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Support the
Y. U. Drive

The Consolidated Edition Co. of New York, after a survey of the illumination levels of various places, the report stated, "that all of the illumination, few exceptions as noted, are inadequately lighted."

The Con Edison report lists the location at the top maximum illumination readings found there and the minimum recommended levels of illumination. Investigated public areas were a particular spot was the maximum lighting requirement over the entire area. Readings recorded in and area would show the highest levels of the area, and not the average.

Righted Highest Level

"Readings were usually taken directly against the sky, which they would be the highest," the report stated. "The lowest level found in a great many of the areas was only one and a half candle feet of artificial illumination," continued the report.

The maximum reading obtained in the Riverside County GETMEMS Library was 30 candle feet. The minimum recommended level of illumination there is 50 foot candle.

"The center section of the main floor of this library has daylight illumination only," Con Edison reported. "Reading conditions become very poor when daylight is inadequate." The report recommended that a proper artificial illuminating system be installed.

Install New System

According to the report, the maximum reading obtained in that area was one-fifth of the minimum recommended level. Con Edison also recommended that the lights, which are operated semi-recessed, be recessed fully, including wire guards.

Out of a total of 45 locations investigated in the university, the report found to have adequate lighting.

In some of the classrooms and offices where incandescent lighting systems are in use, the report concluded, "a fluorescent system (Continue on page 6)

Appropriate Funds For Commentator

Student Council has appropriated funds to be used for microfilming all back issues of the Yeshiva College Clarion. Paul Rogoway '57, editor-in-chief. The purpose of this action is to preserve the issues in an impervious and convenient manner.

"It is hoped that all future issues will be microfilmed in order to maintain a complete record of Yeshiva’s history as recorded in THE COMMENTATOR," stated Mr. Rogoway.

Club Hour Scheduling Procedure Reaffirmed

The Student Faculty Relations Committee has reaffirmed the established procedure for scheduling of administration requested events during Club Hour.

In view of the misunderstanding which arose regarding the scheduling of a Sophomore assembly during the club period, Professor Abraham Hurwitz, chairman of the committee, speaking for Dean Simeon L. Guterman, stated that "the administration will definitely confer with Student Council at least one month in advance to seek their approval before such affairs can be held. No event which does not meet with the approval of Student Council will be scheduled during the Club Hour."

Club Hour was instituted in September, 1955. After it was approved by the student body in a referendum submitted to it in May of that year. The referendum asked the students if they were willing to remain at school one half hour longer on Thursday days so as to provide a free hour during the day. Previously, most club meetings and assemblies had been held in the dormitory during the evening hours, with some assemblies scheduled for class periods.

The vote favored the establishment of this period and Club Hour was put into effect the following year.

Debaters to Oppose Columbia On Question of Israeli Arms

The Yeshiva University Debate Society has accepted a challenge by the Columbia University Debate Council to debate the topic, "Resolved: That the U. S. Should Supply Israel with Arms.

The debate will be held before the Student Faculty Relations Committee, April 24. Three Municipal Court justices will comprise the board of judges. Yeshiva will uphold the affirmative."

Win and Lose

In its last two debates on the national topic, Yeshiva debated beat Northeastern University, Sunday, May 12. Yeshiva lost to N.Y.U., Wednesday, April 11. Joseph Cherwin '58, and Abraham Shapiro '58, successfully defended the affirmative. The Northeastern affirmative's case without presenting a case of their own, Yeshiva, after breaking down the affirmative, announced that only the affirmative must present a plan.

In a debate held simultaneously with the Yeshiva-North­eastern match, the Pre-variety Yeshiva debating team also defeated Northeastern. Yeshiva upheld the affirmative.

Contracts for the Pre-variety tour of the Philadelphia area are now being drawn up, revealed Joseph Singer '58, president of the Pre-variety.

Clauses for Community Drive

"The Y. U. Charity Drive has raised $1800 so far, far below what was expected," said Joel Schreiber '57, co-chairman of the Drive.

Stern College for Women is leading all the institutions of the University in per capita contributions for the Drive, which will end some time in May.

"It is very important for the students to cooperate and give as much as they possibly can," said Mr. Schreiber. "The contributions are lagging and only by the full cooperation of everyone concerned can the Y. U. Drive be a success."

Oratory Contest

Jacob Heller '56, president of Student Council, has been selected to represent Yeshiva in the annual Journal-American Oratorical Con­test, announced Professor Abraham Hurwitz, judge of the tryouts. The topic of the contest is "John Adams."
S.C. Presidential Aspirants Present Election Platforms

Two students have announced their candidacy for the presidency of the Yeshiva College Student Council. In order to help the student body become more familiar with the candidates, The Commentator has asked each candidate to submit a statement.

Joseph E. Fischer

The tasks of President of Student Council can be categorized under two basic headings. The first is that of safeguarding student welfare and student rights, and the second is that of cooperation with the administration toward the betterment of the University.

I. Vice President of the Sophomore Class and President of the Junior Class.

II. Managing Editor of The Commentator.

III. Member of Fencing and Debate teams.

In my role as President of Student Council, I would work with the University administration to support a scientific and/or educational program with specific recommendations concerning curriculum and curricular planning, improvement in student welfare and student problems.

I. I would do the same work in the expanded role of Vice President of Sophomore Class and President of Junior Class with the University administration.

Quality for Quantity

The recent rise in tuition to $700 per year represents a 75 per cent increase over the past six years. This new rate presents an impossible financial burden to some students, especially now that the dormitory fee has been raised to $350.

In view of these facts, we call upon the administration to adopt a more liberal scholarship policy.

In addition, we sincerely hope that with the added income the University will be able to improve and increase its present facilities and to offer services to the students and faculty commensurate with the new rates.

A Hope

As Israel enters its ninth year of existence, we experience feelings of both joy and apprehension; joy because it has withstood the pressures of the world for eight critical years and apprehension because it is now confronted with a crucial situation in the Middle East.

We hope that the feelings of apprehension will soon be dissipated, and that future Israeli Independence Days will inspire only feelings of gratitude to the Almighty.
Spotlight on R.C.A. Controversy

By Paul Rogeweg and New Lovin

One of the most controversial pressures on the Orthodox Jewish scene today is the question of affiliation with groups of rabbis and congregations which include representatives of the Conservative or Reform movements.

The question was raised at the eighth annual Mid-Winter Conference of the Rabbinical Council of America, held February 6 and 7, in Atlantic City. At that time, Rabbi B. B. Hollander and Rabbi Emanuel Rackman discussed the topic of "separation versus integration."

In early March, Rabbi Hol­lander posed the question of the R.C.A. position on the specific question concerning affiliation with the Synagogue Council of America, which represents the organizations of Ortho­dox, Conservative and Reform rabbis and laymen.

Rabbi Hollander further stated that the primary aim of "separatism" is to isolate the Conservative "rabbi," and not much attention is given to the word "harmenously."

Rabbi Hollander declared, "In regard to the Rabbinical Council, we do not seek to cloak our religious convictions." He said, "We must be honest with each other."

The lesson, he insisted, was learned in the German-Jewish experience. The Rabbinical Council has already in a sense been defeated by the Dissolution of the N.Y.B.R., and in the German Jewish community the power and validity of the R.C.A. is not recognized.

The question is scheduled to be the main topic of discussion at the annual R.C.A. convention which has been advanced from July to June. The question is one of great importance to all of Orthodox Jewry in America. We therefore present herewith the two opposing sides of the question, Rabbi David B. Hollander, president of the R.C.A., and Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein, a member of the R.C.A. Executive Committee and president of the N.Y.B.R., states the reasons for opposing withdrawal.

Must Abide by Halachic Ruling

Explaining that the proposal to require members of the Rabbinical Council to withdraw from the New York Board of Rabbis and the Synagogue Council is not a new measure, Rabbi B. B. Hollander disclosed that for the past fifteen years he and others have been estranged from the Rabbinical Council members into the Synagogue Council. Seven years ago, at the annual R.C.A. convention in Atlantic City, Rabbi B. B. Hollander delivered a major talk, expressing substantially the same views. "I have personally stayed out of the New York Board of Rabbis and although having been contacted and requested to join, he said.

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Orthodoxy Shouldn't Retreat

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**Letter to the Editor**

To The Editor:

The enclosed letter, recently sent by Student to the President in response to the Talmudic Council, may be of interest to the student body.

(Signed) Jacob W. Heller
President, S.C.

Mr. President:

We, the Yeshiva College Students Council, the official representative body of the students of Yeshiva College, the first college under Jewish auspices in the United States, wish to express our grave concern over our country's present foreign policy concerning the Middle East, which policy is considered to be morally indefensible.

Israel, the sole guardian of true democracy in the Middle East, is now faced with the situation of Arab totalitarianism equipped with Communist arms. The United States, universally recognized as the protector of liberty and freedom, finds itself, therefore, in need of its sister democracy across the seas in this moment of crisis. The United States, which has played a great part in the creation of the State of Israel, and which has aided Israel in its later development, is now under the moral obligation to play an active role in the defeat of Israel's battle for survival.

We, the Yeshiva College Student Council, therefore strongly urge the American government to avert the threat of war so recently precipitated by the initiative of Communist arms in the Middle East, which Israel's request for arms to defend herself in the event of attack.

In order to further guarantee the continuation of peace in the Middle East, we strongly urge that the United States take a firm stand and assure the Middle East's future.

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**From Color Scheme to Page Numbers**

By Martin Fingershot

To the incoming freshmen of September, 1956, who will, in all probability, never see the 1956-1957 Catalogue, I hasten to inform you that your article is humbly dedicated.

To go into all the innovations of the new catalog with its new color scheme and with a new page for notes, would be a Herculean task neither space nor time will allow. Instead, we will like to list a few of these innovations and to explain how each goes a long way toward improving on the old catalog. This change has been a part of the Catalog for its early date of publication. Of course, this was at the expense of having no catalog at all for 1955-56, but then there has been a great undertaking in which it was not found that it was necessary to list the various degrees. This is obviously Yeshiva's answer to crises calling for a youth movement in the faculties.

At the end of the listings of the faculty is a special segregated space in which our Bible teachers appear. These are, of course, all listed. The reason for their segregation is not clear, but it may be that the author of the part neglected to do his efforts to the drive for synthesis.

Page eleven, we come to a very important and interesting Halacha Committee of the Rabbinical Council and, once submitted, to withdraw it. Dr. C. N. Bumet.

"The Executive Committee of the Rabbinical Council has stated again and again in executive session that it is not necessarily bound by the decision of the Halacha Committee," disclosed Rabbi Hollander.

Rabbi Hollander traces the reasons given: 1. that under the constitution of the Council the Halacha Committee is just a committee and its report need not as a matter of law be accepted, 2. that since the Executive Committee is composed of ordained rabbis, it can also pass judgment, and does not relinquish its right to make the Halachic decision.

Rabbi Hollander maintained that withdrawal from the New York Board of Rabbis, the Synagogue Council of America, and the Rabbinic Council would lead to closer relations with the Union of Orthodox Rabbis. He pointed out that the relationship of the members of the U.O.R. has changed considerably during the past ten years, largely because of a change of personnel. "It is my hope that a move toward unity and cooperation in the Jewish world, which has gone grotesque is a paradox. Those who defend halacha are said to be destroying Orthodoxy, and those who claim to be defending Orthodoxy are opposing halacha," concluded Rabbi Hollander.

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**Orthodoxy Should Not Retreat, States Rabbi Joseph Loeckstein**

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Living expense from $1870 to $2455, we have also taken note of a new innovation following student finance—a Student Loan Fund.

Turning to a brighter side, guidance (p. 25) is given a much more prominent display in the new catalog, and the feature of "College Societies" reflects "College societies" for the incoming freshmen. (It must be a typographical error.)

We would like to comment on this change in names, but we can't decide just what "co-curricular" means. Our "Varsity" Swimming Team will be glad to note that its usual intercollegiate schedules continue to be carried in the new catalog. Our Track Team has fallen through as a result of its inability to find suitable opponents. The Football Team still boasts of its record that the "Le Flambeau" is commencing publication. I'm sure the Le Flambeau welcomes the competition.

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**Housing Problem**

Page twenty-six, under Housing, we are told that the proposed dormitory for women, to be built on the site of the old square block site. We feel that this statement will be of particular interest to those residing in the dormitory on one of the corners. We also note that a certain physical education course in net skills is still not recognized in the College catalog. This is probably because the administration finds it impossible to conceive that anyone can teach such skills in the dormitory.

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**New Register**

Another omission is the students' guide to the preceding catalog. A new innovation following the new catalog was placed in the back of the book as filler space. It was a fine idea to do away with this excrescence and put it in its place.

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Seniors to Tournament, Subdue Soph Team, In Exciting Contest

With a trip to the St. Peters College Intramural Tournament at stake, the seniors and sophomores of the Yeshiva University Basketball Team, April 10, to determine Yeshiva's tournament representative. The older quintet capped the honor by winning up the tail end of a low scoring ball game, 32-25.

The prize package made for spirited play, and within seconds after the opening buzzer the sophs had jumped to a quick 4-0 lead. However, the stronger, bigger senior squad bounced right back, and at the close of the first period the score stood 7-5, in favor of the second year men.

Game Nile and Turk

Most of the second period was nip and tuck, both teams trading back and forth.

A clutch three point play by Sophomore Shapiro gave the team a 13-12 edge. Seniors Marty Fingher and Marty Gerbitz countered with a drive and a jump shot to grab a 16-13 advantage at the halfway mark.

The third period opened with four, and the final shot of the sophs, making the score 17-16. That, though, was the last time they were to enjoy a lead. The upper terners hit for seven straight points to take a commanding lead, 23-17.

The sophs pressed for the ball in the fourth quarter, but bad passes and forced shooting were their undoing, as the seniors padded their lead to the final 32-25 score. Next stop, St. Peters College.

Under New Management

College Luncheonette

SID AND GEORGE your new proprietors

Announcement

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OTTELEGGER

Tickets On Sale At Co-op
$1.00 and $2.51
All Seats Reserved

FASST

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LUNCH AND DINNER SERVED
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Next To Inwood Jewish Center
From Yeshiva: Take Broadway Bus to Inwood Avenue at IBI to Dyckman Street, with 2 blocks.
Open Till 11:30. Closed All Day Saturday until Sunset 10-12-47
TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 1956

Joseph Cassius, Yeshiva Coach, Seeks Democratic Nomination

Mr. Joseph Cassius, assistant in physical education at Yeshiva College, is conducting a campaign to obtain the Democratic Party nomination from the eleven congressional districts to the House of Representatives.

Due to an election law which prohibits those who have not enrolled as Democrats in the previous elections to circulate regular designating petitions, Mr. Cassius is conducting a write-in campaign. The New York primary will be held Tuesday, June 5.

Joseph Cassius

Mr. Cassius served in the Marine Corps during World War II for four and one-half years. In 1951 he graduated from Southern Methodist University and began postgraduate studies at the University of California and the S.M.U. Graduate School. He is now completing his Ph.D at Yeshiva University.

A celebrated wrestler, Mr. Cassius is also a recognized Judo instructor, and a review of Buckner's "Danton's Toast" in the Germanic Review.

Lighting

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lighting, the wattage load would be substantially the same.

$500 Estimate

The Student Council Building Repair Committee estimated last year in its report that it would cost $150 to install an adequate lighting system.

No Bachelors Allowed

A course in marital laws, sponsored by the Guidance Committee, is being given Tuesday nights from 8 to 10 p.m. Registration is limited to students planning to be married this year.

Rabbi M. Karp will teach the fundamentals of marital halacha in the first four lectures, the first of which was held last Tuesday, April 17.

Senior Varsity Show Tickets Go on Sale at Co-Op Store

Tension in Mid-East Subject of Address By Lawyer Zelikov

"The reason for the tense situation in Israel is that the Arabs were never reconciled to the establishment of Israel," declared Mr. Nathaniel Zelikov, speaking at the Wednesday, May 16, in Lamport Auditorium, to celebrate Israel's Independence Day.

Giving a brief account of American policy and the situation in the Middle East, Mr. Zelikov, a member of the Public Affairs Committee and the American Zionist Council, analyzed the causes of the tension.

Club Notes

Blio. Chem. Pre-med Societies

Dr. Idolev Danishefsky '44, biochemist at the Flowering Research, spoke at a combined meeting of the Biology, Chemistry, and Pre-Med Societies on "Current Approaches in Cancer Research," Thursday, March 15.

"Cancer," said Dr. Danishefsky, "is caused by organic compounds known as coal tar hydrocarbons. These are compounds whose structures are normally stable, but when in cancerous cells they break down to form other compounds.

The doctor outlined three methods used in cancer research. The first method, carcinogenesis, involves studying the effects of coal tar on an animal; the second, chemotherapy, is the synthesis and analysis of a number of derivatives; and the third, which is being used currently, is cell metabolism.

Dr. Danishefsky ended his lecture by saying that if he would build cancer research, the topic would be "Cure for Cancer."

Le Cercle Francais


The professor's topic was "Heinrich Heine, Poet by Election, Jew Despite Others."

Speaking solely in French, Professor Berger described the life and work of Heine, and said that though Heine was baptized, he still felt Jewish. In 1830, Heine left Germany and settled in France, for he had been disassociated with the politics of Metternich. He spent the rest of his life in France, where he wrote many of his stories.

After the lecture, the Pi Delta Phi initiated Harold Friedman '55, Barry Friedlander '58, Jay Braverman '58, and Herman Klein '58. The Yeshiva chapter, Alpha Omegu, of the Pi Delta Phi, and the Pi Delta Honor Society, is presided over by Arnold Asher '57. To be admitted, one must maintain high grades in French and an interest in French studies.

Jewish Philos Society

Rabbi Fabian Schonfeld, a rabbinical alumnus of Yeshiva University, and at present spiritual leader of the Young Israel of Kew Gardens, will address the Jewish Philosophical Society, Thursday, April 26, announced Alvin Boboff '57, president of the Society.

The lecture will deal with the Beliefs and Opinions of Saadia Gaon, the first Jewish philosophical work, and other matters.

Dramatics Society

The Dramatics Society of Yeshiva College has begun a new service with articles, criticisms and advice on Broadway shows. Anyone interested should contact Louis Weil '57, president of the Society.

The Dramatics Society is also planning a show to be presented next term.