Dr. Brody’s Death Stuns Yeshiva; Devotion, Scholarship Mark Life

By Andrew Geller

Dr. Alexander Brody, visiting professor of economics at Yeshiva College for the past 34 years, died October 21, 1968. He was 65 years old.

Dr. Brody’s involvement with Yeshiva can be traced back many years to the time of his grandfather, who was secretary to the late Rabbi Yitzchak Elchonon Spektor, in whose memory the Yeshiva is named. Dr. Brody himself began teaching at YU in 1934, and at that time he showed his dedication to the University by teaching without pay for almost two years during the Depression. So concerned was he with his responsibility to his students, that this past September, while hospitalized with what was to become a fatal illness, Dr. Brody occasionally left the hospital to teach his college classes.

Throughout his long career, he remained vitally interested in school affairs and was active on many different occasions.

A Teacher and Scholar

Colleagues throughout the academic world recognized Dr. Brody as an authority on economic history and theory. He authored the book The American State and Higher Education, which is regarded as a classic in its field. At the time of his death, he was working on a textbook for an interdisciplinary course in the social sciences.

Dr. Brody was also a scholar in residence at City College. Dr. Grinstein once referred to him as “a man of the book” and visitors to his apartment were often amazed by the collection of volumes that lined its walls.

Personal Character

Modesty was the chief characteristic of Dr. Brody’s personal life. He shunned having a family and opportunities for academic advancement, for the sake of his brother and sister. He was also a charitable man, and as an ardent Zionist, contributed much to the State of Israel.

An immigrant from Lithuania, Dr. Brody studied during his youth at the Uptown Talmud Torah in Manhattan, one of his teachers being the father of Prof. Abraham Harwitz, a current member of Yeshiva’s faculty. Dr. Brody later attended Townsend Harris High School, then a part of City College, and served as a counselor at Achva, the first community-sponsored Hebrew day camp.

Although it is not generally known among Yeshiva students circles, Dr. Brody was also an assistant professor of economics at City College of New York and had served many years on the faculty of St. John’s University.

BY MARK HABERMANN

The Ezra Michael College Student Council, together with the Betachon Student Union, and Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry clubs of Yeshiva College, has formed a coalition known asYeshiva United, an organization on campus into a unit which will support Israel openly and which will fight anti-Semitism everywhere.” According to Norman Grinstein, the president of YU, Dr. Brody was also a scholar in many other areas of learning. Dr. Grinstein referred to him as “a man of the book” and visitors to his apartment were often amazed by the collection of volumes that lined its walls.

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EMC Unites, Mobilizes Campus Groups To Advance Nationalist, Zionist Spirit

By Mark Haberman

With over 65% of the eligible voters participating, students of the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary elected SOY representatives for the present year. Following a change in procedure, all non-Semita representatives were elected according to individual school instead of class level as had been the policy in past years.

Winners

The winners in the individual shivirun were: M. Strick in Rav Abraham’s shivir, M. Burg in Rav Epstein’s shivir, E. Diamond in Rav Papern’s shivir, R. Partz in Rav Schachter’s shivir, E. Benedek in Rav Blumberg’s shivir, and P. Frumin in Rav Yanklovitz’s shivir.

Two representatives from Yeshiva University were S. Adler and L. Bennet from Rav Lichtenstein’s shivir and J. Maro.

CONCLUSION

The enthusiasm and dedication of the students and faculty of Yeshiva College for Dr. Brody’s memory were demonstrated in the various memorial services and the numerous contributions to the Yeshiva United fund. The tribute to Dr. Brody by the students and faculty serves as a fitting memorial to the great educator who dedicated his life to the advancement of Jewish education and the support of Israel.”

Dr. Belkin at Student Convocation

By Michael Wendrow

The students and faculty of Yeshiva University joined together on Oct. 29 to pay tribute to Dr. Samuel Belkin on the occasion of his 25th year as YU’s president. The convocation, held in Lamport Auditorium, was jointly sponsored by the University’s student council, and was regarded as a means of expressing appreciation to Dr. Belkin for his accomplishments since assuming the presidency in 1943.

Under his direction, the University has increased its enrollment from 650 to 8,000, its faculty from 94 to 2,200, and has become a major institution with fourteen component schools, including nine undergraduate and professional level schools.

Need for New Direction

Mr. Kenneth Hais, president of the Yeshiva College Student Council, indicated that the students, while acknowledging their endorsement of the record of the past 25 years and their support for the University’s fundamental goals, also urged YU to pursue a new direction in the direction “in the institution should pursue to meet the needs of students in a third of four years or four years.”

On first hearing of student plans for the conviction, Dr. Belkin said he was “deeply moved to know they respect past goals and accomplishments.” Dr. Belkin, a native of Poland where he was graduated in the age of 17, became president of Yeshiva University.

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Eulogies Reveal Greatness In Late Mr. Abrams’ Life

By Paul Pollock

An overflow crowd of approximately 500 people filled Nathan Cutwright Study Hall to take part in the honors of the late Executive Director of RIES, Mr. Norman B. Abrams. Following a short opening speech, Mr. Eliahu Salomon, president of SOY, and master of ceremonies for the evening, introduced Dr. Samuel Belkin, who spoke of his long association, and also long friendship, with Mr. Abrams. He drew upon the Bible’s comment on Joshua, that he never went out from the tent of Moses, and the subsequent Rabbinical comment that Joshua was the one who arranged all the details of the service, and that Moses would give, even to the extent of setting up the chair himself.

He compared Joshua to Mr. Abrams, who for all his life, since his student days, had worked only in the Yeshiva and for the Yeshivas. He spoke of how Mr. Abrams on many occasions would intercede on behalf of certain students; now in the morning, the first person whom he would call would be Mr. Abrams, and how strange it would be without him. Dr. Belkin’s speech had high emotional impact, and several times he had to stop to clear his voice in order to regain his composure.

A Great Tragedy

The next speaker, Rabbi Berzon, president of the Rabbinical Alliance Association, recalled the drama that the school gave in Mr. Abrams’ honor. He spoke of the look of complete joy and contentment that was on Mr. Abrams’ face throughout the proceedings of this overwhelming “thank you” for his forty years of service at Yeshiva. In a great tragedy, he said, the real anguish, the realization of what Mr. Abrams’ death does happen, only after the actual occurrence. So in this case, in the night of the Air Force, the actual shock and pain was greater than ever.

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Black Vs. Jew

The tension in New York City public schools during the last two months has unfortunately evolved into a racial confrontation between Blacks and Jews. The growing animosity between the two minority groups has been exacerbated and primarily cultivated by unreasonable and intolerable invertebrates from both sides. What is most tragic in this situation is that the traditionally socially cohesive Jewish community is beginning to withdraw into a shell of isolation induced by a rabidly anti-Semitic block militancy.

At first glance the Jewish reaction to Negro anti-Semitism is understandable. Jews have been assimilating themselves from the problems of the American Negro. Rank and file Negro anti-Semitism is a deplorable, yet traceable, result of economic, religious and social factors. And only through the taking of the initiative, religious tolerance and social acceptance can the more vicious germ of the extremists be confined only to them.

Furthermore, and most important, Jews must now confess their profound social awareness because of short term considerations. As Rabbi Walter Wurzburger has so eloquently stated, "A policy of moral isolation, a retreat into a 'psychological ghetto' bordered by a garrison wall of self interest would be tantamount to a betrayal of the ethical trust of our spiritual heritage."

Humphrey's Thé One

Next week the American public will choose a President. He should be a man capable not only of solving the complex problems of our own society, but also of providing leadership for the entire United States.

The Commentator, on the basis of an evaluation of each candidate, his promises and possibilities, supports the election of Hubert H. Humphrey as President of the United States.

While we view with some reservation his position on Vietnam, we feel that Mr. Humphrey's past political performance warrants our support for his candidacy. He has shown dynamic leadership in pioneering civil rights legislation, both personal and social facilities and a deep friendship for Israel.

Mr. Nixon, on the other hand, urges a "delay in the ratification of the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty," and calls for the energetic use of four police to curb civil disorders, rather than attacking problems at their core. We feel that Mr. Nixon cannot stand on his record, which makes his refusal to debate all the more suspicious.

Furthermore, Nixon's choice of Spiro Agnew as his running partner, the smash of Thurmond and the Southern bloc, casts aspersions on his decision making ability. Mr. Agnew has been injudicious, bungling, inconsistent. Mr. Humphrey's choice, Edmund Muskie, has been forthright, honest, refreshing.

Finally, as Jews, we have a singular responsibility to elect a candidate whose program for the Middle East is most promising for peace. Both Mr. Humphrey and Mr. Nixon have pledged to keep an arm's length in the region, but we favor Mr. Humphrey in recalling his support of Israel when such friendship did not endanger him to a strong voting minority.

The election this year is crucial. As Mr. Nixon's campaign slogan runs: "this time vote as if your whole world depended on it."

The Commentator feels strongly that this vote should be cast for Humphrey-Muskie.

An Executive Order

Last June, a now famous water fight led to a historic Student Council meeting. At the urgings of the overflow crowd in attendance, YCSC demanded from the Administration a policy making University Senate, composed of administration, faculty and students. This is known to everyone. What is not known is that last year The Commentator intended to publish a special issue in order to clarify both the issues discussed at the meeting, and the events which led up to it.

At the request of President Kenneth Hain not to upset his discussions with the Administration and under his assurance that any action on the proposed Senate would be swift, The Commentator refrained from publishing.

It is now October 31; there has been little effective action to inaugurate a University Senate. Although a steering committee has been formed, it has yet to meet. This pattern is all too familiar to YU students. Disturbance, heated discussion, promise of quick action and then a stall until the issue passes over, have quite frequently been the accepted method without any effort to try to effect a change at Yeshiva University.

The Commentator calls upon President Hain to move as speedily as he promised in public to those attending the Student Council meeting and in private to the Commentator Governing Board, towards the goal of a policy-making Senate.

We Are What We Eat

As any hungry Yeshiva student will testify, the Parker's cafeteria situation this year has once again reached the brink of chaos. The serpentine lines stretch to ridiculous lengths, the canteen is slow and independent, and the food in the closing hours is cold, stale and scarce. Also, the dormitory vending machines stand tantalizing, but empty and inoperative.

The Commentator has received assurances from Mr. Parker that action is presently being taken to improve conditions, including earlier opening hours, further training of cashiers and managers and possible adjustment of the physical serving lines. We have also been informed that new machines are on order and will arrive soon. We remain skeptical, however, that such mild attempts will sufficiently ease the unsatisfactory conditions.

In addition, we view with disbelief plans for a miniscule and expensive restaurant in the soon to be opened science center, and foresee clearly hundreds of Belfer students further clogging our already unworkable dining facilities. It seems obvious that the cafeteria must be enlarged, with provisions made for additional serving lines and cashiers. We realize this requires funds, and insist that the Administration realize the immediacy of the problem and act promptly so that a major factor of life at Yeshiva can become more bearable.
Humphrey Hints At Disagreements Over Tactical Strategy in Vietnam

By Bernard Preston

Although the long-standing Hubert Humphrey's popularity among college students is not overwhelming, Mr. Humphrey has obviously not been known within the college community as evidenced by a recent, comprehensive letter to THE COMMENTATOR from the Vice-President in response to questions posed to him several weeks ago.

Mr. Humphrey outlined his views on Vietnam, Congressional dissent, turmoil in the cities and the Middle East crisis. Although the basic tone of the speech was characterized "political," the answers cast some light on the Vice-President's conception of government and his blueprints for coping with major domestic and international issues.

On Vietnam, Mr. Humphrey once again stressed the correctness of the Johnson policy and asserted that as a Senator he would have probably supported that same policy, but in a second speech with his offer to conditionally stop bombing is the same, he might have disagreed with certain tactical moves made by the present administration.

In his analysis of policy, Vice-President Humphrey defined the limitations of the executive and legislative branches of government. He suggested that the Congress should be the forum for overemphasizing Vietnam at the expense of other important issues. He indicated that whenever a question of public policy arises, the President and Vice-President, who are responsible for ultimate decision, must convey their emotions and doubts, but confidence in that policy and in the executive office be directed primarily to the President.

Mr. Humphrey introduced the term "order and justice" into a campaign beheaded with "law and order," and pointed out that the Negro revolt was a natural outgrowth of the civil rights legislation which had granted the black man "true class citizenship!

The Vice-President devoted most of his letter to the Middle East situation. He called upon the government of the United States to exercise the full diplomatic power of the United Nations at but specified that until peace is achieved Israel's military strength must be bolstered by aid from the United States.

The following are excerpts from the Humphrey interview:

One Opinion

"We should have a great many fewer disputes in the world if words were taken for what they are superior and inferior, and not for things themselves." -Lacke

An Under Ground Newspaper Fills Void Left By Existing "Establishment" Press

By Isaac Gewirtz

Three times in the past three weeks, Yeshiva University students have been confronted with a forum for the free exchange of ideas. Though it would be true to YU "what-have-they-done-now"

Word Overkill

By Noah Beas

"School, it's not because I think you are inferior, it's just because I hate you. If we, like the Nazis, imposed chaos and made smart for "research" in a scholarly, then black demagogues might have clear. In a country such as America, however, such a claim is ludicrous.

Old-fashioned Bigotry

If a white man has a black man, it is an example of good old-fashioned bigotry. But the term bigotry, I guess, was used so often that we inevitably carry a punch. Enter racism. I don't wish to claim that some people don't feel blacks to be inferior; evidently some do. I do wish to claim that the whole mass at the door-step of "white racism" (Kerres Report of 1957) is to give a simplistic answer to a very complex problem.

Then why use the term? It has a glorious past. It conjures up such beautiful images that we no longer need to think. Used by a black bigot, it's just about the dirtiest (Continued on page six)

Presidential Candidate Hubert Humphrey

My praiseworthy letter to the Middle East.

... on Vietnam, Congressional versity

The Ohio license plates on those motorcycles never doubt that they belong to the now notorious "Tall's Angels." The nimble minded, black faced students spend their nights revving up their motors and waking up their neighbors. They can be seen during the day sitting around in their ethnic helmets which protect them from damage, but for some, the helmets have come a bit too late.
Committee To Help Biafra Rallies To Urge Action By World Leaders

By Sheldon Tolb

After three weeks of informing the entire University populace of the plight of the 1.5b in Biafra, several students staged an open information session with the administrative heads of YU after the President's reception for the faculty Sunday afternoon, September 29. Tolb, then what President, believed the University would take on this so-sized that at no time was a 4:00 P.M. request placed with him. He attacked the planning of the rally as poor, for the official request for facilities came just three days prior to their arrival.

He also noted that YU had sponsored by several Jewish organizations, Rabbi Miller said, "If Yeshiva had been aware of this statement we certainly would have signed it." 

Seven Biafra groups sponsored the rally, with the support of the American Committee to Keep Biafra Alive, and the Board of Overseers contributed some money to the Emergency Fund. Rabbi Miller's office was informed by the congregation that the rally coincides with the Dean's reception.

Holding a Mishna Torah and Are You Running With Me, Yeshiva Rabbi D. S. Danciger, Campus., explained that the rally had been hastily organized the previous evening on the sixth floor of the Belkin Office Building. The organizers, who failed to show, asked Mr. Miller to speak.

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Editor Calls Upon University To Implement Study Program In Israel For All Students

By Paul Pollack

Perhaps the best example of the current rise from apathy at YU is the growth in student membership in the Youth Youth Corps. This organization has been responsible for the creation of the YU Neighborhood Corps Plans - Child Tutoring and Guidance.

"We11 emphasized - cide - confront the situation of several students, staged demands to support Israel's religious facilities - the Yeshiva had been rejected. Consequently, the President of the University, Dr. Sheldon Tolb, has decided to implement a program of encouraging and motivating some participants.

To implement this goal, the organization has developed a three-pronged program. First, it is based on building a close relationship between the students in YU, the schools, and the students in local elementary schools. This is done by meeting with students on a one-to-one basis, not only for tutoring, but also to listen to the student's problems and try to help the student find solutions for these problems. In addition, the program includes trips to different places of interest throughout the metropolitan area, with the aim of building a close relationship between the students in YU and the students in local elementary schools. This is done by meeting with students on a one-to-one basis, not only for tutoring, but also to listen to the student's problems and try to help the student find solutions for these problems. In addition, the program includes trips to different places of interest throughout the metropolitan area, with the aim of building a close relationship between the students in YU and the students in local elementary schools.

Promises and Promises

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The same type of program can also be beneficial to students in RIETS and JSS. Arrangements might be worked out for RIETS and JSS students at an Israeli yeshiva such as Kerem Y'arok (where many YU students already learn), Ponevezh, or TTRI. It might be pointed out that a number of YU benefactors are actively involved with these institutions, and might serve to facilitate matters.

As for JSS, two suggestions might be incorporated into the program of "Israel consciousness." First, for the preparatory Hebrew program at YU, it might be possible to extend the program to all YU students. Second, it might be possible to extend the program to all YU students. In this way, the program can help but motivate some participants to eventually return to Israel, and, to both the American and Israeli Jewish community will benefit.

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Coalition Adopts Three Part Program Showing Support Of Israel

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Labor Party. In light of these facts, YU's continued insensitivity to the needs of Israel's religious community could have unfortunate consequences. YU has been the target of criticism by the Israeli government for its insensitivity to the needs of the religious community.

Of course, there are reasons for this insensitivity: One is hinted at in The New York Times advertisement which appeared on the front of the University's student newspaper, The Commentator, on August 1, condemning the actions of the Nigerian government.

The third part of this program can help to promote "Israel consciousness." For example, if a student is having difficulty with a particular subject, the student in the local elementary school will be asked to help the student understand the subject. In addition, the program includes information for the students in the local elementary schools.

In other words, the reasons some of our administrators are insensitive to the needs of Israel is their own personal agenda. But regardless of how, this program is implemented, all concerned can work toward improving the situation of the religious community in Israel.

There are many ways in which this program can be implemented. Above all, it is important to involve all students in the proposed plan, which brings in all facets of the child's life, will generate mutual respect between the YU student and the public school student with whom he works.

The Youth Corps was formed last year with a starting membership of ten. Its primary aim originally was to tutor students, but the project has expanded to include using the corps as a means of establishing contact and mutual respect followed soon after. By the end of the year the membership had grown to 40. During the year two trips were undertaken: one to the Museum of American History and the other to Israel. Student tickets donated by the New York Mets, to Shea Stadium to see a Met game.

This year the Corps membership has expanded to 80. Although handicapped by the present teachers strike in New York, the Corps has continued to function. President Jeff Schwartz, and Secretary-Treasurer Shula Ettinger, hopes eventually to expand its activities. For example, the organization is growing and progressing, but there is much more to be done. Let me report that new members are always welcome. The headquarters of the Neighborhood Youth Corps is located in room 323 Morgenstern.

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Mayor Told Of Students"A" Experiences

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Eligible Students Can Pick From Diverse Scholarships

This year, as in the past, numerous full and partial scholarships on both the undergraduate and graduate levels are being offered to college students. The individual awards range from $500 to $600.

On the state level, New York State offers a general scholarship. In addition, under either the $200 graduate or $500 undergraduate award, one must be a legal resident of New York. In addition, the amount of tuition must be upwards of $200.

New York State also provides Herbert H. Lehman Fellowships which are open to students working in the fields of the social sciences and public and international affairs. A total of 50 awards are given each year, with a maximum of four years. The winners are chosen by a panel on the basis of academic record, grades, personal qualities and personal recommendations.

In order to qualify, an applicant...

Eulogy Uncovers Hidden Traits Of Mr. Abrams; Reveals Inner Warmth

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The concluding guest speaker of the evening was Jeffrey Silver. Mr. Abrams, noted Mr. Silver, ‘in the many instances when Mr. Abrams would bend rules and do everything else he could to help his students to succeed, we were short of time.’ A biography of Mr. Abrams, which included the not-well-known fact that Mr. Abrams had been offered a faculty position at the University of Chicago, was also given to the audience.

Mr. Silver expressed his belief that the best way the Yeshiva could honor the memory of Mr. Abrams is to continue in the tradition which he helped to build.

Following Mr. Silver’s talk was a speech by a member of the faculty, who thanked all attendees for the kindness and comfort shown them in the past few weeks.

Pulse Can Function As A Bellwether Of Campus Student Opinion, Free Of External Intimidation

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Past events have shown that Pulse, the student newspaper at Yeshiva University, has the unique ability to reflect the campus community’s deepest feelings and emotions. The Pulse staff, under the guidance of editor-in-chief Elazar Goldstein, has consistently produced articles that capture the essence of student opinion, free of external influences.

In a recent article, Pulse interviewed several students on their thoughts about the recent protests and demonstrations on campus. The students expressed their views on issues such as Israel, the Middle East crisis, and the role of the media in shaping public opinion.

One student, speaking about the recent protests, said, "I think the Pulse staff is doing a great job of capturing the excitement and energy of these events. They are not afraid to take on controversial topics, which is something we really appreciate."

Another student added, "I feel like Pulse is a platform for students to express their feelings and opinions without fear of retribution. It’s a rare thing to see on campus."

The Pulse staff, under the leadership of editor-in-chief Elazar Goldstein, continues to provide a voice for the student body, documenting the events that shape the Yeshiva University community.
Legitimacy, Tactics Head Discussion Of YU Student Power

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tion as well as informal conversations with colleagues.

"As a result, the thoughtful student is vitally concerned with establishing the school's name as among the most competent educational institutions in America. This concern does not terminate after four years but, in fact, intensifies after graduation. This sobering realization is quickly perishing students' deliberations when they are involved in authoritative decision-making."

Impersonalism Is Justified

By far, the most compelling justification for expanding participation within universities is the students' intelligence, maturity and responsibility. The Cox Commission Report notes: "The present generation of young people in our universities is the best informed, the most intelligent, and the most idealistic. This country has ever known, this is the experience of teachers everywhere." (p. 4)

Is it equally true at Yeshiva? University spokesmen, when addressing the outside world, are likely to claim that it is. But the Administration's denial of decision-making authority to the students vividly demonstrates its lack of faith in the students' capacity for analytic thought and reasoned judgments. An administration that distrusts its own students should not be surprised when confronted with the reciprocal distrust and misunderstanding it generates on the part of the student body.

Unique Problems

It is often argued that Yeshiva, as a yeshiva, is confronted by unique circumstances dictated by its adherence to halacha, a matter in which the students admittedly lack competence. It would not be unreasonable to have all fundamental university decisions—whether made by students, faculty or administrators—subject to the enlightened halachic scrutiny of those who are qualified and at the same time responsive to the needs of the school as both a yeshiva and a university. It would be wise to seek advice on these matters from authorities who are hostile to the very idea of secular education on a university campus.

But, even at Yeshiva, it would be erroneous to equate religious authority with administrative authority. The important point here is to seek out a competent and recognized halachic authority to pass on these matters. While students are certainly unqualified for this task, administrators are equally unqualified, even in the minority of those cases where the administration happens to be a rabbis as well.

In pragmatic terms, one might guess that a university in which the students participate in democratic decision-making would function more smoothly than one in which they were arbitrarily excluded from the councils of power. The administration-student dichotomy would be weakened, and the students themselves would have to share the blame with the administration for faulty decisions.

Tactics

Once the legitimacy of the students' demand for "power" is recognized, the next question is one of tactics to achieve the goal. There is no dogmatic solution for this vexing problem. A strike has "turned the dissident of Columbia's president; it might not have the same effect at Yeshiva. The most appropriate means for Yeshiva will probably have to be worked out empirically through a series of trial and error actions. A great deal will depend on the responsiveness of the administration to legitimate student grievances.

Discussion Or Action?

But no tactic should be discarded a priori. Everyone would prefer to see university problems eliminated through responsible discussions. Unfortunately, too often the administration values such discussions for their cathartic effect, and no action results over long periods of time. (Unlimited cuts was a topic of "Discussion" for more than a decade.)

Radical action may be required occasionally in cases of an extreme injustice, especially when there is no institutionalized means within the university structure for quick redress of the grievances. The techniques of radical action are not exhausted by strikes, sit-ins, building occupations and potentially violent confrontations, through this category of action is usually judged on the basis of these disruptive measures. Other forms include petitions, teach-ins, boycotts, sit-ins and picketing which may have educational value as well as political value.

Progressive Power

Threat of such action is often more potent a weapon that actual deployment. But radical action does not lose its legitimacy simply because it is not frequently employed. McGeorge Bundy, president of the Ford Foundation, who views radical methods as "counterproductive," was nevertheless compelled to admit that . . . it has always been the power of the student to strike. What has held him back has been a complex set of forces among which his own internal sense of purpose has been the most important . . . The residual power of the student body as a whole is plain. That power is a proper constraint upon the power of administrators, and even on the power of the faculty." (The Atlantic, September, 1968)

Setting the tenor for university life this year rests directly with administration throughout the world. One hopes, however, that the unique opportunities inhered in Yeshiva University's position may yet convince its administrators to be among the more progressive.

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Humphrey Backs Political Solution In Mideast But Supports U.S. Military Help For Israel

(Continued from page three) those non-Jews who have altered your perspective and some of your sense of what is real. Do you think that you would have been a done deal had you remained in the Senate? Answer: I have frequently wondered about this. I do believe that being Vice President gives one a different perspective on foreign affairs. The Vice President is a member of the Executive Branch which must weigh alternatives, make final policy decisions and implement them. A Senator’s responsibility, as I see it, is to advocate a point of view truthfully and rationally so they can be publicly tested against the views of his colleagues. A Senator does not have to make the final decision on matters affecting security.

I doubt if my view on the importance of our engagement in Vietnam would have been different had I remained in the Senate, but it is quite possible that would have seen some of our tactical moves differently from that same point.

2. Do you think that it is just for Congress to criticize the war when they are not prior to the same comprehensive information which is available to the President? If so, then why does the President constantly imply that he knows very much about Vietnam than anyone else even if he does? If not, then what good is Congressional discretion?

Answer: The appropriate committees in Congress do have a great deal of information on foreign policy — certainly plenty to keep them busy. Congress does not, however, have access on as immediate a basis as the President to some sources of information, and therefore cannot respond as quickly or as effectively as they should to major international crises. And that goes back to my previous answer — is it right for Congress to decide or pass legislation on foreign policy decisions? If it is a political alternative, then to decide the policy, and to advise the Administration on vital policy outlines. When Congress has the perfect right to advise, criticize and dissent on specific tactical issues such as the timing of North Vietnam, it should certainly be free to express its views on such broader policy issues as the future of our relations with the United States and Japan, and our role in Southeast Asia.

I feel that Congressional debate on Vietnam has been too simple-minded and too near-sighted. It must be a broad and comprehensive look at the whole picture.

3. You constantly refer to law and order as being a prerequisite to justice. How do you plan to reconcile this position of the Administration with the view of my colleagues that legislation already failed as a stimulant to justice? If not, why is there such turmoil in the Negro community?

Answer: My premise is that you cannot have justice without the rule of law, and that enforcement of the law is necessary and just. If we ever get the right to a comprehensive view of the whole problem, then we can have the right to discuss it. I do not think it necessary that we wait for Social Security laws.

I believe legislation — and specifically civil rights legislation — has been the greatest stimulus to the Negro community. It has stimulated the Negro community to find a legal basis for their fight for rights.

Admittedly, the results have been imperfect, and this is part of the process of the development of American society. But a more fundamental reason is that where progress has been made, there is hope for the future; there is a sense of hope, and aspirations. It is this spirit that is ahead of our ability to respond to them. It is precisely because people have grown up in a first-class community that they now rightly demand decent education, adequate housing, job opportunities, employment — a chance to exercise their new citizenship in daily life as well as in the courts.

The answer is not that we are failing in our efforts to provide justice. We are succeeding — but not fast enough in view of all the horrible injustices of the past.

4. What is your position on bringing peace to the Mideast? Should Israel withdraw behind the armistice lines? Is recognition of Israel by the U.S. enough insurance for Israel’s military?

Answer: Ever since the creation of the State of Israel, which I enthusiastically supported, and saw as an assurance of moral and political security, I have felt that a stable peace in the Middle East was possible. There are three necessary elements for a permanent peace in the Middle East:

1. The existence of the State of Israel must be accepted by all of the parties;
2. The threat, if possible, must be transformed into agreements and guarantees, together with the raw data, will be stored for the benefit of scholars in the new Mendel Gottesman Library.

Noting that Dr. Grinstein is "ideally suited" to assume this new post, President Dinkins said, "There has long been a need to record the history of the school in the context of the city in which it has grown up."

Dr. Grinstein To Be First YU Archivist; Said Ideally Suited

Dr. Hymen B. Grinstein, professor of American Jewish History at Yeshiva University, has been named as the first "archivist" at Yeshiva University by Dr. Samuel Belkin, Dr. Grinstein’s duties will be to refine and interpret archives material prepared by his colleagues, together with the raw data, will be stored for the benefit of scholars in the new Mendel Gottesman Library.

Rabinowitz Sees Possibility Of Jewish-Negro Dialogue

Responding to the call for greater university participation in community affairs, Yeshiva University has begun to make contacts with the Negro community of Harlem. These contacts began several months ago through the efforts of Rabbi Jacob Rabinowitz, director of the Erna Michael College.

Rabinowitz was originally contacted at the beginning of this year by Mr. Gainer, a Negro businessmen working in Harlem. Mr. Gainer represented that a group of students at Yeshiva might be interested in participating, under the sponsorship of a reputable community organization, in a series of meetings with the youth of Harlem. These discussions would explore the facts that have led to the Negro masses to exist with dignity despite the oppression they have had to endure throughout the centuries. It was also felt that the Jewish students could gain a great deal from an understanding of the Negro community’s successful resistance to assimilation.

In an interview, Dean Rabinowitz was very interested in this project and wrote letters to approximately one hundred prominent Jewish businessmen and organizations in Yeshiva College, informing them of his discussions with Mr. Gainer and inviting them to take part in the dialogue. Since then, several students have replied affirmatively, indicating their interest in the proposed project.

Unfortunately, the activity in Harlem has been so successful that Mr. Gainer and other Negro businessmen have stated that the project have, of late, become indifferent to its success. The rebuilding of the organization, which Dean Rabinowitz insists must sponsor the dialogues, has not yet been found. But efforts continue to be made, and it is hoped that what could be one of Yeshiva’s most exciting and novel ventures will soon get under way.

With President Hillel Raymon presiding, the YC chapter of the American Association for Democratic Action met and wholeheartedly endorsed the Democratic candidate for New York Senator, Paul O’Dwyer. They were unable, however, to muster any support for either of the Republican candidates.

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Dr. Grinstein in accepting the position at Yeshiva, said that with the archives representing an unexplored resource, that with sure can provide insight not only into the school’s history, but also the impact of Jewish education in New York and in many places throughout the United States.”
Conscience Should Guide Attitude Towards Biafra

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political overtones of the crisis which press the United States to abstain from involvement. He stressed the "insatiable gap" between what the U.S. should do and what it is doing.

Thanks, Dr. Simon

What was becoming evident was that a broad and broad-based coalition had been initiated by the Johnson Administration and stated, "Where power is misused, it is found that we look beyond ourselves and speak up in behalf of oppressed people everywhere.

The consensus among several professors was that Belkin's reception was a statement from Dr. Belkin that the University would be of little value without the confrontation of other university presidents and that it would be of moral rather than of practical value.

Enter Dr. Belkin

Upon leaving his own reception, Belkin encountered several students awaiting his reaction to the preceding events. While answering questions from Dr. Belkin remarked, "I'm not a President here, only the chairman." He said that the University could be criticized but that he does not engage in public statements.

The president denounced the use of violence and was glad that students were arrested at their implement.

Israel Night Launches Social Activity Season; Movies, Soda Highlight

The whirlwind of the social activities at YU began on Sunday, September 15, with "an Israel Reunion," sponsored by the Ezra Men's Council and Miharen Hazita, a Zionist youth organization. Highlighting the well-attended affair were Israeli movies, music, and a speech by President Belkin.

Evidently because Israel is such a small country, the movies, which showed fighting in the Golan Heights and scenes of pre- and post-war Jerusalem were projected onto a miniature-sized screen.

In an added nostalgic twist, both films were of the silent variety, and, as all silent flicks, music, and a great deal of talking continued throughout the showing.

Afterwards, the entire company adjourned to the fifth floor of Hurst Hall for Israeli dancing, more live music and Cott soda.

Scholars Will Probe Talmud

A team of scholars and graduate students at Yeshiva University has begun a complex exploration of ancient Jewish law in the hope of finding untapped legal guidelines helpful to contemporary man. For the next three years, they will evaluate and interpret the legal literature, most of which is written in Hebrew and Aramaic, currently comprehensible only to authorities of Talmudic discipline.

The scholars are working on the basis of their knowledge, not only of Talmudic law, but also of the legal foundations of early American law. They will attempt to relate the issues of the 20th century to theories developed in the Bible, the Talmud, their related works and various rabbinical codes on such subjects as judicial review, the right to privacy, self-incrimination, the right to work, equality, authority, freedom, subversion, property and many others.

The undertaking is being financed by $25,000 grant from the Charles E. Merrill Trust. The evaluations and interpretations will be published in three years as the nucleus of an encyclopedia on Talmudic law and Talmudic thought.

Five internationally renowned scholars will supervise the project. They are: Dr. Samuel Belkin, Dr. Emanuel Reckman, Dr. Joseph B. Soloveitchik, Dr. Aharon Lichtenstein and Dr. Iosef Tovvero, Nathan Littauer, professor of Hebrew Literature and Philosophy at Harvard University.

Confrontation, YU style


do not mean anything.

Oliver! Is Huge Success; Tauber Hails Originality

"Because of the success of Oliver! and in light of the favorable response the play received, our plans for this year include a spring musical," Mr. Anthony Hyman, faculty advisor for the Yeshiva College Dramatics Society, thus revealed the general program for the 1969-70 school year. He continued, saying, "We are also considering original scripts from persons in the Jewish community, especially the difficult circumstances of a correctly constructed stage, an exceptionally rewritten full-scale musical and a presentation theatre in the round style."

Asking what had impressed him the most, Dr. Tauber noted the "conscientious devotion of the students in their exhaustive all night rehearsals and three consecutive nights of performance." Dr. Tauber's hopes for another successful season are very high.

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opponents on the arm.

Forest among the contenders for the second starting position is Michael Wolk, a second year Yeshiva student. A capable double-bladed fencer, Wolk is a straight hitter and a solid all-around athlete with good footwork.

The Sabre and Epee team is composed of a mix of veterans and rookies. Among the returning fencers is Aaron Sarno, a senior who has been on the team for four years. Sarno is known for his aggressive style and his ability to adapt to any situation on the field.

Sarno is joined on the team by several new recruits, including a freshman who has shown promise in both the Sabre and Epee departments.

The team will face a challenging schedule in the coming months, with matches against some of the top fencers in the country. The pressure to perform is intense, but the team is well-prepared and ready to take on the challenge.

As the season progresses, the fencers will continue to hone their skills and work towards improvement. With dedication and hard work, they will push themselves to reach new heights in their sport. The future is bright for the Sabre and Epee team at Yeshiva University.
Taubermen Hope For Success Despite A Lack Of Experience

The 1968-69 fencing team faces a unique problem, for a varsity squad at Yeshiva University. It must keep the interest of alumni, recruiting, and training first-year students. The team is composed of two returning starters and a strong bench. The returning lettermen are Norm Seidenfeld and Lazar Fruchter, while the top contenders for the third spot are Jack Lazar, Herbie Kritzerman, Shlomo Hochberg, Silly Dan and Marty Reisman. Seidenfeld amassed the best record on the team last year, 27-7. An excellent fencer, he is second to none in his knowledge of the sport and its technique. He sometimes has lost to the up-and-coming Fruchter. Fruchter, 15-15 record last year, is confident of improving this year. Seidenfeld is a lefty, Lazar's use of the parry with a riposte and a disengagement has baffled many an opponent. The combination of Seidenfeld and Fruchter will probably give Taubermen a quick lead in many matches.

The epee is a unique weapon in that the entire body is the official target and, in the course of the match, obviously the area that one attacks first is the arms. Thus height and reach are essentials for the epee man. With no returning starters at this position, the only position up for grabs. However, one spot that is sure one belongs to Frank Magen. The 67" seizer has all the essentials necessary to be a consistent winner this year. Even though he has not had the opportunity to develop a definite style, Frank's technique is probably shaky, keeping his distance and always looking to reach and rip (Continued on page nine).

One More Time

Yeshiva University's varsity athletic program is at present facing serious difficulties. Two of its major problems are related to the two other schools considered to be great difficulties. One is alumni apathy and the second is Yeshiva University's general policy of not recruiting.

In discussing the first problem it is necessary to realize that apathy towards varsity sports is only an extension of a general feeling of apathy on the part of the alumni towards the school. An example of this is the Student- Alumni Committee, one of YU's perennially nonfunctioning groups.

While some consider student apathy to be the major problem, it is necessary to increase participation on the part of both current students and alumni. At present the major problem of the attendance at sports events, while at YU they are conspicuous only by their absence. To respond that Yeshiva University is unique and its alumni do not adhere to such ridiculous traditions as returning for Homecoming is quite misleading. It is one of Yeshiva's unique traits that should be ended it is apathy on the part of the alumni.

Five years ago the Sports Editor of THE COMMENTATOR wrote an editorial on this subject. The editorial was to call one basketball game "Homecoming Game" and to have a "Homecoming Weekend" involving both students and alumni. The enthusiasm that surrounded this proposal obscured its applicability as a valid solution. For those who are unfamiliar with the "Homecoming Affairs," some students seized upon the words "bringing friends" in the original proposal and charged that the proposal would not be so alumnie weekend but rather an excuse for a "social event." This later escalated into a discussion on the purpose of Yeshiva University and the original idea was dropped. It is hoped that a mature student body will carefully examine the purpose and content of this proposal.

Firstly, a "Homecoming Game" can be held at Yeshiva University with none of the implications such an event might have at other institutions. It is one of the major advantages of Yeshiva University to be the only Jewish college with a varsity program in New York City. If some students are still bothered by the aura surrounding the name of this event, it could easily be changed.

Secondly, the actual proposal is that, as before, a Saturday night "home" basketball game be set aside for this purpose and that all Yeshiva University alumni be invited. Furthermore, on Sunday a part of the day would be set aside for visiting alumni so that they may come in contact with the student body and observe the improvements and changes that have occurred in the school. This could culminate in a dinner at which both University and student leaders could address the alumni.

Suggestions from the student body to improve this format are welcomed. While some students may feel that this proposal is naive or a waste of time, it is just such sentiments which has led to the current level of alumni apathy.

The second problem in our sports programs is the recruiting of athletes. In order to discuss this it is necessary to understand the position of varsity athletics at Yeshiva University. YU receives definite benefits from its varsity teams. These teams represent Yeshiva University in many communities outside YU's sphere of influence. At many campuses the entire Yeshiva community comes out to renew ties with Yeshiva. Another by-product of our sports program is that it shows to all Yeshiva University's policy of synthesis. It shows how young religious men and non-religious men can participate together.

It is for these reasons that it is beneficial to Yeshiva University to field adequate teams in all sports. As has been stated earlier in this article Yeshiva University can conduct properly programs which have been issued by the Dean of International Affairs. This can also apply to recruiting. Yeshiva University has no need for athletes whose sole desire in life is athletics. A commitment to Judaism and scholastic ability must be a prerequisite in any recruiting program at YU. However, with these prerequisites there is no reason why a concerned effort to recruit athletes cannot be made. This is not meant to imply that there are not more pressing needs at Yeshiva that must be met, but a fear of the term "recruiting" should not be the deciding factor in the implementation of an approach program.

The strongest weapon on the team will probably be the foil. The squad has two returning starters and a strong bench. The returning lettermen are Norm Seidenfeld and Lazar Fruchter, while the top contenders for the third spot are Jack Lazar, Herbie Kritzerman, Shlomo Hochberg, Silly Dan and Marty Reisman. Seidenfeld amassed the best record on the team last year, 27-7. An excellent fencer, he is second to none in his knowledge of the sport and its technique. He sometimes has lost to the up-and-coming Fruchter. Fruchter, 15-15 record last year, is confident of improving this year. Since he is a lefty, Lazar's use of the parry with a riposte and a disengagement has baffled many an opponent. The combination of Seidenfeld and Fruchter will probably give Taubermen a quick lead in many matches.

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