YU Adds Two New Graduate Departments; Ferkau Plans Humanities, Social Sciences

Dr. Belkin Gives Pesach Message; Seeks Freedom in Modern Times

The meaning of Passover may be found in the ancient Hagadah and in the headlines of today's newspapers—it is man's eternal struggle for freedom.

This quest finds its end not only in the achievement of freedom from totalitarianism and oppression, but also in the achievement of the freedom which enables men to live together in a creative and harmonious atmosphere.

For the ancient Israelites fleeing Egyptian oppression Passover meant an escape from tyranny. But the escape itself does not offer the true and profound meaning of the holiday. This meaning is found in the birth of the proud nation which followed the escape, the nation which was created from a group of disunited, enslaved people, the nation held together by a common faith.

From that day to this, the Jewish people have carried forward their profound belief in the creative and unifying elements within the nature of man.

Thus, even in the joy and thanksgiving of our Passover (Continued on page 3)
The Case For Unlimited Cuts

In one of our first editorials of the year we suggested the possibility of an unlimited-cut policy for Seniors. The Seniors, having experienced five months of mandatory attendance, now feel an even greater urgency for the institution of such a policy.

Our request is predicated on the belief that in order to gain the maximum from our education at Yeshiva, the graduating student must be given an opportunity to bring into focus and comprehensive understanding all that he has been taught in his college years. The extra study time an unlimited-cut policy for Seniors would allow will not only result in the success of the newly created departmental comprehensives required of many Seniors, but also in much needed improvements on the Graduate Record Examinations.

Knowing that there is often much to gain from a professor's expertise that cannot be found in textbooks, the student will still be motivated to attend class, and in the event he cannot, he would of course be still responsible for examinations.

At present, however, the Senior is subject to deduction of credit at a crucial moment in his life. In an issue next year, he must apply to graduate schools and attend subsequent interviews, prepare for GRE's, maintain part-time jobs in lieu of scarce graduate fellowships, run our student government and form the backbone of our varsity athletic program besides, as we mentioned above, trying to find himself academically before entering graduate school.

We therefore reiterate that an unlimited-cut policy for Seniors should at least be tried.

Let The Faculty Speak Out

A few weeks ago, The New York Times ran an article about a report issued by the faculty of City College recommending comprehensive curricular revision in the college. The faculty questioned certain premises of the curriculum and presented a new program for the consideration of the administration.

Now, with the students at City were bungled by this report, whether they agreed with the recommendations or not. For, by the very act of presenting questions and new ideas in written form, the faculty at City were demonstrating their concern for the students and their education.

The Commentator has often asked aloud why such things do not happen at Yeshiva University. Is it because the faculty are not concerned enough about the education of the students to stick out their necks a bit, despite Berkeley et al? Is it, as one professor indicated, because the faculty consider themselves no more worthy than worms in this "vast university complex"? Is it because they think everything is humming along beautifully here? Is it because they feel no such effort on the part of the faculty in any area would yield nothing. Surely, their voice should be heard prominently. Again we ask the faculty to speak up on something—anything, because it is a disturbing body that they are not technicians, performing a job for whatever money they receive.

Worthy SSSJ Campaign

Since 1957, when the Soviet Union first imposed a ban on the public baking and sale of matzoh by Russian Jews for Passover, many a student has compared the government to lift the prejudicial edict. In one such recent attempt, the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry has circulated two form letters implying all who realize the urgency of the situation to demand that the Soviet Ambassador Dobrynin and President Johnson urge them to intervene in any way possible so as to alleviate the situation.

The Commentator recognizes the importance of the situation, and we commend SSSJ on its valiant efforts to provide a Kosher Passover for Soviet Jews.
Soc. Club Hears Lecture
On Unwed Jewish Mothers

Speaking before the Sociology Club during the last two weeks were Professors Nathan Goldberg, professor of sociology, and Mrs. Helen Kraus, executive director of the Louise Wise Service for Jewish Unwed Mothers.

Mrs. Kraus spoke of the increase in the number of Jewish unwed mothers. She said that her service provided aid for over 1,200 girls in just the past year.

Three common beliefs which she debunked were: that there are few Orthodox unwed mothers, that they are proportionately fewer unwed mothers among Jews than among white Christians, and that there is little need for foster parents.

In general, Mrs. Kraus noted that the girls come from all economic classes and were aware of the possibilities of pregnancy during intercourse and didn't care. They also had no desire to marry their partner even if pregnancy did occur. None of them would consider having abortions.

Mrs. Kraus felt that most unwed mothers suffer from personality disorders and unconsciously want children either because of masochistic tendencies or because they wanted the love a child could give them - a love they never had.

Professor Goldberg spoke March Civic Award
Given To YU

The Chamber of Commerce of Washington Heights awarded its 1966 Civic Improvement Award to Yeshiva University at its annual dinner in New Rochelle, N.Y.

George A. Mooney, President of the Washington Heights Federal Savings and Loan Association, presented the award, given in deep appreciation for its (YU) outstanding contributions to the religious, cultural, and educational life of our community," to Mr. Sam Harrstein, Director of Public Relations.

Yeshiva College Oldtimer Philosophizes Again; Parking Problem Key To Lackluster Curriculum

by Aye D. Gordon

Irv Pagoda, one of the venerable students at Yeshiva College, is still live with us. Surprised? I imagine so, for Irv and I mentioned the same to numerous students, the response was typical: "Whom are you trying to kid?"

Yet it's true. Next Tuesday will be the 79th year, 11th month and 27th day that Irv is at Yeshiva. There is no one more deeply connected to his university or more well known among the students.

One would believe that a following a lifetime of devoted service to a school that offers learning, a token presentation of some kind would be in order. No such luck. In fact, the irony of it all is that his existence is vehemently denied.

Hoping to get a chance to interview Irv and get the opinion of a Perpetual Student on the world of Yeshiva University with its many-tented and subtle development, I tried to locate Irv. However, he was much too devoted to his studies in a corner of a dormitory.

"What are you doing up here, Irv?"

"Irv, what are you doing up here?"

"Do you think I'm dorky here? Where else can you get such a spacious room with a rich basement and plenty of fresh air?"

"Not willing to be sidetracked onto trivial matters, although I am hinting at future problems of Yeshiva (he is known for his prophetic statements) I pursued my next.

"Irv, you've been with the school longer than any other student. We therefore turn to you for direction and consolation. Tell me, is there a worthy cause to which the concerns of Yeshiva students?"

"Irv has his brevity, Irv replied immediately.

"Parking."

"Parental-meat (Who says I don't know any French)? You said?"

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In My Opinion

Some Views On Synthesis

by Larry Grossman

Any justification of "synthesis" is open to the challenge of being a dilemma. We who have been brought up in two cultures have a vested interest in promoting a merger, or at least a state of peace. Most religious and secular thought, yet, this should not keep us from considering the problem. To remain silent for fear of subjective bias precludes the possibility of ob-jective thought as well.

The easiest way to resolve our dilemma is simply to ignore it. The person who possesses extraordinary mental self-discipline can compartmentalize his mind into a religious area and a secular one. When he, or she, unites himself with one, he does not allow the other to impinge on his consciousness. For individuals who can set aside their individual concerns, synthesis takes place in the sense that both secular and religious knowledge becomes a reality. However, the two areas do not merge or overlap.

For those of us who are unable or unwilling to split our personalities in this manner, several options are available. The most widespread approach is to constant-ly limit the availability of religious material. If the two areas are found to conflict with religious positions, thus, when faced with religious objections to the presence of religious material in the school, an account of the Bible may be argued that the purpose of religion is not to give man factual infor-

A YC outside Shabbat is being sponsored by the YU Council of Bible Students, April 6-2.

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Major reforms to halt the ero- 
Lidrive the liberal arts colleges 
were proposed in a report after a 
year-long study made public by 
Columbia University. The report 
called for increased emphasis on 
the humanities and proposed new 
season-year courses to counter the 
pressures toward over-specializa-

With vastly increased numbers 
of students going to graduate 
schools (nearly 90% at Colum-
bia!), Bell argued in the re-
port that the college was now 
looked upon as a way station 
rather than the capstone of edu-
cation as it is distributed. He 
pared it to a tunnel connecting 
high school with graduate school, 
with the object being to speed 
thru the tunnel as quickly as pos-

The true and cry to shorten 
the college years," he wrote, "to 
speed the boy into sophomore 
standing and then spin him into 
graduate school in his senior year 
when he will have more or less 
decided he wants to go to the 
college—they are more 
badly destructive to the student 
himself.

Dr. Bell stressed the need for 
a rich undergraduate curriculum 
in the sciences and the humani-
ties. He said the current pressure 
now needed was for students 
so that students can enter Ph.D. 
programs earlier ignore the expe-
nence of medical schools. Several 
decades ago medical schools 
schooled students with only two or three 
years of undergraduate training, 
but today they generally 
require four years to better prepare, 
having a broad foundation in 
the liberal arts.

His specific recommendations 
include:

1) To require that all students 
take a year of mathematics 
plus a year of physics or biology. 
As presented now, Columbia 
and most other liberal arts 
colleges must take two years 
of math and science but have 
considerable freedom of choice.

2) To introduce dual majors, 
cutting across disciplinary 
lines, and to be more specific in 
requiring courses that relate to 
the major.

3) To begin new senior-cous-
courses in general education 
which would give each student 
the opportunity to learn how his major 
can be specifically applied to 
problems in the world. In 
social sciences would take 
such a course on the develop-
ment of new states and their 
problems.

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The number of cases of mental 
illness at Cambridge University, 
England, increased from 4% to 20% 
last year. That was the year 
that Cambridge painted all its 
dormitory rooms bright orange 
with green stripes.

The Notre Dame Scholastic's 
"nomination for Man of the Year 
goes to General Lewis B. Her-
shy, Director of Student 
Service, who has turned the mind 
of the American college student 
from the subject of liquor and 
smoke into using our 
country through membership 
in the Armed Forces of the United States."

A freshman at Regis College 
(after hearing news of Gen. Her-
shy's draft manipulations) 
commented: "God help us." He later added 
that "the seniors should go first because they 
have had the good life longer."

Rav Volk Holds Siyum;
Scores Lack Of Contact

The lack of personal contact 
between students and their Rabbis 
has often been the subject of criticism in RIETS, 
and many students have expressed a desire to 
renew the relationship which 
had existed in the past.

At a siyum in RIETS shiur, 
March 8, Rabbi Volk stressed 
the importance of such a contact to his 
students in addition to delivering 
a Dvar Torah for the occasion.

Rav Volk also discussed the 
importance of a Rebbe's interest in 
his students' lives outside the shir 
and Bet Hamedrash, and the 
recognition by the Rebbe of his 
students' capabilities other than in 
grades.

Rav Volk also impressed upon 
the students the significance of 
constantly remembering that each 
Jew carries upon him the "signon 
shel Melech," the sign of the King as 
Mishnah remembered, 
and should conduct himself accord-

Refemedies and entertainment 
were also provided.

Speech Traces Free Thought

"Freedom of Speech and Thought 
in the Jewish Tradition" was the 
topic of a speech delivered by Dr. 
Mordecai Carmilly, associate profes-
sor of Bible, to an Oneg Shabbat,

Dr. Carmilly stated that Judaism, 
in contrast to Christianity, has 
never banned any literary works. 
The Catholic Church, for example, 
had established an index of 
prohibited books which its ad-
herents are not permitted to read. 
He also noted that they have even 
gone so far as to burn the authors 
of supposedly heretical tracts. 
Judaism, however, has never 
engaged in such practices. He 
pointed out that our sages have at 
times discouraged the reading of 
certain books, this did not amount 
to a ban. Such actions have been 
taken only in the case of the Apo-
crypha, and then only to prevent 
their being studied as Torah.

Many people think that the disem-
ination of Spinoza and others like 
him amounted to a ban. How-
ever, Dr. Carmilly stated that their 
books were not burned, and that 
this action was taken only to 
protect the various Jewish 
communities involved.

Rabbi Milton Furst Talks On Israel 
At Weekly Oneg Shabbat Program

Israel—Theocracy or Dem-
cracy? A talk by Rabbi Milton Furst, assistant 
to the dean of RIETS, at last Friday evening's 
Oneg Shabbat.

Rabbi Furst emphasized four 
important factors in Israel that 
represent a Torah point of view: 
1) The Shabbat is the official 
day of rest in the country for all Jews 
and many municipalities. 2) Bati 
Din are given exclusive jurisdic-
tion over Jewish marriages and 
divorces. 3) A large and highly 
successful elementary and high-
school education program has been set up, 
supported to a large extent by the 
government. 4) Israeli military 
commitments are guaranteed full 
right with regard to kosher food 
and Sabbath observance.

He concluded, however, that Is-
rael cannot be considered a theo-
cracy because these four 
conditions exist only because civil 
authority backs them.
Presidential Candidates Present Their Respective Platforms

Donald Zusquit

College students must act as adults and must be treated as adults. This duality must be emphasized. If we are not treated with maturity can we be expected to respond with maturity? But also, if we do not make the initiative with students it would be foolhardy for us to expect respect in return.

Thus, in order to insure a productive relationship between the student government and the administration, a positive understanding and recognition must be made. Administrators must recognize the need for concern for the whole student; the student must be equally aware of the administrative difficulties resulting from their requests, though they be earnest.

It is this understanding that YCSC must strive for to become a truly effective organ of the student body. In the past, deficiencies have existed on both sides. The result was a limiting of the students’ potential.

This shortcomings has been exhibited in the failure of both Council and THE COMMENTATOR to obtain modification of the administrative procedures. This is a serious concern for the students; their endeavors were wasted because of over-keeping them later on. Here again, the students wished to assist their administrative counterparts, but were impeded; there were still children in the eyes of the law.

There are other cases, however, where true conflict exists. We ask for expanded academic programs and increased course offerings. Here too, the students are sincere. But they must recognize that the University operates on limited financial resources. There is very little money to be spent on such academic dilations. 

To change the science requirements for one year of science to two years of two different sciences requires no increase in manpower; only in effort. The only charge for effort is to be expected.

In these cases, the students are once again correct in approach. They show interest in the academics and are not seeking the easy way out. But theDean is also correct. He has a school to run on a limited budget. All we can do, if we are to act wisely, is to demand that the maximum efficiency be met and that all requests within the bounds of the budget be considered.

In some areas, however, we have not.

Ideas On Synthesis Given Need For Solution Urgent

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To the modern liberal, are cruel, essentially personal experience. Thus, the radio club was not...

CSD Plans New Programs To Train Youth Leaders

Two training programs for youth leaders have been established by the Community Service Division. One is for day camp leaders, another for synagogue youth leaders.

The three meetings on “The Day Camp in a Jewish Setting,” will train rabbis, school and congregational leaders, and youth personnel as administrators of day camps.

A Youth Leaders Institute will be held at the Young Israel of New Garden Hills to aid in winter education.

YC Offers New Courses

Two new psychology courses are being given in the present semester, Psychology 40, which traces psychological ideas through history, and Psychology 41, which studies the influence of religion on psychology.

Psychology 40 is being taught by Dr. Adler and others in a women’s college, while Psychology 41, which traces psychological ideas through history, and Psychology 41, which studies the influence of religion on psychology.

Psychology 41, which is similar to Psychology 38 and has the same prerequisites, is being taught by Mr. Lesser. The course focuses on cultural and other influences which affect people, with a view towards influences in our society.

Pre-Meds See Films

“No Man Is A Stranger” and “The Management of Twins in Pregnancy and Labor” were shown by the Pre-Medical Society March 24.

The first film describes how three Haitian mental patients improved when they were moved from an old-fashioned asylum to a more modern hospital in a deserted mental institution.

The second film concerned the psycho-pharmacological agents proved effective in their treatment, both as in-patients and out-patients.

The second film concerned the patients and defined the difference between identical and non-identical twins and presented a program of prenatal care. Two complete deliveries of twins were shown. The first was normal and the second was a breech delivery.

Dr. Belkin On Pesach

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In the celebration, we do not forget that Pesach is a Passover, one only the beginning of the search for freedom.

One of the names used for the holiday is Zeman Cherusem. This means “This season of our freedom.” The use of the word “our” illustrates the intent to make every Jew throughout history feel as if, personally, he has been liberated.

Can I, personally, be freed? Can I, personally, be exalted? Can I, personally, be protected? Can I, personally, be exhilarated?

The answer is yes. In the Pesach holiday, we celebrate our own freedom.

On behalf of Yeshiva College, The Commentator with the warmest address to Mr. Ralph Rosenberg, President of Germany.


**Letters To The Editor**

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but also there is truth in the statement (which was omitted from THE COMMENTATOR) that this year's Council is plagued with an obvious lack of understanding of the matter and purpose of the University. This institution, and must remain, if it is to have a purpose in its existence, a school whose conscience is directed by Torah. Any compromise, any concession, and those of Torah must be resolved by finding the proper Hashkafa.

The problem is not as easy. The social needs of the students must not be treated lightly, nor must the students' individual or collective activities need social activities, but we also need a religious orientation. The two are not mutually exclusive. Neither does the student who votes on the Yeshiva Student Council regarding social activities. But as soon as one of these gains the reputation of not being in keeping with the other, it is treated skeptically. If there is the slightest danger of representing YU, it must be eliminated. It should, however, be replaced by another, even if the new one differs only in name from the old. Is it not the case that the majority of the objection to the Dean's Reception was not directed against the event per se, but against the concept that it represents? The majority of the student body must be treated with the respect that they deserve, without any action being taken with regard to those who are not treated as equals.

The class of '66 has announced the choice of Mr. Irving Greenberg for the Massachusetts governorship as the candidate for the Senior Pro-fessor award.

adults, and granted the privileges they seek, they will respond with dignity and not abuse their gains. In another way, the council must also understand that if the students are treated as children, they cannot be expected to act in any way resembling adults. This is a two way proposition. Each side must have a responsibility to the other. If, and only if, both sides co-operate, can YCSC become a truly functional body.

Maturity must also be tied in the relationship of student to student, and is something that must be dealt with promptly and appropriately by a strong Student Council. The Dean cannot be pro-posed with a request for greater liberties if the ones presently granted are abused.
be enacted, the athletic program would improve; our basketball team might even have a winning season. Yet we must realize that this gain will be the Yeshiva's loss — perhaps not a tremendously great loss, but one that will be symptomatic of what would follow.

Joseph Kaplan '68

Viet-Nam

To the Editor:

In the Feb. 28 issue, Lawrence Kaplan expressed shock and sadness to read of a petition signed by 800 students at Yeshiva which wholeheartedly supported Administration policies in Vietnam.

I, too, was shocked and saddened. I was shocked to see Mr. Kaplan imply that the position they took was somehow not in consonance with true Orthodox thought and that his more critical attitude towards Mr. Johnson's policies is the attitude traditional Jews should accept. I venture to say that the petitioners' position, as well as Mr. Kaplan's, can draw support from our heritage. The rife that Communism poses to us may be no less than that posed by any of our multitude of oppressors and enemies of the past, and one could even take our attitude toward Amalek as a guideline and end up with a policy more extreme than the most militant proposal today. To suggest a single answer to the Vietnam problem, based on our heritage, is rash; I suggest that Mr. Kaplan work on some political approaches to the situation. Furthermore, I was saddened to read that 800 students (an overwhelming majority of the population at Yeshiva) are in complete accord on such a complex and controversial topic as Vietnam. The particular position that was taken is irrelevant, but the unanimity is not. This consensus of extreme proportions indicates an intellectual malaise at Yeshiva that can only be mourned.

Vibrant and even heated discussions of current affairs are a necessity for intelligent analysis and one can only wonder how much debate goes on in the dorm rooms of Yeshiva if so much of the student body is in agreement on a morass like Southeast Asia.

Yes, Mr. Kaplan, the petition of the 800 is indeed deplorable, but no more so than had they opposed Administration policy. The lamentable fact is not that they failed to agree with you, but that so many agreed at all.

Heshy Rosenbaum '65

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NUMBER ONE TO THE SUN
Swordsman Emerge Triumphant; Break Three-Year Losing Streak

Yeshiva University's fencing team has regained a habit - winning. For the past three years Yeshiva swordsmen have been the not-so-prudent possessors of losing records. This season's accomplishment of a 9-4 record can be appreciated even more when contrasted with last year's nadir of 1-11.

The last two fencing meets of the season were typical of the team's form. March 15, against Brooklyn Poly, the Taubermen scored a stunning come-from-behind victory. The sabre team began rather aimlessly by losing all the engagements. Nevertheless, Yeshiva regained ground to be down only 10-9 at the end of the second round.

In the third round only Howie Feldman of the sabre team won, 2-1, his second victory of the evening. Then the foilmen, making a complete victory, pulled Yeshiva from a 9-12 deficit to a 12-12 tie, with both Maurice and Alex Zauderer gaining their second triumphs.

The final bout of the match clinched victory at 14-13 as Jack Petercell won.

Coach Tauber derived much pleasure from this victory. Besides assuring a winning season, it was a triumph over his good friend Mr. Adley Mandel, Coach of Brooklyn Poly and a frequent director of fencing matches. Last year Poly won, and now the standing between the young rivals is 1-1.

March 22 was the final match of the successful season. Coach Tauber started the seniors who were fencing for the last time for the blue and white. At the end of the second round, Yeshiva was ahead of New York Community College, 11-7. Howie Feldman and Adley Mandel accounted for five of the team's points.

The last round was fenced by a number of sophomores and juniors who will hopefully continue the winning precedent. The match was clinched at 14-10 by Bill Kalash, the Captain-elect for next year. So far, we are twice your size. Despite this disadvantage, Howie has always had many fans to encourage him (to stay on the mat).

Peter Barron did not remain at Yeshiva for the entire year, but during his stay he made his presence known. Sporting a long beard, he walked on the mat and surprised many an opponent (especially the ones who were ticklish). Mention should also be given to those who wrestled well in exhibition matches and occasionally filled in for some of the starters.

Wrestlers Gain Winning Season By Defeating Last Two Foes

(Continued on page ten) counted on next year for even greater success.

One must keep in mind, however, that a winning effort must be a team effort. Barry Levy, in his third year of competition, has a 6-4-3 record and displayed outstanding wrestling maneuvers throughout the season. Dave Carr, showing good speed for a big man and even better endurance, didn't win too many matches this year, but his pin of a Brooklyn Poly foe more than made up for it. This victory was essential in giving Yeshiva a winning record.

In the lightweight division, junior Steven Dostis and Mike Grob have also shown that they were capable of winning. Steven's experience and natural strength have made him a much improved wrestler. Mike, in his first year of wrestling, has often displayed an unusual way of winning. His method is to make believe his opponent doesn't even exist. This is what is known as a forfeit.

Perhaps Howie's Peuples deserves some extra attention. He has shown that wrestling is a little more than a sport; it is also a game of courage. This is especially true when most of your opponents are twice your size. Despite this disadvantage, Howie has always had many fans to encourage him (to stay on the mat).

Prospects Look Good For YC Netmen; Much Depends On Underclassmen

The advent of spring brings to Yeshiva its second season of sports. Tennis courts is the most popular of the spring athletics.

The YC netmen are presently members of the Metropolitan Collegiate Tennis Conference. Yeshiva's squad finished fifth in the fourteenth team league, with a 6-3 record. This campaign is a building season for the netmen as they have lost Michael Samet, Donald Zisquit and Noah Lightman, their top three players. However, a nucleus of returning lettermen, with the help of some freshman talent, forms a team that could very well equal last year's record. The returning lettermen are Captain YC Nets, Morty Lightman, George Kehoe, and Dave Shapiro. One pleasant surprise for Coach Alex Zauderer has been freshman Joe Ehrlich, who may earn himself the number one starting berth by the close of the season. Another freshman who may join the starters is Herb Beren.

This year's tennis team is a young one, as only three are seniors, but there is also one senior, Captain Kops. The main strength of the team lies in its balance. They are a hard working, spirited team and the difference between the number one and number six player is hardly noticeable. This balanced team should provide much excitement in their matches this year. Among the top teams the netmen will face are: Iona, Brooklyn College, City College, and King's Point.

The Epsteiners will have to work hard for their victories as they play all these teams in their first three weeks of competition. Their schedule is both physically and academically demanding, as the team will often play two afternoon games a week. As part of his increased program for this "building year," Coach has instituted a Friday afternoon practice to complement the usual Wednesday night practice. Much work will be done with the freshmen and sophomores in order to start the season strongly. However, due to their inexperience, most of the early matches will likely be played in the shoulders of the returning lettermen.

Although this year's team does not seem to be as outstanding as last year's, a good start could lead to another fine season. Although, as Captain Kops said, "There will be no easy matches this year," the prospects are good for a winning season.

PREMED PREDENTAL STUDENTS

NIKON MICROSCOPES WILL BE DEMONSTRATED APRIL 21ST BETWEEN 2:45 & 3:45 P.M. IN FURST HALL 500 WEST 185TH ST.
Juniors Triumph Over Freshmen; Sophomores Set Back By Semicha

On March 15, an intramural basketball match pitted the Juniors against the Freshmen in a game that ended with the Juniors squeaking by 50-49. The match was a seesaw affair, with the Freshmen leading early but the Juniors taking control in the second half, eventually winning 50-49.

Wrestlers End Season With Victorious Matches

by Mike Groob

After many years of wrestling, Yeshiva University’s wrestling team had finally achieved its first winning record. This was made possible by the consistent effort of its wrestlers, who had worked hard to maintain their fitness throughout the season. The key factor in their success was their strong team spirit, which allowed them to overcome any obstacles they faced.

A third senior instrumental in the team’s success was Coach Lorand Marcel, who had been a key figure in the development of the team’s wrestling program. His dedication and hard work had been essential in bringing the team to the brink of victory.

Not enough can be said of Neil Ellman, who is simply amazing. He had a streak of eight consecutive victories, which lasted until he lost two close matches. Neil ended up with a spectacular 10-2 record. His quick and agile movements have carried him up the ladder of success. The enthusiasm and fire he has brought have made him an opponent to be reckoned with.

On the Sidelines

From Rags To Riches

By Byron Held

Yeshiva College athletes are a strange cult of people. They are usually quiet individuals, not loud or overly proud, nor are they inflamed by any desire to prove anything to the world but are dedicated to their sport and members in good standing in the academic community.

On the other hand, their accomplishments and fame spread farther than the households where the Commentator is read. Frequently, a team or an individual carves an outstanding record and is greater than the sum of its parts. At the end of the season, this is the case for YU.

Yeshiva’s triumph was a well-deserved victory, and the team’s hard work and dedication paid off. They were not only successful on the wrestling mat but also in the classroom, maintaining high academic standards while also excelling in their sport. This is a testament to the values and principles that are instilled in Yeshiva College athletes.

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