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## STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTION HELD

The 1951 Student Council elections were held on Friday, September 28, after a week of campaigning on the part of the two political factions, the Student Benefit Party and the Confederates. The results showed the Student Benefit slate to have swept the election, as all four of their candidates were put in office.

Fred Sherzer, a senior and Student Benefit candidate for the presidency of the Council, defeated his rival for the post, senior Jim Lamont, by a count of 41 votes to 38 in one of the closest races ever held at Prep.

Clark White, the running mate of Sherzer, amassed enough ballots to beat his opposite on the Confederate ticket, Jim Weisfeld. Likewise, Joan Devine was elected, 40-38, to the secretaryship in a red-hot race against Joyce Kenneally. In the last balloting, Alan Black was voted into the treasurer'ship over Alice Weisfeld.

The voting for president of the Council was held separately from that for the other three offices. The candidates for the latter posts were put on the same

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AT LEFT: THE CONFEDERATE PARTY

AT RIGHT: THE STUDENT BENEFITS

## POLITICS AROUSE SCHOOL INTEREST

During the week ending on Friday, September 28, the Rutgers Prep School witnessed some of the most energetic and original political campaigning ever to take place

here. The two rival parties, the Student Benefit Party and the Confederates, or Rebels, each gave their supporters a good deal to cheer about in the form of acts, platforms, and, of course, serious speeches on the part of the candidates.

On Wednesday morning, Prepsters opened their desks to find post cards naming the Student Benefit slate and giving a poem concerning it.

The following day, the Confederates issued posters in the same manner. These stated the Rebel platform and named the Rebel candidates. From that time on, many of these posters, as well as many of those of the Student Benefit Party, were visible in every room of the school building.

Thursday marked the first day of speeches by the candidates. Joan Devine and Alan Black, Benefit hopefuls for the posts of secretary and treasurer, were in-

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## GOOD GOVERNMENT—

We have just finished what is undoubtedly one of the best elections ever to be held at our school. Each one of us voted for his or her favorite candidate for a variety of reasons - platform, abilities, or just plain personality. But now that the Student Council officers have been chosen we've all got just one desire left, and that is to have as good a student government as possible.

Let's start out by helping the winners in every way we can. As the saying goes, "If you can't beat 'em, join 'em." Neither the Student Council nor the student body can get anything done without the other's cooperation, so let's make unity our first goal.

Secondly, the Council can't do anything unless the school first shows that they want it done. Nobody on the Council, regardless of who he is, will be apt to sit around trying to think of good deeds to do for the school. Ac-

tually, somebody from the student body must be the person to suggest changes. Of course the Council will, of their own accord, try their best to unravel all school difficulties which they know about, but in order to get a true picture of school sentiment, it must have suggestions offered by students outside of its own ranks. A suggestion box, as well as meetings called to hear Prepsters air their views, should take care of this matter.

Thirdly, it is up to the student body to carry through any projects, such as dances or beach parties, which the Council suggests. So the responsibility again comes to rest on the shoulder of each Prepster; we, ourselves, must take it up, and with the aid and leadership of the Council, make our school one that is truly "of the people, by the people, and for the people."



# INQUIRING REPORTER

To start off another year of investigating Prepsters' various views, the Inquiring Reporter of THE ARGO asked this question, "What extra-curricular activities would you like to see at Prep?" of ten of our scholars. The reactions differ, of course, but all express sound ideas.

The answers received by our sleuth in search of opinions were as follows:

## BOYS

Phil Cohen, Junior: "I would like to have only a basketball team."

Frank Saloky, Senior: "Basketball".

Bill Cramer, Senior: "Thumbs down on Phys. Ed."

Robert Grace, Junior: "Swimming."

## GIRLS

Joan Devine, Junior: "If we do have anything I would prefer to have basketball and also swimming."

Elfriede Riddering, Sophomore: "I would like to have hockey, swimming, and also tennis, if possible."

Pat McGovern, Sophomore: "Swimming and basketball."

Carmen Watson, Senior: "I think we should have swimming and badminton."

Joyce Tuckey, Senior: "Lots of swimming."

Molly Parkham, Freshman: "I would like to have swimming."

# CATS CORNER

'Tis been heard that one Virginia Hudson is an ardent Spanish student. Why? - Perhaps T. R. knows! Hmmm?

Rumors are flying that a certain party whose initials are J. L. has been burning up quite a bit of gas making trips to Milltown. What's the attraction, Jim?

Hey Danny, I'm sure there are plenty of girls at Prep who'd like to ride in your station wagon. You don't have to go all the way to St. Peters for them. That goes for you too, Fred!

It has been noticed that J. Taylor is quite a gentleman when it comes to picking up erasers. Right, Mr. Blake?

Why does our P.G. man with the George white sweater always turn his head to the left when sitting in study? Heh! Heh!

Who is this mysterious T.F.S. who sends love letters to Fred-diekins S.?

What is it in the second row that seems to have caught Mr. Tobin's eye? Could it be C.W.?

Harold, did you or didn't you ask J.D.?

How does the young man who sits in the third seat in the third row rate those two blondes who sat next to him at a local football game?

Dudley, who were you winking at in English class? Or was that just a cinder in your eye?

W. C. is to be complimented on his excellent taste!



## ARGO NOW PHOTO-OFFSET

With this issue, THE ARGO enters into a new phase in its career. As is obvious, the school mimeograph machine was not responsible for the clean and readable pages appearing before you. Instead a process known as photo-offset printing has been used.

This new type of printing consists of using, as the title implies, photography in addition to the processes of regular printing. Any one page is first typed up in the form it will take when run off. The titles are then added.

Next, the page is photographed and a plate is made from the negative. It is this plate which is put in a printing press and run off to produce the final product.

Photo-offset printing is indeed new to the Prep school, but, on the other hand, printing itself is not. As late as 1947, THE ARGO was a printed paper. In the next year, however, the publication unfortunately was discontinued through lack of interest.

In 1949, the present series of ARGOS began when a junior named Walter Quinn rejuvenated it, but Quinn was compelled by lack of funds to mimeograph it. The paper continued in this form until the present issue.

It is mainly through the efforts of Mr. Coyle, faculty advisor of THE ARGO, of Mr. Gaggini, faculty advisor of the YE DIAL, and of Fred Sherzer and Jim Lament that the money to pay for printing was raised. The advertising section, unable to cover the cost entirely, was aided materially by a contribution by Mr. Shepard from the student activities fund of the school.

It is hoped by all those con-

nected with THE ARGO that the paper will continue to be printed by photo-offset. Your help, however, is urgently needed; how- school activities fund is not inexhaustible, and therefore ads are needed in large numbers.

So, if you like THE ARGO this way, and would like to see it in this form from now on, support it by looking for ads. It isn't hard and doesn't take long, but it really pays off. Get behind your paper -

GET OUT AND GET THOSE ADS!!

## ARGO STAFF INCREASES

During the weeks since the first issue of THE ARGO appeared, many Prepsters have signed up for work on the publication. Although their names are listed under the Staff heading on page 2, we of the original ARGO board feel it is only fair to give credit where credit is due, and therefore to publish the names of the newcomers separately.

Thus we have the honor of welcoming the following students into our ranks:

Joan Devine  
Diane Dorn  
Virginia Ann Hudson  
Elfriede Riddering  
Kate Riddering  
Joyce Kenneally  
Joyce Tuckey  
Clementina Vetti  
Carmen Watson  
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## EXTRA - CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES PLANNED

Several new extra-curricular activities are now being considered by the faculty and may soon appear in the school curriculum.

Foremost among these at the present time is a dramatics society. This will include, in addition to the presentation of standard plays to audiences of parents, the production of radio plays during assembly period. An idea which has been advanced is that such plays be recorded in the afternoon and then be played back during assembly. In this matter, we may thank George Van Vechten for putting his recording and amplifying equipment at the disposal of the school.

Another possibility is the formation of a theater club. Four years ago, such a club was successfully organized, and it attended, as a group, several top-notch Broadway productions. A bus hired by the club transported them directly to the theater in

New York City and afterwards back to New Brunswick.

It has been suggested that Princeton's McCarter Theater might be substituted for the Broadway houses. In this way, the cost per person could be cut almost in half for the bus.

A third project under consideration is the organizing of a debating society. This might take the form of a group which would represent Prep in debates with other schools; on the other hand, however, it might very possibly provide a basis for intra-mural debates during assembly period.

These represent but a few of the many different activities which can be arranged. Others include swimming, golf, tennis, and softball. In a later issue of THE ARGO, these will be discussed fully, but because of lack of space we are only mentioning them at this time.

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ballot, and then the votes for each office were counted separately. This allowed those students who desired to leave after the first election to do so.

Although the elections for officers of the Council had now been held, other voting for regular seats on the Council board occurred somewhat later, during the next week. (See Pg. 7)

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### POLITICS AROUSE SCHOOL INTEREST

troduced by their party's campaign manager, Rudy Szuch.

After the Benefit speeches, Joyce Kenneally and Alice Weisfeld's addresses were announced by

by Szuch's counterpart among the Rebs, Jack Taylor. At the close of the speeches of these "southern belles," they bombarded the audience with candy kisses.

On Friday, the last day of the campaign, the study hall was festooned with balloons bearing the names of the Benefit candidates and also Benefit slogans. All through the day, Confederate flags were to be seen flying from various desks.

The Rebel hopeful for the vice presidency, Jim Weisfeld, spoke first, telling of the plans of his party for a good administration. Then Jim Lamont, the Southern presidential nominee, explained each point in the Confederate platform. (Cont. on pg. 7)

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# ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ESTABLISHED

This edition of THE ARGO marks the beginnings of a new relationship between those students who are now attending Prep and those who have graduated in former years.

Because of the cooperation between the faculty and the staff of the paper a new Alumni Association has been formed, and it is hoped by both groups that an interest will now be aroused in the alumni concerning their Alma Mater and vice versa.

As the first act of the Association, there have been made a-

available to the alumni of Prep a limited number of copies of each issue of THE ARGO on a subscription basis.

Any alumnus interested in this offer may, for the price of \$2.00 per year, obtain all editions of this paper. Since, however, the supply is limited, it is suggested by the Association that all orders be placed as soon as possible.

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Rutgers Preparatory School  
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New Brunswick, New Jersey

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## BASKETBALL BEGINS

On Monday, September 17, Fred Sherzer welcomed the first candidates for basketball. Although practice doesn't begin officially until November, the idea is to get any boys who intend to try out for the varsity or junior varsity teams into shape.

The problem now is to work the basketball program in with other physical training. For the present at least, other athletic activities or gym classes do not interfere with practice. Also, this allows Mr. Blake, at least temporarily, to help Fred separate the varsity players from those who are J.V. material and both groups from the boys who just want instruction in the game.

The boys who are now appearing for workouts on the outdoor court are: Sherzer, Bob Hagar, Phil Cohen, Clark White, Jim Rothschild, Frank Saloky, John Taylor, Jack Tobin, George Krauser, and Robert Baga. A larger turnout is expected soon.

## CLASS ELEC- TIONS HELD

In the class elections held last Thursday, the following Preps were elected to posts in the Student Council:

Senior Class: Rudy Szuch  
Jim Lamont

Junior Class: Robert Grace

Sophomore Class: Pat McGovern  
Donald Hughes

Freshman Class: Steve Rineberg

8th Grade: Howard Tobin

## ARGO SPOTLIGHT

The first Spotlight of the '51-'52 school year shines on Fred Sherzer, a Prep senior. Besides ranking high in scholastic work, Fred devotes much of his time to extra-curricular activities. Having been on the basketball team for three years, he is now one of the top varsity players. His journalistic talent has been proved by his two years' work on the staff of THE ARGO and YE DIAL, as well as his reporting of school and sporting activities for the Home News. Fred's additional interests include singing in the Glee Club, and playing football and baseball. Of course, girls play a big part in his life.

Fred's future plans include attending Amherst College to prepare for a law career.

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Clark White, Benefit vice presidential candidate, and his successor on the rostrum, Fred Sherzer, each pointed out the flaws in their rivals' platform and went on to promise good government for the school.

Thus, with the addresses of the presidential and vice presidential nominees of both parties, there ended one of the most enjoyable and exciting political campaigns ever fought in Rutgers Prep. It meant not only the election of good, public-spirited councilmen, but also lots of just plain fun for everybody.

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