



Candidates for President and V.P. look over Student Council minutes

All Have Rollicking Time; Outing and Social Great Success

All who met at Johnson Park on and field events. They were part last Friday, May 22, for Field Day of a physical fitness test which had a wonderful time. The entire upper school plus the eighth grade took part in the festivities. Attendance was taken at 9:30, and then morning activities were begun without any delay. Tennis and track and field events were part of the program, and each student was required to participate in the track

The entire school was divided into two teams, the Maroon team and (Continued on page 3)



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MURDER!

Grandma Gang Bumps Off 13

On Friday night, May 15, two old ladies and one cuckoo nephew horrified and amused Prepsters by poisoning and burying thirteen unwary old men. The unusual action was part of the annual school play, this year's being *Arsenic and Old Lace*.

Abby and Martha Brewster, played by Linda Levy and Betsy Kady, considered it their charity to poison old, lonely men who came looking for rooms. Their nephew, Teddy (Bardy Levavy), thinking he was Teddy Roosevelt, buried these "yellow fever victims" in the "Panama Canal" in the cellar. These strange happenings were discovered by Mortimer Brewster, a theatre critic (Ricky Kluff), who, in a shocked condition, dismayed his fiancée, Elaine Harper (Joke Rooda). To top the action off, Mortimer's insane brother, Jonathan (Marc Leavitt), returned home with his humorous, plastic-surgeon companion, Dr. Einstein (Henry Gurshman), and Mr. Spenalzo, a corpse (Joe Smyth).

Production Quite Humorous

The action was centered around the riddance of one of Abby and Martha's gentlemen and Mr. Spenalzo, and Jonathan's revenge on Mortimer for interfering. The remainder of the cast—Peter Wilson, Bruce Miller, Austin Andersen, Ronald Smyth, John Torrey, Danylo Struk, and James Smith, — all contributed humor, producing delightful entertainment.

The excellent production staff, headed by Paul Gottlieb, under the guidance of Mr. Dumarae, consisted of Mr. Moffat, George McCain, Amy Riddering, Mary Bunting, Nancy Tomkinson, Arlene DiLalo, and Bob Carlon.

Miller and Smith In On Split Ticket "A's" Take 3 Posts

Bruce Miller will head the next Student Council, having been voted into office on Thursday, May 21. James Smith, in a closely-contested battle, won the position of Vice-President. Paul Gottlieb and Susanna Margolis won the seats of Secretary and Treasurer.

Next Friday, the newly-elected Student Council

will be formally inaugurated in a joint meeting with this past year's Council.

Running as the head of the Administrative Party, Mr. Miller in his speech outlined his plan for next year's student government. He proposed a more efficient Council and emphasized the fact that those running on the "A" ticket had experience. His opponent, "Gothic John" Torrey, gave an equally fine speech.

Senior Day

by Mark Levine

Senior Day—what is its purpose? It is a day on which the seniors of our school take over the roles of teachers and are given the opportunity of acquiring a valuable experience—that of teaching. But this day is more than a valuable experience; it is a chance for the students to become acquainted with new and varied styles of teaching which each of the seniors may use.



"Teachur"

To the teachers here at Prep, Senior Day often is a valuable experience, for, in their positions as advisors in various classes, they can witness a great variety of students and see how they react to the teaching techniques which are new to them. Also, since we may freely say that teachers are not perfect, perchance new ideas may be gained from watching the seniors explore this new field of endeavor. Senior days are certainly refreshing experiences for students.

Our New President

Five years ago Bruce Miller entered our school, and since then he has never ceased to work diligently and thoughtfully for the benefit of the school. In the ninth grade he ran for the class presidency and was elected. Following close on the heels of this victory came his election as Student Council Treasurer. His activity and spirit did not go unnoticed or unrewarded. Bruce was chosen a Key Club member in his sophomore year. Even this does not complete his list of activities, for during the past year, he has held the post of Student Council Secretary.

Despite all these other activities perhaps he is best known for the

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Smith a Close Choice

James Smith, running on an independent ticket, explained in his speech that he would make no political promises. Peter Wintersteiner, his opponent, in a well-organized and convincing speech, presented his and his party's views, complimenting the work of this past year's Student Council.

Paul Gottlieb, next year's Secretary, gave a clear explanation of the puzzling financial situation in the council. Mark Levine, a "dark-horse" candidate, with uncharacteristic seriousness, lucidly outlined his versions of the secretarial duties in student government.

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Junior Class Acts As Host At Prom

"Cherry Pink and Apple Blossom White" will be the theme, and the Queensmen will provide the music as the junior class plays host to the senior class at the Junior-Senior Prom, Friday, June 12th, at the Douglass Lodge on Nichol Avenue.

In one of the most spectacular social events of the year, the junior class is sparing no efforts to make it a success. Under the able supervision of the president, Peter Wintersteiner, and with the direction of Bruce Miller, the juniors are preparing what is sure to be a terrific prom.

Nancy Lee has been collecting deposits of \$3.00 per couple to be returned on the evening of the

Prom. The purpose of this is to ascertain beforehand the attendance so that arrangements may be made accordingly.



Bruce Miller and Prom Committee.

From the Editor's Desk

This May edition of the *Argo* is the first under its new board of editors, the staff which will carry the responsibility throughout the 1959-'60 school year. This incoming staff will work on the premise that, as well as being a record of school functions and activities, the scholastic newspaper is a means of presenting certain students with opportunities to increase and augment writing skills, with various and often diversified assignments. As well, it permits its editors to practice organizational and operational skills.

The editor-in-chief of this year's staff, Linda Levy, is much to be complimented on her fine work along this line. Under her leadership, the *Argo* expanded from the 3-column publication of previous years, and with this expansion came numerous opportunities for the betterment of the paper, many of which she took advantage of. This editor hopes that he can continue in this new tradition.

ATTENTION!

This year the examination schedule has been revised so that the taking of the exams will cover a six-day period beginning Tuesday, June 2 and extending over the week-end to June 9. The reason for the revision is to assure that each student will have, at maximum, only two exams one day.

PRESS NEWS

C S P A: Its Aims

Throughout the year, much question has arisen concerning the Columbia Scholastic Press Association. Just what does that little seal adjacent to the *Argo's* masthead signify? What does it stand for?

Basically, the C.S.P.A. is an organization dedicated to the betterment of scholastic publications, such as the *Argo*. One of the Association's means of effecting improvement is its annual contest, in which all editions of each newspaper entered are carefully read over and viewed objectively, in regard to writing, layout design, editing, feature work, headlining, and so forth. The judges' criticisms of each publication are explained and reported to that paper's staff, along with an evaluation of its work in the form of an award for either a first, second, third, or fourth-class publication. This year, the *Argo* holds a second-place rating, due largely to some helpful criticisms from the previous year.

Annual Meetings in N. Y.

The highlight of the C.S.P.A.'s yearly activity is its annual three-day conference, held at Columbia University during the second or third week of March. Thousands of delegates from schools all over the United States attend the various meetings, which range from formal lectures delivered by professional journalists, to round-the-table discussions presided over by the high-school editors themselves, or by their advisors. This editor, being a veteran of two such gatherings, can say with conviction that the programs are usually quite interesting and always extremely informative.

ARGO

Ed.-in-chief:	Editorial assistants: Mark Levine.
Peter Wintersteiner	Paul Gottlieb, Susanna Margolis,
Faculty Advisor:	Jean Kramer, Barbara Abernethy.
Margaret P. Wilson	

Senior Acceptances

Considering all the various and different schools at which the seniors have been accepted, it looks as if that class is really going places. Mary Bunting will be spending four, cold years up in the University of Vermont while Linda Levy will study either at Russell Sage or Douglass. If she goes to Douglass, she might find two other classmates: Amy Riddering and Joke Rooda. Harvard will have the pleasure of Danny Struk, and Jay Goldsmith will either study at Rutgers or Lafayette. Arthur Feldman will probably spend some nice, sunny days at the University of Florida. Bob Shepard is going to the Maine School of Forestry, 'way up by the timber line, and Tom Chester has been accepted by Clemson. Bob Eber, Steve Holsten, Arnie Goldberg, and Miles Merwin have been accepted at Rutgers, and so might be nearby.

MISS WARR TO LEAD EUROPEAN TOUR

by Peter Wilson

Miss Warr, who has taught English and occasionally biology for two years at our school, is leaving — only temporarily, it is hoped.

After a summer in Europe, she plans to remain to study at the University of Stockholm for a year. Miss Warr has, for the past two years, been leading summertime groups of the Hostel Association, one in America and one in Europe. This year, she will lead another in Europe, featuring the Scandinavian countries.

Having recently become fascinated with the Scandinavian countries, Miss Warr applied for this particular tour. It includes England and Scotland, as well as Denmark, Sweden, and Norway. She has not met her group yet, but, as she says, "I've always been lucky enough to have interesting people."

Prepsters Discuss 'Going Steady,' Majority Votes Against Practice

In the "dim dark ages" when our parents were young and gay, their gaiety, so the story goes, was due to the fact that they were fancy free and footloose. This supposed status brings about the debate of whether to go steady or not. Ruth Miller of the *Daily Home News* says, "Whatever else 'going steady' has done for teenagers, it has turned them into a bored generation." A view of one of our school dances or any school dance by no means disproves her observations. The sociability of exchanging partners, the expectancy of the stag line, the art of conversation, all have been misplaced by the vogue of going steady.

How About This?

The question now arises of how many of us are interested in bringing back the "olden days" when it was a youth's prerogative to ask any guy's girl to dance, when a girl could fill up her dance card, when light pleasantries and, yes, flirting, were exchanged so that all

the youths came home with smiles on their faces and a true feeling that a good time was had by all.

Students Questioned

Questioning some of the "gang" about going steady brought such apathetic remarks as: "It's okay if that's the sort of thing you like."; "It's okay if you have trouble getting other dates."; "Sure, if he's got a car."; "Ad nauseum!"

Going steady has made us unsteady. At our "tender" ages, we are still dependent on our parents. Why do we go out of our way to make ourselves dependent on one date? Why can we not "go steady?" We need a steady stream of companionable friends. Holding hands with one boy might very easily develop into a vice which might become very difficult to loosen. There is a time for all things and going steady should be delayed until we reach maturity.

Cooperstown

by Richard Patt

Have you ever wondered what Ty Cobb's spikes looked like, or what the first uniforms were like, or how heavy Babe Ruth's bat was? All of these treasures, and many more, can be found at Cooperstown, a small town in central New York, about four hours from New Brunswick. It is here that baseball originated in 1839 when Abner Doubleday drew up the first rules and laid out the first field. This field still remains and is maintained by the town's citizens with help from the major leagues as a memorial to Doubleday. The Hall of Fame Game is played there each year between teams representing the American and National Leagues.

Located there also is the National Baseball Hall of Fame. Probably the town's greatest attraction, it is visited annually by over 100,000 fans. In this museum are plaques of all Hall of Fame members and mementoes of the greatest players of all times, including Lou Gehrig, Rogers Hornsby, and Walter Johnson. On its four floors baseball trophies, uniforms, paintings, and statues are displayed.

Whether or not you are an avid baseball fan, I think you would find a trip to Cooperstown interesting and worthwhile.

NEW PRESIDENT (Cont. from pg.1) dances which he plans. Often he gets a sudden "brainstorm" which results in a unique and interesting social affair. As witness to this fact, one has only to think of last spring's "Hawaiian Sunset" dance or the falling leaves at the "Autumn Leaves" dance.

The final reward and crowning achievement of Bruce's life at Prep is his election as Student Council President. The school has committed its affairs and problems into his capable and experienced hands. The honor comes as a well-earned vote of confidence from his many friends.

LAB NEWS

Lipman Now \$50 Richer

John Lipman of this school has been named one of three winners in the Triangle Conduit and Cable Company's science essay contest. One of several contestants from the biology classes, he titled his entry "Electricity as a Diagnostic and Surgical Aid." It won him a fifty-dollar savings bond.

In the past few weeks, the Chem Club has turned from mass experimenting to individual demonstrations. Pete Ruttiger explained and demonstrated a cloud chamber, and John Torrey showed some phenomena of liquid nitrogen.

The Biology Club, after finishing off its sharks, has purchased an incubator, and is performing experiments with chicken and pheasant eggs. Its activities also included a May 9th field trip.



"The Plumber" and his lunchbox . . . Ye Dial man . . . chemistry whiz . . . junior . . . math and physics . . . soccer . . . John Torrey.

Elm Farm Campus

The big news at the lower school campus this Spring is its physical education program, which is still expanding and taking on new activities. Lacrosse for boys in grades 5 through 8 is proceeding quite admirably, with the purchase of a number of sticks and the erection of a cement wall to aid the boys in learning stick-handling.

Jerry Samsky, a tennis pro from Roselle, N.J., has added a great deal to the "phys-ed" activities with his weekly visits here to teach girls the fundamentals of that game. Each Thursday, moreover, the girls get a work-out on the canal in the Queens Day-Camp's rowboats.

Classes Present Plays

Each of the classes, with the exception of the eighth grade, which hopes to complete plans for a trip to New York, has presented a program for parents. The seventh grade presented "Little Theater" on April 30 in the carriage-house.

Many of the students are enthusiastic about a new school song, written by Mrs. Kehoe.

Two Teachers Join Faculty; Both Will Administer Summer Courses

September '59 will witness two additions to Prep's faculty. Mr. Michael L. Lasser, a married resident of New Brunswick currently studying for a doctorate in literature at Rutgers, will teach in the summer school and in the English department next fall. A June '57 graduate of Dartmouth, he received a MA degree from Brooklyn College the following year. Mr. Lasser taught as a graduate assistant in English at Brooklyn College. A member of the army reserve, he has several articles arranged for publication.

ELECTIONS (Cont. from page 1) Margolis Unopposed

Susanna Margolis, unopposed candidate for the office of Treasurer, in her own inimitable style promised the students an open mind, a slide-rule technique, and a non-itching palm.

Mr. Surret R. Paskin, who is graduating with honors from the University of Pennsylvania this June as a special science and philosophy major, will teach science and math in the summer school and 8th grade science and social studies next fall. Mr. Paskin, who is to be married this summer, will also be in charge of the 8th grade guidance program. In addition, he plans to begin graduate work in philosophy at either Penn or Princeton.

Colgate-Palmolive-Building

75% of the interior is complete on the Colgate-Palmolive building which is to be finished next month. With the roof completed, the windows in, and the power and water installed, all that remains is the air conditioning, heating, and interior work on labs, offices, and halls.

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

by Barty Levavy

Extremely little business has transpired in the most recent sessions of the Student Council. The school year is rapidly drawing to a close, and most arrangements for last-minute affairs had been made in previous months.

The Council has, however, taken care of field day preparations, allotted a sum of money in "perpetuum" to buy a basketball trophy, and finished up all work in regard to the magazine drive.

In the drive, which took place in late February and early March, \$1500 was collected. This is the school's commission on the total subscription money, and amounts to more than 33% of the whole sales revenue. It has been turned over to the school's Board of Trustees, where it will probably be used for the hiring of an architect to make prospective drawings for the new gym. However, the \$1500 figure is not official as yet, for at this writing, the auditors are still going over the books. The drive for the new gym will be officially launched next fall.

The Council also was instrumental in the arrangements for the highly successful Senior Day, May 7. The class assignments, which worked so remarkably well, were directed by Mary Bunting.

FIELD DAY (Cont. from page 1)

the White team. Igor Guro, Bob Eskow, John Schmitt, Bob Milliken, and Ray Zirpolo were the captains of the Maroon teams, and Miles Merwin, Bob Carlon, Richard Schatzman, Eugene O'Brien, and Mike Kolbay were the White captains.

Thanks to A.Z. Holley's capable cookery and Art Feldman, refreshment manager, lunch, too, was a big success. Tuna fish, hot dogs, and egg salad were available to all, and plenty of drinks were on hand.

"The Whiz" vs. Monk

After lunch, everyone assembled for the annual senior-faculty baseball game. "Ex-professional" pitcher, A.Z. Holley, nicknamed "The Whiz," faced Big Art Feldman, the pride of the seniors, in a fight for supremacy. This exciting tourney ended with a big surprise, which



Mr. Heinlein poses for Field Day shot.

brought the crowd to its feet with a standing ovation.

Field Day broke up early, around 2:00, to give the students time to rest up for the Sock Hop, held that same evening. This informal hop was a booming success, and ended a vigorous day for all.

STUDENTS ENJOY N.Y. EXPEDITIONS

On Wednesday, April 22nd, the various classes went to New York City for their annual excursions. The Freshmen and Sophomores left Prep at 8:30 A.M., while the Juniors and Seniors departed after lunch.

The Freshmen toured the R.C.A. building in the morning. They were much amused when they saw themselves on a television screen. Their full schedule also included the Whitney Museum and some even managed a stroll down 5th Avenue. The day ended with "The Pleasure of His Company."

The Sophomores visited the Museum of Art. They ate lunch at The Hickory House and then, along with the Seniors and Juniors, saw "West Side Story."

Compared with last year, this year's trips appear to have been immeasurably successful. Almost everyone returned home thoroughly satisfied.



"The Typist" . . . senior . . . most of publications' typing . . . head librarian . . . quiet . . . everyone's friend . . . Amy Riddering.

Office Releases Plans For June And Summer

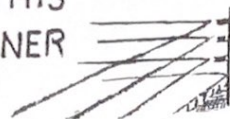
Exam week will be June 2 to June 9. June 10 is a regular school day. June 1 is a holiday because of the Memorial Day weekend.

Graduation ceremonies will take place one June 11. Mr. Herbert L. Matthews, a member of the Editorial Board of the New York Times, will be the speaker. Mr. Matthews is an internationally known reporter who has specialized on Central and South American countries. The school prizes will be distributed on this day.

Summer School begins on June 29 and continues through August 7.

Basketball Camp

This year, the Basketball Camp will be run in two sessions: 6 days, August 10 to 16; and two weeks, August 17 to 28. The first session is for boys preparing for Junior High, Freshman or Junior Varsity teams in the coming year. The second session is for boys preparing for Junior Varsity and Varsity competition. The program includes explanation, demonstration and participation.

IN THIS
CORNER

by Paul Gottlieb

Baseball is a game which requires great skill and accuracy. An able player must have a good arm, a sure eye, and a fast and agile body. His judgement must be good, for he may have several options in fielding, batting, and base-running. It is these facets of the game which draw crowds to major league ball parks throughout the summer.

Upon questioning members of the student body, I have found that many do not know the origins of baseball. Perhaps at this time, it might be wise to give an account of the game's beginnings, and thereby bring more fans into the light of baseball.

Abner Doubleday is said to have been the founder of the game. He drew up the playing rules, and laid out the first real playing field at Cooperstown, N. Y. in 1839. Games resembling baseball were played in the United States before that year, but Doubleday is accredited with founding the game as we know it today. In honor of the game's originator, The National Baseball Museum, including baseball's Hall of Fame, is located in Cooperstown.

The popularity of the game spread very rapidly. Colleges, high schools, clubs, and community organizations started teams. Through these organizations, many professional baseball players have made their start.

Misfortune has pursued Prep's 1959 baseball team for its whole season. Errors in early innings have cost "The Little Scarlet" runs which they were unable to win back. The loss of Bob Eber, capable catcher, has also been a hard blow to the Prep Nine (through an injured thumb).

However, the season has a lighter side. Dave Weiss, long-legged and lanky first baseman, is gaining experience and polish. Jack McCormick and Richard Stess have seen action at catcher and shortstop respectively, and they too are gaining valuable experience much needed by a participant in any sport.

Hauptman Speaks At Annual Basketball Banquet

This year's basketball banquet was held on April 9th at the Log Cabin Inn. The banquet's program included two guest speakers, a recapping of the season by Coach Dickinson, and the presentation of the basketball letters and trophies.

The guest speakers were Mr. Norman Van Arlsdalen, considered one of the top officials in the state, and Mr. Harvey Hauptman, a sports announcer for WCTC. Both of these men made interesting speeches on the "behind-the-scenes" part of basketball.

Letters were awarded to 10 varsity players and 8 J.V. boys. As expected, Bruce Gunkle was the big "trophy man," winning the nod as the team's most-valuable-player and best foul-shooter, as well as receiving a trophy from the Perth Amboy Evening News for being chosen the county's top player. Jim Dunn received the most-improved-player trophy, and Irv Quackenboss received the best sportsmanship trophy.

SEASON'S FINISH

Dunn Singles To Break Up Wiskowski's No-Hitter
As South River Rides To 6-0 Triumph Over Prep

Tuesday, May 19:

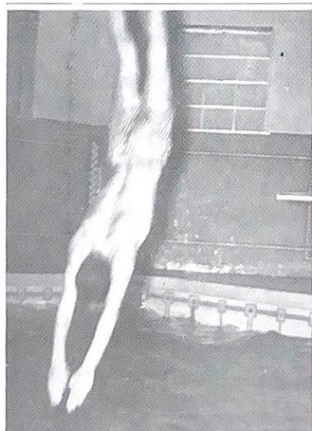
Today South River High School swatted 12 hits, collected 6 runs, and copped their eighth victory, winning 6-0. Jim Wiskowski, South River's pitcher, allowed but one safety, a solid single to Jim Dunn during the 6th frame. Only this hit and a walk to Jim Racz in the same inning thwarted pitcher Wiskowski's bid for a perfect game.

S. R. Scores in First

South River drew first blood as the game opened, coupling an error and a triple for the run. After Rutgers Prep was easily retired in the bottom of the 1st, both teams failed to score in the 2nd inning. South River next increased its lead to 2-0 in the 3rd frame when, after a walk, they clouted a double and a single in succession. Bruce Gunkle then replaced Ted Browne as pitcher for Prep and quelled the threat. Prep failed to get the ball out of the infield in the 3rd.

South River Gets 4

After a scoreless 4th inning, South River pelted Gunkle for 4 runs, 2 coming in the 5th and another 2 in the 6th. A flurry of 7 hits over these frames provided South River with the runs. Neither team scored in the final inning.



Art Greenwald about to make a big splash

Pitcher Browne was in trouble in each of the first three innings, but escaped, letting only two men score while stranding a total of 6. A brilliant catch in left field by Bruce Gunkle, in a last-ditch stab to save a hard-hit line drive from going through for extra bases, got Browne out of a jam in the first.

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Ted Warme Up on the Sidelines

This was Prep's last game of the year. The team closed out a very unsuccessful season with 14 losses, but certain individuals showed up brightly. Steve Holsten clouted a total of 12 hits, four for extra bases, to wind up with a .307 average. Pete Wintersteiner manged 8 for 24, and a .333 mark.

ACTION PACKS MARCH

Lacrosse, an old Indian game, was introduced to Prep last March when boys in the 6th, 7th, and 8th grades began learning its fundamentals from Coach Al Twitchell of Rutgers and some of his players. The session, which lasted for a month, opened with a clinic behind the Rutgers Gym. It is hoped that by next year the boys will have a full-time coach and a J.V. team.

Basketball Contest

Also during March, a basketball shooting contest was held for the upper school. All boys except Varsity players were invited to enter. The tournament tested the boys' ability to make set shots, foul shots and layups. It was won by Bob Shepard, closely followed by Paul Gottlieb and Bob Eber.

Prep's Little Scarlet Bows
To Highland Park Owls, 13-4

Highland Park High School provided the opposition as Prep went after its first victory of the season last Monday, May 18. The result was a 13-4 victory for the Parkites. The game, played under a clear sky at the winners' field in Donaldson Park, was fairly close until the sixth inning, at which point the score read 7-4. At that time, however, the toll of pitching hard under a blazing sun showed its effects on Bruce Gunkle, and the home team made off with 6 runs to wrap up the decision.

Swimmers Compete

Mr. O'Connell instituted a swimming program this winter, open to all students. The program was designed to improve swimming and also for the enjoyment of the students.

The girls weekly "splash-day" is Tuesday. During the course of the winter, Mr. O'Connell has been instructing them. On March 17th there was a meet in the Y.M.C.A. pool. Polly Schneider and Nancy Tomkinson turned out to be the outstanding swimmers.

The boys' day is Friday. They have been helped by Mr. O'Connell and Mr. Otto Hill of Rutgers. On March 20th the boys had their swimming meet. Warren Marshall, Jack McCormick, Jim Smith and Jim Racz were winners. Some of the better swimmers have been working out at the Rutgers pool as well.

The top of the batting order accounted for Prep's four runs, two each coming in the 3rd and 5th innings off of the servings of Park's moundman, Mark Stett. In each of these innings, lead-off man Ted Browne came all the way around for a score. Both of Steve Holsten's hits were integral parts of the rallies. He knocked in 2 runs. One of Pete Wintersteiner's two base hits accounted for yet another, while the fourth scored on an error.

Long Hits

The sixth-inning Highland Park uprising was capped by two triples. One was a long blow to the opposite field which took the Prep defenses completely by surprise.

Another factor which hurt the Prepsters in this inning was a number of errors. The quick and daring baserunners of the home team kept catchers Ted Browne and Bob Eber on their toes throughout the game. This was only Eber's second appearance since returning from a three-week absence necessitated by a broken thumb.