



Mr. Robert G. Cressey, Principal-elect of the Upper School.

Haas wins scholarship

by Jefferson Hunt III

Steven Haas of East Brunswick is this year's winner of the Austin W. Scott Scholarship. Currently an eighth grader at Prep, Steve will receive a full four-year grant for his high school career at Prep.

The Scott Scholarship is one part of the annual Merit Scholarship Competition, which also awards scholarships to students entering the seventh and eighth grades. The eighth grade winner is Prep student Joseph Durko, a resident of Spotswood. The seventh grade recipient is Belinda Young, who is currently attending the Redshaw School in New Brunswick. Each will receive \$2000 per year toward their tuition for the remainder of their scholastic careers at Prep.

Runners-up in the eighth grade competition included Raymond Host of New Brunswick, Benjamin Tam of Edison, and David Waldman of Watchung. Runners-up in the seventh grade competition include Namita Gupta of Franklin Township, David O'Keefe of Green Brook, and Marcie Ziegler of Colonia.

There is a high degree of competition for these merit scholarships. Students who receive recommendations from their principals and/or teachers are urged to take an examination at Prep which is used in the selection process. Eugene Bratek, who is in charge of the Merit Scholarship Competition, says, "We have two major goals in presenting the scholarships. First we want to teach students that high academic achievement is something that is rewarded. This tends to give incentive to all students and provides them with some motivation. Second, we are trying to attract some of the state's best students." He adds, "The award is also a form of publicity for the school."

UPPER SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

	1978-79	Budget Estimates 1979-1980	Enrollment as of 5/30/79
9	75	75	58
10	63	78	70
11	65	70	54
12	53	67	52

Enrollment rises to 538

The Administration projects an enrollment of 538 students at Rutgers Prep for the 1979-1980 school year, according to Mr. Eugene Bratek, Director of Development. This represents a 13% increase from this year's figure of 476 students. Most of this growth will occur in the Lower School, but the Upper School enrollment is projected to be 290, up from the 256 students currently attending grades nine through twelve. 234 students have already re-enrolled or enrolled as of May 30. The largest class will be the sophomores, with a projected enrollment of 78 students, up 24% from this year.

To cope with this larger student body, the Administration plans to hire more teachers, and the average class size will actually be reduced from the present fifteen per class to thirteen per class. In addition, fewer classrooms will be unoccupied during the day next year due to the increased enrollment. According to Mr. Bratek, "Our eventual goal is to utilize all the classroom space to its maximum efficiency. Every classroom will eventually be used during every period of the day, if possible."

The increased enrollment also demands a higher budget. If next year's actual number of students is much less than the 538 the Administration has budgeted for, a "buffer" will exist in the budget. If the actual enrollment is very close to the budgeted figure, then the school's finances will necessarily be tighter.

Mr. Bratek estimates the Upper School could have an enrollment of 300 students by 1983. This figure is regarded as the maximum capacity of the Upper School. Problems such as class scheduling, room assignments, bus schedules, and parking facilities will increase in their complexity, but the Administration fully expects to be able to cope with these situations.

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Cressey welcomes new task

by David Wolicki

"I am looking forward to becoming a part of Rutgers Preparatory School, because I believe it will give me an opportunity to make it a more interesting place for the students and the faculty," says Mr. Robert G. Cressey, Principal-elect of the Upper School.

Mr. Cressey, as Principal, will be greatly involved in most of the activities at Prep. He will be working with the students, parents, Board of Trustees, faculty, and the Headmaster in a wide variety of areas. He will handle the scheduling of classes, curriculum, disciplinary problems, counseling (college and otherwise), attendance, and grading procedures. He will be the administrative representative to the Parents Association and the Academic Advisory Committee. Mr. Cressey will also be in charge of coordinating and organizing the Middle States Evaluation, as well as planning and coordinating the Honors Convocation and Commencement. Besides these numerous responsibilities, Mr. Cressey will take time out to teach one Upper School math class.

Mr. Cressey has been well prepared for his job as Principal by his wide range of responsibilities at his former school in Locust Valley, New York. At Friends Academy he was Assistant Headmaster, Upper School Principal, Director of Athletics, and coach of football and track. As acting Headmaster there for the past year, he was primarily involved with financial matters. He dealt extensively with the Board of Trustees concerning these matters, and the hiring and firing of teachers. At Prep, he will still be involved in these matters, but in a lesser capacity.

Since he had only visited Prep for a few days, Mr.

Cressey had few suggestions for improvement. He believes a rotating schedule, one in which students have different classes at different times during the week, would allow for more variety. The Principal-elect also believes that there should be morning assemblies, rather than homeroom periods. This would allow the administration and the student body to exchange information at the beginning of the day. However, he realized that this might be impractical because the students reach school at different times. In order to familiarize himself with the school, Mr. Cressey will begin his job early in the summer.

Mr. Cressey did not know which math course he will teach, but he is pleased to have an opportunity to come in close contact with the students. It will also give him a chance to forget about administrative problems for a short period of time each day.

Mr. Cressey chose to accept the job at Rutgers Prep for a number of reasons. He had become accustomed to working at a coeducational day school, and wanted to continue in that type of establishment. He also discovered that the faculty of Prep was very interested in teaching, and that the students were just as interested in learning. He found that the atmosphere was friendly and open, with mutual respect between the faculty and the students.

The only thing that Mr. Cressey disliked about the school was that the dress code allowed students to wear denims. He believes that a stricter dress code would improve the students' appearance and would teach self-discipline.



Pam Cutler, Donna Bergenholtz, Natalie Carter, and Kristine Elsey capture the spirit of Dress West Day, which was sponsored by the School Council. photo by S. Brodsky

School fulfills budget requests

by Jeff Kronstadt

"All requests for money by the various departments of this school have been approved as of this moment," according to Mr. Dan Saragnese, Rutgers Prep's Business Administrator. The only possible problem could be the school's failure to increase next year's enrollment to between five hundred thirty and five hundred thirty eight students.

This appears unlikely due to the tremendous increase in the number of applications received by the school.

The overall size of the projected budget for next year includes a total operating expense of \$1,467,479. The total net operating income predicted during this same period is \$1,516,346. Using these figures the school is projecting a "break even" operation.

Some examples of requests which were approved by

the Board of Trustees for the tentative budget of the upcoming school year include: the purchasing of an electric typewriter with the mathematic symbol keys for the and Mathematics department; financing the Physical Education department with enough money to buy two sets of portable soccer goals; and allowing the Library department to purchase a card catalogue file, kick stool, and A.V. carts.

Mr. Saragnese also stated that the tentative budget calls for the hiring of an outside janitorial service to allow Mr. Stephen Lewandowski, the director of maintenance, to use his talents in areas where he previously wouldn't have had enough time to deal in. This includes fixing equipment in the boys' and girls' locker rooms and improving the condition of the first floor of the Field House.

Editorial

Job outlook bleak

Spring is in the air and a young man's thoughts turn to a job. Summer still seems of course, but it does irritate. The quest for summer employment has become as much of a ritual as the quest for a prom date, but it seems as if the latter is more easily found these days. For the teenage job seeker who is trying to break out of the McDonald-Dunkin' Donuts-Slack Rabbins rut, the hunt can be exasperating.

Some of the frustration could be relieved if Rutgers Prep were to set up a job placement service for its students. Such a service could be modeled after the programs found in many public high schools. Students could fill out forms describing their skills and listing desired places of employment. Area business would then be able to draw from a reserve of (certainly) reliable and hard-working students, matching their needs with those of Prep's job hunters. In addition, parents and alumni might also be able to provide work opportunities in their own businesses.

Setting up such a service would take much time and effort, as would administering the program. However, the benefits for Prep's student body would surely make this effort worthwhile. As all of the Class of '79 will attest, colleges love to see plenty of job experience listed on a student's application. (A recent article about college admissions in *The Wall Street Journal* mentioned an applicant to Stanford University who at age 17 was already running his own business grossing \$100,000 a year. The admissions officer's comment: "We found that interesting.") College considerations aside, a job which is challenging and useful can be its own reward for a student. Rather than debilitating him, as too-loud work does, a good job enriches a person's character and provides an education often as valuable as the one he receives in the classroom.



Members of Mrs. Bernberg's senior English class go Renaissance at the Elizabethan Feast on May 28.

Letter to the editor

Dear Editor and Advisor of The Argo,

We believe that reporters covering events for the paper ought to interview the people primarily responsible for that event. The article in your last issue on the junior dance was written without any discussion with the principals involved.

You missed the newsworthy aspect of the story, i.e. that this was the first time in the history of the Field House that a dance was held in the Gym. With the cooperation of Mr. Adams and Mr. O'Connell and junior officers Jimmy Goldman and Harriet Chenkin's hard work, this became a reality for the class of '80. The pizza party organized with the help of Staci Burben, Marc Kramer, Marshall Becker, Jeff Goodman, and David Wolicki was also a first in the new cafeteria.

Finally, we believe that public recognition of the dedicated staff who gave up their time without extra pay should be a part of an article on the dance. After all, there would be no dance at all without the likes of Mrs. Wacker, Mrs. Howell, Mrs. Spratford, Miss Topoleski, Mr. Abrahamson, Mr. Brown and Mr. Dougherty.

Elyse Schulman, Advisor Class of '80
Harriet Chenkin, Treasurer
Jimmy Goldman, President

Argo wins again

The Columbia Scholastic Press Association awarded The Argo first place for 1979 in its category of co-ed independent schools. This is the sixth successive time The Argo has taken first place in the competition.

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Lucy and Latus: Mary Roth and Russ Endick, in a scene from "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown." The play was performed May 25 and 26 by the Rutgers Preparatory School Players.

Bios: Club additions

In order to make eighth period more productive and worthwhile for next year's students, Prep has decided to add several new clubs to the schedule. In the interest of wanting everyone to have a good laugh, BIOS prints their descriptions below.

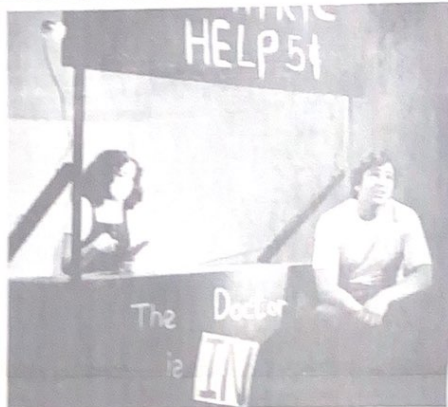
KUMQUAT CLUB: Students in this club will be required to do extensive research into the uses of the kumquat, both as a food source and a religious symbol. The members of this club will spend hours looking for recipes for this delightful fruit. As its final project, the club will have a kumquat dinner, at which time everyone will dress as a kumquat and eat foods which all contain a variety of vitamins.

MASOCHIST CLUB: Recommended only for students who are seriously interested in self-destruction. Among the outings this club will take is a trip to an asbestos factory, a scavenger hunt in both Tehran and Bangladesh, and the performing of a physics experiment, testing the acceleration of people due to gravity at over 500 feet. The survivors of this club will then receive the ultimate, a ticket to the Annual Board of Trustees Dinner. Students must provide a hammer, a chain, twenty bamboo shoots, and the name of a priest.

CIPHER CLUB: YNAFI ACENO ICEDN TREHP DISIH TEKIL TATSO TAHTO TAHTS EREHT ONERA ABMOW ONIST OHALK RONAM HTROF TANTA RARET RETHE WYNAE TABMO EHNS ODOLL ENYLL ENEEN NEENE EENEE.

STUTTERERS CLUB: This club is designed for those people who have trouble in speaking sentences. Properly and Fully Breath exercises Similar To those used in natural childbirth will be taught by an expert With forty years of experience Behind Him This Course Is taught in conjunction With Infant One Which is not as it sounds, a new Television pilot Which will fail Oops! That was last BIOS Sorry SENIOR LEAVING BIOS CLUB

Any senior who joins this club must write several BIOS during the year and then proceed to write the final one, leaving off at the end of the column with a farewell address. Him I think I'll be faring well somewhere down in Virginia, where there definitely is a Santa Claus (Depa vons 1977). Good day.



Charlie Brown (Steve Lapsan) confesses his faults during "The Doctor Is In."

Seniors select colleges

James Abdalla—Rutgers University
Karen Babb—Brynolke College
Donald Ballin—Rutgers University
Andrew Barnett—Washington University
James Becker—Undecided
Nancy Becker—Boston University
Jeffrey Berger—Tulane University
Cynthia Berkowitz—Carnegie-Mellon University
Christine Bettes—Katherine Gibbs School
Ronald Biava—Rutgers University
Ivy Butwinck—New England College
Jerome Buchanan—Rutgers University
David Cheng—Rutgers University
Peter Clarke—Dickinson College
Anthony Craig—University Of Massachusetts
Frederick Dameron—Marquette College
Rebecca Efron—LaSalle College
William Erbrun—Syracuse University
Joshua Evans—Babson College
Kenneth Freundlich—Harvard University

Christopher Menza—Franklin Pierce College
Robert Monroe—Glenborough College
Julie Ottard—Katherine Gibbs School
Walter Placsek—College of William and Mary
Tamara Rountree—Princeton University
Susan Schwartz—University of Miami
Alice Sikorski—Rider College
Ellen Solomon—Boston University
John Streu—Mason Gross School
Heng Tsang—Rutgers University
Arlene Ungereider—University of Maryland
Deborah Vincere—Douglass College
James Vislosky—Susquehanna University
Jaclyn Weizen—Boston University
Alexander Wiley—School of Visual Arts
Fred Withum—Susquehanna University

Reunion held

On May 12 the Rutgers Prep Alumni Association sponsored the first school reunion of the classes of 1952 through 1956. Mrs. Elyse Schulman planned this reunion as a twenty-fifth anniversary reunion but alumni from other classes were invited to make it a well attended reunion. Mrs. Schulman thinks the reunion was a success. She said that the hardest part of setting up the reunion was locating and contacting alumni the school had lost contact with.

On June 16 there will be an open house for alumni in the form of a cocktail party. Alumni will meet new trustees and teachers and will help welcome the 1979 graduates into the alumni association.