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RUTGERS PREPARATORY SCHOOL

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Club Learns Conservation Techniques...

Ye Dial Editors Attend Meetings

On Friday and Saturday, October 12th and 13th, the Ye Dial Board attended the 16th annual Columbia Scholastic Press Association Conference in New York. Those who attended the conference were: Miss Nancy Warr, faculty advisor; Joe Messina, Editor-in-Chief; Vic Stilwell, Art and Layout Editor; Bernard Karshmer, Business Manager; Martin Bertman, Assistant Business Manager; and Flossy Schmitt, Copy Editor.

The theme of the meetings was "The Yearbook Reflects the School and the Community." In order to get the most benefit from the discussions, the party split up and individual members visited different meetings or clinics. The topics covered in the clinics and discussion periods were numerous and varied. The members found the clinics especially helpful. During these clinics, the staff members had a chance to hear an expert criticize their book. Subjects of particular interest to our group were discussed at other meetings.

An excellent dinner at Leone's Restaurant, followed by the movie *Giant*, added considerably to everyone's enjoyment.

New Library Plans Increase Facilities

by Mary-Louise Heldrich

What plans are being made for our school library? A few days ago, Mr. Heinlein told me just what was being done.

There are three main objectives that have been attained. The first of these is that a number of reference books and guides have been purchased. These guides help us to find any specific information that we are looking for.

Secondly, the library contains most of the supplementary reading books required on our book lists. This will save us the effort of looking for them.

Thirdly, the Juniors and Seniors have access to the College Catalogues for the information about colleges they wish to attend. These catalogues are always available in the school library.

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Seniors Relax After Day's Work At Conservation Projects

by Carl Stover

During the weekend of the nineteenth, twentieth, and twenty-first of October, the Conservation Club went on its first expedition to the New Jersey School of Conservation which is in Stokes State Forest in Northwest New Jersey. Those who went were: Dick Gutowski, Steve Hancox, Nancy Haworth, John Maffet, Joe Messina, Boice McCain, Dave Morland, Ed Otkin, Sharon Ries, Allan Rackmill, Merle Schiffmayer, Richard Schwartz, Carl Stover, and Jennifer Upton. They were accompanied by Miss Nancy Warr and Mr. Daviet who acted as chaperones. Leaving New Brunswick at six-thirty Friday evening, we arrived at the School of Conservation at 8:00 where we were greeted by Mr. Ben Cummings, who helped plan our expedition.

OFF TO THE WOODS!

Saturday morning we went on an expedition up to Sunrise Mountain and

Culver Fire Tower where we were able to see forty miles in all directions, across the Delaware River into Pennsylvania, and past High Point, New Jersey.

Later, in the afternoon, we worked on conservation projects under the supervision of Mr. Cummings. Haworth, Maffet, Messina, Schiffmayer, and Stover worked on stream improvement with Miss Warr, while Mr. Daviet took Gutowski, Hancox, McCain, Morland, Otkin, Rackmill, Schwartz, and Upton to clean out one of the stands of pine trees.

Afterwards there was time for everyone to go swimming if he wished. The majority went in only to come right out again because of the icy water. Merle Schiffmayer, who went in three times, regretted it later, and it was only due to the efforts of Mr. Daviet, Allan Rackmill, and Carl Stover, that she didn't suffer from overexposure.

The supper crew, Dick Gutowski, Boice McCain, Steve Hancox, Dick Schwartz, and Joe Messina cooked up a fancy Italian dinner which was followed up with apple pancakes for dessert.

"WHO'S THE WISE GUY?"

That night everyone lolled around in Chimney Rock playing cards, drinking two gallons of apple cider contributed by Boice McCain and Carl Stover, and listening to records. Later, when Mr. Daviet went out, his bed was short-sheeted. Strangely enough, Jennifer Upton, who made the beds that morning, was blamed, and she found the girls' beds of full popcorn and logs.

The next day, after packing up, the group visited Tillman's Ravine to see the water falls, and after lunch we started home, arriving at the school at 5:00, tired but happy.

NOTICE!

On Friday, November 16, the Key Club will sponsor Prep's semi-formal Fall Dance. It will take place in the Prep gym from 8:00 P.M. to 11:45 P.M. A theme for the dance has not been selected yet, but it will probably be "Autumn". A local five piece band will provide the music, and boys will be required to wear suits or sport jackets and ties.

For the first time in many years, the Key Club is active. It will be sponsoring dances and working in conjunction with the Student Council. This year's six members are: Vic Stilwell, Joe Messina, Dick Schwartz, Merle Schiffmayer, Bruce Gunkle and Danny Struck.

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From The Editor's Desk

I hope everyone took very careful notice of the length of time it took for this second edition of the *Argo* to be printed. This was not the fault of the *Argo* editorial board. We all tried very hard to have this paper published as early as possible, but unforeseen circumstances would not permit this.

Last year, the *Argo* received third place awards at the Columbia Scholastic Press Conference. This year, we would like to place our paper in an even higher bracket. In order for us to do this, we must have your fullest co-operation. Everyone must work to accomplish this since it is to the credit of our school and ourselves.

Before I continue, I would like to explain that we are not dissatisfied with the work that was done by the majority of the staff. Most of the articles were in on schedule with a little help from our efficient copy-editor. But, some of the work turned in was in very poor shape. Our copy-readers worked many hours to get the articles in readable condition. Then, those certain few irresponsible people refused to get their articles in on time.

For the next issue of the *Argo*, we hope there will be more group co-operation and precision.

FLASH...

Good News!! Does your schedule say that Christmas Vacation starts December 21? Well, if it does, it is wrong. Christmas Vacation begins Wednesday, December 19.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I have taken this opportunity to discuss a subject of vital importance. That subject is our enjoyment of life. I'm sure that you will all agree that enjoyment of life is essential. Since we realize this need we have set aside two days out of every week for relaxation.

Everybody goes home to enjoy these two days except the students of Prep, who spend them doing homework. Every teacher gives twice as much homework on week-ends because we have two days to do it, but they forget that other teachers have the same idea. The result is that we spend the week-end doing homework. I am not asking that homework be abolished. I'm willing to do twice as much during the week to make up for the loss if we don't have homework over the week-end. It isn't too much to ask if we can enjoy life, is it? I would like to suggest that this topic be discussed at the teachers meeting and at an open student council meeting, and that the student body be allowed to vote on it.

Thank you,
Hopeful.

Dear Editor,

Last year, two greatly needed classrooms, a romance language and an eighth grade room, were constructed. This year, three main rooms have been made available on the third floor.

Although all of these rooms add to the efficiency of Prep, to me the library is most important. Every school should have a library to which the students have ready access.

The most important thing about the new library is that it offers room for expansion. In our previous library expansion was impossible. There were two inadequate book shelves. This year we have an entire room with empty space for many books.

The library is a very good place to study because there are several tables, desks, and chairs to sit at. The library is quiet, also. This is of prime importance.

The English rooms are also welcome. Formerly Mr. Moffat shared rooms with many different teachers. Now Mrs. Wilson and Mr. Moffat both have separate rooms, and I am sure that both teachers and students appreciate this.

Marc B. Leavitt.

Inquiring Reporter Questions Prepsters

by Amy Riddering

QUESTION: Do you think it would be better for the students if the teachers assigned no homework on week-ends and increased the week-day assignments? (The point being that the students can be completely free.)

LINDA LEVY: "The teachers should give assignments on week-ends but not as long as the ones they are now giving. The present assignments take up too much of the students free time on week-ends."

BOICE McCAIN: "I think that it is better to spread the homework over the whole week rather than increasing the weekday assignments to leave the week-ends free."

LINDA BRODSKY: "No, I think the present schedule is satisfactory."

IGOR GURO: "I want more homework during the week-ends and less on the week-days."

MARY BUNTING: "I think that the present homework assignments are enough during the weekdays, but it would be nice if the weekend assignments could be shortened."

RONNIE JACKOWITZ: "I think we should have homework over the week-ends."

ARLENE GREENBURG: "No, I do not think that this would be any advantage to the students, for I think it would only make their weekday nights longer and drearier, and they would waste their weekends."

WALTER JACOBS: "An average person who has a period of time in which he has nothing to do forgets what he has already learned. The teacher should also take into consideration that the homework given over a weekend should be enough to keep the student working and also allow him time for relaxation."

ZENA BERNSTEIN: "I think that the schedule as it stands now is all right."

MARC LEAVITT: "I think it would be better to keep weekend assignments, because we have a great deal of homework each night, and it is better to have weekend homework so that we can do it at our leisure."

ARLENE DILALO: "There is enough homework and it should stay that way for the eighth grade. But, I think there should be less for all the higher grades everyday."

JIMMY NESS: "I believe that it would be better for us to have increased homework on weekdays and little or no homework on weekends."

SALLY SEARLS: "I think they should give homework on weekends, but not as much as they are now giving. Our weekday assignments are long enough."

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SPORTLIGHT

by Bernard Karshmer

Almost half of our soccer season has gone by the boards and our unskillful varsity has failed to post a single victory. They have only been able to ring up three goals. Dave Moreland scored a life-saving tally against Wardlaw, which enabled us to come out of the game with a compromising tie. The only time the Prepsters really looked good was in their hot second half against Linden High. Joe Messina and Dick Gutowski, each contributed a goal in the third quarter to make the score a respectable 4-2 at the final whistle.

Coach O'Connel is faced with the "pussy foot" problem. No one wants to shoot the ball when they have the chance. As for defense, Little Scarlet appears to fare well in that category. I certainly hope that Coach can solve this problem before the varsity season ends.

Welcome Al. It is certainly good to see you back at the old gym. Most of us remember those exciting basketball games where you lead the O'Connellmen to many a tight victory.

Congratulations to Burke's Bombers, the only undefeated intramural basketball team.

The Little Scarlet (J.V.'s) looked pretty good in their first encounter of the year. Keep up the good work boys.

Prep Bows To Long Branch 3-0

The Little Scarlet's varsity soccer team fought a losing battle against Long Branch High, Friday, October 12th, losing 3-0. Prep kicked off first, but the wind was with Long Branch who took possession of the ball and scored a goal in the very first quarter.

After this, the Prep team settled down and put up a good fight. There was no score on either side in the second quarter. Bob Fazekas, the goalie, did the best he could to stop all of the shots. He was helped by Earl Nielson and Bob Bronfman, the fullbacks; nevertheless, the opposing team scored two more goals in the third quarter.

Danny Struk, Bruce Gunkle, and Jim Burke kept the ball near Prep's offensive line even when Long Branch was advancing. Despite the many shots by Steve Holsten, Steve Hancox, Dick Gutowski, Al Thode, and Jake Thompson, the Prep team was unable to score.

JOHNNIE'S COFFEE SHOP LUNCHEONETTE

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Wardlaw Downs Prep In Hard Fought Game

by Steve Holsten



Capt. Messina Heads For Gym

Prep Jay Vees Bow In Season's Opener

Rutgers Prep's J. V.'s played their first game to a three to one defeat with Jamesburg last week. Jamesburg scored the first goal against Prep in the first few minutes of play. Though Jamesburg got a good start, Prep's backfield held them for the rest of the period, with the help of the goalie, Bill Smith.

The second period was highlighted by a penalty shot by Bruce Gunkle. Mr. Sperduto's eleven played a beautiful second quarter, and the only scoring was by Prep, making a tie of 1-1.

The third period was quite different. The score remained tie until the Jamesburg booters got the ball and came straight down the field toward the Prep goal, not stopping until the ball was in. Although the fullbacks were stealing the ball and feeding it up to the line, the Prepsters could not score, leaving Jamesburg in the lead 2-1.

In the last period, both lines and back fields played beautifully, the only score being made on a penalty shot by Jamesburg.

In the J. V. line-up were Bruce Gunkle, Danny Struk, and Steve Holsten who are also varsity men. The team showed promise for the rest of the season by the way they booted against a strong Jamesburg team. One was off Dan Struk's head as he tried to get the ball out of Prep goal area and the other was off Bernard Karshmer's foot when he tried to kick the ball down-field.

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The Prep booters met the Wardlaw soccer team at Wardlaw School last Friday. This was the second meeting of the two teams, with Wardlaw taking it six to one. The first game resulted in a one to one tie. This is the first time in many years that the Wardlaw team has been able to beat the Little Scarlet.

From the start of the second game, it was a futile attempt by the Prepsters to put a check in the win column. The Wardlaw center forward put one through the stakes after about three minutes of playing. The prep eleven held Wardlaw to one more goal during the first half by the excellent saves of the Prep goalie, Billie Smith.

Prep kicked off to open the second half and went right down for a score with Joe Messina providing the boot. It now looked as if the team still had a chance, but Wardlaw soon retaliated with another goal, making the score three to one.

From then on the Little Scarlet just fell apart, offensively and defensively. The Wardlaw team took advantage of the let down to score three more goals. The Prep front line had many chances but couldn't score even though they had the ball down in Wardlaw territory many times during the first half.

During the whole game the Wardlaw team showed that it was vastly improved over last year's eleven. The Wardlaw players' kicks were very good and their team work was excellent. On the other hand, the Prepsters bunched up on the ball and got into each others way. This resulted in the scoring of two goals for Wardlaw off Prep players.

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Exchange Editor Makes Contacts

The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis has made an appeal for the Argo to explain exactly what problem the teen agers are faced with polio. Last summer over 1,000 people of Chicago were stricken with this dreadful disease, none of which had had all three antibiotic shots. This is only one example of what may happen. The Foundation urges us all to act immediately while the Salk Vaccine is plentiful, before it is too late.

This year the Argo is exchanging issues with many more schools than before. Some of these include Bound Brook, Highland Park, Perth Amboy, New Brunswick, St. Peters, and McDonough School in Maryland.

Let us not forget to extend congratulations to the newly engaged alumni. Harold Williamson, class of '52 and Trudy Weber, class of '53, became engaged this past week. Also, in the class of '54, Virginia Riegger announced her engagement during the past week.

Council Report

This year's class officers for Student Council were elected during the second week of school. The class members elected are: Sid Wooten, eighth grade; Bruce Miller, freshman; Bruce Gunkle and Irv Quackenboss, sophomore class; Bill Smith, junior class; Dave Stephen and Andy Piscatelli, senior class.

The four Council officers elected last year are: Steve Hancox, president; Joe Messina, vice president; Bernard Karshmer secretary; Danylo Struk, treasurer.

The class officers asked their classes whether to have class trips or one large school trip. It was decided that each class will have separate trips, except the seniors and juniors, who will go together.

Every two weeks, Bernard Karshmer will write up his minutes and have them printed for the students. These sheets are to let the students know what is going on at our Council meetings.

LOWER SCHOOL NEWS

John Schmitt

A new French class has been added to the Elementary School this year. On Thursday afternoons, Madame De Visme, a semi-retired French teacher, instructs the fifth, sixth, and seventh grades in French.

The eighteen boys and girls of the fifth grade have been presenting alternate Friday morning programs to the class. A chairman of the group is chosen each week by Mrs. Kehoe. There has been a great variety of material thus far, including poems, songs, stories, riddles, and a play. Interesting hobbies have been on display.

Mrs. Ellis's class, the sixth grade, has been studying about Egypt. The whole class has made scrolls on this subject. They also made clay tablets with cuniform writing. They have just started studying about Rome.

Mr. Sperduto's seventh grade had a presidential election during the first week of school. When the ballots were counted, it was found that the candidates had tied. The ballots were cut out from the magazine, *World Week*.

CHEERLEADING

by Suzanne Hancox

This year, so far, we are very proud of the commendable job that the cheerleaders have accomplished. The squad is composed of captain Merle Schiffmayer, Jen Upton, Sally Searles, Barbara Lipman, Arlene Greenberg, Jackie Kaufelt, Jo Milliken, and Suzanne Hancox. Our substitutes are Sharon Ries and Nancy Tompkinson.

Since J. V. cheering has been eliminated, the Varsity squad has been made much larger. We have all spent many afternoons practicing for soccer and basketball games.

It is customary for seniors on the squad to be given a small gold megaphone engraved with an "R" at the end of the year.

Now that the team is backed by cheerleaders, we hope that it will give them an incentive to win.

Students Stargaze In Astronomy Club

The Astronomy Club, a majority of whose members are freshmen and sophomores, meets weekly to study the heavens. Mr. Heinlein is the club's advisor.

The club plans to study the stars, and to do this, a reflecting telescope with three lenses has been purchased. The club plans to study the sun and the sun spots with this telescope. Members also plan to meet on some evenings in the school and study the stars with it. They will be aided by charts, indicating the positions of the stars. Later on in the year members of this club will take turns having this instrument in their homes where they can study the sky.

The Astronomy Club has plans to visit the Rutgers University Observatory on the campus. A bus trip to the Hayden Planetarium in New York City is being planned for a later date.

This club has elected a planning committee of five members.

MYTHOLOGY CLUB

This club is in the second year of its existence. The main purpose of this club is to discuss topics of interest.

The club elected as president, Jon Margolis, and Steve Holsten as secretary. These and the planning committee are the only officers of the club. After this the club went right to work.

The first topic the club discussed was the modern fad, Elvis Presley. The discussion was led by Kirsten Kvam who did a very good job.

The next discussion was about the coming Presidential election. There was a report for each side. The one for the Republicans was prepared by Zena Bernstein, and the one for the Democrats by Mary Louise Heldrich. Both of the reports were well prepared and the discussion of this material lasted for two weeks. There were many interesting views exchanged with Mr. Dumarae, the club advisor, and the president who were acting as moderators.

In the future the club has planned more topics which make the club activities very interesting and enjoyable.

New Library Plans . . .

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The library has been named "Rudolph's Memorial Library." It is in honor of a boy, Mr. Rudolph, who was a Rutgers Prep student and whose parents donated money to our school after his tragic death.

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