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RUTGERS PREPARATORY SCHOOL

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Opera Guild Offers Puccini Masterpiece

Forty-two students will go to the opera, *Tosca* by Giacomo Puccini on March 8.

Briefly, the outline of *Tosca* is this: Tosca, a beautiful singer, is the jealous lover of Mario Cavaradose, a religious artist. Angelotti, a fleeing prisoner, hides in the church in which Mario is painting. Mario helps him to escape. Scarpia, chief of Roman police, enters the church and, not finding Angelotti arrests Mario as an accomplice, and orders him to be shot. Tosca promises herself to Scarpia to rescue her lover, and Scarpia orders a fake execution of Mario. When he returns to claim her, she stabs him. At dawn the pretended execution of Mario takes place. Tosca hurries to the prone figure of her lover, after the firing, and finds Mario dead. Hearing noises of approaching soldiers, she realizes that her murder of Scarpia has been discovered. Climbing the prison walls, she leaps to her death.

Mr. Dumarae began taking students to the opera to give them a chance to decide for themselves whether or not they would enjoy it. To quote Mr. Dumarae, "Don't accept the comments of illiterate adults who have never been to the opera".

PREP GOES ON OWN

The Board of Trustees of Rutgers, State University of New Jersey, at their January 23, 1957 meeting, adopted resolutions which will bring about the separation of the Preparatory School from the University.

Dr. L. W. Jones, president of the University, in explaining the legal commitment of the University to devote its entire activity to public higher education, said, "Now that the University's governing body has been reorganized, it becomes imperative that the relationship with the Preparatory School be finally terminated."

The new board of the school will be known as the Rutgers Preparatory School Corporation, and will assume control of the school June 30, 1958. Of the buildings now occupied by the School the undisturbed use of the Elementary School building will continue until June 30, 1958 and the undisturbed use of the Preparatory School buildings will continue until June 30, 1962.

Students Will Boost YE DIAL Fund With the Presentation of Two Plays

After observing the great care that many of our students are taking to produce a high calibre of yearbook, several pupils in Prep decided they would like to do something extra to help the yearbook. Therefore, under the direction of James Ness, a group of them got together to start the job of putting on two one act plays. By putting on these plays, they hope to be able to raise a small part of the large sum of money needed for publication of our yearbook.



Director Ness Prepares Script

Honesty Is The Best Policy

The names of those taking part in *Finders Keepers*, by George Kelly, are as follows: Nancy Lee, Kirstin Kvam and Richard Kluff. *Finders Keepers* is the story of a young wife who finds a large sum of money and does not seem to be able to face the fact that she must return this money to its original owner. Finally, with the help of her husband, Mrs. Aldred is forced to return the money to the woman who had lost it. This play portrays some thoroughly human reactions in connection with the finding of a considerable sum of money, and it points out how even relatively honest citizens can find it difficult to be honest when \$100 is at stake.

Young Love

The shorter of the two plays is *Thursday Evening* by Christopher Morley, an emotional story about the problems of a young married couple who come from different backgrounds. The play shows how these two young people can get into a really ridiculous quarrel, and how they can be straightened out with the help of their mothers, more experienced than they in life's problems. Joanne Milliken, Carol Heinlein, Nancy Tomkinson and Austin Anderson are taking the parts in this play.

Folk Festival Wins Applause

For the first time in Prep history a folk song festival was presented for the students and their families at the gymnasium. On January 18 our French and Spanish teacher Mrs. Antoinette Rooda, Mrs. Sylvia Spath, Mr. Thomas Rooda and fourteen selected students combined talents. The result was a sparkling rendition of folk songs and dances from all over the world. The response to this new idea was such that a second and greater festival will be slated for next year.

Group Arranges Student Library

On the third floor there is a room which has been set aside for use as a library. Until recently no effort has been made toward making this room usable. Recently under the guidance of Mrs. Wilson, Suzanne Duschock, Zena Bernstein, Louise DiLalo, Amy Riddering and Jim Ness volunteered to put the library in order.

Cataloguing Begins

This task was started by first cataloguing every book and stamping every book with the school name. These cards are to be typed by Mrs. Barnard.

The next task was to arrange the books on the shelves. The books were arranged into two main sections, each with sub-sections. The first section is fiction under which comes poetry, short stories, essays, novels, and drama. The next section is non-fiction under which comes biography, auto-biography, textbooks, reference tools, college catalogues, magazines and newspapers.

Students Take Over

After this operation is completed, the students will take charge of the desk, fines, Bulletin Board and general care. In short, Rutgers Preparatory School will have a library of which it can be proud, and the school is certainly indebted to those who unselfishly gave their time so that there would be a library at our disposal.

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From The Editor's Desk

Within the past few months, the student body at Prep has been getting very restless during the lunch periods and after school. To rid themselves of excess energy, some students have been destroying school property.

The faculty and several of the school's more prominent organizations finally decided that this vandalism had gone far enough, and, on February 15, 1957, a meeting of the faculty was called by Mr. Heinlein. They reached several very important decisions at this meeting that should affect the student body drastically.

The Student Council members and the students are asked to co-operate with a new program of faculty-student supervision of all pupil behavior from the time they come to school in the morning until they leave it at night. Several Council members will be chosen to watch over students' actions. Their job will be to advise students and check up on them, not discipline them. If any person gets out of hand, the Council member will be forced to report him to one of the three faculty members who are to supervise the committee's actions. These faculty members are Mrs. Wilson, Mr. Blake and Mr. Dumarae.

The Argo staff is determined to co-operate with and back this new plan to control student behavior. We all heartily urge that the entire student body get behind this movement and halt this immature behavior before it becomes habitual.

FLASH!

Day off! The Secondary Education Board meets on Friday, March 1, necessitating a holiday.

Inquiring Reporter

Jingle:

There was a young man of Wight
 Who used to go out at night.
 He spent all his time learning
 To rhyme,
 Dave Moreland—"Sitting with his gin
 and lime."
 Suzanne Duschock—"And never found
 time to drink wine."
 Doug Krogh—"And now, behind bars,
 he is serving his time."
 Bruce Miller—"He sold all of his hun-
 dred poems and was left 99."
 Judy Anekstein—"School is really a
 waste of time."
 Al Thode—"And he lost all but a
 dime."
 Jim Burke—"How crime was a waste
 of time."
 John Margolis—"And wasted all the
 years of his prime."
 Zena Bernstein—"And soon went out
 of his mind."
 Dick Gutowski—"And that is how he
 got behind."
 Walt Jacobs—"A scholar to all con-
 cerning."
 Ken Treat—"And missed a very good
 time."
 Danny Struk—"But this poem wasn't
 worth a dime."
 Joanne Milliken—"But he couldn't
 make a single dime."
 Tom Chester—"And wasted his brain
 and half the time."
 Bob Cox—"But in other activities he
 was sublime."
 Kris Kvam—"While he listens to the
 chime."
 Linda Brodsky—"The other times
 yearning, now! do you think this is
 quite right."
 Jerry Gildar—"For his homework he
 had no time."

Honor Roll Cited

On February 8, Mr. Heinlein announced the honor roll for the first semester. Richard Schatzman led the school with a 94 average. Joe Messina and Martin Levowitz each had 93, and Richard Kluff earned a 92. Bruce Gunkle, Florence Schmitt, and Danylo Struk with 91, and Walter Jacobs, Linda Levy, Andrew Phelps, Carl Stover, and Sidney Wooten with 90 were also among those receiving first honors.

Each class was represented in the group which earned averages between 89 and 85. John Lipman led this group with 89, while Richard Schwartz, David Blanken, and Mark Levine had 88 averages. Carol Heinlein, Steve Holsten, Peter Wintersteiner, and Boice McCain averaged 87. Jim Burke and Merle Schiffmayer had 85. Eight students gained marks between 84 and 80.

The honor roll and honorable mention included almost one-third of the student body.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

In the past couple of weeks, at various times, a few individuals have caused the rest of the student body to give up some of their rights.

The first instance of this was done right in school, when some of the desks and part of the stairway were destroyed. The school did not know exactly who did this, and so money was taken out of the Student Activity fund to pay for the repairs. Now it seems that we may have our lunch period shortened because a few "wise guys" were making trouble at the railroad station during that period.

It is obviously wrong that all the students should have to suffer for the trouble-making of some. No one is against having some fun in and around school. If people have to go around breaking things and causing trouble to have fun, they either have a warped sense of humor, or are somewhat insane.

Let us hope that the student body won't have to give up its time or money any longer, because of these people.

Jon Margolis

To Whom It May Concern:

If you are interested, as I am in Broadway hits, don't miss *Li'l Abner*. I enjoyed it fully and would like to recommend it to Prepsters.

Li'l Abner starts in a town called Dogpatch, a miniature place shut away in the mountains. It concerns the event called "Sadie Hawkins Day," where the women chase the men "til the bitter end." The whole play is based on this important day in the life of the people of Dogpatch. Many amusing things happen during the courses of the comedy—as they do in the course of the comic strip the play is based on.

Seeing a Broadway play is one of the most interesting activities I know of. I suggest that the English Department in this school take more trips to plays. It would give both the teachers and the students a break from the same dull routine and give people a chance to see plays they would otherwise miss. Drama would come alive to students who could go beyond the printed page to the glamour of Broadway productions.

A Theater Fan.

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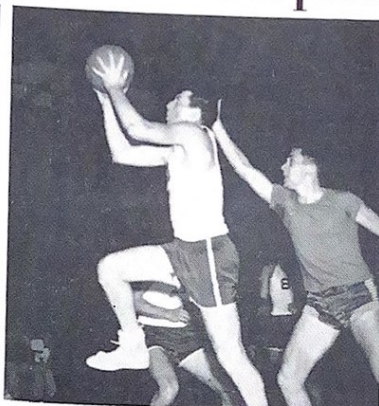
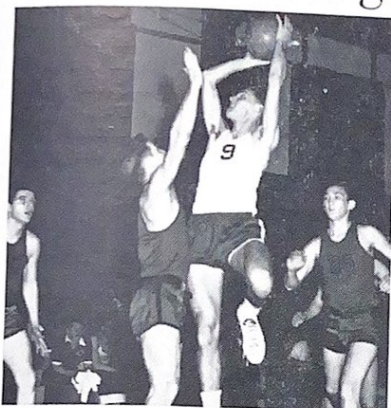
COMPLIMENTS

— OF —

STANDARD PRESS

"Prep's Printer"

Pennington Beats Prepsters, 121-94



Ronnie, Jimmy and Bruce Head For A Score.

SPORTLIGHT

by Bernard Karshmer

Prep can probably be considered the team most involved in 100 point games, for over the past three seasons they have encountered three of them. The first was three years ago while the Prepsters were enjoying a 12 game winning streak. After thumping Hun School by a 60-42 count at Princeton, Coach O'Connell, in a home encounter, let his squad rack up a 106-69 score. Last year, when the "Little Scarlet" invaded B.M.I., their 90 point effort wasn't enough to overcome Bordentown's 108 points. On Saturday, the 23rd, Prep lost to Pennington by a 121-94 count. This game produced 5 new records.

1, Al Murasko's old record of 40 points against Admiral Farragut in 1954 was erased when Jim Murray tossed in 42 pts.

2, A new gym and county scoring record was made when the two scores added up to 215.

3, Pennington racked up an amazing 73 points a two period spread.

4, For the first time in county high school records a team (Pennington) accumulated 100 points by the end of the third canto.

5, Prep's old record of a 90 point losing performance against B.M.I. was bettered by four.

CONGRATULATIONS RONNIE! — —

All of us here on the sports staff would like to congratulate Ron Jackowitz who broke the 1000 point mark for his 3 year high school career.

COMPLIMENTS
OF
TOM, BOB, MEL

On February 23, Rutgers Prep closed out its regular 1956-57 basketball campaign on a sorry note by losing to Pennington Prep, 121-94. In the highest scoring game the county has seen in many years, many records fell. Jim Murray established a new school scoring record by netting 42 counters to erase Al Murasko's mark of 40 against Admiral Farragut in the 1953-54 campaign. Pennington's 38 point outburst in the second period and the total number of points in the game, 215, also appear to be county scoring records.

J. V.'s Trim Pingry, 65-62

Playing against a hard fighting Pingry five, the Prep Jay Vees won 65 to 62 in overtime.

The Pingry team jumped out to a commanding lead by ball hawking and fast breaks. The Prep team could not seem to get going and was stymied until the beginning of the third quarter. Then they caught hold of themselves and started cutting down the Pingry lead. With about a minute to go, down by two points, the Prep five held the ball for one shot, and then Dean Kamm made a spectacular drive for the two points just as the buzzer sounded. Prep got three points in overtime to win the game. The Jay Vees posted an 8 and 7 record with a few more games to go.

It was a nip and tuck battle for the first eight minutes with Prep on the low end of a 27-25 score at the buzzer. At the outset of the second quarter, Pennington, led by All-Stater Marv Trotman, clicked for 9 straight points to move in front 36-25. This string was broken by Jackowitz's deuce but the Group IV quintet poured on the steam to outscore Jackowitz, Murray & Co. by a 38-14 count to lead 65-39 at intermission.

The second half told quite a different story. Coach O'Connell's forces matched Pennington basket for basket with Murray and Piscatelli showing the way, but the big deficit which Trotman & Co. had amassed during the second canto was too great for the Prepsters to overcome. The final score was 121-94, the "Little Scarlet" missing the century mark by only 6 points themselves.

Ronnie, Andy Score High.

Murray was aided in the scoring column by Ron Jackowitz who clicked for 27 and Andy Piscatelli who hit for 12. This raised Ronnie's season total to 478 while increasing his 3 year total to 1034. Andy, who also has scored consistently in double figures, was the key man in rebounding.

The "Little Scarlet" who have now finished the regular season with a 11-10 record will be gunning for victory number 12 in the finals of the Headmaster's Tournament.

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Correspondence News

To all the recent graduates of Prep:

I am writing this letter to ask you what subject or activity you had in Prep which you feel has benefited you most in college. I would like very much if you would express your opinions and send them to the *Argo*. Also included in your opinion could be any subject or activity which did not benefit you at all.

The *Argo* has a special reason for wanting your opinions. After a select group of staff members compiles a list of the activities, we can establish a standard. From this standard, students will be able to judge what will profit them in high school and later on in college.

We are sorry to hear about the accident which John Kuhthau was in. We all hope that he will recover soon.

Both students and faculty send their best wishes to Virginia Riegger who was married February 9. She will reside in Philadelphia and plans to finish her education at Drexel.

Roger Seamon, who is in the class of 1959 at Yale, is a candidate for a Bachelor of Arts degree in one of Yale's special programs. Roger should also be congratulated for making the Dean's list.

If there are any alumni who have accomplished something that they or their friends and relatives think worth mentioning, we are always appreciative of such news. Just drop us a letter, and we will print your news so that the Prepsters who follow you will see what they can accomplish.

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LOWER SCHOOL NEWS

The students of the seventh grade are studying the various types of percentage problems in arithmetic and are studying noun clauses. Since the new term began they have had two Hungarian refugees visiting them.

The sixth grade is starting to study European countries. Mrs. Ellis assigned each person a country in Europe. The series of French lessons is over and the new ones will begin in March.

Some material on Lincoln was brought in by the fifth grade. There are pictures, stories, maps, and some old books.

Mrs. Van Vechten will be absent from the fourth grade for a month and Mrs. McLean is teaching them now. In history they are studying Minneapolis, and in geography they are studying the Congo.

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CLUB NEWS

by V. E. Stilwell

This year the *Ye Dial* staff has been working efficiently and the yearbook is coming along quickly.

Bernard Karshmer, our Business Manager, has succeeded in collecting for last year's advertising and has collected more than the estimated amount of advertising for the 1957 year. Since we do have a large sum of money to help pay for our advertising, there will not have to be a large amount of money taken out of the Student Activities Fund.

The design and layout of *Ye Dial* are probably the longest part of the yearbook construction. Vic Stilwell, the Layout and Design Editor, has instituted a change in the cover for 1957.

To meet a deadline, we must have a certain number of pages drawn up, have the copy written, and the pictures developed and printed so that we may send them with the page layouts.

The photography for the yearbook does not cost the school too much since Fred Schatzman takes and develops approximately thirty percent of the pictures. The Academy Yearbook Photographers take the balance of the pictures.

The writing in the yearbook is under the control of Florence Schmitt. Her job extends from the beginning of the school year until the last deadline is met.

The entire staff work is under the control of Joe Messina, the Editor-in-Chief, and Mrs. Rooda, our advisor.

CHEM CLUB TAKES TRIP

The Chem Club and the Advanced Chem Club will take their trip on February 28, to the Consumer's Union Research Laboratory in Washington, New Jersey.

The trip was originally planned by the Chem Club for a date soon after examinations. The Club even started on the trip to Washington, but, due to the heavy snow and hazardous driving conditions, they decided it would be best to return and postpone the trip.

The two clubs will take this trip together and another one to the Esso refineries later in the year. Mr. Daviet will accompany the students.

COMPLIMENTS
OF
GEORGE METESKY

This space is dedicated
to all those who died
waiting for the bell.
WEIN & STICK

Mr. Dumarae Forms A Discussion Group

On a recent Thursday Mr. Dumarae called a meeting of a small group of students in his room during the activities period. These few pupils were then informed of the formation of a new club, which would be a discussion and study class.

This new organization will meet on Thursday to discuss topics of a wide and varied nature. The first meeting was held to determine two things; first, to ascertain whether the selected students would be interested in the forming of the club; and secondly, to see what type of topics appeal to the group for future study and discussion. The topics brought up were religions, poetry, art, music, and the Bible among many others. The Bible was selected, and the Book of Ruth has been assigned for study and debate.

The club will be informal in operation, with no set rules or officers. Mr. Dumarae will be the group's adviser, helping to get projects rolling, and will act as chairman for the present time.

The membership will be limited to students recognized as hard workers. To become a member, one must be recommended and approved at a meeting. In every case, however, the final judgement and acceptance must come from Mr. Dumarae, with whom the decision rests.

Music Appreciation Group Formed

Already formed is the Music Appreciation group, which is also functioning under the leadership of Mr. Dumarae. This group meets on Mondays for the purpose of listening to good music. The greater part of its program will be devoted to music of the classical type, but occasionally show music and jazz will be heard.

At the first meeting, a piece by Bach was played, and a recorder was examined.

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