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## HEADMASTER'S WELCOME

I am glad to have this opportunity to greet all of you at the opening of another School year, and to extend a cordial welcome to The Rutgers Preparatory School.

The state of the world may seem precarious and the daily headlines discouraging, but for the coming year at least, you are not asked to settle international problems, nor solve the world's ills.

A wise man once wrote, "Our main business is not to see what lies dimly ahead, but to do what lies clearly at hand." What lies clearly at hand for each of you right now is to get the best education you can while you have the opportunity.

Getting off to a good start is as important for a successful school year as it is to a sprinter in a race. Resolve today that you will tackle each day's assignment to the best of your ability and that you will cooperate with fellow students and faculty to make Rutgers Preparatory School a pleasant place in which ~~to live and~~ to work. The first day of classes is the time to begin - not next week or the week after. Concentration is the secret of successful study. The Administrative staff and faculty wish you success in the coming year and stand ready to do everything in their power to help you make it an enriching and rewarding one.

## 104 ENROLLED

On September 19, the hallowed halls of Rutgers Prep rings with the sound of many trampling feet - 208 trampling feet to be exact.

The school's student body is divided up in the following order: fifty-three seniors, twenty-four juniors, eleven sophomores and sixteen freshmen. The large number of seniors, as compared with the relatively small numbers of underclassmen, is caused by the boys who, not going all the way through our school, only entered to take a post-graduate course to obtain credits for college. All the classes may seem small; however, such small numbers of students are nothing new at Prep.

There are many activities at Prep. Aside from sports (football, basketball, baseball, track, tennis and golf), there are others, such as the yearbook, stamp club, theater club, THE ARGO, and the ever-popular Glee Club.

In a small school like ours, so many different groups would seem almost too much, but they have worked successfully for many years previous to this one. Still other clubs than those mentioned above, such as a dramatics society, could probably be organized if enough Prepsters are genuinely interested. If the interest exists, almost any number of activities can be supported by our school. So, to start the year, why don't some of you who have similar hobbies get together and form a club? It would be informative, it would benefit the school, and it would be fun.



## THE ARGO STAFF

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## EDITORIAL

THE ARGO is your paper. You can do what you like with it; you can make it the best school newspaper possible to produce at Prep, or you can smash its efforts hopelessly. The choice is yours to make, today, tomorrow, and for the rest of the year.

The boys already on the staff of THE ARGO are doing all they can to produce a neat, readable, interesting paper. This first issue is an example of their work. It may be good, it may be only fair, but it can be made better in many ways. To find these ways is the task to which the staff is given.

Certain definite ends are possible if they are worked for. One is the presentation of a better organized, neater paper; another, the making of that paper not merely good in style, but rich in entertainment value as well; a third, to present interesting and informative supplements which explain or describe details not possible in the paper itself, such as football lineups, and the ARGO Extra which accompanies this issue.

All these goals can be reached if two simple things are done: first, if enough boys in Prep decide that they, too, would like to be on the ARGO staff. We of the paper are desperately in need of new workers: writers, artists, photographers, and all others who would be valuable assets to us in one way or another.

Second, we need support from our readers. If you don't like this or that feature in THE ARGO, or think that some item should be included, don't just beef - write to the editors, speak to a staff member, or join the staff and correct it yourself. We know our paper isn't perfect and never will be, but if the school is behind us, we can never fail in our efforts to serve it, and therefore you, in the best manner possible.

## CRAMER IN HOSPITAL

This paragraph is to let Bill Cramer, our Sports Editor, know he isn't forgotten, even though he isn't with us right now. You see, Bill, a former football player and ARGO sports writer, is in Middlesex Hospital fighting a disease known as spinal meningitis, instead of smearing the opposition's ball carrier. Lots of luck to you, Bill, and may your recovery be aided by the good wishes of all your friends at Prep.

## OUR BOYS

This is a little article to point out some of the boys in the Senior Class who should do things worthy of mention during the next year.

Among the outstanding seniors this year are Jack Bergen, last year's high scorer in basketball, Dick Butler, a busy man who is the editor of this year's yearbook, and Bruce Johnson, who should see lots of action on the gridiron this season as he has formerly.

Dick Connolly, of course, is in the driver's seat of THE ARGO, and Jim Gaspari cracks the whip in that paper's art department.



## THE NEWS AND ITS MEANING TO US

During the summer months, while all of us were enjoying the sun, water, and playing in them, there arose a conflict in Korea. The North Koreans, whose government was set up and controlled by the Kremlin, made an attack on the government of South Korea. This latter, which had been set up by the United Nations, was helpless under the attack of great numbers of Communist guns, planes, and tanks and having Russian advisers. The only defense that the southerners had was a small police force that was equipped with surplus American arms left over from World War II.

As the Red forces swept down the Korean peninsula, the government of the Republic of Korea referred to above as South Korea, applied for aid from the United Nations. Our own government offered its men and machines to halt the Red advance. The American troops were sent to the battle-front, but they lacked, in the initial days of combat, the heavy guns needed to knock out the huge Russian-made tanks. Before enough arms could be shipped to Korea, the remnants of the South Korean army were scattered temporarily and our men were forced to retreat until they controlled little more than a beachhead.

While the fighting was going on the United Nations Security Council met again, having previously okayed the Korean action taken by the United States, to continue discussions on what should be done to help the American and Korean forces drive the Reds out of the free and democratic South Korean nation.

September 1 was set by the leader of the North Korean Army as the deadline for driving the Americans into the sea, but now that that date has passed uneventfully and more and more supplies of all kinds are pouring into the United Nations

beachhead, now reinforced by Tommies, it seems that the Red invasion is destined for failure.

General MacArthur, who is the United Nations commander-in-chief in Korea, assures us of victory, but he also states that it will take time to win.

Meanwhile, the Korean war has stirred up this country's administrators to action. Homefront mobilization is the issue of the day in Washington, where many consider Korea a blessing in disguise, because it has made us realize our weaknesses and given us time to correct them.

While attempting to assure the United States' safety by means of such measures as a new draft law, which will affect young men above the age of 19, Congress was trying to maintain a peacetime economy as much as possible, and to prevent the spread of inflation through controls now being enacted.

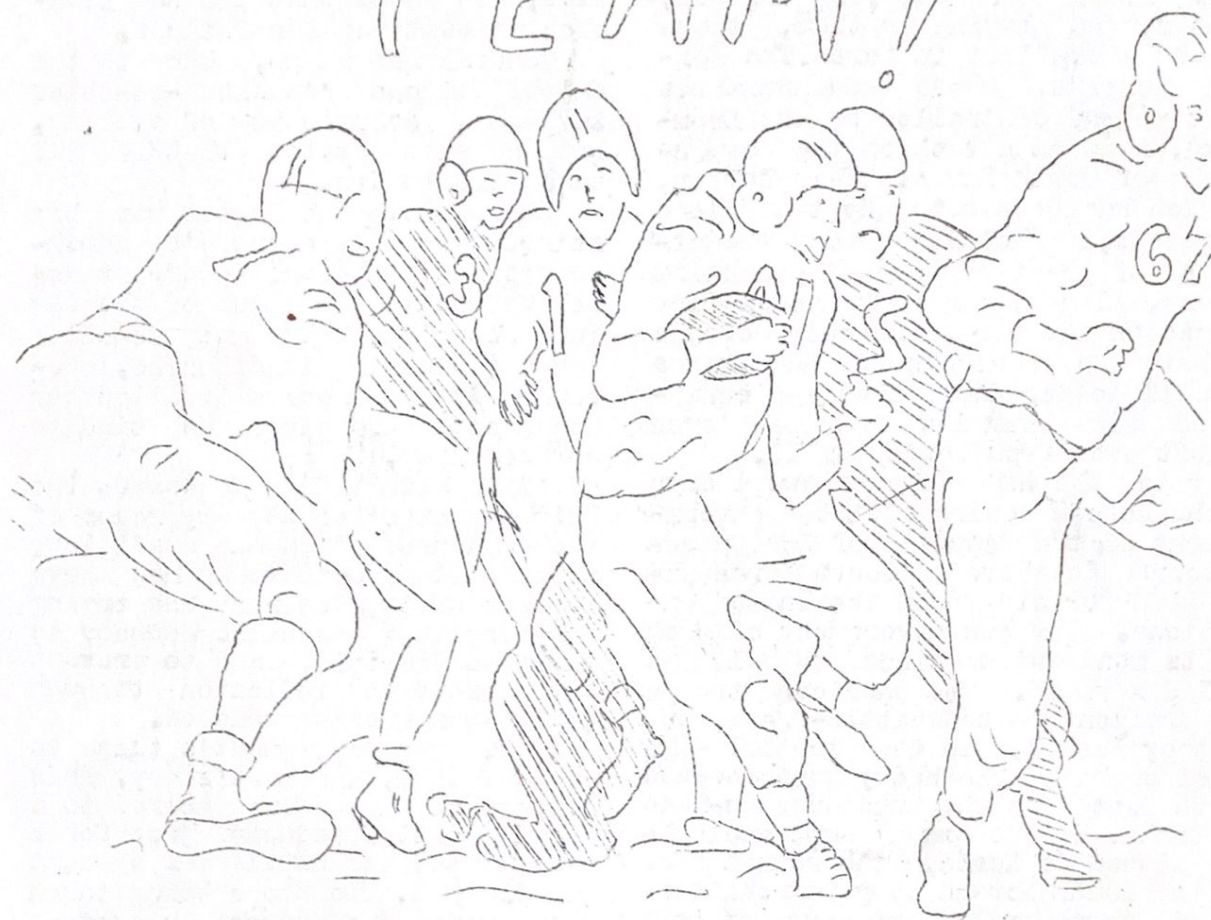
But, you say, what's this to you? Plenty, and here's why. This country is not being geared to a partly wartime economy just for a year or so, or until the present crisis ends. The steps being taken now provide for protection against the threat of Communist aggression for a long, long time to come. And that means that every one of us will be affected.

The most obvious change is the draft legislation. While in school most boys are fairly safe, but in a year or two, the measure can affect over half of our present student body.

Also, there's the question of combating inflation. This means price and wage controls if and when danger of such a disaster approaches. So, in one way or another, the present crisis will affect us - every one of us - and may provide the most important changes in our way of life to come in many a year.



# Let's BACK Our TEAM!



## Football Schedule 1950-1951

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| Sept. 29 | Penn Military College Prep<br>Johnson Park |
| Oct. 7   | Blair Academy<br>Blairstown                |
| Oct. 14  | Open                                       |
| Oct. 20  | Peddle School<br>Johnson Park              |
| Oct. 27  | Newark Academy<br>Johnson Park             |
| Nov. 4   | Bordentown Military Inst,<br>Bordentown    |
| Nov. 10  | St. Paul's School<br>Garden City, N.Y.     |
| Nov. 17  | Malvern Prep<br>Johnson Park               |