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LS Commemorates Bicentennial Year

by Jane Witkin '68

The Lower School holds its Bicentennial Day on May 11, at 10 A.M. Invitations have been sent to all parents and to about 200 school alumni and retired teachers. Each class will take part in the program.

The children will attempt to retrace events concerning the history of Rutgers Preparatory School, with various grades showing the land as it was before the School was established and during the time of its founding. They will portray the Indians and the English and will tell how these people influenced our school.

Many Lower School teachers have gone to the New Jersey Room of the Rutgers University Library and have taken out textbooks which date from the late 1700's to the early 1800's. Several grades are using textbook material for their skits.

To provide for their scenery, the second graders are occupied in the construction of an East Indian longhouse and the first grade is making Betsy Ross thirteen star flags to coincide with their skits.

After the student performances, a picnic lunch will be served on the Lower School lawn. The Parents Committee is making sandwiches for the guests. Mrs. Hilda Barr Dixon, principal of the Lower School, said that all of the students are praying for good weather on the Bicentennial Day.

They ask the gods (Allah and Buddha to the seventh graders and Greek gods to the sixth) that there be no rain. Mrs. Dixon asked "Whoever has any pull with the thunder god, please give us your assistance." In case of rain, however, the program will be postponed to May 13.

Mrs. Dixon said that the Bicentennial Day would not be a pompous, formal affair. The cover design of the anniversary invitations was drawn by Joey Cahn, a sixth grader. The Lower School students are planning a fun-filled program for this two hundredth birthday celebration. "We're hoping to have a jolly birthday party!" said Mrs. Dixon.

The cover of the birthday invitation depicts a birthday cake, hat, and balloons which symbolize the school's 200th anniversary.

Five Cum Laude Members Attend Washington Meeting

by Tim Cunha '69

Members of the Cum Laude Honor Society of Rutgers Preparatory School attended the Twentieth Triennial Convention of the Society at the Marriott Key Bridge Hotel in Washington, D.C. They left for Washington on Friday, April 22, and arrived home on the following Sunday. During this time the delegates were addressed by four speakers on "Government — Challenge and Opportunity."

Mr. Alfred Gaggini, president of the School chapter, accompanied the delegates. Steven Patt '66, Jay Levenson '66, Fran Gast '66, Steven Gottlieb '66, and Todd Sahner '66 to the convention.

The first event on the agenda was a tour of the White House and of the Capitol on Friday afternoon. The White House was visited by special invitation and, while there, the delegates were greeted by Miss Luci Baines Johnson.

Following the White House visit, the students went to the Capitol where they sat in the representatives' seats in the House

Heinlein, Spurduto Represent Prep At Conference

Dr. David M. Heinlein and Dr. Frank V. Spurduto attended the Governor's Conference on Education at Rutgers University on April 2. Governor Richard J. Hughes called the conference, the first in New Jersey's history, to explore the critically important question, "How can New Jersey become a state of the first rank in all phases of education?"

Dr. Heinlein attended two sessions, one concerning "Better Education for Special Students" and another, whose panel discussed the question, "How can we staff new and growing programs for human and physical development?"

Dr. Spurduto was present at a panel discussion of "Better Education for the Economically Disadvantaged" and he attended an afternoon session about "Elementary and Secondary Education: Quality and Innovation."

According to Dr. Spurduto, the greatest asset of the conference was that the people attending, whether from public or private schools, were talking about common problems.

Governor Hughes spoke at his reception later in the afternoon. He said that much could be done by teachers and administrators, and he urged them to be innovators.

of Chambers. Speaker of the House John McCormack addressed the gathering on the importance of having an active interest in the government.

During dinner on Friday evening the Honorable Jed Johnson, Jr., representative from Oklahoma, delivered an address. The following morning His Excellency S. Edward Peal, the Ambassador to the United States from the Republic of Liberia, addressed the delegation and, according to Mr. Gaggini, proved to be "a very fine speaker."

Offering the next address was Mrs. David C. Acheson of the U.S.A. The student delegates then held a general discussion period followed by luncheon. The next speaker, Mr. Peter S. Hakes, is a well-known television news commentator with the National Broadcasting Company.

The final event of the convention was a tour of Mt. Vernon and Washington. Mr. Gaggini expressed his opinion of the trip. "The trip was very successful and the students behaved extremely well..."



Players standing are: Shelley, Gast, Ortner, Kaminsky, Jensen and Simkin. Sitting is Thompson.

R.P.S. Players Present Kaufman-Hart Play

by Joan Serin '68

The Rutgers Preparatory School Thespians present *The Man Who Came to Dinner*, by George S. Kaufman and Moss Hart, May 14, in the old School gymnasium. The play is a comic tale about a famous and conceited lecturer and critic, Sheridan Whiteside, who, while visiting the Stanley family in a Mid-Western town, slips and breaks his hip, and must remain there several weeks.

His presence causes turmoil in the town through a series of events: the Stanley's daughter, June, tries to marry a labor agitator, and their son, Richard runs away to sea.

Furthermore Whiteside's secretary, Maggie Cutler, falls in love with the town's newspaper editor, Burt Jefferson. In the final scene, upon the unraveling of all the complications, Whiteside prepares to leave and slips on the steps and breaks his hip for the second time.

David Thompson '68 fills the role of Sheridan Whiteside, Peter Jensen '67 and Fruma Braunstein '66 star as Mr. and Mrs. Stanley, and Janice Ortner '67 appears in the role of Maggie Cutler. Tony Montagna '66 and Valerie Shelley '66 play the Stanley's offspring, with Chris Linville '69 playing the romantic entanglement for the latter. Jeff Burke '66 appears as the small-town editor, and David Kaminsky '69 plays the role of an old doctor who desperately wants Whiteside to read a novel he has written about his life as a physician. John Kovacs '66 and Kevin Sheehy '66 play the parts of the English playwright Beverly Carlton and the Hollywood notable character, Banjo. Doris Adler '66 fills the role of the glamorous Hollywood starlet who comes supposedly to comfort Whiteside. Fran Gast '66 acts accordingly in the role of Whiteside's nurse, whom he constantly ridicules, and Judy Serin '67 appears as the unusual relative of the Stanley family. Betsy Palin '66, Margaret Klingler '66, and Fred Simpkin '66 play the parts of the various townspeople — Mrs. McCutcheon, Mrs. Dexter, and Mr. Metz, respectively.

S.C.'s Drive Lacks Effort

by Joseph Jacobs '67

The School Council met on Thursday, April 21, and discussed the apathy of the student body toward the Good Will Bond program. No remedy was devised and after receiving reports from the individual classes concerning the funds they have collected, the Council decided to extend the deadline for the program one week.

The general consensus was that more publicity is sorely needed and that the class officers could do this at their meetings.

Request for Funds

New business consisted of a requisition by Junior class President Joe Jacobs for two hundred dollars from the miscellaneous fund. This money will be used to pay for a band and decorations at this year's prom.

Vice President Judy Tischman '66 made a report on the social calendar emphasizing the upcoming SISCO dance. She said that this would be the final School Council sponsored dance of the year. She expected 150-200 students from five other private schools including Vall - Deane, Hartridge, Wardlaw, Newark Academy, and Kimberly.

SC to Present Proposal

President of the Eighth Grade, Billy Lifschutz questioned the Student Council about the proposals that he had brought to the Council in a previous meeting. President Gottlieb responded that they had not as yet received any action and that, concerning the Student Court situation, the School Council would present the proposal to the faculty for a vote.

Prep Honors Holley, Blake For Services

by Tim Cunha '69

The Annual Sports Day of Rutgers Preparatory School will be celebrated at the Brunswick Inn, in conjunction with an alumni reunion of all the classes, on May 15, at 6 P.M. This fourth event of the 200th Anniversary Celebration honors two past Prep coaches, Mr. A. Z. Holley and Mr. Guy F. Blake.

The program also includes the recognition of the athletic teams and the presentation of awards for the best player in each of the six sports. Mr. Richard O'Connell, Athletic Director at Prep, will serve as the master of ceremonies. The main speaker, Mr. Albert Twitchell, is the Director of Athletics at Rutgers University.

Mr. Holley came to Prep in 1935 to teach history and math as well as to coach various sports. He retired last year from his position as Assistant Headmaster. In 1939 Mr. Blake came to Prep as a mathematics teacher and basketball coach. He also retired from Prep last year. Three other past coaches, Louis Pieri, Donald McGinn, and John Housman, as well as coaches from schools which Mr. Holley and Mr. Blake opposed, will attend the dinner.

The Sports Day Committee, chaired by Mr. Max Krachnik, has invited Sue Pitt, Paul Pestly, and Dr. Leiland Merrill to the event. All are past national or Olympic champions. The Alumni Reunion Committee, composed of Joseph Messina '57, James Burke '58, and Melvin Hamelsky '59, has reported an unprecedented response from alumni requesting tickets.

The tickets are being sold at a reduced rate of three dollars to students and six dollars to others.

Jr. Parents Meet College Advisors

The parents of the class of '67 convened to discuss the process a student must face for college admission April 28 at 8:00 P.M. The group discussed the major role each student plays in the choice of "the right" college and also mentioned the crucial parts, although secondary to the child's, that the parents and school have.

As soon as the child enters the ninth grade, the process of choosing a college begins, for the student has begun to accumulate a record which will eventually present itself to the admission board. Each pupil should plan his curriculum based on his needs, interests, abilities, and on the requirements of the colleges which interest him.

Objective Look Needed

Dr. David M. Heinlein, Mr. Dominick Beronio, and Mr. August H. Daviet urged the parents to examine the child's record objectively and not to rely on personal contacts or friendship to gain admission. The speakers advised that the School Guidance Department, being experienced and informed about colleges, could be of great help in the choice.

Mr. Daviet said to "keep in mind that your son or daughter is going to college to continue his education and not to enhance the prestige of his parents. It is the student who will have to make the decisions with the guidance and the encouragement of the School and enlightened, realistically thinking parents."

Raise Money For Scholarship Fund

A cocktail party, sponsored by the Parents' Association, took place at the Colonia home of Mayor and Mrs. Walter Zirpolo, "Babbling Brook." Scheduled for Saturday, April 30, from 4 to 7 P.M., the party had a special function—to raise money for the First Annual Scholarship Benefit Fund.

Mrs. Milton S. Patt and Mrs. Stanley Kaufelt, co-ordinators of the project, sent out letters explaining the purposes of the occasion to the parents of the students of both the Lower and Upper Schools.

The committee sent two tickets to each home, the total cost for the pair being \$15.00, out of which \$10.00 remained explicitly for the Scholarship Fund. The remaining \$5.00 paid for the services of the caterer. Mrs. Zirpolo and the School considered the affair well-attended.

SC Bond Issue Lacks Support

Recently the School Council proposed to the student body a plan for aiding underprivileged children overseas. The President of the Council asked that each pupil try to sell the five bonds given to him. Steven Gottlieb '66 stressed that although this was not a contest with material rewards, it could provide self-satisfaction of a personal sort.

However, the expected enthusiasm and school spirit are unfortunately lacking, and the students have not generated much devotion to this cause. Many students seem not to take this project very seriously with various reasons for their indifference—mainly that they have not the time or the interest to help.

We feel that this is an excellent opportunity for the School to involve itself in outside activities. Too often students absorb themselves excessively with their own academic and social lives and forget that others not as fortunate as they need their aid. It seems to us that to sell five one dollar international good will bonds is not too much to ask of anyone. Surely there are countless persons who would be willing to contribute to this worthwhile campaign.

Many pupils have previously noted with distaste that Prep did not make any significant moves towards participating in matters of worldwide importance. Here then is the chance for all to be of real benefit to children who definitely need our help; yet many reject this because of a seeming lack of opportunity to sell the bonds.

We therefore suggest that the student body re-examine their attitude towards the project and give their total support to it.

Social Activities Are Successful

The SISCO dance climaxed the social year. This experimental dance, sponsored by SISCO and held at Prep, was attended by seven private secondary schools. This was probably the most successful dance ever held at Prep. The 250 boys and girls who attended mingled with students from all the schools. Everyone seemed to enjoy the evening, and many left with new friendships.

The SISCO dance was an event spoken about for the past three years. Through Judy's determination to hold the function, the dance developed into a reality and a success.

We thank Judy and the Dance Committee for their time and hard work in planning and carrying out these six dances. These people added their school spirit which Prep has always lacked, and from the SISCO dance other students carried away a very favorable impression of our School.

Social functions this year have been more successful than ever before. We congratulate Judy Tischman and her Dance Committee for performing their job so effectively.

They began the social calendar with the Burger Blast, a traditional get-acquainted gathering. Although bad weather hindered outdoor activities, attendance could not have been better.

Four major dances, the Turkey Trot, the Christmas Dance, the Cram Celebration, and the Café Urge, were all highlighted by good entertainment and delicious food. For the first time enough Preppers attended the dances to enjoy the results of the hard work by the Committee.



Steve Kaplan plays a counterfeiter in Menace of Haunted Swamp.

Kaplan Photographs, Sells Films; Plans Career In Making Movies

by Barbara Lehn '69

Steven Kaplan '67, photography editor of *The Argo* and *Ye Dial*, has been making his own films for nearly eight years and has been selling them since June, 1965. Kaplan dislikes calling this particular pastime of his a hobby, as he plans to make film-making his profession.

Kaplan has had a genuine interest in film-making for as long as he can remember. He started his work with a simple camera, and even now his equipment is relatively unsophisticated. He uses eight-millimeter film, the kind that most families use for home movies.

The ideas for his movies are derived spontaneously from common objects or situations. Beginning his work with a formal script, he writes until he feels that it is good enough to be produced. Then he goes out in search of appropriate actors.

One of Kaplan's main problems in moviemaking has been finding actors, because he must limit himself to amateurs as his finances are rather limited. All but one of his actors have performed without pay. Many students and alumni from Rutgers Preparatory School such as Marc Lippitt '67 and the Star-fires, (who appeared in *Menace of Haunted Swamp*) Donald Nardone '65, (who appeared in *The Souls*); and Frank Trombatore (who also appeared in *The Souls*) have acted in Kaplan's films.

Kaplan is more interested in the artistic aspects of the cinema, rather than the technical aspects. He is impressed by film-makers such as Bergman, Curtis Harrington, and Roger Corman, who are stylistic innovators.

Lately Kaplan has been experimenting with what he calls "closed-eye-vision." Kaplan is trying to describe the moment when one's eyes are closed and one sees or imagines seeing shapes, colors, movements, and swirls of light—nothing tangible. He has been trying to reproduce this on film through animation and

lighting effects. He does this himself and without actors.

Of the thirteen movies Kaplan has made, all except one are in color. *The Souls*, one of his better films in his opinion and one of the three avantgarde films he has made recently, was shot at the Pizza Plaza on Albany Street, New Brunswick. This seventeen-minute film depicts the fantasies and experiences of a dope addict.

Nardone wrote the music for *The Souls* and acted in it. *The Souls* has drawn many different reactions. *THE INDEPENDENT FILM PARADE* wrote: "Steve Kaplan's *The Souls* is a sickening trip into a make-believe twilight zone. Although the technical aspects are above



Steve Kaplan portrays Sparke Mitchell in his only dialogue film.

average, the film is full of racial connotations, teenage delinquency and morbid thrills." Kaplan's reply to this was, "I had no idea that the film was going to be released, and that people would see it. Had I known, I might have left out some of the scenes the reviewer called 'morbid.' I do not consider myself a racist."

On the other hand, *The Film Journal* commented: "... Through exceedingly limited means Mr. Kaplan has gloriously created one of those remarkable films imbued with the values that man forgets."

Some of Kaplan's other films are *Snow Fire*, a Dr. Jekyll-Mr. Hyde story; *The Last Stand*, a war picture; and *The Premise*, a pie-throwing, slapstick movie.

Kaplan recalls 1963 as his most active year in movie-making. During that summer at a camp in Lakewood, the children and counselors in his group helped finance *The Last Treasure*. His money problems have recently been lessened, however, by his profits from *The Souls*.

Two months ago Kaplan gave a lecture about his films to the Dramatic Art Club at Freehold High School. He told them, "I'd like being referred to as an amateur because the word amateur connotes a lack of quality; therefore, I call myself a semi-professional." Kaplan adds, "Film-making is what I want to do."

ON THE LEVEL— a curious spot

by Steven Patt '66

I was riding down the road the other day, going nowhere in particular. The route I selected took me to an interesting locale known as Seniorville, which I thought a curious enough spot about which to set down my observations.

Perhaps the most interesting thing about the people of Seniorville is that they seem to have acute senses of persecution. The government of the town, an outside dictatorship having no relation to the townsmen, is in charge of most of the affairs of the town, and must be consulted by the inhabitants if the latter desire any privileges or responsibilities.

An Eating Problem

What appears to have developed is that the government seems extremely adverse to letting the people do what to them are rather harmless things; for example, many of the Seniorvillians would prefer to eat lunch outside of city limits, yet the government has persisted in forbidding this simple privilege, claiming that it raises all sorts of difficulties. To the people of Seniorville, these difficulties seem to be easily surmountable.

Another practice curious to Seniorville is that annually, most of the inhabitants desire to leave the town to acquire jobs elsewhere. The government, however, requires an examination of all those leaving the town, and has consistently refused to waive this requirement despite the fact that many of the inhabitants are hired for jobs requiring considerably more intelligence than civil service jobs.

No Smoking Allowed

Still another governmental policy incomprehensible to Seniorvillians is the ban on smoking in the town. The dictators speak of the fire hazards involved while indulging in the same practices themselves. The inhabitants cannot see why a simple air filter installed in their concrete town meeting hall could not create a situation under which smoking could be permitted to them.

Many of the Seniorvillians, too, would like to become part of the judicial system of the surrounding area. The inhabitants have so effectively policed their own meeting hall of late that they feel it is time the dictators allow the Seniorvillians, because of their superior intellect, to take part in policing and running the judicial service of the surrounding area.

Judges Take Sides

Some people claim that the new judges would side with the people in an attempt to overthrow the dictators, while others feel they would be harsh with the people in an attempt to please the dictators and to rise above the other people. Common sense, however, dictates that if the Seniorvillians were given a small part of the judicial system to run their reactions could be observed without upsetting the whole system.

It is not hard to see why the inhabitants of Seniorville feel they are persecuted. Oftentimes, the dictatorship running the town offers rather petty reasons for their refusals of requests by the populace, seemingly trying to hide the real reasons. Perhaps even if the real reasons were disclosed, the Seniorvillians would not be so frustrated. But something must be done.

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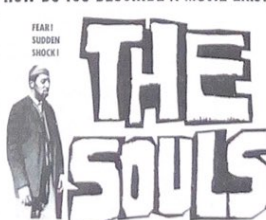
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Seniors Undertake New Roles Of Responsibility

by Valerie Shelley '66

The Class of 1966 assumed full responsibility over classes, study halls, and assembly on Friday, April 29. Steven Patt took over the position of Head of the Upper School, the capacities of Dr. Frank V. Sperduto.

The purpose of Senior Day in the form of allowing them to prove to themselves that they were capable of taking over classes, but also to make it possible for these graduating students to realize how much time and research each class entails for the teachers.

The Seniors were responsible for the entire planned work of each class, and had to formulate the lessons themselves, although the teachers gave their replacements an idea of the work that the student teachers should present. The Seniors also were able to quiz or test their charges, provided that they did not fear the resulting wrath of the underclassmen.

It was necessary that the Seniors maintain discipline, and to aid them in doing so, visiting teachers from other departments sat in on all classes.

Students Teach

This year English teachers included Linda Palazzolo, Doris Adler, Anne Schlesinger, Amy Levy, Henry Paper, Valerie Shelley, John Kovacs, Fran Gast, Judy Tischman, Jay Levenson, and Maria Messina.

History instructors were David Hasbrook, Amelia Genito, Jay Lebow, Tony Montagna, David Kalish, Jay Greengarten, Gast, Messina, Kovacs, and Tischman. Language classes were under the supervision of Froma Braunstein, Lebow, Cary Deleau, Betsy Palin, Steven Gottlieb, Kathy Molnar, Levenson, Mariette Krauss, Montagna, Robert Poline, Laura Zagoren, Georgia Spiro, Rick Yacowitz, and Joan Goldberg.

Todd Sahner, Andy Blumberg, Art Fritsch, Jeffrey Burke, Georgeanne Phil, Randy Burt, and Levy, taught the various science courses. The math classes were under the tutelage of Margaret Klingler, Patt, Marsha Miller, Christine Vaughan, Bruce Gelber, Lou Johnson, Hasbrook, Yacowitz, Glen Drew, Kalish, Goldberg, and Jeff Luttman.

SENIOR BOYS ERECT BENCHES OUTDOORS

Several benches were set up on the Upper School Campus by boys of the senior class during Spring vacation this year. The idea for assembling the benches was suggested by Dr. Frank V. Sperduto at a senior class meeting held a few weeks before Spring vacation started.

The seniors had asked Dr. David M. Heinlein for permission to eat outdoors once the weather turned nice. One of the headmaster's major objections to the senior's proposal was that there was no place for them outside to sit down to eat their lunch.

Seniors Make Request

Now that the benches are ready and on the field, the seniors made a formal request, after which Dr. Sperduto and Dr. Heinlein gave them permission to eat outside for the remainder of the year.

Eight senior volunteers, Jeffrey Burke, Jeffrey Luttman, Art Fritsch, Randy Burt, Carey Deleau, David Kalish, Jay Lebow, and Jay Levenson, all helped set up the benches.

Dr. Heinlein purchased the wood and cinder blocks for the purpose of making the benches.



Star-fires provide the music at the SISCO Dance.

Students Attend Sisco Dance, Juniors Plan Annual Prom

by Rosalie Braunstein '68

SISCO held its first annual dance at the School on Saturday night, April 23, from 8 to 11 P.M. Students from Peddie, Vail-Deane, Hartridge, Montclair Academy, Kimberly, and Wardlaw attended.

The largest number of students from different schools ever to assemble in Baldwin Hall came to the dance. Snacks and soda were served to the 250-300 guests as they danced to the music of the Star-fires. Though the unexpected rain compelled the dance to be held inside Baldwin Hall instead of on the Lower School campus, Judy Tischman '66, Dance Committee chairman, feels that the SISCO Dance was a success.

"The Dance Committee didn't have time to decorate Baldwin Hall, but the spirit of the dance was so great that it didn't matter," said Tischman.

Students from all the schools mingled as hoped. The SISCO Dance ended the School Council's sponsored dances this year. It is hoped that many students are

anticipating next year's SISCO Dance.

The Junior-Senior Prom will be held at Forsgate Country Club in Jamesburg from 8 to 12 P.M. The prom, which is held annually by the Junior Class in honor of the Senior Class, is being run this year by Junior Class President, Joseph Jacobs.

"The beautiful building and surrounding landscape will help contribute to the prom's theme 'Moonlight and Roses,'" said Jacobs. The building is situated next to the Forsgate Golf Course with its nationally famous yawning sand traps.

There will be a sit down dinner with roast beef as the main course. During the evening, various members of the Junior Class, including Marc Lippitt, will perform.

Other entertainment will be provided by Marty Ann's dance band, Chairmen for the affair are Janet Hockberg '67, decorations, and Patty Neivert '67, publicly, Jacobs will make all other arrangements.

Star-fires Compete In Finals; Band Appears On TV May 7

by Susan Casteras '67

The Star-fires, a vocal-instrumentalist group headed by Marc Lippitt, a junior at the School, has attained the rank of finalist in a nationwide talent contest for bands.

From over one hundred initial contestants on the Zacherly Disc-O-Teen Show, which sponsors a band performing on the show each day, the group has risen from winning the weekly competition to become one of the

five finalists vying for first prize.

Seek Contract

The Star-fires have already appeared twice on television, and will tape their entry for this last stage of the contest on May 6, which will publicly air on May 7 on Channel 47 ultra high frequency. The winner of the contest receives a record contract for one year and personal appearance trips furnished by one of the most prominent record companies in New York.

The band has entertained in countless schools and colleges, such as Rutgers University, Lafayette and Douglass Colleges, Rutgers Preparatory School, and Plainfield, J. P. Stevens, John Adams, Perth Amboy, North Plainfield, and Baskingridge High Schools, and similarly at such places as the Shakamaxon Country Club, Herm's Cocktail Lounge, and on radio station WERA.

Benefit Performances

In addition, they have appeared at various benefits for handicapped children, and were the first performers at the Job Corps Center where Lippitt said they found "one of the best behaved and most receptive audiences."

The Star-fires consist of four members—all college-bound: Marc Lippitt as lead guitarist, Tom Nelson as rhythm guitarist, the latter two who sing, Joe Lucchesi as bass guitarist, and Rick Tobey on the drums. First formed about two and a half years ago, the group presents in its own style rock and roll, folk-rock, and jazz, for all of which they make their own musical arrangements. Besides performing the works of others, they perform songs which Lippitt and Nelson have written themselves.

A New Student

Lippitt, a new student this year, transferred from Plainfield High School; he has sung in various school choruses and traveled with the high school's singing tours. In whatever spare time he has, he composes music. Notably one song which has been copyrighted. He also works Saturday in his father's clothing store.

He plans to pursue either medicine or business as an eventual career. His reason for his involvement in the hectic entertainment business is that "I thoroughly enjoy playing in the group, for we meet people and see places we normally wouldn't get to see."

Schools Compare Programs; Participate In Questionnaire

by Steven Gottlieb '66

Rutgers Preparatory School participated in a questionnaire program held under the auspices of C. Elliott Knoke, Headmaster of the Gill School, during the month of April. Also participating in this program were Dwight, Hartridge, Kent Place, Kimberley, Princeton Day, Prospect Hill, St. Mary's Hall, Stevens, Vail-Deane, and Wilson.

Comparative Policies

The purpose of the questionnaire program was to exchange and compare policies in many areas of school life. Many of the areas probed involved the discipline system, increased senior responsibility and privileges, social life, and religious ceremonies, as well as academic policies.

An area of great concern was the honor system. Eight schools had honor systems, whereas four did not. All of those who used an honor system for good relations between faculty and students were pleased with its progress. The demerit system, in close co-ordination with the Student Council detention system, was used at only five schools.

Student Proctors

Student proctors in study halls have proved satisfactory at all nine schools where they are in effect. One school returned to faculty proctors at the request of the student body, whereas another school was much more pleased with the student proctor system.

Nine of the twelve schools practiced censorship over policies of the school newspaper. Two out of eleven schools did not allow smoking on school grounds, although senior prom, senior lounge, and seniors at dances in special areas were mentioned for approval.

Senior System

Eleven out of twelve schools permitted seniors days off for college visits. Also discussed was the policy of limited cuts on half-days, with vacations and last class exemptions made by some. Prep's dance system, four to eight per year, was interesting in comparison with many schools which have four or fewer per year.

Parents Hold May Election; Committee Names Nominees

This year's final meeting of the Parents' Association will be held on Wednesday evening, May 18. The Association will elect its officials for next year at the meeting. The slate which the Nominating Committee will present to the Association will include Mrs. Chester Paulus taking over from Mrs. Gabriel Pickar as president, Mrs. Joseph Borrus replacing Mrs. David Denker as vice president, and Mrs. Roy O'Brien succeeding Mrs. Guido Weigand as recording secretary.

The rest of the program for the meeting will include an announcement by Dr. Sperduto concerning the Summer Program and a variety of talks about the extracurricular activities of the School. Steven Gottlieb '66, the School Council president, will give a short talk on the Council and The Debating Club, under the direction of Mr. Bianchi will present a sample debate, concerning compulsory arbitration. The Dance Club, led by Doris Adler '66, Suzanne Bredemeier '66, and Patricia Neivert '67, will give a demonstration of the types of dancing they have been practicing; Adler, Bredemeier, and Neivert will perform one of their routines.

Lower School Speaks

Also planned for the Association meeting is a speech by a seventh grader concerning the Lower School activities. Their extracurricular activities include a literary magazine, 40-32, and involvement with both Unicef and the Junior Red Cross. The Lower School students have also been helping in the operation of the School, doing such chores as taking and recording attendance.

Outside they aid in the maintenance of the School grounds, replacing sections which have been run down, and digging out

STUDENTS IN MALAYSIA REQUEST USA PEN-PALS

by Judy Alsos from '69

Mrs. Johanna Throm, daughter of Mrs. Antoinette Rooda, is teaching English to high school students in Sibul, Sarawak, Malaysia, South East Asia as a member of the Peace Corps. The boys and girls whom she teaches are interested in learning about American teenagers and their everyday life.

These students are eager and willing to correspond with children in the United States.

This letter exchange will be an educational experience as well as an aid in international relationships. Not only will the Malaysians learn about Americans, but we will also gain useful information about the life of these people abroad.

Any student in grades eight through twelve in Rutgers Preparatory School who wishes to participate in this pen-pal program should contact Mrs. Rooda for further information.

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Annual Lacrosse Game Highlights This Season

by Gordon Olson '68

Rutgers Prep's traditional lacrosse game against Rutgers' Freshman team proved to be the highlight of the season thus far. The Prep team held the Frosh scoreless throughout the first quarter, and it was not until the A-team entered the game that the scoring started.

The Freshmen hit for three goals in the second quarter. In the third quarter, the Freshmen scored again on a goal by former Prep goalie, Dave Pickar. In the fourth quarter, Ken Lehn scored Prep's lone goal for his third tally of the young season.

The game was characterized by hard checking and solid defensive play, and Coach Barry Green seemed satisfied and highly optimistic: "I believe that the team made their best showing against the Rutgers Frosh. The team has made great development this season and I anticipate greater achievements in the future."

In the first game of the season, Prep was beaten by an experienced Hun School, 9-1. Hun was a powerful team and capitalized on Prep's inexperience. Lehn scored the only goal against the tough Hun defense.

Fairleigh Dickinson's freshman team, new to Prep's schedule this year, defeated the Prep squad, 8-1. Fairleigh had a large, powerful squad and only Ken Lehn pierced their defense for a goal.

Peddle Wins

Against the Peddie School, Prep played one of its best games of the season. Prep played fine defense, and the offense clicked with a first period goal by Peter Lampen and two goals in the third period by Steven Gottlieb and Bruce Geiber. The score remained 5-3 until the final minute when Peddie hit for two quick goals to close out the scoring.

Inexperience has proved to be the main problem this season at Prep.

Prep's main strength this year lies in the midfield with veterans Gottlieb, Lehn, Todd Sahner, and Glen Drew. The defense, although young, has proven strong with sophomores Jay Brown, Doug Alsop, and senior Dave Haasbrook.

IN THIS CORNER

by Jeff Weiner '67

On Sports Day Rutgers Prep honors the men who have contributed to the development of Prep's athletic program. Among these men are Mr. Guy F. Blake and Mr. A. Z. Holley, who last year retired from active teaching.

Most students do not realize the extent to which Mr. Blake and Mr. Holley have participated in Prep sports. Mr. Blake coached junior varsity basketball from 1939 through 1951. Mr. Holley in a span of sixteen years, coached three varsity sports: baseball, swimming, and football. Together, these two men gave Prep athletes an awareness of the importance of physical fitness, good sportsmanship, and keen minds.

Mr. Blake recalls that he enjoyed coaching as much as he enjoyed teaching. As his J.V. athletes moved up to the varsity, Mr. Blake was confident that he had taught them the basic fundamentals that they would need to know to become better athletes.

Mr. Holley says modestly that as coach, he himself did not contribute anything outstanding to his teams. Perhaps all his teams did not exceed the five hundred mark. But his devotion to sports and to the athletes he coached made him an example and a great inspiration.

Just as Prep athletics have held a definite place in Mr. Holley's life, so has Mr. Holley held a definite place in Prep athletics. Even today, a baseball or soccer game just would not be the same without the ever-familiar figure of the short man with the folding chair, baseball cap, and indomitable spirit.

Poor Pitching Hinders Club

by Tim Cunha '69

Although the varsity baseball team lost three games before winning, the players and the coaches are looking forward to a successful season. The loss of Bill Landau and Ray Peachey through graduation last year will undoubtedly hurt the team, but the players' determination and perseverance should compensate for the loss.

Coach Richard O'Connell is pleased that "all but two boys are back from last year's squad that was 10-5," and, therefore, this year's team "seems to be the only team that cannot be called 'in a building stage'."

Jos Jacobs will be playing at first; Andy Blumberg at second; Roy Mittman, shortstop; and Julie Dicker, at third. Catching are Jim Flendenbaum and Jeff Weiner; Jay Greengarten, Laird Davis, and Steve Weiss play the outfield.

Dave Johnson '67 will help out in pitching, at first base, and in right field. According to Mr. O'Connell, "the pitching assignments will be up to Johnson, Jacobs, Mittman and Dicker. It is hoped that freshmen pitchers Mike Hegedus and Mark Manzione, both lefties, can help before the middle of the season."

The two main problems Coach O'Connell faces are erratic fielding and uncontrolled pitching resulting in walks. According to Co-Captain Blumberg, "The walks came at the inopportune time." Hegedus is considered the only consistent and controlled pitcher, and Co-Captain Greengarten, with a 429 record in the first three games, is continuing his record of being the best hitter on the team.

Varsity 'R' Club Plans & Directs Functions Plays Important Role in Encouraging Unity

by Doug Spiro '68

The Varsity "R" Club has always participated in the planning and executing of Prep's activities. This year, for Prep's 200th Anniversary, the club has undertaken an even more important role in supporting school unity.

Under President Andy Blumberg, the Varsity "R" Club has originated various school functions. In an effort to increase student support of the athletic teams, the club sponsored one of Prep's pep rallies.

To arouse interest and to initiate spirit the club held a poster contest at the rally. Mike Hegedus, Sue Casteras, and Miss Kook Ching Lam won prizes for having the best posters. Among the speakers was Coach Bill Foster of Rutgers University, who complimented the display of spirit which made the rally successful.

Another event that developed this year was Parent's Day. This program consisted of four soccer games against Wardlaw throughout the day. The club distributed refreshments to both spectators and players.

Argonauts Beat St. Bernards, 5-2, In First Win Of Season

by Joe Jacobs '67

The Rutgers Prep varsity baseball team gained its initial victory of the season on a rainy Wednesday afternoon, April 27, over the varsity from St. Bernards, 5-2. The long-awaited victory came only after a string of three losses, all but one under adverse weather conditions.

The little warmth that did exist ignited

the Argonauts' four run explosion in the first inning. Jay Greengarten, Julie Dicker, Roy Mittman, and Joe Jacobs led the Prep attack. The Prepsters never lost the lead, although they scored only one more run during the remainder of the contest.

Junior Dave Johnson, pitching strongly in relief, subdued St. Bernards' uprising in the third inning. At that point, the bases were loaded due to three walks by starter Joe Jacobs. Johnson kept St. Bernards under control for the remainder of the game.

In other games, the Argonauts lost a quick lead to Wardlaw, only to be surprised by a 6-3 defeat. In this game, Jacobs pitched a no hitter for 5 innings and then lost control and had to leave the mound.

On Friday, April 15, the Argonauts were again involved in a close contest with South Brunswick. Roy Mittman did the hurling and held the Vikings to two hits in the first three innings, but walkings and disastrous fielding turned the game into a loss. South Brunswick came out ahead, 12 - 0. Mike Hegedus relieved Mittman in the third inning.

Against Morristown Preparatory School on Wednesday, April 20, the Prep nine jumped to a 4-0 lead early in the game. They relinquished the lead, however, in the third inning. Morristown secured its lead in the sixth with a five run rally.

Most of the power in the Prep lineup comes from the first four batters. Jay Greengarten, who has led the team in hitting for two consecutive seasons, started out again this year with a 400 batting average through the first four games.

Erratic fielding and inconsistent pitching have hampered the team considerably. The hitting has improved and with the advent of warmer weather, productivity in this area should increase. In the first four games the Argonauts averaged about four hits and four runs per game.

COACH GREEN PREDICTS WINS ALTHOUGH TEAM LACKS MANPOWER & EXPERIENCE

by Roy Mittman '67

The biggest problem of the lacrosse team is a lack of manpower. The team lacks the reserves to bolster the starting team and give the starters a chance to rest.

During four weeks of practice, the team learned most of the fundamental skills. Coach Barry Green is now in the process of testing the players in different positions to determine the strongest possible team.

Sixty percent of the team consists of inexperienced players or players at new positions. Juniors and sophomores make up the bulk of the team. There are only four seniors, including co-captains Steven Gottlieb and Todd Sahner. Coach Green predicts that "the team will show a lack of experience in the beginning, but by May the team should be playing real good lacrosse."

The four seniors are helping the younger ball players to play better together. They feel that they have started playing as a team and not as individuals.

At the beginning of the season the team's morale was rather low, but as the practice progressed, the team's outlook has improved significantly. Coach Green insists victories because of the opponents' attitude toward our team." He is counting on the first middle group of Lehn, Gottlieb, Sahner, and Drew to do the bulk of the scoring.

The general attitude of the seniors is expressed by co-captain Sahner. "The team is hindered by the lack of players in a fast and rough game, but the young boys are learning fast." Like the rest of the team, his attitude is optimistic and he hopes that "as the new players progress (especially defense) the wins will come."

Wardlaw Downs J.V. Nine; Boys Run Track For Gym

by Geoffrey A. Cushman '67

The J.V.'s baseball team opened their season on April 13, playing host to Wardlaw. Cold, drizzly weather hampered play, as the Prep nine absorbed a 13-6 setback. Coach Bill Gleason admitted that Wardlaw "hit much better," but he made it clear that the results are deceptive.

Manzione started and showed a "good live fastball." He ran into trouble in the late innings, being unable to keep the ball down. Robert Rash relieved Manzione and nailed down the relief job.

The bad weather suppressed Prep's hitting attack, but it was wild pitching that gave Wardlaw many unearned runs and led to the loss.

The J.V.'s completed a successful "spring training." They have developed from a group of willing boys to a well-coordinated team. Coach Gleason gradually selected the more promising boys for the opening games.

With Stan Redlus at first, John Reine at second, Gordon Olson playing short stop, and Robert Hertz at third, Coach Gleason boasts a "very good little infield."

Pete Cizak in center field, together with Mike Macris in left, and Bob Wolfson in right, made the opening lineup. Currently, Cizak is considered the J.V.'s power hitter, while Mike Macris has become a good, consistent hitter.

The pitching staff is still developing. Doug Flomerfelt, who pitched a steady game over Peddie 7-8-9 grade team, defeating

them 5-1, could start for the J.V.'s.

On the receiving end is Mel Greenwald. Coach Gleason is pleased with Mel's performance and says he is almost ready for the Varsity.

Coach Gleason feels certain that "the guys are more confident and ready to hit, and with a couple more practices, we'll be ready to win our share."



Mr. Gleason coaches J.V. baseball team.

The boys' spring physical program culminates in a decathlon and soccer skills contest at the end of the year, according to a statement by Coach Barry Green.

This year, the spring physical education plan has been expanded to include a program of field and track. All boys will have the opportunity to participate in such track activities as shot put, and discus throwing, and Mr. Green will instruct the participants in the proper techniques.

Mr. Green states that the boys have been divided into a track and a soccer unit.