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Prep Welcomes Incoming Students Receive Three Teachers Mr. Heinlein's Greetings...

This year, returning Prepsters will notice three new faces among the faculty. Miss Nancy Warr of Highland Park is the new eighth grade teacher. She is a graduate of Douglass College, class of '55, with a B.S. in biological science. During the past year, Miss Warr worked at the science laboratories of Harvard Medical School. She has also worked as a counselor in summer camps. Now she is taking graduate studies in English at Rutgers. In addition to teaching eighth grade English and history, Miss Warr will assist with the yearbook.

Wilkerson replaces Kallfelz

Mrs. Grace M. Wilkerson will teach mathematics. She has recently taken advanced studies in math at Rutgers. She has taught in high schools in Wisconsin and Ohio and most recently in North Plainfield High School.

Mrs. Antoinette M. Rooda will teach Spanish and French this year. She is a graduate of a European teacher's college and has taught in several schools there. Mrs. Rooda has also done teaching and interpreting in the New York area. After our former Romance language teacher, Mr. Gaggini, returns next year, Mrs. Rooda will stay on to teach German and to help with the French. She will also be an advisor on the yearbook.

Mrs. Frisch, the former eighth grade teacher, has quit teaching to become a mother. Mrs. Wilkerson's predecessor, Mr. Kallfelz, is now teaching in Tower Hill School, a well known private school in Wilmington, Delaware.

Mr. Gaggini Abroad

Mr. Gaggini is now teaching functional English in a French school in French Indochina on a Fulbright teaching assignment. He has a one year's leave of absence. During the summer, he took a special six week's course at the University of Michigan to help him in his teaching duties. His address is: Mr. Alfred Gaggini, Embassy of the United States of America, Phnom-Penh, Cambodia.

Mr. Dumarae, who teaches Latin and history, has been studying in Rome and also in Greece this summer on a Fulbright summer seminar. He also did some sightseeing in Europe on his own. He is expected back at school during the first week.



Headmaster welcomes students.

All Grades May Participate In Various School Activities

This year as last will sport quite a number of activities for all students.

Mr. Gaggini named several people to the new Ye Dial staff at the end of last year. The Editor-in-Chief is Joseph Messina, the Art Editor is Victor Stilwell, the Business Manager is Bernard Karshmer, Copy Editor, Florence Schmitt, Sports Editor, Bruce Gunkle. Mrs. Rooda in the Faculty Advisor.

The Glee Club will be directed by Mrs. Durkee and is expected to be among the more popular activities.

The Mythology Club in its second year will be headed by Mr. Dumarae who is just back from a summer in Europe.

The Art Club, which meets Tuesday afternoons down at the Lower School, is again under the able instruction of Mrs. Ford. We all hope that more students will take an active interest in this club than previously.

Members of the French Club will miss their friendly advisor, Mr. Gaggini, who is in Cambodia for a year. We are all happy that he was awarded a Fulbright Fellowship, but we'll look forward to his return in 1957. Meanwhile we hope to continue our activities under the direction of Mrs. Rooda.

Four of Mr. Moffat's main interests will be the Aviation, Navigation, Mechanical Drawing and Speech Clubs.

Mr. Daviet will again head the Science and Chem. Clubs.

The Argo and Argomag are under the supervision of Mrs. Wilson.

By Mr. Heinlein

It is with deep pleasure that I welcome each of you members of the student body of Rutgers Preparatory School. Today we begin our 191st year of service in the educational traditions of our country. The record of this school has been one of honor and distinction. Its graduates have taken their places in fine colleges, professions, and community life. Each of you has a future in our country; each a responsibility to develop your talents and understanding to the utmost.

Use your abilities.

As you face this year of study and activity, you should feel confident of your ability to earn a place among the others who have proceeded you. You have been selected to be a member of this student body. For each of you now reading this, there is another who was refused admission to the School because he was judged to have poorer qualifications than you. Make the most of this opportunity which your parents and the School give to you.

Last year's student body set a fine record in their studies and in their activities. They won several national ratings in science and scholarship. The basketball team became State Champions by winning the group III division of the Independent Schools Tournament. I sincerely hope that this year's student body will be able to place their record, with honor, before the School next June.

Get down to work.

Our immediate task is to get down to work. And by work, I mean the daily routine of assignments, reports, recitations, tests, problems, and all the little jobs that are so important in the final summation. Each class must be approached with the eagerness of an expected challenge; wrestle with it—master it! Each faculty member must be welcomed as a friend and as an academic authority; co-operate with him—let him help you.

The self disciplines and competencies which you can acquire this year in the School will advance you in your pursuit of one of life's most valuable assets, a fine education. Good luck to you in this quest!

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FALL BARBECUE

by John Schmitt

Every Prepster should plan now to attend Prep's first social event of the year. The Student Council has made plans for a barbecue and dance for the entire student body. As in the past two years, this affair will take place on the basketball court which adjoins the Prep gym. In case of stormy weather, the barbecue will be held inside the gym. The date has been set for Friday evening, September 21.

Refreshments will be served.

Refreshments consisting of frankfurters, hamburgers and punch will be served. The music will be supplied by a record player.

As an eighth grader, I think it is an excellent idea to have a social affair so early in the year. It will give the eighth graders and other newcomers to Prep an opportunity to become acquainted with many of the students they have not previously met.

Three New Rooms Improve 3rd Floor

by Louise DiLalo

Last summer the renovation of the third floor was begun with the addition of an eighth grade home room and a Romance language room. Now, the third floor is complete.

During much of the summer, builders were busy constructing three more convenient, modern rooms. Two of these new rooms will be used by the English staff, Mrs. Wilson, and Mr. Moffat. The third is equipped for use as a library reading room. This separate library room is probably the most welcome improvement to the student's point of view, for it will provide a quieter place for students to read and more room for our growing library.

Extra Science Room

These three new rooms will also add to the efficiency and convenience of the second floor.

Room three which was formerly the second floor English room and library combined will now be used as a science room. This plan should work well since room three is adjacent to the science laboratory.

All three of these new rooms and the subsequent extra science room should prove beneficial both in saving the shoe leather of the faculty and enabling the teachers to better centralize their work.

FLASH!

Seniors! Remember the Conservation Club. It's all new and just for you. Take advantage of this fine opportunity!

From The Editor's Desk

As you probably have realized, the group used to publish this paper is only a bare minimum of the staff necessary to run a paper efficiently. At the beginning of the school year, more members will be selected from the student body.

But this year there will be a change in the Argo's policy. The first meeting will not be the customary mass meeting from which the Argo picks the new members. This is very bad since many unnecessary and incapable people are inevitably chosen as part of the group. Instead, there will only be a meeting of the eighth grade to introduce the school's paper to them. Those who would like may then be able to try out for the staff by showing their abilities in English class.

In the upper grades, students who show writing ability, creativeness and technique in English class will be approached by one of the Argo board about joining. If they wish, they may have one of the numerous jobs. Of course, this will be done under the close supervision of our faculty advisor, Mrs. Wilson.

In this way, the Argo will be able to limit itself to a small working staff and the many tasks entailed by a small school paper will be done better and faster.

1956-1957 SCHEDULE

PERIODS

TEACHERS	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	Room No.
BLAKE	Trig.		Alg. I	Alg. III	Alg. II	Plane	6
DAVIET	Sci. 8		Chem.	Chem.	Sci. 9	Physics	3 & 4
DUMARAE	Lat. III	Lat. I	Lat. II		Anc. H.	Anc. H.	1
HOLLEY		U.S. His.	S.H.	Mod. His.	Math. 8	Math. 8	7
MOFFAT	Eng. I	Eng. II		S.H.	Eng. III	Eng. III	9
O'CONNELL	Sci. 8	Biol.			Biol.		3 & 4
ROODA	Fr. III	Span. I	Fr. I	Fr. II	Span. II		11
WARR		His. 8	His. 8	H.R.	Eng. 8	Eng. 8	10
WILKERSON	Alg. II	Alg. I		Alg. I	Alg. II	Plane	2
WILSON	Eng. I	S.H.	Eng. IV		Eng. IV	Eng. II	8