Governing Board Members Interview Presidential Hopefuls; Voters Will Elect New YCSC Executive Board Tomorrow

The purpose of this special edition of THE COMMENTATOR is to better acquaint the students of Yeshiva College with the candidates running in the upcoming elections for the presidency of the Yeshiva College Student Council.

On Wednesday, March 11, the three candidates, Bliot Lauer, Jaron T. Teitelbaum, and B. Firestone, attended a meeting of THE COMMENTATOR Governing Board, where they were questioned by the board members on various topics concerning the Student Council. The questions and answers are printed in the order they were asked. In addition, statements by the two candidates for Vice President — George Grossberg and Philip Jack — are included.

The questions are presented as if you were reading them in the copy of THE COMMENTATOR which is sent to your dormitory.

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There's a lot on the Senate floor actually get a system working knowing what they want, to impose by students that is wasteful. Therefore, every issue that is going to be brought consulted prior to the meeting. if you can crystallize support behind a certain position then he will feel morally bound. In the Senate itself there's a lot of compromise going on and the senator is to be free to use his own discretion.

Mr. Weiss: I think that on the Senate itself there's a lot of communication and negotiation. The Senate is an organization. It's the person who's going to vote the way he is basically along the same political lines that the president is. When the president is firm in this thing, I'm going to have to consult with him now how he's going to vote. I'm not going to have to tell him how to vote.

I'll know his basic ideas, I'll know whether he's liberal or conservative, whether he'll change and on this basis I'll select him. Of course, the idea is to get a balanced body and have the two parties to debate among themselves and to find among themselves what is the right thing to do. I'd like to start a system in which I'll consult with them. I don't have a system. We must consult with me when the president is firm in this thing it will be the idea of the caucus.

THE COMMENTATOR: What do you think will be the most important issue you will face in the coming year? And do you see any long-range plans or proposals?

Mr. Lauer: I don't like under this one, I'd like to see one of the grid schools experimented with. I'm concerned with the college and its academic standards. I don't like the idea of a fly-by-night college. The administration was telling us that they're afraid of someone coming down and inspecting it. But the point is that if the individual grid schools don't service us and don't benefit us then maybe we should build them up or build new grid schools. We've never done anything in a lot of these. Then, there's all the regular stuff.

Mr. Weiss: I feel that the Senate should be the biggest institution of the Senate. You've got a cross section of individuals on who can be come chairmen. I think that this is an issue that can be compromised and you could rally student support behind it. Another important thing is that I would create a Student Senate. There should be a certain list to the administration and I think that I will have a Student Senate calendar. There should be a certain list to the administration and I think that I will have a Student Senate calendar. There should be a certain list to the administration and I think that I will have a Student Senate calendar. There should be a certain list to the administration and I think that I will have a Student Senate calendar.
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THE COMMENTATOR: Would any of you parses for student consultation in the choosing of the next president of the University, which seems imminent?

Mr. Teitelbaum: We have established one watching and that was a motion made at the beginning of the year that if ever again there is a case where we are not consulted before a large change in the university structure or status, then the decision will be reversed or we will go out on strike.

THE COMMENTATOR: What if you're happy with the new president?

Mr. Teitelbaum: If they chose somebody that we don't like then we will definitely take action. It is tremendously important to be part of the decision making process and we will be consulted, and enough in advance at least have our voices aired as concerns our choice for president.

Mr. Laufer: You're both missing an important point. First you're trying to see how to prevent an after-the-fact decision so you're trying to see what kind of decisions are going to be made in the future and you're going to try to get written agreements that you will be consulted and the administration to be part of the decision making once those decisions are made. So I think there is no reason why we shouldn't stress the fact that there should be a student representative on the board of trustees.

Mr. Teitelbaum: You said that what we want first is representation, the ability to be in a position where we know what's happening. When a new president is chosen, we want to know who is on the list, who's going to be picked. Say that we don't like any of the choices. I have one vote, right? If I'm overridden I have plenty of alternatives, I can say, well, if you pick him we won't be dean or president over any school because I won't have any classes. So we do have a very forceful role in choosing a dean or president.

THE COMMENTATOR: Would you extend this representation on the board of trustees to Belfer, Einstein and the rest of the graduate schools?

Mr. Laufer: No we have a right to a little chutzpah and we can think we can get it out of these people, otherwise I see no reason for the people on the board of trustees to donate to the university if they don't see something special in the college itself.

THE COMMENTATOR: Why don't you want Belfer and the others to be on the board of trustees?

Mr. Laufer: Because they might pick a president that would not benefit the college. We don't know how lucky we are with a man like Dr. Belkin, who is really good in RIETS, but the next president won't be really good in RIETS, no matter who he is. The best thing is that having a president who is really good in RIETS and he has some sympathy for RIETS and the college.

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ELECTIONS FOR CLASS REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE Yeshiva College Student Council (YCSC) 1970-71

Elections for class representatives also merit the careful consideration of the various councils and their Vice-Presidents and Secretary-Treasurers. It will not be in the Council's interest to settle for a lesser representative. It is important that the student voice be heard and that the Council be the voice of the student body.

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By GEORGE GROSSBERG

The recent moves by the University's governing body to enact a series of changes in the history of Yeshiva — a year during which the future religious direction of our school will be determined. Next year will also be an important one in determining whether Yeshiva is destined to emerge as a leading academic institution or whether it is doomed to mediocrity. In its second year, the Yeshiva College Senate must show itself capable of effectuating quick, concrete academic change or else alternate and more drastic steps must be taken by the student body. A handful of misguided administrators and faculty members can no longer be allowed to stand in the way of needed academic reform.

I realize that there are other needs at Yeshiva such as a new gymnasium, enlarged cafeteria facilities, and as improved guidance program. These are all valid priorities. However, every student’s primary concern should be the quality of his education. Why should we, as the Sophomore class, sit idly by while the YCSC professors year after year? Why are some of our departments mediocre because of the innate rules of tenure? Why are Yeshiva students bogged down in a quagmire of unnecessary requirements? Why are the course offerings in many departments so limited in scope?

These questions must be dealt with and solved — and nowhere are they more pressing than in the YCSC. As a candidate for the office of Secretary-Treasurer, I will, if elected, transform this nominal position into an active one. What is needed is the ability to approach student complaints and situations that are not able to be handled by existing administrative officials. As Secretary-Treasurer, I would implement and administer the following policies and procedures.

1) A Communication Gap between students and the administration must be realized if YU were to graduate students with the highest quality of education. The following are my proposals to help remedy these problems. 2) A Student Power as it was foreseen in the early days of the University. If the student radicals really want to serve the student body and the administration, they must join hands to work towards a common goal.

By ROBERT KAPLAN

A candidate for the office of Secretary-Treasurer must have a clear understanding of the problems which will be within his power to correct. There are several major problems at YU which lie within this scope: 1) The Communication Gap between students and the administration. 2) The Communication Gap between Student Council and the student body. 3) The Communication Gap and lack of support among the various student councils. 4) The "After-school". 5) The need for new ways to raise funds for the College.

The following are my proposals to help remedy these problems. 1) A new Student Council must have the ability to circulate among the student body, to be fair and unbiased in its approach to the problems of the college community. The council was offered a chance to work with the administration and has failed in the past. A new Student Council with the ability to work together as a whole student body can bring about a solution to the pressing problems of the school structure as well as the necessary relationship between Student Council and Senate.

For the Executive Council to function effectively and efficiently it is imperative that its members be sufficiently qualified and experienced. In light of my previous training and experience, I feel that I am best qualified for the office of Secretary-Treasurer of Student Council.