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Prepsters Present Annual Play



Where's Lizzy?

Seniors Take Bows At University Chapel

Prep's 189th commencement will be held on June 9th in Kirkpatrick Chapel. In the morning all the students will assemble in the study hall for the presentation of the spring athletic letters, scholarship pins, and special awards. Any announcements of interest to the student body will also be made at that time.

A procession will then form on College Avenue, consisting of the commencement speakers, the faculty, and the student body. The procession will be led by two juniors, one of whom will carry the American flag and the other the school flag. Relatives and friends of the school will go directly to Kirkpatrick Chapel and will be waiting there when the procession arrives.

At the commencement exercises, diplomas or certificates will be given to the members of the graduating class. A student must have an average of seventy or over to earn a diploma. Certificates are given to those students who have completed the work but whose averages are under seventy.

Each year a number of prizes are awarded to students who have done outstanding work in a particular field. Some of the prizes are awarded for excellence in special subjects, such as science, mathematics, Latin, the Romance Languages, history, and English. However, some of the prizes may be withheld if the faculty feels that no one has qualified for that prize.

... FLASH ...

Mr. Gaggini, faculty advisor of Ye Dial, has announced the tentative yearbook staff for next year. This staff is headed by Clementina Vitti who will assume the position of editor-in-chief. Howard Tobin, a senior, will be Sports Editor while Joe Messina, a junior, will be the in-coming Advertising Editor. Two sophomores, Barbara Lipman and Carl Stover, will be the new Copy Editor and Art Editor respectively.

Argo Editorial Board Chooses New Staff

A few weeks ago, the Argo faculty advisor, Mrs. Wilson, announced a tentative staff for next year. This new staff is headed by Carl Baratta, a reporter of last year, and Clemmie Vitti who will assume the position of executive editor.

The board of editors has also been tentatively assigned. This group is headed by the senior class editor, Gail Duschock, a top-notch reporter of last year. The junior class editor is Dick Schwartz, who will be assisted by Joe Messina, last year's sophomore editor. Louise DiLalo, last year's freshman class editor, has received the job of sophomore editor, while Florence Schmitt, a new member of the staff will be the freshmen editor. The eighth grade editor will be chosen next fall at the beginning of the year.

A new staff of reporters was also chosen by Mrs. Wilson. This list is headed by Stan Rosenblum, senior reporter, Sharon Ries, junior reporter, and Barbara Lipman, Dick Twitchell and Billy Smith.

Tobin and Schmitt Star in Play

Time Out for Ginger, a comedy by Ronald Alexander, was presented by the Rutgers Prep dramatics group on May 6th in the auditorium of the Second Reformed Church on College Ave.

The action of the play centers around the efforts of Ginger (Florence Schmitt), the youngest of the three daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Carol (Howard Tobin and Estelle Newman), to win a place on the high school football team. She proves her ability as a runner by outdistancing Eddie Davis (Jack Kelly), star athlete of the school. Despite the opposition of her sisters Jeannie and Joan (Clementina Vitti and Noreen Hudson), her boyfriend, Tommy Green (Stephen Hancock), and the high school principal, Mr. Wilson (Peter Schwartz), Ginger makes the scrub team. Ginger has one staunch friend in Lizzie (Louise DiLalo), the family maid. Her father soon becomes so enthusiastic that not even the threats of his boss, bank president Mr. Hoffman (John Bodnar), can persuade him to make Ginger drop football.

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Senior Day Proves Success As Students Gain Experience

On April 15th, senior day was very successfully conducted. On this day, the seniors assumed the duties of the faculty and the teachers reverted to their "good old school days."

The day was scheduled as usual with the seniors proceeding through different courses as though the teachers themselves had been there.

The day provided fun as well as a new experience for all. The basic reason for this day was to give to each senior a certain responsibility as well as a look at the school from the other side of the fence.

The consensus of opinion on the part of the faculty and many students was that this day proved quite effective and should be carried on in future years. The duties of the headmaster were taken over by Stu Edelberg, president, and vice-president Roger Seamon was in charge of several classes.

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SCHOOL SPIRIT

Only a few weeks ago, the entire student body held elections for the Student Council members. It was a fiery campaign from beginning to end.

The elections are over but the duties of the winning party have just begun. Starting next September, this party must take over the all-important job of running the school.

The job invested upon the Student Council is a very big one. Few people realize the work that is involved in the handling of such responsible positions.

With the institution of so many new amendments this year, it will be doubly hard for a new Student Council to get started. You can help them to get started by backing them up in all they attempt.

In this past year there has not been much cooperation between the student body and the council. There were always the same few that did all the work when it came to planning a dance or any school function.

It is written in the constitution that anyone may visit a student council meeting and be accepted as a guest. I am sure it would be an enlightening experience for anyone who would like to join any one of these meetings. It would be well worth anyone's time to find out how the student council in his school operates.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Why should I be forced to read an eleventh grade history book in the ninth grade? I don't enjoy reading my ancient history book because it goes into too much description and detail.

I think a lot more of my classmates would be eager to do their history homework if they had an easier book to read. The way ancient history is going now, nobody wants to pay attention in class or even do their homework, because the history book doesn't make any sense to them. I think we would get just as much out of ancient history by using the same ninth grade history book as all the other schools use. By doing this, ancient history students will become more interested in history, instead of being bored.

Very truly yours,

Bill Smith.

Dear Editor:

Although I am addressing this letter to you, Carl, it is actually an open letter to the faculty and student body.

In only a few short weeks I will have concluded my fourth year at Prep. This fall I begin my freshman year at Cornell, but I'm sure I'll never forget Prep. I'm positive I'll be making many visits to Prep in my future years.

This is the first opportunity I've had all year to thank everyone for all they've done for me and all they've helped me accomplish. We tried many new things this year, and I only hope they will be carried on and approved upon in the future.

Remember, it's up to all of you, right down to the eighth graders, to build up everything we started this year. Do this, and you will build up something this school needs, something which a few people cannot do alone.

Good luck, Carl, on the Argo and to everyone else in future endeavors. And to all of you, thanks for everything.

Stu Edelberg.

Dear Stu,

We very sincerely hope that you can visit Prep very often in the future. I only hope that both the future president of the Student Council and I can fill the positions which you have so capably filled in this past year.

No one will forget what you have done for Prep in your four years. You have managed to take the positions of president of the Student Council and editor of the Argo in this past year, and still gain honor grades in school work. In addition to all this, I am sure we will not forget the spark that you added to both the soccer and baseball teams.

Good luck in your future years at Cornell University.

Sincerely,

Carl Baratta.

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Parties Split In Council Election . . .



Next Year's Student Council.

ENTHUSIASTIC STUDENTS ATTEND LANGUAGE CONFERENCE AND PARTY

On April 29th the Rutgers University held its annual Foreign Language Day. The Spanish conference took place in the Rutgers Gymnasium and the French Conference was in the Engineering building.

The purpose of Foreign Language Day was to inspire both teachers and students, secondary and university, to continue their work and study in the field of foreign languages. Mr. Gaggini requested that students form his Spanish II and French II classes attend this conference. Everyone went to listen to an opening address of welcome by various speakers in the morning.

Following a two hour lunch period, the French students went to the Engineering building where entertainment (all in French) was presented by school students. Flossy Schmitt (French I) recited a French poem, *Le Corbeau et le Renard* by Jean De La Fontaine.

The Spanish students returned to the gym where they saw some of the same presentations all in Spanish.

The foreign language students in Spanish who were present at the conference were Noreen Hudson, Alan Rackmill and Gail Duschock. Those present from French classes were Howard Tobin, Florence Schmitt and Anita Sture.

There were fifty-three high schools represented. College students participated in the productions. It is hoped that Prep will be invited to this conference in future years.

The Prep party was held Saturday night at Demarest Hall. It was attended by many Prepsters and students from other schools.

The eighth grade added some variety by presenting a satire on a Shakespearean play. The king in the skit was played by Matthew Sabino. His devoted queen was portrayed by Joseph Bushel, the princess by James Racz, and her lover by Lon Kosa.

Immediately following the skit the votes from Friday's election were counted. Everyone stood around as Stu Edelberg read aloud the votes, and they were marked on a large chart by the campaign managers.

The dance committee was headed by Clementina Vitti. Her assistants included Arthur and Bernard Karshmer, Rolfe Harrison, Stuart Stern, Charles Dunaenko, and Jon Margolis.

Refreshments Served

The multi-colored cakes and cup cakes were made by Estelle Newman, who was assisted by Louis Amolsky and Earl Nielsen.

The five piece band was led by Barry Jaffe, and played during the night to provide music for dancing.

The dance was chaperoned by part of the faculty. Mr. Moffat, Mr. Gaggini, Mr. Holley, Mr. and Mrs. O'Connell, and Mr. and Mrs. Daviet attended the party.

The festivities began at eight o'clock and lasted until eleven. It was the last social event of the year for the underclassmen.

Tobin, Rosenblum Triumph

Elections for the offices of next year's student council were held May 13. Stan Rosenblum edged out Clemmie Vitti for president.

Howard Tobin was elected vice-president in spite of stiff competition from Carl Baratta. Joe Messina took the secretary's position from Sharon Reis.

Vic Stilwell was elected Treasurer by successfully campaigning against Andy Piscatelli and Stuart Stern. He set a precedent by gaining office on an independent ticket.

The campaign began Thursday with speeches by the candidates for Secretary and Treasurer. On Friday, Vic Stilwell spoke. Stan Rosenblum, also scheduled for that day, was absent and missed his last chance to sway the student body.

Miss Vitti deviated from the usual procedure by opening the floor to questions. Howard Tobin immediately stood and explained that since her party had no platform, they could not expect to get anything done. For this, he was warned by Mr. Holley not to make speeches from the floor.

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After much rollicking comedy, Ginger abruptly abandons football when both her teammates and the opponents let her score a touchdown. She decides she would rather act like a girl, and peace is restored to the family.

Mr. Dumarae was the director and coach. His encouragement and able direction during the many practice sessions resulted in a smooth and convincing performance. He was assisted by Roger Seamon as student director.

Mr. Moffat, the stage director, was assisted by John Rosa, Barry Brodsky, Stanley Rosenblum, and Earl Nielsen. They did an excellent job of arranging the stage settings and securing the necessary props.

Standing in the wings, familiar with every speech in the play, were the prompters, Gail Duschock, Marian Thompson, and Stuart Stern who was also a runner.

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S-J Prom Success-May 21 Honor Roll Cited

On Saturday, May 21, at 8 o'clock the annual Prep Spring Formal was held at the Rutgers University Student Union. This year, as tradition has it, the prom was sponsored by the junior class for the outgoing seniors.

This year only juniors and seniors were invited to attend the big school event. However, a party-dance for the entire school was held on the previous Saturday evening. All preparations for the prom were made by the junior dance committee who was responsible for acquiring the band and the Student Union. Those members of the junior class who made up the committee were Clemmie Vitti, Carl Baratta, Marian Veale, Gail Duschock and Ted Kalli.

This was the first time in a great many years that the prom was held elsewhere than in our gym. The Rutgers Student Union provided an excellent colonial setting without extensive decoration. The two rooms at our disposal provided an excellent atmosphere for dancing and conversation.

The music was provided by Barry Jaffe and his orchestra. Mr. Jaffe's orchestra played to a congenial group of Prepsters and their dates.

The dance was chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. Heinlein, Mr. and Mrs. O'Connell, Mr. Gaggini and Mr. Dumarae.

Recent George Street Project Causes Evacuation of Gym

The Rutgers Prep Gym has been abandoned for the last month. This is because of the dynamiting which is taking place less than five hundred yards from the site of the gymnasium.

During this period of evacuation, the athletic teams have been privileged to use the lockers of the wrestling team of Rutgers University. Coach O'Connell and members of the baseball team are grateful for being able to use this fine gym for all necessary purposes.

Prep social activities, also have been held at places other than the gym. Demarest Hall and The Student Union have been the locations of these functions. Students have shown a joyous attitude concerning this problem.

No one yet knows when the dynamiting will be completed. Coach O'Connell has high hopes that the varsity teams will be able to use the Rutgers Gym again next year if our old one is still ordered to be abandoned. Mr. O'Connell also hopes that the University will supply us with a gym if we are unable to use the fine Rutgers University gymnasium.



Prom Planning Board.

Limelight

by CLEMMIE VITTI

In this closing issue of the Argo it is only fitting to spotlight one of the most popular and well-liked boys in the school, Roger Seamon. "Perce," as he is known to all, has been quite active during his two years at Prep.

Rog's warm personality aided him not only in sports but in school as well. His physical prowess was very adequately exhibited in his position as captain of the basketball team. Rog also lent his time and talent in co-editing *Ye Dial*, a job which he handled very admirably.

Rog's Prep career does not end here, for in his senior year he also served as vice-president of the Student Council. With a record such as his, one would think that Rog could not keep his marks up. Nevertheless, his name was near the top of the honor roll every grading period.

His most outstanding trait throughout the school year was that of being a member of the Perth crowd. Personality plus is the by-word for this organization, so Rog felt perfectly at home.

With a record such as his, how could Rog possibly fail? At any rate, we wish you the best of luck!

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At the end of the fifth grading period, Florence Schmitt led the school with an average of 93, Joseph Messina was second with 92, while Louise DiLalo and Bruce Gunkle had averages of 91 each. Diane Dorn followed with an average of 90.

Those students with grades averaging from 85-89 were William Romig, Patricia Rose, Richard Schwartz, and Howard Tobin; all tied at 89. Carl Stover followed at 88, and Martin Bertman and Stuart Edelberg tied at 87. Roger Lambertson, Barbara Lipman, and Clemmie Vitti also tied with averages of 86.

In the group with averages ranging from 80-84, Walter Bielicky led with an average of 83, and Noreen Hudson, Stanley Rosenblum and Roger Seamon followed with a common average of 82.

Two students received grades of 80 or better but failed to certify a subject. They, therefore, received honorable mention. These students are Gabriel Pitacciato, whose average was 84, and Kathleen McCabe who had an average of 80.

Third Floor Repairs Expected In Summer

Mr. Heinlein, our recently appointed headmaster, has planned many improvements for the Prep School over a period of the next few years. These projects, which include the remodeling of the 3rd floor and the building of a new fire escape, are expected to be partially completed by the beginning of school in September and definitely completed by the following year.

On the new 3rd floor, Mr. Heinlein expects to have a reading room, a language room and possibly an art studio. These rooms, on completion, should prove most advantageous to students and faculty members alike. The language room should be especially appreciated by Mr. Gaggini's pupils as it should help them tremendously. All students should benefit from the reading room.

The new fire escape will be erected this summer. It will lead down from the third floor to Mr. Gaggini's room and then to Mr. Kalfelz' math room. Upon completion of this new escape, all rooms will have efficient escape facilities in case of fire. The cost for this much-needed fire escape will be approximately \$3,000.

SPORTLIGHT

by Bob Fiermonti

This year's Prep baseball team was undoubtedly the best team ever to set foot on the diamond.

Most of the starting nine were post-graduates. The team was sparked by Captain Ray Koperwhats. Ray made all-state shortstop last year at Perth Amboy High and is rated by coach O'Connell as the best shortstop ever to come to Prep. At first base was Jerry Gorczyca who carried his talents from the basketball court to the field. At second was Rog Lambertson who played at Hoffman High last year. Starting at third was hustling Joe Eichhorn, who came from Highland Park. The position of catcher was held by Stan Rosenblum. The outfield, led by Stu Edelberg, was flanked by Bert Sathmary from Perth Amboy, and Jack Kelly from New Brunswick. Bob Shorosky, who came to us from Sayreville High, showed his great capability on the mound. Toward the end of the season, Coach O'Connell discovered Bruce Gunkle, an eighth grader who proved he could make the baseball dance from the hill.

Coach O'Connell says that the team really shaped up into a good club.

The spirit of the club was high and the students who have backed them have greatly helped the team to a fine season.

J.V. Team Ties Pingry Nine In Only Battle This Season

On Tuesday, May 5th, the Prep J.V. baseball team played the Pingry J.V. nine, the result of which was a five inning 2-2 tie.

Prep took a quick lead on a single by Rolfe Harrison in the first. Joe Messina walked and Rolfe stole third and came home on a wild pitch for the first run of the game.

Carl Baratta managed to keep out of trouble as he pitched three scoreless innings while striking out five and walking only three.

With two out in the third, Bob Fiermonti singled for Prep and was sent to second on a base knock by Walter Bielicky. Bob Eber then got a single to allow the second run for Prep to cross the plate.

Bruce Gunkle then came in to pitch for the Little Scarlet. He ran into a little trouble in the fifth as he walked two men. A sacrifice bunt put men on second and third. An error by Walter Bielicky allowed two men to cross the plate, bringing in two runs for Pingry.

A time limit set on the game caused the game to end in a tie.

Prepsters Romp Sayreville As Shorosky Wins Second



Koppy At Bat.

On May 10, a talented Rutgers Prep baseball team belted the highly-touted Sayreville nine 9-4, behind the superlative pitching of Bob Shorosky, a former ballplayer for the Bombers. Except for the third inning when Sayreville got to Bobby for all of their four runs and three hits, Shorosky pitched a tremendous game, allowing only three scattered hits.

While he was doing this fine job, his teammates collected nine runs from Bob Witkowski and Earl Owens. Prep scored three times in the first, fourth and sixth innings.

The Rutgers Prep offensive power was again led by Joe Eichhorn, Ray Koperwhats, Stan Rosenblum and Stu Edelberg. Joe collected two hits in two trips to the plate and scored two runs. Koppy went 2 for 4, scoring one. Rosy was 1 for 2. He got a tremendous triple to right center field and crossed the plate three times. Stu went 3 for 4 and scored twice.

The other members of the team, Jerry Gorczyca, Bert Sathmary, Rog Lambertson, Jack Kelly and Carl Baratta turned in good performances. Ray Koperwhats stood out as usual in the tight Prep defense showing major league form on every attempt.

The turning point of the game occurred in the fourth inning when Prep, then behind 4-3, took the lead never to be headed thereafter. Eichhorn started the rally off by getting hit by one of Owen's pitches and Koppy promptly singled him to third. Rosenblum then walked to load the bases and Edelberg reached first safely on an error by Reese, the Bomber catcher, Eichhorn and Koperwhats scoring on the play. Then after Shorosky walked to reload the bases, Rosenblum scored on a sacrifice fly by Sathmary.

Close Pitching Duel Ends In Trinity Win

Jerry Gorczyca pitched a one hitter Thursday, May 12, but still went down to defeat at the hands of Holy Trinity, 2-1, as a result of two errors made by Prep's right fielder.

Gorczyca ran into the errors in the first inning. After two were out, "Park", of Holy Trinity, walked. Jim Whalen hit a fly into right field and Joe Messina dropped the ball. As the ball rolled away from him, Messina tried to scoop it and toss it to the centerfielder but his toss was wild. Thus "Park" came around to score Trinity's first run.

The Scarlets came back in the fifth when Jack Kelly drove in Bert Sathmary by a hit to left giving the Scarlet the tying run.

In the bottom half of the fifth, Gorczyca's error and his walking two men loaded the bases. The Prepster pitcher then walked Minogue to drive in the winning run.

The Prepsters threatened in the top of the seventh when the bases were loaded with one out. Bruce Gunkle was fanned and Parrella made a tight grab of Joe Eichhorn's liner to end the game.

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Inquiring Reporter



What would you do if you found a cataphrenia recapitulating in the park?

Cliff Griggs: "I'd sit down and see what its philosophy was all about."
Ted Kalli: "If I was in the park, I would not be watching the cataphrenia recapitulating."

Bernard Karshmer: "I'd tell it that necking was prohibited in the park."

Noreen Hudson: "I'd tell it about the physiognomy of the mortaphortius."

Carl Baratta: "That's against the law."

Clemmie Vitti: "Now cataphrenia, what-a-ya say?"

Bill Smith: "Sell it to the Indians."

Mrs. Wilson: "I'd try to pronounce it."

Peter Schwartz: "I'd take it home and eat it."

Mr. Daviet: "I'd probably call a veterinary in a hurry."

Arthur Karshmer: "I'd buy it a drink."

Mr. Gaggini: "Kick it in the teeth and if there were two I'd kick both of them because it is not proper in public."

Gary Stratton: "I'd run."

Dick Kenny: "I'd kick it."

Mr. Dumarae: "Call the morals squad."

Mr. O'Connell: "Get him a date for the Senior Prom."

Anita Sture: "I'd kiss it."

Byron Breese: "I'd ask Mr. Dumarae to explain it."

Rolph Harrison: "I'd say hello."

Bob Fiermonti: "Wha-Wha-What did you say?"

For those of you who are wondering, cataphrenia recapitulating is continual insanity without body injury.

LOWER SCHOOL NEWS

On Monday evening May 16, at the Second Reformed Church the seventh grade gave two plays. The girls presented *Super Sleuths, Incorporated* and the boys gave a play called *Dress Reversal*.

On Field Day, May 17, the school had its annual picnic. It was held at Buccleuch Park. Games were played and refreshments served. It was a day that everyone enjoyed.

Now that warm weather is here, the girls have been having gym at the park.

A new singing teacher has come to the Elementary School, Miss Beverly Robertson. Miss Robertson has been doing a fine job and everyone hopes she will stay.

The fourth grade has finally survived the week of May 23, which was the week of their exams. This was their first final examination experience.

The day that almost everyone looks forward to, June 3rd is almost here. That will be the last day of classes.

WHAT IS IT?



Gail Duschock: "A worm on stilts."

Mr. Gaggini: "un escargot (a snail)."

Jon Margolis: "Roulette table."

Alan Rackmill: "A snail on a table."

Noreen Hudson: "Pinwheel with two sticks."

Joe Eichhorn: "It looks like one of Gail and Noreen's woofs."

Ted Hammond: "If I said, they would kick me out of school."

Carl Zolna: "Go away, I'm doing my composition."

Stan Rosenblum: "Hore with skinny legs and no tail plus a discouraged rider who left long ago."

Charles Martorelli: "Looks like a worm."

Earl J. Nielsen: "A fancy doorknob with strings hanging off it."

This doodle is a couch for a tall psychiatrist.

'ROUND ABOUT RUTGERS

by Sharon Ries

In the 1955 elections, Prep Students witnessed two unusual firsts. This is the first time a woman has run for president of the Student Council. This year we also had an independent party.

It seems to me that Prep has witnessed the greatest epidemic of parties in its history. Not a week has gone by since the beginning of school without at least one party.

From May 11th to the 14th, Mr. Heinlein escorted the winners of the New Jersey Science Fair to the Sixth National Science Fair conducted by the Science Clubs of America. It was held at the Case Institute of Technology in Cleveland, Ohio.

Isn't it a shame that the College Boards came on the same day as the Senior-Junior Prom? I hope that the juniors weren't too tired to go.

Play Profits Added To Fund

This year the Rutgers Preparatory School Dramatics Club staged its second annual play which was held on May 6th, at the Second Reformed Church at the corner of College ave. and Mine St. in New Brunswick. A new practice was put into effect this year, as the Student Council decided to charge \$1.00 for admission. One hundred and eleven tickets were sold for the presentation. All students pitched in to sell as many tickets as possible.

With the money which was collected so successfully by the students, a royalty of \$50.00 must be paid for the right to use the play. In its last meeting the Student Council, headed by Stu Edelberg, decided that the \$67.00 which remains in the funds will be added to the student activities fund. It will be used to the advantage of the students for various activities until the end of the year.

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