LIBRARY GROWTH GOES ON AS NEW BOOKS ARE GIVEN

Collection On English Literature Still One Of Smallest

Several new collections of books have been added to the Library this week, in the recent acquisition of some six hundred volumes of source material on the World War. It was announced by Isaac Goldberg, Assistant Librarian.

Professor Otto Peterson and Olauf Albin of the C.G.N.Y. German department, contributed a new collection of German classics containing over three thousand volumes. Included are the complete works of Heine, Goethe, Schiller, and Lessing. In the field of Yiddish literature, the collection has been enriched also, with the addition of a comprehensive collection of Yiddish plays, as well as volumes on Yiddish literature and history.

MIRZACHI HEARS
RABBI S. MIRSKY

Tarah Yazedah Movement Called Active Force

Addressing a gathering of 5,000 students and guests at Hebrew Union College, Rabbi Dr. Raphael Mirsky, assistant professor of history, at Yeshiva College, outlined the activities of the Tarah Yazedah movement at the student's national convention held in Chicago, January 15.

The convention, organized by students of the Jewish Theological Seminary, was attended by students from all over the country. Rabbi Dr. Mirsky talked about the movement's efforts to foster a greater understanding among the students of the various branches of the Seminary.

Plan To Celebrate
Yeshiva's Jubilee

Second Banquet To Be Held During April

A jubilee banquet commemorating the fifty years of Yeshiva in being planned for this month. The event will be held on the Riverdale campus of the college. It is expected that over 1,000 guests will attend, including prominent figures in the field of Jewish education and the arts.

COUNCIL VOTES
COMMITTEE FOR AID IN PLANNING

Board Will Cooperate In Evaluating Plans For 5-Year Course

A committee in cooperation with the Board of Trustees as a whole has been established to study the feasibility of a five-year course. The committee will consist of members of the Board and will be appointed by the Board.

LOAN FUND GETS NEW DONATION

Family Donates $200 For Permanent Capital

A contribution of approximately $200 has been received from the family of Dr. and Mrs. H. S. Green, who have given $500 for the building fund for the new permanent capital. The gift was accepted by Dr. and Mrs. Green at a special meeting of the Board.

GINSCHER SCHOLARSHIP

The Mois Ginscher Scholarship, in the memory of the late Dr. Mois Ginscher, has been established. The scholarship is for courses in the field of Jewish studies.

SUPPLIANT STUDENTS CRAM AND PRAY

As Periodic Studying Season Arrives

By ARNOLD MILLER

The annual period of intense study begins with the advent of the Suppliant Students. These students, who are traditionally the most diligent and devoted in their studies, have scheduled a period of intensive study for the upcoming months.

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Every Book Counts

Aimed immeasurably by the new facilities provided it, the Library is growing at an unprecedented rate. With room for expansion assured, it is now only a matter of time before the specialized collections so duly needed by students can be acquired and put at their disposal.

It is hard to estimate to whom credit is due with respect to library work done in the past few weeks. Several members of the faculty have distinguished themselves in this regard, and the work in cataloging, which has put the library at its present level, has of late been greatly intensified.

A note of disappointment must, however, enter the picture. In spite of all above mentioned, some of the collections are painfully small. Mention could be made of any number of fields, outstanding among them the English literature group, which is still deplorably inadequate.

There is no substantial reason for this condition to prevail very long. While it is true that actual purchase of new volumes is a high priority, it is also true that the rapidity with which these have been received and put into print, has not been the way the library grew.

The expansion of the library has always been most appreciated largely through gifts. Some faculty men have been most generous in this respect. We have undergraduates and alumni.

But, that of those untapped sources yet unknown to us? We still have members of the faculty and of the student body who are apathetic to the library.

Books on hand and extensive libraries of the same, they are content to let other instructors and students do the work.

It is to them that we turn. An opportunity is here for performing a distinct service to the college. We hope they seize it.

Our Sincere Thanks

It is with pleasure that we learned of the decision of the Usdan family to contribute a permanent working capital to the college fund. The Usdans are to be commended for discerning the vital importance of student activities, and for expressing this interest so concretely in such an important field of service. It was but proper that College name the fund in their honor.

It should, however, be noted that the benefit of such action on the part of one family is not limited to the particular field of student activities. The Usdan fund is of vital importance in the present war situation.

It is unfortunate that the matter could not have been originally introduced in a manner which would have prevented misunderstanding. The suddenness with which the plan was sprung upon the student body could have been easily avoided. We have been thoroughly studied before being proposed. It is to be hoped that some of the antagonism which was caused by some of these facts will subside, and that a more objective approach may be made to this issue.

There remains only one problem to be cleared up before teaching a more complete understanding, and that is the problem of those freshmen who did not receive notification of the institution of the five-year plan.

This question, in itself, is independent of the general principle of the five-year plan. The solution of either, whether or not it is fair to apply the plan to certain students, should be realized that upon a proper solution of this problem depends the attitude of the student body towards the plan. We hope that these improvements can be made in these directions.

In The Editor's Mail Box

To the Editor of the Commentary:

Dear Sir:

I am writing this to you in the hope that you may have space to devote to a few words which I will write about something which occurred last week.

Unfortunately, a severe storm of intensity such as never occurred without bringing with it the damage and suffering that it would have done. The Usdana family is in the midst of this disaster.

I am writing this letter to you in the hope that you will be able to do something for them.

Sincerely yours,

E. L. B.

To the Editor of the Commentary:

In one of your earlier editorials, I saw an account of a student undertaking. A student in December, among other things, a song contest which was to be held by the editorial staff of the campus paper, which I personally had heard about, and which I was planning to attend. I am writing this letter to you in the hope that you will be able to do something for them.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF 36
JAN.—Yeshiva almost wins a basketball game when it ties C.C.N.Y., Commercial Evening 15-15. City knobs the score in the last twenty seconds of play and refuse to continue in an over-time period.
Levy fails to score in a basketball game for the first time in three years as Yeshiva is swamped by Patterson, 47-16.

FEB.—Yeshiva marches on Council, having nothing else to do, decides that the rightful place for learning is in classrooms, not in a waste paper basket. Purpose of lockers universally forgotten as coats and hats find a haven on the back seats of classrooms. D.B.A. organized in a wave of protest against the use of desks and floors for lunchrooms.

March.—Spring arrives, so does the fair sex and dancing invade Yeshiva's visiting basketball games, so the varsity manages to defeat C.J.I. 31-28.


APRIL.—Dramatic Society presents its initial production “Journey's End”. The play is a year's effort to establish dramatics as a functioning extra-curricular activity at Yeshiva.

Dr. Alexander Litman of the philosophy department promoted to rank of assistant professor.

Summer camps become intra-mural basketball champions for 1936 as they beat seniors in playoffs.

MAY.—Baseball invades the campus, as Leo Solanok warms up his soupcon for competition. Soupcon turns out to be merely soup.

A. Leo Kover is selected best player for journalism. Award presented to him by the Student Council.

JUNE.—The class of 36 issues a proclamation prohibiting the wearing of glasses at the graduation exercises.

Sales of Shick razors rise, as Gershon Feigen does a rushing business, although he makes no shrubbery remains intact.

JULY.—Official vacation.

AUGUST.—Ditto.

OCT.—Official vacation.


NOW—Yeshiva starts the season off on the right foot by losing to Webb 32-22.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 37
JAN.—Yeshiva takes seventh place in Intramural Basketball.

The following is a record of a game played between Shapiro and Sitar, Columbia College, 3-2.

Shapiro and Sitar Win In Intramural Basketball

The game was a hard fought one with both teams giving their best. Shapiro took the lead early in the first half and held it throughout. Sitar fought back in the second half, but Shapiro managed to hold on for the win.

Open Season On Students Almost Here

The Hillel Haskalah Hall, will be the site of a social gathering this Thursday evening. The event will feature the work of the Hillel Haskalah theater group and will be open to the public.

Dr. Kraus Returns To Give Education Lecture

Returning from a leave of absence, Professor Kraus will give a lecture on education. The lecture will focus on the importance of education in today's world.

CITY CHRONICLES

BY ABE NOVICK

ON THE SIDELINES

Yeshiva Takes Seventh Place In Chess Meet

The chess team of Yeshiva was represented at the annual tournament of the Intercollegiate Chess League held at the Manhattan Chess Club during the week of December 4-8. The team consisted of seven players, led by the captain, who won and lost one game each. Yeshiva clinched the seventh place in the league, leading only the other competitors by 3 points.

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From Wake Island 3000 miles out in the Pacific Ocean, Pan American Airways dashed this ticket:

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