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Council Changes School Constitution

Council Presents Plans For Trip

The Student Council in a recent meeting proposed a school trip to the Franklin Institute in Philadelphia to take place on March 25, 1955.

The proposal was passed unanimously by the council members and received approval from the faculty. The money which will be used to finance the trip will be taken from the student activities fund.

There will be three busses hired so that all of the student body and faculty members can go. The busses will leave Prep at about 9:00 A.M. and return at about 7:00 P.M.

Students are required to pay their own admission fees and to bring or buy their own lunches. There is a lunch canteen at the Franklin Institute where all Prepsters will get lunch at 11:30 A.M. before going to the museum at twelve.

The museum does not open until noon. By going then Prep will be able to take advantage of the entire schedule of hours the institute is open to the public.

The subjects contained in the museum concern themselves mainly with physics, but other sciences are in detailed exhibit. The exhibits include even a full size steam engine.

Headmaster Reveals Parents' Conference

Mr. Heinlein has announced that something new will be added at Prep. For the first time all the students' parents will be able to come into the school and have extensive talks with the teachers. The teachers will try to explain why Prep prepares its students so well for college.

The headmaster has expressed his opinion that the new innovation should prove to be very popular. The parents will be able to ascertain just why Prep is a better school for college preparation. The meetings will be held in the evening on special dates, starting around the 24th of the month.



Results Of Vote On Amendments
Please Council Officers.

Seniors Take Reins As Teachers Relax

Through the efforts of the Student Council, there will be a Senior Day at Prep again this year on April 15. It has become a tradition at Prep for the past few years to give the seniors a chance to take over all the classes in school and teach them in the best possible manner.

Senior Day has become very popular at Prep in the little while that it has been in existence. The students try very hard not to make it too difficult for the seniors to teach the classes. It is a day of new experiences and jubilation for all Prepsters.

Mr. Heinlein has expressed his opinion that he is hopeful of success again this year. He feels that this day of student activity serves to acquaint the students with some of the problems of teaching. He also said that it should be fun for both teachers and students.

Small Group Visits Concert

On February 10th, several students attended a concert given by the Boston Symphony Orchestra at the Rutgers University Gymnasium. Featured on the program were Margaret Harshaw, famous operatic soprano, and Pierre Montieus, guest conductor. The program consisted mainly of Wagner's *Tannhauser*, featuring Miss Harshaw, the well-known Wagnerian soprano. Those students who attended the concert were Roger Seamon, Clifford Griggs, Anita Sture, and Clemmie Vittti.

Prepster Party Fulfills Pledge Original Campaign Platform

On January 4, the Student Council drew up a list of amendments to be added to the Constitution. After much debate and a final revision they were presented to the student body for a vote.

The amendments were set up in three parts. Part I concerns elections. It included changing the time of the student officers' election from September to May, and specified from which classes the officers of the council were to be chosen. Election of class representatives was still to be held in the fall and a provision was included concerning elected officers not returning in the fall.

Part II gave the student body the power to vote on any legislation which will affect the entire school. However, it reserved the right to decide which legislation was to receive such approval.

Part III dealt with the members of the Council who were unable to attend the meeting, and who wished to send substitutes in their place.

The vote by the student body passed all of these amendments and they became part of the Constitution. The Council passed the amendments by a majority vote and the student body by a unanimous vote.

Printed Argo Mag Successful Receiving Many Compliments

The first Argomag of the year was given to the student body on Friday, Feb. 4. It was considered greatly improved over previous years. Mr. Heinlein congratulated Stu Edelberg, editor-in-chief, and his fine staff on the excellence of the magazine.

The greatest improvement in the Argomag was in its publishing. It was printed for the first time in its history. The cover was especially attractive done on a heavy white embossed paper. It was inked in maroon and was only a very plainly drawn geometric pattern done by Pete Schwartz. Contributions from all five classes were included.

News of the revised Argomag was published in the January issue of the *Independent School Bulletin*.

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Student Council Rates High

by John Bodnar

Our Student Council is an effective and efficient organization. Its functioning has enabled many activities, which otherwise would have been unsuccessful, to go off smoothly and prove both enjoyable and beneficial to the students. The council has made it possible for us to be proud of our school and its student government. It was the council's idea that we have emblems to put on our books and cars, to show our pride in the school.

Through the efforts of the Student Council, a trip to the Franklin Institute has been made possible for the whole student body. This will be provided with no transportation cost to the students.

We should all thank the council for good jobs well done.

GUIDANCE PERIOD?

Something must be done about the activities period. Perhaps more of an emphasis on guidance by the faculty members would be most helpful to students just sitting in on this period.

The period was supposed to be set aside so that almost all of the students could in one way or another take part in some activity. As it now stands the period has been turned into one of study for almost every student.

The faculty should try to get together with the Student Council and come to some agreement upon what can be done.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I would like to make a few critical remarks on the topic of dances at the gym. While joyfully dancing around the gym, one gazes up at the ceiling of beams with basketball nets hanging down from it. Maybe we could borrow \$300 from the school to cover the ceiling, but then there would be the problem of walls. After covering the walls with knotty pine, what could we do about the floor? We could always simonize it, but who will do it? Usually there's a mob of about five people who show up to decorate, and they probably could rearrange the whole gym. That is a perfect spot for dances if we could have a professional interior decorator helping us, but since you can't, I suggest we hold our dances somewhere else.

Angrily yours,

"Hangy"

Dear Editor:

I have read all the letters which were printed in the Argo and in my opinion, they were printed only to take up space. I think what I have to say is worth while printing. It has to do with our activities period. At the beginning of the school year in September, the entire student body was told that the activities period was put into effect for the benefit of the students alone. We were told that during this activities period we could read anything we liked and have clubs or activities which would be proper school functions. In my estimation this period is a lot of bunk. First of all, we are not allowed to read anything we want. The club that I am interested in isn't allowed to meet any more because the members are being punished for low grades. The only thing this period generally leads to is an extension of the school day. I think Mr. Stuart Edelberg and his Student Council should stop making plans for a school dance and get together with the faculty to try to improve this period.

Thank you,

Bob Fiermonti

No Change In Library Rates

The book fine in our school library of twenty-five cents per day up to the price of the book still stands unchanged. Some students complained of the high fines so the Student Council resolved to alter it.

However, on March 4, the Student Council plans to present these suggestions again to the faculty. If nothing happens, the old fine of twenty-five cents will be retained. The English Department is open to any suggestions the student body might have.

Honor Roll Cited

At the end of the first semester, Mr. Heinlein announced our mid-year scholastic standings and passed out the honor pins for scholastic achievement, gold for an average of 90 or above, silver for grades of 85 or better, bronze for an achievement of 80 or more. For students with averages of 80 or better, who failed to obtain a certifying grade in one or more subjects, there is Honorable Mention.

Florence Schmitt led the school with an average of 95, followed by Carl Stover with 93, Louise DiLalo and Joe Messina at 92, and Bruce Gunkle, Roger Lambertson, and Howard Tobin at 91. Stuart Edelberg and William Romig stood at 90 even.

In the silver award group, Diane Dorn tied Barbara Lipman for 89, followed by Patricia Rose and Roger Seamon at 87, and Richard Schwartz at 86.

Lawrence Murray and Clementina Vitti started off the bronze awards with a half year mark of 84. Then came Stanley Rosenblum and Gabriel Pitaciatto with 83, and Noreen Hudson, Arthur Karshmer, and Carl Zolna deadlocked at 82. John Bodnar made an 81.

Those who received Honorable Mention were: Charles Dunaenko and Mathew Sabino at 81; Bernard Karshmer, Kathleen McCabe, Andrew Piscatelli, and Sharon Ries, all at 80.

Evaluation Begins At Prep

As part of the Cooperative Study of Secondary School Standards, the Student Council has filled out a pamphlet entitled Pupil Activities Program.

This survey consists of a number of pamphlets, each covering a segment of the school set-up, which are filled out by the various departments. The pamphlets are then sent to Washington, D. C. where they are then evaluated.

The evaluation of the pupil activity program was done for the Student Council by Stu Edelberg, Clemmie Vitti, and Roger Seamon.

In the pamphlet, a phase of the school program is stated and there is a blank which follows. In this blank is inserted a mark indicating how this particular provision or condition is carried out in the program.

In addition to this, there are questions which determine the overall character of the pupil activity program, and blanks in which are inserted any additional comments.

A sample of categories covered includes Pupil Participation in School Government, School Publications, Social Life and Activities, School Clubs, and General Evaluation of the Pupil Activity Program.

SPORTLIGHT

by Cliff Griggs

This edition of the "Sportlight" will tell why the students must support the team more. Many things are going on that some of our students are not aware of.

Let us try to talk a little on the school representation at our basketball games. Most people do not seem to realize that our team is doing a marvelous job. As the record now stands, we have fourteen wins and one loss. It seems to me that with such a good record the students would have some desire to cheer the Prepsters on.

If we are to be invited to the Headmasters' Tournament this year, the team has to keep the pressure on. Pingry has always been a big stumbling block in the past and probably will be blocking the way to triumph again. The students must stick with the team if they want to be called part of it. Every person has some desire to be part of a winning organization. The rooters are very much a part of the Little Scarlet.

Our team not only represents the school well in athletics but also in studies. Special notice must be given to certain members of the team. Roger Lambertson and Roger Seamon acquired averages of 90 and 87 respectively. Credit also must be given to Stan Rosenblum and Bert Sathmary who showed themselves to be superior in scholastics.

Junior Varsity Wins As Baratta Nets 12

The Prep J.V. team won its third game in five starts under the expert coaching of Mr. O'Connell. From the opening buzzer Prep took command and went on to win 36-33. High scorer for the Little Scarlet was Carl Baratta with 12 points. Joe Messina, Andy Piscatelli and Martin Bertman collected 10, 5 and 4 points respectively. Pingry's Kipe, however, topped all scorers with 21 counters in the losing cause.

Although playing a better team, Prep players showed great stamina. Coach O'Connell did an excellent job in instructing and maneuvering the inferior team, and they showed a will to win that was lacking in other games.

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Scarlets Sink Sad Sailors After Season's First Loss

After suffering their first defeat of the season, the Little Scarlet bounced back into stride again with their 13th victory. The 74-69 defeat was received unwillingly by the Admiral Farragut Academy of Pine Beach.



Gary Stratton Stars For Prep.

Jerry Gorczyca and Gary Stratton set the pace for the Little Scarlet with 27 points each, and both Roger Lambertson and Roger Seamon helped the victorious cause with 6 points each.

Prep Takes Lead

Admiral Farragut took a 2-0 lead in the opening seconds of play, but Gorczyca quickly gave Prep the lead. Coach Dick O'Connell's five kept pouring the ball through the hoop until they held a 21-14 advantage at the period's end.

Farragut managed to find the range for 15 points as compared to 14 for Prep in the 2nd stanza, but the Little Scarlet ended the first half with a six point lead.

Coach O'Connell's half time strategy showed in the third stanza as Prep mounted up a 54-46 spread before the period's end.

Fighting Finish

The middle of the fourth period found Prep holding a 4 point lead over Admiral Farragut, but Stratton hit for 2 more tallies to raise the score to 70-64. Shipiro hit for 5 points while Gorczyca scored 2 counters. This left the Little Scarlet ahead by only 3 points in the game.

The 13th victory for the Little Scarlet was obtained in their 14th start with the only defeat received by the mighty Pingry five of Elizabeth. Prep will most likely face Pingry again in The Headmasters' Tournament in March and will have to defeat them in order to take the tournament.

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LOWER SCHOOL NEWS

by
Nancy Lee and Florence Schmitt

Mid-year examinations were held at the lower school in regular class hours during the week of January 24. Report cards have been sent to the pupils' homes. Class meetings with parents are now being held for the purpose of improving school-parent relationships.

On Friday, February 4, the sixth grade visited the Geology Museum of Rutgers University. Dr. Bennet Smith of the Geology Department spent over an hour explaining the numerous exhibits. The sixth grade had recently been studying about rock formations; therefore, the demonstration of minerals under fluorescent lights was of particular interest.

A number of seventh grade pupils are entering exhibits in the second annual Science Fair, which will be held on April first and second.

Some of the lower grades are planning to give Spring plays and have started practicing for them. Mrs. Hancock's second and Mrs. Lipman's third grade plan to give *Peter Pan*, an operetta, in March. Mrs. Eby's second grade is making its own scenery for its play, *The Traveling Musician*.

The students in the lower school art classes, under the instruction of Mrs. Mildred Ford, are learning to make wall paper designs which they find very interesting and enjoyable.

Teachers Attend Conference

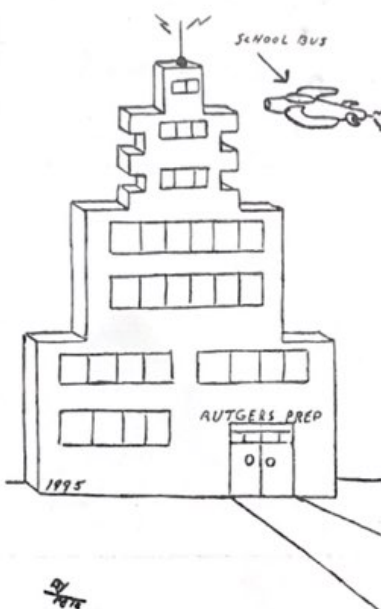
On Tuesday, February 15, the Foreign Language Conference, sponsored by the Association of Heads of Independent Schools of Northern New Jersey, was held at the Short Hills Country Day School. Theodore Anderson, Professor of French at Yale University, delivered the main address. Mr. Heinlein, Mr. Dumarac, and Mr. Gaggini attended the conference which lasted from 3:30 to 8:30 P.M.

The purpose of this conference was the discussion of the trends which foreign languages will take in the near future. It was pointed out that, since our relationships with other nations is steadily growing, the use of foreign languages, especially French, is becoming increasingly important. Plans are being made, therefore, for fuller and more extensive language courses in the secondary grades, and the teaching of foreign languages in the elementary schools.

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Inquiring Reporter



Do you know of any improvements that can be made at Prep?

Barbara Lipman: "A course in typing."

Ed Falcey: "Longer lunch periods."

Stuart Stern: "A Gym Program."

Estelle Newman: "Heat in Mr. Holley's room. Some day I'm going to bring a blanket."

Stan Rosenblum: "Swimming."

Rolfe Harrison: "A photography club."

Lewis Bronfman: "A hot water system."

Lenny Anklowitz: "No activities period."

Noreen Hudson: "Jackets for cheerleaders."

Amy Riddering: "New desks."

Wayne Sabo: "Green blackboards with yellow chalk."

Anita Sture: "A plastering job in Mr. Kallfelz' room."

Sharon Ries: "More social events (not dances)."

Bert Sathmary: "Better student support at games."

Gail Duschock: "1:30 dismissal."

Arthur Karshmer: "A new school building."

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'Round About Rutgers

by Bill Romig

The Winter Edition of the Argomag met with very favorable comment by Ernestine Robinson, ex-president of the Columbia Scholastic Press Association. Mr. Moffat showed a copy of our literary efforts to Miss Robinson, who is currently a judge of school magazines that are submitted to the Association for competitive honors.

Mr. Daviet took the Chemistry Club on an excursion to the Museum of Science and Industry at Rockefeller Center, New York City, on Tuesday, February 22nd. The museum's extensive exhibits cover every field of industry and all branches of science that apply to industry. There is also a very complete and interesting exhibit of synthetic fabrics and synthetic rubber.

The Rutgers Prep Spring Party promises to be the big social event of the spring season. It will be held March 12th, beginning at 7:30 P.M. at the Prep Gym and is under the chairmanship of Pete Schwartz, assisted by Ted Kalli and the committee. John Clayton and his orchestra will provide the music for dancing. As this is a party, it is quite in order to come stag.

S.E.B. Holds Annual Meeting

The Twenty-ninth Conference of the Secondary Education Board will be held March 4 and 5 at the Hotel Statler in New York.

The Secondary Education Board furnishes independent schools with standardized examinations, and one of the main purposes of the conferences is to discuss these examinations and make improvements in them. The examinations cover a wide field including English, Science, Mathematics, Latin and Modern Languages. At the numerous meetings, any teacher who has used an S.E.B. exam and is displeased with it may discuss the exam and propose revisions.

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