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Café Urge & Sr. Prom Highlight Social Season

by Barbara Lehn '69

The annual Café Urge will take place on Saturday, April 8, in Baldwin Hall at the Upper School. Unlike the traditional School dances, this one incorporates both student and faculty entertainment in addition to that of a band.

After auditioning numerous groups for the past month, Vice President Patty Neivert '67 and her committee have decided to hire the Mountain Yards, a five-man band in which two Prep students, Eric Roberts '70 and Dave Rubin '71, are members.

Student Entertainment

Along with the Mountain Yards, the student entertainment will include a jug band, folk singers, a comedy sketch,

guitar-playing group, a skit by the ninth grade class, and a surprise presentation by the Drama Club. Although the teachers have not yet revealed their plans, Neivert expects that they will "entertain the School perhaps by presenting some sort of parody or dramatic performance."

The Dance Committee has selected Greenwich Village as the basis for its decorations. To add to the café atmosphere, there will be individual tables and waitresses. Neivert also noted that the "Café Urge is different from the other dances in that it demands a greater amount of student-faculty co-operation in the preparation of novel decorations, performances, and refreshments. Above all, the Dance Committee is counting on the School to lend its talent to make the evening a success."

Announce Prom Ideas

Plans are now formulating for another special dance, the annual Junior-Senior Prom, which is scheduled for June 9. The President of the Junior Class, Gordon Olsen, has also announced the various committees and their chairmen: the Publicity committee, headed by Faye Nisonoff and Richard Levenson; the Entertainment Committee, headed by Joan Serin and Doug Spiro; the Theme and Decorations Committee, headed by Lynn Shter and Mary Stetten; and the Menu and Favors Committee, headed by Joanne Blumberg and Lorie Lifschutz. The latter committee has revealed the theme to be "Alice Through the Looking Glass"; the favors will be a tie tack for the boys and a pin with a detachable charm for the girls, each respectively engraved "68" and the "Junior-Senior Prom, 1968."

Seniors Plan Trip To Nation's Capitol

by Judy Alsosfrom '69

The Senior class has successfully made plans to take an overnight trip to Washington, D.C., tentatively dated for the weekend of May 5-7. This type of venture is unique in the history of Prep, since no other class has ever gone on an overnight trip. Joe Jacobs, Class President, said, "All six faculty members are just as enthusiastic as the class; this should be a uniquely satisfying experience for all."

In recent weeks the various classes of the School have proposed and chosen destinations for their annual trips during the months of March, April, and May.

Classes View Play

The eighth graders are going to attend a performance of the musical play, *Wait A Minute* at the Golden Theater in New York on March 29. The freshmen have already viewed the same play on Wednesday, March 8. Before the play, they had lunch at Mama Leone's, an Italian restaurant located on 42nd Street in the City.

The sophomore class plans to view the critically acclaimed movie *A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS* at the Fine Arts Theater in New York on Tuesday, March 14. Before seeing the film, they will lunch at L'Arche, a French restaurant on 34th Street. Peter Cissac, President of the class, commented, "I think that this will be one of our best trips, since we have never before seen a movie and also had a meal prior to the performance."

Select Hogan's Goat

On Tuesday, April 5, the Junior class will attend a presentation of a long-running off-Broadway play, *Hogan's Goat*. Before viewing this drama, the English department of the School prepared the class by having them write a précis of the play to insure a more complete comprehension of it.

Council Plans Changes For School Ring

The School Council and its members have decided to change the company now manufacturing the Rutgers Prep class rings. The sophomore class has reached an agreement with the L. G. Balfour Company for a five-year basis. During this time the contract stipulates that the price and design of the rings will remain fixed, and that the students must choose one color stone for their rings.

Mr. Allan Franklin, the sales representative for the company, spoke to the members of the Council and of the freshman class and discussed the prices of the different ring models. He also enumerated the advantages of his firm's plan over those of the School's current company. Mr. Franklin stated that the School Council and the sophomore class would work in conjunction with the artists of the company to prepare a suitable design.

Presents Choices

Mr. Franklin also commented on the three choices from which the students can select a final model: a traditional hollow-backed ring, one with a prism backing, or one with a solid gold back.

The main advantage which the Balfour Company cites is the greater "relative" value of its product. According to their sales representative, the hollow-backed ring, much like the School's current representative, would be much less expensive, and the gold-backed ring would be only slightly greater in cost than the School's present ring.

Bauer, Burke Select Juniors Nisonoff & Stetten As Editors

by Ken Lehn '67

The new editors for next year's YE DIAL and the ARGOMAG have been announced by Mr. James Burke '58 and Miss Constance Bauer, the publications' respective advisors. The editors-in-chief of the 1968 yearbook and the 1967-68 literary magazine will be Faye Nisonoff '68, and Mary Stetten '68, respectively. They will replace Alice Heinlein '67, and Judith Serin '67.

Nisonoff has been selected primarily for her all-around ability; she handles copy and layout equally well, and expresses the sensitivity to select the best material. Mr. Burke commented that Nisonoff is "one of the most creative individuals to come along in many years" and that she reveals exceptional creativity and sensitivity in her choice of pictures.

Aims For Creativity

As next year's editor-in-chief, Nisonoff's main concern will be the creation of the yearbook's theme. She plans to increase her staff, particularly in the lower grades, and to construct a more creative yearbook.



New Editors Stetten & Nisonoff

Stetten's strong traits are also creativity and sensitivity. She possesses an eye for art and is also adept at judging both writing and art work. The Argomag editor-in-chief heads the literary board, is responsible for coordinating the three branches of the magazine: art, writing, and business, and is responsible for the Argomag's final format.

New Editors Determined

The Argomag's literary board has not been named and will depend on the results of next year's tryout. Richard Levenson '68, replaces Peter Jensen '67, as production manager. The new editorial appointments to the yearbook besides Nisonoff are Leon Wender '68, caption and sports editor; Lorie Lifschutz '68 and Ferne Lavine '68, co-managing editors; Levenson and Louis Richmond '68, co-photography editors; Jeff Vogel '70, assistant photography editor; Lynn Shter '68, layout editor; Bea Landman '68, copy editor; Mary Wender '70, typing editor; and John Solowinski '69 assistant sports editor.

Pothoff & MacDonald View Differences In U.S. Society

by Sue Casteras '67

Rutgers Prep during the past three months has acquired two exchange students, Sergio Pothoff of Chile and Kenneth MacDonald of Brisbane, Australia. Pothoff, a delegate from the Open Door Exchange Program, lived with Michael Stein '68 and his family during his stay; Kenneth MacDonald, who represented the World Youth Forum Program, was the guest of Kevin Sheehy '67.

During their visits both students noted essential differences in the American way of life. In comparing Australian and American educational systems, MacDonald mentioned the greater importance of examinations in Australia, where state-wide competition determines a student's eligibility for scholarships and for college. He also discussed the enormous pressure which these exams add to the senior year; however, he has succeeded in gaining admission into Queensland University.

Rates U.S. System

Stressing that these were "only impressions taken from the few classes I attended in the States," he rated American educational standards in foreign languages as superior to those in Australia, but he felt that the Australian approach to mathematics and science was more advanced.

Sergio Pothoff indicated the different values he found in this country by stating that "here I found people whose principle purpose in life is to make money; one is not happy here if he doesn't make money. In Chile we have unfortunately not reached the same state of human mechanization as in America, but we are happy without thinking all our lives of money."

Notes Social Differences

He also noted the greater freedom in the American family unit: "Here the children can argue with their parents, contradicting them, and talking insolently to them. This is one liberty that we do not have and one I do not wish to have because I prefer to be respectful and loving with my parents." Despite these essential dissimilarities, however, Pothoff felt that his journey to the United States had "opened my eyes to reality and had erased the bad ideas that I used to have about you (the United States), ideas left by the American movies and by the American tourists."

Rooda & Students Tour Youth Forum Assembly At Philharmonic In N.Y.

by Richard Levenson '68

Mrs. Rooda and a number of students from the School will attend the World Youth Forum Assembly at Philharmonic Hall in New York on March 31. This trip will take place in conjunction with the visit of a delegate from the Forum at Rutgers Prep, Kenneth MacDonald of Brisbane, Australia, attended classes at the School for three weeks in February.

The Forum Assembly is the culmination of the World Youth Forum's International Program. The Assembly is a two-hour program of talks, discussions, and entertainment presented by the delegates from the Forum. The audience includes students and their families who have taken delegates into their homes, and students and faculty members from over 200 high schools in the New York metropolitan area. Besides Mrs. Rooda, the group from Rutgers Prep will include Sue Casteras, Peter Lampen, Patty Neivert, Kevin Sheehy, Jeffrey Weiner, Faye Nisonoff, Gordon Olson, Michael Renda, Joan Serin, Thomas Shoemaker and Doug Spiro.

The newspaper, the Herald Tribune, sponsors the World Youth Forum. It designs its programs to provide a chance for outstanding students from the United States and other countries

to develop their academic and cultural interests.

The International Program sponsors a three-month stay in America for delegates from nearly 40 countries. The Ministry of Education of the country usually chooses the delegates for the Forum. Semi-finalists are often chosen from essays they have written. The delegate is then



Mrs. Antoinette Rooda selected by examinations given by a board of judges.

The delegates arrive in the U.S. during Christmas week. They then receive a one-week orientation on American life at Sarah Lawrence College. After this, they spend three three-week sessions attending three New York area schools, living with the families of students at these schools.

Bailly Teaches French; Prep Cagers Play In Finals; Gaggini Returns In '68 Drop Close Game To Saints, But Complete Record Season

Mme. Michele Bailly, a native of France, is temporarily replacing Mr. Gaggini by teaching many French classes at Prep this year. After hearing of the job from a friend of Mr. Gaggini, she decided to take the post since her husband had planned to come to America.

In France, Mme. Bailly is a student at the University of Besancon, working toward her agrégation, which is somewhat similar to an American Ph.D. Last year, she taught at a grand lycée, a large high school. In conjunction with her studies at the University, noting the differences between the two schools, Mme. Bailly explained, "In France, I was teaching in a large school with about 40 students in each class. The students did not choose their courses; they indicated the program they would like to follow. As a result, I had some students who were not interested in the course. I prefer teaching here; the classes are smaller and the students seem more interested."

Asked about her impressions of America, Mme. Bailly said, "America is such a large country. I need more time than I have to see it all." She has visited New York, where she finds, "every-



Photo by Steve Kaplan '67

Mme. Michele Bailly

thing is gigantic." Washington, D.C., and Quebec, she has not found that many differences in the attitudes in America, although "people are more occupied, and there is more emphasis on the importance of money; both earning it and spending it. The food is different; I don't like it as much; but life is more comfortable here."

Foreign Affairs Class Visits Jap. And Russian Missions

by Mel Greenwald '69

The World Affairs and Russian History classes will visit the Japanese and Russian Permanent Missions in New York City on May 16. The students in these classes are making the trip in connection with their thorough study of four Asian countries: India, China, Japan, and the Soviet Union.

At each mission, they will meet a government representative who will lead them on a tour of the mission and who will talk to them about the foreign policy of his country. The students will then be able to ask questions about international affairs of each country.

Mrs. Dutta remarked, "Some of the answers are political and indirect since the purpose of these men is to defend the policy of his government; but on the whole the students learn a great deal."

As another supplement to the foreign affairs curriculum, a number of speakers will visit the School to lecture the two classes. Dr. Ardith Burks, chairman of the Political Science Department at Rutgers University, will speak about Japan. Dr. Seymour Feil, Director of Educational Resources of the Asian Society in New York, will lecture on India. The students also expect four Rutgers students from China, Japan, South Korea, and South Vietnam to speak about their countries.

Earlier in the year, the two classes visited the United Nations, where they toured the building and heard a debate on Asian affairs in the General Assembly.

S. BROWN ACCEPTS ATHLETIC POSITION

Mr. Sampson Brown will serve as a new addition to the Prep Athletic Department this spring. Mr. Brown, a twenty-seven year old senior studying Physical Education at Rutgers University, will aid Mr. O'Connell as assistant baseball coach. He will also assist in the required Upper School Physical Education classes and will initiate a Physical Development program.

After graduating from Rahway High School, Mr. Brown spent his next five years first with the Marine Corps and then earning money needed for college education. Realizing that his high school weight of one hundred sixty pounds would be a severe handicap in college competition, he began a weight training program to increase his strength and weight to the point at which he could participate in college athletics. Today, Brown is a powerful six-footer, weighing two hundred four pounds.

Prospective Asst. Coach Mr. Brown presently lives in Rahway with his wife and three year old daughter. After he receives his degree this June, he plans to join the Rutgers football staff as Assistant Coach under John Bateman.

St. Bernards varsity basketball team defeated Rutgers Prep 63-54 in the finals of the state tournament at the Lawrenceville School field house. The Prep cagers had completed a record-breaking 18-2 season and were first seeded in the past season competition.

In the quarter finals against Croyden Hall, the Argonauts responded to the pressure by edging out a 73-72 victory. Joe Jacobs, the high scorer for the regular season, tallied 23 points. Laird Davis provided ample support with 18 points. With the keen ball handling of Frank Cipot and consistent rebounding by Pete Lampen and Alan Moscovitz, Prep survived a late rally by Croyden Hall and went on to win. Roy Mittman was a key performer on defense.

The semi-finals at Newark Academy pitted Prep against a greatly improved Jewish Educational Center squad. Prep's offense throughout the first half was sluggish, but in the second half the team ignited a fierce attack. Prep relied on fine outside shooting and solid rebounding to prevail 87-67. Davis led the offense with a total of 27 points.

In the finals at Lawrenceville, Prep opposed co-champion St. Bernards. The Saints and the Argonauts had split two regular season games and had fought to a first place tie in the NJISAA league. In the final game at the Lawrenceville field house, St. Bernard's built up an early lead, but the Prep cagers followed close behind throughout the first half. Bernards depended upon a blistering fast break to counter Prep's usual ball-hawking defense. Prep's outside was not up to par, and Bernards' height advantage made inside shooting extremely difficult.

Athletic Department Honors Teams At Sports Dinner

The Rutgers Preparatory School Athletic Department sponsored its annual Sports Dinner on Wednesday, March 15, at the Greenbrier Restaurant in North Brunswick, New Jersey.

The dinner honored both the champion soccer team and the co-champion Varsity Basketball team of the New Jersey Interscholastic School League. The highlight of the evening focused on the 19-3 record of the basketball team, which provided the School with the best record in its history. A surprise event of the dinner was the presentation of letter jackets to the members of the basketball team.

Coaches Present Awards After offering short remarks on the season and individual and team efforts, the various coaches of the Athletic Department presented awards to honor athletes in the Upper School. Dr. Frank Spertuto presented the soccer award to Steven Weiss '67, who served as the team's goalie. Erwin Hanke '67, captain of the Cross-country team, received an award as the most outstanding member of the team from Mr. Robert Fenstermaker. Mr. Richard S. O'Connell presented the Outstanding Basketball Player Award to Joe Jacobs '67, who functioned as the co-captain of the team.

Mr. Barry Green awarded Captain Jeffrey Weiner '67 with the wrestling citation, and Mr. Fenstermaker cited Mack Morton '70, a newcomer to the School, with the Outstanding Swimmer Award. After Dr. David M. Heinlein's welcome address, Mr. O'Connell, the master of ceremonies, gave out letters for the various sports categories. Those students who had previously received them were given certificates. Mr. O'Connell also announced Douglas Alsobrom '68, as the captain of the Varsity Basketball team for the 1967-1968 season. In addition, he cited the honor athletes of the seventh and eighth grade soccer, cross-country and basketball teams, as well as those of the Varsity and Junior Varsity soccer, swimming, wrestling, basketball, and cross-country teams.

Mr. Green will teach the freshmen a required program; he will also instruct juniors majoring in an elementary

Green Leaves RPS For R. I. College

Mr. Barry Green, Rutgers Prep's health education and physical education instructor and the coach of several teams, will leave the School in order to take a teaching position at the Rhode Island College. He will begin his new duties in Providence in September 1967.

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Photo by Steve Kaplan '67

Mr. Barry Green

school physical education methods course. Coaching varsity wrestling or track may also become part of his new functions; however, these plans seem only tentative at present.

Cites Uniqueness

Mr. Green cites the unique part of his new duties to be his freedom to also hold a position with a local public school, where he will teach elementary school courses. Mr. Green's elementary school physical education majors from the College will be able to

observe and practice teaching methods as juniors by substituting for Mr. Green in his public school capacity.

According to Mr. Green, the public school welcomes student teachers as long as a co-operating teacher supervises and instructs from time to time. He also noted that the college students benefit by obtaining the opportunity to practice methods of instruction, while the school develops a physical education program.

Anticipates Challenge

"This is my first step towards an ambition I have to teach physical education majors," stated Mr. Green, who is enthusiastic about his new position. In contemplating his three years at Prep, Mr. Green feels that he has achieved his goals, and therefore anticipates the new challenges at Rhode Island College.

Mr. Green encourages the establishment of a compulsory physical education program and an intramural athletic schedule, as well as continuing interscholastic competition at Prep. He also expressed disappointment in not being able to continue to observe the development of those ninth and tenth graders whom he has coached and known for the past three years.

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