciously Palatable Satire

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Effective Satire

Faced with this situation, Benjamin, the mild-mannered graduate, letter-perfectly portrayed by newcomer Dustin Hoffman, drifts into an affair with Mrs. Robinson, the wife of his father’s law partner. This relationship proceeds smoothly until Benjamin falls in love with Mrs. Robinson’s daughter, which, expectedly, leads to further complications until the film resolves itself in a satisfying, yet familiar, ending.

In outline, the plot sounds fairly simple and sparse, but the film has two big tricks up its sleeve. The first is the screenplay by Calder Willingham and Buck Henry, which sparkles with intelligent wit; the second is Mike Nichols. In presenting this tale, Director Nichols has a field day, loading the film with some of the cleverest scenes I have ever seen in a motion picture, filling it with satire which is deliciously palatable, and in many cases frighten­ingly realistic. The beauty of this film, and which makes it the real test of good social satire, is that while we are laughing ourselves hoarse we realize that what is making us laugh really isn’t that funny. Those could easily be our parents and friends on the screen. And, what’s more; the graduate could easily be us.

Not enough can be said about the technical aspects of this film. The acting, as I have indicated, is superb. Aside from Dustin Hoffman, be sure to note the performances of Anne Bancroft and Katherine Ross as Mrs. Robinson and her daughter. But really isn’t false to single out any actor; surely this is an accomplish­ment. These performances are the most formative years by doing what they don’t want to do and consequently not doing what they really want to do. This could possibly ruin the actor or even force him into a profession they dislike. I know what Pirkie Avest says about learning skills used in trade, but practically, I feel that the more of these learning done (or not done) under such conditions does not work as well at the university. Secondly, as far as the Semicha program goes, I am unfortunately confident that it is not being improved by this influx of students; and in fact, the general level of learning might even be lowered. And lastly, those who are too ho­mogeneous to use Torah meritorily as a means to stay out of the army will still remain with the problem. I only wish I could come up with a satisfactory answer or suggestion. Unfortunately, I cannot.

I think that one true story told by a corny cartoon sums up very neatly both the problem and the way it perceives things. A well-known cartoonist was asked why the Jews don’t use the Hebrew word for “the Tabernacle” in the United States. “They don’t want to,” he replied. “Why?” “Because it sounds too much like the Hebrew word for “the Ark of the Covenant”.”

Peron Says War In Israel Heralds Eschatological Age

Appearing at the December 7 meeting of the Fort Alpine Club, Lt. Colonel Peron, a chaplain in the Israeli army, spoke about Israel in the period after the Six-Day War.

Now encompassing much of what was formerly Egyptian, Jordanian, and Syrian territory, Israel has increased in size. Never before have the Israelis controlled so vast an amount of land. Army chaplains now have to take airplanes between bases and camps, “to do their work”.

Religious Revival

Peron stated that he feels that we have already entered the Mes­sianic Era. He has witnessed first hand the transformation of many “non-believers” into “believers” solely by what they have taken to be the overt miracle of Israel’s victory. The ba’ala’ttshu­ne need the services of the chaplains in the Israeli army. This great new need for the services of the few uniformed chaplains increases further their need for mobility and reliance on air travel.

Rabbi Peron then discussed the rise of a new Israeli nationalism. Surprisingly, even the youth of the Exile showed a strong chauvinism for their “homeland” and this fact provokes Peron to hope that this zeal will soon emigrate. For Rabbi Pe­ron, these recent events mark the beginning of the eschatological age.

Draft Poses Moral Dilemma For Contemporary Collegian

(Continued from page three) — three weeks ago, that one answer to the problem is to “stay in Ye­shiva” is really evading the question.

Staying in yeshiva and learning cannot be a general answer for a number of reasons. Firstly, these young men, by not really wanting to learn, are spending some of their most formative years by doing what they don’t want to do and consequently not doing what they really want to do. This could possibly ruin the actor or even force him into a profession they dislike. I know what Pirkie Avest says about learning skills used in trade, but practically, I feel that the more of these learning done (or not done) under such conditions does not work as well at the university. Secondly, as far as the Semicha program goes, I am unfortunately confident that it is not being improved by this influx of students; and in fact, the general level of learning might even be lowered. And lastly, those who are too ho­mogeneous to use Torah meritorily as a means to stay out of the army will still remain with the problem. I only wish I could come up with a satisfactory answer or suggestion. Unfortunately, I cannot.

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Who’s Whose

Engaged

Marvin Shnerok ‘65 to Eleanor Sanders, Abraham Warshafsky ‘66 to Joyce Wolf, Mirron Bari ’67 to Laura Waldman

Married

Stanley Schneider ’66 to Adele Aribach

girl wished him good luck and then stopped, thought for a moment, and said “This is the first time I wish someone good luck that he should go to a doctor and find out his role. What’s happening to me? What’s happening to us? What’s happening to the world?” Who have all our loves gone? They’ve gone with our soldiers to Vietnam, every one.

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Blitzmusch Attacks Tidbit University
For Mediocre Scholastic Attitudes

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They are too much treated with too much technical detail at the expense of the broad overview, teaching much about little. I would reverse that.

"And teach less about more?"

"That's right. If we give the student a really broad base—ever so much ground superficially—he will be properly prepared for a life of knowledgeable ignorance."

"Yes, but wouldn't you need the cooperation of the teachers to insure that our students' freedom of mind?"

"Oh, don't worry about that. Given present pedagogic methods and a suitably broad curriculum, we can't miss."

"Your program certainly sounds exciting, Mr. Blitzmusch. Do you think it will be accepted?"

"Well, I'm working on it with all the methods at my disposal."

"What are those?"

"Journalism, the academic and historical erudition."

"How does history come in?"

"One of my favorite plays is the issue of ponderous and pre-conceived historical analogies. In my last effusion, for example, I compared our present to the Enlightenment, the Rise of Democracy and the Industrial Revolution."

"My, that certainly sounds impressive."

"Sounds impressive? It is impossible to tell."

"Yes, Mr. Blitzmusch."

"Well, I must be going. I have to deal with a mountain of defunct mail."

"That's terrible."

"Terrible? It's wonderful! I don't know when I've had such a good time. "So long now."

"Good-bye Mr. Blitzmusch, and thanks again."

Rabbi Rackman To Conduct Religious Retreat For All Jewish Chaplains Serving in Europe

Rabbi Emanual Rackman, assistant to the president of Yeshiva University and spiritual leader of the Fifth Avenue Synagogue, has been designated by the Department of Defense to conduct a religious retreat for all Jewish chaplains in Europe in the field in Berchtesgaden, Germany, January 3 to January 7, 1968.

Yeshiva Formulates Program For Mentally Retarded Child

Yeshiva University, in cooperation with the New York State Education Department, has developed a new curriculum for the training of mentally retarded children.

The project's organizer is Dr. Herbert Goldstein, professor and chairman of the Department of Special Education at Yeshiva University's Faerber Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences, and Charles D. Becker, chief of the Bureau for Mentally Handicapped Children of the New York Education Department.

Stressing social learning, the experimental curriculum is designed to prepare a mentally retarded person to deal with problems he will confront in practical life as an adult. The curriculum's purpose is to help educate mentally retarded children to get along with other people, to understand their responsibilities as potential parents and employees, and to appreciate what society expects of its citizens.

Starting in January, the new curriculum will be tested in 12 states.

Mandelbaum Sees Industrialization As Method Of Expanding Israel's Economy

The Chief Economist for the Ministry of Commerce and Industry of the Israeli government, Mr. Moshe Mandelbaum, was a special guest recently at Dr. Prager's Economy of the Middle East.

Mr. Mandelbaum spoke of Israel's accomplishments of the past decade, despite its small size, and its new features, which include the development of new industries and the military. Now, Israel faces a new problem, that of industrialization. Israel must succeed, he said, because it has no alternative.

The two other existing sectors of the Israeli economy, agriculture and tourism, suffer already at optimum output or are overstuffed. Industrialization offers the only hope for expanding the economy and also enable them to keep abreast of current spiritual trends.

Rabbi Avrech Becomes Head Of Yeshiva Alumni Activities

Rabbi Avrech, a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve, was a graduate of the Army Command and General College, and was ordained at RIETS in 1943. He earned his MA degree in community organization from the New York Institute for Graduate Study in 1952 and is currently a doctoral candidate at the Bernard Revel Graduate School.

Active in numerous religious and community activities, Rabbi Avrech is a past president of the Yeshiva University Alumni Center. He is a member of the executive board of the Yeshiva University Alumni Association and is currently a member of the executive boards of the Yeshiva University Alumni Association and the Jewish Military Chaplains Association.

Takayan Advanced

Rabbi Morris H. Finer, director of the Community Service Division of the State of New York, was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal of the U.S. Army Reserve and was appointed to the rank of Major General in the U.S. Army Reserve.

Before joining the Youth Bureau, Mr. Finer served as assistant director of the Youth Bureau and as director of the Educational Department for the New York City School System. He was also a member of the Advisory Committee of the New York City School System.
Letters To The Editor

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and Stanley Miller; and the Improv Two.

Musical Numbers

Several musical groups performed including Hadarimuzen, an EMC group making its grand premiere, the flute-playing duo of Avishl Bondi and Stanley Miller; and the Improv Two.

One incident marred the occasion. Abraham Tenenbaum, ’71 was interrupted in his recital of a monologue from Molliere’s The Miser by a spectator who threw several pennies onto the stage. Kopf sternly berated the audience, which had responded with laughter, for lack of consideration.

Kopf later said that there is so much talent in YU and so many people who want to enter the talent show, that in the future the Dramatics Society may be unable to pre-screen competition to reduce the size. This term’s show lasted almost four hours.

That, Mr. Schaeffer, is the stu- 

dent’s obligation, not the solicita-

tions of ads while still an under-

graduate.

“We do not question the need for funds in order to publish the ‘Maimid. But surely the ‘Maimid’ would have to be something more than elegant to warrant a price of such proportions. It does not seem likely in spite of the color repro- 

duction that you understand you will use, that the book will cost such an enormous price. What is more important than the price, however, is the impact of owning a garment book — from a university — which is full of advertisements and solicitations from business and other gra- 

paparazzi sources, none of which has any bearing on the sub-

ject matter or the object of such a publication. What graduates could possibly wish to own the ‘Maimid’ as a remembrance of four years at a university when its pages are full of self-serving ads and gobbletcrap, assuming that Douglass was to sup- 

ply sufficient ads to procure his ‘Maimid’ free, which among the claus-

ates (including himself!) would possibly be interested in advertis-

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nies in Illinois, he also be featured in the same ads from other local and equally pro-

vincial shops and businesses in other parts of the country. In the end, it is the students who ultimately pay for these ads with their pages on their.”

As parents of one of the stu-

dents to whom you are addressing your letter, we must advise you that we have no intention whatso-

ever of encouraging Douglass to do solicitations from anyone. As parents, we do solicit such ads for organizations, but we will not do so for this purpose. While we believe that advertising has any place in the ‘Maimid’. Such a prac-

tice is in extremely poor taste and offensive to the students. It is a contradic-

tion to your breast statement, part of fulfilling a student’s “obliga-

tions.” It has been, and will re-

main, our prime concern that student at Yeshiva study and learn to encompass him or herself in a way of Jewish living which will contribute to the perpetuation of Jewish life in the finest possible fashion. He should be a contributing, worthwhile, learned and honorable Jewish man in his adult life and seek to per-

petuate such spirit in his children.

The President Speaks

Unlimited Cuts

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Honor Society Prexy Friedman Demands Changes In Yeshiva’s Pre-Med Curriculum

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The present curriculum requires all pre-med students to take qualitative analysis as a pre-requisite to organic chemistry. Very few medical schools, however, specifically require it, as it is material usually given in a combined chemistry 1/2 sequence; this is not done in Yeshiva College. Organic chemistry is required, however, by almost all medical schools.

The requirement to take qual before organic poses several hard- ships for pre-med students who have not completed chem 1-2 in their Freshman year and who do not take qual in their Sopho- more year, are forced to take qual during the summer, so they may be able to take organic in their Junior year. The summer course costs several hundred dollars and, because it is given at an intensive, 9 A.M.-5 P.M. it is quite strenuous.

A motion was made to discuss the matter with Dr. Levine in order to get an answer to this question. Should he refuse to dis- cuss the change, the Society may then decide to bring the matter before Dean Bacon,

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Abott And Poloner Excel Offensively As Mites Conquer Three Opponents

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Mites Picked To Win Majority Of Contests In Approaching Weeks

By Michael Fabric

With Stu Poloner and Ray Abott playing brilliantly, and with the rest of the squad backing them up and playing as a team, we should have some successful games in our next seven outings. The predictions:

Mon., Jan. 30 - City - At this time, City is 1 and 7. They have one of the worst teams in their history. If we continue to play as a squad, I think we'll have to date, we should win. The only two men that could give the Mites some trouble are Jeff Keizer, a strong man, and Richard Knell, a very fine shooter.

Mon., Jan. 30 - Kings (Pa.) - Last year they touts us and the squad was playing really well. Most of their lettermen returned but they haven't been that impressive. A wish for the Mites.

Sat., Feb. 6 - Steinberg - This squad beat Hunter this year, and Hunter is the league favorite. They are a tough team with fine speed and rebounding. With Ted Eppenstein and Al Hirshenbaum up front, they are difficult to handle. On our game, however, will take care of that and we'll beat them fine style.

Wed., Jan. 31 - Drexel - There is only one thing to say: They were one of our five wins last year and will certainly be one of this year.

Sat., Feb. 6 - Bridgeport - They are the toughest opponent we face this year: Gary Baum and Bob Bell are two of the best small college ballplayers on the East. They have tremendous height, depth, and shooting - and so did Bridgport! Figure on a good game with losses.

Sat., Feb. 3 - New Paltz - I don't know much about this team, so just say we'll win.

Mon., Feb. 10 - Mammouth - They have two All-Jersey men. We'll try to give them a good game and give us a great deal of trouble in the past. Next to Bridgeport, they are the toughest opponent we face. This will be another good contest.

Matmen Bow To Seton Hall But Rout Hunter Decisively

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up its final points as heavyweight Bajon accepted a Seton Hall forfeit.

Revenge Against Hunter

Spurred on by the defeat, the matmen anticipated the match against Hunter College. Wrestling with a vindictive spirit, they crushed their opponents 28-13. The initial impetus was provided by the renowned lightweight Myron Shapiro.

The Weiss brothers, with their persistent efforts, assisted Yeshiva to an early lead at 10-0.

Once again Milly Sonnenberg showed the wrestling proficiency which makes him one of the team's most valuable assets. With his victory, Yeshiva took an overwhelming 18-0 lead. At 152, Harry Arowosola made a valiant attempt to capture a varsity victory. Falling quickly behind by as much as five points, Harry battled his opponent to a regulation time tie, only to be nipped in riding time.

The next two mats, both filled with newcomers, proved difficult to juggle with future grappling teams. Confronted with a grapple in a forfeit match on a forfeit. At 167, Leo Shapiro wrestled a strong man, but was forced to discourage himself. Yet, another point for the Mites.

Yeshiva, having split its first four matches, must now prepare to face top opposition. Victories against Hunter College and Seton Hall through forfeited matches. However, such evaluation is limited as the varsity men have reached maximum effectiveness as a team. While Victor over Long Island University seems improbable, the scrappy battling Yeshiva men might just turn the upperhand.
Mighty Mites Win Three Straight: Aboff, Poloner Lead Team’s Attack

By Avi Benaron in Brooklyn

Yeshiva University completed its first sweep of the season on December 16, by routing the Brown University Bears, 73-47. Both the Grizzlies and the Taubermanns had successful encounters with Poly teams, the former losing, 41 by a margin of only 3 points. The latter lost their 7 game home record by 34 points in their last game.

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The only time the game was tied was at the opening tip off. State Poly opened with 11 straight points to move the score 47-25. The remainder of the game followed suit. The Mites continued their offensive streak with a total of 24 points, a combination of the game’s second half offense and defense, brought the score to 73-47.

The Mites were in danger of not reaching their season’s average of 73 points per game. They were on the verge of reaching the 73-point mark when they were pushed back to the 73-47 scoreline. State Poly was virtually unstoppable as they broke down 27 points on a variety of twos and long range shots.

With Aboff as their top scorer, Captain “Shimmy” Shimanskis led the floor play and scored 8 points while Joel Fisher contributed 7 points.

Unbeaten Fencers Defeat NY Community And Poly

By Eddy Zarnoff

Having defeated the “winningest team,” the fencers continued fulfilling their claim as they defeated Brooklyn Poly and New York Community College, retaining their unblemished record.

Against Brooklyn Poly, considered as one of the strongest teams in the league, the fencers met this season’s challenge with a well-organized defense. The first three sets with the poly came through the necessary wins. The sabre team opened up by losing two out of the three first sets to lose Brooklyn Poly a point. With the score 1-2, the foil squad of Capt. Alex Zauderer, Norm Friedland and Louis Fuchter came through with wins to put the fencers in front 4-2.

Foil Squad Stars

With epsies losing all three bouts and sabre winning only one of three, we found ourselves at the short end of a 7-5 score. But foil captured two of their three bouts to cut the deficit to one point. Steve essentially clinched the two out of three matches to tie the score, and Capt. Adly Mandel was the only tallman to win his match, which placed the foil Poly in a one point lead. At this point, foil once again came through, sweeping three bouts. A solo epic win clinched the match for YU at 3-1-1 and

Yeshiva's Rasslers Fight Tough Opposition

As Steinberg, Crew Face Glorious Battles

By Marty Twerksy

Within the span of one week, the Yeshiva matmen managed to oust the Garden of wrestling experiences, competing against one of the nation’s top teams, Seton Hall, and in turn, meeting the week’s Hunter squad. Put to its most austere test at the hands of Seton Hall’s varsity, victors over Army, the Yeshiva fortiude bordered on the amazing. Although the final score of Seton Hall 30, Yeshiva 9, would seem to indicate a one-sided contest, it must be noted that this score is misleading. With two matches out of 5, the Yeshiva left itself with a formidable opponent. Whether they will realize their full potential is yet to be seen, but one can be confident that the taste of victory is inspiration enough to strive for the top.