Shapiro Chosen To Head New Student Council

Senior Class Will Vote For Valedictorian In '53, As S. C. Concludes Award System

A final agreement on the system of awards has been reached by representatives of Student Council and Dean Moses I. Isaacso. The agreement has been approved by Dr. Samuel Belkin, Yeshiva's president. The following: 1953 valedictorian will be chosen at an election of the senior the three high scholastically ranking seniors. The candidates will be valedictorians. The vote will be determined by the faculty. The actual numerical counts of the relative rankings will not be revealed.

Awards committee of three will be appointed by the president. The sole purpose of this committee will be to administer the awards. The new categorization of awards will also contain two other awards.

I. Goodman

S. Goodman

Prexy

S. Goodman was elected president of the Student Organization of Yeshiva with a total of 114 votes. Irwin Bander, who was disqualified, received a write-in vote of 184.

Samuel Felder gained the vice-presidency on the second ballot by defeating Herman Halon by a vote of 233-114. Mr. Felder had been in the first counting 117-138. Joel Dianoshasky dropped out on the first ballot with 120 tallies.

In the voting for secretary-treasurer, Dov Pikelney defeated Morton Summer by a vote of 235-144. Mr. Pikelney was ahead on the first ballot with 201 votes while Mr. Summer trailed with 112 counts and Aaron Skaist had 95.

The announcement of the candidates of equal scholastic record compete for an award, the award decision will rest with the members of the faculty giving the group of candidates nominated in the award.

The basis of awards will be the record of the student in the three and one-half years prior to the semester before graduation. A student graduating in the previous January will have been a four year record used as basis.

The candidates for prizes in which faculty in addition to other characteristics is designated, will be named by the Awards Committee. Only the Goldstein prize is in this category.

Dean Isaacso in a letter to Dr. Belkin expressed the belief that "the absolute set of regulations is workable and will be satisfactory to all concerned.

All the recommendations excluding those about the valedictorian's schedule to go into effect this semester.

Congrats

The editors and staff of The Commentator extend their sincerest congratulations to their editor-in-chief, David Mogilnir '53, on his forthcoming marriage to "Miss Rue Schell."
The school year is about to end and concurrently with it, another year of Commentator—its seventeenth. Sixteen years ago, when the Commentator with its rich past—factual journalism of a high level, interesting features, and a student interest centered editorial policy—have gone by. This past year has created a great many additions to the files of the past, some good, some not.

This past year, for the first time, an eight-page issue of The Commentator was published—the Purim issue. This past year, for the first time, The Commentator presented a pre-election issue which included a message from every candidate for an Executive Council position. This past year, for the first time, The Commentator published three sixteen-page issues. This past year, for the first time, The Commentator covered news of Jewish interest, to a much higher degree than usual. This coverage ran from an interview with Shoshana Damari to a detailed account of the U.O.J.C.A. convention. This past year, for the first time, The Commentator was under the yoke of an alumnus adviser.

That the adviser of Commentator had no wish to shear away from the editorial policy and general content of The Commentator this year is of no consequence. It is possible that in the near future such will not be the case and that the future editors of The Commentator one must charge the responsibility of fighting for the abolition of any sort of adviser.

The Commentator of the past year also fought for more active student government. It critically reviewed the apathy of Student Council and Committee (S.A.C.) and its suggestions. The notion that this is primarily a Yeshiva college must become a reality. The Yeshiva sports teams, especially the fencing team, the basketball team and a more than successful one for its fencing team. A soccer team was created, which for all practical purposes, was non-autonomous student organization. The creation of S. A. C. was an excellent idea. Under the leadership of Stanley Wagner it proved its value during the past year.

Under the co-management of Saul Bahn and Sidney Tennenberg, the co-op stores were run in an efficient manner. Business and business activities were supervised by Professor Young.

The Commentator is to be commended upon maintaining the fine tradition set for it in past years. Editor Dave Mogilner fought relentlessly in true Commentator spirit for student rights, criticizing, on various occasions, the administration, the student body, and the Administration, when such criticism was warranted. Masmid, under the co-editorship of William Weinberg and Adam Bahn and Sidney Tennenberg, was invaluable.

Next year, we will campaign for the establishment of a Phi Beta Kappa chapter at the college. We will seek to have established a faculty committee on fellowships and awards to guide seniors interested in applying to graduate and professional schools. We will urge the establishment of a senior advisory committee to the future editors. Freshmen and Sophomores can approach the professor of supervision of Student Council for advice on coming to Y.U. The question of the relationship between school and College. We will urge the establishment of a Senior advisory committee to the future editors. Freshmen and Sophomores can approach the professor of supervision of Student Council for advice on coming to Y.U. The question of the relationship between school and College.

Too, Commentator will continue to crusade for what we feel is right and will ultimately benefit the student body. We hope to cooperate with student and administration leaders and discuss any proposed changes or suggestions with them. We will avoid sensationalism if any other means can be employed, but we will not fail to put into print our stand on any issue which will not be justly resolved to the student's best interests.

In retrospect, I have taken good care in checking upon the promises of my opponents, and have included into my guide any valuable suggestions that I found therein.

To repeat what has been uttered so often by candidates during the elections is a lot to be done yet. Indeed, whatever has been achieved hitherto shall remain and be enhanced by constant molding. But we must insist on the establishment of a Senior advisory committee to the future editors. Freshmen and Sophomores can approach the professor of supervision of Student Council for advice on coming to Y.U. The question of the relationship between school and College.

To be lamented that this is primarily a Yeshiva college. Today more than ever we assume the role of the fountainhead of Jewish learning in the world. Israel must become an integral, meaningful, and vital part of the dormant Jewish college. The Commentator will strive to foster these ideals.

I am confident that the trust placed in us by our former editors will be wholly justified if we keep these goals in mind.

New Prexy Message

My wishes to express my gratitude to our student body for selecting me as the President of their Student Council. I say their student council, for it is my steadfast belief that its chief purpose should be to represent, to the fullest degree, the needs and wishes of the students. Yeshiva College has grown up quite a bit recently; one may tend to forget about a few individuals who wish to see, in the effort to follow the general trend of thought. It will be my job as president to listen to everyone and everyone, and yet another hand in the Dick of everything concerning our college. I am aware of my responsibility, and shall do my utmost to live up to it.

What I promised in my platform shall be my guide in effecting measures of improvement. Nevertheless,
The close of the term is a good time for a person, whether a dean or a student, to review achievements and to attempt to chalk out the future. This is particularly needful for our first academic year at a college. What is said hereafter really consists of two parts, what has been done or attempted in the past year, and what it is hoped will come from efforts of the whole group. Our long-range goals, but of the immediate outcome which may be anticipated in the coming year or two, by which the program will have to be judged.

First of all, I shall like to pay tribute to students as well as to faculty for the fine way in which I have been received. I no longer consider myself a stranger to Yeshiva for three reasons. What I have seen and what I have learned in the eight or nine months since my arrival have amply confirmed the fine opinion and high hopes with which I entered on my duties last fall. I feel more confident now than ever that Yeshiva will be able to hold its own with the best undergraduate colleges in the country.

Let me briefly tabulate and, if possible, evaluate the work of this first year so far as it concerns my office. A committee system was inaugurated recommendations submitted by the community organization was not only to secure greater effectiveness of administration, but also to secure the close cooperation of faculty members in such administration. The committees have not only helped in the formulation of policies, but they have shared in the actual work of administration whenever it has proved feasible. The committees, like similar ones in the legislative act as clearing houses for discussion and criticism of proposals presented to them for consideration, for each committee is in some respects the faculty in embryo. When a committee has digested recommendations submitted to it and come to a conclusion, the matter is ready for submission to the faculty.

The activity of the committees encompasses a variety of subjects: distribution of grades, examination procedures, absence regulations, guidance, entrance requirements and curriculum revision. Out of their recommendations has come the requirement of College Board Entrance Examinations for admission. Out of their deliberations will emerge many new policies in which it is hoped can be implemented in the future. Discussion of curriculum problems and of new courses has been going on uninterruptedly because on no part of its work does the progress of our Col-

A Message from the Dean

By Dr. Simeon L. Guterman

The appointment of Mrs. Cecil Fedcr appointed Registrar for Stern College.

The first Yeshiva University Student Guidebook was distributed to all students.

The appointment of Mrs. Cecil Salwen Fedcr as Registrar and Assistant Professor of Mathematics at the Stern College for Women.

Mrs. Fedcr is the first person to be appointed to the faculty of the College which is opening in the fall. A native New Yorker, Mrs. Fedcr has served in the mathematics departments of Brooklyn and Hunter Colleges. She received her bachelors degree at Hunter College in 1941, graduating summa cum laude, and her masters degree from Columbia University in 1950. She is a candidate for a doctorate at Columbia. A member of Phi Beta Kappa, the American Mathematical Society, and Phi Mu Epsilon, national honorary mathematics fraternity, she serves on the editorial board of "Jewish Journal."
Rabbi Jacob Kaplan, Chief Rabbi of France and Chevalier of the Legion of Honor, visited the U. Y. U. campus yesterday, and met several of the students. Kaplan is one of the candidates for the celebrated Finaly case. This affair involved two Jewish children who were being held by the Children's Aid Society. Kaplan and several others made a trip to the city to try and release the children. Kaplan said that he felt that the children should be released and that the case should be settled. He said that he hoped that the case would be settled soon and that the children would be released.

The question that will plague many of the students is whether or not they should continue to support the Finaly case. Kaplan said that he felt that the case was important and that the students should continue to support it. He said that he hoped that the case would be settled soon and that the children would be released.

A great burst of enthusiasm made itself evident on the "war to end all wars" and when it was found that nothing at all had been done, a great desire arose. The students wanted more sacrifices, no more leadership and no more dabbling in "causes." The college student, who had been a vociferous patriot, was completely disillusioned and decided to return to his own "normalcy," namely, the football stadium.

According to Mr. Wechsler, in the early '30's two great events shook the foundations of the "system"—the Great Depression and the Russian Revolution. Both events had a great impact on the students and had caused them to question their beliefs. Wechsler said that he felt that the students were in a state of "first aid," and that they were in need of psychological guidance. He said that he hoped that the students would be able to understand the situation and that they would be able to make decisions that were in their best interests.

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Mr. Wettstein's Remarks

At Sports Dinner Aired;
Hoop Prospects Viewed

"I went to school with 'Red' Saracheck and I could never figure out what he did there. I came to Yeshiva and he followed me here. I never could figure out what he did here either. Now I know; he is in the matter of ceremonies" (smile).

This was one of the few poignant remarks of Hy Wettstein, coach of the champion T.A. basketball team and instructor of physical education directed at his colleague, Yeshiva's basketball coach, 'Bernie 'Red' Saracheck, at the Shrine Club. They bring to light a conflict which has been hashed-out by the A.A. over the past few years. Until now those remarks weren't made public and were kept in the confines of the Y.U.A.A. meetings. That's where they should have stayed.

Mr. Wettstein had no right nor need to jibe Saracheck before approximately one hundred people; students, coaches and friends who attended the annual affair. Coach Wettstein's team walked away with two trophies for winning the Jewish High School League and Metropolitan Private School League crowns. It was a great day for him and his champions. Coach Saracheck jokingly admitted that he was building "character" even if he wasn't winning ball games. It was obvious to anyone there that Hy Wettstein was the more successful mentor at YU this season, so why rank it in?

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Yearbook Will Be Ready On June 16

"The Masmid is presently on press, and will be ready for dis.tribution on Monday, June 16," announced William Weisbuck '52 and Simon Auster '52 editors-in-chief of the Masmid, the college yearbook.

Mr. Weisbuck reported that the 32 edition of the Masmid will contain one hundred and twenty-five pages. It will, as usual, feature senior and school activities, write-ups and will contain a large literary section including articles written by students.

Cloth bound personalized copies of Masmid will be distributed to seniors at the senior dinner on Monday, June 16, and at graduation on Tuesday, June 17. Copies will be made available to the remaining students at the cost of one dollar per issue. These will be on sale at the co-op store at the beginning of next semester.

The editors did not name the 1953 Masmid staff, but did state that more underclassmen would be appointed to Masmid staff positions so that they would gain experience "which has proven to be so vital in the publication of a successful journal."

Elections

(Continued from page 1)

Mr. Shapiro, the president-elect, is an alumnus of T. A. Brooklyn, and served as chairman of last-year's Y. U. Drive. He has been a member of Student Council for two years. Elections were held at the main co-op store. Eighty-four per cent of the student body voted.

College Luncheonette

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The Commentator

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Sheldon Rudof, sports editor, served in that capacity last year and has been on the sports staff for two years. Now president of the sophomore class, he was editor-in-chief of the Brooklyn T. A. newspaper.

Abraham Weisbrod, business manager, was active on The Commentator and the co-op business staffs, and recently received a State Scholarship.

Isaac Sherman, copy editor.

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