

# The Argo

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RUTGERS PREPARATORY SCHOOL

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## Forty Students Visit The "Met" See Rigoletto

On March 16, forty Prep students attended an annual opera presented by the Metropolitan Opera Guild.

The presentation was *Rigoletto*, the story of a jester. He tempts his master, the Duke, to get himself a woman. The Duke is so in love with Rigoletto's daughter that he has her abducted instead.

When Rigoletto discovers the plot, he goes to the Duke's palace for his daughter. When he finds her, she tells him of her love for the Duke. The jester then vows to have revenge.

One night, Rigoletto takes his daughter to his hired assassin's house where they see the Duke flirting with the assassin's sister. When the Duke and Rigoletto leave, Rigoletto's daughter overhears the assassin's plan to kill the Duke. She sacrifices herself. On his return, the jester is given the Duke's body in a sack. Suddenly he hears the Duke approaching, and, cutting open the sack, he finds his daughter dead.

The group which attended the opera was accompanied by Mrs. Wilson and Mr. Dumarae.

## Council Proposals

By STAN ROSENBLUM

The Student Council has been busy planning events for the rest of the year. The big event seems to be the prom. The Juniors will entertain at the prom in the Roger Smith Hotel.

The council is also planning a day in New York for the annual school trip. Suggestions have been considered to go to the United Nations, West Point, Bronx Botanical Garden and the Museum of Modern Art.

School emblems bearing the nickname "Little Scarlet" will soon be for sale in school. Once again the seniors will take over Rutgers Prep on senior day. Know your lessons, the seniors will be your teachers.

If there are any questions concerning the insurance policies which were handed out, I will be glad to answer them. If any accident occurs over the summer it should be reported to the office.

## Actors Start Rehearsing After Rugged Competition

Rehearsals will soon be underway for *Family Circle* by Anne Coulter Martens, a play in three acts which the Dramatics Club plans to present on the evening of May 4th.



Mr. Moffat and Mr. Dumarae,  
Play Supervisors.

Some of the casting is already completed and those who have been chosen for parts are: Amy Riddering to play the part of Abby; Carl Baratta to play the part of William; Steven Hancox to play the part of Charlie; Clementina vitti to play Enid; Howard Tobin to play the part of Otis Skinner; and Merle Schiffmayer to play Maud Skinner.

### CASTING INCOMPLETE

Some positions in the cast are as yet unfilled. Under consideration for these remaining parts are Arlene Greenberg and Florence Schmitt who are competing for the part of Cornelia Otis Skinner; Suzanne Duschock and Judy Anekstein for the part of Grace; Mary Louise Heldrich and Linda Levy who are being considered for the part of Amy, and Florence Schmitt and Arlene Greenberg who are trying out for the part of Mab.

### THE PLAY IN BRIEF

Briefly, the play concerns itself with the life of Cornelia Otis Skinner as a young girl. Cornelia, who has inherited her parents' talent for acting, a fact which has been, up to this time, unobserved by them, attempts to make her parents aware of her ability as an actress. With the help of her friends she plans and stages scenes from various Shakesperian plays casting herself as the leading figure in each one. Invited to the performance are Cornelia's parents and some acquaintances whom she thinks might be interested in coming.

### CORNELIA HAS TROUBLE

However, things do not go as smoothly as Cornelia had expected. The effect upon her parents is such that instead of telling her that she is a great actress, they advise her that she must start at the bottom of the ladder like any young person and work her way up as far as she can.

*Family Circle* contains many ridiculous and amusing situations and is written to hold the interest of the audience to the last line.

## The Argo Ranks 3rd At C.S.P.A. Meeting

On Saturday, March 17, the ARGO sent Richard Schwartz and Vic Stilwell to the annual Columbia Press Conference Association meeting in New York. High schools from all over the United States send representatives to this convention with their own school newspaper. The newspapers are scrutinized by judges so that a staff may improve upon its newspaper from year to year.

The conference, held over a period of three days, consists of many discussion clinics and general meetings on all problems and phases of newspaper work. All meetings are posted so that students may attend those meetings most valuable to them. At the general sessions, students and renowned journalists speak on journalism and related topics.

The individual newspapers, looked over by judges, may receive any of four ratings or none at all. Along with these ratings, the judges tell students what is wrong with their publication and why it didn't rate higher. The ARGO received a third place rating and the staff is still awaiting the facts on the bad features of this paper. This is the first year that the ARGO has been entered in this convention.



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## From The Editor's Desk

As most of you probably know, this issue of *The Argo* is the last issue that will be published by the present staff. The last issue of the paper, which will come out in May, will be run by an entirely new staff.

During the year I have received many comments about this paper, some very complimentary others not so complimentary. I have been approached by many students with ideas for improving this paper. I appreciate any suggestions that are given me but I feel that before venturing into any new project this paper must first get an efficient and cooperative reporting and writing staff.

With each issue the editorial staff is faced with the problem of getting reporters to write articles. As a result of this problem over two thirds of the paper is generally written by the editorial staff. Such a small group cannot do all the work on the paper. Help is needed. Because it will be done by a new staff, the last issue of *The Argo* will be extremely hard to publish. Don't shirk your responsibility towards your school paper. Let's make the *Argo* a publication we can all be proud of.

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I personally think the *Argo* is a fine newspaper for a school the size of ours. Only a small, capable group chooses this activity, and the *Argo* and *Argo-mag* are only as good as these few students make them. With only limited help from members of the student body, the *Argo* staff practically has to run the paper alone. This is a difficult task. Since the paper is mainly for the enjoyment of Prep students and is about our activities, everyone should try to help. I am sure almost everyone looks forward to the *Argo*. Yet, honestly, do we make any real effort to contribute? I do not mean to condemn everyone, because, of course, there are a few faithful helpers, but on the whole our spirit is depressing and limited. Often we can hear classmates in critical discussion of our newspaper. Truthfully, however, how can we expect to receive more when there is nothing offered? If we would spend more time in improving the paper than in criticizing it, our *Argo* would see better times and opinions.

Sincerely yours,

A student.

Dear Editor:

Soon everyone will be thinking about EXAMS. The very word immediately frightens some. Students are terrified at the first knowledge of exams. We sometimes do not realize that exams will help, not hinder us if we do well.

By giving exams, teachers are not trying to trick us; they are merely testing us on the work we have studied. Exams are given to raise our grades.

To receive good grades we, of course, must study. Many students leave studying until the last minute and stay awake the entire night before exams trying to catch up on work which should have been done daily through classroom work and homework.

At the time of the exam it is advisable to be well rested and in fit condition. Everyone is a little nervous, but if you know the material the test is on you should feel confident.

High school exams prepare us for the harder exams at college. In our school the schedule for exams is conveniently arranged. A week is devoted for the study, review, and actual taking of the exams.

Taking exams is a challenge to see whether we have retained the knowledge accumulated during the semester's work.

During life we will have to meet certain challenges which will be much the same as exams, calling upon our ability, our knowledge, and resourcefulness. Exams throughout the school years will better pave our way for a better future in life.

Sincerely,

Linda Levy.

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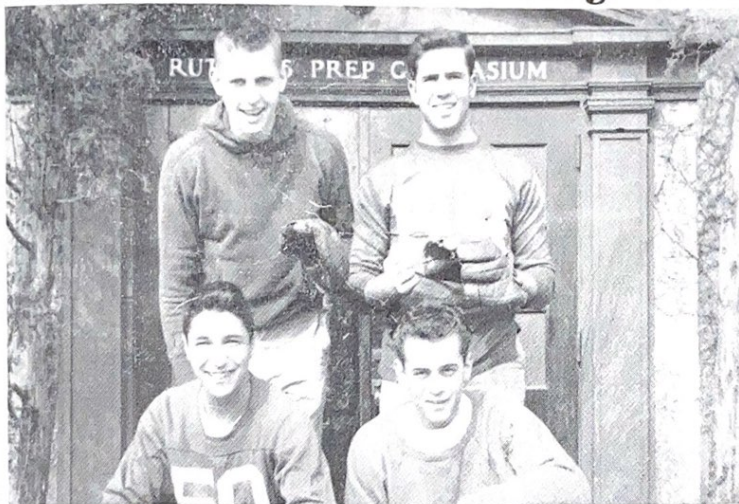
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# Coach Picks Varsity and J.V. Teams



Little Scarlet's Hopefuls for '56 Baseball Season.

BY PETER WINTERSTEINER

In a recent interview, Coach O'Connell outlined the baseball activities for this season. Although the pre-season snows have halted progress somewhat, Coach had the Prepsters' ball team go through several workouts, before the opening game. The first game was on March 15, in the Rutgers Field House. In addition to these practices, there were a few scrimmage games. These scrimmages included a game with the Rutgers University freshmen.

Here is how the Varsity team shapes up. Our leading pitcher is George Friedlander, who played for Plainfield last year. He has good control and is fast. Bruce Gunkle, now a freshman, looked good last year and is improved this season. Bob Torrone adds relief strength and plays at other positions also.

Bob Tammaro, captain of the team, is the starting shortstop. He is fast and a very good fielder. Marty Metzger seems to have nailed down the first base job. He's an especially good hitter. Carl Baratta, one of last year's lettermen, is playing left field. Stan Rosenblum will be playing second when he is not catching. He also has a letter in this sport.

The other positions are filled but still remain subject to change. Joe Messina, Tom Molskow, Bob Fiermonti, Fred Fulham and many others are at their best in trying to win a permanent starting position on the squad. Each pitcher will double in the outfield when he isn't on the mound.

Nothing definite has been settled about the Junior Varsity and Freshman teams. The schedule will be released shortly.

## SPORTLIGHT

By Joe Messina

The Sportlight for this month shines on two of the best ballplayers ever to set foot on Prep's diamond—Bob Tammaro and George Friedlander. Both, through their leadership and superior ability, led their respective teams to winning seasons.

A product of Jamesburg High, Tammy has played varsity short-stop for four years and established a fine record for himself throughout the county. Besides maintaining a superior fielding average, Tammy was consistently a .300 hitter. Batting a respectable .333 in his junior year he improved himself to lead his team with a .380 average last year. At the end of the season he was honored by being cited by many as one of the outstanding players in the county and state.

On the defensive side of the ledger is port-side, fireballer George Friedlander of Plainfield. Pitching four years of varsity ball, "Porky" really came through last year with a 6-1 record. Besides his great pitching talent, George also had great hitting ability. George, as well as Tammy, was voted one of the most outstanding ballplayers in Union county.

With both "Porky" and Tammy on our team this year, we are sure to have a successful season.

Incidentally, it has just been announced Marty Metzger was elected to the All-Prep All-State basketball team.

## FLASH!

Rutgers Prep opened its '56 baseball season by bowing to highly talented Sayreville H.S. Bruce Gunkle pitched the entire game for the Prepsters allowing 6 runs on 4 hits. Stan Rosenblum and Bob Tammaro were offensive standouts for Prep. The final score was 6-2.

## Baseball Schedule

April 9	South River	away
10	Sayreville	home
13	St. Mary's (P.A.)	away
16	Dunellen	home
18	Woodbridge	home
23	Highland Park	away
24	Dunellen	away
27	Pennington Prep	home
May 1	Pingry	home
7	Peddie	home
8	Sayreville	away
11	Open	home
15	Highland Park	home
16	Woodbridge	away
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## PG's Seniors Receive College Acceptances

Several seniors have been accepted at colleges throughout the country. However many others are still waiting for their March college board results before they can receive answers to their applications.

Bob Tammara has been accepted at both Wagner and Rider colleges. He would like to go to Bucknell but has not received any word from there yet. His second choice would be Albright.

Marion Thompson has received an acceptance from Green Mountain Junior College. After graduating from junior college, Marion plans to attend nursing school. Marian Veale has been accepted at Katherine Gibbs Business School, which she expects to enter in the fall.

Barbara Brennen, a junior taking a post-graduate course at Prep, has been accepted at St. Peters Nursing School for the coming year. Bill Romig has received a letter of acceptance from Case Institute of Technology in Chicago, but he does not plan to go there. Stan Rosenblum has been accepted at Washington College, and Bob Torrone, another post-graduate, has been accepted at Georgia Institute of Technology.

## LOWER SCHOOL NEWS

Prior to spring vacation, many of the classes presented plays for the enjoyment of parents and students alike. The kindergarten offered two plays, *The Crows* and *The Three Bears*. The Golden Goose was presented by the fourth grade while the fifth grade produced *Aunt Emmy and the Monkey*. The sixth grade's play was unique in that the members of the class wrote it themselves. It was a mock radio program and was extremely funny. Different class members portrayed various characters from books.

Many students have been having trouble in concentrating on their lessons. As the new library is almost completed, the area near the school is being landscaped. Several bulldozers and other machines are very distracting, especially to the boys. Blacktop walks are to be laid between the buildings leading up to the library entrance.

Soon after classes resumed on April 3, Mrs. Kehoe read the honor roll. There was no marked increase or decline in the number of students on the first and second honor rolls and those who received honorable mention.

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OF  
"JAY" & "BRET"

## Inquiring Reporter

By Florence Schmitt

**QUESTION** — What is your idea of the ideal student?

**REPLIES** — My idea of the ideal student is —

Mr. Holley — "one who has intellectual curiosity and makes the most of it."

Mr. Kalfelz — "a balanced person who knows how to work and how to play at the proper time."

Mr. O'Connell — "a pleasant, happy individual who knows that 'there is a time and a place for everything.'"

Mr. Daviet — "one who is intellectually curious, well-mannered, industrious, well-groomed, has a pleasant personality, and mature behavior."

Mr. Moffat — "one who has creative curiosity and plenty of energy."

Mr. Blake — "one who has superior mentality, desire to learn, and who is cooperative and unselfish."

Mr. Dumarac — "one who has intellectual curiosity tempered with sensitivity, humility, and a zeal for labor."

Mrs. Wilson — "one who reads and connects what he reads with his life."

Bill Romig — "one who possesses adequate intelligence and the will to learn."

Howard Tobin — "one who is willing to work and who minds his own business."

Dick Schwartz — "a person who has energy, initiative, and personality. This means he must be willing to work, pleasant to know, and he must have a goal."

Mr. Heinlein — "one who could recognize or distinguish between the serious and non-serious aspects of school life and meet these situations with a corresponding behavior pattern."

Alan Rackmill — "I refuse to commit myself on the grounds that someone might think I am conceited."

Marion Thompson — "one who is kind, courteous, tries hard, and is a lot of fun. Also, he is an all-around student and has a lot of school spirit."

Mr. Gaggini — "This is very difficult because the characteristics of ideal students vary even among them. I think that any serious student can answer this question for himself, even better than the teachers can."

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## Jaycees Sponsor Teenage Road-e-o

During March, April and May, the Junior Chamber of Commerce throughout the nation will be making last minute plans for the community teenage Road-e-os. In 1956 the Jaycees will bring the program to a half million teen-agers in nearly two thousand communities.

During the week of April 16, a qualifying written test involving general knowledge of driving safety and skill will be given to all eligible contestants from Prep who wish to prove their ability to drive. Those contestants who get the five highest written scores will be allowed to take a driving test at 10 A.M. Saturday, April 28, at the French Street parking lot.

High scoring contestants in the community Road-e-os will go to the state eliminations.

The written and performance tests are made tougher in the state Road-e-os and a third portion of testing is added, a in-traffic-road-check.

In August the winners of the state Road-e-os will fly to Washington D.C. for an expense paid week of activities including a battery of six Road-e-o examinations. The three high scoring contestants will receive \$1,500.00, \$1,000.00 and \$500.00 scholarships.

The teen-age Road-e-o is for any boy or girl who will not have reached twenty years of age by August 9, who has a drivers license or permit and who has a clean record of no moving traffic violations in the past six months.

Cars for the community contest will be furnished by local dealers, and contestants will have the opportunity to choose a Ford, Plymouth or a Chevrolet with standard or automatic transmission. Insurance for both the car and the contestant will be furnished.

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