

# The Argo

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RUTGERS PREPARATORY SCHOOL

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## Deadline Approaches; Building Funds Still Inadequate

### Thespians To Offer 'The Enemy' At Gym

Our very own, thoroughly thrilling Thespian Theatre group will once again delight us with another dramatic achievement to be presented to the public on Friday, May 9 at the Rutgers Prep Gymnasium.

This year's play concerns a group of Viennese people during World War I. It illustrates and emphasizes the horrors of war while discussing the problem of pacifism in time of violent struggle.

The cast of four-actor includes Danylo Struk, Florence Schmitt, Johanna Rooda, Joseph Smyth, James Smith, Bardin Levavy, William Long, Richard Kluff, Gabrielle Gibbs and Austin Anderson.

#### "Cecil" Takes Over

In accordance with the time-honored tradition, "Cecil B." Dumarae, one of our best-loved pedagogues is supervising the endeavors of our up and coming amateurs. Backing him up, on the more mundane side of the activity is the time-honored George Moffat and his non-unionized crew. This group is, however, in charge only of stage building problems as James Ness' squad is greedily gathering sundry statues and stage-settings for the big night.

It will be surprising, indeed, if this production is not a gratifying success because with the vigorous rehearsing of the cast, busy-beaver building of the stage-hands and amazingly active accumulating of the accumulators, all of the necessary ingredients will have been included.

### Prep Pedagogue Victorious In International Regatta

George Moffat, our versatile English teacher, showed as much skill in handling a sailboat as an Eliot poem when he won the Little Scorpion Trophy at Larchmont, New York, Sunday, May 4. Mr. Moffat and his mate, John Carter of New Hampshire, placed first in the International Regatta with seventeen and one half points. He represented Barnegat Bay in his fourteen-foot dinghy, Dorade. This was not the first such victory for Mr. Moffat whose art is appreciated by the boys of the Navigation Club.

Perhaps the victory was due to his having sold the English Ford on which the boat was traditionally mounted.



Time Flies. Building Fund Deadline, June 1.

The future of this school hinges today on the outcome of attempts made to purchase the Wells Estate. One hundred and fifty thousand dollars must be raised by June 1 in order to assure the continuance of the school and of superior secondary education in the New Brunswick area.

On April 13, some four hundred people visited the proposed new site, a thirty-five acre tract on Easton

### Apollo Takes A Holiday

Corny sport stories used to start out by saying that the day of the big game dawned bright and clear. The day of the school trip, however, Monday, April 28, never quite dawned, and therein lies the story.

The highlight of the trip was to be a three-hour boat ride around Manhattan, but an ark would have been more apt, and the heavy rain kept one hundred and fifty restless students on dry land. The substitute for the boat was the Metropolitan Museum of Art, which was found to be fascinating but tiring to the feet.

#### "Never Give Up..."

The rest of the trip came off well. The juniors and seniors enjoyed their tour of the U.N. building in the morning, and the lower classmen, who split up in the afternoon, one group going to the U.N., the other to the Planetarium, found these places quite satisfactory. The high point of the trip for the the upper classmen was provided by the bus driver who drew applause for getting through some tight squeezes on 83rd Street.

The student council and its trip committee composed of Jon Margolis, David Weiss, and Bruce Miller, planned long and laboriously with the faculty in arranging the unfortunately altered trip.

Avenue overlooking the Delaware and Raritan Canal. The land includes a colonial mansion which is planned for use by the lower school next year. The Prep School has taken a ninety day option on the property and fund-raising plans have begun.

George A. Kellogg, president of the Board of Trustees announced the three plans which will be used to raise the necessary money. The plans call for gifts, loans, or bond purchases by the parents.

#### Parents Discuss Problem

The annual meeting of the Parents Association on Saturday, April 26 dealt primarily with the subject of raising funds. Representative Peter Frelinghuysen, a member of the House Committee on Education spoke about the importance of continuing a high level of education in the area. Mr. Kellogg read a letter from Governor Robert B. Meyner which emphasized the service which schools such as ours do for the state.

#### New Lower School Essential

The upper school may stay in its present location for four more years, but the lower school must find a new home next year, that is, the Wells Estate. If sufficient funds are not obtained, the school will cease to exist.

The Rutgers Preparatory School has been in existence since the early 1760's making it one of the oldest schools in the country. Aside from its tradition, the school is the only institution of its kind in the area. Such a school is obviously needed, as the school is now receiving many more applications than it can accept. Such an institution is viewed as a necessary luxury to a nation which is becoming increasingly aware of the importance of such education as this school provides.





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## INTERVIEW

by Paul Gottlieb

Several questions concerning the value of attending a small school occur to Prepsters from time to time. To answer these, the *Argo* dispatched a reporter to interview Dick Schwartz who graduated from Prep in 1957. He was an asset to the school during his four years here, serving as a successful editor-in-chief of the *Argo* in his senior year. Now attending Rutgers University, as a freshman, he is still successful.

"Do you find it valuable that you attended such a small school as Rutgers Prep, Dick?" asked our reporter.

After several minutes of thought, Dick replied that he had found it desirable in most respects but that it had some drawbacks. Being in such a relatively small group of students, you are able to know people more closely and "you are not a stranger at any Prep social gathering unless you choose to make yourself such." However, Dick said that in spite of the easily-made friends,

being in contact with such a few people tends to make you forget how to handle yourself with a larger group. "It tends to make you shy and depress your aggressiveness. It also hampers your ability to adjust to college life." He said that it is depressing not to be allowed to present your ideas directly to the students in college, even though you know that your good ideas will eventually find their way to the student body.

"What is your opinion of the courses at Prep?" was the next question. "Which ones were desirable and which ones helped you most in your college courses?"

In answer, Dick preferred to divide his Prep courses into several categories, the first of which was the humanities. His English courses provided him with "sufficient reading — sufficient writing — sufficient research." The form used in writing research papers for college is slightly different from that used at Prep, but the experience provided a good background. Dick's history courses in Prep gave more than an ample background and helped in, among other things, German and R.O.T.C. His Latin helped him much in college English and German. About math, Dick says, "I never considered myself much of a math student. College math is different from that of high school, but the algebra and geometry are very helpful." Of Prep's

## From The Editor's Desk

In five weeks we shall graduate the first class of the preparatory school under its new independent status. This group of seniors, though it may be remembered for nothing else, will know that it has become another link in an almost two century old tradition. Many, we hope, will follow it. We seniors dream of a day of fulfillment of prayers and plans. As we walk from class to class, we feel an ever-present sensation of this hope; we see it in the eyes of the teachers who talk of gleaming lab tables and well-filled library stacks, dreams that make a distant goal seem close. They speak of our Headmaster who has given so much to our school in the past five years, and we realize that we have become increasingly proud of saying: "I'm so and so from Rutgers Prep."

Our seniors have many memories of this old building which they will cherish, but their thoughts do not stop here. They also dream of a bright new building and a thirty-five acre campus on which the ideals they acquired here may continue to live. And when they speak of their prep school to their friends and children, they wish always to do so in the present tense.

## Sick Leave

Respected Sir:

When I got to the building, I found that the hurricane had knocked some bricks off the top, so I rigged up a beam with a pulley at the top of the building and hoisted up a couple of barrels of bricks. When I had fixed the building, there was a lot of bricks left over. I hoisted the empty barrel back up again and secured the line at the bottom and then went up and filled the barrel with the extra bricks. Then I went to the bottom and cast off the line. Unfortunately, the barrel of bricks was heavier than I was and before I knew what was happening the barrel started down, and jerked me off the ground.

I decided to hang on, and half way up I met the barrel coming down and received a severe blow on the shoulder. I then continued to the top, banging my head against the beam and getting my fingers jammed in the pulley. When the barrel hit the ground it bursted its bottom, allowing the bricks to spill out. I was now heavier than the barrel and so started down again at high speed. Half way down again I met the barrel coming up and re-severe injuries to my shins. When I hit the ground, I landed on the bricks, getting several painful cuts from the sharp edges. At this point I must have lost my presence of mind, because I let go the line. The barrel then came down, giving me another heavy blow on the head and putting me in the hospital.

I respectfully request sick leave.

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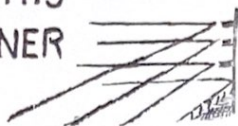
science curriculum, said Dick, the freshman course could have been helpful; the biology course, however, was lacking in resources, and the students couldn't go into it as deeply as others schools might. Of all his science courses, Dick considers chemistry the most adequate. Although you are taught methods in college which differ from Prep's, the background provided is very helpful.

Our reporter's next question was, "Have you changed your major? If so, why?"

Dick's answer to this inquiry was a simple "No." He is a major in biological sciences and Pre-Med. "However," Dick adds, "in college I see that there are many areas in my field which offer alternatives. These may change the majors of some people, but I have not been influenced by them."



## IN THIS CORNER



by Bernard Karshmer

Now that all eyes have turned to baseball, professional and amateur, it is time to make some profound statements about our baseball situation. The most obvious problem is a lack of hitting. This, however, is not the entire story for the "Little Scarlet" has been averaging some six miscues per game. In the humble opinion of your sports writer, this is like giving runs away. Dunellen High chalked up two unearned runs against Gunkle and Company in their 2-2 deadlock with the Somerset Street boys. Highland Park also crossed the plate twice, batting miscues, and edging the Prepsters by a 2-1 count on the Donaldson Park diamond. Out of these previously mentioned errors most have been made in the vicinity of second base and short.

Congratulations are due to Captain Jim Burke, who is batting the ball at a .375 clip and Gunkle for the fine ball games he has hurled to date.

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Prep's opening game, against Woodbridge provided quite disastrous. The Barrons' portside, Joe Juhasz, not only shut out the "Little Scarlet" but no-hit them as well. As a matter of fact, if it hadn't been for Pete Wintersteiner's knee, Juhasz would have had a Larsen-type (perfect) game.

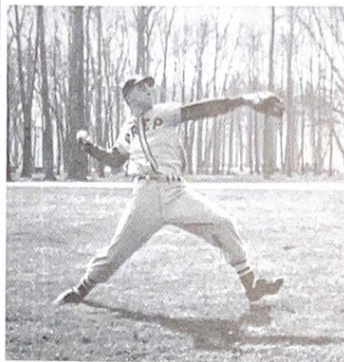
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Some many years ago, in the pre-printed days of the *Argo*, Norm Karshmer began writing a column which he called "Sportlight". Three years ago your present scribe took over the very same column and has written it since, the only change being that this Karshmer changed the name to "In This Corner." The next issue of *Argo* will find a different by line "In This Corner"—the Karshmer dynasty is dead.

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## Prep Loses 2-1 To Park's Nine



"Chuck hard, Bruce!"

The Prep nine won a purely moral victory in losing 2-1 to Highland Park in our second outing of the season, Monday, April 21. A potential first inning Prep rally, in which our first three batters got on base, was stifled by a double play.

### Prep scores on error

Prep got its run in the sixth inning. Highland Park pitcher Lenny Buck walked Mel Hamelsky, who was advanced to third on Jim Burke's single. Hamelsky scored when the Highland Park third baseman booted Bruce Gunkle's grounder.

Highland Park's first run came in the fourth inning when Parkster Bob Carkhuff circled the bases, gaining first on an error, second on a hit, third on a passed ball, and home on a balk. Highland Park's other run, the only earned run of the game, came in the fifth inning. Parkster Bob Lefebore got to first on a fielder's choice, stole second and third, and was sent home on a double by Carkhuff.

Rutgers Prep catcher Bob Eber received a split thumb in the sixth inning.

### Good pitching; sloppy fielding

That this game was a combination of good pitching and rather sloppy fielding can be seen from the statistics. There was only one earned run with six stolen bases, a balk, a passed ball, and several errors.

In this game, Prep showed good, but rather uncoordinated, team spirit. Prep fans can insure the retention of this spirit, our most valuable asset, by going out and encouraging our team in as many games as possible.

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## ELEGY

by Dave Blanken

For many fans, baseball has virtually ceased to be. Ebbets Field and the Polo Grounds, vacant now, seem desolate and forlorn. The Dodgers and Giants have moved to the West Coast and have become the Los Angeles Dodgers and the San Francisco Giants. After a prolonged series of debates and decisions, the move was both approved and carried out. Both teams opened the 1958 season on the West Coast with throngs of people on hand.

Poor attendance over a number of years was stated by team officials as the reason for the exodus. Giant games had been drawing crowds which ran the gamut from "record high" to "record low" — the tendency being sharply toward the latter. When major league baseball came to the public through the medium of television, the already small attendance dwindled yet further. As a result, the two teams decided to move west.

Left behind as the sole New York baseball team are the New York Yankees, who, with no attendance problems, plan to remain just where they are. Traditional Dodger and Giant fans find in the Yankees a second-rate substitute for their former idols. Speculation, however, has it that another team may join the Yankees in the near future, but such a maneuver appears quite doubtful.

With the exodus of the Giants and Dodgers, an era ends. A number of the feats of these teams are almost legendary and exceeded only by the feats of their staunch fans. Above all, the teams were colorful — colorful, unpredictable and unforgettable. A rivalry developed between the two which was incomparable in baseball circles. This rivalry was characterized by wild brawls and fights; everything, in fact, except baseball and sportsmanship. Nevertheless, all that remains of our beloved "Bums" and "Jints" are their empty stadiums and many nostalgic memories.

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## Applicants Meet Rivals

This year has been one of our biggest for applications for enrollment. We have already had approximately seventy students apply for or take entrance examinations for the upper school.

Our school seems to be growing at a constantly increasing rate. A good example of this growth appears in the contrast which exists between our present Senior class which consists of twenty-one students and the Junior class of thirty-three members. These figures do not include any new students which may be accepted for September. This shows the increasing number of students which are coming up through our school. There is also the problem of our lower classes which are also steadily growing.

If we were to accept only half of the students which have taken our entrance exams, not counting those still to be taken in May and June, we would increase our school's enrollment by about twenty-five per cent. The facts show clearly our need for a new school.

## Top Half of Junior Class Takes Scholarship Exam.

The National Merit Scholarship Program is the largest private scholarship organization in the United States. It already operates annually helping all the students of extraordinary ability but low financial status to obtain a college education.

Half the members of the Junior class took the competitive scholarship examination Tuesday, April 29. The scholarships, amounting to five million dollars a year, are distributed as four year stipends, according to financial need. The winners are selected on the basis of special aptitude tests which stress broad intellectual skills.

The winners of these semifinal spring exams take another test in the fall of the year. Only the winners of this latter test are considered for scholarships and grants. Leadership, citizenship, high school grades, school recommendations, and extracurricular activities of each finalist are considered and evaluated along with the test scores. The final decisions are announced in the subsequent spring. Upon receiving the scholarship, the winner may select both the college of his choice and his field of study.

### ATTENTION ALL BIO STUDENTS!

Miss Nancy Warr has signed a contract, to be posted on the bulletin board, promising to buy each biology student a soda before June 1. Will she keep her promise?

## Aspiring Cousys Try Summer Basketball

Our summer basketball camp will operate during the two week period between August 11 and 22. It is designed for boys between the ages of thirteen and seventeen who wish to learn more about basketball in all its phases. If a boy needs practice dribbling or shooting and wants instruction, he may get it here.

Richard O'Connell, Prep's athletic director and former basketball coach, is the director of this camp. Mr. O'Connell together with Bob Sterling, a former Rutgers University coach, aim to make the camp as successful this summer as last.

Several boys from neighboring high schools in the area came to the camp last summer in its first year. Their coaches were very much impressed with some of the ways these boys shaped up after the two week course. The boys enjoyed motion pictures of the New York Knickerbockers in action along with many other films of top teams.

The tuition fee for this two week course is forty-five dollars. This includes all uniforms and the use of the gym.

## SCHOOL HEARS RECITAL

During Activities Period Thursday, April 17, Betsy Kady gave a piano recital for the school in Kirkpatrick Chapel. Betsy played four selections, Prelude and Fuge in E minor by Johann Sebastian Bach, a Beethoven Sonata, opus 28, Bela Bartok's Rumanian Dances, and Capriccio, opus 116, No. 3, Johannes Brahms.

Betsy, who has been studying the piano for nine years, played these same pieces in the Griffith Audition in Newark on March 15. Entered in the Young Artist category, she scored in 90's, which is an honors grade, and was one of twelve finalists in the entire state.

## Prep Again Offers Curriculum In Review and Advance Work

This year our school will again offer a summer session which will run from June 30 to August 8. English, mathematics, science, foreign languages, and social studies will be included in the curriculum, and sixty hours of instruction will constitute the course in each review subject. Tuition will be forty-five dollars for a single review course and eighty dollars for an advance credit course. One hundred fifty students are expected to enroll. Registration will be made between June 16 and 30 at the school office.

## Linguists Demonstrate Skill Reciting Poetry for Judges

The Twenty-Third Annual Inter-scholastic Declamation Contest took place Friday, May 2, at 7:00 p.m. This contest was sponsored by the Delta Phi Alpha Fraternity, honorary German fraternity of Rutgers University. It occurred in the auditorium of the Voorhees Building on the Rutgers Campus. By the rules of the contest the German student recites German poetry by famous German poets and is judged by the way he pronounces and memorizes the poem, and his interpretation of it. Of the fifteen awards given during the night, three went to Rutgers Prep students, Richard Kolbay, Gabriel Gibbs and Joke Rooda. Marc Leavitt also represented our school.

## Parents Get View Of Class Situations

The second and third grades at the lower school entertained their parents in the school gym, Friday, April 11 with examples of their school work.

Mrs. Eby's second grade class gave a demonstration in spelling. The youngsters showed how spelling is made a game through their use of imagination.

The second grade class taught by Mrs. Hancox presented a science lesson. They explained through reading and experimentation, what they had learned about the sun and also about magnetism.

Arithmetic was the feature of Mrs. Lipman's third graders. The children wrote problems and solved them for the benefit of their parents, explaining that homemade ones are more to the class' liking than those in books.

### Third Grade Speaks French

As a climax in this part of the program, Mr. Gaggini led the third grade in a French lesson demonstration of progress in that subject.

The second section of the "school-day" was musical, based on songs from "Babes in Toyland." All in all, the program may be recorded as a wonderful success.

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