

The Argo

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RUTGERS PREPARATORY SCHOOL

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ARGO Visits CSPA Ness, Gurshman Combine Forces To Offer Old Time Movie Program

Seven delegates from the ARGO will attend the Columbia Scholastic Press Association Convention at Columbia University, Thursday and Friday, March 13 and 14. Mrs. Wilson will accompany the group including Louise DiLalo, Jonathan Margolis, Linda Levy, Ronald Smyth, Peter Wintersteiner and Mark Levine.

The delegates plan to arrive at Columbia late Thursday morning and attend the opening meetings. Thursday evening they will see the comedy, *Romanoff and Juliet*, and have a busy day Friday at the full session of convention proceedings.

Those who attended the convention last year found it most beneficial in stimulating new ideas to improve the ARGO. Many of the proceedings are conducted by experts in the field of journalism from such newspapers as the *New York Times*, while other sectional meetings and panel discussions are lead by representatives from secondary schools throughout the country.



Ness and Gurshman: pie targets.

'R' Club Sponsors Ball Game, Dance

The Varsity "R" Club will sponsor a Faculty-Senior basketball game and record dance at the Prep Gym on Saturday, March 8. The dance will pose a slight letdown because all eyes are cast on the "game of the year", which pits the star-studded faculty against the athletic seniors.

A damaging factor on the faculty's part is the possible failure to play of versatile guard "Bevo" Dumarae, a cager who has every shot in the book (in more ways than one) and whose adroit passing has won him the reputation of an outstanding play-maker. Dumarae is a much sought-after dribbler, and other engagements may prevent his showing. In any case, the faculty has its fingers crossed, while the seniors are hoping "Bevo" is busy.

For the first time in many years, the Varsity "R" Club has been active. It will be sponsoring dances and intramural sport events and working in conjunction with the Student Council. Both of its previous efforts, Intramural Soccer and Girls' Basketball, have been highly successful. Although March 8 may be a brisk night weather-wise, a large turn-out is expected for the carnage of the Faculty-Senior basketball game promises an excellent preliminary to the following dance. As we all shall know, the revenge-seeking students of Prep will satisfy their urges on the night of March 8, when the notorious faculty will be mercilessly slaughtered by the devastating seniors.

"Remember the good old days" will be the theme of Prep's First Annual Old Time Movie Night to be held at the Preppe — Gymnaze Theatre (with traditional architecture) on Saturday evening, March 22.

Just like the good old days

The most important feature of the affair will be the overpowering atmosphere. Student Council ushers will be "ushering" (in old time costumes) to the syncopation of Prep's own "rock 'em-sock 'em" band under Henry Gurshman (guaranteed to be off key).

Production of the extravaganza is being supervised for the Student Council by James Ness who was originally responsible for the idea. He has organized special committees to take care of various chores including publicity, decoration, refreshments, programs, tickets, and music. These groups include members of every class in the upper school.

Slapstick, Shortcake, and Song

The program will include both types of great old-time films. The main feature, a stereotyped melodrama, will be succeeded by several slapstick comedy shorts by Charlie Chaplin and W.C. Fields. During intermission patrons can either eat old-fashioned strawberry shortcake, read their old-time programs or listen to entralling emissions from our enlightened ensemble.

A large turnout is anticipated because publicity will not only be directed at Preppers and their families but also at the general public. Spectators are requested to leave their custard pies and rotten tomatoes at home.

Opera Fans To See Met's Performance

A group of forty-two students led by Thomas Dumarae, will attend a special performance of the opera "Carmen" by Georges Bizet at the Metropolitan Opera House on March 14, 1958.

The story of the opera is rather complicated. It is essentially about a gypsy who has a talent for making men fall in love with her. She first induces Don Jose, a lieutenant in the army, en amor himself of her, and then enraptures the most famous torreador in Spain. The opera then develops around their adventures.

Students Undergo Preliminary Testing

Prep will undergo an evaluation from the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools during the school year 1959-60. In preparation for this evaluation the school is currently assembling the data for the project which it will present to the committee for evaluation. The three questionnaires which you have filled out this year, one during exam week and the others on February 24 and March 3, are part of the school's self-testing program from which the information will be obtained to be presented to the evaluating committee.

The school's aim is to demonstrate that its system of education instills in students a skill for thinking through all types of problems and situations. This information will be gathered primarily from quizzes given to the student body such as you have already completed. During the spring your cooperation will be asked in taking from six to eight more of these quizzes.

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The Silver Lining

by Jonathan Margolis

Whether you know it or not, one of the most serious events in the history of our nation occurred this past month. It threatens to embroil the entire nation into a panic the likes of which has not been seen since 1942 (there was a depression that year, but nobody knows about it). It threatens to destroy the very foundation of our culture. The thing that happened was that Parliament cigarettes came out with 30,000 filter traps. Needless to say, this ruined the Viceroy ad and the country is now threatened with a gigantic filter-trap war.

Actually however, one cannot blame cigarette advertisements for any wrong. Since the R&R craze set in, commercial jingles supply the finest music heard on the radio. Commercials of all sorts have served to better our lives. Take biology for instance. For years, we were under the impression that the body was filled with organs, muscles, nerves, and other such paraphernalia. Fortunately, the Bufferin people have shown us that the body is really composed of a simple plumbing apparatus, with smooth, perfect hinges. Mankind has also suffered under the illusion that the head contained a brain. Thanks to Anacin, we know now that the head is filled with three square compartments containing mechanical equipment which must be watched.

Artistically too, the commercial has opened new doors in America. The art of doing a commercial had advanced to such a stage that this year, awards will be given out for such categories as "best portrayal of a doctor or dentist", "Best tattoo on man lighting cigarette" and "Best performance in opening refrigerator doors".

The most frequent criticism of advertising is that it is not true. The

Letters to the Editor

The services of the newspaper are to influence the students and the general atmosphere of the entire school. When the newspaper is printed well and the articles are printed well, the general influences are greater. A good newspaper tells of the activities of different students in different clubs. The reflections of general influence upon the school are also conveyed by a good newspaper. Another important feature of a good newspaper is the relationship between students and faculty that is produced. This relationship raises questions of interest concerning both faculty and students. Naturally, when the newspaper is good, so is the atmosphere and the influence. This is true of the ARGO. Each student looks forward to this publication to get general knowledge of various interests. This newspaper conveys all these factors in a simple and concise manner. It keeps the school life on its daily pattern and peps it up. Written by students and edited by them the paper is something that each student should be proud of. The ARGO is one of the most important "pieces" of life at Rutgers Prep.

Richard Schatzman

FLASH!

Remember the Argomag! The last date for submitting your gems of literary genius for consideration is March 10.

best argument against this is the amazing truth of the well known Coca-Cola add that Coke refreshes. You know that nearly all gas stations have coke machines, and how often have we all seen people on a long automobile trip stop at a gas station, and after they return to the car say "Oh, I feel much better now."

Inquiring Reporter

by Amy Riddering

Question: What is your definition of a scientist?

Bruce Miller: "A scientist is a tsitneics spelled backwards."

John Sumner: "A person who asks very intelligent questions such as someone I know in the third period Chemistry class."

Betsy Stover: "I think a scientist is a person who works with certain classifications in order to get a better understanding of our world."

Ed Pellichero: "I think a scientist is one who tries to better mankind."

Jean Howe: "Someone who reasonably tries to find out what causes things and why things are the way they are."

George McCain: "People who work very hard (together) on Chemistry in second period study hall."

Ray Hoegstedt: "A scientist is one who disproves that which another scientist proves."

Arlene DiLalo: "A person who catches falling missiles."

Averill Eisner: "Ask Webster."

Miss Warr: "How should I know?"

Billy Long: "A person who thinks scientifically."

Minda Hemelsky: "One learned in science, especially in natural science."

Footnote: Quote from Webster's dictionary, pp. 2238, second column.

Jon Margolis: "A scientist is a guy who floats up and down a test tube filled with H₂O, on a raft paddling with a stirring rod aiming the broadside at Mr. Daviet with Levowitz in the rear. That's not very funny!!!"

Marty Levowitz: "A scientist is not really a scientist at all but rather anyone who is subject to the criticism of Mr. Dumarae."

Arlene Greenberg: "One who doesn't get bored very easily."

Bunny Karshmer: "Ah, what do you mean, huh? Can't you see I'm a scientist?? Ha! Ha! Now leave me alone, let me do my Chemistry."

Marc Leavitt: "Is this for the ARGO?? Well, I think that a scientist is one who knows and applies his knowledge logically. Now untie my hands."

Linda Brodsky: "I agree with everyone."

Miles Merwin: "A person who attempts to explore the unknown or to prove the known."

Richard Schatzman: "People, like the Germans, whot plays mit dem Bettles and all that silly junk — and has long hair, glasses, and who is always reading about Sputniks."

IN THIS CORNER

by Bernard Karshmer

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In looking back over the December issue of *Argo* I see that yours truly said, and I quote, "In this corner" it looks to me as though the unfortunate and inexperienced 'Little Scarlet' have an outside chance to dunk that old illusive .500 mark." It seems that the only thing I was right about was that Prep had an outside chance. So far outside that the tally board reads 7 wins against 15 defeats.

Looking back over the season and pointing a finger at one difficulty and saying that it was the reason for such a poor campaign is not only foolish but almost impossible. I can safely say, however, that several marks on the loss side of the ledger were at the hands of definitely weaker teams. The Prepsters should never have dropped the 66-56 decision to the blue and white of Pingry School. But this is all behind the R.P. five now, and certainly nothing can be done about it.

The state tournament game on Feb. 26 which pitted Jim Burke and Co. against a strong Croyden Hall Academy aggregation ended much as expected in a 43-68 defeat for the "Little Scarlet."

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Jim Kerwin, Croyden Hall star forward, pumped in 40 points against the Little Scarlet as Croyden dumped the Prepsters 91-77. The odd part about it was that Mr. Kerwin was wearing a heavy cast on his right arm at the time.

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Answering J.M: Sorry but no prediction as to the outcome of the Faculty-Senior game. The answer is obvious.

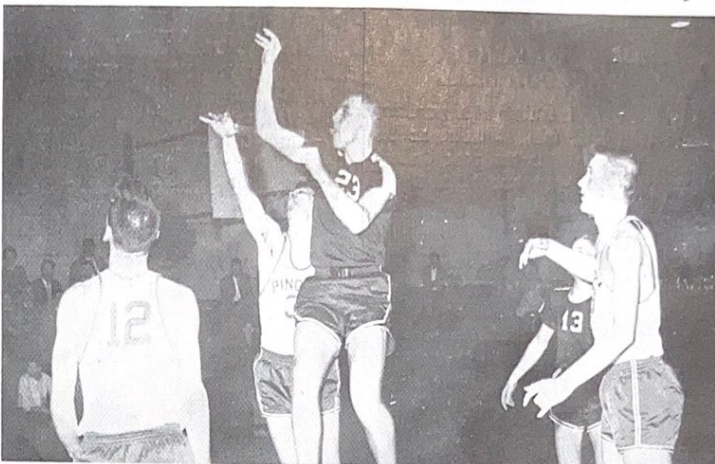
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Congratulations to the Varsity "R" Club for a job well done. The intramurals are something we've needed around here for a long time.

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Peddie Crew Demonstrates Power Nabbing Decisive 80-69 Victory



Good Grief, Burke!

"The Little Scarlet" was handed its 14th defeat by the boys from Peddie, Wednesday, February 19.

From the beginning of the game Prep had a hard time keeping pace with Peddie's accurate shooting. Monk Feldman and Bruce Gunkle led Prep's scoring column with thirteen and 25 points respectively. Norm Schubert

helped Prep's cause by netting eleven points, plus playing an excellent defensive game. A boy by the name of Borgee from Peddie also hindered "The Little Scarlet's" cause by scoring 37 points.

The game progressed in this manner by quarters. At the beginning of the first quarter Prep managed to hold Peddie to a tight scoring contest. But, by the time the first quarter ended Peddie was ahead by a 20-11 score. The second quarter progressed in much the same fashion as the first but the Prep five managed to cut Peddie's lead by half-time to a 34-27 count.

Coch Gives Pep Talk

During half-time "The Little Scarlet" returned to the locker room where coach Jim Dickenson gave the team a pep talk. In the third quarter Prep had a hard time coming through with the needed baskets. Many times throughout the quarters shots that seemed right on target, missed their mark. The third quarter closed with Peddie leading by a 58-42 score. The fourth quarter followed the same pattern as the preceding three and the game ended with Peddie, the victor by an 80-69 tally.

J.V. MIMICS VARSITY LOSING BY 11, 49-38

The Junior Varsity, ably coached by "Doug" Balhauer, and greatly outnumbered and outdistanced in height, speed, and agility by the Peddie crew, made their best showing of the season on February 19. However, it went in vain as a fourth quarter collapse paved the way for a 49-38 victory for Peddie.

The Jay Vees did not have much hope of a victory in the first quarter but were only outdistanced by a 12-9 score. They fought hard and had tied the score at 33 all by the end of the third quarter.

Unfortunately, due perhaps to the great strain the boys were placed under, they collapsed in the fourth quarter and scored only five points to Peddie's 16.

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THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE SCHOOL SEAL

The History of Rutgers Preparatory School is a long one. It dates as far back as 1766. This is the year Queens College was founded and with it the Queens College Grammar School. This is what the year 1766 on the top of the seal represents.

The school was known by this name until 1825 when the College changed its name to that of Henry Rutgers, a benefactor and philanthropist of the College. Hereafter the Grammar School assumed the name Rutgers College Preparatory School. Nevertheless, the crown of England on top of the shield is there to remind us always that we have originated from Queens College.

Inside the shield there is a sun and a book. The sun has been taken from the Rutgers College seal. The meaning of the sun is clearly explained by the motto of the College: "Sun of Righteousness illuminate also our western world." Originally this motto came from the seal of the University of Utrecht in Holland, signifying that that the founders of Queens College were Dutch clergy. The book is symbolic of the open book of learning. It also can be interpreted as the Bible, the most ancient book of enlightenment.

To the joy of all the Latinists in Prep, the motto of the school beneath the shield is written in Latin. The words: "Severa res est verum gaudium" translated mean: "Hard work is true joy." Originally this motto comes from the walls of Gewandhaus in Germany.

The crest was designed under the direction of Headmaster William P. Kelly in 1920. The same year it was used for the first time on the cover of the school catalogue. In 1921 it was adopted as the standard crest of Rutgers Preparatory School by the graduating class.

Revised School Calendar 1958

Friday, March 28 — Spring Recess begins
Tuesday, April 8 — Classes Resume
Friday, May 9 — Preparatory School Play
Wednesday, June 4 — Final Examinations begin
Friday, May 30 — Memorial Day — A holiday
Thursday, June 12 — 192nd Commencement

ARGONAUTS ATTEND PASS TO HEAR ANNUAL TALKS

The Press Association of Secondary Schools conducted its annual conference Saturday, February 8, at Bound Brook High School. The *Argo* sent four representatives from the editorial board. These were Jonathan Margolis, who provided transportation, Linda Levy, Peter Wintersteiner, and Ronald Smyth. Attending this conference with our representatives were delegates from eight other high schools of this area. All told, there were about sixty delegates present. The purpose of this conference was to improve Secondary school publications. In various clinics, subjects such as lay-out and headlining were discussed. Typical of the discussion groups was the lay-out meeting in which faults of school papers were shown and criticized so that they might be corrected. Midway in the conference, lunch was served in the school cafeteria.

Le Voyage

Eight French "Clubbers" saw three plays and a movie in New York City on Saturday, February 15. Those who went were Mr. Gaggini, Jackie Kaufelt, Ronnie Smyth, Pete Wintersteiner, Marc Leavitt, Flossie Schmitt, Kathy McCabe, and Tom Dunn.

Going in by train, the group went directly to the theatre in Greenwich Village. The three plays, *Sisyphus et la Mort*, *La Plus Forte*, and *Un Client Sérieux*, were unanimously acclaimed.

From the theatre the group walked through the new snow to a French restaurant. Everyone was famished, but an ample dinner cured hunger tantrums. Several, including our French teacher, ate frogs' legs, and said they were magnifique.

Dinner over, the members tramped through the thickening snow to the Fine Arts Theater, where they viewed a new French movie, *The Gates of Paris*.

During the train trip home some members spoke to the engineer, while watching the tracks speed beneath them. They felt this capped off a most enjoyable experience.

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Scientists Pick Officers

CHEMISTRY CLUB

At the first meeting of the second semester, Tuesday, February 4, the Chem Club elected new officers. These new officers are: President, Bruce Gunkle; Vice-President, Mary Bunting; and Secretary, Jackie Kaufelt. Tom Chester was elected head of the planning committee: Suzanne Dushock, George McCain, Averill Eisner, and Douglass Krogh. The planning committee is planning trips, obtaining guest speakers, and performing experiments in the laboratory.

The Chem Club had a very successful first semester under the leadership of Robert Eber, President. The club experimented many times in the laboratory, and terminated the semester with a trip to consumer's Research at Washington, New Jersey.

ADVANCED CHEMISTRY CLUB

The Advanced Chemistry Club meets every Thursday during Activities Period to discuss or investigate various fields of scientific interest. For several weeks the club members had actually planned to build and launch their own rockets. This idea had to be abandoned, however, because of the dangers involved.

At the present the members are at work diagraming several of the more intricate aspects of physics. These are the oscillator, a radio crystal set, and an image orthicon tube. When completed these diagrams should be a great benefit not only to Mr. Daviet but also to future physics students. The club also hopes to make a workable diagram explaining mirrors and lenses.

SCIENCE CLUB

The Science Club gives interested students a chance to apply some of the methods of General Science particularly. Any Friday afternoon you are apt to see future Einsteins or Fernus discovering for themselves answers to many different experiments. They are minds at work, poring over test tubes and microscopes. Their work has ranged from making nutty-putty to observing one-celled animals under the microscope. Future plans of the Science Club call for a talk by Peter Ruttiger and John Drew. This talk will prove helpful to the members in their plan to build a radio of their own.

The Science Club expects to admit two additional members. The candidates, in order to become a member, must produce an acceptable essay which explains the candidate's interest in science.

The current officers of the club are President, Mark Levine, Vice-President, Joel Denker, and Secretary Marvin Cheiten.