YCSC Appoints Six Senators As Student Delegation; Hain Yields Power To Sternberg In Stormy Meeting

Change In Council Greeted By Uproar

One of the most hectic evenings in the history of the Yeshiva College Student Council took place on Wednesday, May 14, as the transition of power between the outgoing administration of Kenneth Hain and the incoming administration of Richard Sternberg took place. Unlike previous transitions, one could hardly be termed "peaceful," or a mere formality.

President Hain brought a student council meeting to order for the last time at 9:30. In keeping with tradition, President Hain invited each member to state his own message of review and farewell, prior to the seating of the new council. Starting from the Secretary-Treasurer of the Freshman class, each member mouthed a few words of expected praise for the Council itself, and President Hain in particular.

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Compromise Averts EMC Boycott

By Avi Fox

Bernard Firestone '70 was elected President of THE COMMENTATOR for the 1969-70 year at the Governing Board Election which took place on Thursday, May 8.

The positions of Associate Editor and Executive Editor were filled by Jay Rosenblum '70 and Marc Sicklick '70 respectively.

Editor-in-Chief Firestone, a political science major, is a member of Phi Gamma Mu, the Social Science Honor Fraternity. He is on the Yeshiva College Dean's List and on the EMC Director's List. Firestone served as last year's Features Editor.

A member of EMC, Jay Rosenblum served as last year's Make-Up Editor. He is a member of AED, the Pre-Medical Honor Society, on the YC Dean's List and on the EMC Director's List.

Committee Votes To Extend Unlimited Cuts; Student Council President Sees Senate Snub

An ad hoc committee of the College faculty has voted to extend the unlimited cuts system for another year. At the end of that year, unlimited cuts will again be reviewed to determine if the system should be continued permanently or dropped.

Dean Bacon commented that he is pleased with the extension of unlimited cuts for another trial year. He feels that most of the students are responsible enough to make their own decisions about club memberships.

On the other hand, Richard Sternberg, the president of YCSC, is not at all happy with the Faculty Committee action. He sees this extension as an attempt on the part of the Administration to forestall Senate consideration of the unlimited cuts system on a permanent basis.

The six student representatives to the University Senate have been approved by the Student Council for the coming year. The senior representatives will be Mark Kurzman, Louis Schapiro, Robert Weiss and Alan Zaitchik. Harvey Bennett and Daniel Kukrter will be the two junior representatives.

At the first Student Council meeting of the new administration on Wednesday, May 14th, President Sternberg nominated Mr. Kurzman, Mr. Kurtzer, Mr. Weiss, Mr. Zaitchik, Mr. Howard Dorfman and Mr. Howard Rosen.

The Council members were notified an hour and a half before the Council meeting, at which time they were subject to intensive questioning. During the meeting, Mr. Robert Weiss, EMC-Political Science, was asked if he thought the roles of the YCSC vice-president and a senator would conflict. He replied that since Council and the Senate must work together, he could act as liaison between the two. He was approved unanimously.

When asked how he would respond to an Administration claim that there were limited funds for creating new courses, Mr. Howard Rosen stated that through the example of Stern College, it is clear that Dr. Belkin is capable of raising funds under pressure. Although he has not been active at YU, he said that he has been President of his high school G.O. He was rejected by a vote of nine to two.

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On Monday, May 12, a letter was delivered by the President-elect of EMC to Dean Rabinowitz outlining the proposals of the EMC Student Council. After receiving a flat "No" to the proposals and to further negotiations on the matter, Mr. Singer spoke to the students of EMC on Duncker campus at 12:40 P.M. Although the milling throng obviously felt short of all the EMC students, Mr. Singer felt confident enough to ask for student support in "any action deemed necessary by the Executive Council."

On Monday night, President-elect Singer met with his advisors.
GEORGE's Committee Questionnaire required objective answers to objective questions, and consequently, the criteria for evaluation will be uniform and impersonal. Statistics bear no grudges.

We need not take recourse to such platitudes as "academic freedom" to demonstrate the illeness of the second objection. Who, indeed, is better qualified to determine the pedagogical success of an instructor than the student under his tutelage?

The COMMENTATOR once again proposes, therefore, the immediate publication of a curriculum evaluation form to be collected by the Curriculum Evaluation Committee, and urges the President of the Student Senate to zealously guard its objectivity. The dastardly authorities are urged to cooperate with us in a spirit of unity to foster our goals.

The Senate is too important an entity to fail. We demand that adequate precautions be taken to prevent a similar recurrence.

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Happy Anniversary

Yesterday, May 28, 1969, marked the first anniversary of The Waterfight. Starting as a spontaneous outpouring of pent-up emotions at finals time, The Waterfight eventually led students to realize the need for reforms at YC.

Today we mark the advent of the College Senate. Evolved through patient and strenuous negotiations by students, faculty, and Administration, the Senate now stands as the potential panacea for many of the ills that plague us. The COMMENTATOR applauds all those who made the Senate a reality (including the Senate itself) and hopes that the spirit of mutual respect and understanding that distinguished the Senate's efforts in formulating the new curriculum are not closed out at this time should such an investigation and/or appeal be necessary.

We, therefore, call upon the Senate to zealously guard its objectives and to encourage the Administration to devise codes of conduct that might arise.

The Dean's task is now to attack the problem concerning the faculty as well as to alleviate undue strains placed upon the students. We feel that the Administration can yet bring order out of this chaos.

After compiling all the information submitted during prereregistration, the Registrar must notify each student well in advance of the first day of classes that the courses he is enrolled in will be closed to him. Those students who are not closed out at this time should be guaranteed a place in their selected courses in September; however, no student would be required to enter any course for which he has preregistered.

Since registration in the fall is binding on the student as well as on the Administration, we recommend the following proposals at the present time so that there will be no excuse for failure to implement them in the future. We demand that adequate precautions be taken to isolate any student who is being political in his opposition to the Administration. His choices were cut out as being qualified for the important task of Senator. He, along with the Executive Committee, spent many hours of study in order to narrow the choices down to the six nominees. Then, in a matter of a few short hours, the members of the Student Council, after a brief, perfunctory examination, reduced them of three "unqualified." How are we unequal? Is it our lack of scholastic ability? Our indexes are poor attempts at a matter of public record. Appalled by the immersion of political intrigue into such an important election, we have demanded that an independent, responsible student representation to the Senate, we have withdrawn our names from any further considerations on the grounds that YU had a full-scale riot (e.g., "1200 students, most of them undergraduate [although many outside agitators were seen with students] took over Furst Hall on the Washington Heights campus and occupied it for six weeks.

Perhaps the cause for Mr. Gurock's journalistic irresponsibility, not within himself but with Harry Weiss, YU campus correspondent for The New York Times, for it was he who wrote the original article in The Times (another poor attempt at sarcasm) which led to confusion in the minds of the community about the goings-on at Yeshiva.

For this THE COMMENTATOR condemns Mr. Weiss and demands that the future be evaluated on the objective truth, rather than continuing his lack of satirical ability.

Furthermore, we condemn Mr. Gurock for his distortion of the facts as they were meant and call upon him to include an editorial exposition of what really happened at Yeshiva and the meaning of his article in the next issue of the Viewpoint.

Spare The Rod

Recently, a tentative catalog was issued for EMC. Its purpose is to reconstructor and uplift the standard of this college. Although Dean Rabinowitz's efforts in formulating the new curriculum are commendable, we believe that the new college can better be realized by encouraging a motivated student body and an equipped faculty.

Stronger motivation rather than stringent rules is the key to an improved student body. We suggest that the faculty undertake the task of creating constructive changes concerning the faculty, not solely the curriculum. This can be implemented first by pressuring instructors to assume the level of their students and second by replacing inadequate teachers.

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Registration Hints

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Several weeks after my elevation to the editorship of The Commentator and after the routine and interminable meetings with University officials, I find myself in the unsolvable position of being privy to more information than I care to possess. I was very comfortable in my ignorance; I had prepared a scathing denunciation of the college and the "unresponsive" university in general and had allowed the crusty spirit of the student radical to take hold of my soul as the dybbuk had possessed the unfortunate, unsusuming Jew.

But I must admit, in all honesty, that I have experienced a sort of repulsion towards the past few weeks and that a more intelligent perspective of university affairs has guided me to a more moderate and hopefully more responsible evaluation of the issues that confront us as Jewish students in a Jewish university in a turbulent non-Jewish world. It is quite easy to compose facile rhetoric dotted with the familiar generalizations and then to retreat into a safe corner where one is immune from countermash. It takes no effort to open a "Pandora's Box" and then to refuse to defend one's position in the close confines of administration-student discussion. But the student leader who finds himself in day to day contact with his "antagonists" does not enjoy the luxury of indulging in empty vitriols and invectives; he must constantly be aware of the fact that the men he confronts today might be on the other side of a bargaining table tomorrow.

This is not to claim that the student leader is impotent; nor does it impute that once a student shocks his position as a layman and dons his ecclesiastical robes that he is subject to an intensive shackling at the hands of the Senate.

The older and wiser" authority is preposterous. And we are talking of our short-term interests. Nothing could be further from the truth or more absurd; a student who stands the grave responsibilities it faces in the next few years, both in print and behind the scenes.

The formulation of a program has its roots in the goals which are set for it. These goals result from a realistic assessment of the program as it exists and the program as the student body would like to see it. We must be alert to the failure of our present program and design a new one in light of student desires.

Abe Friedmim and Poul Pollack.

THE Yeshiva College Senate

In Preview

By Richard Sternberg

The effective implementation of any program can only be achieved through the meaningful cooperation of the administration, the student body and the student body. Once a program has been designed, the common good must reign supreme and every effort must be made to impute directly unsavourily toward the pursuit and ultimate attainment of that goal. These steps we must undertake at once.

In Prospect

By Bernard Firestone

The Yeshiva College Senate"
In Review

By Kenneth Hain

An outgoing YCSC President is apparently blessed with some wise insight as to the cues for the ill that beset the school. Unfortunately, at YC the solutions often lie with a few big individuals who possess the power to literally make or break YU in the future. Recognizing this highly personalized power structure, Student Council endeavored with a great degree of success to alter this bureaucratic system.

The suspicious beginning, last May, when a mass grievance meeting was held, evoked little or no positive response from the Ad- ministration. In that critical situation I was told by one dean that he was “flabbergasted” by the “outrageous” conduct of the stu- dents. When confronted with the crucial issues that emerged during that month, the answers were ambiguous, evasive and frightened.

My conversations with Sam Hartstein were an education in themselves. Here is a man who lives and breathes Yeshiva Uni- versity and has in his own way left an indelible mark on it. Although at times we argued vehemently, it was always with mutual respect and confidence. The same was true of his very capable assistant, Bert Jacobson, who gave valuable advice at all times.

The position held by Rabbi I. Miller is undoubtedly one of the most precarious ever invented. But if this school will not redirect itself properly it will be done by people such as Rabbi Miller. He is a man of tremendous talents balanced with humility and true concern. I thank him and all the others who showed the commitment to the aims for which we have been working.

Of course, mention must be made of the fifth council president, Mrs. Vivian Ongwan who is Secretary General of everything at YU.

It is easy to hate the man who occupies Dr. Scool’s chair, and yet I found him to be a frank, cooperative and helpful friend. He is also a man who is totally devoted to YU and should be regarded with respect for his competence in his work and the fairness in his approach.

There are many faculty mem- bers who contributed to our ef- forts, but the three members of the Senate Steering Committee are key in their co-operation and for treating us as mature partners in negotiations. Ultimately, success is the result of work among the students’ associates and friends. The Religious Division Council Presidents, the YCSC members and my close friends helped me the year worthwhile and fulfilling.

There is one person who made the year all the more meaningful to me giving me the deepest kindness and understanding. That mutual commitment I know will last long after I am “lame duck.”

Let me comment on the role of YCSC in the future. We have established a concrete and tangible system for changing things in all academic areas. But the responsi­ bility is as great as the need for imaginative and responsive leadership. The YCSC must be prodded to keep it moving, and criticism is crucial to this end. I am confident YU will survive but I am not as assured as to which direction it will be led. Thus is the burden of students to preserve the character of YU while con­ structing a new reality, in this age it can only not be America’s oldest and largest, but in every way its finest.

Name Firestone to Head Commentator

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Lewin, a pre-med major, is pre­ paring to attend Hebrew University.

Abe Friedman, business man­ager for the last two years, attends Ed and serves on two major editorial boards. A history major, Contributing Editor Joseph Telushkin is also a popular person at Yeshiva and Ken­ nem B. Yavetz, Mr. Telushkin is a member of the Debating Society.

Andrew Geller, News Editor, is a psychology major attending RIETS. Mr. Geller is on the Dean’s List and served as last year’s News Editor.

Makeup Editor Larry Rosman is also a pre-med major and a member of the Pre-Med Honorary. He is a member of the EIC Direc­ tor’s List, and YC’s Dean’s List. Mr. Rosman won the Coaches’ Award for excellence on the fencing team.

Another pre-med major and member of AED, Feature Editor Andrew Geller, achieved the position of EMIC Director’s List, and YC’s Dean’s List. Mr. Rosman won the Coaches’ Award for excellence on the fencing team.

Incoming Projects Editor Paul Pollack served last year on news staff. He is also on the YC’s Dean’s List.

Mr. Pollack is a student in RIETS.

Ira Jaskoll, the new Copy Edi­ tor, is a RIETS student and a math major. He was Secretary- Treasurer of his Freshman Class and served as Associate Copy Editor on last year’s staff.

In Retrospect

By Morton Landow

Thursday, May 29, 1969

In an article of this nature—a retrospective glance at my four years in Yeshiva—there is a great tempta­ tion to be both excruciatingly critical and excruciatingly naive, in an attempt to achieve a synthesis.

More than ever before, students are voicing their opinions and finding a receptive audience. In my day, such two simple factors of greatest import of the past few years came to pass this year. I refer of course to the announcement of the intended YU presence in Israel, and the ap­ plication for a second year of seminary.

The cynics, of which there are an abundant crop here, will be quick to point out that both these pro­ grams are in an embryonic stage of development and are but early steps in an ultimate process. I find this year I might have subscribed to that school of thought, but I sincerely believe that since both these reforms are essential to the continued relevance of this school, and that, perhaps more importantly, the Yu Administration shares this belief these program will survive. I have special hope for the Israel pro­ ject because it is the active support of the government and because it is presently under the stewardship of two men for whom I have the greatest respect, Rabbi Emanuel Rackman and Israel Minot. And I believe it will be in the hands, and although its possibilities aren’t as limit­ less as the Israel project, it is the culmination of years of student effort and it would be a bitter future student leadership did not utilize its ma­ chinery as a way to effect academic reform.

If these had been the only developments of the year it is entirely possible that the school might have continued on its path of mediocrity, but other events have taken place which bode well for the future. The appointment of Dr. Koslowe and the creation of the Committee for Academic Af­ fairs comes first to mind in this respect. He is a highly capable and concerned person who has pledged himself to actively strive to improve the undergraduate schools. His Appo­ intment, coupled with the recent addition of Rabbi Jacob Rabinowitz and Reuven Aberman, and the often acknowledged capabilities of Deans Bacon and Tator, has given Yeshiva people per­ haps the finest Administration in its history.

But an Administration of this degree should al­ ways have existed, and students must never again settle for anything less. For, the double program can never reach maximum effectiveness un­ less it is administered with the greatest possible degree of creativity and flexibility. This calls for five year programs, but rather for the most creative use of class time by the finest teachers using the latest technology. Also calls for a highly individualized guidance program which will no longer enable some students to flounder through four years of religious and academic uncertainty.

Furthermore, while the new programs have the virtue of being aware of these problems and anxious to see them resolved. They will need the cooperation of future student leaders, and these leaders will be wise to look to the model of cooperation set by this year’s leadership.

The first names that come to mind are Kenny Hain and Eliyahu Safra. Very few realize the total dedication and determination with which Kenny threw himself into his task. He quickly earned the respect of both the students and the faculty. He has achieved the status of a de­ fidence throughout the year. This was due to his great patience, clear thinking and consistency of attitude. Kenny was greatly aided and inspired above all, a tremendous dedication to Torah. YU is not a place to be lightly mastered. And I have special hope for the Israel program and for treating us as mature partners in negotiations. The school must be constantly pressing for the realization of its ma­ jor programs.

Lastly, I must comment on the experience of working with them has been one of the most unsung members of THE COMMENTATOR. His in quiet, intelligent way has provided leadership and example. He is the one person who made the year all the more meaningful to me giving me the deepest kindness and understanding. That mutual commitment I know will last long after I am “lame duck.”

I have never met a person who possesses the uni­ que combination of sincerity, sensitivity and schol­ arship, and who utilizes it as well and with as much humility as Rabbi Shlomo Riskin. His advice and teachings, which I first experienced at YU’s Torah Leadership Seminars, led me to come to Ye­ shiva, and I have not regretted it. Yeshiva would be a far better place if it possessed more people of his calibre.

I have saved Edward Abramson for last because it gives me great pleasure to express my feelings about him and I figured that if my words were not able to express my admiration, this position in the article might convey the feel­ ing. On the seven years I have known him, and especially during the four years we have grown together, I have been privileged to experience and have attempted to contribute to the development of a new commitment to YC by Ken. The experience has been synonymous with our friendship, for every step of the way he was there providing advice and encouragement to me. And I know he will be an excep­ tional rabbi.

To Ed and all the others go my heartfelt thanks for all your unforgettable years.
Seniors Choose Dr. Simon To Receive Professor Prize

Dr. Ernest Simon

"I have always considered that the students' appreciation is the greatest reward of a teacher's life. . . . I accept the award more as an expression of encouragement for the future than as a reward for past services." With these words, Dr. Ernest Simon, associate professor of French and director of academic counseling, accepted the Senior Professor Award, an honor bestowed by the graduating class of 1969.

Dr. Simon, born in Germany and educated in France and Luxembourg during World War II, went on to Columbia University on a Pulitzer Scholarship. After serving in Korea for fifteen months, he earned his Masters in English Literature while on a Wilson Fellowship, and was awarded a Doctorate in French Literature in 1963. Last summer he worked on the publication of his thesis on a sponsored project from the National Endowment for Humanities Foundation, and will soon have a scholarly work on Diderot's "Jacobin" published by Columbia University.

On his becoming a teacher for the first time, Dr. Simon reflects: "I have always been a bit of a teacher at the payroll; he is a dedicated friend giving generously of his time by conducting his academic seminars on Great Works. There are two areas, however, in which Dr. Simon influences the life of every student. He was a faculty member of the committee which produced the Constitution for the Senate, and will undoubtedly be a "Senator" himself. Dr. Simon sees the purpose of the Senate as "giving students a voice, and the Senate must become the instrument of reform." As the executive secretary of the Scholastic Standing Committee, Dr. Simon is well aware of students' problems and needs, and he suggests the desirability of separating guidance and administrative functions. He would like to see, money and personnel permitting, faculty members advise students throughout their college years, and a general guidance staff to coordinate and oversee the entire program and deal with special problems.

President's Farewell

After a few short words from Vice President Lazar Fruchter, President Hain delivered his farewell. In it, he expressed his thanks to all of those members of the student body—both on and off Council—who provided invaluable assistance to him during his tenure. In addition, he listed some of the Administration notably Rabbi Miller, who have proven, in his opinion, a willingness and desire to work with the students in building the institution. However, he also reserved some special thanks to Mr. Maintenance worker protests. elections were also shut down, thus preventing Mr. Pollack from again putting them into operation. So while YU administrative officials sought police protection at 55 Fifth Avenue to protect themselves from physical violence from their maintenance employees, the latter themselves were shut off an hour earlier due to the lack of hot water which was not restored until Sunday morning.

Evaluation To Be Issued

Once again YCSC has sponsored a Curriculum Evaluation Committee, this time under the direction of Max Goldstein and Frank Mandel. The forms have already been distributed and collected, hopefully with a large response on the part of the student body. It is anticipated that the results of the evaluation will be available to the faculty and the students by the end of the year.

Last year, there were no precautions taken to guard against students filling more than one evaluation form. This year, a check-off system was instituted so as to insure an accurate response. In addition, the evaluation itself was based upon the views of proper rather than the instructors. The committee plans to give exact figures along with their analysis as a result of this year's evaluations.

As a result of last year's evaluation, a fall Ad Hoc Committee on the Student Council Curriculum Evaluation was formed and is headed by Professor Feldman. This committee appraised the results of last year's efforts, and offered recommendations which were incorporated into the structure of this year's Council.

President Sternberg, like him, would learn to master this responsibility during his administration: "The best he can do is try. No one can expect any more." With a final word of thanks, President Hain prepared to hand over the gavel of office, but was stopped by a standing ovation of the Student Council and the students in attendance.

President Sternberg

Finally, at 11:12 P.M., President Sternberg assumed his post as President of the Student Council and called his first meeting to order. Reading from a prepared text, President Sternberg stated the importance of the coming year as the one which would mark the inception of the Student Council's political role in student affairs at Yeshiva. At the end of his speech, he read the names of the Senate nominees—Messrs. Mark Kurzman, Howard Dorfman for Junior Senate seats, and Messrs. Danny Kortner and Howard Dorfman for Junior Senate posts.

For the next hour, the members of the Council and the audience fired question after question at the Senator nominees. Such fields as qualification and priorities were the main sources of questions, as the nominees tried to convey their entire personal and academic feelings in two minutes—while some of the questions themselves took longer to state. At times, it seemed a combination of the Spanish Inquisition, Dragset and a Salem Witchcraft Trial.

After a short recess for refreshment, and nourishment, the Council prepared to vote. Rumors had been rampant during the preceding three days of some sort of political pressure having been exerted by certain political magnates on the Council members in order to influence their vote on the nominees. Thus, each vote for each nominee was watched carefully. After the dust had cleared, two nominees Messrs. Weisz and Zaitchik were confirmed as Junior Senator. Mr. Blazer what they were doing. Not only were the boilers suspiciously turned off a second and a half before the time, but the gavel was moved and the electrical connections eliminated, thus cutting off an hour earlier and called his first meeting to order. In an attempt to organize still remain. After negotiations broke down at 11:00 A.M. on Thursday, May 8th, there were two shocking acts of intimidation: the sudden break-down of the boilers in the Morgenthen, Rubin dormitories and in Furst Hall shortly after 5:00 P.M., and the painting of a swastika with "pedagogy" written in it in the sub-basement of the new Gottesman Library. Mr. Waddy Riba, a union organizer, has guaranteed that the employee who defaced the library will immediately fire upon his discovery.

Mr. Dave Pollack, who is in charge of administration, reported that he had turned on the boilers at 1:50 P.M. after they had been shut off an hour earlier by some unidentified person. Mr. Blazer what they were doing. Not only were the boilers suspiciously turned off a second and a half before the time, but the gavel was moved and the electrical connections eliminated, thus cutting off an hour earlier.
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Students Pick Class Officers; "Machine" Charges Are Raised

(Continued from page 7, column 5) the class level and a more effect-
ive guidance program to help stu-
dents decide their future. Present-
y, he is attempting to put a sopho-
more on the College Senate as an
observer. In this way the sopho-
more representative will have a voice
in the deliberations but no vote in
the decision. Mr. Gottes-
mann realizes, however, that such an
amendment to the Senate can only
be instituted after a functioning
Senate has gotten under way. Mr.
Gottsmann is a Pre-Med major
who has served on JSS council.
Powerful Typewriter

There are still those who main-
tain however, that a "machine"
did actually back certain candi-
dates. In arguing what the situation was, an inter-
view was held with one of the those
involved with the "ma-
chine," Mr. William Gewirtz. He
said that the "so-called machine"
was actually a typewriter. The on-
slaught of abuse heaped upon the aver-
age student would be held on Wed-
nesday (a non class day) to
acquaint new alumni with
Hamevaser, The an-
other of the veteran's programs at Yeshiva
College finals were scheduled to end the
year on a given date. Mr. Gewirtz also
said that the reason for backing certain candidates over others was due primarily to the
fav kissing and disfavoring
the public within the
University. Mr. Ge-
wright denied however, that there
were any political deals made, and pointed out that any support given was on a personal level rather than on a bloc level, for the candidates of party loyalty but rather on the
basis of their own merit and per-
sonal achievement.

Compromise Alleviates EMC Tension

(Continued from page 1, column 1) council — Messers. Schapiro, Na-
data among others — to decide
upon the next course of action. After many ideas were presented and discussed, the consensus was
that one last attempt at negotia-
tion was necessary. Mr. Singer
said that on the next day he would
try to secure the services of Rabi-
Miller to act as an intermediary
in the conflict. If no success
would be reached, a one-day boycott of
classes would be held on Wed-
nesday (a non-Gemara day) to
register a protest. Confusion was compounded on Tuesday when President Bertram
addressed the EMC student body
at 10:40 in the Morgenstern Shul.
Blasting "the lack of transition"
between the outgoing and incom-
ing EMC Students Council, Pres-
ident (I still have 10 hours left)
Bertram cited the immense difficul-
ties inherent in making up a final
schedule, with the limitations of the
New York State law which demands a fifteen week classroom
session for accredited institutions.

Whether it was the shock of hear-
ing that he attended an accredi-
ted institution or not, the average
student bristled with rage. "What about those other schools? They've missed weeks of school over at
City and they're not making accred-
idation." After Mr. Bertram's de-
parture, Mr. Singer continued the
meeting, citing the boycott as a last
resort. Mr. Schapiro echoed this sentiment, and cited the years of abuse heaped upon the aver-
age EMC student.

Singer Defeats Haberman
In Raucous EMC Election

Mr. Singer, in foreground, disputes
with Mr. Bertram, in background, at
emergency EMCSC meeting.

On Thursday, May 8, Mr. Steven Singer, riding the crest of a wave of popular student support captured the presidency of Yeshiva
College. His victory was proof of the desire for change by an overwhelming majority of stu-
dents. Among the more controver-
sial points of his platform were an
end to the proctor system in EMC,
an unlimited cuts system and a student-faculty Senate. He portrayed himself as a forceful leader who would be able to pres-
sure the Administration to imple-
ment his proposals. As his campaign
posters blatantly professed, he was the candidate who "had the guts." But perhaps the most important
issue of his strategy was the mis-
guided EMC final schedule. EMC
dinals were scheduled to end the
day before Yeshiva College finals
would begin. Mr. Singer alleged that
Dean Rabinowitz showed an
obvious disregard for the student
body by forcing such a schedule
upon them. He added that this was
characteristic of the Administra-
tion and for this reason he was
forced into taking such a strong
stand which included the threat of a
student strike. Mr. Rabinowitz, in an inter-
view granted May 15, reacted
quietly and tactfully when presented with these allegations. He commented that while personal barbs have no
place in a campaign, it is under-
stood that in the heat of discussion a candidate may lose himself. He felt that the slurs made in the
course of the past few weeks will have no adverse effect upon his relationship with Mr. Singer.

Along with Mr. Singer, Charles
Sprung was elected Secretary-
Treasurer and Larry Schifflman,
was elected Vice-President of the
EMSC.

Mr. Bertram, in background, at
emergency EMCSC meeting.

Who's Whose

Engaged

Marty Naisen '69 to Judy Gellis
Mitchell Kornspan '69 to Phyllis Curchack
Barry Eisenberg '68 to Debra Bendheim
Jack Lee '69 to Ellen Horn
Joel Rosenfeld '69 to Diane Fishman
Yakov Kessler '70 to Bobbi Reuch
Chaim S. Mackler '67 to Hadassa Yeediya
Mike Kierman '69 to Sharon Hecht
Aaron Kindler '69 to Shelly Schreiber
David Berezin '63 to Esther Gross

Births

Mr. and Mrs. Hillel Weiner '66
son, Aryeh Moshe
Mr. and Mrs. Max Bienstock
son, Mich"
Black Jews Search For Link To Ancestors On Both Sides

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an organization, which is uniting Black Jewish youth with Orthodox ideals and preparing them for acceptance into the general Jewish community. The Black Jews have performed in numerous dance festivals and have participated in the Israeli Independence Day Parade.

The Federation of Jewish Philanthropies, as well as other agencies, such as the American Jewish committee have been instrumental in helping the youth of HaZaal HaReishon to go to Israel in order to strengthen their patriotic spirit, and in relocating many Black Jews. Jewish communities as to give them the benefits of a "total Jewish environment."

Rabbi Paris explained that the area where Black synagogue, known as a "ghetto," is located are ghetto areas. Kosher butchers have long since moved out of these areas, and in Rabbi Paris, a butcher's job may be obtained by a special delivery. There is, as well, the problem of travel. Not all the congregants of a Black synagogue can live in the immediate area of the synagogue. Therefore, it is necessary to take a bus or subway to synagogue, and this lack of integration into the total Jewish community is, therefore, manifest.

Comments on "Black Students"

Integration would bring an assertion of Black identity. Commenting on Black studies, Rabbi Paris stated that they would have been in existence a century or more. He said that since this society is a pluralistic one, giving each citizen a sympathetic expression that marks his time to the past, e.g., Jewish-American, Irish-American, Italian-American—it has become necessary to give Black people similar designation: "Afro-American." The term "Negro" represents the slave, while the term "Afro-American" represents the re-definition of the slave past into a present life of freedom.

Black studies, furthermore, would be beneficial to two distinct groups, the European-American, and the newly created "Afric-American." The European-American is probably ignorant of the history of the Black man, but the Blacks, especially the younger generation of these Black studies, for he is most unaware of his heritage. The negative reactions to Black studies have come, in Rabbi Paris, to two groups: the ignorant and the white supremacist. The ignorant can be educated but the white supremacist not willing to listen to any proof.

The Black Jew searches for link between Black history and current Jewish history, particularly when the Black Jews consider her to have been a Black woman, and we can certainly see from the incident that the Black Jew has no hang-ups about letting their king marry a Black woman.

Movement In Africa

The Black Jew's history has been a fast one. Before the 1960's, a Black Jew was referred to in the media. The New York Times reported on an integrated temple in Brooklyn. There were a number of leaders of the Black Jewish people in the 20's and 30's among them: Israel Ben Neuman, Mordechai Heiman, Josiah Ford and Ben Shwal Alb, who later went to Ethiopia. The "Black to Africa" movement of Marcus Garvey, the "Black Theoreo Hael," and, consequently, many Black rabbis returned to Africa. Among the rabbis who remained was Rabbi Paris, the spiritual leader of the Command Keepers Congregation in Harlem, who helped preserve the Black Jewish community. Because Ethiopia and Haile Sellassie were thrust onto the international scene during the second World War, after World War II, the future of the Black Jew and Black Jewish communities began to form-in strength. Today there are Black Jewish communities in New York, Chicago, Detroit, St. Louis, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania and even in Watts, L.A. As far as the progress of the communities, outside New York, Rabbi Paris was not sure of the status of Black Judaism in these areas, and said he was being consulted on them in the near future.

Rabbi Paris congratulated me for having preserved the Black Jewish identity at a time when whites were trying to make Black Jews or Black Jews and for having given his congregants a positive image regarding their Blackness and Jews identity. Rabbi Paris said it was very difficult for the Black Jew to identify with the Eastern European Jews and, therefore, reaffirmation of Black Judaism is a new idea. With the recent Americanization of Judaism, the Black Jews can now easily enter the mainstream of Jewish life.

Black Students At YU

A number of Black Jews have studied at Yeshiva University. Rabbi Paris, as mentioned before, has been studying at EMC and Freeakul. In addition, a number of Black Jews have been admitted to the Yeshiva's Cantorial Training Institute. Just past this year, Rabbi W. A. M. Thomas' grandson enrolled in Yeshiva University High School and in his senior year, coming one, Black Jewish student will enroll at Yeshiva College and one at Stern College for Women.

The Facts?

To the Editor:

Daniel Kramer, in his letter to Commentary (Vol. LIX, No. 8), was careful not to mention anything from the New York Times, Knowing that few students have the time to look up the articles concerning Yeshiva University's Graduate School of Education, I would like to bring out exactly what I had hoped the students would get a chance to read.

Among the charges made against the school were the following (and I quote verbatim from the New York Times, April 22, 1960, p. 16):

"The graduate school had virtually no standards for admission, retention or graduation.

The school was enrolling large numbers of students in areas for which it had neither staff, programs nor facilities.

Some instructors in the school were themselves students there and were not qualified to give the course work for their doctoral degrees from each other."

Some doctoral candidates received their degrees after nine months of part-time study.

Faculty members were employed and assigned to teach courses they were not qualified to give.

The graduate school was criticized for not having any standards for admission. Today, Bertram and Grad School suffers from the same situation. Although officially there are standards, they are not enforced and areas are left open.

The second charge made—concerning the lack of staff, program and facilities can no doubt be attributed to this lack of standards. As long as I can personally assure that the chemistry labs are inadequately supplied. And exactly what will be done about the school's next year's economics department?

Of course, the officials attributed the school's education difficulties "largely to growing pains." But which growing pains? None other than those stemming from "its rapid expansion—from two hundred students when it opened in September 1957, to one thousand three hundred fifty students in the current semester..." (that of 1969).

I can parallel to none other than our tall new neighbor, Belter Graduate School which will have facilities for two thousand students, although it has approximately two hundred fifty to three hundred students.

The State Education Department has not submitted the records for state examination, the records of all doctoral candidates. The Dean of the school resigned early last year. The new permanent president is the state's order became public.

The situation was so severe that even Dr. Samuel Belkin, President of the University, was quoted as saying that the school could not be strengthened in some areas.

In conclusion, let me quote once more from the Times, April 20, 1960, p. 16) on what was written of Yeshiva University:

"Yeshiva University was founded as a small theological seminary on New York's Lower East Side in 1886 and moved to Washington Heights, its present center, in 1929. It is America's oldest and...

Zane Bitman, editor Pulse

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To the Editor:


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M. Peretsman

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parable, he stated that Mr. Singer would have to choose between the restraint and experience of his elders and the "guts and chutzpah" of his young cohorts. "King Rebohoam chose the latter and he paid for it!" As Mr. Haberman observed, it was, in fact, that he was still sure he was the better candidate and the student body, had made a grave error in electing Mark Haberman. Mr. Singer closed with the installation of the new Executive Council. It was at this time that Mr. Bertram announced his original intentions of not going through with the installation. That would leave Mr. Singer in power until May 20, when the new Executive Council would automatically take over. However, he changed his mind and decided to install the new officers.

I hereby condemn Mr. Bertram and Haberman for the viciousness and the "guts and chutzpah" of their youthful campaign.
Crazies, Hippies Mar Mailing-Breslin Rally; Candidate Frenzies, But Gets No Response

(Continued from page 3, column 5) stuck out his other leg in front of him and waved around the micro- phone with a cigarette. A pained expression contorted his face. He opened his mouth as if to say “Alright, Alice,” but instead, he hurled his head and looked out over the crowd.

I am certain of one thing after that meeting, Breslin writes better than any of his candidates. The air of affected jaunty casualness, sweating profusely, stumbling over the catch phrases scribbled on his shirt, was that of a 22-year-old mayor in this city we’ve got Rob- ert Wagner, freshly returned from the court of France. Applesauce, then, his campaign: don’t want cop lovers here.” Bres- lin stairs open mouthed at the smoking, crazy leaning against the wall. He kept on with his lecture in mid-sentence but instead of completing the thought, he goes on to speak to a hundred people as if we were all in O’Casey’s bar in Jamaica, Queens. He broke off in mid-sen- tence for the last time and walked offstage.

The atmosphere became more frenzied. Six crazies berying Viet Con men North Vietnamese flags scamped through the aisles over people’s heads and jumped on stage. This didn’t seem to be too funny, but when the man tried to throw them offstage, he was restrained, punched his re- strainer, and was led out on the tear gas of war with the crazies over the flag. Scattered fights broke out along the aisles, as heated Village liberales brawled with their opponents around the room with revolutionary yells.

This mood was Maller’s life ele- ment. This w’s what he thrived on. He was a man of fire, highly dangerous and I hope he could quiet things down. As he came up to the podium, the crown exploded into cheers and chant. The flashbulbs exploded as before but he didn’t reveal the crooked smile. The applause sub- sides and he steps forward. He pushed the microphone aside, stood defiantly before them, his hand on his hips, and belloved “Alright, let’s get one question later, to me!” “Tell us about Kennedy’s war,” Maller, the heckler respond- ed. A tall, heavy set man, he strode through the restraining arms of his friends and punched the heckler in the face. Both men were grabbed from the arms by police. This scene was repeated all through the auditorium. Maller took off his glasses but then he repeated to be heard.

All the time, the flags remained held aloft by the zealous crazies. Maller now turned his attention to them. A drawn crease crept into his speech. He was the west- ern sheriff facing down the lynching mob. He had the “We can get those flags out of here in the next five minutes!” (the drawl is very heavy), “I’m leaving. I’m running for mayor of New York City; no successor to Ho Chi Minh.” The yelling and chanting started again and so did the fight- tages. “Don’t you mother— re- alize that I’m not the first enemy!

Go down to Wagner’s and Pro- caccini’s meetings.” “Tell us about the Kennedy years, Maller.” “This is my 1902 and his 1960. This is myself and those who have followed him around for any extended period of time. Public speaking is a form of religious ritual for Maller. He forces his personality on you. Every time I saw him speak he dispensed with microphone as an instrument under his dignity. He considers his voice an extension of himself— as if its very sound, a message from his inner being could compel people to do as he says.

I remember, standing in a dull yellow light, addressing a West Side Progressive Democratic Club in its party room. This was Democratic gravy-train country. Its self righteous inhabitants habitu- ally green their reformist spirit every four years. They waited anxi- ously for Norman, knowing that after today he would rebuke them with: shit about them and if they were lucky, curve. These people were who yesterdays away from the Chicago protest, heaven forbid they were threatened in the general’s ser- geants when reading “The Siege.” Maller knew what they wanted, and that’s what he wanted to do. Leaning over the table, his hand out before him, he yelled, “Alright can you hear me!” He flattered them (you’re too sophisticated to understand it)! He wanted his tone to really mean something and present an outline of his platform. They were familiar with it but delighted. And that’s what he showed at one point when one woman jumped up and said, “I hear a lot about Blacks and Puerto Ricans. If they’re to be inter- ested why aren’t they here at this meeting?” Maller answered with- out hesitation: “It would be pre- sumptuous of me to say it’s your club.” The applause which follow- ed was like that of a bullfight crowd cheering for a matador’s well executed pirouette. Maller smiled slightly (both corners of his mouth), and I waited for him to go on.

Whose Error?

To the Editor:

I would like to apologize for a typographical error in my letter in the May 8 issue of COMMENTA-
TOR. (I don’t know if the error is mine or the COMMENTATOR’s.) The quote is by Tryon Edwards, the great grandson of Jonathan Edwards, not Myron Edwards. Mr. Klosow in his “Response” displays errors of a more serious nature.

Firstly, Mr. Klosow distorts my position. He says “Mr. Davis claims too much himself to justify the lack of concern the administration shows toward sports and actually propose the abolition of all sports.”

The import of my letter, as my final paragraph stated was that “It is quite appropriate that the administration show sports as an important phase of life at Yeshiva.” But nowhere do I ask for the abolition of the entire program. I do ask, as Mr. Klosow implies, that the varsity sports program “be withdrawn or place at Yeshiva University.”

I grant that varsity sports 1) is just what Public Relations wants it to be, 2) is the source of Yeshiva’s funds; 2) is conducive to school spirit among some, maybe even many Yeshiva students through which has nothing to do with Yeshiva and little to do with University; 3) may be vocational training for some students though to my knowledge none of Yeshiva’s grad- uates have become or aspire to become professional sportsmen.

These three factors justify Yeshiva University’s varsity sports program along with Dean Bacon’s attending and Rabbi Belkin’s tele- gram comments that he would be happy to attend the dinner in honor of Coach Sarachek. We must not, however, lose our proper perspec- tive— that the varsity sports are an important phase of life at Yeshiva. Secondly, and more important, Mr. Klosow perpetuates what is what synthesis means. Mr. Klosow writes “...synthesis does not mean a total merging of the individual, but does mean a study of Talmud or Chumash with physics, mathematics or bas- ketball, etc., etc, etc.” If theses along with all the other sci- ences reveals to us the laws of Na- ture, Who is the lawgiver? God. We can’t know him directly; we can only know him indirectly; through the laws of Nature; through the study of history (this is what the Chumash says in Mitza- va 301 is the root of, i.e. we should derive from this, make use of this in the world— through philosophy; through the laws of logic and the whole mathemat- ical system which is built on the concept of synthesis). I am trying to clarify what the term synthesis means, aside from the fact that the courses used to be vocational training (I hope that THE COMMENTATOR or Ha- meurer reprints Rav. Lichten- stein’s article, “Synthesis from a Torah Viewpoint,” in whole or in part, since this clearly elucidates what I am going to express).

The Editor-in-Chief and Governing Board of THE COMMENTATOR are sin- cerely mused too for former editors, Gary Schiff, 58 and Nehemiah Lichtenstein for their recent engagements to Shell Glickman and Pat Frank, re- spectively.

Conclusion of synthesis, is the guiding philosophy behind Yeshiva University. This means that the means is Torah. One then expands to the world. The contents of this Include so much that it should be and practically can be used to help us understand Torah (as for instance understanding of torah enhance, as Rav Lichten- stein says, one’s understanding of Torah). Can also re- lationship to God and our fellow man. One includes studies which are necessary for a Ben-Torah. These programs are not only how to teach, how to relate to a person psychologically, etc. One then expands the circle further, as it were, to the world. One then finds so that in life one becomes the pro- gramming director rather than the garage craftsman (The Talmud in Tractate Berachot 35b states that the derived and living is not literal torah and is permissible). Can also create an environment wherein the student will best be able to study. One provides a varied sports program, student lounges, outdoor sports facilities, a few square feet of grass, a beautiful, carpeted, air- conditioned library, etc. All of this can exist and does exist (to the Administration’s credit) with- out a 24 hour work week. This is a contradiction in terms, an oxymoron. The varsity sports program, catering to a minute per- centage of the student body who engage in varsity sports and to a larger percentage who participate vicariously in sports and find vari- ous professional teams to latch on to, is not vital, important, is... Well, just about anything other than the position it has presently, if not less important.

Harry Zvi Davis ’71
The Jerusalem University chapter of Alpha Epsilon Delta, the Pre-Med Society, elects new officers at a meeting held on May 19. Group members will be limited to three hundred. Attendance at the camp will be limited to JDL members of high school and college age and special permission will be required for all who wish to be present for adults. Of JDL's 4,000 members in New York City, Nassau and Suffolk counties, approximately five hundred are of high school and college age.

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Orthodox participation in JDL is "disappointing," according to the source with whom I spoke. About one-third of the members in attendance at the camp will be Orthodox. The camp, however, will definitely observe Shabbat and Kashrut.

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Thirty-Four Year Recap Of Basketball At Yeshiva Reveals
That Mediocrity Defines Past As Well As Present Squads

By Avi Borenstein

Inter-collegiate basketball at Yeshiva was instituted in 1935, with the Mites playing their first game against St. John’s freshmen. The debut, though unsuccessful, did not mar the fledgling season, as Yeshiva, led by Max Jerry and Low Mites, compiled a 3-4 record. In their sophomore season the Mites developed a winning tradition by piling up a 7-4 record. It was, however, the next year that the Mites established their existence as significant and lasting. Behind the slick ballhandling of Abe “Atom” Avrech, the Mites came back to defeat NYU by a 35-28 score, thereby embalming an 11-5 record.

Hy Wettstein came to Yeshiva in 1940 to become the first coach, replacing the system of captain-coaches. Under his tutelage the Mites played ball at an 11-8 clip.

In 1942 Bernard Sarachek assumed the reins of the ballclub. “Red” Sarachek brought to Yeshiva the necessary knowledge and experience to aid in the development of the young squad. Sarachek immediately instituted his system, and the Mites, led by Stan Doppelt, achieved a 10-5 record against the toughest competition the Mites had faced.

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Mike Pincus became the first star at YU, scoring 9-6. Nat Kraditor replaced Pincus the following season, and Doppelt, continuing his heroics, led the team. The second World War forced Sarachek to relinquish his position for two years, but basketball remained the major sport at Yeshiva.

It looks like Red, acts like Red and yells like Red—my goodness, it is Red. (A few years younger.)

In the 1955-56 season was out-standing in the Mites’ thirty-four year history; they amassed a 16-2 record (.888), third best in the metropolitan area. Playing splendid ball, Blumenreich and Sodden combined to break numerous records. Red averaged 24.7 ppg; Blumenreich added 15.7; Sodden within the best to date, with a very good bunch of 1007 career points, fourth on the all-time list.

Four-year “Red” lead the Mites to a 10-0 tilt. It was the fourth time that a Yeshiva squad had ever reached the 100-96—the first Yeshiva ballplayer to be selected to All-America, receiving honorable mention in the all-city balloting.

That year the club posted a 6-14 slate as ever triumvirate of captains (Artie Aaron, Bob Poloner and Sam Grossman) could not devise a winning method. The star of the team was Aaron, who scored a team-high 18 points per game.

The team improved its record slightly the following season (1963-64) by winning seven and dropping 12.

Sports

by Danny Kurzter

Yes, reader, the headline reads “Sports.” You see, I was going to write an article about the sports program at YU, until I thought about it and realized that YU doesn’t really have a sports program; it has a “sports” program.

Item: For forty years, Doc Hurwitz has been fighting for a gym. For twenty-five years, Red Sarachek has been fighting for a gym. (If Doc Hurwitz were another article, took it away—doc.) Yet, there has been no response from the top edge, no gym.

Item: Home basketball games are sometimes closer to the visiting team than to Yeshiva. Must we watch Yeshiva University play in Bishop Malloy or Power Memorial Academy? Unfortunately, yes.

Item: Wrestlers and fencers practice when the other doesn’t have practice or a match, or when the high school or the college doesn’t have gym. The YU swimming team doesn’t swim, the soccer team doesn’t soc. Is all this funny? It’s not supposed to be.

Well, reader, must I continue? Oh yes, I left out the tennis team which sometimes practices somewhere; or the bowling team which supports itself to represent Yeshiva. But, then again, it doesn’t really matter; nothing really matters. We’re only going to be here for four years; the gym hasn’t been, isn’t and won’t be here for many more years. I suppose no one cares.

You see, building a gym might just solve the whole problem. But simple problems require complex answers. So, to solve the problem of no gym, YU built a science center. Priorities? Yes—and no.

For some, I’ve been doing for now, I have about fourteen more columns to ask for a gym why should I waste all my arguments in just this one? At least, reader, you see why I call this column “sports.” Perhaps I’ll call my next column “Unversity.”

If you’ve gotten this far (and for that I congratulate you) you’ve noticed that the rest of the sports page deals with a 34 year history of basketball at YU. Why a 34 year history? Why not? Avi Borenstein asked the question, and got it in a column. Perhaps in 13 years we can write a 47 year review of basketball at YU.

Two weeks ago, Public Relations took pictures of The Commentator staff, and I was privileged to meet Mr. Sam Hartstein, director of PR, and Mr. Herb Falk, director of PR Sports. Everyone around school heard of these men; no one knew of them. If I have a chance, next year, they’ll be spotlighted. Before I end, though, I must say that despite the handicaps under which they labor (see above) they do a marvelous job. I, for one, would like to see their handicaps relieved.

Shelly Rokach . . . Making It

Once again Aaron led the scoring as he tallied 14.8 per game. Although the team’s performance slipped a bit, the 1964-65 season was highlighted by the great play of junior Shelly Rokach. A strong flashy forward, his play totaled the only bright spots in this gloomy stretch, as he broke school records for most points in a game, most rebounds (game) and most games with 10 free throws in a game. Rokach compiled 23.5 points per game, the third highest single-season average in the 34-year history of the team. He was named All-American in his junior year, coming in at number five on the All-America team.

Stuart Polonier ’71 and Richard Salit ’72, varsity stars at Yeshiva University, have been selected for inclusion into the 1965 edition of Outstanding College Athletes of America. The two players were selected by the Mighty-Mites, helping achieve a 9-12 record. Polonier, coming off a record-breaking freshman year, scored 465 points. (19.3 ppg.) Salit, himself a record-breaking freshman, averaged 18.1 ppg and has a promising future.

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