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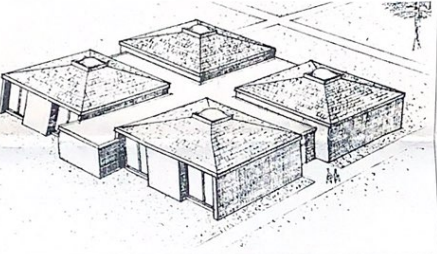
## Trustees To Sponsor Lower School Addition

Due to the inadequacies of the existing Lower School building, the Board of Trustees has decided to sponsor the construction of an addition to the Lower School which will be located between the School and the athletic field. Upon its expected completion in September, 1970, the new addition will allow increased enrollment and a more modern and efficient means of education in the Lower School.

Previously, the administration had desired to establish two sections of each lower grade (K-7). However, since there was not enough space to accommodate all these desired classes, a section from each of four grades had to be eliminated. Therefore, the building is designed to contain four classrooms, each room capable of holding 15-20 students. The increased enrollment of 60-80 students will thus raise the Lower School's population, making it nearly equal to that of the Upper School. It will also necessitate an increase of Prep's faculty by four members.

The building, designed by the same four architects who devised the master plan of the Upper School, is based on the modular concept of architecture. Two equally sized self-contained units will be placed parallel to each other in order to form a 68 ft. by 76 ft. rectangular body. Each unit will contain two classrooms, ample room for storage and lavatories, and an independent structure for electricity, heating, and air-conditioning. The architects plan that one unit will house two first grade classes, and the other, two kindergarten classes. The external appearance of the addition is designed to conform to that of the Lower School. Construction on the building will begin in early spring, once the architectural plans have been given to an appropriate contractor.

The modular concept for the building was chosen to provide a basis for future expansion of the Lower School. However, any additional expansion for either the Upper or Lower School is not envisioned in the near future, as completion of other, more urgent projects is desired by the Board of Trustees.



## Tournament Nets \$300 For Foster Parents Plan

by Larry Field '72

Rutgers Prep hosted a Speech Tournament on November 15th, 1969, which was attended by one hundred eighty students from twenty-one schools representing four states. Winning the team trophy with two first and a number of other high ranking places, was Morristown High, from Morristown, N. J. From Prep, Julia Bryant took a strong second place out of thirty competitors in Poetry Reading.

The outside students competing, many of whom will be strong contenders for the State Forensic Championships, were of an excellent caliber. Both Eileen Opatut and Barbara Weiner just missed second berths in their respective categories. Joe Cahn and Larry Field placed high in the Extemp field. Eiliza Gertel, Tom Praefle and David Eiser ranked well despite the strong competition in their divisions.

The tournament was run very smoothly, with no time delays or complaints. This success was due to the efficient planning of President Cohen and Debating Adviser Hordijk. Credit also belongs to the Debating Club members who worked hard to administrate the tournament, and the Host Committee which served lunch.

Mr. Hordijk deemed the tournament a success because it fulfilled all its goals: Rutgers Prep students received a chance to speak in stiff competition, the Foster Parents Plan was given the three hundred dollars profit, and the

club reputation was also improved.

The Debating Squad, already a member of the National Forensic League, has just become an affiliate member of the New Jersey Forensic League. This means that Rutgers Prep is eligible to compete in the State Debating and Forensic Championships in February and perhaps the National Championships in April. Moreover, membership means that the club's debate schedule will geometrically increase. Next year, Rutgers Prep may become one of the fifty charter members of this organization.

## Glee Club To Present Lively Score At Second Annual Holiday Concert

The Rutgers Prep Glee Club, under the direction of Mr. Barry Peterson, will present a concert on December 18, 1969. The recital, which will take place in Baldwin Hall, will consist of traditional and folk music, especially picked to appeal to all age groups. The concert will be rather short, lasting from 8:00 p.m. until approximately 9:30 p.m. Mr. Peterson hopes that attendance will be higher at this year's concert than at last year's.

One outstanding selection is "Rain and the River," a spiritual song featuring a bass solo by David Eiser. The club will also perform "Speakin' Easy,"

## Fourteen Student Dramatists Perform "In White America"

by Robin Halprin '70



Black-white conflict is basic theme of IN WHITE AMERICA.

### LOWER SCHOOL NEWS

The New Jersey State Museum in Trenton was the destination of a recent fourth grade trip. There, the students saw many artifacts of the Lenni-Lenape Indians, the original inhabitants of New Jersey. Before their trip the fourth grade studied many Indian tribes and other primitive peoples, and learned about their food, shelter and clothing. They also constructed habitat projects which they explained to the Lower School principal. In order to make these projects, the students formed committees consisting of three or four people, and decided what projects to make. Among the models constructed were a Pueblo Village scene, Teepees of the Plains Indians, an Eskimo scene, and totem poles. Mrs. Dixon thought these presentations were "interesting and informative."

The sixth grade visited the Geology Museum of Rutgers University. They also had a delicious bake sale from which they made forty-four dollars. The Lower School is very grateful to the sixth graders and to Mrs. Ellis for a very special lunch hour.

In athletics, on November 8th the fifth and sixth grade soccer team trimmed Wardlaw, 1-0 while the seventh and eighth grade team lost a tough decision, 3-1. The seventh and eighth grades began their basketball season November 19th. Their first inter-scholastic game is December 16th.

The Lower School Thanksgiving Assembly was held on November

26th. There were poems and songs and a play, presented by the fourth grade. All Lower School students brought fresh fruit which was gathered in boxes and taken to the Middlesex County Juvenile Detention Center. Randy Roberts, Sharon Soong, and Richard Jasnowski, went with Mrs. Dixon and Mrs. Spigle to deliver the fruit. The group was given a tour of the building. They saw the isolation rooms in which each newcomer is given a 24-hour health check-up, the single rooms and the dormitories, which sleep four. There is also available an arts-and-crafts room, a TV-Library room, a playroom for girls and a gym for the boys. The Center is very clean and cheerful. All the cleaning is done by the boys and girls, who also do some of the cooking. Mr. Masi, the supervisor, and the ladies in the kitchen were very appreciative of the fruit given by the Lower School. We hope it helped to make a happy Thanksgiving.

The Rutgers Preparatory School Players presented *In White America* on December 12, 1969, at 8:00 p.m. in Baldwin Hall.

*In White America* "combines the evocative power of the spoken word with the confirming power of historical fact." It is "the story of the Negro in the United States" — his African background, his American history, his rights, his demands, his feelings. "Here is a people who maintained their humanity while being treated inhumanly, who managed to endure as men while being defined as property." It also shows white thoughts and actions. But most important, the play shows conflict. It's easy to say that the conflict is black/white. But it isn't that simple. For example, there are white/white conflicts involving politics, economics, and tradition. "My children won't be taking sides, unless we idiots tell them there are sides to take." Another conflict is what's actually going on (the suffering of the black people) what the lawmakers discuss. While the senators safely argue in their wood-paneled chambers, the black people are being beaten as slaves and lynched as free men. Talking isn't enough.

*In White America* is an ensemble production. Every actor is involved in every action of the play; even if he isn't speaking, he's acting—watching, listening, reacting, and concentrating. The emphasis is not so much on sustaining a character as on creating and sustaining a mood, and on getting this mood across to the audience.

The script says, "The company should consist of 3 Negro and 3 white actors." The school's company was an all white cast of fourteen. They did not try to look black or "act" black. They tried only to capture black attitudes and feelings. In a play about the problems of color, they showed that color doesn't matter.

## Lower School Tests New 2nd Grade Science Course

The Lower School Administration is planning to supplement its second grade curriculum with suggestions offered in an experimental syllabus by the International Schools Association. A science program for first through sixth grades was formulated by the Association after approximately three years of study by some of its members. Twenty-four schools, situated all over the world were asked by the association to either use the experimental program of a specified grade completely, or supplement current science programs with it. Three other schools requested to study the second grade program are located in Pakistan, Tanzania and Holland.

Because Prep's Lower School already has a second grade science program which includes basic science concepts, it does not plan to adopt the suggested syllabus entirely, but to compare it to the current program and to incorporate any methods in the plan which might be beneficial and pertaining to subjects already designated for study. Administrators of the Lower School Library have already decided to buy some films suggested in the Association's program.

It seems that the main goal of the Association's science course is to make the student become aware of the world surrounding him. Because it is designed for use throughout the world, it is very flexible. After the schools evaluate the program, the Association plans to review it entirely at its 1971 Annual Convention.



## Did You Ever Wonder Why You Are Here?

Have you ever wondered, as the alarm clock goes off at seven o'clock, why you are dragging yourself out of your warm comfortable bed to go to school? Sometimes, when you are copying over an English paper for the third time and you know you still really don't know what you are talking about, do you really care? Do you ever wonder if you'll remember the value of the sine of sixty degrees five years from now? And if you do, where will it get you?

"Into college" is the standard answer for the purpose of it all, one especially overused in a prep school environment. But what happens after you get into college? You'll probably end up working on a Bachelor of Arts or Sciences degree — which means you'll be doing the same thing you're doing now for four more years and you still won't know why. How many kids know during their secondary school years what they finally intend to do with their lives? For that matter, how many know in college?

Clearly, something must be done to give students some sort of purpose and direction. Steps have been taken here at Prep by adopting a new format for Math and English courses. Advanced Math II is designed to be a practical as well as theoretical approach to the principles of Mathematics and Advanced Literature explores more abstract ways of teaching English in order to make it relevant to everyday life. Oddly enough, the loudest protests against these experiments come from the students who are involved in them. Making a course practical and relevant, also makes it incongruous with the old, standard curriculum, and the traditional grading system sometimes is no longer applicable. This makes explaining the value of such a course to colleges whose admission requirements are based upon the standard educational system very difficult.

After preaching the importance of a college education to students for twelve years, when the emphasis is suddenly shifted, the students cannot be expected to immediately embrace the new values. Most high school students are sure they want to go to college and they are not willing to jeopardize this opportunity.

Suppose, however, that seniors in high school were given the chance to do independent study, take a job, or pursue any constructive interest they wish for which they would receive credit as their second semester grade. They would already have adequately completed the academic requirements for college entrance. Instead of wasting a semester, as seniors are inclined to do, they might use this time to find themselves. They can better afford to do it when they are younger rather than wasting time in college or even after. Is this so completely out of the question simply because it has never been done before?

## Careful Preparation Needed For Successful Programs

The past two years have indicated a desire on the part of the Parents' Association and the Administration to make attending Rutgers Prep School a more interesting, fulfilling, and memorable experience. Last year the English Department with the cooperation of the Parents Association presented the film, *Henry V*, and this year it arranged for a NASA astronaut to visit the School, deliver a lecture, and show two films about the recent Apollo missions.

The first of these programs, Sir Lawrence Olivier's production of *Henry V*, was obtained in order to start off the Shakespeare Festival and get the students interested and involved in the study of Shakespeare. Everything was prearranged for the showing; however, during final preparations, it was decided that the all-purpose room at the field house could better accommodate the students than could Baldwin Hall. Because the all-purpose room was never designed to hold approximately 200 seated people, many could not see the screen, and the room's temperature exceeded any comfortable limits. During the same session, a water pipe burst, spraying quite a few, and flooding the room. The program designed with such fine intentions turned into an instant disaster for all those involved.

More recently, Dr. Parker accepted Prep's invitation to visit and lecture on NASA's moon efforts. This time, the program was held in the gymnasium. On the morning of the presentation, an excited atmosphere prevailed in most classrooms as students waited for the last class bell to ring. However, after the first ten minutes of assembly, the bleachers felt hard, many had sore backs, the room became unbearably stuffy, and the audience grew restless. The images projected on the screen were impossible to see because the wrong windows had been blocked off. Once again, a potentially interesting program failed because of a slight oversight.

The Argo, in commenting upon the above efforts does not mean to criticize the intentions behind the two programs, but to show why they were not a success among the students. We do not wish to discourage any future attempts — we would encourage them — but merely suggest that they be better planned and executed.

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## Who Knows What Evil Lurks Behind That Vault-like Door

by Irene Chang '71

Who knows when the day will finally come when a few students searching for truth and knowledge, will penetrate the faculty lounge with listening and viewing devices. The room, with its vault-like doors, nine inch-thick walls, and insulated windows has resisted all past efforts. Few students have ever entered, and even fewer have ever emerged to spread dark, pulsating rumors. Moreover, there is not a single photograph of the room in the extensive photograph files at the Ye Dial or Argo whose staff cameras have covered every other corner of the campus.

One enters at his own risk to endure the atmosphere of poisonous gases, comparatively worse than that of the chemistry and biology laboratories. Every time the door opens, a teacher appears under a halo—a cloud of deadly white smoke. Every object is covered with a layer of carcinogenic dust which diffuses and hovers in midair whenever the cushions are depressed. A tall, animated cauldron at one end of the room bubbles a brown broth which only the faculty indulges in. Eerie green light bounces across the acid green walls with a tell-tale

flicker.

Although teachers do not sit in the mechanical positions envisioned by most students, they often have a slouch characteristic of bored students. Their newspapers are as crinkled as the corners of mishapen compositions, and they occasionally use language which should offend any English teacher's ears.

As the students are enveloped and embraced by the heated hallways inside the school, after having their cold lunches chilled within them by the bladed winter air, they pass by that ominous door, perhaps glancing at it sheepishly with mixed feelings of wonder, fear and suspicion, once again experiencing a shiver, but not from the cold.

They know that at that very moment, the teachers are transferring tiny blasts of air in each others' ears in intervals between chuckling and sipping their cups of brown broth.

These thoughts do not trouble the student long. Soon he is down the steps and into Baldwin Hall and with permission from the study hall teacher he is "inquiring work assignments" from his fellow students.



## Letters To The Editor

To the Editor:

There is a definite lack of enthusiasm for girls sports in Rutgers Prep. For years many girls asked if they could participate in softball, soccer, and basketball. Finally last year, the girls were given their chance—a girls' softball team was organized. About twenty girls participated and the project went over fairly well. It was a start anyway. This involvement of girls in sports was carried on to this year, so far without much success. The soccer team was a disaster. Out of seventeen girls who signed up, only about five or six showed up for practice held twice a week. The excuses given were, "I don't have a ride home," "Got too much homework," and bla bla bla. If these girls really wanted an active position in sports they would find a ride home (there always is one). They'd make time for homework. With determination, many things are possible. And some of us girls are determined. With the help of the gym teachers, a basketball team is in the process of being organized. Come on girls, let's show the guys we can be "tuff," too.

Debbie Smutko

To the Editor:

There has been a grave injustice done to the J.V. soccer team in

the last issue of THE ARGO.

Being the author of the inexcusable statement about the team's "lack of spirit", I wish to repudiate it. Not only was the phrase unfair, but it was untrue. The statement was totally based on one game in which hints of a "collapsing fourth quarter" were observed. Yet, upon hindsight, this was due to the fatigue of the Rutgers Prep team. It did not happen again, so both statements can be considered false. Moreover, how can you knock a winning team? My apologies to the entire J.V. team.

Something else overlooked in my article was comment on Coach Hordijk. Coaches are too often taken for granted. Mr. Hordijk did an excellent job in conditioning, training, organizing, and maneuvering his team.

Larry Field '72

To the Editor:

The students of the Prep community showed their concern for the paradoxical affairs in Vietnam by their invigorating discussions on this past Moratorium Day. The day was a success as an educational experience. Every-

PRE-VACATION DOWNS . . . .

eleven, ten, nine, eight, seven, six, five, four, three, two, one day . . . disheartening, shivery, grizzly, nonaggressive, slate-colored Monday which is hopefully not the first installment of four equally grim days . . . subconsciously wishing that you will wake up the next morning to find that your desk full of accumulated work and overflowing stacks of books has evaporated during the night . . . mid-term exams which you had thought were so far in the future that they were not worth worrying about, now, are suddenly being discussed (Maybe if I don't think about it, they'll go away) . . . after school, curled up in a cold folding chair in a deserted Baldwin Hall, losing yourself in Crime and Punishment, and suddenly looking up to find that you're the only one there and that it's ALREADY black outside. (Is it really Winter ALREADY??)

. . . shuffling down the halls noticing for the first time the ghastly grey colored linoleum, which so many hoards of kids have trampled on before you . . . remarking for the first time that your favorite teacher looks absolutely exhausted, or is slowing going grey and putting on weight . . . sitting at the same desk, in the same classroom, next to the same people, but one day noticing that George, of all people, sits two seats in back of you . . . DECEMBER 10 (Getting closer!) . . . impatiently awaiting the ever — so — appealing sound of that last bell on the 19th . . . to be UNREINED at last (!!!!!) . . . to rampantly romp, etc. . . and, hopefully, to unmitigatingly replenish yourself until the next vacation.

Edie Morrison



## A Few Nice Words For The Competition

The literary magazine of Rutgers Preparatory School is the "Argomag." The magazine's editor-in-chief is Robin Halprin, fifender.

Argomag is entirely composed of creative writing and artwork contributed by the student body. The literary magazine gives the students a medium in which to express their own personal thoughts and ideas. In this respect, Argomag is the only publication which provides an outlet for imagination and creativity.

In addition to the original artwork and writing, another feature of Argomag is Friends of Argomag. It has been said that one cannot buy friends, but Argomag has been successfully doing just that for many years. For the nominal sum of two person can have his name or any other pertinent information typed into the magazine. Secret messages are permitted provided they are in good taste.

There are a number of underclassmen trainees, who sit in on the literary board meetings, watch production, and sell ads. Argomag meetings are now held during the activity period making the whole process of the magazine's production run smoother and more efficiently.

On January 24, the Argomag will sponsor "The Establishment," a coffeehouse affair in the field house on campus. enough funds will be raised to put out a third issue of the magazine or print either photographs, photo essays, or two colors of type in the spring issue.

Although editor-in-chief Robin Halprin has often been known to plead for submissions in assembly, she remarked on the date of her deadline, November 26, "I'm very encouraged that the lower classmen have been submitting both literature and art which will contribute to the diversification and enhancement of the magazine."

This year's "Ye Dial" is going to be an extremely different type of yearbook. Its theme will concern the "community" life at our school.

The '70 Ye Dial will be different in that it will express the student's impressions of the school. These impressions will be developed through a variety of candid camera shots taken during average academic days.

The copy itself is enthusiastically free, more imaginative, and original. It will add a new perspective to the Ye Dial. Most of the writings will tend to be in prose rather than paragraph form.

The pictures have, and will be taken by a staff of talented and eager photographers, who would be omitted in an average yearbook. All the pictures will be co-ordinated into one extended theme. Coherency is one of the main innovations.

Photography of outside activities will not be restricted to the formal. All kinds of activities around the school will be used to enhance the forthcoming Ye Dial.

## Parents Plan Skiing Trips

by Ruth Perrine '74

The Parents Association is one of the busiest and most exciting groups in the School. Besides providing refreshments for some of the soccer games, it held a Parents' Night in September and a College Night in October.

Now in the planning stage, are the ski trips. The first of these will be held on January second. Students will have the opportunity to go to Buck Hills Falls, Pa. Skiing is not the only sport available at Buck Hills Falls; there also are facilities for ice skating and sledding.

The second and third ski trips will be held the same weekend. On January 16 and 17 there will be two separate overnight trips. The first of these will be a two day trip to Binghamton, New York. The other trip is strictly for advanced skiers. They will be going for a three day trip to Killington, Vermont.

On November 15, the Parents Association sponsored Wine and Brandy Night. Besides being the first fund-raising event of the season, it was a great social success, because parents who previously had not been acquainted, sat down and got to know one another. At this event, samples of special wines and brandies were served with choice cheeses in Prep's own gambling casino (the gym in the Field House).

## School Council Planning To Modify Governmental Processes At Prep

Several basic changes to the School Council Constitution which will change the Council's entire process, are being considered by the Council during its current meetings.

One change would be the scheduling of Council elections during December. The Council year would run from January to January, so that each incoming member would be experienced and would have the help of the outgoing members.

Another amendment would be the addition to the Council of the Vice-Presidents of the sophomore, freshman and eighth grade classes.

These changes, along with others, have not yet been passed by the School Council. If, and when, these amendments are passed, the changes will be presented to the student body for a vote. If passed, the changes would go into effect January of 1971.

Currently, the School Council is sponsoring and providing transportation to the dance at Princeton Day School on February 7th. On January 31st, three students, Eileen Opatut, Philip Lloia, and David Rubin, and their advisor, Mme. Spraford, will attend the New Jersey Association of High School Councils convention at Rutgers University.

## MILLIE TRIES TO MAKE LUNCH A MORE ENJOYABLE EXPERIENCE

by Vickie Daniel '71

Millie Petrillo has presided over the lunch room for the past two years. She is a warm person who tries to make lunch for the students at Prep more than just grabbing a sandwich and running back to class. In addition to keeping the machines functioning, she has assumed the responsibility of a singlehanded campaign to clean up the trash left behind during the various lunch periods—trash that so detracts from the appearance of the lunchroom. She has also donated

the use of her radio in order to make the lunchroom more relaxing for students during their lunch period. Millie believes in creating a warm atmosphere which would allow students to relieve their minds of academic matters.

The admirable thing about Millie is that she overlooks her own problems, such as her painful knee and her arthritis, focusing her attention on the problems of others. Not many of us recognize or appreciate Millie's generosity and willingly extended good nature. On one occasion this fall, she stayed up half of the night making corsages to surprise the cheerleaders. It was Millie, who on five minutes notice, went out of her way to purchase soda for Mr. Pierce's birthday party.

Such sincere generosity is rare, and it seems unfair that anyone so generous should be repaid for all her effort with generous amounts of trash strewn all over the lunch room. As a simple gesture of appreciation, and recognition of her kindness and concern, perhaps we should cooperate to keep the lunchroom clean for Millie, if not for our own personal satisfaction, and due to our own personal motivation.

News In Brief

## Katz Attains Perfect Score

by Steve Schachter '71

The math team competed in the Central New Jersey Mathematics Association contest on November 19. The team placed twelfth out of twenty-four teams and Jeff Katz had a perfect score. The next battle was staged in East Brunswick on December 10th where Prep scored 16 points as Katz tied for first place in the league. The highest score was 22 points.

The Library Club took a trip to the Home News Publishing Plant on November 20th. They also sponsored a newspaper drive on the 15th of November, Wardlaw Day. People were asked to drop off their old newspapers on the way to the game. Due to the short notice the prospective contributors were given, the profits were only \$432. The Library Club tried again December 6th to earn the rest of the money necessary to buy back-issues of the "New York Times," dating from 1854, on microfilm.

A large alumni turnout highlighted the Thanksgiving Dance. The band, "The Georgians," provided the musical setting, while the Ye Dial held a special photo sale.

On December 11th, students tried to skillfully prepared by the members of the Spanish Club. Another Spanish Club project underway is the presentation of a play in Spanish dialogue. The club is also scheduling a New York trip for some time in February.

The French Club is quite active this year. Bryna Greenwald presented a slide lecture on her summer trip to France. The Club plans a trip to New York to see the French hit "Z" with Yves Montand. The first annual Crêpes Sale held by the Club will be December 18th.

## Prep Hosts 2 Exchange Students

by Yumi Shitota '70

Rutgers Prep is involved in two foreign exchange programs. The first is the Open Door Exchange and the second is the World Youth Forum.

The Open Door is a student exchange program which lasts for approximately ten weeks, between participating United States high school students and Latin American students. This program is sponsored by a Board of Directors which functions in a similar manner to that of a Board of Education in a local community. The Latin American countries involved are Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Peru. Any high school student between fifteen and eighteen years of age is eligible to become an exchange student. This year, Sue Yacovitz will be hosting Elsie Leticia Perez under this program.

The other program which our School is involved in is the World Youth Forum. Approximately thirty to forty countries are involved in this program. Students are chosen by the Ministries of Education of respective countries on the basis of their potential leadership.

This year, Mrs. Rooda requested that a girl from a European country be sent to Prep. Avi Ronell will be hosting her for three weeks between January 14 and February 4. It is planned that she take at least three courses during her visit to Prep.

These programs involve not only the Foreign Exchange Committee members, but are designed to encourage participation from all the students at Prep by giving them the opportunity to meet people from different countries. Therefore, it is a responsibility of each student to make the exchange students feel welcomed.

Aside from these programs which take place during the academic periods, there is also a summer exchange program. Princeton Day, Hun School of Princeton, Hartford and Lawrenceville High Schools are involved in this program. Under this program, Ed Hoffman and Steve Barkassi will be going to Scotland next summer for approximately three weeks.

## Outing Club Escapades Test Human Endurance



The courageous sea captain and his lusty crew.

by Edie Morrison '70

Under the experience of Mr. Daviet and frequent help from Mrs. Chester Paulus, the fun-loving Outing club members seek to combat the perilous factors of nature. Some of the escapades of the club have been a canoe trip and horseback riding adventure.

On the canoe trip, the scenery was extremely impressive as the golden autumn leaves reflected off the trickling fresh water. The setting would have been a paradise for any disciple of Thoreau had he still the patience and favorable disposition to calmly gaze upon his surroundings after wading through freezing water, simultaneously carrying weighty canoes, fighting off obnoxious boyscouts, having his lunch saturated in the previously mentioned water, and bailing out the canoe with baggies. The brave members fought only to reach the end of the journey; however, Outing club members never fail to see the humor in any situation and so they were able to smile as they battled for their survival and even consider the trip most enjoyable.

Later in November the members visited The Red Barn, temple of fine racing horses. After signing to insure the owner that we fully realized we were riding at our own risk, we mounted these wondrous steeds and cantered off. Our adviser, Mr. Chamberlain, king of the wrestling mat but unfortunately, green-horn to the saddle had this to say after dismounting: "Take me back to the wrestling mat."

The Outing club, let it be known is not all fun and games, the members take a conscientious part in improving the campus. This coming spring the club will be transplanting the evergreens lining Easton Avenue to a more suitable location. Also they are attempting to label a nature path through the woods so that one may take leisurely strolls through the flower and fauna while simultaneously being educated on the various genres. In the near future the group will be spelunking (professional term for exploring caves) in areas suggested by Mr. Daviet and on December 14th the group will take a hike to an unexplainable rock formation.

The officers of the club are Terry Cohn, President; Megan Logue, Vice President and Jay Shayevitz, Secretary.

## Heinlein Opposes Routing of I-95

Since 1968, when the state announced that I-95 would pass through Franklin and Piscataway Townships, much opposition has been voiced. As the highway's route is now planned it would cross Easton Avenue approximately three hundred feet from the School's property. Prep opposes the present alignment because its closeness to the school would threaten an increase in local traffic and attract commercial activity. For these reasons, on December 18 Dr. Heinlein will attend a meeting which was called so that the public could express their opinions.



# Argonauts Win Opening Game

## Steinberg Steps Over J.E.C.

by Dennis Turner '70

The Rutgers Prep basketball team began its 1969-70 campaign on December 3, with a convincing 98-79 victory over the Janies from J.E.C. The Argonauts, strong in every offensive and defensive category were led by 6'8" senior captain, Steve Steinberg. Steinberg's 22 point first half performance helped Prep gain a 20 point lead by the end of the first half. Steve, who ended up with 36 points, was helped up front by 6'6" freshman Paul Smith. Smith had several blocked shots and crucial rebounds which led to Prep's commanding lead. Senior Steve Lapidus scored the first basket of the season for Prep and contributed 12 points, leading several fast breaks in his Bill Brady style. In the backcourt, outstanding performances were evident from juniors Ray Miklos and Rick Szles. Miklos at 6'1" pumped in 18 points, converting on several three point plays. Szles scored 6 points, but his play was excellent in attempting to break the J.E.C. press.

The bench provided great backup strength to the team. The reserves are led by 6'4" senior Bob Brezinski who plays at either center or forward and senior Mike Zarulow who will be able to assist in the backcourt. Dave Rubin, a junior, will be a great asset to the team because of his quickness



Steinberg and Smith; towers of power on the court.

and agility. Rounding out the varsity squad is 6'5" senior Scott Zimberg who will return to the team shortly. He has been off the court because of multiple knee and ankle injuries. Zimberg will provide extra strength under the boards and surely will fit into Coach O'Connell's plans for the latter part of the season.

There are four underclassmen who will be playing J.V. ball but, in their role as the "bomb squad," will see some varsity action. These players will be the key in the future years of Prep basketball. They are rugged junior Dick Lampen at 6'5", Sophomore Bruce Schwartz, junior Mike Young and Freshman Todd Cohen.

The forthcoming season looks excellent after the team's impressive opening victory. With no injuries, something which hurt the team last year, the season should be a memorable one, with Coach O'Connell and the players adding some notes to the Prep record books.

## Rutgers Prep Mermen Set Records Straight

The Swimming team dropped its season opener with Wardlaw, despite the fact that Mack Morton and Glen Brewer each set two Wardlaw records. Moreover, Morton broke yet another Prep record with a blazing 52.2 for the 100 yd. free-style.

The meet began with a frustrating Medley relay in which Prep was defeated by a fraction of a second. Successes by Glen Brewer and Dan Velinsky in free-style events plus Mack Morton's triumph in the Individual Medley since the Wardlaw lead. Prep momentum was then abruptly smashed in the butterfly event. The Mermen resurged to within several points of their opponents after Morton's record setting victory over Wardlaw powerhouse Bruce Crystal and the subsequent 1-2 placing of Glenn Brewer and Mike Matyas in the 100 backstroke. Despite strong late swimming by breast-stroker Riki Burks and distance swimmer Bob Paulus, Wardlaw wrapped up the meet with a strong final relay and a 51-35 victory.

Because Coach Fenstermaker's squad possesses many established stars, a league decision to permit

swimmers to compete in three events instead of the present two may be extremely important. This team can look forward to the stiff competition ahead knowing that they came within inches of victory despite short practice time and illness.

Over their years at Prep, two men have had the problem of yearly facing defeat and accepting insults. Mr. Bob Fenstermaker and Mr. Harry Chamberlain have the honors of coaching the so-called "garbage sports" at Prep. Mr. Fenstermaker has coached the Cross Country and Swimming teams ever since he started teaching at Prep. Mr. Chamberlain has had to bear the hardship of coaching our wrestling team for the last three years. None of their teams are successful in respect to their records, and to go through a season with one win is considered "not unsuccessful." Yet, every year, Mr. Fenstermaker works patiently for hours with his team, and Mr. Chamberlain can be seen running and exercising with his wrestlers as if he were an active participant on the mats.

For in their perseverance, they get nice cliches written about their teams in the Ye Dial. "Building year" Bob and "Mole" seem to be forgotten men in our athletics. Forgotten men to all but the guys who are on their teams—the ones who come out for cross country, wrestling, and swimming year after year. The amount of dedication shown by these men is surrounded only by the respect and loyalty which their players show for them.

So what is a great coach? I say a great coach is a man who can gain the respect and admiration of his players, and motivate them into doing their best. By my definition, and I'm sure I'm not alone, Mr. Fenstermaker and Mr. Chamberlain are what coaching is all about — reaching a group of athletes and convincing them that they can go one better. Many of you may say this outlook is corny and old fashioned. In this fast-changing world of ours, one of the few unchanged things in the world of sports. Yes, the rules change, and records are always being broken, but the idea of team effort has hopefully endured through the years. So what I'm saying is not obsolete or corny — it's putting credit where it is due: to the people who, as coaches uphold the finest tradition in athletics here at Prep.

## Prep Takes Second Place In R.P. Invitational Tournament

One of the greatest tributes to a ball club and coach is the ability to come through in the clutch, despite the pressure. This ability is characteristic of the 1969-70 Rutgers Prep Varsity Soccer Team. A relatively young and inexperienced club, the team consistently surprised the opposition with its great spirit and knack for capitalizing upon opponents mistakes.

The real test for this fine team came on November 11 in the first round of the Rutgers Prep Invitational Tournament, Rick Szles and Pete Kolbay, each with goals, led Prep to handily defeat Neuman Prep 2-0. Dave Rubin again registering one of his many shutouts. In the semi-final round Prep played probably their most crucial game all season against a well-trained Montclair Academy club who had defeated Prep 5-0 earlier in the season. This time, not so. Rick Szles pulled the hat trick scoring three goals to lead us to a 3-2 victory, the most cherished of the season. The final game proved to be a bruising defensive battle with Prep coming out on the short end to Morristown, 1-0.

Congratulations are in order for all members of the team and Coach Spurduto for proving once again that even the smaller, weaker team has the ability to come through. Remember the 1969 World Series.

## Kolt Watches Eagerly As Blue And Gold Fight It Out

Although a girls' interscholastic basketball team is nonexistent at Prep, Mrs. Kolt remains very active in encouraging greater participation in classes and outside athletic activities during the winter months. In November, when the girls acquired the use of the basketball court, all classes were divided into two teams: the gold and the blue. These teams have been competing in each gym class, acquiring points from each game played. The quality of these two teams seems to be of equal calibre. After a month of competition, the gold team is leading by five points.

In extracurricular activity, Mrs. Kolt has long been an advocate of the gymnastic clinics which are held at Glassboro State College. She plans to have a busload of students from Prep attending the next of these clinics, which is scheduled for January 17, 1970. At seminars of the next clinic, prominent coaches of the Eastern states, such as Muriel Grossfield and Ed Knipper, will be instructing the students.

## Tough Bernards Team Edges By J.V. Cagers

by Bruce Schwartz '72

On December 5, Coach Mike Stang and his fighting J.V. team opened their season against St. Bernards. Among the returning lettermen are Mike Young '71, and Bruce Schwartz '72. A newcomer to the J.V. Basketball, freshman Todd Cohn, is fulfilling a starting position as a forward. Also as a starter, freshman Jim Jasionowski is doing a fine job as a guard.

The team last year split two games with St. Bernards, winning the first and losing the second. On their opener this year with St. Bernards, they were defeated by the score of 56 to 49. High scorer was Todd Cohn with 18 points, followed by Dick Lampen with 10.

Last year was an unsuccessful season for the team as they won only six and lost nine. Dave Rubin '71, leading scorer of the J.V.'s last year, has moved up to the Varsity team.

This year's schedule for the J.V. team is another tough one. They play such teams as Mont-

clair Academy, Morristown College High, and Princeton Day, who always are great competitors. Many new teams have been added to the schedule such as Oratory, Hillsborough, and Neuman Prep. The game about which the boys are most anxious is the one against Wardlaw, because of the traditional rivalry between the two schools. Last year we defeated them twice, once by forty points and the other by eight points.

The team would like to thank all the J.V. cheerleaders for their support at our first game and throughout the whole season.

### Congratulations

Steve  
on 1000  
Career Points

## Varsity Grapplers Defeated; Kosciuszko Pins Opponent

The Rutgers Prep wrestling team, coached by Mr. Barry Chamberlain, got off to a slow start this season by losing their opening meet, but they hope to do better as the season progresses and their rookie members gain wrestling experience.

The team consists of Warren Silverman '72, in the 106 lb. class; Thomas Conroy '70 at 115 lbs; Louis Rosenbaum '73, at 123 lbs; Steve Kitzis '70, 130 lbs; Justin Blum '71, 136 lbs; Chris Kolbay '70, 141 lbs; Jack Shulman '70, 148 lbs; Dale Grant '71, 157 lbs; Ed Hoffman '71, 168 lbs; Mike Chenkin '71, 178 lbs; and Ed Kosciuszko, heavyweight.

Louis Rosenbaum, Justin Blum, Jack Shulman, and Dale Grant wrestled for the first time at the Wardlaw meet on December 6. They show great promise and, with experience, should eventually prove to be real assets to the team. Although the score of the Wardlaw meet, 44-5 in favor of Wardlaw, appears humiliating, the meet was really much closer than the score indicates.

In the beginning match, our 115 lb. Tom Conroy, a three year veteran, lost by decision to a strong opponent. Tom managed a fine first period but failed in subsequent ones.

Chris Kolbay, a member of the team for four years, began an excellent match by taking the lead in the first period, but in the end, lost the match due to a decision based upon riding time. Steve Kitzis was also beaten

by decision. Heavyweight Ed Kosciuszko, won his match by obtaining a pin in the final period. Ed is a three year veteran of the team. Prep might have made a better show had it not had to forfeit three weight classes at the start. Mike Chenkin and Warren Silverman did not make a weight, and Ed Hoffman sustained an injury, thus giving Wardlaw a fifteen point lead.

