New Instructors Arrive At Yu; Class Cancellations Unavoidable

By IRA RUDOWSKY

Of all the problems facing a college student, one of the most difficult is the financial area. Yeshiva College offers eligible students financial assistance through the Work-Study program. A similar program, though less well-known, which offers a wide selection of job opportunities, is the New York City Urban Corps....

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This year the Ezra Michael College of Hebraic Studies is placing a stronger emphasis on the Southwest region, with an increased number of courses offered in that area. The college has also developed new courses in the fields of Oratory and Talmudic Commentary, which will be offered in the Spring term. The Ezra Michael College of Hebraic Studies has the following courses offered for the Spring term: Biblical Hebrew, Talmudic Hebrew, and Modern Jewish History. The college also offers a course in the Hebrew language which is taught in the evenings by a local Hebrew teacher.

New Instructors Added To Faculty In College Dept.

By MARK KUTNER

A host of new instructors have joined the YU faculty. Among them is Mr. J. Hecchurn, who has been appointed as a full-time instructor in the Department of Religious Studies. Mr. Hecchurn brings with him a wealth of experience in the field of Jewish studies, having taught at several universities, including Yeshiva University. He is currently working on a new book on the history of the Jewish people in the Middle East. Mr. Hecchurn's contributions are expected to enhance the quality of the college's religious studies program.

SYNAGOGUE EXHIBITION TO BE AT YESHIVA; A SHOWING OF SYNAGOGUES OF THE WORLD

BY HOWARD WIEDER

On September 20, the Metropolitan Museum of Art opened an exhibition entitled "Synagogues from Damascus to Newport: Fifteen Centuries of Jewish History." The display consists of eight huge, carefully crafted models. These models are the first of a large collection of models being made for the Museum of Yeshiva University; the museum, endowed by Erica and Ludwig Jesselson, will open in 1973 at Yeshiva University's Main Center Campus. The eight synagogues on display are: the Dura-Europos Synagogue in Syria, built in the third century A.D.; the sixth-century synagogue of Beth-Alpha in Israel; the thirteenth-century Sephardic synagogue in Toledo, Spain; the eighteenth-century Touro Synagogue in Newport, Rhode Island; and other synagogues in various cities. The architecture of the synagogues had been basically influenced by the culture surrounding each community.
Light My Fire

At the end of the last school year, the Student Organization of Yeshiva (SOY) and YP students put forth vigorous and studied efforts to enhance the Yeshiva program. In answer, Dr. Belkin and the YP administration promised to follow through on several of SOY's recommendations.

As a trial run, however, there has been no change in the RIETS semi-"senior program and only one innovation in the undergraduate Yeshiva program—a chasunah shliitah open to Freshmen, which is yet to materialize.

Rather than "hanging fire," the contemplated improvements for YP-RIETS seem extinguished.

The students of YP-RIETS have shown that a fuller religious education is desirable and possible. It's now up to the administration.

Contrary to its commonly accepted purpose, the cavernous Main Building best meets with its many entrances—or rather, exits—has aided and abetted ideal Torah. The new change of rules whereby most undergraduates will prepare for their Shuirah in their own shiur classrooms will improve supervision and attendance and will be welcomed by all higher shiurers learning in the beit medrash.

A Council Can Work

One of the most important functions of an administration is to provide, manage, and control the use of its funds, services to its constituents. Despite having one of the smallest student bodies in the world, we have found in the past, diligence and initiative in meeting with this standard.

In view of the cafeteria price rises and other cost increases in student tuition and materials, JSSEC decided to at least lower the price of seforim for all JSSEC students. By buying in bulk at the book store, a large price of generar and mildew for the council produced a saving of $8 to $10 per student.

Not only is JSSEC to be praised for the double saving to its student body, but also for planning this experimental seforim exchange before the end of the year. It is also noted that the other student councils might benefit from this example of excellent usage of funds coupled with proper foresight.

The Gift Of Art

Every year the Gottesman Lecture Series sponsors lectures by people of "outstanding achievement" for the students and faculty of Yeshiva. It is the intention of their scholarship. The self-proclaimed intent of the COMMENTATOR is now in jeopardy because of the short-notice, lack of scholarship. It was with this purpose in mind that the committee invited an expert in art history to consider this year's lectures.

The Gottesman Lecture Series is an annual event and is a significant addition to the Yeshiva calendar. The series is designed to expose students to the works of prominent scholars and thinkers in various fields.

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The primary question is why, over the four month period of uncertainty, was there no change in the budget?

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Understandingly, auditing of books can only take place when final payment for all uncollected bills are made. The books are presently being audited. It is yet to be seen which department, Dr. Davis, or the Student Government teaches the most. Materialize. And, even considering the likelihood that the budget will be known by publication time, the inconvenience to the student bodies of auditing the books (and the Student Government's) is quite inconceivable.

We can only hope that student council functions properly throughout the rest of the year. The prompt selection of a new student body president and the early announcement of those students who will serve on council's committees will be greatly appreciated by all.

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1. Structured classes with specific details versus a program now being considered which has no real curriculum.

2. Reimbursing the course with new teachers being hired, as well qualified instructors exist already.

3. With this system, all students of any college year could register dependent on the course which they would be prepared to take.

4. The time that is now allotted to the freshman (and that could be allotted to any other student) could coincide with an EMC course. The EMC course would regulate the time thereby the course to be made available. This would in turn alleviate the "full" of YP becoming another EMC.

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Letters To The Editor

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Bessin, Yeshiva Alumnus, Discusses Israeli Army Situation; Shows Relationship Between ‘Dati And Non-Dati’ Soldiers

Of all Israel's most pressing domestic problems concerns the role and status in society of the political, social, and economic affairs. The relationship between the religion and the non-religious Israelis currently exists in the Israeli army, where davi and non-davi must work together. Bessi Bessin, a Yeshiva alumna from Ottawa, Ontario, has just returned from a two year stint in the Israeli army. Mr. Bessin talked to THE COMMENTATOR about the religious situation in the Israeli Defense Force.

Mr. Bessin discussed three aspects of the situation — the position of the religious boy in the army, the attitudes of the non-religious soldiers, and the Yeshiva world's impressions of the army. He explained that Israeli boys who have the spectrum serve in the military in all capacities. Army policy, in fact, stipulates that the importance of the Jewish religion to many of the men. "The rules of the Yeshiva world that he will not return," said Mr. Bessin, "the first time they hear Kiddush on Shabat, all the boys will sit at a traditional Seder." For many davi boys, their period of learning the ropes of back stage is well underway. In all, they see Shabat as a day different from a weekday. The relationship between the non-davi soldier and the non-davi is a completed one. Firstly, the spectrum of non-davi ranges from some type of Missouri to Shomer Hatzair. For many, army life is the first introduction to Judaism at close range. "It is the first chance to get some serious learning." said Mr. Bessin, "the first time they hear Kiddush on Shabat, all the boys will sit at a traditional Seder." For many non-davi boys, their period of learning the ropes of back stage is well underway. In all, they see Shabat as a day different from a weekday.

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This year's varsity teams are all looking forward to a much improved season. The school's five varsity squads are all working together to put together strong teams for this year's competition.

Basketball, the Mighty Mites, have already had their initial tryouts. Noah Nunberg to graduation and have some excellent freshmen joining the team.

Johnny hopes that the attendance at all games will improve this year. He has scheduled three games this month and three Sunday afternoon home games at John Bowne High School. He is looking forward to high school games prior to the Sunday games. As for the home games on weekends, Johnny is looking for a school in the area so that students can easily attend.

Wrestling

The wrestling team lost only Noah Nunberg to graduation. Avi Terry has returned and several experienced freshmen are joining the team. Enthusiastic about their new equipment and uniforms, the team is expecting at least a .500 season. They will be doing more wrestling because several schools have joined the league, so we can look forward to a lot of exciting wrestling this year.

The fencing team was hardest hit with losses to both graduation and intercollegiate. The coach still plans on working with as much of it as he could in our advertising. It needs of the Brass Monkey Undercover Scholarship Contest, and win a year's tuition to college.

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8. During World War II, what was reputed to be the principal form of commerce in Macao?

9. What was the name of the quinine dealer?

10. Leyna sang "Love My Love is a Man of Gold." What do you think the lyrics of this song might have been?

Intramural Tournament Starts Promising An Exciting Season

BY LARRY EHSENBERG

and ALAN SILVERSTEIN

The fall 1972 intramural season promises to be a hectic and exciting one. The late start of sessions has forced coordinators Elliot Feinerman and Dorit Schieber to reschedule all the activities offered into a three and a half month season. These sports include basketball, knockout hockey, and ping pong tournaments, aside from last year's new addition of indoor hockey. Basketball and hockey involve class competition, while ping pong and knockout hockey are individual tournaments.

In last semester's basketball competition the Seniors finished first with the Freshmen, Juniors and Sophomores placing second, third and fourth respectively. This year, the Sophomores can expect continued fine play from Insol and Pollak though they will be hurt by the absence of Rubenfeld. The Juniors need competent play to go along with the individual excellence of Lenny Friedman, while the Seniors will rely on their fine team play. Coordinator Feinerman expects the Seniors to finish first, with the Sophomores placing ahead of the Juniors. The Freshmen will be evaluated after their first match. He hopes the season can get un- der way by next week, with the first contest between the Sophomores and the Juniors.

Hockey

Judah Gopin, Seth Franksy, and Dave Soffer will be joining forces this year to assemble the multitude of hockey talent to be found at YU. As of now, Thursday, October 12, is set as the start of intramuralism. All upperclassmen, especially Feinerman, are urged to come down to the gym. Last semester's hockey competition ended in a tie with the Seniors owning the cellar. This year's competition should again prove to be tight and very exciting. The organizers of the hockey competition are hoping for a grant from the student council which would help them provide equipment for the growing number of students that attend.

The ping pong tournament is being organized by Chippy Cohen, while Marshal Kelison and Marty Kraner are heading the knock hockey tournament. Both competitions are expected to get under way towards mid-semester. With such an active intramural program, this year the YU student should easily be able to find an activity in which he can participate and which he can enjoy.

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