

# The Argo

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## Last Week Cut From Schedule Shortens Term

At this time of the year, as every year, the thoughts of both faculty and students begin to turn to commencement. This year, Rutgers Prep will be holding its 189th commencement in a series which began in the year 1766.

It has been announced that this June, commencement will take place one week earlier than expected. The new date has been set for June 9.

Final exams, therefore, have also been rescheduled. They are now due to begin on May 31, the Tuesday following Memorial Day. The schedule has been changed by the Headmaster of the school because of the Bankers' Convention which takes place the same time as the school's 189th commencement.

This year's graduation is awaited and longed for by both seniors and underclassmen, and both have promised to make it as successful as possible. Under the fine help and supervision of the faculty, who will continuously give advice to the students, this year's commencement can not help being one of the best in the long history of the Prep school.

## Prepsters See Opera "Faust" On Student Program At Met

by Dave Hendler

On Friday, March 18, forty Prep students attended the Metropolitan Opera. The opportunity is offered to our school each year by the Metropolitan Opera Guild to familiarize high school students with the beauty of grand opera.

This year we attended a special performance of *Faust*, a famous opera written by Charles Gounod. *Faust* is a tragic love story based on the idea of selling one's soul to the devil. Although no one could understand what was being sung, the basic idea of the story was made clear through the acting and through the libretto prepared by Mr. Dumarac.

The opera proved to be a great hit with the students. The scenery and the grandeur of the opera house along with the music seemed to take the breath away from all of us.

## Teen-age Band Adds Life To Prep Party And Dance

A party-dance was held on Saturday evening, March 12, in the Rutgers Preparatory School Gymnasium. The party was attended by an astonishing number of students and their friends from other schools. A very good band, a group of high school students, played the right type of music to suit everyone.



Prepsters Enjoy Band.

The band was a five piece jazz team composed of Jon Clayton, leader, on the saxophone and Pene Lypeipfski also on the sax. Frankie Pedkeira played trumpet and Douglas Doeich and Steve Frechan played piano and drums respectively. Everyone enjoyed the music and many compliments were given the musicians.

An entirely new twist was added to this dance by the use of tables for many different table games, including scrabble, card games, and parchesi.

The younger students gathered at these game tables and became acquainted with one another easily.

Refreshments consisted of an enormous amount of sandwiches, punch, cupcakes, and other party-like food-stuffs, made for the evening by Estelle Newman and her epicurean staff.

Perhaps the highlight of the evening was a novelty in the form of a balloon drop. This new idea proved most successful and delightful. As the shower of balloons hit the floor, many jovial Prepsters, full of party spirit, added to the fun by breaking them.

## Prep Plans New Style Prom As Traditional Spring Event

This year, as in previous years, the Rutgers Preparatory School will have a senior prom. The tentative date of May 20th has been chosen for this event.

Unlike other schools, Prep does not have a Senior Prom attended only by seniors. Any underclassman may attend this formal event.

It is the custom at Prep that the junior class run the senior prom. The following juniors have been chosen for the committee: Clemmie Vittl, Carl Baratta, Gail Duschock, Marian Veale and Ted Kalli.

Stu Edelberg, the president of the student council, informed the committee that this year approximately \$500.00 will be spent on the prom.

## Play Practice Begins For Prep Production

The Rutgers Prep Dramatics Group is rehearsing for its annual play which is to be held on May 6th. This is the second dramatic venture for the school, following a tradition initiated last year. The group will be under the direction of Mr. Dumarac.

After careful consideration as to ease of production and suitability for a high school cast, *Time Out For Ginger* was selected.

A tentative cast was chosen by Mr. Dumarac. The cast includes Florence Schmitt, Sharon Ries, Marion Thompson, Louise DiLalo, Diane Dorn, Howard Tobin, Noreen Hudson, Clemmie Vittl, Estelle Newman, Jack Kelly, Gabe Piatucciato, Steve Hancox, Carl Stover, Pete Schwartz, Vic Stilwell, and John Bodnar.

The stage crew will be headed by Mr. Moffat.

This year we will charge admission for the play, \$1.00 for adults and \$.50 for children. Students with their I. D. cards will be admitted to the play free of charge.



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## Campaigns Coming!

Only a short time ago constitutional amendments were voted on by the student body after being passed by the Student Council. The new additions were all passed by a huge majority vote.

However, this unanimous approval will be of no use whatsoever unless you, the students of Rutgers Prep, see that they do function this year and in years to follow. The amendments concerned themselves chiefly with the holding of Student Council Officer elections in May.

The council cannot pick the candidates nor see that there are candidates running.

This problem lies chiefly in the present Junior class. Thought should be given to the question of candidates and party organization. The amendments offer little restriction on the time when campaigning may begin, and an early and avid campaign by any party should prove most advantageous in this election.

## Please Return . . .

Certain books in Mr. Holley's room are missing. No one else in the school needs these books except the U.S. History class. This has put the class in an extremely embarrassing position, and if the people who have the books would kindly return them it would be much appreciated by all.

## Letters to the Editor

School Spirit . . .

Dear Editor:

I don't think there is enough school spirit represented at school functions. All through basketball season, games were played after school and at night. These should have had at least some turn-out. There were free busses for every game so there could be no possible excuse. Every school function is treated the same way.

Take, for instance, the school dances. They are always a flop and only because the big shots of the school will not lower themselves to come. If there were a representation of the upper classmen, the dances would be a success, but, of course, that's asking too much. Coming up next is baseball season. Let's see if some kids can forget their spring fever and come to at least one of the games.

"Determined"

Chapel Service . . .

Dear Editor:

I think it would improve our Chapel Service if there was some variation in the hymns we sing each week. At present there are only three hymns which are usually sung. These are nice hymns but their constant use has, I am sure, made everyone wish for a change. I know I do. Probably anyone at Prep could sing these three backwards!

Each week we sing one patriotic song, which is always America. Surely every student at Prep must know the Star Spangled Banner and America the Beautiful. The latter would offer a pleasant change.

I think all of us at Prep would enjoy Chapel Service more if we had a wider selection in the songs we sing.

Hopefully yours,

Florence Schmitt.

Vitti's Reply . . .

Dear Miss Schmitt:

Your point in your letter is very well-taken, but it is perhaps necessary to supply you with some exact information.

It is most difficult to choose new hymns each week which are suited to the various faiths of the students. On the other hand, with a new set of hymn books, this might be done. It seems as though one hundred of these books would be rather costly and rather unnecessary. As for the patriotic songs, which are not in the hymnal, they would only tend to produce a mediocre service. Therefore, since new hymns have been tried, and unsuccessfully so, I would suggest leaving the service as it stands.

Sincerely,

Clemmie Vitti

## PREPTOONS



## NOREEN HUDSON

red head . . . seventeen . . . Rutgers Elementary School . . . senior . . . Gail's pal . . . has but one dislike . . . the boys at Prep . . . "Earth Angel" by the Penguins . . . captain of the cheerleaders . . . Argo Exchange Editor . . . Joan in school play . . . convertibles . . . "woofs" . . . parties . . . crazy sayings . . . crazy gal . . . N.J.C.



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## DAVE HENDLER

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## SPORTLIGHT

by Andy Piscatelli

Due to the expert coaching of Coach O'Connell and the consistent ability of his boys, this year's basketball team had one of the finest records in the history of Prep.

The success of the team was largely due to Jerry Gorczyca's tremendous scoring and his ability to control the backboards. Much credit goes to Gary Stratton, our center. Gary, an up-and-coming ball player, improved through the season in his rebounding and scoring habits. Our left forward, Bob Shorosky, kept the team well-balanced with his deadly one-hander which he managed to throw in when it was needed the most.

The team was rounded out by our two back-court men, Roger Lambertson and Captain Roger Seamon. These two boys handled the ball like professionals, always trying to pass it to the side men.

Lambertson and Seamon were known for their fast break in which both scored a number of points, helping the team immensely. This vital play was taught to them by our coach.

Great credit goes to the second five, Stan Rosenblum, who added a lot of hustle and scrap. Chuck Martorelli, Bert Sathmary, Mike Harrington, and Andy Piscatelli.

## Baseball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Place
April		
12	Sayreville H.S.	away
13	Woodbridge	away
15	Carteret Prep	home
18	Dunellen	away
19	Jamesburg	away
22	St. Mary's (P. A.)	away
25	Highland Park	home
26	Dunellen H.S.	home
27	South River	away
29	Carteret	home
May		
3	Pingry	home
6	Open	—
9	Peddle	away
10	Sayreville	home
12	Holy Trinity	away
13	Jamesburg	home
17	Highland Park	away
18	Newark Academy	away
20	Pingry	away
23	Woodbridge	home

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# Prepsters Lose To Pingry As Bush Nets 46 Points...



Bob Shorosky Stars In Last Game.

## Prepsters Display Enthusiasm As Baseball Season Arrives

by Carl Baratta

When spring sports are mentioned, the first thing that comes into most boys' minds is baseball. Prep will have a baseball team this year as usual.

There will be four returning lettermen to this year's squad. They are: Stuart Edelberg, who patrols center-field with great authority; Stan Rosenblum, Prep's starting catcher last year; Carl Baratta; and Joe Messina. Besides these four, there will also be letter winners from other schools trying out at their respective positions. They are: Ray Koperwhats from Perth Amboy; Jerry Gorczyca from St. Mary's of South Amboy; Bob Shorosky from Sayreville; Joe Eichhorn from Highland Park; Roger Lambertson and Gary Stratton from Hoffman; and Bert Sathmary from Perth Amboy.

As a result of the size of the school and of the failure to produce a good track team in the past, there will not be any track at Prep this year. Mr. O'Connell decided that in its place there should be a J.V. baseball team. This should prove to be a success.

On March 5, Pingry School of Elizabeth gained its second straight Group III Championship by defeating Prep. The score at the end of the fourth quarter stood at 72-60.

Herb (Twig) Busch, Pingry's big center, was the deciding factor in the game. The big six foot seven star put in 46 points for Pingry to make victory certain.

## Bush Averages 34 Points

For the last six games, Busch has managed to dump in 206 points for a game average of better than 34 points. The only victory for Prep out of those six games was won on January 11th of this year, when the Prepsters squeezed through with a four point lead.

Pingry, under the onslaught of the "Twig," jumped to an early lead in the first quarter gaining a 12 point lead. Busch dumped in 10 more points in the second quarter. In this period, however, the Prepsters, with the help of Bob Shorosky and Gary Stratton, scored 13 more points than Pingry, giving them a one point lead at the half.

## Prepsters Tie

The score was tied midway through the third quarter at 40-40 and changed three times before Busch finally put Pingry ahead with two field goals. From here on in, Pingry had an open road, and Prep couldn't seem to close the gap.

Prep's inability to stop Busch in the fourth quarter really proved to be a disaster. The big center rimmed 20 points in the final eight minutes of play to put the game on the ice for Pingry. The last two minutes proved bad for Prep as Bob Shorosky fouled out.

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## Pupils Greet Spring With Many Plays . . .

During the week of March 6, the second and third grades gave their plays at the prep gymnasium. Mrs. Eby's second grade gave a short part of the old story, *The Bremen Town Musicians*. Included in the cast were, Edith Freedman, Bruce Eckert, David Heinlein, Barbara Burton, Elaine Natarrell, Vivian Czarada, Robert Landsberg, Thomas Nelson, and John Madison.

Mrs. Hancock and Mrs. Lipman directed the second and third grade in a short version of *The Tale of Peter Rabbit*. In the cast were Raymond Peachy, Jeffrey Kirsch, Peter Howley, Gary Ten Brock, Jimmy Kosa, Michael Jacobs, and many others. The dances were arranged by Mrs. N. Kolt, and the music was played by Mrs. E. Birn.

In addition to the plays given by the second and third grades earlier in the month, the fourth, fifth, and sixth grades are preparing for their own plays which will be held during the last week of March.

Dr. Anna Starr of the University reading clinic gave the lower school a set of the *Encyclopedia Britannica* which is at the disposal of all the students.

A new student joined Mrs. Eby's second grade this term. Her name is Priscilla Smith.

Like the upper school students, the pupils of the lower school had a holiday on March 4, when the teachers attended the annual Secondary Education Board conference.

## Quotable Quotes

Carl Baratta: "I'm going to join a maternity house when I go to college."

Mrs. Wilson: "When I was in college, I had to write a sonnet."

Joe Eichhorn: "How long was it?"

Gail Dushock: "Couldn't you have a party?"

Horeen Hudson: "You're woofed."

Ted Kalli: "Have no fear, Teddy's here."

Mr. Blake: "Mr. Holley flunks people and gives them a lecture; I just flunk people and shut up!"

Anita Sture: "Oh! I just can't wear glasses! I don't want to look like an old school teacher."

Mr. Gaggini: "Ted, leave Anita alone."

Mr. Dumarac: "You stupid sub-moronic barbarian. Anybody with half a brain should know what anthropomorphized means."

Alan Rackmill: "Geniuses don't know everything. Look at me!"

## WHAT IS IT?



Roger Seamon — "A bird's eye view of a yogi nail bed."

Bert Sathmary — "A magnified view of a 5:00 o'clock shadow."

Barbara Lipman — "A square with measles."

Ed Falcey — "Too many checkers on a board."

Dick Atkinson — "A tin can shot with a machine gun."

Carl Zolna — "I've got to do my geometry; go away."

Chuck Dunaenko — "Ants crossing the Delaware on a shredded wheat biscuit."

Estelle Newman — "Mommy and Daddy rabbit with their baby bunnies."

Marion Thompson — "A napkin with chicken pox."

John Rosa — "A much used dart board."

Bob Eber — "A bunch of ants on a tennis court."

Bill Gormley — "A box with dots."

Bruce Gunkel — "A bird's eye view of a square headed man with dandruff."

Jack Kelly — "A mess."

Carl Stover — "A square man with pegged pants."

Anita Sture — "Nonsense."

Earl Nielsen — "A side view of Rutgers Prep."

Mike Harrington — "A bad atomic fission pile."

Lewis Amolsky — "The foundation of the school building."

Mr. Gaggini — "A partly clogged spaghetti strainer."

P. S. This droodle is called "Two army ants going A.W.O.L."

## PREP SUPPLIES KILMER SONG

The students of our school recently were reminded that they are a part of a great heritage and tradition.

Mrs. Stanley Greene of Larchmont, New York, the sister-in-law of Joyce Kilmer, is writing a book about him. On March second, Mrs. Greene came to Rutgers Prep in search of some of Mr. Kilmer's songs that have been missing for some time.

Since Joyce Kilmer attended Rutgers Prep from 1900-1904, our school will be mentioned in the book.

## 'ROUND ABOUT RUTGERS

by SHARON RIES

The Argo staff is very glad to see Mr. Holley back on his feet and we hope he feels fine. We would also like to thank Mr. John Cunningham for taking over some of his classes.

We are very proud that a number of our boys have already been accepted at colleges. These are: Lawrence Murray, at the University of Maryland; Roger Lambertson at both Rutgers and Brown; Stu Edelberg at Cornell and Rennsalaer; Roger Seamon at Cornell; and Barry Brodsky at Saint Lawrence University.

Several students from local high schools "crashed" the school party Saturday night. Since they were uninvited guests, they soon left.

There have been quite a few complaints around Prep about the fortune spent on books in the Humanities class lately.

Many of the teachers have noticed that almost everyone's marks have been going down this marking period. Let's get to work.

There's great furore at Prep about the Presidential elections in May. Campaigns start soon and perhaps our next president will be a woman.

## Group Attends ACO Concert

As part of Mr. Dumarac's attempt to instill a bit of culture in his Humanities class, he took the group to the 5th concert in a series at the Rutgers University gym. On Thursday evening, March 10, the class and a few guests listened to music by the American Chamber Orchestra under Robert Schulz.

Featured on the program was the violin soloist, Joseph Szigeti, who played the 4th and 5th violin concertos of Mozart.

The evening opened with *The Overture to Ester* by Handel. This was followed by the violin solos. The orchestra completed the program with Schubert's 5th symphony.

This was the second concert attended by the Humanities group.

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