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RUTGERS PREPARATORY SCHOOL

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Yearbook Staff Attends Conference At New York



Stover, Karshmer, Lipman, Messina, Vittti, Mr. Gaggini, leave for Columbia.

On October 14 and 15 several staff members of Ye Dial attended the annual yearbook conference offered by the Columbia Scholastic Press Association at Columbia University. Among those who went on the trip were Clemmie Vittti, Editor in Chief, Barbara Lipman, Copy Editor, Joe Messina, Photography Editor, Bernard Karshmer, Business Manager, Carl Stover, Art Editor and Mr. Gaggini, Faculty Adviser.

Upon arriving in New York, the group checked in at their hotel and later went on to Columbia where they attended various lectures on the rules and regulations for producing a good yearbook. At these meetings general tips on layout, financing, and general work were offered by men with experience in the field.

The staff's next stop was at the library where the yearbooks, entered by various schools, were on exhibit. They found that the press association had given last year's Ye Dial a second place rating among books entered under the category of co-ed private schools.

Early Saturday morning two more clinics were held and the executive board split in order to attend all the meetings. After that they were guests at a luncheon offered by the C.S.P.A. for the representatives.

FLASH!

The senior individual pictures for the yearbook will be taken on Nov. 11. The stipulated dress for boys is dark jackets and ties. The girls should wear round-necked sweaters and a single strand of pearls. Each senior's picture will probably be taken sometime during one of his study halls.

Hayride on Program For Autumn Season

On Saturday, October 29th, the Student Council will have a hayride for the first twenty-five couples who get their reservations in. Ted Kalli, Chairman, is responsible for taking your money. Your reservation will be refunded if you come.

This hayride will start at Leo Kulerski's Stables in South River. There will be transportation to Leo's from the gym, both going to and coming back from the hayride. You will be responsible, however, for getting to the gym and going home from the gym.

Mr. Heinlein will be there at the beginning and at the end of the ride. Chaperones for this affair are Mr. and Mrs. O'Connell and Mr. and Mrs. Frisch.

The hayride will start at the conventional hour of eight o'clock and end as usual at 11:00 or 11:30 p.m.

Prep Undergoes Its Evaluations

by HOWARD TOBIN

On October 17 and 18 Rutgers Prep underwent an evaluation survey by an eleven man committee representing the Middle States Association of College and Secondary Schools. The purpose of this evaluation is to aid the school in maintaining the highest educational practices possible.

The decisions reached by this committee were almost completely complimentary and mentioned no serious defects. Special praise was given to the students concerning the dress and personal appearance. The evaluation committee in their oral report to the faculty, expressed great approval concerning the interest of the students in the school.

Committee states views on activities

Several points of constructive criticism were offered in the oral report but were prefaced by the committee's understanding that it would be impossible to incorporate all these suggestions into a school of our type. The great value of a music and art appreciation course was stated, and the committee expressed their desire to see a physical education program for all boys and girls in the school.

The athletic facilities at Prep were found to be adequate, but the scattered location of the gym and athletic fields were considered a drawback.

Committee compliments student body

Besides complimenting the school's educational facilities, the evaluators reported their observation of the neatness of the school, and the consideration of the students in maintaining this neatness.

Since the last evaluation, two functions have been added to the school which met with the hearty approval of the Middle States Association staff. These were the introduction of a library in the school itself and the inauguration of a guidance program. The association feels that these are two very important aspects of a secondary school.

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From The Editor's Desk

Since this is the first full edition of the Argo this year, I have my first opportunity to thank the entire staff for all the cooperation they have given me. Many people have shown their interest in the paper and helped set up this edition. To all the staff members, to all who helped in various small ways, and to Mrs. Wilson I wish to express my sincere thanks.

My wish through the rest of the year is that the same large staff offers its assistance on every issue. Such a staff I am sure will continue the traditional progress of the Argo.

BON VOYAGE PAT!

On Nov. 2nd, a Paris plane will have on board the happiest Prepster in school. For a delightful month, Pat Rose will spend her time touring France. Though it is a business trip for Mr. Rose, the family has decided to come along. Have a good time Pat!

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I know letters are usually written to you when someone wants to make a complaint about something. However, I am writing this letter to tell you, the Student Council, and my fellow students, how wonderful it is to see everyone participating in the school activities.

This year more students have turned out to see the first few soccer games than there were at all the soccer games other years. Last year there was only a thimble full of people at the barbecue compared to the number of people who attended this year. This year, I know, it will be much easier to get twenty-five couples for the Hayride than it was last year. This year the student body seems to be more interested in school activities. This only goes to show that with a good student body, the Student Council can plan more and better activities.

Sincerely yours,

Bill Smith.

Dear Editor,

Since I'm new at Prep, I don't know all the ropes, and I don't have much to complain about, but I don't think lunch here is long enough. I realize a full hour can't be given, but forty-five minutes should be.

Sometimes, I have hardly gotten my food when I have to go back to the school. I don't think much will be done because of this letter, but I can try.

At the Queen's restaurant, it's so crowded that you barely get served at all, and the loudest usually gets his food first.

Other than this, I'm happy here at Prep. I like the hours, the teachers, even the subjects. I like everything! And I do like to eat!

Marc Leavitt.

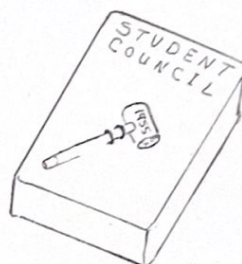
Dear Editor:

Although it has not been usual for teachers to write letters in this column, I hope you will allow me to use your column for a suggestion to the students. This year, I think that the school paper could be developed more fully as a genuine and constant expression of student opinion. The Letters To The Editor Column is an obvious place for this development. I would enjoy seeing, in every issue, sincere and spontaneous comments from the students on all phases of our school life. In this issue, for example, two students have been able to express personal opinions to the entire school through the convenient medium provided by the Argo.

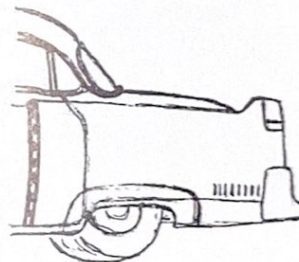
I hope that all members of the school will take advantage of this opportunity (as I did) to make their suggestions.

Margaret Wilson.

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SPORTLIGHT

By JOE MESSINA

The spotlight for this issue shines on the current sport, soccer. The Prep team, this year, has plenty of potential. It has talent and definite will to win, both of which should give us a winning chance this season.

Our goalie, this year, is George Friedlander, a Plainfield import, who has proved both sensible and spirited. When the chips are down, we can always count on George to come through. Bob Torrone and Bill Utter are our two fighten' fullbacks. Bobby, a letter winner at Jamesburg last year, has added that extra punch in the defense. He is assisted by Mushkie who has learned the tricks of fullback quickly and can be counted on to give a big kick we need it.

Stan Rosenblum, our center half-back and one of our co-captains, is all over the field, booting in goals when he can and getting back on defense. Stan is flanked by Danny Struk who, like Stan, tries to do good on both offense and defense.

Last but not least come our scorers the forward line. Our wings, Bob Smith and Bruce Gunkel, are doing fine work. Our three insides, Bob Tammero, Marty Metzger, and Carl Baratta our other co-captain, are keeping our competitors worried.

Rutgers Prep Soccer Team Deadlock Jamesburg Eleven

On October 5, Rutgers Prep fought Jamesburg at home to a 0-0 deadlock. It was a nip and tuck battle all the way down to the last second of the game.

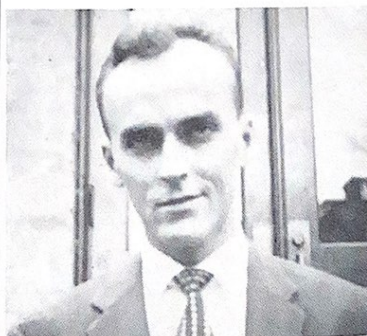
Although Jamesburg tried time and time again to get the ball past the goalie, George Friedlander, he and our fullbacks played an excellent game.

Jamesburg had control of the ball in the first period, but both teams fought with equal aggressiveness in the second. In the third period Prep came back with a burst of spirit only to lose it in the last quarter.

It was teamwork that kept Prep pounding at the door of victory all afternoon, but they couldn't quite break the tie.

The coach said that with the development of the offense, which will come through practice, Prep should be winning most of the games by the end of the '55' season.

Prep Coach Teaches Gym To Lower School Pupils



Coach Assumes New Job.

Junior Varsity Bows To Jamesburg Team

The Rutgers J.V. fought a losing battle against Jamesburg Thursday, Oct. 13th, taking a 5-0 beating. Rutgers kicked off first, but the Jamesburg eleven took possession and drew blood early in the first quarter with a hard-kicked shot by their right wing. After this, Billy Smith, the J.V. goalie, settled down, saving many good shots from becoming goals. However, in the last minutes of the first quarter, one more tally hit the corner of the goal, making the score 2-0.

Joe Messina replaced Smith at goalie in the second quarter and, before that period was over, another score zipped through.

Prep kept the ball upfield fairly well through the efforts of Earl Nielsen, Dick Twitchell, and center-halfback, Bruce Gunkel. In spite of shots by Danny Struk and Bob Smith, Prep was unable to score.

The J.V. team seems to be producing some varsity material. Although they were trounced, they did not make a bad showing. Many of the members lack experience. Fullbacks Messina, Bushell, and Harrison, compose a fairly strong defense, but the team needs more offensive aggressiveness.

Mr. O'Connell, our coach and biology teacher, has added a new job to his schedule. Everyday Coach O'Connell goes down to the Elementary school to teach gym to the boys.

The older boys play the various sports as they come into season. However, in the beginning of the year, Coach O'Connell didn't have the boys playing soccer or football. Instead, the boys were taught the fundamentals of all the sports. Mr. O'Connell has reported having some lively basketball games lately. The older boys will probably play basketball until spring, when baseball will start.

Mr. O'Connell has a different program for the younger boys. Instead of playing the various sports as they come into season, the boys are taught how to run and jump correctly. Also, Mr. O'Connell teaches the younger boys the fundamentals of all sports. Thus, the Elementary School boys will know how to play the sports when they become eligible.

CHEERLEADING

By GAIL DUSCHOCK

This year, efforts are being made to develop our cheerleading activities into a more essential function of the school. In the past years, the cheerleading squads were not as well-organized because enthusiasm was lacking.

The foundation for an ever-improving squad is being achieved this year. Many ideas are being tried. Not only in soccer, but in all sports, the school is developing more Junior Varsity activities. For this reason, a Junior Varsity and a Varsity group have been fully outfitted and trained to encourage the boys on to victory. Also, many new rules formed by Mr. Heinlein, headmaster, Mrs. Wilson, faculty advisor, and the co-captains are helping to raise the standards of this group.

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Council Report

The Student Council has now been completely organized. It has already embarked on a program which will provide a well-rounded social and academic program for the forth coming year. Already we have seen great enthusiasm among the students.

The first function of the year, the barbecue and dance, was attended by more students than we have had at similar functions in several years.

The next event on the Prep activities calendar is the Hay Ride which, because of the difficulties in obtaining wagons, has been limited to twenty-five couples. With enthusiasm high in the school, the required number applied within the first day. Under the able chairmanship of Ted Kelli, the preparations were made with little or no difficulty and with a minimum of confusion.

The Student Council has adopted a new policy which provides for frequent class meetings, thus providing the individual students with a greater say in the school government.

LOWER SCHOOL NEWS

By Mary Ellen Kerr

Richard Julian, and Anthony Maltese are all new students in the 7th grade. Suzanne Margolis, Andy Ness, Oliver Cooperman, and Bob Zavatchian are new 6th grade students.

All the 6th and 7th grade girls are thrilled to have Mr. O'Connell, the Prep coach, as a teacher for gym one a week. Mrs. Kolt has these girls for the one other day of the week.

Because the previous music teacher has left the faculty, a new teacher, Mrs. Durkee, has been employed to teach the Lower School as well as the Upper School.

Formal yearbook pictures were taken outside the school and candid shots were taken inside several weeks ago. In the same week, the whole school participated in a very exciting fire drill.

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Inquiring Reporter

By Jacqueline Fiermonti
and Mernan Hartley

What do you think of the present guidance program, and can you suggest any improvements?

Danny Struk — "I think it's a very nice thing to have, and every school should have it, but I think that the pupils should pick their own teachers instead of being assigned to them."

Judy Anekstein — "I think it's very good and it is essential in order that all the students' problems be handled by proper authority. So far no improvements are needed."

Wendell Wilson — "It's a lot better than last year, but it can be improved by having groups more uniform."

Bob F. Smith — "I feel it offers good opportunities for progress in all subjects."

Rolfe Harrison — "The guidance program is an excellent idea; however to be successful, I feel meetings should be held more often, and students should co-operate more than they did last year."

Joy Newman — "I think it is very good, but we really haven't had time to try it out."

Jim Ness — "I think that it is a very good, idea and a better one could not be devised. I think it is as good as it could be."

Merle Schiffmayer — "I think it is a good thing. It helps new students, like myself, to feel more at home."

Howard Tobin — "I think that the present guidance program is a good idea, for it gives those who need guidance the opportunity to get it."

Mike Schemick — "I don't think that we've had time to try it out. I think we should be able to choose our own advisers."

Barbara Lipman — "If it's like last year, it's horrible. The students should have more attention."

FLASH . . .

On the night of Oct. 24, Mr. Davlet became the proud father of a bouncing baby girl.

LES ELEVES FRANCAIS CHOISSISSENT OFFICIERS

A French Club, new to Prep this year has been organized by Mr. Gaggini. Anyone who is now a French II student or who has already taken at least one year of French is welcome to join. Meetings are held on every other Wednesday in Mr. Gaggini's room.

Officers of the club are Howard Tobin, president; Bernard Karshmer, vice-president; Barbara Lipman, secretary; Marian Veale, treasurer. Club members have recently heard reports on "The Theatre in France." They have studied various French theatre programs and a French weekly magazine which is much like Cue.

On November 11, the French club is going to New York to see the performance of Beaumarchais' "The Barber of Seville" by the Comedie-Francaise. The Comedie-Francaise is a French national theatre group, giving its first performance in America at this time.

Top Students Will Receive Awards At Commencement

Headmaster, David M. Heinlein, has reminded the student body of the annual Key Club competition. This club is the means of providing awards for students outstanding in extra-curricular activities as well as in scholarship.

Points are given to each student according to participation in various organizations. The maximum number of points for being on a varsity squad is seven, and for being a cheerleader is seven. The Editors-in-chief of the ARGO and the YE DIAL each receive eight points and a member of the Glee Club three points. Points are also awarded for scholarship.

The five seniors and the five underclassmen with the highest number of points become members of the Key Club. The student body annually elects one of these seniors and one of these underclassmen to receive the 1942 school prize and the Liberty Loan prize respectively.

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