List Student - Faculty Committee Members

Professors Meyer Atlas, Sidney D. Braun, and Abraham Hurwitz together with David Lew '62, Ephraim Kishon, and Irving Rudner '64 were named to the Faculty-Student Judiciary Committee. The Student Activity Policy Committee, comprised of Prof. Irving Linn, Asst. Prof. David Minksi, Asher Siev, and Hyman Weissman and Mr. Leo Taube.

These committees were formed by a special committee of student and faculty members, appointed by Professor David Fisher of the English department. It was the duty of this committee to specify and clarify the rights and responsibilities of Student Council regarding control over student extra-curricular activities. The Student Council must function more smoothly. After three years, the work of this committee culminated in the Fisher Report. The Report is based on the following principles:

1. Student initiative and student responsibility should be given the fullest scope compatible with the welfare of the College. The essence of extra-curricular activities is self-education; self-education, self-government should be encouraged and fostered.
2. Yeshiva College is bound by bona fide contracts. This fact inevitably sets limits to students' liberty of action and expression in certain spheres.

In accordance with the first principle, the Fisher Report concluded that the establishment of policy for student affairs is the exclusive right of the Yeshiva College Student Council. It also resolved that the Committee was to function without censorship.

In accordance with the second principle, the aforementioned committees were created. The Policy Committee is to act in advisory capacity to the Student Council or any one of its activities on matters of policy, but only upon request.

The Judiciary Committee is the agency to which the students will go for advice regarding infringements or interferences with their rights, privileges, and immunities in the sphere of the student activities program. The Judiciary Committee shall also hear any and all complaints brought by a faculty member or administrator concerning student violations of discipline.

The Policy Committee is composed of three faculty members appointed by the Dean and three members of the student body appointed by the president of Student Council; all members have equal votes. The Policy Committee is composed of faculty members appointed by the Dean. Both committees have a non-voting chairman who is selected by a vote of the committees.

Tobdy Berman, president of Student Council, has termed the work of the Fisher Committee “a step forward in the campaign for student rights.”

Dr. Kemp Malone Speaks on Culture, Idealism, Philosophy of Middle Ages

“Culture of the Middle Ages” was the subject of Dr. Kemp Malone, professor emeritus of English at Johns Hopkins University, and recent recipient of the Yeshiva College Literary Society at Klein Hall Thursday, December 21.

Dr. Malone emphasized the idea of the Middle Ages as the tendency of its thinkers to exalt Greek thoughts and ideas. He showed, however, that the Jewish scholars of the Middle Ages had been alienated many formerly accepted traditions. Manual labor, for example, an activity abhorred by the majority of Greek thinkers, was encouraged under the new religious movement that swept over Europe.

Dr. Malone further discussed the political background of the Middle Ages, emphasizing the fact that the national ties between France and England, inspired by the Norman conquerors, under William, hindered the development of both these countries.

Dr. Malone spent considerable time discussing the arbitrary historical subdivisions established by both philosophers and historians.

The Student Council will bring Dormitory Supervisor Rabbi Joshua Cheifetz before the Faculty-Student Judiciary Committee to hear the case of Student Court. A resolution to this effect was passed at the December 25 meeting of the Council.

During the week of December 18, seven students were expelled from the dormitory by the superintendent for committing infractions which student leaders felt were within the jurisdiction of the court. In past years comparable to the ones made by the superintendent were brought before Student Court.

Student Council President Tobias Berhans stated, “I brought this topic before Council not only because of the unjust action taken by Rabbi Cheifetz but because of his reluctance to postpone sentence until the legal question could be settled.”

The Student Council decided to follow a lengthy discussion and question-and-answer period attended by Rabbi Cheifetz and approximately 175 students in the dorm cafeteria.

Rabbi Berhans stated that he was not familiar with the Fisher Report passed by last year’s Student Council and approved by the University. Rabbi Belkin which governs college student activities and, upon reading the report, stated that he did not believe they were severed from matters of the dormitory or of religious misbehavior. Hence, he refused to consider the possibility of allowing the displaced students to remain in the dorm until the issue could finally be resolved by the Judiciary Committee.

In other action, Council voted unanimously to send a strong resolution to Dr. Belkin protesting the fact that the recent tuition increase will affect students presently attending the College.

The Council also passed a motion to establish a committee to investigate the possibility of a point system limiting the number of extracurricular activities in which a student may participate.

YC Meets Barnard At Yavneh Soiree; Hear Riskin Speak

The first meeting of the Yavneh chapter of Yeshiva College was held December 14 at Earl Hall, Columbia University, in conjunction with the Barnard College Yavneh chapter. Mr. Steven Riskin '60, aenga student, spoke on “Our Fast Days and Our National Rebirth.” A skit, portraying a student's influence at Columbia University, was presented by Mark Stein and Kenny Prager of Columbia.

Martin Goldstein, president of Yeshiva's Yavneh chapter, announced that a series of lectures on Jewish political thought will begin Wednesday, February 14. Included among the distinguished scholars scheduled to speak are: Rev. Dr. Jerusalem Jakobson, spiritual leader of the Fifth Avenue Synagogue and former Chief Rabbi of Ireland. He will speak on “Jewish and America.”

Dr. Howard I. Levine of Stern College will discuss “The Emphasis of Judaism: Ozen Hanesh or Olam HaKehet?" Rabbi Harold B. Knausticky, spiritual leader of the Young Israel of Eastern Parkway, will discuss "The New and Amor Yaroslav." These lectures will take place on consecutive Wednesday nights, at 8:30 p.m.

Membership applications and other information regarding the Yavneh society can be obtained from Bubby Goldstein, president of Yavneh at Yeshiva for the national office.

Set New Yeshiva Record For Annual Blood Drive

A record 184 pints of blood were donated by Yeshiva College students and alumni in this year's annual Blood Drive held in Klein Hall Wednesday, December 20.

Arnold Jutkowitz '62, chairman of the drive noted that 60% of the turnout was from the senior and junior classes. To prevent any delays, which had been common in previous drives, twelve blood donation tables were used. Fifteen registered nurses and one doctor were also on hand. Coffee and cookies were served to those who gave blood.

Tobias Berman, president of Student Council, attributed much of this year's success to the efforts of Mr. Jutkowitz, chairman of the drive.

Mr. Jutkowitz announced that another blood drive would probably be held in the week of March.

Yeshiva Plays Host To '66 Applicants

An Open House for students interested in applying to Yeshiva University was held Sunday, December 24, at the University's main center. The event served to better acquaint prospective applicants with the religious, secular, and extra-curricular programs provided by Yeshiva University.

Speakers representing all phases of Yeshiva life addressed the students. Those interested in a particular course of study also were given the opportunity to learn about each department from professors and qualified representatives of their individual fields.

Jewish studies opportunities at Yeshiva College were outlined at separate discussion groups, Rabbi Morris Bessin, chairman of JSP, Dr. Hyman Grinstein, director of TI, and Mr. Norman Abrams, registrar of RIEES spoke to boys applying to their respective departments. Time was taken from each panel discussion for a question and answer period.

A general discussion designed for parents only also highlighted the program. In addition, the discussions were such topics as Yeshiva's double program, student guidance, student life and tuition.

The students were also given an opportunity to attend an alumni-unity fencing match in the College gym.
The Supervisor and the Dormitory

Students have long realized that a difficult dormitory situation exists at Yeshiva. The numerous problems, some of which are temporary and some of which will always exist in college residence halls, are not the subject of this editorial. We had never expected immediate solutions to these problems. We did, however, expect that they would be handled judiciously and with some measure of foresight.

Dormitory registration was grossly inefficient. Students merely desiring to procure keys to their rooms were forced to stand on long lines, and some were finally assigned to rooms already occupied. Many students, including several who had dormed during the three previous years, were not informed that their applications for rooms had been rejected until quite late. This hasty manner and lack of consideration for the students are unexplainable and inexcusable.

Part of the confusion during the first two months of the semester can be attributed to Rabbi Joshua Cheifetz's inexperience and to the usual difficulties encountered in assuming a position. Most of the problems, however, could definitely have been avoided.

Most recent of the difficulties is the expulsion of seven students from the residence hall. The Faculty-Student Judiciary Committee will, in the near future, determine the jurisdiction of the Student Court and whether its powers were usurped in this particular incident. The Judiciary Committee's ruling, though, will not change our feelings on the action taken by Rabbi Cheifetz.

If, as Rabbi Cheifetz has maintained, the violation in question constituted a religious infraction rather than one against dormitory regulations and that his purpose in expelling the students was "not to set them up as an example," it would seem obvious that these individuals are not being assisted with their religious observances by being ejected from the controlled environment of the dormitory. We question the dismissal of these students without any form of warning. Furthermore, we feel that the punishment, however, was imposed without a hearing or the right to defense, thereby being ejected from the controlled environment of the dormitory.

Good Luck!

Tempus fugit! We need only be aware of the upcoming final examinations in order to see that time truly does fly. Most of us are now in the midst of a hectic term; term papers and book reports are being hurriedly completed, and books containing outside reading assignments are feverishly sought.

Finals begin January 18 and last for a full week. During this time the Yeshiva student does without the sleep he did without during the regular school year.

To the freshmen at Yeshiva, finals will be a strange time. The ceremony of examination taking in Lamport with all its pomp and circumstance is an awesome but not unpleasant sight to one who has never previously taken part in it. The COMMENTATOR extends its good luck wishes to these freshmen and to the entire student body at Yeshiva for the forthcoming examinations.

Letters To The Editor:

Bacon Praises Commie Coverage And Sarcasm

To the Editor:

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I look forward to the remainder of the series you will offer on this subject.

Dr. Seymour Lainoff

Defends Hoopsters

To the Editor:

In the November 16 issue of COMMENTATOR Mr. Fingerer presented the student body with a pep talk which may have been justified. Mr. Fingerer rightly said, "To accept responsibilities with enthusiasm, not with regret.", for neglect . . . . Our interest seems to be relegated to second-hand reports from the chosen few who have seen the game. In general we lack first-hand witnesses to recent Yeshiva successes or failures.

The team didn't take into consideration the fact that everyone can't go to every game. I shall ignore it too. Therefore I think the real reason "not criminal" is when the person who takes upon himself the responsibility of being one of the "chosen few" does not appear at the athletic event.

Certainly in his last article he showed us that he was at the L.I.U., game, but I think he overlooked the fact that the L.I.U. game was a "second-hand" report. Fortunately some of the "chosen few" were available to tell him the players' names.

My main purpose is not to reprimand Mr. Fingerer for his amiable compliment, but for the criticism directed against the Yeshiva varsity.

True, in their initial games they played like "rookies," but what does Mr. Fingerer think of a team composed of four freshmen, three sophomores, and two seniors? The author said that Sam Grossman was the "best man" to the Grosman of last year's 23 point per game average. I do not fault Mr. Fingerer for his lenon in the finer points of basketball, so I shall just point out that there is more to the game than the points scored. This was very obvious in some of the more recent games that Grossman can not only appease the fans with his playing, but also give assistance to his team with his defense, which he has improved immensely.

This defense cannot be paraded. I can however, suggest that before anyone promulgates a critique of a Yeshiva event on any kind, he should research the matter carefully and PERSONALLY.

Harvey Douglas '63

Research Lauded

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Column Criticized

To the Editor:

I would like to comment upon the column which Mr. Walter Fingerer, Sports Editor of THE COMMENTATOR, wrote for the last issue. His statements are based upon inaccurate information and lack of knowledge of the game of basketball.

In the first place, I object to Mr. Fingerer's right to discuss this year's basketball team. At that time he wrote the article he had attended but one game. To date, he has attended two. Two out of seven, I would add, is a poor record that the team has thus far.

Thus, his information had to be based upon second-hand accounts of games. Second-hand information does not seem to be a very substantial basis for such a bickering article.

In addition, Mr. Fingerer apparently doesn't know very little about basketball. The statement which he spoke of Sam Grossman made this evident. He fails to realize that there is a great deal more to the game than just scoring points.

Moreover, Mr. Fingerer did not take into consideration the fact that the "rookies," as he calls them are rookies. Nor has he taken into consideration the fact that the first three games of the season were "neat" games that did not give the team a chance to acquire experience.

Mr. Fingerer's article was totally unfair! I therefore request that he print a retraction of the column.

David Ranchar '64
Trace Yavneh's Expansion During Organization's First Two Years

by Zvi Gershon

Yavneh's program of community responsibility.

Each Yavneh chapter, operating with various programs, aims to achieve the development in students in values, instilling values which are consonant with Jewish values as expressed in halacha. Man's relationships to God, often obscured in the academic world where man's achievements are glorified, are the keys to the understanding of the religious values. In order to implement this ideology the chapters sponsor shiurim in Tal-mudic, Rabbinical, ethical and religious philosophy and similar subjects. The purpose of these is to teach people who are conversant with both the world of Torah and that of secular academic. This enables them to achieve rapport with the student and to introduce problems, Lectures and guided "bull sessions" enable the student to learn about the new intellectual areas and to clarify his religious problems and interests. The Yavneh College newsletter, which contains discussions led by students who prepare papers on various subjects, including the history of the community, philosophy, Bible, etc.

Yavneh chapters arrange for regular minyan in college dormitories, exemption from classes by arrangement, such as for Shabbat and holidays, and kosher meals. At Princeton, a Yavneh house, providing kosher meals for students, was established this year. Commenting on the house, a reporter for the Daily Princetonian, noted, "It is a rare occurrence when a new student or a student new to keep to kosher diet and, in previous years, it has been a task requiring patience, initiative, and self control to find a kosher meal. A new student is a far more relaxed environment for dealing with personal problems and two helping hands. Nothing ever stops.

On a national level, the education Yavneh is being expressed through a Summer Study Institute, study weekends, and the Yavneh College newsletter which presents studies and opinions on topics in religious Judaism. In these areas, as in the chapter programs, there is an attempt to deal with interest and challenge to Judaism.

All too often, the intellectual insecurity or even dishonesty of some has led to the refusal to deal seriously with the subject of philosophy, the social sciences, Bible Criticism, or the like. These are the chief problems which confront the student at a secular university and Yavneh recognizes the need for better understanding. In addition, the student and faculty must deal with this at the same time we realize that a truly intensive Jewish education is a prerequisite to informed discussion of these matters.

Most Yavneh members are conscious of the fundamental and diverse needs of the change in the social values of the usual college campus, as expressed for example, through the Hebrew ethnos, as expressed through halacha and mazur. We feel that this is but a reflection of the American social moves and Judaism's emphasis on Mitzvot, "love thy neighbor as thyself." It is Yavneh's concern to make the student and to demonstrate that the religious student can and must conduct himself according to the spirit and laws of Judaism.

Through the national conventions, which brings together students from all across the country, regional conclaves, and interchapter seminars, Yavneh members are given the opportunity to better understand the various problems and ideas of Jewish collegians. The Yavneh College Observer, Yavneh's newspaper, serves as a regular medium of communication. The necessity for grousous. It also is the means of expression of student opinion for general Jewish concern.

The college and university student enters a new, challenging, and exciting world as a member of Yavneh. Yavneh strives to promote the realization that the college years offer a wonderful opportunity to increase one's learning, to firmly establish one's values and to enter upon a genuinely Jewish social chain.

Spontaneity, Charm Highlight Open Air Dorm Extravaganza

by Joseph Nizziane

There have been too few social events within the confines of the New Dorm this year. An attempt, therefore, was recently made to remedy this situation.

Somebody (many say it was Perle Mesta) decided upon a come-as-you-are party to be held in the new dorm. The atmosphere was emphasized, in contrast to the social world that would have been preserved.

Also, the timing of the affair was perfect. Since our host wanted a formal party as a possible conclusion to the dorm, the extravaganza took place about the hour of eleven, when no one would be found outside the dorm.

A loud gong beckoned the residents to come to the terrace, but since no one heeded these gongs (no one ever does), personal invitations were extended to each single dormer. Perhaps the most important reason for the event's success was the sincerity of this personal invitation. Everyone at the party felt really wanted, and this was because our host simply would not take no for an answer. A few people tried to beg off, claiming they just didn't feel like going, but our party-master saw immediately that they were just shy. These party-poopers got up from their beds and joined the waiting revelers.

Standing in the midst of the throng on the terrace, one could readily see that the guests were having fun. They appeared to be participants in a gigantic pajama-party. All seemed to agree that this was truly a surprise-party, the likes of which they had never before seen. Many expressed the desire to congratulate our host and tell him exactly what they thought of the affair.

There was a bit of shouting and complaining at the end of the party, but this was because people who had wanted it to last longer. This lament over the party's brevity is ample proof that a good time was had by all.

Demolition work for a proposed new dormitory and student center is scheduled to begin this June, Most of the tenants in the proposed site have already moved. The new building, part of the "blueprint for the sixties" expansion program of Yeshiva University, will house the increasing enrollment and alleviate the strain placed on the existing facilities. Tentative plans for the new structure include a student lounge on each floor and space for offices of Student Council, The Commentator and the Campus Store. The new dormitory will have eight floors.
Grapplers Stand Without Victory; Wittenberg Expecting Improvement

Yeshiva University's wrestling team lost its opening match of the 1961-62 season to Fairleigh Dickinson 24-10, Dec. 4. Two days later Yeshiva's grapplers were downed 20-0 by a powerful Columbia squad. YU's matmen dropped a close 16-12 set to Seton Hall, Wed., Dec. 13.

Coach Wittenberg instructing Leifer and Rappaport before the match.

Facing the experienced Seton Hall captain, freshman Harold "Chico" Wasserman was outclassed and finally pinned.

Co-captain Benji Leifer went down on rising time 4-3, while his opponent, Ken Gribits, was overpowered early in his match. Despite his 7-2 loss, Joel Pruzansky, 157 lbs., performed a last period feat of strength that earned him a standing ovation from the crowd. With his shoulders exposed for the pin, 1:25 seconds left, Pruzansky bridged on his back for the balance of the match. Bob Schwell compiled four points on a near pin to gain his first win of the season. Half way through the third period 177 pounder Dave Lewin pinned his opponent, Petrinewicz.

Lew was in complete control throughout the match and led 8-1 at the second period's end. When Gribits' arm was cutaneous, he maneuvered a heavier opponent to win 7-5. Al Gnesner, former Yeshiva wrestling star, directed the team in the absence of Coach Hank Wittenberg. Gnesner commented, "It was a close match which we could have won if we had had a break or two."

Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute outpointed Yeshiva's matmen 29-13 in a Dec. 19 match held at Poly.

The Polyom went to a quick 10-0 lead as Harold Wasserman and Josh Werblowsky were pinned. Werblowsky had evened the score 4-4, but was downed in 3:35 of the second period. Benji Leifer and Gribits won.

Columbia Foils Tauberman; Past Fencing Stars Return

On Wednesday night, December 6, the Tauberman took on Columbia University, the toughest opponent on the fencing schedule. In the Lion's own lair, Captain Warren Erekler led off with a quick win in the saber division and Yeshiva led for the first (and last) time in the match. Erekler went on to win two out of his three bouts, losing his last to Cecco,流转, Columbia's number one man. Joel Nusclacher also won two of three in saber, fencing well against tough opposition.

Erekler defeated Margolis, the Lion's number one Opperman, fencing five touches to Margolis' one. Fighting all the way, Yeshiva had won seven bouts when Columbia clinched the match, at 14 to 7. Pinchuck and Hoffman of Columbia's foil team extended their lead to 19 with the remaining two Yeshiva wins. Coach Tauber reiterated that it was the best exhibition of fencing against Columbia that Yeshiva has shown in four years and that the final score was the best compiled against them since the days of Captain Jack Finklestein.

On Sunday afternoon, December 24th, the annual Alumni match was held at the YU Gymnasium with many of Yeshiva's past fencing greats out to skewer the varsity team.

Representing the old timers were Jack Finklestein, Lenny Shapiro, and Judah Landau; Peter; Danny Gitt, Matty Shatzkes, and Hesh Farkas in foil; and Paul Peyer, Norman Topo- rosky, Josh Dainer, and Jake Dyckman in saber to name just a few. Conscious by his absence was former YU great Jimmy Hain. Many of the former varsity stars exhibited their old form, to bring back memories of past glory.

Up to date the fencing record stands at three wins and one loss, New York Community College and C. P. Post being two of Yeshiva's victims. The last match day evening January 3, Coach Tauber predicts that Yeshiva will win at least half of their matches. If the fingers continue to exhibit the form shown at Columbus we can look forward to a highly successful season.