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## Honor Roll For November Shows Slight Increase

Beardslee and J. M. Wells Lead Total of Nineteen. Twelve Honorable Mentions

The honor roll at the Rutgers Preparatory School for the month ending November 17, 1939, was announced by Mr. Shepard, headmaster of the school, on November 28. There were nineteen boys on the honor roll, which number is twenty-one per cent of the total student body. This shows an increase of three boys over last month's honor roll. The Senior Class placed nine boys on the honor roll; the Junior Class, three; the Sophomore Class, five; the Freshman Class, two.

Mr. Shepard stated that he was pleased with the work of the boys during this, the second month of the school year, although he said that he was somewhat disappointed at the work of some of the boys. Mr. Shepard said that it seemed as though those boys who did excellent work last month did even better this month, and in contrast, those boys who did fair work last month did poorer work this month.

**Honorable Mention Again Defined**  
The honorable mention ruling was again explained by Mr. Shepard as follows: "A student must attain an average of eighty per cent or better in his work for the month, and he must also have a certifying grade of seventy-five percent or better in each course in order that his name may be placed on the honor roll for the month. Honorable mention is to be awarded to those students, who obtain an average of eighty per cent or better in all their subjects, but who failed to attain a certifying grade in one or more subjects."

There were twelve boys receiving honorable mention, a decrease of seven boys as compared to last month's honor roll.

### HONOR ROLL (Listed in order of rank)

*Ninety and above*  
Beardslee, D., '42  
Wells, J. M., '43

*Eighty-five to ninety*  
Vandivert, R., '42  
Farkas, R., '42  
Miller, H., '40  
Corbin, R., '40  
Farley, C. McL., '40  
Thompson, C., '40  
Burroughs, E., '43

*Eighty to eighty-five*  
Bishop, J., '40  
Cramer, J., '41  
Rudolph, W., '40  
McChesney, M., '42  
Davis, J., '40  
DeVoe, G., '41  
Deschu, C., '40  
Miller, J., '40  
Rust, P., '41  
Howell, F., '42

### Honorable Mention

Matthews, D.  
Bogdanovitch, P.  
Okerson, W.  
Johnson, H.  
Lamberton, R.  
Lambert, F.  
Nafey, R.  
Kielley, W.  
Andersen, C.  
Christie, R.  
Gosse, A.  
Stogner, R.

## BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

For the interest and convenience of THE ARGO reader, the 1939-40 Basketball Schedule is printed below:

Jan. 10—	Admiral Farragut	home
13—	Montclair Acad.	home
16—	Pingry	away
20—	Bordentown	home
24—	Pennington	away
27—	Morristown	away
Feb. 3—	Kingsley	home
7—	Lawrenceville	away
14—	Hun	away
17—	Seton Hall	home
20—	Newark Acad.	away
21—	Rutgers Freshmen	away
Mar. 2—	Newman School	home

## "Great Guns" First Play Of Theater Club's New Season

College Show and "Cyrano De Bergerac" Give Prep Boys Two Trips

A group of boarding students composed of James Wells, Rodney Searle, Joe Piffath, John Bishop, John Pratt, Tony Gosse, Jim Stapleton, Bob O'Donnell and Rob Christie, accompanied by Mr. Shepard, Mr. Brewer and Mr. Stearns, went to New York City, Friday evening, December 1, to see the University of Pennsylvania Mask and Wig Show "Great Guns." The show, which lasted about two hours, was well received by the audience and formed a very enjoyable evening's entertainment.

The setting of "Great Guns" was a western ranch, and the plot dealt with the harried love life of the ranch-owner's daughter, Polly Whitehead. This daughter accompanied by a slightly tarnished debutante, Debbie Conkle, returned home to her cowboy lover, Lone Ed to find him distasteful. The rest of the show, intermingled with chorus dances and songs, was complicated with such amusing characters as the ranch-cook and a Hollywood director. By far the best performances were given by

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## RETHBERG AND PINZA GIVE JOINT RECITAL AT SECOND OF THE RUTGERS CONCERT SERIES

The second of the Rutgers Concert series at the University Gymnasium was held on Monday evening, November 20. Mme. Elizabeth Rethberg, soprano, and Mr. Ezio Pinza, bass, gave a joint recital in a program consisting of selections from the works of Mozart, Bach, Wolf, Verdi, Handel, and others.

Mme. Rethberg was born in Schwarzenburg, Germany, and studied at the Royal Conservatory of Music in Dresden. She made her debut at the age of nineteen at Dresden, and in the following years toured Europe, singing in all the large cities. In 1923 Mme. Rethberg made her debut at the Metropolitan Opera House, New York, and since then has become an American citizen.

Mr. Pinza was born in Rome and studied music at the Conservatory of Bologna, making his debut in Rome in 1919. Shortly thereafter he came to America and made his debut in New York. Since then he has been recognized as one of America's great singers.

### Mozart Aria Opens Concert

Mr. Pinza opened the concert with an aria from *The Magic Flute* by Mozart. In this, Sarastro, the High Priest of the Temple of Isis, tells Pamina, a novice, that within the walls of the temple there are no thoughts of enmity or vengeance. *O Bellami Capelli*, a passionate love song, and *Che Fiero Costume* followed.

There were two encores after this group, one of which was a lively and humorous air from Mozart's *Don Giovanni*, telling of the troubles that Leporello, a valet, has with his master.

Mme. Rethberg and Mr. Pinza next rendered a duet, also from *Don Giovanni*, in which the Don makes advances to the pretty coquette, Zerlina, who is about to be married to a peasant. She makes small show of resistance.

### German Songs Follow Intermission

After the intermission, Mme. Rethberg sang two rather heavy compositions of Franz and Brahms. The first was the story of a girl who recalls

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## School Elects New Officers For Students' Association

Wm. Lyon Phelps Preaches Sunday Chapel Sermon

Dr. William Lyon Phelps, Professor Emeritus of Yale University, was the very welcome speaker at Kirkpatrick Chapel, Sunday, December 10.

As a text for his sermon Dr. Phelps chose the 13th chapter of I Corinthians and the 5th chapter of the Gospel according to St. Matthew, which is more generally known as the Sermon on the Mount. Dr. Phelps said that Jesus spoke not to the multitude but to those who chose to follow him. Therefore He went up into the mountains and his disciples gathered around him. Dr. Phelps interpreted the Sermon on the Mount as being the best way of life. Mercy and Charity, he said, were the main points. Without these things a man could not have peace and tranquility of mind and the ability to conquer life.

**Lives That Are Free From Care**  
The man who walked down the street thinking he owned the whole world was not at peace in his mind because he would worry about keeping his world; the man who walked down the street not caring who owned the world would have no spiritual turmoil. The carefree attitude of the second man was due to his mercy and charity, which put him on the same level as the multitudes. Dr. Phelps gave *Les Miserables* as an illustration of this point. When the police caught Jean Valjean for stealing the Bishop's silverware, the Bishop "lied like a gentleman," and told the police that he had given him the silver. When the dumbfounded police had gone, the Bishop told Jean that the three good things in life were hard work, tobacco, and prayer. The hard work was to give satisfaction; the tobacco was for relaxation; and the prayer was for an intimate relation with some higher being.

The Professor said in closing that the Eye-for-an-Eye attitude did nothing but poison oneself and that Charity is understanding.

Harper, Searle And Gosse Win Chief Offices

Close Balloting Among Six Nominees Gives Harper The Presidency

The members of the Rutgers Preparatory School student body assembled on November 28 for the purpose of electing the school's student officers. Held after the morning recess, the assembly was thus convened in order to insure as complete a representation in the voting as was possible. Mr. Shepard conducted the meeting and received nominations for the election of the president and vice-president. When the returns of the election were made known two days later, it was found that William Harper had received a majority of the ballots cast. After the announcement of the results, Bill made a short speech and assumed the office of president.

Since he had received the second largest number of votes cast, Rodney Searle was automatically made vice-president of the school. At the same time at which he made the announcement of these results, Mr. Shepard received nominations of candidates for the position of Secretary. The students were informed on the following day that Anthony Gosse had been elected to that office.

### Harper Has Long School Record

Having graduated from the Rutgers Elementary School, Bill Harper is now completing his fifth year at the Prep school. During his years at Prep Bill, by his fun-loving spirit and general geniality, has made himself the most popular boy in the school. While still in his Sophomore and Junior years, Bill was elected to the office of Secretary two consecutive times. He is a resident of New Brunswick and consequently has a large circle of friends outside of the Preparatory school.

On the athletic side Bill has shown himself to be a most valuable basketball player. He has been a member of two varsity basketball championship teams, and his abilities as a first-sacker on the diamond are well known. Under the able coaching of Mr. Rudy, Bill has developed into one of the best centers seen around Prep's basketball court in many years. Upon his graduation this spring, Bill entertains hopes of going to Duke University. We know that Bill's friendly manner will make many a friend for him down in that genial college town.

### Searle of Old Prep Family

Rodney Searle, vice-president of the school, is attending his first and last year here at the Preparatory school. He hails from Haddonfield, N. J., where he graduated from the High School of that town. Rod's popularity is very evident by the close returns in the presidential election. Unfortunately, because of a physical ailment, Rod was unable to participate in athletics at the school this year. In looking over his past athletic record we can easily see that his services would have been most valuable to the various teams on which he had formerly played. Rod, at present, plans to be a member of the fresh-

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## A NEW WINTER SCHEDULE

A new plan for conducting school during the winter term is at present being considered by Mr. Shepard and the faculty. This term is the most trying for both students and masters, in that classes tend to become tedious; there is a general laxness of work; and there is a strain on the good disposition of everyone. Therefore, in an effort to shorten the winter term and at the same time give a longer Easter vacation to the students and faculty, this plan has been proposed. Instead of going to school for eleven weeks between Christmas and Easter, it has been suggested that school be held on Saturday mornings in order that the winter term may be cut to nine weeks. The advantages of this plan are that, although the required number of school days will be observed, nevertheless everyone will receive a longer vacation and be in better condition to meet the final spring term. However, to gain these advantages certain sacrifices must be made. Because of Saturday classes, Friday evening will of necessity be no longer free but dedicated to study. This will most affect the boarding department who regularly go home over the week-ends. Theirs would perhaps be the greatest sacrifice.

This new plan has not been definitely decided upon, since permission to use the recitation building on Saturday morning must first be gained from the University, but it is being considered with the benefit of the student body and faculty in mind.

## EXCUSES

It is plausible, though hardly probable, that in the years to come people may read in magazines advertisements informing anyone concerned that methods had been discovered which guaranteed immunity to "excuseosis", provided that one adhered strictly to the rules of the cure. We sincerely hope, however, that excuse-making will not have become so widespread an evil in future days that cures will have to be invented for it.

The class-room and the athletic field are where excuses are made commonplace by their continued use. It is in these places that one establishes a reputation as to whether he is an habitual excuse-maker. If he is, the fault may or may not lie entirely in the individual.

For instance, during the course of some athletic practice an impatient coach may sharply reprimand a greenhorn for some apparently silly error. When it is demanded of the player why he did not do the correct thing, he is automatically put on the spot. If he remains silent, the coach either will think that he is extremely stupid or plainly discourteous. In either case the individual is usually too confused by his own error to give a logical reason, if there is one, as to why he did not do what he should have done. As a result of his own befuddlement and embarrassment, he makes some lame alibi to the coach who promptly tabs the player and his abilities as being very inferior.

In the classroom excuses seem no less than essential elements in the every day routine. Excuses are offered to teachers which cover many phases of school life, and the large majority of these excuses are justifiable in most cases. Some students, however, are inclined to present to teachers such haphazard reasons for various short-comings that it is amazing to see that the students themselves possibly hope that the teacher will accept the excuse.

Although excuses are sometimes necessary, they should not be overworked. One should attempt zealously to avoid excuse-making, and this can be done only by trying to the best of one's ability to perform the daily tasks to which he is assigned. By doing this, one reason motivating excuse-making, namely, that of lack of preparation, will, for the most part, be eliminated.

## FOOTNOTES

by Tony Gosse

At last, at last, to the envy of all stylish stouties we have discovered a cure for obesity. It seems that a pig disappeared early in September, weighing 125 pounds, and not an ounce of muscle. Ten long dreary weeks later, the pig was found wedged in a drain-pipe like Diogenes in his barrel. And, what's more, Pig weighed but forty-five pounds! From now on he will probably be good for nothing but lean meat.

*O tempora, O mores!* we are about to weep on the reader's shoulder in sympathy for a motion-picture scenario writer. This unfortunate wretch, when hailed into court by his former wife for non-payment of alimony, testified that because of indebtedness caused by these payments he had humiliated himself and lost face in the film industry by accepting a job which paid only \$275 a week.

This item comes from a column in a daily paper. At a current musical show, "The Straw Hat Revue," those at the box office affirm that a woman patron arrived for a matinee lacking twenty cents of the admission price but bringing four store milk bottles to settle the difference.

A California scientist in a recent press statement hailed garlic as the source of a new bacteria war against tuberculosis. For years we've known of garlic's detrimental effect on Romance, but we, personally, would rather die of consumption than lose our fading "oomph."

In Detroit tomato-faced police officials reluctantly confessed that a burglar had smashed forty locks and stolen the contents of as many lockers in the basement of Police Headquarters. Similarly, some time ago, two seven-year-olds entered the U. S. Mint and swiped shiny copper pennies, but, as a Republican friend said, "After all, what can you expect from a Democratic Administration?"

With the current dramatic season getting its second wind, perhaps this anecdote is appropriate. It so happened that a prominent critic had just left the theatre after viewing a turgid "melodrama" with a friend. Asked for his comment on the show, this friend replied, "I thought it stank." Mildly amazed the critic replied, "Oh, did you like it that much?"

The metaphysicians of Long Island who have adopted six months old Jean Gault and are grooming her for immortality seem a bit irrational as metaphysicians always do. We learn that "our birth is but a sleep and a forgetting", and we hope that some day we will trail our clouds of glory back whence they came. The thought of immortality here on this planet thus is rather a gloomy one, especially at this particular time.

For our own "Department of Utter Confusion", we catch *The New Yorker* at its own game and ask our readers please to enlighten us as to the meaning of this sentence, quoted from a review in that publication of *Die Meistersinger*: "Friedrich Schorr was a benign and lovable Sachs, as in other years; Charles Kullman an unusually believable Walthar; and the Thirty-ninth Street moon rose high in about a minute."

Department of Caustic Comments: The cheer this week goes to George S. Kaufman, who adds to his remarkable ability as a playwright the reputation of being a contract bridge shark. His beautiful but dumb partner said by the way of apology at the close of an ill-played hand: "You know, I used to play an awfully good game of auction." To which Mr. Kaufman replied, "You still do." Later in the game the unfortunate innocent trumped G. S. K.'s ace. With perfect calm the maestro inquired, "Tell me when did you learn to play bridge, and don't say this morning—I want to know WHAT HOUR?"

## Dear Diary

Thursday, Nov. 9:

Generosity gets into the limelight! Parents received invitations to the luncheon held at School after the George School game.

Friday, Nov. 10:

Several of the fellows including Pat Malone, Al Erickson, and Phil Bogdanovitch celebrated by taking a day off from football practice to go rabbit hunting. The score: no victims, no fun, no game.

Saturday, Nov. 11:

Armistice Day and the George School game prevail in our memories. We wondered about the grand array of flags until Roy Stogner told us that it was his birthday.

Sunday, Nov. 12:

Governor Harry Moore gave an address at the college chapel and most of the fellows sat through a very interesting sermon with their eyes open.

Monday, Nov. 20:

A gleam of expectation can be discerned in the eyes of the inmates—Thanksgiving vacation approaches slowly but with persistence.

Wednesday, Nov. 22:

At 10:30 school was adjourned until the following Monday and Thanksgiving vacation had officially begun—at least, to most of our good Democrats it was Thanksgiving.

Tuesday, Nov. 28:

A new winter study hall serves to put a wrench in the old routine. Also our hours of sleep are somewhat disturbed by the replacement of the study hall bells.

Wednesday, Nov. 29:

We visit the infirmary today to call on Gabby Hausner who received a foot injury over the holidays. Gabby's kinda fortunate at that—the usual run of holiday injuries do not occur in the feet.

Friday, Dec. 1:

Class election day of the student officers. "Percy" Harper the immortal is our new president and Rod Searle is the vice-president; Tony Gosse was elected to the position of Secretary. Friday, this first day of December, also saw a group of students hike over to New York to see the University of Penn.'s Mask and Wig Show. From all we can gather it was quite a show.

Saturday, Dec. 2:

Good old rain! What would Dear Diary do without these?

Sunday, Dec. 3:

No chapel at the university today because of their peculiarly placed vacation. We disperse to the various churches in New Brunswick.

Tuesday, Dec. 5:

Could it be that Gosse has started an innovation? Pertaining to that appendage above his upper lip, of course.

## THE BOOKWORM

CAPTAIN HORATIO HORNBLOWER

by C. S. Forester. Little, Brown and Company, 1939.

His Majesty's ship *Lydia* was seven months out of England without having touched a single port since its departure. The boat, commanded by Captain Horatio Hornblower, was sailing somewhere in the Pacific in the closing years of the eighteenth century with its destination unknown to everyone except the Captain.

Hornblower was young for a captain in the British Navy. He differed from most of the British Naval commanders in that he treated his crew with respect and kindness, but was firm and harsh when he had to be. Hornblower hated flogging or any means of corporal punishment and did away with it whenever he could. The crew admired and perhaps loved their captain because he

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## WHAT-NOTS

by Roy Stogner

With the prospect of a two-weeks' vacation looming up before us like a beacon in the wilderness, joviality practically runs rampant among the students at Prep. This spirit of good-feeling and brotherly asserted itself with the utmost prominence. Why it was only the other day that we observed one individual apologizing to another for having owed that two bucks he'd borrowed a few months hence for so long a time. His FHA loan, he explained, had been held up. (Don't blame me for that one, fellows. I only print the news as I interpret it).

And speaking of the FHA, Roland Leon might be interested in further particulars if he seriously intends to spend his summer vacations in the States.

A plaintive complaint uttered by the comedian Bert Lahr after a slight earthquake was: "My house is so shaky from these earthquakes that everytime a car rolls by outside, the termites have to join hands to keep the building from falling down." We imagine that if the termites in the Orient exhibit the same community spirit as is evidenced in Mr. Lahr's house, they are probably so fagged out most of the time that they have little spare time to spend in adding to the earthquake's results in their own quaint little way.

Some innocent was heard inquiring as to whether "Percy" Harper was really connected with the mule trade. Upon investigating we found that the little one's distortion of the situation had merely resulted from his having heard someone call "Perce" a blacksmith. To put everyone's mind at ease we'd like to say that Harp isn't engaged in that once lucrative occupation. The origin of that name can, we believe, be traced right back to the Chem class.

If, by chance, a hat with an appealing or cajoling note attached should make its appearance in the top hallway of the Delta House, one will know that the other inmates' supply of soap has at last ceased to adorn the hitherto untarnished surface of "Pan-Handler" Joe Piffath's soap receptacle.

Harry Garey, recently seen in possession of a five-dollar bill, reluctantly admitted that this one didn't belong to him, but (here a note of boasting is discerned) that he'd had one exactly like it a year ago. Since then he's been thriving on its memory and has been eagerly awaiting this year's allowance—whichever, incidentally, comes at Christmas time.

Did you hear the one Lew Lehr told about the kind old kangaroo that adopted an orphan monkey but was forced to annul the adoption because the monkey continually bounced coconuts off her stomach. We think the kangaroo was fortunate. Suppose she'd adopted an ostrich—then she would not only have had objects bouncing off her stomach; she'd have had to hatch 'em!

Crash! A few deafening rumbles amid several soul-shaking cries of agony which gradually subside to occasional moans. Don't be alarmed! No assassin has eliminated the inhabitants of the Delta house's basement. Those boys who comprise the newly organized "Sons of Delta Glee Club" are merely having a few bouquets tossed their way.

My, how the "Christmas spirits" do help in retaining that jovial outlook during the holidays!

Joe Cramer is convinced that a cold and two tests all coming in one day are enough to keep anyone from attending classes.

We have Walter (never say it in one word if you can in ten) Rieley to thank for this bit of English composition: "He gasped, 'Rejoice, we conquer'; then he swooped and died." How, pray tell us dear Walter, does one "Swoop and die?"

This rare one from Pat Malone in the Chem lab when he was requested to lower the bar above a table. "Which way" quoth our hero.

Speaking of cats (We weren't, but let's) get We-wonder-how-he-does-it, alias Tell - it - again - after - you've rearranged-the-facts Bill Walters to tell

## Coach Gives Views On Football Team

Mr. Petke and ARGO Reviewer Find Inexperience The Cause of Defeats

The Rutgers Preparatory School brought to a close their none too successful football season by losing to the George School of Newtown, Pa., on Saturday, November 11.

The Prep team, consisting of thirty-one boys, both day and boarding students, was a team inexperienced in the ways of the gridiron. A majority of them had never donned a football uniform before. Mr. Petke and Mr. Holley trained these boys in the fundamentals of football.

In the opening game of the season against the Morristown School, the Prepsters tasted their first defeat, then, practicing hard and diligently during the next week, came out full of spirit and intent upon defeating their next rival, The Newman School of Lakewood, and after four quarters of hard football emerged with a score of 0-0. Had the quarters been the regulation time of twelve minutes, the Maroon and White might have come out victorious, but in order that the game be played without the aid of floodlights, the quarters were reduced to nine minutes each. Statistics of the game showed that the Prepsters had had the edge over their opponents. The Montclair Academy was the second setback of the Rutgers squad, who lost to their more experienced rivals 19-0. In the final game of the season Rutgers Prep lost 20-0.

## Coach Praises Players

Mr. Petke, interviewed by THE ARGO, said that the team showed improvement in every position. The end positions were held well by Jim Wells and Al Updike, with the competent second string ends Tony Gosse, Roland Leon and Al Ericson who were always eager to fight and do their best for Rutgers Prep. Hank Weidman, Johnny Davis, Rod Vandivert and Pat Malone held down the tackle positions, while Al Foster, Freas Hess, Sammy Bretzfeld, George DeVoe and Stanley Geipel filled the guard slots. Bob Hanna, All-State center from Roselle Park, injured in the last week of practice, gave up his post to Johnny Bishop, who proved himself to be a great ball passer-back. Little Dave Rust, a sophomore at Prep, proved that he was a ball-carrier extraordinary and therefore was moved up to fullback on the first team. Gabriel Hausner, quarterback, was the sparkplug of the team in every encounter, running the ball through the line and tackling hard, and thereby proved himself an asset to the Prep team. The halfback positions were filled by Roy Stogner, Casper Deschu, Chandler Thompson, Harold Johnson, Jack Coad, Mat Gutkowski, and Johnny Hackett. The kicking department was handled by Al Updike, Bob Hanna and Jim Wells. Both Hanna and Updike were put out of action because of the injuries they received in the games and in practice. Others receiving injuries during the season were Roy Stogner, Dave Matthews, Casper Deschu, Johnny Hackett and Chandler Thompson. The Managerial staff consisted of Bob O'Donnell, Bob Becker and Jim Stapleton, who were always on the job supplying the players with whatever they needed.

## Few Veterans Remain

The football season now brought to a close sees very few of the Varsity left for next season. The first team with the exception of Al Foster and Dave Rust are all Seniors at Prep. The following boys are left to avenge next season the defeats suffered by Rutgers Prep: Vandivert, Bretzfeld, Rust, Leon, Foster, Devoe, Geipel and Howell.

Kingsley and Pingry Schools cancelled their games with the Prep at the beginning of the season, leaving only four games played this fall.

you about that surprisingly super-cat of his which he uses for a radiator ornament or fender guide while the car is in motion to the extent of "about eighty miles per hour."

## Basketball Squad Off To Good Year As Drills Start

The Rutgers Prep basketball team has begun training at the Prep School gymnasium. The squad is being coached by Mr. Harry E. Rudy who is now in his fifth season as basketball coach of Rutgers Prep.

The school teams have been highly successful in the past five years, and in 1937 and 1938 won the State Championship. The two previous years the team reached the finals of the State Tournament only to be defeated. Last year's squad was undefeated in its class, and as no State Championship was held for Group III Prep schools, Rutgers Prep is virtually still the defending champion. This year's team is determined to uphold the fine record made by the Rutgers Prep teams in the past and to retain the State Championship.

Kluey, Kolakowski, Schmidt, Pennington and Hasbrouck have graduated and leave only Bill Harper for the lone veteran. Harper, a rangy center, was a member of the 1938 championship team and of last year's mythical championship team.

Of the seventeen boys who tried out for the squad, eleven are left. The players are as follows: Casper Deschu, Harvey Miller, Dave Matthews, Dick Meyers, Bob Morrison, Bill Harper, Harvey Moynihan, Jim Wells, Bob Hanna, Al Updike and John Hackett. John Bishop is managing this year's team.

Mr. Rudy has expressed great confidence in the potential abilities of this year's squad, small though it may be, and, early in practice has concentrated on developing the speed and endurance of the players as a whole. Even at this early date, the team spirit of past years which has been a part of championship squads is found again among the eleven who represent the school in basketball. Rutgers Prep faces a long and hard schedule with high hopes of bringing another trophy to the school.

## Juniors Vindicate Varsity Loss With Montclair Victory

Phil Rust, Jim Potter and Bob Cramer paced the local "Prepsters" to a 27 to 0 victory over the Montclair Midgets in a game featured by spectacular runs and passes. This was the second win for the Rutgers boys after one setback and two scoreless ties.

Francis Johnson, Prep halfback, returned the opening kickoff to the fifty yard stripe. Two line backs by Johnson and a pass, Potter to Joe Cramer, netted only seven yards, and Potter punted to Bartsch on the Montclair twenty yard line. Northrup, Montclair quarterback, dropped back and heaved an aerial intended for Crosby, but Potter intercepted the pigskin and ran it back to the Montclair twenty-five. Phil Rust took the ball on a reverse and skirted left end for the first score of the game. Bob Cramer tallied the extra point with a center plunge.

Late in the second quarter, after a march of fifty yards, Jim Potter wormed his way through tackle for ten yards and the second score. Cramer again made the point and the half ended with Rutgers in front by fourteen points.

The third touchdown came early in the last period after a sustained march of forty yards climaxed by a thirty yard run off tackle by Rust. In the closing minutes of the game, Rust got loose again and ran twenty yards for the final score, with Cramer adding the extra point on a line plunge.

The lineup:

Rutgers Prep	Montclair
Beaudette	L.E. Blakey
Nafey	L.T. Dietz
Lambert	L.G. Harrison
Hale	L.G. Poor (C)
Farkas	R.G. Williams
Waterman	R.T. Crawford
P.Cramer	R.E. Van Winkle
Potter (C)	Q.B. Northrup
Rust	L.H. Crosby
Johnson	R.H. Purvis
R.Cramer	F.B. Bartsch

Score by periods:  
Rutgers Prep 7 7 0 13-27  
Montclair 0 0 0 0-0

## Weak Prep Team Loses Last Game To George School

Two Touchdowns In Each Half Swamp Home Team On Homecoming Day

The Rutgers Prep football team closed its season before a crowd of a hundred parents and friends at Neilson Field, on Nov. 11, when a much heavier George School eleven ran roughshod to a 26 to 0 victory. Two touchdowns in the second and last periods accounted for the scoring.

A break early in the first period gave the Rutgers boys the pigskin on the visitor's twenty-five yard line, but three line plays with Hausner, Rust and Deschu carrying the ball netted only eight yards, and George School took the ball on downs.

In the second quarter the Pennsylvania lads started a march from their own forty-five which ended in a score. Running plays with Cadwallader and Green totting the ball, mixed with a few passes, took the ball to the Rutgers thirty-two. Harry Hummell skirted left end for sixteen yards and a first down. Two line plays with Hummell running the ball gained only five yards, and Stan Green faded and threw a pass to Cadwallader who stepped over the goal line for the first score. Johnny Campbell's placement was good.

The second score came later in the same period when another aerial found the arms of Cadwallader. Two passes, Campbell to Hummell, were good for fourteen yards and set the stage for the touchdown.

## Second Half More Evenly Matched

The third quarter was evenly matched, with Prep having a slight advantage. Fumbles were very costly, halting any marches that got under way.

The George School players stepped on the gas in the final frame and pushed over two more scores to sew up the game. The Prepsters started a march on their own thirty, which ended when Green intercepted Deschu's pass on the visitor's forty yard stripe and ran it back to the Rutgers fifteen yard line. A fifteen yard penalty against George School for clipping, put the ball back to the thirty. Hummell on a center plunge picked up seven yards through the middle. On a reverse, Green to Hummell, the latter slashed off tackle for twenty-three yards and a touchdown. Green plunged over for the extra point.

The final score came in the last minute when Hummell, on an end run flipped a lateral to Weiss who went over standing up.

The lineup:

Rutgers Prep	George School
Wells	L.E. Gramley
Weidman	L.T. R. Waddington
Hess	L.G. Heimlich
Bishop	C. Tiggart
Foster	R.G. Wilson
Davis	R.T. W. Waddington
Erickson	R.E. Mercer
Deschu	O.B. Campbell
Rust	L.H. Cadwallader
Hackett	R.H. Green
Hausner	F.B. Hummell

Score by periods:  
Rutgers Prep 0 0 0 0-0  
George School 0 13 0 13-26  
Substitutions: Rutgers Prep: DeVoe, Coad, Gosse, Johnson, Keller, Stogner, Thompson, Gutkowski, Leon, Vandivert, Bretzfeld and Feldbaum. George School: Weiss, Dudley, Gilland, Hobbs, Saxton, Gee Ashton, Swayne, Marble, Snipes, Park and Wise.

## STATISTICS

	Rutgers Prep.	Geo. Sch.
First Downs	3	5
Yards gained rushing	38	85
Yards lost rushing	25	29
Forward passes	9	17
Forwards completed	3	7
Yards gained on passes	32	67
Passes intercepted by	1	2
Lateral passes	3	1
Laterals completed	3	1
Yards gained on laterals	11	14
Number of punts	7	5
Average dist. of punts	25	26
Fumbles	5	4
Own fumbles recovered	2	2
Penalties	1	3
Yards lost on penalties	5	35



## THEATRE TRIPS

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Debbie and Claudette, the glamor struck cook, and the dancing chorus. Of the many songs in "Great Guns", "Stop-It's Wonderful" has become a minor hit and can be heard occasionally over the radio.

After the show, Mr. Shepard steered the group into Walgreen's for refreshments and thence home.

## "Cyrano" At Madison

The following Friday evening, December 8th, another group of students went to see "Cyrano de Bergerac," presented by the Drew Foresters theatrical company at the Madison High School auditorium, Madison, New Jersey. This group, supervised by Mr. Stearns, included Tony Gosse, Rob Christie, Cleve Backster, Leonard Waterman, Jim Westfalls and Roy Stogner.

This play is a romantic comedy, set in Seventeenth Century France, that gay period so vividly depicted by Alexander Dumas, and deals with the love, the renunciation, and brilliant wit of the swashbuckling hero Cyrano. It was a creditable performance for amateurs, and the costumes and stage settings made an appropriate background for the moving lines of Edmond Rostand, the author. Although the piece was presented to a packed audience, unfortunately there was a noisy element among it which rendered difficult the hearing of the lines.

## RETHBERG AND PINZA

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with bitterness other days. The scene is autumn, and all seems sad and dreary, for she has lost her lover. The second was a love song, telling the Zephyrs to carry a message to the loved one.

The selections which followed provided a contrast, being light compositions by Wolf, one a love song, the other about an elf who, waking up at night, sees some glowworms and believes them lights from a wedding.

Mr. Pinza returned to give another group of songs, including a charming lullaby, *Fiocca La Nere*, and two arias which showed his magnificent voice to good advantage. The concert ended with the beautiful Swallow Duet from *Mignon*, sung by both artists, who were then called upon to deliver many encores, the most outstanding of which was the duet from *The Marriage of Figaro*.

During the first part of the concert Mme. Rethberg appeared to be in rather poor voice, and her singing was marked by nervousness and unsure delivery, the topnotes being wobbly or badly projected. During the latter part of the program, however, she recovered, and joined with Mr. Pinza in giving a recital of much beauty and great value.

## SCHOOL ELECTS OFFICERS

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man class entering Rutgers next year.

The election of Anthony Gosse as Secretary of the school completes the list of this year's school officers. Tony has been a member of the school for three years and his scholastic achievements are worthy of note. In this, his Senior year, Tony has been chosen the Editor-in-Chief of THE ARGO, and his services will doubtless be most helpful in maintaining the high standards of our year book as set by previous members of the YE DIAL'S staff. An active participant of the swimming team for two years, Tony has done much to improve his abilities in that sport, and he is now a valuable member of the team. Next year Tony plans to enter Princeton, and we all wish him as great a measure of success in that school as he has achieved here.

## THE BOOKWORM

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refused to let any member of his crew do anything that he himself wouldn't attempt. The thing that made him such a successful commander (besides the cooperation of his crew) was his brain which worked like a delicate machine, calculating nautical problems with ingenious rapidity. Hornblower was the type of man that women loved easily.

The *Lydia*, a frigate of thirty-six guns, was the only English boat stationed in Pacific waters during a Spanish dispute. The reason for its being there was to keep an eye on British possessions and keep the Spanish towns along the coast of the Americas fearful of British supremacy. Hornblower piloted his ship to a port in Central America where provisions and fresh water were taken on board. At sea once again the *Lydia* encountered the *Natividad*, a Spanish gunboat of two decks and twice her force. Because of a superior commander and a well-trained crew the British handily sunk the bigger ship in a short skirmish.

Putting in at Panama for more supplies and dispatches from the homeland, Hornblower discovers that peace with Spain had been procured during his campaign and that the orders are to return to England at once. On the return voyage, the *Lydia* meets a larger boat flying the pirate flag. By clever maneuvering on the part of Hornblower and the machine-like working of the crew, the enemy ship is sunk.

After a short leave of absence, Hornblower was put in command of a much larger boat with twice the crew, and sent in as a ship of the line to patrol the Mediterranean Sea in order to help the Spanish against the scourge of the Emperor Napoleon's privateers. Hornblower had nothing but contempt for the French as seamen because of their lack of good commanders and their ill-fated, untrained, and undisciplined crews. In one tussle off Toulon he captured a French ship, hardly firing a shot. For days he kept the French coats towns in constant fear, striking unexpectedly at various vulnerable spots. With the help of several Spanish regiments Hornblower led a shore attack on a captured town. In the furious counter-attack by Napoleon's forces he was almost killed, saved only by an alert midshipman.

While patrolling the Gulf of Rosas alone, four French ships of the line engaged him in a battle which raged for several hours. Hornblower's crew, working superbly under fire, disabled three of the enemy ships, but broadside after broadside killed many and wounded others of the English seamen, including First Lieutenant Bush. In order to keep from being entirely annihilated, Hornblower surrendered his boat and was taken prisoner.

After spending only two weeks in prison, he and Bush are sent for by Napoleon to be questioned and then—execution? On the trip to Paris, Hornblower, Brown who was brought along as a servant, and Bush escaped after knocking out their guard. They find a rowboat on a nearby river and go some six or seven miles before a waterfall wrecks the craft and they find shelter in a nearby French farmhouse. Napoleon's soldiers find bits of clothing and the remains of the boat and give the three up as dead.

Living throughout the winter months with the farmers, the three seamen build a tiny sailboat and in the spring start down the Loire River. When they reach Nantes, Hornblower, Bush, and Brown disguise themselves as French Customs Inspectors, recapture an English vessel, and start into the Bay of Biscay for England. Three French longboats are driven off and they reach Portsmouth safely. Hornblower was made a knight and retired from the sea, while Bush was promoted to the rank of Captain. R.N.S.

## ALUMNI NEWS

Dr. Abel Romeo Castillo visited Prep recently and was escorted about the school campus and various buildings of the college by Mr. Holley. Dr. Castillo attended Prep in the years 1922-1924, and he is now living in Guayaquil, Ecuador, South America.

Philip S. Ridgway, ex '39, is attending Rider College in Trenton, N. J., where he is preparing to manage a file-factory which his father has purchased for him. Phil visited Prep on Oct. 11.

Anthony Gwiazdowski, '39, is at present a student at Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. He dropped in for a brief visit during the Thanksgiving holiday. Tony and Rene Jagenburg, '39, have pledged Chi Phi. Both of these boys are majoring in Chemistry.

Freeman MacKay, '39, who is attending Lehigh University dropped in to visit the school recently. He has pledged Kappa Alpha.

Bob Beadle, '39, who is at Syracuse is not only doing very well scholastically, but he is also having a very good time socially.

William Gowan, '35, spent the evening on the campus recently. Bill is a Senior at Rutgers.

Jim Wells, '39, who is attending Rutgers, is on the freshman basketball squad.

Bert Hasbrouck, '37, and Joe Varju, '37, played in the first game of the basketball season for Rutgers against Newark University on December 6.

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