

The Argo

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RUTGERS PREPARATORY SCHOOL

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Hideaway Cafe Scene Of Dance

On Friday, November 18, the third social function of the school year was held at the Rutgers Prep Gymnasium. The students danced to the melodious music of the "Flamingos."

Beautiful Decorations

As usual, the gym was decorated quite beautifully. The theme, "Hernando's Hideaway," was different from anything done before. Soft pink and black with a sprinkling of silver added the right touch to the atmosphere. The highpoint of the decorations was a neon sign which blinked on and off spelling out "Hernando's Hideaway." This dance was one of the most successful parties Prep has seen in a long time. We owe a note of thanks to the dance committee for giving much of their time to provide an evening of fun for the students.

Clemmie Vittl was chairman of the dance and did an exceptional job. She was most capably assisted by Bernard Karshmer, Bill Smith, Earl Nielsen, Stan Rosenblum, Ted Kalil, Gail Duschock, Rolfe Harrison, Dick Twitchell, Sharon Ries, Arlene Greenberg, Barbara Lipman, Loretta Ness and many other industrious workers.

Refreshments Served

Joyce Newman, Judy Anekstein and Bonnie Sue Golden were responsible for the delicious refreshments. Joe Bushel served as bartender and satisfied all with his efficient service. The evening was full of dancing and playing games in which everyone participated.

Editor Arranges Argo Entry For March News Conference

Carl Baratta has announced that the ARGO will be entered in the Columbia Scholastic Press Association Contest for the first time in two years.

Newspapers entered in this contest are read and rated by a Board of Judges composed of thirty men and women. All phases of the newspaper's production are taken into consideration by the judges. These items are news stories, art, editorials, sports, general news, and advertising.

The ARGO will be judged against newspapers of its own class.

Three Attend Conference

On Friday, November 18, Stan Rosenblum, Howard Tobin and Vic Stillwell represented the Prep school at the thirtieth annual conference of the New Jersey Association of High School Student Councils. It was held on the

Rutgers University campus and climaxed "Student Council Week."

Featured on the program was the noted author and speaker, Mr. Salom Rizk, who is well-known through his books and contributions to "The Reader's Digest."

The convention began at 9:00 in the morning when a second breakfast was served at the field house. The refreshments were generously provided by the University.

General Session

The general session began at 10:00 at the University Gymnasium and opened with selections by the Rutgers Band directed by Prof. Martin Sherman. After the Rev. Bradford S. Abernethy's invocation, Dr. Mason W. Gross, Provost, and Mr. Kevin Featherstone, President of the Student Council, greeted the representatives on behalf of the University.

Following the address by Mr. Rizk, entertainment was provided by the Highland Park High School Mixed Chorus, directed by Miss Joan Blume. The general session was concluded with reports on the conference of the National Association of Student Councils at Ardmore, Pennsylvania, in June of 1955. These reports were given by Miss Helen Kronsedes of Union High School and Mr. William Raaf of Newton High School.

The general session, which closed at 11:30, was followed by one hour problem clinics, where the different problems confronting Student Councils were discussed in an effort to help the individual councils function more smoothly. Each of these 22 meetings was open to one representative of each school.

Light Lunch Served

The representatives were then invited to the field house where a light lunch was served. Those who wished a heavier meal were welcome at the cafeteria. In the field house a series of exhibits on high school councils were set up by many of the participating schools.

After another session of discussion meetings, the conference was closed with a speech by Mr. GERALD Van Pool, Director of the Association, and selections by the University Glee Club.



Tobin, Stillwell, and Rosenblum
leave for Conference.

Heinlein Attends Educational Meeting

by JUDITH ANEKSTEIN

Mr. Heinlein, our headmaster, spent October 27 and 28 at the Twentieth Educational Conference held in New York City. The Conference was sponsored by The Educational Records Bureau and the American Council on Education. The theme of this conference was the selection and guidance of gifted students for national survival.

College Admissions

Mr. Heinlein enjoyed the conference and learned some of the latest information pertaining to guidance and the preparation students need for their entrance into college. Changes in the college admission program were discussed and new ideas stated. A conference of this nature is a step toward modern knowledge concerning student education all over our country.

We, the students of Rutgers Prep, should feel proud that our headmaster is interested in acquiring new and valuable information about education that will help us, our fellow classmates, and the school.

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From The Editor's Desk

Just recently the newspaper enrolled in the Columbia Scholastic Press Association. The association enables its members to send their paper to Columbia University to be judged and commented on. This opportunity will give the school, as well as the staff, an idea of just how good their paper really is. The comments given will help the staff greatly in its efforts to improve the ARGO.

The membership also enables the school to send a few members of the newspaper staff to a conference which will be held in March. At this conference, some helping hints will be given on the construction of a good school newspaper.

This edition of the ARGO will be sent to be judged by the association. We on the staff are interested in knowing how our paper will be evaluated.

We are beginning now to take the names of those staff members who are interested in going to the conference. If we make our plans early, we may be able to get tickets to a play and add that pleasure to our trip.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

This is my first year in Rutgers Prep. I am in the eighth grade. I find it very different from public school, but I like it much better.

The teachers are nice. My classmates are agreeable and friendly.

I like the school's policy of reviewing the past year's work. I am sure everyone forgets many things during the summer.

The half hour conference period after school is very valuable. The teacher can explain anything you do not understand, tell you about work you may have missed or, if you have failed a test, can tell you why and give you a chance to make it up without losing any time.

There are things I do not like about Rutgers Prep. The desks are entirely too small and give little room to do writing. The stairs leading to the classrooms are too narrow and are crowded when classes are changing, however, I like Rutgers Prep much more than I dislike it.

Truly yours,

Berton Thompson

Dear Editor:

I have been attending Rutgers Prep for three years now, and finally, our school has been improved. It is improved, not only scholastically, but architecturally as well.

The old school now has a new look. The dingy walls have been freshened with a new coat of paint. The addition of the third floor has added to my enthusiasm because I'm taking French and a two by two room just won't do.

I would also like to thank the school for saving the students' eyes. Those "old blackboards" have finally caught up to our times. A simple sanding job, well done, has made it much easier for both students and teachers.

So thanks a lot, "old school," for making the students' life easier.

Sincerely,

Dick Schwartz

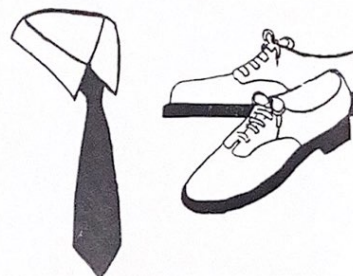
Dear Editor:

During this year I was a member of the Jay-Vee soccer team, the first one that Prep has ever had. I want to compliment Mr. O'Connell and Mr. Spurduto for forming this Jay-Vee team. Having Junior Varsity soccer and other sports is a fine way to give younger and smaller boys a chance to play. I also enjoyed the trips to other schools for games. These gave me a chance to meet and play with boys from different schools and places.

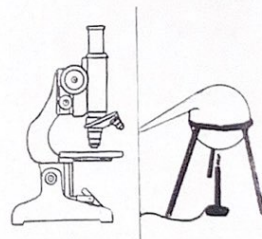
I got to know boys from Prep better and made many new friends through Jay-Vee soccer. Junior Varsity teams are an important part of a good school sports program.

Steve Holsten

PREPTOONS



Redbank ... Stan Musial ... Cardinals ... poet ... neat dresser ... curly hair ... train and bus ... white bucks ... senior ... Physics and Chemistry — Wow! ... Vet's Luncheonette ... Back of Study Hall next to Fiermonti ... P. G. ... Green Chevrolet ... hard worker ... reserved ... Thomas Molskow.



Brunette ... seventeen ... P. G. ... Saint Mary's S.A. ... sports fan D.A. ... Biology and Chemistry ... comes with Metzger ... quiet ... C.T. ... junior ... available ... loads of fun ... Barbara Brennen.



J.V. Soccer and Basketball ... blond ... well-mannered ... Metuchen ... freshman ... good humored ... Ness' pal ... conscientious ... "half-pint" ... always smiling ... Honor Roll ... cute ... well liked ... Steven Holsten.

SPORTLIGHT

by JOE MESSINA

With winter approaching, everyone's thoughts are turning to basketball. Therefore, the spotlight for this month will shine on the eleven members of the basketball team who will represent our school through the toughest season in its history.

Our main stalwarts this year will be Marty Metzger, a high scoring center from South Amboy, and Bill Utter, a hard driving forward out of Matawan. Coach O'Connell hopes that these two will do most of our scoring, replacing last year's stars, Jerry Gorczyca and Gary Stratton. The other forward position will be filled by either Stan Rosenblum or Andy Piscatelli. Both are capable of playing a good game.

Coach O'Connell seems undecided about who the regular guards will be. George Friedlander, Bob Tammara, Bob Torrone and Joe Messina are all trying out; Coach seems pleased with the progress of all. Carl Baratta, Jim Veninger and Bill Ellwood round out the varsity and have shown that they can be counted on when needed.

Despite our hard schedule, I predict that we shall not lose more than four games and with Pingry's threat gone, have an excellent chance at the Group 3 crown.

Basketball Schedule

Dec. 8	St. Mary's (South Amboy)	Away
9	South River	Away
10	Peddle School	Away
13	St. Mary's (South Amboy)	Home
14	Freshman-Rutgers	Away
16	St. Benedict's (Newark)	Away
27	Alumni	Home
Jan. 4	Newark Rutgers J.V.	Home
11	Pennington School	Away
18	Blair	Home
20	Croyden Hall Acad.	Away
28	Brooklyn Poly	Home
Feb. 3	Croyden Hall Acad.	Home
8	Lawrenceville School	Away
10	Pingry	Away
11	Admiral Farragut	Away
15	Bordentown Mil. Inst.	Away
17	Sayreville	Home
22	Peddle School	Home
25	Pennington School	Home

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Varsity Wins Scrimmage As Metzger, Rosy Star

by JON MARGOLIS



Metzger scores high.

J. V.'s Close Season With Three-One Win

In their last attempt the J.V. booters, paced by Joe Messina, kicked their way to a 3-1 victory over the Jay-Vees of Pingry.

The "little preppers" kicked off first and kept the ball up field very well, with numerous shots just missing the goal. Early in the second quarter of this fast moving game, Joe Messina booted his first goal. Neither team tallied again in that quarter.

The third quarter provided plenty of excitement with terrific offensive ball played by both sides. Pingry drew first blood in this quarter, trying the score at 1-1. The Jay Vees went wild after the Pingry score; and, through the combined efforts of Earl Nielsen, Danny Struk, Bert Schwartz, and Joe Messina, they zipped two more past the Pingry goal.

Bill Smith replaced Bruce Gunkle, Prep's goalie, in the last quarter and didn't let Pingry come close to tasting blood.

The whole game, with the exception of the third quarter, was a defensive standout on Prep's part, combining the efforts of Bruce Gunkle, Rolfe Harrison and Bernard Karshmer.

In a preview of the coming basketball season, Rutgers Prep played a scrimmage game with St. Mary's in Perth Amboy. Prep won 108-94. The game lasted six periods instead of the usual four.

St. Mary's drew first blood on a foul shot and went ahead 1-0 in the first period, but Prep tied it on a free throw by Bill Utter. After taking the lead on Marty Metzger's two-pointer, the Prepsters were never headed.

Metzger was high scorer of the game. Marty played five periods and racked up a number of points. Stan Rosenblum and Bill Utter were the other two high scorers for Prep.

St. Mary's was never really close after first quarter. Prep led 69-58 at the end of the regulation four periods.

Although the team showed some rough spots they proved themselves capable and one which could give any opposition good competition this season.

Preppers Candidates Try Out For Jay Vee's Biggest Year

On Tuesday, Nov. 8, Coach Sperduto got his first look at the 1955-56 J. V. basketball team. Although there was a large turnout, the coach got a chance to see all the candidates in action and seemed pleased. He also remarked that he was glad to see such a large turnout showing an increased interest in the J.V. team. This has not been true in past years.

This year's squad will be cut on Friday, Nov. 18. After this date, Coach Sperduto will begin training his team for this season's opener against Saint Mary's of South Amboy on December 6. He hopes that, with the increase in spirit, the Prep Juniors will have a more successful campaign than they have had previously.

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Council Report

By Stan Rosenblum

The well-organized Student Council is running very smoothly due to the enthusiasm of its members and the initiative of the underclassmen. The new plan for frequent class meetings has borne fruit. Many class problems were brought to the Student Council for solution.

Mr. Gaggini, faculty advisor of YE DIAL, appealed to the Council for financial assistance. Mr. Gaggini explained that unless enough ads are sold, the money for the cost of YE DIAL would have to be taken from the student activity fund. So students, heed! Salesmen, get busy!

Mr. Holley brought to the attention of the council certain incidents which were taking place during the lunch period. The Student Council is happy to report that the situation was remedied and once again we are upholding Prep's reputation.

The next event on Prep's activity calendar will be another dance with a good name band. This will not take place until after the Christmas vacation because of basketball season.

LOWER SCHOOL NEWS

Collected by Carol Heinlein and Mark Levine

Edited by Brenda Barbour

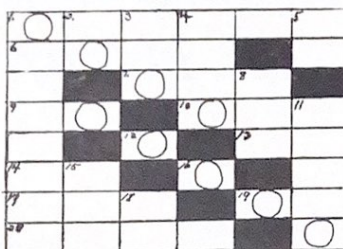
On Monday, October 31st, the lower school had a Halloween party. The first through third grades stayed at the school and had their own party. Grades four to seven went to the Prep Gym. Cider and doughnuts were served to all. Then a costume parade was held. Prizes were awarded to John Schmitt, Bartley Howley, Karen Hunt, Jim Vogdes, Betsy Stover, and Ed Freedman for their costumes.

Mrs. Ellis, the sixth grade teacher, and her grade have just completed a study of the ancient Egyptian civilization. Each pupil made a special report on an interesting topic. These reports were put on decorated scrolls.

On Monday, October 24, a social dancing class was started at the Rutgers Prep School Gym. That night the instructor, Mr. Walsh, was introduced to the class.

Mrs. Kehoe, the fifth grade teacher, has a quiz game for her class every year, and, as usual, the boys are leading with a score of seventy-three to sixty-three.

Who Am I?



Across

1. Accuser of fault
6. Antonym for death
7. Milk (Latin)
9. Suffix in numbers denoting tens
10. Distinct plot of land
12. Last vowel
13. Towards
14. Not negative particle (Fr.)
16. 18th letter of alphabet
17. Device for converting regular motion into irregular
19. Kentucky (Abbr.)
20. Christmas Season

Down

1. The act of clamoring
2. Litium (Abbr.)
3. American Federation of Labor (Abbr.)
4. A regular repast during a day
5. Back (prefix)
8. Small dwelling
11. Capital of Japan
15. Water (French)
18. Milliliter (Abbr.)

Prep Math Teacher Married In Mass On Thanksgiving Day

On Thanksgiving morning at 10 o'clock, one of the math. teachers at Prep, Mr. Leo N. Kallfelz, was married to the former Miss Marion E. Bozzone, a reporter on the Daily Home News. The marriage was performed at the Catholic Church of St. John the Baptist on Nielson St. There was a wedding breakfast after the wedding at the Bound Brook Inn for fifty relatives and close friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Kallfelz took a short honeymoon trip to Atlantic City over the weekend, but they are planning to go to Florida over the Christmas vacation.

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Sr. Scientists Start Advanced Chem Club

The Chem Club met several weeks ago, and officers were elected. This year it will be divided into two parts the advanced and the regular Chem Club.

This division was made to enable the students who studied Chemistry last year to do more complex experiments. In previous years the more advanced students have been held back by inexperienced lab workers.

The officers of the beginning Chem Club are: President, Joe Messina; Vice-president, Vic Stilwell; Secretary-Treasurer, Dickie Schwartz.

In the Advanced Chem Club, Bill Romig was elected president, Howard Tobin, Vice-president; and Ted Kalli, Secretary-Treasurer.

The Advanced Chem Club plans to silverplate, make essence of apples, and to experiment with Benzyl. Laughing gas, synthetic rubber, and pineapple oil will be produced by the regular Chem Club.

The entire Chem Club will visit Calco at a later date and is planning several other tours.

Mr. Daviet is the supervisor of both of these clubs.

Honor Roll Cited

On Thursday, Nov. 17, Mr. Heinlein announced the honor roll for the first marking period. Three students — Joe Messina, Bill Romig, and Danny Struk — were tied for first place with averages of 91. Richard Schwartz and Florence Schmitt both had averages of 90.

Thirteen students, representing all five grades, had averages between 85 and 90. Michael Shemick and Peter Wintersteiner had averages of 89, and Linda Levy and John Scherer had averages of 88. Bruce Gunkle, Robert J. Smith, and Howard Tobin each had averages of 87, and Louise DiLalo, Suzanne Hancox, James Smith, and Ronald Smyth had 86. Barbara Lipman and Merle Schiffmayer both had 85.

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