Review Of Past Muggings Yields No Definite Answer To Problem

By Paul Pollack

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Wolfson, Gans To Lead Freshmen During Year

Sixty-seven percent of the class of '72 cast their ballots on November 7, in the election for their representatives on the Yeshiva College Student Council. David Wolfson, a pre-med major, is past president of the college Student Council. He plans to encourage, where necessary, a meaningful program of community relations. He said that this approach will be taken for the well-being of the students, and for the good of the college as a whole.

The Freshman class is being represented by Michael Wolfson, a pre-med major, and Michael Gans, a pre-law major. Wolfson, a native of Brooklyn, is a member of the Jewish Defense League. He plans to work on the problem of anti-Semitism, and to encourage, where necessary, a meaningful program of community relations. Gans, a native of New Jersey, is a member of the Jewish Defense League. He plans to work on the problem of anti-Semitism, and to encourage, where necessary, a meaningful program of community relations.

Space Committee Gets Student Appointee; Seidenfeld To Represent College Interests

A meaningful breakthrough in the development of a student voice in administrative affairs was disclosed recently by Mr. Kenneth Hain, president of YCSC. In cooperation with Rabbi Israel Miller, special assistant to the President for Student Affairs, and the Yeshiva College Administration, an arrangement has been made for the instatement of student representation on the Yeshiva University Space Committee. This committee makes the decisions concerning the dispensation of facilities and buildings of Yeshiva University. Decisions that come under this committee's jurisdiction include the future plans for the building soon to be vacated by the other students settled forth in search of the assailants. Coming to Audubon Avenue, they swung south until they reached 181st Street. A whistle sounded and suddenly the eight boys were caught between two groups of black youths, one coming from 180th and Audubon, other from 182nd and Audubon. For about forty seconds, the air was filled with bearded barfly fists, and ear antennae. When the melee was over, one student was left badly whipped on the back, and another, Gary Quinn '72, had a slashed cheek which required 13 stitches to close. In the words of one of the students, "We were looking for a fight and we got one.

More Attacks

On Wednesday, November 6th, a student returning from Carvel's was attacked by a group of young troublemakers; serious consequences were avoided when the individual employed his "spray deodorant" and startled his assailants sufficiently to escape.

The following week, on November 12th, another Yeshiva student, who had just left Pollack Library, was attacked, and his hand slashed with a knife, The victim, Bob Arvich, was admitted soon after to a hospital to be treated for his wound. Without even a day's respite, on Wednesday, November 13th, Mr. Rudolph Stern, instructor of biology at the College, was held at knife point by a tall youth and two younger youths and robbed of his wallet and gold watch.

ECM Council Objects To Arbitrary Authority

Letter sent by Dean Rabinowitz concerning class attendance, touched off acrimonious debate among students and precipitated an open EMC meeting held during club hour in the Morganston Student Union, Thursday, November 14th.

Norman Bertram, president of ECMC, urged the students to take the midterm. He said that he would urge Dean Rabinowitz to announce the midterm schedule earlier in the semester so that it would not conflict with Yeshiva College midterms.

The Letter

The second issue evolved around the letter sent by the Dean's office to students with excessive absences in EMC courses. The letter outlined the measures that would be taken in the term weeks: students continued being absent from class. The student would risk being put on probation and being dropped from "non-university agency" excesses. Absences in Talma, by students "pre-enrolled in the Semicha program" would be re-
An Open Letter

Last spring our revered Rosh Ha-Yeshiva, Ha-Rav Soloveitchik, came before the student body and applied his genius in Jewish law and his depth in understanding of humanity to give the student community direction in a matter over which great controversy hung. The points upon which the Rav spoke remains in the experience of a great number of students as one of the most memorable and religiously revealing moments in their educational careers.

Following the Rav’s discourse, the Committee moved to address the student body from time to time concerning issues upon which we should know a traditional Jewish opinion and concerning which this point of view would be difficult or impossible to discern without the aid of the Rav’s sophisticated insight into all Jewish matters.

We are now embroiled in just such a situation. The recent violent attacks in the community and the anti-Semitism generated by them have polarized Jewish student opinion regarding methods and attitudes in dealing with the problem. Each side claims that its modus operandi is in direct line with Jewish values. It has become apparent that only a person thoroughly versed in the halacha from which the traditional Jewish ethic arises can show us the proper direction and thereby engender unity of opinion.

We therefore respectfully call upon the Rav to address the student body on the classical Jewish view toward the present desconcentrating situation and the body need guidance in this area so that we may confront a critical problem not as secularists, pacifists, or militants, but as true Jews.

Letter Of Recommendation

In recent weeks, all seniors have been urged to review their records with the Office of the Dean in order to ascertain whether or not they will meet the school's requirements for graduation in June. In itself, this idea is a good one, but unfortunately it is too little too late.

The Editor:

I am sick and disgusted of constantly reading about the apathy in YU that is so rampant. Everything and anything is blamed on our so-called apathy. There is almost nothing a group of YU students that could not be cured by a few interesting events. Take last year's so-called riot. There was hardly any student apathy noticeable then. But anyone would become apathetic if all the school's activities consisted of going from one boring lecture to another, from convocation (where President Bulkin insulted the YU student body) to another, that is the way the student body makes the rules of the students, and that is the way it should be to convocation.

The fault YU apathy lies squarely with the apathetic Administration and the Student Council. They provide us with apathetic activities, which in turn produce apathetic YU students. It is a vicious apathetic cycle.

Warren Temner '71

To the Editor:

It is too late for the average senior to find out that he has failed to fulfill a requirement, since he can no longer remedy omissions which have been enrolled in fall semester courses. In the future, benefit from this session must also be provided in the junior year, preferably in the first term.

It is too little because, in effect, this is the extent of curriculum counseling at Yeshiva. With the exception of a few concerned faculty members, such as Drs. Levine and Wischnitzer, there is little effective guidance available to the average student in terms of effectively using his strengths toward his postgraduate field of specialization. Once merely meanders along the mainstream of courses in his designated field and hopes that he has fulfilled all of his pre- and co-requisites, and that they will be useful to him in post-graduate studies. Surely what is now offered in the realm of guidance does not even approach a minimum of the help necessary in plotting one's future. We look for each department to offer more in the area of individual guidance, and hope that the present guidance advisers take the lead in coordinating a more satisfactory program.

One Large Step

Here at Yeshiva College, the need for administrative reform is generally considered synonymous with the need for reform in EMC. Dean Rabinowitz has enforced here-tofore neglected rules, an act which has met with the general disapproval of the student body. We feel that the criticism has been unfair for there is a dire need for improvement.

Thus far, his actions have been restricted to a purely administrative and technical nature. For matters concerning syllabus evaluation and drastic technical reform, a faculty commission has been appointed. This commission is composed of many faculty members who have expressed concern for students' rights. The EMC Student Council will also be consulted for its recommendations, and a student advisory committee has met with and submitted proposals to the Dean.

With such an organization, we hope that students' opinions will be taken into close consideration in formulating future administrative policy.

We believe these reforms have been long overdue, and commend the Dean for his sincere efforts to improve EMC. We further urge Rabbi Rabinowitz to maintain his present channels of communication and to continue including the student voice in all future improvements.

One Small Step

The COMMENTATOR has recently been apprised of the fact that Yeshiva University is actively following a policy of recruitment in the black Jewish community.

Not only do we feel that this is a necessary commitment on the part of Yeshiva for the furtherance of Jewish education, but indicates another facet of this college's concern for the well-being of minority groups. At least in this respect, we congratulate Yeshiva on its foresight and responsiveness to contemporary problems.

Letters To The Editor

To the Editor:

In a vitriolic column which appeared in the last issue of COMMENTATOR, Gary Epstein attempts to prove that a complaint about faculty salaries which appeared in Pulse is unjustified. Mr. Epstein’s baseless attacks are inexcusable.

1) The term “teachers” is synonymous with the term “faculty.”
2) Evaluation by students is the standard of judging faculty competence.

A college faculty is a body of scholars who, besides teaching courses, engages in research and publication, sets academic policy and acts as one of the three power blocks in an academic institution, and acts as a sort of a court of administration and control. Such a body must be fairly stable in composition. A constantly changing group of teachers cannot exercise power effectively and may find control of academic matters usurped by the administration. The insufficiency of this organic term “faculty” to that of Yeshiva was the claim made by the statement which Mr. Epstein makes. To the claim, his argument is irrelevant.

In answer to the contention that

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Audio-Visual Head Desires Integration Of Yeshiva’s Communications Network

By Ivan Esterman

"I'm making it very clear on this tape; I want to describe things that happen to me, what I've been through, and what I'm going to do in the future. It's a very important tape for me, and I want to make sure that it goes out to a wide audience." Dr. Sidney Pleskin, director of YU Audio-Visual Center, was sitting uncomfortably on an old wooden chair with his back to a jumble of filing cabinets, and Dr. Pleskin was sitting before me - he looked just as uncomfortable talking into the mike he was holding.

"Yeshiva has very little experience in democracy, that is, from the administrative point of view. Therefore, we lack the resilience that a really democratic institution would have," he was answering my question about student power: "As an administrator, what do you feel the chances of students having more of a voice in the policy making of the university?"

Dr. Pleskin continued that at Yeshiva, the realization of any form of student power will only come after a very long and tedious democratization of the entire university. "We need more experience in orderly decision making on all levels, instead of what we have now - this extreme competition between schools and divisions and departments, that we have an aggregate of institutions instead of a whole university."

Goals

Dr. Pleskin - he has a doctorate in education and the courses he has been teaching for some years - stated when he became director of the Audio Visual Center, "I developed a dream of trying to utilize dramatics and audio visual and psychology and communications for the purpose of promoting Jewish concepts and values. I originally wanted the audiovisual center to operate in two big areas. I had visualized a network of audiovisual services that would be set up by the various schools and divisions and coordinated in the audiovisual center." He has also hoped for an extension department that would service both the Jewish and non-Jewish community. Dr. Pleskin's goals have not been realized them to be subtle and inspirational. The film strip made use of bright colors, such as orange, red and yellow, and the music was selected to complement the visual effects. The film's message was clear and concise, and the audience was left with a sense of hope and optimism.

The President Speaks

The Game Plan

By Kenneth Halp

Any student effort, much like a football contest, demands a concerted team effort. It should be directed by able and decisive leadership that moves the team forward and makes use of all participating players. Such leadership can only flow in the right direction if the game pattern can be altered by a long bomb that strikes deep in the end zone. It is a risky and often grueling sport in which plays must be called by those on the field of action and not by those who stand safely behind the lines.

Fortunately, the business of YCSC this year is far more than a game. It is concerning itself with the most fundamental problems confronting Yeshiva College students. Due to a student strike, the Student Council cannot spend as freely for student services and entertainment, but instead is concentrating on the real student issues. Below are some of where general goals or improvements can be made.

1. Student involvement in facility planning - YCSC has long asked for a representative on the University Space Planning Committee. This year one has been appointed and a representative will participate in all discussions concerned with planning new buildings, or converting old ones.

2. Check on YCSC spending - To insure against any abuse of funds and budgeting deficits in the future, a new budget will be prepared twice a year beginning in January.

3. College Senate negotiations - A steering committee of three students and three faculty members are now negotiating to formulate the guidelines of the Senate's powers and functions. The results of this committee will be presented for approval in the near future to Student Council.

4. Student Security - Through a joint YCSC-Columbia University effort to protect student facilities, this critical situation has subsided.

5. Unlimited Cuts - Pending results of YCSC and faculty fact-finding committees to determine the effects of unlimited cuts, we will present a position, determined by the entire Student Council, to the faculty, concerning the system's continuation.

6. Dormitory costs and overcrowding - An actively functioning Dorm Committee has been pressing members of the Administration to consider the needs of dorm residents. Through the cooperative efforts of Rabbi Miller and Mr. Adler, we are now being evaluated with a just rent differential as the feasible result. Conditions have been somewhat improved in RBSN and Hahn, and Klein Hall has been purchased.

7. Career Guidance - A YCSC committee working with the Alumni Office is planning for late December a series of guidance sessions with distinguished alumni in all fields for interested students of YCSC.

8. Catalogue Revision - Discussions are now in progress with YCSC, SCWSC and the government on the University Administration to improve and revise the catalogue, with particular attention being given to the vaguer and more incidental clauses and revelation of the Bible and Hebrew Curriculum.

This, then, is a basic outline of our efforts, and as such, is the groundwork of a total plan to improve every facet of Yeshiva College. The successful completion of this plan depends on our willingness to actively contribute to its development. One way to do this is by expressing an opinion at Student Council meetings which are, and always been, open to all students. We can all shape and mold YCSC's game plan for this year, with honest communication and constructive involvement in the issues. Certainly, it would seem advisable to hold off any final judgment of this plan until the final gun is sounded in June. Who knows? Perhaps, by then, we will all be more mature.

(Editors' Note: The article concerning YCSC and the competition, by Michael Koenig and Kenneth Kallow (November 14) was a column of opinion, and we regret that it was not labeled as such.)

School Days Are Very Different In Ocean-Hill-Brownsville; Uncompromising Concern In Community Accounts For Change

By Isaac Gewirtz

When you walk Rockaway Avenue in central Brownsville, the cheap red brick of the tenements is the only reality of any permanence. This is a community in which the only token of public concern takes its form in the familiar green and white car parked in the back lot at a school building. The cars rest motionless; their motors turned off, with two blue collars encased behind barbed wire fences. Behind them sit light filled rooms are reflected in dark puddles of oil and rain. Who says there is no caring in the Black community?

Of course, if you wanted to see real public concern for the people of this community you should have been at school on Jan. 9, when the green and white cars for the junior and senior high schools were locked. The children in school would step foot in the tiled buildings only to be held behind the classrooms their sons had sought. Black parents wouldn't even come to school to make use of its bathroom facilities; here they very poor. Their existence is a pride in their schools by their mere presence and manner. One of the black teachers with whom I spoke said that there were no teachers who were not walking the pride that meat to the school and to herself in her role as the teacher, and she is very appreciative of the thing going on here. Here these children have found someone who they know cares about them. They now have confidence in their schools."

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Jewish Defense League Speaker Knocks Rising Anti-Semitism Throughout City

(Continued from page 1, column 2) By a vote of 1-1, Mr. Zweiben put out this war because of Hatchett's obscene remarks regarding men who were running for the U.S. Presidency, and who might eventually be responsible for grants and allocations to our nation's universities.

Mr. Zweiben accused the Mayor of New York City himself of lacking in common courtesy when addressing a group of rabbis regarding the school crisis. The account of the meeting, as reported by the Long Island Press, dismayed all who heard about it. Despite numerous protestations from the Mayor's office, the only fact that was expressed in the story that appeared in the Long Island Press was the date. This supervision of alternate side of the streets and the fielding of parking regulations for the high holidays was discussed at the same meeting seemed to Mr. Zweiben to stand out on regarding the kind. Mr. Zweiben also accused the president, vice-president, and the members of the school board of anti-Semitism.

Need For J.D.I.

Mr. Zweiben closed by saying that Jews should never stand for coercion or power politics again. He stated that it is the purpose of the Jewish Defense League to defend Jewish efforts to defend Jewish rights and abuses throughout the city. As evidence of this stand, Mr. Zweiben quoted a recent Jewish Press story which told of a few members of the Jewish Defense League, whose appearance at the Manseffe Cemetery prevented demonstration of song.

Mr. Zweiben then fielded questions of particular interest to YU students. One question dealt with a YU branch of the Jewish Defense League. Mr. Zweiben said that such a branch would deal directly with the attacks on YU students that have occurred in recent weeks. If it were decided that local efforts were not enough, then the Central League would provide assistance. He refused to disclose what type of assistance would be forthcoming.

Social Workers Confer On Transmitting Values Using Group Program

Social workers and social work educators met November 10-11, in Spring Valley for a conference on means of transmitting Jewish values through a group program. The meeting was organized by the Conference of Traditional Group Workers, an association of youth workers interested in tranquillized Jewish and professional growth, and the achievement of meaningful standards in the field. The group program which was discussed in the conference with the Youth Bureau of the Community Service Division of the Jewish Welfare Board.

The conference featured a talk on the methods of transmitting Jewish values through the group program by Dr. Solomon Green, associate professor at the University of Illinois' Wurzweiler School of Social Work. Norman Linzer, an instructor at the Wurzweiler School, surveyed the publication scene, and Rabbi Robert S. Hirt, director of the Community Service Division's Lecture Bureau, discussed the use of lecturers and entertainers.

Highlights included a creative program workshop headed by Seymour Hefter, program director of the YMHA of Wilkes Barre, Pa., and a panel discussion on how to make group programs successful during the year round, featuring Mr. Hefter, Rabbi Norman Tokayer, associate director of the Youth Bureau, and Dr. Abraham Stern, the Youth Bureau's director.

Anti-Semitism Not Part Of Recent Attacks; Rats, Me-Tooism Form Complex YU Syndrome

(Continued from page 5, column 2) The denunciation of Jewish cemeteries, the revolting attack on rabis and attacks on Yeshiva students.

Although the people being mugged are Jewish, there is no reason to assume that these people were singled out because of their religion. The majorities of brutal crimes in the U.S. are committed among low income ethnic groups against one another. They certainly don't have any animosity against harming each other; why should they be queering for Yeshiva students especially if it could be done with a minimum of danger to themselves. Until the cries of "Jew boy" and "Dirty Jew" accompany such attacks, I would hesitate to call them motivated by anti-Semitism.

It is generally found in areas experiencing an upswing in anti-Semitism, that Jewish property is not spared. Windows are broken, swastikas are painted and anatomical descriptions are lavished on walls. Aside from broken windows, we have experienced no such occurrences. I venture to say that this is due not to our security forces but to the non-existence of anti-Semitic elements.

We read about Negro anti-Semitism especially in Ocean Hill-Brownsville. We read about Mayor Lindsay playing off Black against Jew and accusing Shanker of igniting racial hatred. With all this going on, Yeshiva must take some polite pressure scurrying around finding actions which purport to show how we too are subject to anti-Semitic attacks. We suffer from too much me-tooism.

This brings me to my next point. We also suffer from a variation of pre-medical psychology. Whatever social ill we read about in the paper are diligently searched after and found out at Yeshiva. A variant on the idiosyncratic approach to the insidious landowne, "Yeshiva is driving the local inhabitants out of their homes," is the cry. "We are callously evicting them to expand our school and they have to retaliate," goes another one.

This claim seems to evaporate when analyzed.

About the only thing we ever objected was the desertion of Jewish cemeteries, the revolting attack on rabis and attacks on Yeshiva students. The new Yeshiva building and the science center only poses problems for a dozen cars. As for the desecration going on opposite First Hall, Yeshiva simply didn't re-rent the houses once their inhabitants moved out.

This ludicrous explanation for the muggings probably stems from Dr. Haim's discussion on Columbia. If Columbia is buying up Morningside Heights, relocating its inhabitants and building structures at the expense of the community, we must be doing the same thing. Aren't we just as sneaky as they are? Don't we retaliate?

The police report that they are sending social workers into the community to ascertain the causes of the trouble. Some are going to the university to get more students to help in local remedial reading classes to help the students. Suggestions have been made for community adult education courses (G.W. is in too dangerous an area, and a recreational room for local teenagers (How about us too?).

The only sociological unit we have to deal with is the local gang. As long as Yeshiva continues to be easy marks, we are going to be in trouble. We must defend ourselves. It is with this in mind that I would suggest the mining of Amsterdam Avenue and the mounting of rebuttals firing on the new science of literature.
Israeli News Shorts

Helv®—Despite two attacks upon the Tomb of the Patriarchs, which is located in Hebron, Israeli authorities continue to try to prevent the crime. The latest attack, on October 2, resulted in the wounding of several people, including a woman who was rushed to the hospital. Israeli authorities have not yet released any details about the attack.

Lazarus And Economics Rise From Dead; Publish Scholarly, Comprehensive Journal

After living dormant for three years, the journal of the University Economics Club, Theda. Economic Mind, has once again appeared. The journal, which is published by the late Dr. Alexander Brody and other members of the economics faculty at Yeshiva University, is dedicated to those who have contributed to the development of the club.

Jewish Defense League

The Jewish Defense League is a group that was established in the United States in 1959 to protect Jewish life and culture. The league has been involved in several high-profile cases, including the case of the Jewish Defense League's involvement in the Yeshiva University dispute.

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Alumni Association Inducts Officer for Coming Year

Six Brooklyn residents and two non-Brooklyners were installed as new officers of the Yeshiva College Alumni Association during ceremonies at the University's Main Center, Sunday, November 10.

Gilbert Davidoff, a guidance coordinator at New Utrecht High School and assistant principal at the Kaminetzky Yeshiva, Dor Park, was installed as the new president. Assuring the office of Harry Berkowitz, president of Harry Berkowitz, Inc. a lecture bureau engaging well-known speakers, was installed as chairman of the national committee.

In addition, several YC officers were installed as new officers of the Alumni Association. They are: Alfred Rhee, president; Simcha Shlonsky, secretary; and Joseph Berliner, a former YC SC president, corresponding secretary.

not fully satisfied, settled for what will be YC's new pay scale only because of Dr. Belkin's intransigence. It was a choice between that and nothing. The unanimity of the resolution naming Dr. Belkin a faculty member who asserts that he dissents. Besides, the whole idea of a resolution of thanks for a role of the faculty and the administration. Some thing must be wrong with the self-system and the power position of the faculty that finds it necessary to thank the administration for what should be at the expected period probably raised pay scale in an inflationary economy.

Mr. Epstein's last accusation, that separate ratings of individual academic ranks cited in the A.A.U.P. Bulletin were ignored, is again untrue. If Mr. Epstein would have bothered consulting the table which translated these letter ratings into dollars, he would have seen that Yeshiva's ratings are above what is being paid in YC — that if he would have bothered asking professors what the actual pay scale in College is as it is, the rates which will be achieved in 1971 under the new agreement fall below those reported by Yeshiva to the A.A.U.P. for 1967-68. For example, Yeshiva's instructors' salaries are approximately $12,000. On the new scale their ceiling will be in the vicinity of $11,000. This inflationary effect (hopefully) caused by the exclusion of the significantly higher salaries that are paid in YU graduate schools. Thus the A.A.U.P. Bulletin does not present an accurate picture of YC salaries.

This will, then, clearly the use to which a comparison between Yeshiva and other colleges was put in Pulse. The colleges which were clearly seen as paying more than Yeshiva were listed. Then the point about Yeshiva's figures in the Bulletin being an inaccurate representation of YC pay was made, implying that additional institutions pay more than Yeshiva, which and how many being unknown. All this suggests that a significant number of schools pay more than YC which may account for our faculty troubles. Taken out of context such comparisons are absurd, since one may always find dissimilarities between colleges significant enough to invalidate any comparison between them. Thus you cannot compare Yeshiva to Barnard (as an affiliate of Columbia), or even CEC (suggested by Mr. Epstein, since they use the advantage of association with a large and reputable institution as an additional lure for faculty). You can't compare us to Pratt, Brooklyn Poly or Cooper Union, since these are professional schools with Art, Engineering Department architecture — whose faculties are largely composed of people useless to Yeshiva and whose needs hardly overlap with our; it is hardly fair to compare Yeshiva to art schools, of which Mr. Epstein mentions five, since they don't really compete with us for faculty. Such arguments may be used to invalidate any comparison. These comparisons, taken out of context, are better conclusively.

This concludes the case against Mr. Epstein. In summary, it cannot be denied that members of the Yeshiva College faculty of all-exprts on their salaries, are not fully satisfied with their new raise, and in some cases, are expressing their intention to leave. In an expanding college which is perpetually in the process of correcting deficiencies, this is a dangerous situation.

Israel Stein '69

NCSY To Hold Youth Forum

Some 250 teenagers from 35 New Jersey congregations will converge on the Shabbaton November 29-December 1, at Congregation Minyard of Brooklyn, New Jersey.

The event, which consists of an educational program as well as social and recreational activities, is a sponsored event for the National Conference of Synagogue Youth of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations.

The Shabbaton will feature panel discussions on current issues, guest personalities and workshops in leadership skills, and many others. It will also serve as a representative body of synagouge youth seeking to promote synagougeengagement efforts on behalf of Torah Judaism and provide an exchange of religious, cultural and social experience.

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THE COMMENTATOR
Pride Enters Educational Process in Ghetto; Teachers Favor Centralized Decentralization

(Continued from page 1, column 1) to 271 a year ago there was no attempt to enforce a discipline in the school. Since September however, the influence of the new teachers possessing a deeper sense of commitment to the children, have, in the minds of the parents, more palatable also been a direct cause of more orderly classrooms and hallways. Every teacher I spoke to echoed a similar view of this reform. The teachers of J.H.S.

271 have rejected the thesis that ghetto blacks are "unteachable." Learning Process

Mr. Bloomfield, a math and social studies teacher who had taught at P.S. 190 prior to Sept. 9, expressed his sense of accomplishment, and that of his students in successfully communicating an Algebra course to a sixth grade class. In most public schools, Algebra isn't taught until the eighth grade. Black children are assumed to be so backward in elementary arithmetic that they are not taught Algebra until their second year in high school when they have been

immediate interest. Mr. Bloomfield when teaching addition or subtraction will use the prices listed in local stores to illustrate the practical application of the skills they learn in school. Community control in Ocean Hill-Brownsville is improving the standard and raising the interest quotient of education among Black children. It is most logical to assume that concerned parents want the best for their children. The parents in Ocean Hill have proved that they are concerned and that their concern can be transferred into positive results. The recent successes in 271 have proved that callous teachers "do not an education make." Miss Dorothy Hopkins, a sixth grade teacher in 271 related an incident which she and other teachers in 271 feel is indicative of the attitude of a great many of last year's teachers. A prominent white teacher in 271, who until the settlement of the past strike, had arrived on the picket lines, punitively, reprimanded a black student during an assembly last year by telling him to shut his big black mouth.

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I. I. BENDHEIM, YU traytee, upon the loss of his mother. May he be consoled among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

Sophys Victors

(Continued from page 6, column 2) by Jacobs controlled the boards. Towards the end of the half the Sophs began taking advantage of the Juniors' mistakes, and they pulled away to an eight point half time lead.

In the second half the Sophs turned their attention into a rout with the fine shooting of Larry Shiffman. The Juniors were able to score only points in the third quarter, all scored by Steve Singer who arrived after half-time. Then in the last quarter the Juniors faded badly, hitting only 18% of their shots. This enabled the Sophs to build up a 30 point lead and eventually win 80-29.

Hoopsters Hold High Hope Despite Drastic Defaults

(Continued from page 6, column 3) rebound with the biggest man (21 rebounds vs. Pat. St.). However, he is not tall for a center and that creates problems.

Necesity may dictate during the course of the season that Abbi play a forward position. In that case, Harry Winderman will move into the center slot. Harry has looked very sharp during practice. He has experience, the perfect atitude and is finally beginning to utilize his size. If he rounds into shape, he may contribute heavily in some big games. The front court (and the squad) is made complete by Stu Poloner. Stu, last season, demolished the freshman scoring record set by Joel Fisher (1967) as he scored 443 points for a 21.2 points per game average. In addition, he was second voting for the league Most Valuable Player award and was selected to the All-Star team. His ball handling is the parents in J.H.S. 271 with capable and committed teachers prove not that all are insensitive to idealism. Yet forgetting this objection to the UFT criticism we come to a blatan distortion of the facts. If indeed, ghetto schools will be "compelled to teach only the rejects of other districts" how different would the situation be from that which existed before Sept. 9, 1968? Due to the school system's time honored procedure of transferring those teachers who are unsatisfactory in character or ability in the schools, we find ghetto schools staffed with many teachers to whom this is the last stop. You just can't be transferred to some place lower than a black school and be really in that difficult to comprehend the extremist feeling in which the parents in Ocean Hill-Brownsville and other communities hold the pre-Sept. 9th staffs. The UFT pamphlet goes on to say that under the Bundy Plan it is more likely that teachers will be hired and fired not on the basis of educational competence, but on the basis of race, political conformity to parochial community prejudices and favorable handling ability. (This is the first part of a two-part article.)

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PAGE SEVEN
Abbot and Hershkovits Chosen As Mighty Mite Co-Captains

By Charles Ramat

David Hershkovits came to Yeshiva from BTA. There he played varsity basketball and in his senior year was elected Captain of the team. Dave led the Vurgan in scoring and in defensive play. His clinging defense was unpenetrable, and many an opponent was disheartened by facing Dave. This type of play has continued and improved at YU. Although his offensive play has not been extraordinary (he averages 3 points per game), his defensive play has been brilliant. Dave sticks with his man like a shadow, and he frequently comes up with the crucial stolen ball.

Living Disrupt

Many people are of the opinion that athletes are dull, insensitive, and unconcerned about social problems. David stands as living disproof to any such belief. He is an English major (with plans to attend graduate school in the English and Senior editor of Tempo). He is proficient at nearly all indoor games and is proficient in water skiing. Yet more significant than any of these is Dave's evaluation of YU.

Hershkovits on the rebound

Basketball season's premiere moment was scored for $5.00 from Joseph Cohen, RU #576, or Danny Kurtzer, RU 726.

Dave, like his fellow co-Captain Hershkovits, is a product of the MJHS. While playing for JEC-Elizabeth, Ray set countless single game and season scoring records. Besides his prolific scoring ability, Ray also developed as a powerful rebounder and pivotman. At YU, an ankle injury forced him to miss a man's year of play. At last year he returned to lead the "Mite" in rebounding and to finish second in scoring.

The Fault, Dear Students

Let it be thought that the fault lies entirely with the Administration. David feels that while most YU students are intelligent, they lack compassion and sensitivity towards other races. They are also inexperienced in affairs concerning the outside world. David loves knowledge, although he cannot be a gain at YU, especially from the Hebrew studies offered.

Thus, it is obvious that David Hershkovits is no run-of-the-mill athlete. He is sensitive and concerned, intense and aggressive, attributes that serve him equally well on and off the court.

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In basketball there is a myth of the home court advantage. YU, of course, has no home court. Ray, however, sees a more crying need of a regular place to practice. As for YU's chances this year, Ray, optimistic though, "we'll need a lot of rebounding help."

Ray has not been inactive at all.

On the Sidelines

Safety, Too, Is A Priority

By Kenneth Kaslow

Most students at Yeshiva University undoubtedly feel that enough has been done to prepare for the season. Such is not the case, and will not be true until the administration realizes the immediacy of this need for the welfare of the student body. The conditions that exist at present are unhealthy and at worst could easily be described as a serious danger.

This should not be an issue that concerns solely the varsity athlete or fan, it is a matter of concern to all students, as everyone has a three year physical education requirement. Most students fulfill this through a one man "gym" or swimming at George Washington High School. The conditions that exist in Yeshiva's gym have been the subject of many jokes, yet the basic dangers to health that exist are not often brought to light.

The first major fault that is evident to all who have been there, is the need explaining to the unfamiliar, is the lack of showers. The few that are there are definitely insufficient to meet the needs of the classes which sometimes consist of 25 or more students. One result of this is that YU students will wash another, possibly larger donation in order to begin plans for not just a gym but an entire student activities complex.

While such plans are laudable it would be wiser to fulfill the immediate need for a gym. There are numerous needs at Yeshiva and all must be treated according to the priorities assigned them by the administration. It is time for administrators to learn that the students also have definite opinions on the order of priorities.

Action on the part of the student body must also be considered. At some schools students have accepted part of the fund-raising burden. A possible course of action could be a drive for donations from the student body, taking into the account the secondary nature this must take in relation to the various charity drives of a wealthier nature which YU students support. Even though this might not lead to a student funded gym it would most definitely be an excellent method of expressing student opinion.

It is necessary for the students of Yeshiva College to think about this now and to act now. This January when you will be leaving the "gym" or George Washington, it will already be too late.

Hoopsters' Season To Rest On Playmaking, Rebounding, Returning Players, Promising Freshmen Portend Success

By Avi Donostiel

"Red Sarachek is alive and well and living in Brooklyn." Not the title of a hit show perhaps, but it could mean a title for Yeshiva's Mighty Mites in the Knickerbockers conference this year. During the coach's early season absence last year, the Mites stumbled to a 2-6 record. This season his presence might have made a difference in those close early season games. When he resumed leadership, his direction immediately led to two impressive victories over tough squads from Adelphi and Brandeis Universities.

Selection of a starting squad is usually difficult for Sarachek. Often he has only a few returning players and many eager, yet inexperienced freshmen. This year, however, four out of five starters are experienced lettermen, and the blue and white will field a squad that has good talent in all positions.

Sarachek's squad consisted of...