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## Sixth Honor Roll Shows Decline As School Work Flags

The Honor Roll of the Rutgers Preparatory School for the month ending April 12th, 1940, was announced on Monday, April 22nd, by Mr. Shepard, Headmaster of the school.

Before announcing the Honor Roll, Mr. Shepard stated that he was heartily displeased with the work of most of the boys. He said that there were more failures in various subjects this month than there had been at any other time this year. He issued a warning to the Senior Class stating that out of forty-eight members in the Senior Class only thirty-six are expected to graduate, although he still holds forth high hopes for the remaining twelve boys. He concluded by earnestly requesting the students of all classes to get down to work and show better results next month.

There were sixteen boys on the Honor Roll. This is only 16% of the entire student body. The Senior Class was represented by eight boys; the Junior Class by five boys; the Sophomore Class by one boy; and the Freshman Class by two boys.

There are six boys on the honorable mention list.

### HONOR ROLL (Listed according to rank)

*Ninety and above*  
Beardslee, D. '42  
*Eighty-five to ninety*  
Vandivert, R. '42  
Cramer, J. '41  
McChesney, M. '41  
Miller, H. '40

*Eighty to Eighty-five*  
Rudolfs, W. '40  
Deschu, C. '40  
De Voe, G. '41  
Bogdanovitch, P. '40  
Matthews, D. '40  
Okerson, W. '43  
Farkas, R. '41  
Lambert, F. '41  
Stogner, R. '40  
Potter, J. '41  
Searle, R. '40

*Honorable Mention*  
Burroughs, E.  
Beaudette, R.  
Thompson, C.  
Miller, J.  
Malone, P.  
Lamberton, R.

## BOSTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA DIRECTED BY KOUSSEVITZKY PLAYS AT RUTGERS CONCERT

The Rutgers concert series closed its season on the evening of April third, with a performance by the Boston Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Serge Koussevitzky. In spite of the heavy rainfall, the Rutgers gymnasium was filled to capacity to hear one of the world's renowned orchestras and conductors.

First on the well chosen program was the overture to "Le Mariage de Figaro", a comic opera by Wolfgang A. Mozart. The opera was composed in Vienna, in the year 1786. There was some trouble in having it produced, but when finally given, it proved a great success. Under the able direction of M. Koussevitzky, the light piece was produced to perfection, drawing much applause from the appreciative audience.

Following the Mozart selection, the orchestra played the Symphony No. 4, in B flat Major, by Ludwig von Beethoven.

## BASEBALL SCHEDULE

For the convenience of the readers of the ARGO there is printed below the 1940 baseball schedule. For a summary of the situation out on the varsity field, see the third page of this issue.

April 30	Wardlaw	away
May 11	Kingsley (pending)	away
" 15	Lawrenceville	away
" 18	Montclair	home
" 21	Newark Academy	home
" 24	Morristown	home
" 29	Pingry	away
June 1	Newman	home

## English Classes See Shakespeare Plays in New York

"Hamlet" and "Macbeth" by New York University Players Supplement Study

In order to supplement the work of the English department, two trips were made to see the Shakespearean tragedies, "Hamlet" and "Macbeth", on the 13th of April, and the 3rd of May, respectively. The plays were presented in New York City by the Washington Square Players of New York University.

The performances themselves, although not up to professional standards, were above the average run of amateur productions. The combination of simple backdrops and well directed lighting effects, produced a very attractive stage appearance. These, with good acting gave two experiences enjoyed by all.

The numerous stage effects added appreciably to the pleasure of the shows. In "Hamlet", the ghost appeared to be there only from the waist up, its lower portion being clothed in dull black, and practically invisible against the black backdrop. Another feature was the bearing of Ophelia's body on to the stage after the queen had announced her death, an arrangement not frequently seen.

In "Macbeth", the dagger scene, the banquet scene, and the sleep-walking scenes stood out.

These plays, coming directly after they had been carefully studied in the school were highly enjoyed and appreciated by all students who attended.

## Committee Reschedules Dance For May 24th in Gymnasium

### Competition Rules For Best English Essay Announced

Each year a prize is awarded for the best piece of personal writing written by a member of the senior class. Although primarily designed for essays, any type of writing—poetry, biography, short-stories, etc.—is acceptable. The only specification is that a considerable amount of research must be done before handing in the composition. Judging by the results of previous years, there is a high standard to be lived up to.

The variety of subject matter that may be used is tremendous and unlimited. Practically any subject at all is interesting if properly written up. Two of the more unusual topics selected during the past few years have been Heraldry and Falconry. The prize for 1938 and 1939 was given for two short-stories.

### Manuscripts Due June 1

There is no definite rule as to the length of each composition, but the suggested maximum is around three thousand words. The papers are due on June 1.

The papers are marked and graded with every possible effort for fairness. The faculty of the Prep School itself do not at any time read the papers until the results are given out. This is so that if asked by the judges, they will be able in no way to say anything which might influence their final decision. The judges themselves are different each year, and are in no way connected with Rutgers Prep School. They may be total outsiders or they may be members of the Rutgers University faculty.

### Entries Not Signed

As a further precaution, the entries are not signed by their respective authors, but are numbered. Before starting, each applicant is given a number, and he uses this in place of his own name all during the contest. It is also requested that the copy submitted be written on the typewriter whenever possible, not only for legibility but also to prevent recognition of handwriting. Thus the papers are marked on merit alone.

This contest is open only to members of the senior class. For further details see Mr. Brewer.

## Mr. Brewer Tells Of Vacation in Haiti

During the Easter vacation Mr. Brewer took a trip to the island of Haiti, the Black Republic of the Caribbean Sea, for the expressed purpose of securing some peaceful relaxation. In all he was at sea eight days, four of which were spent in reaching Haiti; the other four spent in returning to the U. S. Arriving in Port-au-Prince on Monday morning, April 25, Mr. Brewer spent two days in visiting the places of interest in the Port. In the surrounding towns of Petionville and Kenscoff, both of which are situated on the side of a hill in the form of terraces, Mr. Brewer found much to regard.

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## Jack Hollack's Band To Supply Music Till 1 A. M.

Chaperons to be Mr. and Mrs. Shepard, Mrs. Andrews, And Mr. Brewer

The Dance Committee with Rod Searle as chairman and Bill Harper, Joe Cramer, Jack Coad, Bob O'Donnell, George Styskal, Roy Stogner, Joe Piffath, Laurie Farley, and Jimmy Potter as assistants, has announced the completion of all the necessary details which will insure a successful dance. The dance is scheduled for May 24 and is to run from nine to one o'clock.

Although the Senior Dance of the Rutgers Preparatory School has been proclaimed to the student body, the selection of a band has not. We have been lucky enough to procure the services of Jack Hollack and his "Frolickers", a popular band around New Brunswick, composed of seven pieces plus two vocalists, and specializing in sweet and swing rhythms. This band is made up of professional musicians who have compiled quite a reputation and following.

### Chaperons From Faculty

The headmaster and Mrs. Stanley Shepard, Jr., have kindly consented to act as chaperons, as have also Mr. Brewer and Mrs. Andrews; they will be treated as guests of honor.

Mr. Shepard has requested that the students who intend to come to the dance will inform him as soon as possible so that arrangements may be made for sleeping accommodations for those girls who will remain over-night at the Preparatory School following the dance. If there are enough girls remaining, the Alpha House dormitory will be turned over temporarily to them in the care of Mr. and Mrs. Rudy. However, in the event that only a few girls stay over, Mr. and Mrs. Shepard have signified their willingness to put them up in the guest rooms at their residence on Huntington Street.

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## PARENTS' DAY

The Spring Parents' Day has been scheduled for May 18th. All parents and friends of the boys of the Prep school are cordially invited. Mr. Shepard announced that over one hundred and fifty persons are expected to be present.

There is a rather full program for the day. At ten thirty the baseball team will play the Montclair Academy. It will be remembered that Montclair won last year with a score of seven to three.

After the game, the guests will be received by Mrs. Shepard at the dining hall, where a buffet lunch will be served. Mrs. Rudy, Mrs. McClintock, and Mrs. Andrews will also act as hostesses.

Parents' day is for the purpose of having the masters and families of the students become acquainted. A better understanding of the aim and system of the school will be derived by the parents through this informal gathering.



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## ACADEMIC FREEDOM

The purpose of education is to train youth to become leaders for the good of mankind. A true college is not a specialized trade school, nor is it any more an institute whose sole purpose for existence is to eulogize the glories of the past and the wonders awaiting us in the future. A man should not be so instructed in a university that he is fit only to follow the civilization into which he submerges upon graduation. Rather, when a man enters his college, he should be allowed to investigate the history, achievements and philosophies of civilization with an open mind so that he may decide for himself the weaknesses and benefits of past and present civilizations and from this evaluation determine his own philosophy and responsibility toward mankind. We are not born into the world to follow the vagaries of humanity like sheep; we should not be educated to follow but to lead.

Recently there has been a great argument in the educational world concerning the appointment of Bertrand Russell as a teacher of higher mathematics in a college supported by tax-payers of the City of New York. Many of these tax-payers were adamant in their self-righteous demands that Russell—an eminent mathematician and philosopher—be ousted from his position as a teacher of mathematics because of certain of his philosophical works which dealt with the subject of free-love. How sex could in any way influence an algebraic equation is indeed cause for speculation. However, the noisy few had their way, and Russell's appointment was rescinded.

In this controversy the words "academic freedom" were bandied about liberally. This means, simply, the right of a man to teach his beliefs, and the right of another to investigate these teachings. Socrates upheld his right to academic freedom 2500 years ago and died for it, but—suppose he had recanted to please a despot? Surely, the world would have been poorer for this loss.

Russell may be no Socrates; only time can answer that. However, no civilization can advance when men are allowed to teach only what people want to be taught—when learning bows to taxes.

## SCHOOL DANCES

School spirit is not some dormant thing which should lie asleep until the advent of an athletic event. It is something which must be constantly with every student during each day that he is in school. Without this spirit no venture which is undertaken by the members of a school can meet with success. A dance committee, as well as a baseball team, must have support in order that their work be praiseworthy.

During the past few years, partially because of a lack of interest by the students in school activities, dances at Prep have not attracted all of the attention which they warrant. This year this lack of enthusiasm for a proposed dance was caused by a postponement of the date on which the affair was scheduled to be held. It is obvious that the Headmaster had the interest of the students in mind when he postponed the dance. This delay, although it did necessitate the breakage of some dates, should not cause the students to cease in their support of the project. Such an action would show a decided slackness in school spirit.

We know, however, that the dance will be a success, if the students bend their efforts towards cooperating with the dance committee. After all, this is our school, and we should support every activity, especially those originating among the students themselves. School spirit cannot long remain a lifeless thing among those students whose zeal and enthusiasm for school activities prompts them to back every good project with their best efforts.

## FOOTNOTES

by Tony Gosse

According to the newspapers, a group of righteous minded Pittsburghers have offered a million dollars for the capture of Hitler alive. Adolf may be willing to surrender himself for that sum, reserving, of course, the American movie and circus rights.

Dr. Townsend, author of the "skittle and beans at sixty" plan, has urged all Americans to vote at this election, because, as he says, it may easily become the last. Simultaneously with this blast comes the announcement that the Republican National Committee frowns on the sale and eating of hot dogs during the coming Presidential convention. Far be it from us to stick our patrician nose into politics, but it all seems as if Townsend, like a stalwart little David, has undertaken to defend Civil Liberties against the onslaught of the white elephant.

Who said, "Crime does not pay"? Under a new law the courts in New York State, outside of the Big City, may let prisoners serve jail terms on the installment plan. If, for instance, a convicted man has another job and must do a stretch of thirty days or so, Hizzoner may let him serve it on weekends (just like at Prep!). Now the man of the future may budget his time so that on weekends he can toss a coin to see whether he'll play golf or beat his wife.

Perhaps the following foreshadows a new era in which the faint stench of graft will be eliminated from political appointments. Reason: a certain Joe Welsh, tanktown postmaster, resigned from office after three months, for, after paying his bills, he learned to his disgust that he had a profit of only fifty cents. To add insult to injury, half of that sum was needed for an affidavit to send his fiscal report to Washington.

While occupying myself with the postal situation, we noticed this at random. A rural letter carrier found a note, along with an egg, in the box of one of his patrons: "Dear Mr. Barnes, Take this egg and leave me a postcard, please." Barnes obliged.

International incident (according to Republican sources): It seems that special emissary Sumner Welles was at a conference with Hitler and Mussolini. For the sake of impressing him, H. Duce grasped a metal paperweight and crushed it in one hand. Turning to Welles, he triumphed, "I've got 500,000 men in my army who can do that." Not to be outdone, Hitler duplicated the feat with two iron paperweights and announced, "I've got two million men in my army who can do that." Stating a yawn, Welles murmured, "That's nothing. Back home we've got a man who can grab a bull by the tail, swing it over his head three times fertilizing forty-eight states, and he's only a cripple."

Ever on the alert, Science has practically finished its blitzkrieg against the old fashioned home. Nowadays, colleges, instead of remaining peacefully aloof from daily life thrust themselves into the turmoil and fuss. Professors no longer regale their students with dry classic jokes but go poking about the campus asking horribly personal questions, all of course, in the interest of science. One such professor, a Dr. France of Mass. State College, has instituted a series of tests from which he hopes to evolve a new technic for dishwashing. Student help in fraternity and sorority houses are the professor's victims.

Mountain Lakes, N. J., is chary of its birds' safety, or so it would seem; for the town council recently passed an ordinance requiring cats to wear a bell or some other musical instrument around their necks. That "some other" clause is likely to create trouble. Frankly, we wouldn't be at all surprised to read that some eccentric cat had been scaring the dickens out of Mountain Larkers by chasing about like Pan with his pipes.

## Dear Diary

Mon., Apr. 1:  
Every one returns from a necessary vacation and starts preparing for monthly examinations.

Tues., Apr. 2:  
Weather—fair and warmer, so the baseball team starts outdoor practice.

Fri., Apr. 5:  
Baseball team still trying to get the batting eye. Nothing remains to merit mention.

Tues., Apr. 9:  
Golfers are seen slinking around the links under the watchful eye of Mr. Rudy.

Wed., Apr. 10:  
Hackett and Updike (who said, "Never the twain shall meet?") seem to be organizing a two man lacrosse team. Our spies report them often seen leaping about the Delta House lawn like a couple of drunken pixies.

Sun., Apr. 14:  
The one man track team personified by Denton Robinson does not seem to be quite up to snuff. Denny's running resembles a Japanese waltzing mouse.

Tues., Apr. 16:  
Apparently when cats are subjected too long to the Prep environment they develop queer traits. One, at least, apparently leaped three feet into the air, clambered up a fire escape, and perched on a Delta House window far above terra firma.

Wed., Apr. 17:  
F. D. R.'s recent fishing trip no doubt influenced several of our "older" boys, for a group of them was observed on the banks of the old Raritan, rarin' to go.

Thurs., Apr. 18:  
Russ Corbin bagged a ten and one half inch rainbow trout today, driven into the canal by the recent flood, undoubtedly.

Fri., Apr. 19:  
The trout ended up today in the Biology Laboratory, and Bob Gibian had the honor of dissecting it. What a mess!

Sat., Apr. 20:  
The fellows are considering a general strike against everything. Wouldn't you, after ten days of rain?

Mon., Apr. 22:  
Another week started, and after a ten days' siege, the sun finally appeared.

Wed., Apr. 24:  
Our Swimming captain, Gabby Hausner, led the second stringers of the baseball team in their first game of the season against Highland Park. From all reports our star pitched a magnificent but unsteady game. His partner behind the plate was Johnny Bishop.

Thurs., Apr. 25:  
Big Chief Pain-in-the-neck Bretzfeld is at it again with his practical jokes.

Fri., Apr. 26:  
We wonder why only a few boys went home this weekend. No excuses, eh, boys?

Sat., Apr. 27:  
First tennis match of the season. Thanks to Styskal, Coad and Farley. Prep won.

Tues., Apr. 30:  
We lost our first baseball game of the season to Wardlaw, as Joe Pfiffath's fine playing went in vain.

Wed., May 1:  
Maypole day is here, and time for all little boys and girls to head for the wooded vales and hills. That is, all except the last ten seniors on the list of thirty-six.  
"Freeze" Hess, our Republican from Somerville, was not having any picnic during baseball practice when Percy Harper and the boys brought their wads.



## WHAT-NOTS

by Roy Stogner

Spring, despite that not-so-soon-forgotten snow storm which occurred some few weeks ago, has at last become a reality. However, those unfeeling industrialists have no regard whatsoever for the tender sentiments which Spring conveys. Billboards all over the country present an outstanding illustration of that fact. Perpend!

"In the Spring a young man's fancy turns to—PACKARD, \$867."

When asked if he was a cheese-maker by trade, some wit responded: "No, by Kraft!"

That one is practically in the same category with the one about the printer who was engaged to a blonde. He refused to marry her because she wasn't his type! Get it, fellows—or should one press the issue further?

There's only a few of them left. We mean, of course, one rustic old Southerner who hasn't even looked North for over fifty years.

We observed one of the fellows bending over to tie his shoe the other day, and like a flash there was "Percy" Harper up to his old tricks again.

Paycheck—the comedian still insists that he wasn't running away from Louis. "I was just backing up to get a start," he explains.

There's only one thing to do to guys who come up to you and say, "Nice suit you've got there—who shines it for you?"

Here's an improvement on the older method. To make a Venetian blind—simply stick your finger in his eye! (You can't blame me for that, for it wasn't original.)

Here's one reason, in illustrated form, why lady barbers will never be popular. A man walks into a lady's barber shop, gets into a chair, and says: "I've never had my hair cut by a woman before." Whereupon the barber replies: "Don't let it bother you, mister—you up next to be the first man ever to be clipped by a woman!"

Do you remember the day in assembly that Jimmy Miller inadvertently answered a vigorous "no" when Mr. Holley asked whether everyone had heard the bell? It seems that "no" was not meant for Mr. Holley's ears—but he didn't know it at the time.

Joe Pfiffath just cannot be true to "Sinky" (the one on Long Island) and at the same time stay in the good graces of those Elementary School co-eds. I mean, of course, the ones who were introduced to Joe by Junior Waterman.

If Susie doesn't refrain from leaving her various toys lying around the buildings, it's a sure thing that some of the fellows are going to hurt themselves while playing cowboy on that tri-cycle and wagon.

Spring didn't put that look in Jim Stapleton's eyes; it didn't put those letters in his mailbox either.

Replies, in response to the offer which appeared in the last edition of the ARGO concerning the submission of any perplexing problems with which our readers might be confronted to our board bearing the title, "You Mix'em, We Fix'em", were not long in putting in their appearance. The cooperation of the readers is greatly appreciated.

The first letter we opened contained this stickler.

"I am a high school graduate throughout high school I have had debates with all my Science teachers. Many people have different ideas. Will you please give me the correct answer and reason for your statement?" Not to be stumped by this puzzling query, our answer was chosen only after severe deliberation. It is simply, "Yes!"

Having disposed of the first problem, we opened a second letter.

"Who was the first Chinaman and where was he born?" Our reply goes thus: "The first Chinaman was a guy named Confucius. They found him just after his birth in the Red Sea writing witticisms to Walter Winchell."

"I am interested in Zoology. Please tell me if skunks make their female helpers work for them and if this is intelligence or natural instinct." And again, filled with overbearing wisdom our answer is merely: "Yes."

## Prep Teams Open Spring Sports in Promising Way

## ALUMNI NEWS

Information from Princeton shows that the following alumni of Prep have been outstanding up to the present time this year.

Paul V. Kellogg, Jr., '43, has been chosen the second Freshman Manager of the Travel Bureau. This bureau takes care of the scheduling of trips for the undergraduates.

J. R. Arnold, '43, received second group honors for the first term of this year.

Paul V. Kellogg Jr., '43, has recently been elected to the new Freshman Debating Society.

J. W. Sease, '41, won second group honors from the first term of this year.

Paul L. Miller, '41, is a member of this year's Varsity Polo squad.

Ferdinand Ratti, '39, is pitching on the Rutgers Freshman baseball team.

In a recent game Ratti struck out ten men.

Barton Searle, '37, has recently moved to Boston where he is employed by the Liberty Mutual Insurance Company.

Fred Parkinson, '39, has withdrawn from the hotel management course at Cornell and is working at the DeWitt Clinton Hotel in Albany, N. Y. Mr. Shepard saw him on his recent trip and reports that he is looking fine. Fred expects to reenter Cornell next Fall.

## THE BOOKWORM

## THE TREES

By Conrad Richter  
Alfred A. Knopf 1940

"They moved along in the bobbing, springing gait of a family that followed the woods as some families follow the sea." The Luckett family had packed up their scanty belongings and gone West out of Pennsylvania looking for game and a place to settle, somewhere out there in the Ohio wilderness. The going had been slow because Jary, the young but ailing wife of Worth Luckett couldn't stand the strain of the journey—wading streams, cutting through the underbrush of the virgin forests and sometimes going hungry when Worth didn't kill any fresh game. The oldest of the four girls, Sayward, carried on in her mother's place and did a fine job of preparing the meals, mending the clothes, and keeping the kids (Genny, Achsa, Wyitt and Sullie) from quarreling.

It was getting late in the summer, and a nip in the oncoming autumn air made Worth look around for a place in which to build a cabin. On the bank of a swift flowing stream which was overhung by moss and ancient trees and near a salt lick where the deer came at twilight to feed, Worth decided to build his cabin. After a few weeks of steady working, chopping trees, splitting and hewing them smooth, and fitting them in place, Worth had built a log hut which was as cozy and snug as a bear in his hollow tree.

Late in the winter, after Jary had been sick with slow fever for three months, death came to the cabin and carried her away. This loss put the entire burden on fifteen year old Sayward. After his wife's burial Worth went off into the forests for a long hunting trip, leaving "Said" to look after the other four.

Several summers later a tragedy befell the Luckett family, which made the father leave home and never come back. This meant that Said, who was now blooming into womanhood, and other members of the family had to shift for themselves. Wyitt, who was the only boy, and who was only eleven years old did his part to help by spending his time hunting and bringing in fresh meat. Achsa took a guy tending a baby and later ran off and got married. Genny stayed at home for a year or two but then left Said and Wyitt, to get married and live with her husband. With the family broken up in this way Said also finds herself a husband and Wyitt lives with her and later follows in his father's footsteps to become a trapper and hunter. R.N.S.

MINOR SPORTS  
SCHEDULE

## Golf

April 26	Hun	away
" 30	Linden	away
May 3	Montclair (pending)	away
" 13	Metuchen	away
" 18	Newman	away
" 21	Scotch Plains	home
" 24	Metuchen	home
" 27	Scotch Plains	away

## Tennis

April 27	Pennington	away
May 3	South River	home
" 10	Montclair	away
" 15	South River	away
" 17	Hun	away

Tennis Team Wins  
Opening Encounter  
In Close Battle

With defeat seeming almost inevitable, Rutgers Prep's tennis team pulled its opening match of the season out of the fire by winning 3-2 from Pennington on the home courts.

George Styskal lost the first singles match to Pat Patton of Pennington 6-4, 6-0. In the number two singles Laurie Farley bowed to Bob Walsh 8-6, 6-3. Then Coach Henry McClintock's boys put on the steam to take the last three matches. Jack Coad won a hard fought 4-6, 6-0, 6-3 decision from Les Martens in the number three singles and later teamed with Farley, defeated Patton and Martens 6-0, 10-8 in the first doubles match. In the last and deciding contest Styskal and Matthews won the first set from Walsh, and Don Tindell 6-1, dropped the second 5-7, but came through in the last set 10-8 to clinch the victory for Prep.

## MR. BREWER IN HAITI

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The port is the capital of the island, and is 1,372 miles from New York. This city, which has about 120,000 inhabitants, occupies a conspicuous place in the history of the island. On the plaza in the center of the capital is the Cathedral, the Administration building, and the gleaming white marble palace of the President. According to Mr. Brewer, the anchor of the *Santa Maria* resides therein. In the middle of the plaza stands the statue of Dessalines, the Black Napoleon. At the base of the statue is a tablet bearing the epigraph, "The Founder of the Republic."

## Legend of Famous Statue

As the story goes, the Haitian government sent a representative to Paris in order to purchase a statue of the patriot. However, upon arriving in the French capital, he liked the place so much that he spent all of the money intended for the purchase of the casting. While walking through Paris one day, the representative noticed a casting for sale. After reflecting briefly that no one had ever seen Dessalines anyhove, he bought the cheap casting and shipped it to his country.

The main street of Haiti is called the Champs-de-Mars. At one time it was lined with the Royal palms, but they were all cut down by one of the many presidents. The object was to dispose of the shelter along the boulevard where assassins lurked amid the palm foliage for the purpose of ridding themselves of another king.

In this decidedly tropical climate the flora is very beautiful. Mr. Brewer said that the most noticeable of the plants was the purple bougainvillea vine, found almost all over the landscape. Voodoo seems to be synonymous with Haiti, but it is now outlawed. When the United States Marines were there, they helped to stamp out this un-holy belief. The drum which for-

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Varsity Baseball  
Team Loses First  
Game to Wardlaw

Greater Experience of Opponents  
Causes Defeat Despite  
Late Rally

A fast, experienced Wardlaw baseball team set down the Rutgers Prep squad at Plainfield, 12 to 4, in a sloppy game marked with errors.

In the first inning, Wardlaw combined three walks and three hits off Dick Sexton to put them out in front 3 to 0. In the second frame the Plainfield boys took advantage of two more bases on balls, batted out two hits, and increased their lead to 6 to 0.

Bob Hanna opened the fourth with a sharp single to centerfield. He stole second and third and was knocked home on Phil Bogdanovich's sacrifice bunt. The following inning the "Preps" scored again when right fielder, Joe Pfiffath, slammed a screaming triple into right field and brought home Ralph Ruocco who had walked.

The Wardlaw players, in the same inning, put on another rally when Bob Barrett singled and advanced to third on a juggled ball by Potter. Two successive hits by McCormick and Soizeaux brought the score up to 8 to 2. The home team completed their scoring in the sixth frame, when two singles, a walk, an error and a triple brought four runs across the Prep's home plate.

Rutgers ended their point-getting in the last inning when diminutive Harvey Miller was passed. Freas Hess doubled to deep left field, and after stealing third, crossed the plate on Pfiffath's fly to center.

## RUTGERS PREP (4)

	a.b.	r.	h.	e.	a.	e.
Miller, ss	3	1	2	2	1	0
Hess, 2b	3	1	1	0	1	0
Pfiffath, rf	4	0	1	1	0	0
Hanna, lf	4	1	1	0	0	0
Uplike, cf	3	0	0	1	2	0
Bogdanovich, c	3	0	0	7	0	0
Harper, 1b	1	0	0	4	0	0
Wells, 3b	0	0	0	1	0	0
Potter, 2b	2	0	0	2	2	0
Corbin, 2b	1	0	0	0	0	0
Sexton, p	1	0	0	0	3	0
Searle, p	0	0	0	0	1	0
Ruocco*	0	1	0	0	0	0
Keller**	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	26	4	3	18	11	3

## WARDLAW (12)

	a.b.	r.	h.	e.	a.	e.
R. Barrett, 1b	2	1	2	2	1	0
J. Barrett, ss	2	2	0	1	3	0
Goldard, rf	4	1	1	1	0	0
Dimler, 3b	3	1	1	1	1	0
McCormick, cf	2	2	2	2	0	0
Soizeaux, lf	4	0	1	2	0	0
Todd, 2b	3	1	1	1	1	0
Schwemmon, p	3	2	0	0	6	0
Sommer, c	4	1	2	7	0	0
Totals	27	12	9	21	11	0

\*Batted for Sexton in 5th

\*\*Batted for Searle in 7th

Score by innings:

Rutgers Prep 0 0 0 1 7 0 2-4  
Wardlaw 3 3 0 2 0 4 8-12  
Two-base hits: Hess, Barrett, Sommer, Dimler. Three-base hits: Pfiffath, Sommer. Stolen bases: Wardlaw—Sommer, R. Barrett, McCormick, Todd; Rutgers Prep—Miller, Hanna, 2. Harper, Bogdanovich. Struck out by: Sexton: 1, Schwemmon 7, Searle 1. Bases on balls: Sexton 7, Searle 2, Schwemmon 7.

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Scherzo, or dance, which, in this case, is quite whimsical.

The Finale displays Beethoven's fullest powers, showing his discovery of the true meaning of Haydn and Mozart, whom, on occasion, he had tried to copy. M. Koussevitzky led the orchestra through this lively and rather difficult passage with ease, producing effectively the wealth of grace and humor contained therein.

Third and last on the program was the Fifth Symphony, in F Minor, of Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky. In the mind of the composer, this work had little value, but it has since proved to be one of his most popular.

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## Final Examination Schedule

All examinations will be held in the school study hall.

Tues., June 4	9:00 a. m.	English IV (Lit.), English II
	2:00 p. m.	English IV (Grammar) English III
Wed., June 5	9:00 a. m.	Solid Geometry, Spanish II
	2:00 p. m.	Mod. History, Amer. Hist., Anc. Hist.
Thurs., June 6	9:00 a. m.	Algebra II, French III
	2:00 p. m.	Chemistry, Physics, Biology
Fri., June 7	9:00 a. m.	Plane, Lat. I, Lat. IV, Germ. II, III
	2:00 p. m.	French I, French II, German I
Sat., June 8	9:00 a. m.	Gen. Science
Mon., June 10	9:00 a. m.	Algebra I
	2:00 p. m.	English I, Latin II

## Rules of Senior Honor Society At Prep Clarified

Cum Laude Admits Only Five Percent of Four Year High School Boys

The Rutgers Preparatory School chapter of the Cum Laude Society for Secondary Schools has been established for many years. This society corresponds roughly to Phi Beta Kappa, the honor society of college graduates. Both are nationwide institutions, and membership is based solely on academic standing.

Each year those boys who have maintained an average of eighty per cent throughout their last two years of secondary schooling are eligible up to the number of five per cent of the entire graduating class. This should not be taken to mean that five per cent of the entire senior class at Rutgers Prep is automatically eligible, providing the averages of those boys in that division are above eighty. Since many boys at Rutgers Prep come to Prep after having completed four years at High School or at some other Preparatory School, the ruling was made that no boy could be eligible for this chapter who had spent more than four years in a secondary school.

## Only Full Course Seniors Eligible

Furthermore, only those boys who have taken the regulation course for Seniors at Rutgers Preparatory School are eligible. This is to exclude boys who are technically Seniors, but whose schedules in their last year include credits in courses which are not of Senior level.

It has been the custom at Prep in the past for the elections to Cum Laude to be made before the final examinations have been taken. The induction ceremonies, including the Cum Laude address, have taken place toward the last of May. Last year the Cum Laude speaker was Dr. Demarest, President Emeritus of Rutgers University. This year, however, successful candidates for election will not be announced until Commencement, June 13, and the usual ceremony will be dispensed with.

Faculty members of the Rutgers Preparatory School chapter and, of course, of the national society, are Mr. Shepard, Mr. Brewer, Mr. Rudy, Mr. Stearns and Mr. McClintock.

## SENIOR DANCE PLANS

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The money for tickets must be given to the committee by Thursday, May 9th. It is hoped by the members of the Senior Dance Committee that the entire student body will back this dance with whole-hearted enthusiasm in order to make it a fitting climax to the end of the year.

## SENIOR STUDENTS SELECT COLLEGES

The Senior Class of the Rutgers Preparatory School, amounting to the forty-nine boys who expect to graduate in June, have made the following selections of colleges to which they hope to go. These selections, however, are not final, and probably several changes will be made even before Commencement.

Andersen, Lehigh  
Armstrong, University of Michigan  
Bennett, Rutgers  
Bishop, Cornell  
Bogdanovitch, Iowa State  
Christie, Middlebury  
Coad, Duke  
Corbin, Rutgers  
Davis, Undecided  
Denniston, New York University  
Deschu, Rutgers  
Erickson, Rutgers  
Farley, Dartmouth  
Feldbaum, Rutgers  
Gorka, University of Kentucky  
Gosse, Princeton  
Gutkowski, Rutgers  
Hackett, Rutgers  
Hanna, University of Tennessee  
Harper, Rutgers  
Hausner, Rutgers  
Hess, Rutgers  
Jankowski, Rutgers  
Johnson, H., Rutgers  
Malone, U. S. Military Academy  
Matthews, Rutgers  
Miller, H., Cornell  
Miller, J., Cornell  
Moreng, Rutgers  
Morrison, Undecided  
O'Donnell, Rutgers  
Piffath, Rutgers  
Prather, Rutgers  
Pratt, Hobart  
Rielly, Princeton  
Robinson, Clarkson  
Rupprecht, Rutgers  
Rudolfs, Undecided  
Searle, Green Mountain Jr. College  
Stapleton, Rutgers  
Stogner, Undecided  
Styskal, Duke  
Thompson, M. I. T.  
Updike, Rutgers  
Walter, Hobart  
Weidman, Rutgers  
Wells, Rutgers  
Whiteman, C., Lehigh  
Wolpert, Rensselaer Polytech.

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merely played an important part in the voodoo rituals, is still used in every day life.

## History of Haiti Troubled

The history of Haiti has been a short but turbulent one. Columbus discovered the island on the sixth day of December, 1496. He found there the Aborigines, who were a kind and generous people; the Spaniards virtually enslaved these people in the gold mines in later years.

The French pirates conquered the island. They were driven out of the eastern part, but retained the western third. Under the French administration it became the most prosperous of all the colonies in the Caribbean.

The tranquility of the island was continually being upset because of the hostility which exists between the Mulattoes and the Colons. The people of Haiti revolted and won their independence under the leadership of Toussaint L'Ouverture. Since the abolition of slavery in Haiti, there have been a hundred years of half-tragic, half-comic revolutionary politics. This situation was ended when the U. S. Marines occupied the island in 1915. Since that time conditions have steadily improved in the island.

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The opening movement, Andante, is gloomy and fatalistic. The following selection is twice invaded by the prevailing theme of the opening. The waltz, or third movement, eerie in character, with an attitude of fate overhanging.

The Finale is bolder and more self-confident, with all trace of the previous weariness gone. The beautiful and well-known theme of Movement II comes in again with a change from Minor to Major key, which adds greatly to the triumphant spirit.

M. Koussevitzky was recalled again and again by the ovation of the audience for his magnificent piece of conducting. It was a worthy end for the Rutgers series.

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