

# The Argo

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## Glee Club Sings In Gala Opening Of Yule Holiday

Friday evening, December 10, the Rutgers Preparatory and Elementary Schools' combined Glee Club presented their annual Christmas Concert at the Rutgers Prep Gym. This year, for the first time, the groups were under the expert, experienced guidance of Mrs. William H. Kelly.

The program was begun by the two groups singing a medley of five standard Christmas carols. The second portion consisted of select pieces sung separately by the upper and lower school.

The conclusion of the program again saw the two groups singing together.

The evening was highlighted by several solos, beautifully performed by members of both schools. Featured among the soloists was Elfriede Riddering, a '54 graduate of Prep. Elfriede, a student at Westminster Choir School, that night was singing her fourth consecutive concert for the school.

Other individual selections were sung by Malcolm Cohen, Brenda Barbour, Kenneth Miller and Bob Fiermonti. Bob's lovely solo, "Sweet Little Jesus Boy," was enthusiastically applauded.

## Dial Receives Award For Outstanding Job

Our yearbook of 1954 won first place in the Columbia Scholastic Press Association.

Last year, Ye Dial, along with many others from various schools, was sent to the Columbia Scholastic Press Association Conference. Each year the association meets and judges the best school books in an endeavor to improve high school yearbooks.

The yearbooks are judged on a point system. Points are awarded for each phase of the book, such as writing, covers, and photography. The top prize is a medalist, which is followed by 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places.

Our yearbook placed 1st in the group for small co-educational prep schools. Congratulations must be extended to John Kuhlthau, who was editor for last year's Ye Dial.

## Jazz Combo Rocks Dance At Prep's Snowball Jump



Decorators Unload Christmas Trees For Winter Dance.

## Council Casts Ballots On Recent Proposals

President Edelberg has disclosed several proposals initiated by the council at the past few meetings. The council has suggested a new idea for the present conference period. The officers and class representatives passed the bill termed "Conference Homework," suggested by Roger Seamon, unanimously. The term, decided upon in order to eliminate study hall detention, is to have each teacher assign work to be done at home and handed in the next day in class. This prevents the danger of the students not doing the work assigned for study halls. This plan still has to be voted upon by the faculty.

The council is also planning to pass an amendment to the constitution stating that council elections should be held at the end of each school year rather than at the beginning. This system will enable the students to know each other before voting for the leaders of the school. This plan, however, will have to be passed by a full faculty and student vote.

The council also discussed the idea of changing the school colors to those of the University. There are many legitimate reasons for doing so, although there is strong opposition. This plan will have to be thought through more carefully before a decision can be reached.

On Saturday night, December 4, Prep held its second dance of the year. Freddy Galata's quartet furnished the music.

The "Snowball Jump" was chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. Heinlein, Mr. and Mrs. Daviet, Mr. Holley, Mr. Dumarae, and Mr. Gaggini.

A highlight of the dance was the decorating scheme. This consisted of colored balls suspended from the ceiling and a snow scene against the rear wall. Nineteen Christmas trees were placed around the gym and the band was surrounded by four decorated trees.

The liquid refreshment was punch, served throughout the evening. Arrangements were made by a committee headed by Marian Veale and Joe Messina.

The Decorating Committee was headed by Cliff Griggs and Roger Seamon and the scheme was devised by Clemmie Vittit.

There was a large turnout from the Prep crowd, as was anticipated. This made for a fun-filled and thoroughly enjoyable evening.

## Prep's Pupils Paint Pictures In Annual Halloween Contest

This year five fine teams of window painters represented Prep in the annual Halloween window painting contest. Three teams represented the ninth grade and one the eighth. One group of sophomores also painted.

Carl Stover with Billy Smith and Rolfe Harrison took first prize in the ninth grade division. The team headed by Jimmy Racz, assisted by Lon Kosa and Joe Bushel, took second honors in the eighth grade. Charles Dunaenko, Bernard Karshmer, and Earl Nielsen won third place in the freshmen class. All winners received prize money from the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

**FLASH** — The population of the United States is increased by one. Kevin Kelly O'Connell, son of Coach and Mrs. O'Connell, arrived on November 27th. Kevin signed in at 6 lb. 9 ozs., which was misinterpreted by Coach as 6'9". Got the team in mind, Coach?



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## WHY TRADITION?

The school play, which is put on by the entire student body in the spring, is now an annual event at Prep. Last year's play, "The Man Who Came To Dinner," proved to be a very successful event.

However, the same drawback that has plagued all Prep events — dances and other social events — is our gym. Why must we put out so much money to decorate our building which even after extensive work is not at all pleasing for social functions?

On the N.J.C. campus there is The Little Theatre which, if acquired for the school play, would certainly facilitate the work on the production. More time would be given to the actual play itself, and the theatre would give the production a more professional look.

If an event is an annual affair and has become a school tradition, it should be something that everyone could be proud of. Certainly if a play, for example, cannot be staged well, the cast and crew lose enthusiasm. Since we are judged only by what is seen by the public, our events must be of top quality.

Tradition can only be true tradition when it is successful and enjoyed by everyone. Whether it be dances, Glee Club concerts or school plays, if there is not this complete and whole-hearted support such things should be dropped. We must make tradition a success!

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I should like to suggest a slight change in our schedule which I think would do a great deal toward improving the general efficiency of both student and instructor alike.

It consists of an additional fifteen minutes for our lunch period, said fifteen minutes to be made up by either earlier opening or later closing of the school day, or both.

Industry has recognized the importance of coffee breaks in improving both standards of work and attitudes. I think a little more time for lunch and the elimination of the necessary rushing, will make for more genial, contented people in our school.

Dyspeptically yours,

Bill Romig.

Dear Editor:

In the article concerning the school library which appeared in the November Argo, there were several mistakes and misleading statements.

Several years ago, Dr. and Mrs. Rudolfs gave to our school a sum of money to be used for books, in memory of their son, Willem Rudolfs, Jr., an alumnus of Rutgers Prep who met an early death scaling Caule Glacier.

The money was invested by the University, and with the proceeds the school was able to buy general reference books and encyclopedias and also various special books which are in our classroom libraries.

This year, the English department has organized a library of novels, short stories, and plays, which, along with our other books, is to be a supplement to the fine University library which our school has always had the opportunity of using.

Yours truly,

Bob Smith

## Limelight

The December "Limelight" shines on Bob Shorosky. This is Bob's post-graduate year at Prep, and in these first few months, his popularity with his fellow Prepsters has steadily grown.

Bob played basketball and baseball at Sayreville, and his experience has been a great asset to our promising basketball team.

Unanimously elected president of his class, Bob became an active member of the Student Council and has served well on the dance committee.

At Rutgers, Bob would like to study either Engineering or Business Administration. He is an average student so far, but his honest effort and willing nature should bring him success.

## PLAY REVIEW

by Roger Lambertson

During the week of November 15, the Queen's Theatre Guild and N.J.C. presented a well-directed production of Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*.

The play on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, starred James Delahanty, excelling as Malvolio, a steward who tried to rise above his class by marrying Countess Olivia, played by Leatrice Shemick. At no time did James Delahanty go below the excellent standard he had set for himself to make the audience aware of Malvolio's self-love.

Peter Dechnik starred as Sir Toby Belch, the drunken uncle of Olivia.

The plot of this comedy concerned a set of twins (played by Jean Shuka and David Beaucage) who were separated in a shipwreck. These twins arrived in Illyria and set off a complicated love affair when Olivia fell in love with Viola, the girl twin who was disguised as a page. Only after many embarrassing and comical situations was this cleared up when Viola married Orsino, the Duke whom she had been serving, and Sebastian her brother, married Olivia.

## Prep Sells New York Times To Benefit the Student Fund

On November 29, Joe Messina distributed the first copies of the New York Times in order to raise money for the Student Activity Fund. A prior announcement was made a few weeks ago by Joe, telling about the distribution of the Times at school.

Joe distributes the paper to the students who subscribe every morning before classes. The price per issue is three cents. Out of every paper sold, one and a half cents goes to the student council.

A sample copy of the Times Supplement was given out a few days after the announcement that the subscriptions were being taken. A regular supplement will be given out free at the end of every week to the students who subscribe, and then another supplement will be distributed every month with no extra charge.

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# SPORTLIGHT *Prep Defeats Saint Mary's For First Win Of Season*

by Cliff Griggs

This edition of the "sportlight" will tell, for the most part, just how our varsity basketball team is shaping up. My earlier statement, that this year's team would possibly be the greatest in Prep's history, is already starting to come true.

As we all expected, our top scorer is Jerry Gorczyca, St. Mary's top cager of last year. Jerry scored 29 points against his old Alma Mater in the "Little Scarlet's" season opener. This was not luck, however, as he popped back with 38 points in the second game against a very good Holy Trinity.

Not the least of Prep's assets this year is Gary Stratton. Gary, a really rugged boy under the boards, is not a light scorer. In the St. Mary's game "Big Gary" hit for 21 points. In the game against Holy Trinity he added to the cause with 24 points.

Take a good look at Bob Shorosky. Bob was a big gun for Sayreville last year. We can surely see why he was so popular with the "Bombers." Although he scored only 2 and 3 points respectively in the first two games, Bob is the kind who can put the pressure on the opponents.

Last, but not least, we have Roger Lambertson and Rog Seamon. Both "Lamby" and Rog are probably Prep's best ball handlers.

## Holy Trinity Bows To Varsity In Prep's Opening Home Try

Rutgers Prep, led by their high scoring forward Jerry Gorczyca, won its second straight game of the season by routing Holy Trinity. Gorczyca, by scoring his 38 points, fell but two counters shy of tying Al Murasko's record set last year.

The "Little Scarlet" got off to a fast start, finishing the first quarter nine points ahead of Holy Trinity, 23-14. This lead never diminished as Prep continued to set a terrific pace. The final score was 91-75.

In the scoring department, Gary Stratton placed second to Gorczyca by pumping in 24 points. Roger Seamon, for 12, 9, and 2 points respectively. Bob Shorosky, and Rog Lambertson hit Stratton, Gorczyca and Shorosky controlled the rebounding while Seamon and Lambertson continually baffled Holy Trinity with a tricky fast break.



High Scorer Jerry Gorczyca

## Junior Varsity Loses As Messina Nets 19

The Prep J. V. team received its first defeat of the season at the hands of the powerful St. Mary's J. V. five, on Friday, Dec. 3rd. The final score was 66-48. St. Mary's held a 12 point lead at the end of the first half. The Prepsters' hopes were ignited in the third stanza which ended with the J.V. five trailing by three points, but St. Mary's J.V. team greatly outscored the Prepsters in the last quarter to insure a victory.

High honors of the game went to John Phillips of St. Mary's with 22 points. Joe Messina hit for 19 points to lead the "Little Scarlets," and Carl Baratta took second highest honors for Prep with 12 points. Andy Piscatelli excelled in both offensive and defensive rebounds for the Prepsters, putting in 8 points in the losing effort.

Although the "Little Scarlet" lost their first game, the future stars of Prep showed great promise, and many of them should be playing varsity before long.

Rutgers Prep opened its 1954-55 basketball season with a brilliant 75-60 victory over Saint Mary's of South Amboy. Led by the former St. Mary's stars, Jerry Gorczyca and Gary Stratton, the "Little Scarlet" completely outplayed and outfought their opponents.

Both teams played a strong first period, the lead changing hands many times. Prep, however, emerged with a two point lead, 20-18. In the second quarter, Rutgers Prep lengthened its lead six more points, making the score 36-28.

## Prep Widens Lead

Midway through the third period, the Saints began to gain, and after John Phillips rimmed five straight foul shots, they had tied the score 44-44. Prep, however, pulled ahead to lead 54-50 at the end of the third period.

The fourth and last period saw hard fighting and exceptionally good playing as Prep again outscored their opponents 25-15. Gorczyca was the big gun for the "Little Scarlet," scoring fourteen points during this frame.

Saint Mary's fought an uphill battle all the way, coming to within four points of the Prep lead with but three minutes to play. Prep, however, again came through, scoring eleven straight points before the final buzzer.

## Prepsters Score Heavily

The Saints, although beaten, played a fine game. They were led by Marty Metzger with 17 points and Pete Delany with 15. John Phillips added ten counters to the Golden Eagles' cause.

Dick O'Connell's forces played outstandingly, each player contributing to the Prep victory. Jerry Gorczyca showed the way with 32 counters, followed by Gary Stratton with 21.

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## Lower School Stars In Annual Production

On Friday, December 10th, the lower school chorus under the direction of Margaret Kelly, accompanied the upper school at the annual Christmas Glee Club concert. The chorus, which consisted of the fifth, sixth and seventh grades, sang various carols with the Glee Club. It also sang a number of its own selections, while Mark Levine, John Schmitt, Jacqueline Fiermonti, Brenda Barbour, Suzanne Hancox, Mer-nan Hartley, Nancy Lee, Richard Lipman, Paul Fritz and Bobby Mettler sang as soloists and in small groups.

Mr. Sperduto, seventh grade teacher and Prep's J.V. basketball coach, began afternoon gym sessions on December 14th, for the sixth and seventh grades.

The lower school has received a certificate for the contribution it made for the restoration of the steeple of Old North Church which was destroyed during the hurricane Carol.

The seventh grade has gradually been changing its appearance but strangely enough not its size. On November 23, Elizabeth Whalen left the school but Ronnie Smyth filled the gap in the class by returning to the seventh grade during the second marking period.

## 'Round About Rutgers

By BILL ROMIG

On December 8, identification cards were distributed to the student body. These cards, signed by Mr. Heinlein and Stu Edelberg, our Student Council president, entitled the student to free admittance to home athletic events and all other school functions. They represent the student activity fee paid at the beginning of the school year.

We would like to call the attention of the students to the fact that when inclement weather necessitates the closing of school, such announcements will be made by the local radio station, WCTC. The station will repeat the announcement at intervals from the time it receives the information until 9 a.m.

To the Police Department, Somerset Street, in the area of the Prep School, has become a happy hunting ground for parking violations. Clearly printed invitations are appearing daily under the Prepsters' windshield wipers and many of the boys are so in demand they have received more than one.

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## ALUMNI NOTES

by Noreen Hudson

Alan Black, from the class of '53, is a brother in the fraternity, Kappa Theta, at Amherst College.

Trudy Webber, also from the class of '53, was chosen "Miss Sophistication" of her sorority. She is also in the running for Military Ball Queen and Prom Queen . . . Next year's candidates for "Miss America" better watch out!

Al Chirgwin, from the class of '54, is in the hospital at Sampson Airforce Base with pneumonia . . . All the gang from Prep send you get well wishes, Al.

*All alumni of Prep and Prepsters can renew old friendships at the Alumni Basketball game on December 28, 7:00 p.m. at the Prep Gym. Let's make it a successful event!*

One of Prep's students from last year wrote a reply to a letter to the editor in the November issue of the ARGO. It read as follows:

"Dear Editor,

This is an agonized protest against the ideas of the 'interested reader' in the November issue. 'Great Caesar's Ghost!' I thought 'Kat's Korner' was safely dead and buried. Please, please don't dig it up. Let it rest in peace. Very few people ever know what it is talking about, and it is so catty it's sickening. 'Kats Korner' is about as 'hep' as last year's mouldy garbage.

"In respect to those 'jocose articles,' I must admit that the ARGO is inclined to become a bit dry, but I believe that dryness is much preferable to out and out corn! Unless humorous writing is watched very carefully, that is what it leads to. Does our interested friend actually mean that the ARGO run a "Dick Tracy" strip? I hardly think he can be serious. It would be a waste of time and money. Cartoons, yes, by all means, but one can find 'Dick Tracy' in any newspaper. Why clutter up the ARGO?

A perturbed reader."

### NOTICE TO ALUMNI!

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## School Argomag Staff Prints '55 Magazine

The Argomag, the school magazine, is published twice a year, once at Christmas time and once late in the spring.

Although this year's Argomag is smaller in size, it will still contain the fine writing of its predecessors.

Perhaps the greatest improvement in the Argomag will be in the publishing of it. After being mimeographed every year since its founding in 1949, the Argomag this year will be printed. The larger appreciation levied by the Student Activities Fund has made this possible.

The new Argomag is much more compact than the previous issues. This makes for better design and easier reading. This year the staff will try to put more stress on the quality of student contributions in order to better the writing that appears in the magazine.

The cover will be made this year, as usual, by a number of students.

## Junior Scientists See Stars At N.Y. Hayden Planetarium

The Science Club, under Mr. Daviet's guidance, has been meeting on Monday during the activities period. Its members elected Bobby Eber as president, Matthew Sabino and Wayne Sabo as vice-presidents, and Amy Riddering as secretary.

The Club has learned the names and uses of many laboratory instruments. They have also made wash bottles and manufactured hydrogen and oxygen.

On December fifth, the club took a bus trip to the Hayden Planetarium with Mr. and Mrs. Daviet as chaperones.

One of the main attractions was the show entitled Christmas 'Round the World, which included a demonstration.

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