

Council Discusses YUAA, Bookstore

Zionist Committee Chairmen Chosen

At the last meeting of Student Council, the proposed constitution of the Yeshiva University Athletic Association was reviewed. The entire document was read and discussed with the question of Student Council's powers in the new set-up assuming a paramount role. The purpose of the Association is to co-ordinate, expand, and publicize the activities of the athletic groups of the various branches of Yeshiva University.

As a result of the lengthy section by section debate on the charter, several changes were demanded. The revisions stated that hiring and firing of coaches should be determined by a two-thirds rather than a majority vote, if the amount of voting members are increased, student representation should increase proportionately, that all three of the proposed student members have voting privileges, and that students be permitted, via a referendum vote, to decide whether they wish to be a party to the organization.

Zionist Actions Committee

A committee, consisting of Isadore Hyatt, '48, Irving Schnipper, '48, and Samuel Glaser, '49, was appointed to consult with the dean on the question of returning the bookstore management to the students on the same basis as the co-operative store. The reason behind this move was the loss of revenue which resulted from the assigning of the position to a private individual.

The other matters voted by Council were the appointment of Samuel Glaser, Solomon Blumenfeld, and Charles Bahn, all of the Junior class, to head the Zionist Actions Committee, and to appropriate \$250 to Masmid and \$100 to Commentator. A motion to combine the Zionist Actions Committee, which is in charge of assigning workers to aid in shipping materials to Palestine and obtaining blood donors, with another Zionist group on the campus, was defeated, and Commentator's request for more money was postponed to a future meeting.

Editor Appointed For '49 Year Book

The new editorial staff of the Masmid '49 has just been announced. It will consist of Matthew Katz, editor-in-chief; Norman Lamm and Bernard Ducoff, literary editors; Cy Shavrick, business manager; Alvin Krasna, photography editor; Al Morgenstern, art editor, and David Halpern, technical editor. Aiding them will be Boris Rackovsky and Chiel Simon, assistant business managers, and Erwin Ruch, assistant art editor.

Work on the 1949 Masmid has already started, and the literary section has completed its plans for the magazine. The editors intend to include a series of research articles on such topics as "The American Jewish Scene." Volunteers are asked to contact the literary editor immediately, as articles will be assigned over the summer vacation.

T.I. Student Body Hears Palestinian On Zion Defense

Mr. Moshe Prager of Palestine, a leader of the Chalutzit Movement, was the guest speaker at the Teachers Institute Passover Assembly held on April 20. Mr. Prager gave a graphic first-hand account of the strategy employed by the Haganah in Eretz Israel, discussing in detail the tactics of the successful defense of the religious kibbutzim, Kfar Etzion and Tirat Zvi.

Although the American public has been led to believe that, as a result of the embargo, no arms are entering the Holy Land, Mr. Prager asserted, actually, the Jews are constantly receiving shipments of underground supplies. In addition to these weapons, the gallant defenders of our homeland are manufacturing a variety of modern arms and are even designing new equipment.

Hobby Club Offers Movies, Speakers

At the last meeting of the Hobby Club on May 5, Mr. Hyman Wettstein, assistant chief of the Dept. of Corrective Therapy of the Bronx Veterans Adm. Hospital and athletic director of T.A., and Mr. David Ser, instructor at the same Veterans Adm., gave informative lectures about rehabilitation of the disabled and corrective physical education. Two films on rehabilitation, one on corrective posture and health hints, and a soccer film topped the evening.

One of the major points stressed was that corrective physical education is neglected and not taught correctly in most schools today. Another important point was that rehabilitation should be started immediately after an operation or illness.

Reuben Heisler, chairman of the Hobby Club, stated that in the near future the club plans to have Mr. Young give a talk on vacation, Mr. Sarachek on basketball, with a demonstration by the basketball players, and Dr. Hoenig on Jewish oddities.

T. I. Elections

The student body of the Teachers Institute will hold its elections for officers for the academic year 1948-49 in the coming week. All the candidates are students of the fifth class of the Teachers Institute.

Announce Establishment Of Audio-Visual Society

Rabbi Jung, Rabbi Mirsky, Dr. Grinstein, and Sidney Pleskin, '48, are the incorporators of a newly formed Jewish Audio-Visual Society. The purpose of this non-profit organization is to develop and promote the use of moving pictures, slides, and recordings in the field of Jewish education. Mr. Pleskin plans to do graduate work in the audio-visual field and will assume the position of executive director of the Society.

Middle States Association Accredits Yeshiva University

Praises Faculty-Student Relationship; Esprit De Corps, Holds Publications Superior, Student Program Healthy

Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of Yeshiva University, announced last week that the school had been notified of its accreditation by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Universities. This recognition means that Yeshiva University courses or diplomas will be accepted by all the members of the associations.

Accompanying the notice of accreditation was a report on our school by the investigating committee. The following are several excerpts from their report.

Sisselman Fund Establishes New Tuition Grants

Dr. Samuel Belkin announced that the H. Jerome Sisselman Torah Foundation of Newark, N. J., has entered into an agreement with Yeshiva University to the effect that beginning with the academic year 1948-49 and perpetually thereafter two students in each entering class of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences shall be awarded scholarships amounting to their full tuition fees for the full 4-year course of study.

The terms of the agreement between the University and the Foundation provide that scholarships shall be awarded each year to those two students who, while qualifying in all other respects for admission to the College, shall be adjudged to have written the best original essays on the general subject of "Land and Its Relation to Human Welfare." It is a condition of the contest that the essays shall demonstrate an understanding of Chapter 25, Verse 23 of Leviticus ("And the land shall not be sold in perpetuity; for the land is Mine; for ye are strangers and settlers with Me."), and of the land problem as treated by present day economics and economists.

Dr. Belkin Tenders Awards Assembly

On Thursday, June 24, a reception will be tendered to this year's graduates by Dr. Belkin, in the presence of parents, faculty members, and friends.

Awards will be presented, consisting of general service keys given to students who have proven their merit by general helpfulness to the student body and special service keys for those who have excelled in a particular field. The latter include awards for such items as Co-op, Commentator, Masmid, and Placement Service activity.

Awards will also be bestowed for participation in athletics, in the form of letters, cups, and trophies. Prof. Abraham B. Hurwitz will present the Mortimer Kogon Award for leadership to the senior who has best demonstrated this quality during his stay at Yeshiva.

Congrats!

The Commentator extends heartiest congratulations to Miss Anita Kassel, secretary of the Community Service Bureau, upon her engagement to Morris Pianko; to Miss Marsha Rosenbaum, secretary of the Graduate School department, upon her engagement to Samuel Datz, and to Bernard Goldsmith, '48, upon his engagement to Miss Naomi Snyder.

"Without exception, the instructors appeared to be not only versed in their fields (for the most part with Ph.D. degrees from various universities), but also good teachers; relationship between students and teachers congenial; the students serious, attentive, actively participating in discussion, interested, and alert. One soon became aware of the splendid esprit de corps, doubtlessly nourished by the common cultural heritage fostered by their Yeshiva discipline.

"The following observations are pertinent: The attitude of the students is serious, scholarly and co-operative. They are pleased with and enthusiastic about the college.

Prexy Poll Finds Wallace Favorite; Truman Shut Out

The Commentator poll of student presidential preferences, held in conjunction with Varsity Magazine's nation-wide collegiate opinion poll, resulted in a landslide victory for Henry A. Wallace and his Progressive party. Douglas, Eisenhower, and Stassen followed in that order.

Not a single vote was cast for Harry S. Truman, probable Democratic standard bearer this fall, and only thirty-two per cent of the students polled expressed a preference for the Democratic Party, as compared to fifty-five per cent for the Progressive Party.

The complete results of the poll, in which 136 students participated, are as follows:

Candidate	Votes
Wallace	76
Douglas	19
Eisenhower	16
Stassen	10
Arnall	3
Baruch	2
Brewster	2
Taft	2
Martin	1
Mead	1
O'Dwyer	1
Stanton	1
Wagner	1
Warren	1

Party	Votes
Progressive	72
Democratic	42
Republican	9
Liberal	4
Independent	1

Define Irgun Plans At Betar Meeting

The position of the Irgun Zvai Leumi was explained in a meeting at Riets Hall by Rabbi Emanuel Zapinsky, class of '35, a member of the administrative committee of the United Zionists-Revisionists, and Dr. M. Lipschitz, an officer of the Irgun. The speakers, invited by the Ken Betar Hadati on Monday evening, April 19, delivered speeches and then answered questions before an audience of seventy-five students, including several Betarim who have since left for Palestine.

Rabbi Zapinsky told the history of the Irgun and clarified certain acts of the Irgun in the light of its policy. Dr. Lipschitz then presented the plans of the Irgun and its future strategy.

Dr. Soltes Appointed

The appointment of Dr. Mordecai Soltes as Professor of Community Service at the graduate school was announced.

and enthusiastic about the college. The college seems to have no serious attendance or disciplinary problems.

"The student activity program is a healthy one. It includes some inter-collegiate activity. The student publications are definitely superior. The present social activities are satisfactory.

Students Alert

"It is the opinion of the members of the Committee that Yeshiva College is doing a very satisfactory educational job. The proof of the worth of a program is the product and the evidence in the product of the effects of the program. The students of Yeshiva are alert, able, purposeful. The graduates are successful both in university and professional life."

Dr. Belkin, commenting on the accreditation, said:

"The accreditation of our College by the Middle States Association of Colleges is the most significant event in the history of Yeshiva College. The Report of Inspection by the Committee of famous educators, who spent three days in our midst, is brilliant in content and most encouraging for the future development of Yeshiva University. It seems that the five distinguished non-Jewish scholars have really grasped the 'soul' of our institution, and were greatly impressed by our pioneering and trail blazing efforts. They were unanimously enthused by the attentiveness and alertness of our student-body, by the gradual realization of our educational philosophy, by the truly scholarly faculty."

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Estersohn Elected S.O.Y. President

Culminating a spirited campaign, Nathan Estersohn defeated S. K. Wohlgelemer, 172-147, for the presidency of Yeshiva; H. Hoshander defeated M. Cohen, 230-96, for the vice presidency; J. Kellman defeated B. Cohen, 202-109, for secretary-treasurer; and G. Shohan defeated P. Siegal, 156-141, for Gabbai.

Estersohn deplored the rift existing between the students of the various schools in the institution and pledged himself to work for unity of the student body. The president-elect also made clear his intentions of encouraging those student activities which are vital to the development of the students' personality in harmony with the spirit of Yeshiva.