

PREP PLAYS WARDLAW, TONIGHT, AT THE GYM, 8:00

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TEACHER DISAGREES WITH SENIOR DECISION; STATES OPINION ON EXCHANGE STUDENT ISSUE

To the Editor:

In reference to the letter submitted to The Weekly Argo, I wish to discuss the problem of the exchange student from a foreigner's point of view. It appears to me that the Seniors, excusably inexperienced in a matter like this, are disputing irrelevant points, while overlooking real difficulties.

Their "most common argument" pertains to the suitability of our school as a host for a foreign student. I believe that the American Field Service is competent to decide this question for us.

The concern about the reactions of an exchange student to a private school is humane but superfluous. Foreign students are eager to experience American life, and they are particularly interested in the activities of their American peers. The concepts "private and public schools" do not mean much to them, because they are not aware of the great difference between the two. To them they are American schools. The public school, as we know it, with its extensive extracurricular program does not exist elsewhere. "Abroad" the emphasis is on the academic work, as it is in Prep. The private schools may very well make the better impression on them. We do not have a sugarcroated, whippedcream exchange program, but we have an academic program which compares favorably with those abroad. There are misconceptions about American education, unfavorable for us. We do not want to feed these.

There are no indications that Prep will be in an awkward transition period next year. The preparations for the move have been profound. The student coming here to share American life will have to accept this transition as a facet of our life. What absurd individual would anticipate having an "easy time" in America? This ideal is a sign of decadence. The foreign student belongs to the selected few and therefore is expected to have higher aspirations.

The difficulties which arose out of our one previous experience were of a personal nature. If anyone expected some personal satisfaction, then the disappointment was deserved, because his motivations should not have been of a personal nature but should have been part of a higher plan.

The Juniors, more than the

Seniors, should be most concerned with this problem. The Seniors will be dispersed, while the Juniors will have the job of making the student feel at home. But we should expect the Seniors to set an example.

We should focus our attention on the following questions: Is this cause worthwhile? Would it contribute to the creation of better relations between nations? Would it be of any national value in the sense of correcting certain misconceptions about America? Would it be of any value to our school? Are we prepared to sacrifice, financially and otherwise? Are we willing to let the foreign guest share our private lives? He has no other friends but you. He is anxious to see your home.
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PREP ADMINISTERS THE CURRENT AFFAIRS TEST

The Time Magazine Current Affairs test was administered by Mr. Frank V. Sperduto on February 18 and 19. A test of knowledge on international affairs and politics, it is divided into sections of multiple choice, matching, and true and false questions.

The examination was taken by a large group of students from each class. Three prizes will be awarded at the end of the year to those students whose scores were the highest.

Commenting on the success of many students, Mr. Sperduto said, "More people are better informed about international affairs although the School does not have special current events classes. They have kept up with the news on their own."

J.V. CAGERS HAVE CHANCE FOR WINNING SEASON; PROVE TO BE STRONG RIVALS, EXPERIENCED TEAM

by David Pickar '65

This year's J.V. Basketball team has presented itself as one of the strongest in many years. Although it fell one notch below a .500 season (5-6) with its loss to South Brunswick high school, the team has a chance for a winning season, as games against Montclair Academy and Wardlaw remain on the schedule.

Playing its finest ball game against Jamesburg high school, the team was led by the fine rebounding and scoring of Ken Krachuk and Dave Lampen scoring 15 and 14 points respectively. Backing up Lampen and Krachuk under the boards were Ed Huber and Dave Pickar, and the assignment of bounding the ball down was

handled by Andy Blumberg, Jim Gunkle and Sandy Heinlein.

Against Carteret Prep, the J.V. cagers acquired two easy victories in which Coach Robert Riesener had the opportunity to play his reserves, who will next year compose the nucleus of the J.V. squad.

In the second game against Franklin high school, the Argonauts fought a see-saw battle, but the team lost by a 10 point margin.

CLUB PURCHASES SLIDES TO AID MATH STUDENTS

The Math Club, under the direction of Mr. George Zezenski, has purchased a set of film slides for the Preparatory School. Mr. Zezenski believes that these slides, dealing mainly with the theoretical side of elementary algebra, will help the seventh and eighth graders to gain a better understanding of what algebra is. Succeeding math clubs will have the option of buying more film slides.

In preceding weeks the Math Club has been attempting mathematical puzzles and several students have presented other puzzles and their solutions before the members of the club.

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to meet your parents and friends. The obligation goes beyond the limits of the classroom. If the student happens to be a girl, each boy has the personal obligation to invite her to dances, even if she looks like an octopus. Our dating system is not known a road. In modern foreign countries boys often go alone to dances, and so do girls. They meet at the dance floor, and no one frowns upon it. The obligation of providing a partner for a girl should be a matter agreed upon by gentlemen in a spirit of courtesy and chivalry.

Each Prep student should decide for himself if he wants to share these responsibilities. If the answer is not a wholehearted "yes," this privilege should be left to other schools.

A.M.M. Rooda

CAROL WILLIAMS' PLAY WORTHWHILE BUT SLOW

by Ralph Rosenberg '64
The Milk Train Doesn't

Stop Here Anytime is Tennessee Williams' latest play. It concerns a former socialite's pitiful attempt to convince herself that she isn't going to die soon. Williams tries to show that death without a shred of nobility or dignity can also be tragic.

The central character is Flora Googorth, played by Hermoine Baddeley, who made her Broadway debut in A Taste of Honey. She is finishing her memoirs, the book of her life, because she realizes that "this summer she will die." A wandering poet, Chris, whom some reviewers have labeled a Christ symbol, comes to Flora's villa to comfort her during this, her last summer. But Flora misunderstands his offer and tries to seduce him. At the end of the play, when Flora is near death and is crying out for God, it is too late.

The major flaw in The Milk Train is that it doesn't seem to be going anywhere. Flora is a pathetic amusing clown but not a tragic heroine. The play is nevertheless worthwhile entertainment.