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## Lunch?...Yeah Right!!!

by Thaddeus Stevens

The Rutgers Prep student body has suffered long enough. The food in the Cafeteria is poor and Student Council has failed in its attempts to remedy the situation. Every once in a while an announcement is made pertaining to this problem, but it seems that nothing will ever get done. All that we have received is a new assortment of "salads" and bagels twice a week. We have lost ice cream, and there is virtually no menu change from last year.

We can no longer be content to sit back and let this go on. Many of us have suffered far too long, and we have given Council their fair shot. If the function of Council is to represent the student body, and the majority of students are unhappy, then Council has failed miserably at our expense.

Every time this subject is brought up at a Town Meeting, everyone seems to care, but when the meeting is over the topic is quickly swept under the carpet. This leaves the student body satisfied for a time, because we think that things are actually being done. In reality, nothing is being done, and when tensions rise again more announcements will be made. These announcements will satisfy everyone until the cycle repeats itself.

The lunch service "ladies" should cater to all of our needs because they pay no rent for the space they occupy. We can easily get a whole new lunch

service that includes better food and better prices. The way to do this is through pressure on Council representatives. Now that it is election time, it would be nice if someone is elected who has the ability and the will to remedy this situation.

*"A real student's newspaper"*

### THE OGRA...

*A radical but conservative,  
stubborn but charming group of  
individuals that live on the  
edge.*

## A.P. or B.S.?

by Irwin M. Fletcher

Rutgers Preparatory School has been plagued by a serious virus. This virus is not biological, computer, or social. I agree with the majority of students that it is an educational virus.

Rutgers Prep has welcomed several new members into its faculty, but there is a fear among students about their qualifications. The faculty has, in turn, been infected by inexperienced and unaccredited teachers. Prep students need teachers capable of teaching like college professors, especially the students in A.P. courses. These students need those teachers the proper vigor and intensity as displayed on the university level.

Many students feel that they are being cheated because the quality of teaching will not result in high A.P. grades. Students should be guaranteed a challenge in these courses that will prepare them for the A.P. test. True,

students also need to be dedicated, but without high-quality teaching, it is nearly impossible to attain the 4's and 5's that is necessary for college credit. Inexperienced teachers should teach regular sections, because when they teach A.P. classes things tend to break down quickly.

A teacher does not need to be accredited in order to conduct an A.P. course. As long as they have the methods and experience as a high school teacher, they should be allowed to teach. Those teachers with the experience and methods show their ability when their students receive the honorable A.P. scores of 4 and above. If a new teacher should teach an A.P. course, they should be accredited.

To remedy this virus we need better steps of prevention. If new A.P. teachers were accredited, students could achieve 4's and 5's with hard work and dedication. This will insure a healthy future for the Rutgers Prep A.P. problem.



## *From the Constitution:*

### *Amendment I*

*Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.*

When one considers the candidates for Student Council, from representatives to Council President, does one ponder each individual's qualifications or must one really be concerned with how well they can make hamburgers? The theory of the Student Council is to provide the students the opportunity to affect administrative policies. Our Student Council seems to have only the power of the spatula behind them. It is not particularly the fault of its members, rather the administration for not respecting the authority this student body commands. In essence the school belongs to the students, they are the majority party of the Prep Community as well as providing the means for the school's existence. It does not follow then that the Student Council which represents the students can not effectively benefit them.

## Where Art Thou Gym Study Hall?

by Josiah Quincy

In the year of 1987 Rutgers Preparatory School had a study hall in lieu of Physical Education. It was a good system giving students what they so desperately needed and wanted. Freshman and Sophomores did their homework, Juniors worked on their college applications and went for extra help, and lastly Seniors did what they do now anyway - went to lunch. However, courtesy of Mr. Levinson, the most used Study Hall of the day was put away. Real good timing Mr. Levinson, who ran away to Thailand before any student could breathe a word.

This burden fell upon Mr. Karman,

who is an excellent politician. He treated the students like they mattered, like they were equals. Gasp, an adult treating the students like equals, it couldn't be true, and it isn't. Mr. Karman, it seems, is not going to give the Study Hall the support it needs plus rumours say that next years seniors might even lose their extra period. Is this fair to the Juniors who have been pushing the hardest for a just compromise?

What is this compromise - Gym Study halls on game days? This is more than fair since this is what the students need, and the school needs the students. Doesn't majority rule? - you'll hear from me again.

## Politics, Well Done

by Nomis

While many competent individuals have run for Student Council offices they, after elected are forced to drop their ideals in order to start serving up burgers. The Student Council has been almost entirely pushed out of the political arena by the administration into the task of being some type of catering business. Thank Zeus that the effort has not been entirely lost as one committee actively pushes towards the Gym Study Hall. The Student Council has been degraded to the belittling job of serving food and collecting dollars for Dress Down Days. While it is important to have an organizational committee powerful enough to organize a Burger Blast, the Student Council is supposed to be much more than that. They have not been allowed to question policies such as the Community Service requirement which directly affects the entire student body.

The general consensus of the

Student Council is that it is an absurd joke because they do not deal with anything above the petty. The students of Rutgers Prep do have the abilities to use careful, mature judgement and be responsible in their decisions. It is to the benefit of the entire school community to entrust in them greater power over the policies. It will serve to draw the school community closer together by raising interest in school politics and affairs.

As a school we can do better than this. There will always be compromises to be made between administration and students. Allow the Student Council to be the arena for common ground to reconcile. It is a great irony and still greater tragedy that some excellent leaders have wound up flipping burgers at Prep Burger Blasts. Let us work to improve this tragedy and revolutionize our Student Council.

## The Future of New Jersey

by John Jacob Jingleheimer-Schmidt

Well, the election is over, the new governor has been sworn in, and he has promised to be the "common man" governor of New Jersey. If you aren't aware who "he" is, our new governor is James J. Florio, the twice defeated Democrat who has served in the U.S. House of Representatives.

During his campaign, Florio promised that he would protect New Jersey's environment, which definitely needs attention, for his grandchildren and ours (and his lovely wife Lucinda). What has Jim done so far? "I will take strong and quick steps to help New Jersey conquer her difficulties." - Yeah, ok, Jim. Let us take the issue of abortion. Did you know "Governor"

Jim Florio used to be right to life on the issue of abortion? Some time before the election, he suddenly changed his mind, much to the delight of abortion groups (including, of course, radical ones). Talk about waffling!

In the past gubernatorial race, New Jerseyans had a choice. Jim Florio was recognized as having liberal tendencies, one's that could endanger New Jersey's future. His opponent, Jim Courter, had good ideas for his state, one he has served for the past 12 years. New Jerseyans didn't let Courter have a chance — they chose Florio, and I can only hope they will learn to pick governors a little more carefully next time, for the sake of New Jersey.

### From the Editors:

*Many people will look at this newspaper as a subversive attack at Rutgers Prep, but we at the OGRA see it as nothing more than the missing Opinion section of the ARGO.*

## Cruelty

by John Maher

It takes 40 dumb animals to make a fur coat, but only one to wear it.

Every day, hundreds of animals suffer horrible deaths due to the greed and ignorance of people. Furs and medical experiments are reasons for these murders.


Do you know how these animals die? For furs, the blood is drained slowly from the animal. This insures a long and horrible death all in the name of preserving the fur. This is completely inhumane and is a travesty.

In medical experiments, rats are the most common victims. Often, rats are given great amounts of things such as cocaine. This causes blindness, hyperactivity, and hair loss. When placed in cages together, they will kill each other. You may say that they are just rats, but they feel pain too.

But you argue that I wear leather. Leather comes from cows, which is not a dying species, such as the mink. Also leather is a practical and a rational form of clothing, attiring oneself in leather is not a symbol of status as fur merely is in our society. Lastly, leather is only one product from cows. Beef is needed to satisfy our meat-oriented population.

So please, don't wear fur. Use cosmetics that are all natural and not tested on animals. Get involved in PETA and your local humane society. With broad support, we can put an end to this atrocity.

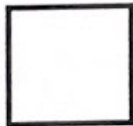
Cruelty to animals breeds cruelty to humans.

 Look for upcoming articles on the environment by John Maher.



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