Seniors Uphold Their Demonstration

“The Senior Class demonstration on March 17 against counting the Graduate Record Exam for honors was completely justified in the light of past events,” the class stated in a resolution passed by an overwhelming majority of those present at a class meeting, March 26.

The resolution, which was presented during this past week by Dr. Simon Stern, dean of Yeshiva College, went on to request that the administration discontinue the procedure of counting Graduate Record Exam scores as the eighth-term’s marks towards honors.

Memorial to Mark Pa. Philanthropist

Yeshiva University will establish a memorial to Charles Frankman, the Pennsylvania junk dealer who left a $250,000 estate for the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary, as the Max Frankman Academic Center this year, announced Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of the University.

Dr. Belkin stated that the memorial will be as fitting as we can make it.

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Three Senior Win State Fellowships ForFutureTeachers

Three seniors became the first Yeshiva College students to ever win New York State Regents Teaching Fellowships. The three recipients, Harvey Lieber, Jonas Prager and Erich Zauderer were among 230 New York State college seniors to be so awarded.

Ranging up to $2500 annually for a maximum of two years, the grants are intended to aid future college students in their study for a doctorate degree. The awards, first made last year, are based on a competitive exam open to New York State residents, which stresses verbal aptitude and analogies.

Mr. Lieber, an English major, is a graduate of the Teachers Institute and the Yeshiva of Flatbush High School.

Mr. Prager, a music major, is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and the Yeshiva of Flatbush High School.

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A visit 20 Years Ago

Twenty years ago, when a new Freshman had visited R.I.E.T.S., last year, when his health began to fail, the man decided to will his estate for a place where young men could study the Bible. The place chosen was the school he had visited earlier in his life. The gift came as a complete surprise to the University.

Standing established the policy of counting it toward honors which has been strongly criticized by students ever since.

The Committee Fights

The Committee has always fought against this policy. In its Dec. 12, 1957 issue THE COMMENTATOR stated, "It seems ridiculous that a college administration could really base one-eighth of a college career on one test whose standards it cannot supervise."

The March 4, 1959 COMMENTATOR had this to say, "How could one conceive of counting the results of a test whose duration is a few hours for as little as one-eighth of a grade or average which judges four years of work?"

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A mock graduation ceremony of the fictitious Rabbi Albert Einstein Theological Seminary was the featured presentation of the annual Student Organization of Yeshiva Purim Chagiga, Monday evening, March 23rd.

Hundreds of students of Yeshiva University and guests participated in dancing and festivities before the play. Music was provided for the celebrants by Rudy Teppel and his orchestra and invigorating beer, wine, homebrew, and fruit were supplied by the S.O.Y. Chagiga Committee.

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Agus Gets Plaque

Dr. Irving A. Agus, Professor of Jewish History at Yeshiva College, was chosen to receive the Senior Plaque on Wednesday, March 23, announced Mike Nussbaum, president of the Class of ’59.

Dr. Agus, who will be awarded the plaque at the Senior Dinner, was cited for his "outstanding influence on the senior class in furthering the study and understanding of the principles of Judaism and Jewish history.

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Pride and Prejudice

Recent reaction to The Commentator's evaluation of R.I.E.T.S. and T.I. has questioned the right of the Commentator to print critical articles and has included personal attacks on the individuals who wrote them.

For the edification of those who reacted in the above-mentioned manner, we quote from the Felsicher Report on Student Activities, approved by Dr. Belkin: “Yeshiva College students have a stake in the college and a stake in the university as a whole. Nothing affecting the welfare of the university can be deemed alien to their legitimate interest or outside their proper editorial concern.”

We further remind these individuals that objections to an article in The Commentator should be based on the issue raised in the article, not on the person who wrote it.

We trust that the above clarification will prevent reactions of this nature in the future.

Sense and Sensibility

The senior class of Yeshiva College is to be commended for the strong demonstration they held March 17 against counting the Graduate Record Examination toward honors, and their subsequent statement, in a resolution approved at a senior class meeting, that the demonstration was completely justified in the light of the circumstances involved.

It should be emphasized that this demonstration was a last resort, after all other methods of persuading the administration to revoke the present policy, such as personal requests, editorials in The Commentator and the like, had met with a deaf ear. There came a point where the seniors simply felt that they could not stand for this injustice any longer.

These events have provided more than adequate evidence that student body sentiment is overwhelmingly against counting the G.R.E. for honors. We ask the administration to reconsider its policy and not to use the G.R.E. for this purpose in the future.

To the Editor:

I would like to comment concerned the “European” Rabbis at Hayehiva. I have the following:

The article was unjust and the criticism expressed therein was without foundation. This is my sixth year in this institution; more years than either of the two authors of the article can claim. Having been in the kingdom of both “European” and American Rabbis, and having truly that I was inspired to learn more, gained a better depth in learning, felt closer to the Rabbi as a person and was more at ease in discussing religious and secular problems with the so-called “European Rabbi.”

How can one criticize a Rabbi because of his place of birth or education? As a Jew you must personally know an American Rabbi in this institution? We must judge our Rabbis as individuals if you ever really delve into such an investigation I’m sure you will be enlightened to the following facts: 1) The only American Rabbi present in this institution (RIETS) are confined to the high-school shiurim.

2) The latter hold themselves above the students and possess a much colder attitude than any of the “European” Rabbis.

There are “European” Rabbis in the college that try and do “get of themselves” to the student. Speak to a student in Rabbi Gorchik’s or Rabbi Lifschitz’s shiur if you need evidence for the latter statement. I don’t know of any American Rabbi teaching in RIETS who can be equated with the latter two Rabbis Hayehiva. These men are individuals, not part of a cold, old-fashioned, and degenerating group of “European” Rabbis.

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Messrs. Felman and Riskin

Your letter is very good to see that one student feels that he was inspired by his European rebbe and felt a closeness to him.

I would like to say that no students seek guidance or direction from rebbe’s who’ve spent their formative years in Europe. Rather, I feel that the overwhelming majority of the students in R.I.E.T.S. do not. If Mr. Aich does, more power to him.

We’ve tried to examine the problem from the viewpoint of the student body as a whole, not from that of a single student.

Yehudi Felman, ’59

Steve Riskin, ’60

Gottesman is Library Deficient

In Many Important Aspects

by Sheldon R. Bronswick

The library is the most important single facility on the university campus. In its efforts to transplant and spread traditional Jewish learning, Y.U. ought to have the best Judaica library in North America. We are presently far from that goal. At least five other institutions maintain better Judaica divisions than our own.

There are several terms related to the crux of the problem. Of primary concern is interest in Gottesman Library.

The inaccessibility of library stacks continues to plague us in increasing proportions as Gottesman Library accrues new volumes each day. The library stacks are scattered throughout the basement and the roof of the Main Library. Building with no alleviation in sight.

Insufficient Staff

No effort has been made to combine the Public and Government Libraries and so reduce duplication. Gottesman Library, which was understaffed in 1958 with four full-time librarians, now has only two. This problem has been only slightly alleviated by the use of student aid. What is needed is a full-time staff.

An improvement over 1958 is that Gottesman is now open until 9 p.m. It remains only for students to make fuller use of reading room facilities in evening hours, something they have failed to do.

The library system is sorely deficient. It suffers from lack of a proper and complete cross-reference and card index system. Books are not being catalogued according to subject, title and author. Even books listed in the catalogue have a high degree of misplacement.

A sorepoint of the library is the physical condition of many hundreds of its books. Many books have poor or non-existing bindings: some are literally falling apart.

The library is very deficient in periodicals. Instead of purchasing big subscriptions we depend upon the benevolence of our benefactors, the faculty. We are simply missing important periodicals and individual issues in masse.

The reading room is not conducive to reading. Some high school students use it as a playground.

However, it should be noted that Gottesman has made progress in the above areas. It has done some fine Bibliography. He had classified Hebrews according to the Dewey system, a difficult task to say the least. This is the kind of enterprise needed if our libraries are to be worthy of a university rating.
The Professor Exposed
Dr. Tendler, Holding Many Posts at Yeshiva, Comments on U. Policies

by Jerome Blau

"It is not synthesis but symbiosis that is the goal of Yeshiva University," spoke Rabbi Dr. Moses R. Schneier, dean of Yeshiva University College. During symbiosis both organisms retain their identities while benefiting from each other. The values of Torah and secular education must complement each other. He recommends a five-year college program as the best method for many to successfully combine secular and Jewish studies.

The curriculum in the Yeshiva for students studying for the Rabbinical and pre-professional students whose formal Jewish education, however, the choice of their four year stay at Yeshiva College, should not be the same. Rabbi Tendler suggested a new program for the pre-professional majors that would stress halacha limunah, tracing the Halacha back to its Talmudic sources, and the moral and ethical aspects of Torah. Choice of faculty for this new program is crucial because, the students' religious survival depended on it.

Dr. Tendler stated that he had attempted to start a pilot program but the students who played lip service to the idea were not willing to take the academic work involved. This student attitude makes any new programs unworkable.

Discussing his functions as assistant dean, Rabbi Tendler stressed the counseling guidance aspect of his work. He also expects to expand his work on acquainting the Yeshiva student with scholarships and research grants available. As far as student activities the assistant dean's office would handle routine administration, but policy decisions will be made by the new policy committee, organized by Dr. Belkin.

In general Dr. Tendler finds Yeshiva's student-administration relationship basically a healthy one, and the informal approach here is better than the formal one of other universities. The absence of professional administrators at Yeshiva makes the student-faculty-administration relationship a closer and friendlier one.

I think there is a need for an organization wherein students would evaluate courses at their completion. A formal evaluation sheet should be given each student which he may or may not sign. The department should meet and discuss these evaluations. One advantage of this is that the teachers will be made more sensitive to the interests of the students.

Rabbi Tendler declared, "the direction Yeshiva's expansion is healthy from a Torah standpoint." Yeshiva's haste is the training of orthodox seminarians, doctors, and lawyers. All those expanded facilities, he continued must have the unique stamp of Yeshiva. This would be one exemplified by a voluntary course in the medical school on the halachic attitudes to the moral questions in medicine. Expansion should not hurt existing conditions.

However, if new divisions will not have the unique stamp of Yeshiva, and there is no reason why they should not. Expansion of this type is still justified. Yeshiva has certain responsibilities to the general community which it must meet. These divisions also serve as good public relations which help the financial needs of the Yeshiva proper. I thanked Rabbi Tendler for his time and my exercise as I chased him from his chair on the second floor, to his office on the third, to the cafeteria to check the food, to the bacteriology lab. So ended my marathon interview.

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Wrestlers Complete Season; Record: 1-7

A 1-7 record was posted by Yeshiva in its second and fourth season of wrestling. The lone win came against Rutgers of Newark. Throughout the season, the grapplers were hampered by injuries to various members of the squad. Unable to replace the injured wrestlers, Yeshiva was forced to forfeit 5 or 10 points in all but two of the matches. This undoubtedly marred the record as three matches were lost by just one point.

The Leader

Pacing the team with most wins was sophomore "Tomarkie" Shalom Stern. Shalom also set a Yeshiva record by winning 4 straight matches.

Junior Edward Rosenberg posted a win of less than Stern. Edie's superior effort was winning the clincher against Rutgers. Captain Jonas Proctor followed in the scoring with 13 points. Fellow seniors, co-captain Marx Wiener, who saw limited action due to knee injury, and Milty Pine, rounded out the contribution by the seniors.

Injury Woes

Injury to Teddy Roth in the beginning of the season was a blow as severe as he was a man in the mat offense. Teddy's return to the mat and his win against Rutgers was proof of his potentialities.

Allan Genuar, who was pinch-inning for Jules Golub, Herman Pesky, Chaim Charytan and Arthur Genonsky all turned in fine performances.

Swordsmen Set Records; Sparked by Finkelstein

Sporting some new records in their showcase of laurels, Yeshiva's fencing team completed its 58-59 season with a 2-1 record.

The fencers got off to a flush start by taking their first six matches. In the course of their victorious tango, they added to their already renowned reputation.

In the seventh match of the season a cautious Columbia University squad handed the Mites their first loss. The second came in the tail end of the season against Drew.

In compiling their record Yeshiva beat among others, St. Peters, Pace, and the U. of Conn. The latter won the New England State Championship to cap off the season on a high note.

Finkelstein Set Record

The team as a whole showed finesse in almost every match. Outstanding, among the team was Captain Jack Finkelstein. He compiled a 23-3 record for the year, thus setting a new record in total wins and percentage in the epee division. Howie Rhine, newly elected captain, scored a 26-5 score in sabers and Jules Rosenberg led the foil squad by winning 19 bouts.

Finkelstein and Rosenberg will graduate in May as one of the six other team members. They are: Nusheber, Levine, Aronson, Schuldman, Goldstein, and Lerrer. The latter are finalists and the latter are members of the epee team. Only the sabre squad, which included Rhine, Dyckman and Joseph, were able to glean a victory for the 58-59 season.

Yeshiva's best effort of the season was made against Queens College, with a 14-10 epee point score. The Mites took two contests by scores of 18-9, against St. Peters, and Cooper Union.

This year's record gives Yeshiva a 28-5 score over a three year period.

On the Sidelines

By Ariete Edelman

Just as the dextrous magician who can pick a winning hand at will out of a shuffled deck, so can Arthur Tauber choose a winning combination from a bunch of unraveled, trayard freshmen.

Nearly four years ago eight individuals of various dimensions and ideas were gathered at the Yeshiva gymnasium. It was the dawning of the fakery sight and what immediately took place had no resemblance of reason. A few were encouraged, a few discarded and others to another. What eventually developed from all of this was three fencers, four epee men and one mananger.

The boys have now completed their service to Yeshiva's fencing team. The record attests to their ability. They held down five out of the nine starting positions as the team posted a 2-1 record.

Individuals their contributions varied from the wild shouts of encouragement of Willis Leger to the record-breaking performances of Captain Jack Finkelstein. In between were some wins and some losses but all added up to an above average winning record.

But there was another contribution given by this group. It was something that could not be measured nor listed in box scores. It had to be felt and could only be felt by those who travelled with the team or who had visited them in the locker rooms. It was a contribution of flavor and spirit and it was marked by its essential Yeshiva features.

A bus ride with the squad would be remembered for the Jewish and Israeli songs sung by the freshmen, a march, by the shouts and devotion to the task, and the afternoon victory party by the unique cheerers and pseudo-alma-maters.

It emanated from a score of members.

It came from Jackie Finkelstein, the finesse epee man. Yeshiva had yet to produce. It was an example in his devotion to perfecting the art and science of fencing. His efforts culminated in the record breaking performance of 23-3 this past season. But that was not all. Standing on the podium with his white knitted yamaka protruding out from underneath his jacket, a long arm reflected his hope towards his target. Jackie represented in one picture the Yeshiva athlete.

Number 2 on the team was Senior Abe Aronson, roommate of Jackie Finkelstein. He too showed susceptibility of succumbing to the coaching talent and drive of coach Arthur Tauber. Many a long night Abe could be found practicing with his roommate in the corridors of Yeshiva's dormitory. He posted the second highest winning total for an epee man as evidence of his work.

The spirit was given a dash of southern flavor by the contribution of Captain Jules Rosenberg of Savannah, Georgia. Possessing a rich baritone voice and the quicksilver glint of his eyes he epitomises his side of Ray Robinson, Jules added 19 wins in the foil division and some richly melodic tunes in his vocal rendition.

He was joined in hand and voice by another pair of roommates. Jack Nusheber and Ray Levine. From Ray, who was but a substitute, there was an example of comradeship and from Jack, a partner, there was the occasional winning force.

Two more epee men Alan Goldstein and Alan Schulman, each with his own brand of humor, complimented the group.

And finally it was Manager Willy Lerner who completed the octet. With his bombastic voice, he was converted into a one-man cheering section. He also proved that four years of being around a coach Arthur Tauber and even years of being manager—be went out and scored 2 points against his opponent in the only match of his career.

In all one must admit that this octet fashioned by that magician of a coach, Arthur Tauber, turned out into something more than a bunch of unraveled untrained, and gawky seniors. Here's to them and their contributions.

Word-Id Statistics

The Junior class topped the class of '59 by a score of 39-34 and took a bigger lead in the basketball intramural program.

The team as a whole were the seniors, played a possession type game. At the end of the first period play the seniors led 11-8.

Following Abe Davis, the junior took the lead in the second quarter—a lead which they did not relinquish. Davis scored 12 points in this stanza and 15 for the game.

The seniors claimed the second half Davis was stopped but Rhine carried the jeniors' momentum.

The seniors attempted to close the gap in the last quarter but the Juniors had built up too great a lead.

Tennis Season Opens April 7

Leaving behind them the half-drafty wood courts of the 142nd Street Armory, Yeshiva College's tennis team will travel to Long Island on this coming Tuesday, April 7 for the first match of the 1959 season.

A bus will leave Yeshiva at 9:00 on the day of the match, announced Bill Levin, captain.

They will oppose New York State Maritime College on what are hoped to be warm, sunlit courts.

"The success of this conversion, from wood to clay, will be the key to the success of the entire season," commented coach Eli Epstein looking over the

Nets to YU

Tuesday, April 7

Y.N.S. Maritime College Away

Wednesday, April 8

Point Isabel Club Home

Hunter College Home

Friday, April 10

Astoria College Away

Monday, April 13

Brooklyn Poly. Home

Tuesday, April 14

Long Island U. Home

Wednesday, April 15

Webo Institute Away

Thursday, May 3

Iona College Home

Adelphi College Home

May 12

Pace College Home

Tuesday, April 7

Brooklyn College Home