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Harriers Set New School Record; Argonauts Finish Season Strongly

This was the greatest season in Prep's history for the Varsity Cross Country team. The team set a new school record at five wins and six losses beating the old record of three and seven. The team was constantly pushed on by Coach Robert Fenstermaker. Co-captains, Glen Brewer '71 and Bruce Schwartz '72, paced the way for the harriers. Jim Worthington and Michael Einhorn handed Prep their last season of total devotion to the team. Without junior Bruce Bronson, and sophomores, Brian Loftus and Tom Lamb, this season could not have been such a great success. The team is already thinking about beating this year's mark.

with Ricky Szeles again scoring all of Prep's goals. This victory was followed by a rematch with Montclair Academy. The team lost 3-2, but shutout Montclair in the entire second half.

Coach Spurduto's squad played its best game of the season against league-leading Morristown on October 30. Prep continually outplayed Morristown and Goalie Rubin was superb throughout the game. Szeles scored two of the team's three goals, and wing Billy Silverman scored the third. Prep triumphed 3-1, handing Morristown its second loss of the season.

Prep closed out its regular season with two final wins, over St. Bernards, 2-0, and over Wardlaw, 2-1.

Though many key seniors graduated from the squad, sophomores and juniors made up a majority of the team. With a year or more of experience, these booters represent a bright nucleus for next year's Varsity Soccer Team.

Cross County Scores	
Prep 17	Dunellen 41
Prep 41	Neuman Prep 18
Prep 18	Croydon Hall 43
Prep 35	Greenbrook H.S. 20
Prep 47	Hillsborough H.S. 15
Prep 35	Wardlaw 20
Prep 35	Montclair 24
Prep 24	Morristown Prep 32
Prep 16	Croydon Hall 44
Prep 39	Wardlaw 18
Prep 17	Montgomery Township H.S. 42

VARSITY SOCCER

by Michael Borris

Although the Rutgers Prep Varsity Soccer Team got off to a rather slow start, losing seven of its first eight games, the team finished strongly with a great second half season. The season started at home, on September 26, with a 1-0 loss to Neuman Prep. Prep's defense was strong, but the offense seemed unable to produce a sustained attack.

The offense finally came alive in the third game against St. Bernards, which Prep won 3-0. Co-captain Ricky Szeles spearheaded Prep's attack, scoring all three goals himself. The defense, led by co-captain and goalie Dave Rubin, was outstanding. However, once again, Prep's offense became lethargic, as Coach Frank Spurduto's squad was shut out in its next four games. The team's long scoreless string was finally snapped by forward Matt Shifman during a return match against Neuman Prep, which the team lost 2-1.

After a 1-1 deadlock with Montclair on October 21, the team played again on Saturday, October 24, against Wardlaw. Prep dominated the play throughout, winning 4-2,



On November 21 the Adelphi Hall Forensic Society held its second annual forensics tournament. Pictured above, Mr. Hordijk presents one of the trophies.

Prepsters Attend Peddie Conf.

On Saturday November 14, 1970 two delegates from the Rutgers Prep Urban Studies class, Sharon Gibbs and Robert Zassler went to the School Conference at the Peddie School in Hightstown, N.J. to discuss the subject "Law and Order." Delegates from about thirty public and private schools from New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Connecticut attended.

After a brief registration period, all of the delegates attended an assembly at which the keynote speaker was George F. Kulger Jr., the Attorney of the State of New Jersey. Mr. Kulger spoke on the actual meaning and necessity of law and order and ways to preserve it, while still protesting certain national or local policies or laws. According to Mr. Kulger, the most important point to consider when attempting to protest these laws is keeping the peace.

After Mr. Kulger's presentation the delegates, having been divided into six panels, attended discussions with their individual panels. The panels were "Authority and Youth" moderated by Miss Margaret Young, staff of DARE; "Order in the World Community," moderated by Mr. Robert Keeley, U.S. State Department; "Authority and the Family" moderated by Mr. Jerry Gingrich, Director of Family Life Education Marriage Council; "Laws and Discrimination" moderated by Ann Boylan, Esq., Editor, Woman's Rights Law Reporter; and the Student and Campus Law," by Mr. Donald Roberts.

Another group of concerned students is attempting to help second, third, and fourth graders from the Skillman Schools in Plainfield. Karin Chenoweth is official chairman of this Plainfield committee.

Anyone interested in joining these programs should feel free to contact either Larry Field or Karin Chenoweth for additional information.

Trustees Reaffirm Support Of Administration's Policy

During the last two months, there has been an upsurge of interest surrounding Prep's often disputed regulation, the dress code. A group of seniors formed a committee in an effort to catalyze a revision of the code. This committee circulated a petition requesting that boys be allowed to wear "an appropriate shirt and pants" with ties and jackets optional, and that girls be allowed to wear pants-suits, and tailored pants and blouse combinations in addition to what is now standard.

This resulted in a display of student dissatisfaction as about 87% of the student body supported the proposed code. A form letter was also sent to parents asking their opinions. Of these responses, a great majority of them supported the proposals.

The Board of Trustees consequently discussed the petition at their November 24th meeting and Mr. Kauffelt replied to Michael

Young, the committee chairman: "I would like you to know that I have followed through on the petition received from you and your committee. I have had a report from the faculty committee, the Academic Advisory Committee and the Parents' Association. However, the Board of Trustees has the right and final authority on all of the

school matters. . . . "The Board of Trustees affirms the traditional dress policy as interpreted and implemented by the administrative office of the school."

I sincerely hope that you, your committee and the students will be most cooperative with the administration on this matter."

News In Brief



The Seniors tried hard (as seen above), but to no avail, at their annual senior-faculty touch-football game. The final score of the November 16 game was 16-0. This defeat led to a sophomore-senior game in which the seniors triumphed 35-0 last Tuesday.

Rutgers Prep's Mathletes accumulated seventeen of a possible thirty points during their November meet of the Central New Jersey Mathematics League Competition. Their best score this year so far has been twenty-three points, which tied the highest Prep score recorded during the past five years. So far, this year's team members are Irene Chang, Chris Darrel, Mark McDonnell and Lorin Siano.

The Foreign Exchange Committee is planning to partake in three programs this year. Nancy Harris and Laurie Perl will be hosting World Youth Forum delegates from January 30 to February 22. The committee will use "The Urban Crisis" as the theme for the academic programs undertaken during this student's visit. Karin Kitzis, Roger Leach, Nina Bell, Laurie Perl, and Vickie Daniel plan to partake in the English Speaking Union Exchange this year. These students will host Scottish Students for three weeks and then reciprocate the visits by spending three weeks in Scotland. Dabney Jacobson will host the Open Door Delegate from South America.

Since the October twenty-third Mini-Earth Day activities, the Rutgers Prep Environmental Committee has presented an evaluation of the earth day to the school council. The committee has also joined the North Jersey Student Council for Environmental Action.

Following the Thanksgiving Harvest Hop, Vickie Daniel, Dance committee chairman, has scheduled the next dance for December 23.

Argo Establishes Editorial Guidelines

The Editorial Board of the Argo has reviewed and modified its Letters to the Editor policy. Following are the newly decided policies regarding submissions.

Editors encourage and will accept two types of letters: anonymous and signed.

All signed letters will be reviewed by the Editorial Board for the purposes of discerning whether the letters are libelous or single out and/or attack any one person. Such letters will not be published. Otherwise, all letters, regardless of editorial viewpoints, will be considered without bias for publication.

Anonymous letters will not be considered for publication; however, most opinions stated in such letters will be relayed to the student body and discussed in special columns or editorials.

The Argo, being the Rutgers Prep student newspaper, will accept letters for publication from the present student body members only.

Submissions received from faculty, administration, alumni, and parents will be reviewed by the Editorial Board; however, these opinions will be considered only for discussion in special columns or editorials.

All letters are subject to condensation and/or revision if found necessary by the editors and upon approval of the contributor.

Sperduto Joins Advisory Board

It was recently announced that Dr. Sperduto has been appointed to the Somerset County College Academic Advisory Board. The Academic Advisory Board consists of nine members, three of whom are deans of the college. The main purposes of the Academic Advisory Board are to record, and attempt to understand, the reactions of students and faculty members of Somerset County College, while also alerting the community of the activities of the college.

RP Tutors Aid Franklin And Plainfield Students

The tutorial committee is a Council subcommittee whose members have been helping community students with their studies since March. Last year's program in Franklin was unsuccessful and so far student response this year here at both Prep and Franklin has not yet reached expectations of chairman Larry Field. The Franklin committee works in cooperation with Mrs. Ellison and Mr. Westfield, who are in charge at Hamilton Park Development Center. Help is offered in all major courses.

Thus far, response to the pro-

Did Council Succeed? Only Time Will Tell

The School Council has initiated procedures for the upcoming election. It has set Friday, December 11th the closing date for filing of candidacy. Candidates for office will present speeches to the School assembly from December 14th to the 17th. Voting will take place on December 18th.

Although the present officers and members have had only four months of active participation, some major issues and achievements can be recognized. A canned food collection officially ends today. Over twelve hundred cans have been donated to the Dr. King Memorial Day Care Center in Bedford-Stuyvesant, New York.

The Council is also sponsoring the Rutgers Prep Environmental Committee. The October 23rd Mini-Earth Day served only as a beginning to create greater student awareness of the environmental problem.

Two members of the Council, Vickie Daniel and Tom Ronell, are now official members of the Academic Advisory Committee.

However, there have been some areas in which the Council has failed to administer its power. Last year students were given the right to present uncensored assembly editorials. The Council has disregarded this privilege as of yet, with the result that students have not been able to utilize it. At the beginning of the year, a committee was formed to investigate the possibilities of having regularly-scheduled guest lecturers for assemblies. This is a commendable idea, but apparently this idea has been forgotten and there has been no more planning.

The actions of this next Council will determine whether these measures have been successful or not. The coming elections are most important . . . treat them that way.

IN THIS CORNER

by Bill Ihling

Well, it's that time again: the sports scene has shifted from soccer and cross-country to swimming, wrestling, and basketball; the newness of school has turned into routine; and "In This Corner" makes its yearly debut. It's somewhat like the first game of the season.

From The Ivory Tower . . .

Closing comments on Fall sports: to the three soccer squads . . . congratulations on fine seasons and some outstanding individual performances, especially to Rick and his record . . . Cross Country: I've never seen a better team, a good season record and more important, getting rid of your "garbage sport" status . . . this year people around here have really taken notice of you.

Getting to sports elsewhere: . . . Pro Football: do you believe the Giants? The Mets couldn't pull two Cinderellas in a row, so the Giants took on the responsibility and are really doing splendidly. This year the Jets aren't worth newspaper, so I won't waste any more . . . Going indoors, Pro Basketball: the Knicks look really great, they're a cinch to repeat last year's performance.

Speaking of championship competition, that Senior-Faculty game sure was not. The Seniors were out-classed by the Faculty. No excuses, they just did not have a chance. But, they did play well, considering the opposition. The Faculty will just have to wait one more year to see their dynasty collapse, however. Next year the Class of '72 will take them and the outcome will not be the same as in the past years . . . It looks as if the girls are finally getting an inter-scholastic Basketball team together. I wonder if the Babe can make jump shots as well as she can hit baseballs; it's something to think about anyway. Next time you're in the lunch room eating a hot dog, pause for a moment and ask the person on your right, "Do you think the Babe plays Basketball as well as she plays Baseball?" He'll probably give you a weird look and slide away to the other end of the bench . . . So much for sports.

nuff said,

Bill Ihling

Letters To The Editor

To the Editor:

As one grows into the adult patterns of life, he is constantly influenced by a conditioning process which is rather important although sometimes burdening. Even so we are taught that we must accept responsibility for ourselves and eventually for others. As some of you might not know, we are officially parents. Every single student and member of the faculty and administration is the mother or father, as the case may be, of the two foster children whom we take care of. Because of this, we all have a responsibility to them and they really care. I am asking you to meet this responsibility as a parent of the future and present by spending a little time and effort by writing a letter to them showing them that we do exist and care. It's sad to read their letters begging us to write and in the same breath, thanking us for our meager effort with tears in their eyes. Well, there's little more to say. Please write a letter and give it to me; I will send it out.



To the Editor:

At the meeting of October 19, 1970, the Council passed a motion creating a council-sponsored newspaper. The purpose of this publication, to have been coordinated by Mike Chenkin '71, was to express uncensored student views on school issues to the whole school. Guidelines were spelled out, modeled after those of the American Civil Liberties Union relating to school newspapers: that material not be injurious to the health or safety of the students; that it not disrupt the "educational process," and

that the material printed not be of a libelous nature.

At the next meeting, Mr. Bratek, representing the administration, presented Dr. Heinlein's veto of this action.

The headmaster stated that this newspaper was "inconsistent with the purpose and function of the Council". He cited Articles Two and Three of the Constitution as "clearly defining" the council's role (see Constitution). It seems that he feels that unadulterated individual opinion circulated among the student body might alter the present state of social stagnation and apathy. Also, as in an administrative capacity, he can thwart any council move that might motivate actively expressed dissent or assent.

The reasoning for the impossibility of this paper is without base. The headmaster stated in his letter that this editorial role is incorporated by the Argo. However, when the school felt a need for a separate literary magazine in 1950, the Argomag was created (see Argo v.80, no. 2, Oct. 30, 1968). It is my feeling that in its present form, the Argo does not carry this duty, and that it is, as the headmaster stated, governed by "established standards of journalism" which are not necessarily applicable to a newspaper as outlined in the motion.

Last year's Council passed a motion placing Lowell Chodosh '70 in charge of a program of uncensored assembly editorials, which was presumably to encourage discussion and thought about issues. This was allowed to pass by the Administration, but because it was ratified late in the year, it never got under way.

The administrative action follows in a series of actions seemingly designed to keep real, effective student participation in major decision making at a ridiculous minimum. This instance of repression follows in a tradition of denial of rights, denial of freedom of fear of retaliation for any action which might undermine the power structure. Whether this fear of administration/faculty reprisal is real or imagined is not the question; the fact is that it is felt. It seems that the only reason that this newspaper asked for council sponsorship is that the council would form a blanket of security for individuals concerned. Ob-

viously, anyone with access to a Ditto machine could punish an "underground newspaper", but the point of this motion was to make the voice legitimate and recognized, without any "connotations associated with underground papers."

Finally, this fascist action underlines the fact that the administration's hallowed council, its gracious condescension to give students some voice in their own school life, is a farce. The council can be nothing other than a puppet mockery of student government, until the administration relinquishes some of its power, and until it acts in accordance with its professed "liberal" policy.

Joe Cahn

To the Editor:

The dress code petition was a commendable idea and a definite step in the right direction but there are more important things that ought to be attained in the school.

The most important change would have to be a change in the atmosphere. Certain members of the administration do not take the students seriously enough. If they do not start giving in to the students to the least degree I am sure they are going to find themselves in plenty of trouble. Maybe not this year, maybe next year, but eventually the students are going to get disgusted until they reach the point of violence. This "don't give them more than we have to" attitude of the administration is the root of apathy in the school. Furthermore our right to freedom of speech is being endangered. For instance, an editorial is printed and someone has a "talk" with the author to straighten him out. And yet people laughed during last year's council campaign when someone asked the question, "What will you do about faculty retaliation?" It does exist!

Also, the curriculum leaves quite a bit to be desired. In many high schools not only is there the quiet study hall situation, but also a talking study hall where students are allowed to ask each other questions. This offers the student the opportunity to clear up certain questions he may not have been able to ask the teacher or to ask someone questions that have arisen while the student was doing his assignment. This idea makes sense especially during seventh period where, several times a week, the piano is played in room 2 making it hard to study with any degree of efficiency. Here, talking is not permitted because it may disturb the student who wishes to study! This is not logical.

Why not institute a course on taking the SAT and Achievement tests? How many people's performances are not up to par because they become nervous during the testing situation? Since this is a college preparatory school and since the SAT and Achievement Tests count so highly the usefulness of this course is tremendous. The health courses are all farces. Very little, if anything, is learned by the average student. Are these courses simply there to fulfill certain state requirements?

These are only several faults of the school and while there is no such thing as the perfect educational establishment, ours is a good distance away from it.

If no retaliation exists in the school, let me sign my name to this letter.

Michael Chenkin

Jimi Hendrix-A Eulogy

by John Field

The never-to-be-forgotten lead guitarist Jimi Hendrix has passed on, leaving others to develop his musical style. Jimi wrote and played in a unique fashion, becoming one of the mainstream contributors to ultra-modern guitar playing.

He played a combination of musical types, ranging from blues folk to acid rock. It has also been said that he created and used the widest spectrum of sound ever. His songs center around supernatural fantasies, death and religious phenomena. When listening to his music you might get this feeling in your mind.

Hendrix's life had depression, repression and renaissance in cycles. Jimi's manager said, "As far as being artistically frustrated, Jimi had an incredible genius about him, and the common thing with most artists of that caliber is that they are constantly artistically frustrated."

Hendrix had a personality of vastness, and a romantic flavor about him somewhat like the atmosphere of old France: much art, music and love. This may have been the combined result of living in England, and on an Indian reservation. His dress was sometimes Indian, sometimes his own, reminding me of the Victorian era on which masculinity was shown by wearing silk, lace velvet, jewelry and long hair.

It is odd that while playing, Hendrix was so radical in his movements, sometimes on the threshold of violence. Hendrix and his band once refused to play due to complaints by "The Daughters of the American Revolution" that the stage act was "too sexy." But between songs, his attitude and an-

nouncements were very soft and gentle-sounding.

Several times Jimi was criticized for burning his guitar at the closing of a concert. This was misunderstood as being an act of violence. Hendrix once stated his reasons for the burning: "At the Monterey Festival, I decided to destroy my guitar at the end of the song. It was a painted guitar; I'd just finished painting it that day and was really into it. I had my rawhide bag on stage, carried everything in it including kerosene for my lighter which was given to me by Chas at Christmas. I destroyed my guitar again in Washington, D.C. It was accidental." He later stated that the first guitar burning was a sign of appreciation to the Monterey audience in the form of a sacrifice.

Among Jimi's accomplishments were fantastic stage performances at the Fillmore East, Woodstock, Monterey Pop, Isle of Wight and at other modern music "sanctuaries." He wrote the music for about nine albums. In the near future a book will be published containing many of the lyrics he composed. Jimi was the first black to conquer "non-soul rock and roll", and to be appreciated by an integrated audience. He would have been active for many years if he had remained alive.

He dreamed of his ultimate band — "a big band" — but of his own style. He was like that, a perfectionist, always searching for a better way and a better product.

He said that someday when he died, he wanted everyone not to think of him as dead. He wanted his music to be played and reconstructed. It probably will be. It's too bad though, another Jimi will never come.

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