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RUTGERS PREPARATORY SCHOOL

December, 1957

Glee Club Carolers Open Season With Yule Program

Varsity R Sponsors Intramural Sports

The Varsity "R" Club, reinstituted this year at Prep, sponsored an intramural sports program. However, because the club is not yet well organized, the whole burden of the program lay on only a few of the members, especially Bernard Karshmer who was responsible for its success.

This intramural program proved successful at the first attempt, for everybody enjoyed the intramural soccer for boys, and the girls were enthusiastic rooters. All the boys were divided into four teams, each coached by one of the "R" men. Each team played two games, which were refereed by members of the "R" club. The result of this stiff competition was that Burke's Bombers and Margolis' Marauders tied for first place (0-0), and Karshmer's Kool Kat Kickers and Bromfman's Bruisers tied for second place (1-1).

This was followed by the girls' intramural basketball, which turned out just as well. All the girls in R.P.S. were divided into four teams. Each team played three games, Jackie's Jesters taking first place, Barb's Bobblers second, Sally's Set Shooters third, and Arlene's All Stars fourth.

Encouraged by its success, the Varsity "R" Club is planning a third program, boys' intramural basketball, which everyone is anxiously awaiting.

Old Club Acquires New Name Continues To Discuss Bible

The group of students known unofficially last year as "Mr. Dumarae's Discussion Group" has this year acquired a new and official name, Gamma Sigma. The name represents Socrates' words, *gnôthe sauton*, which mean, "Know thyself."

The members will again discuss the Bible when their club begins functioning fully in activities period on Wednesdays after the Christmas holiday.

FLASH!

Remind The Faculty:
No tests should be scheduled
between December 20 and
January 6.



Hark! The herald angels sing . . .

The Glee Club gave its annual Christmas festival at the gymnasium Friday night, December 13. Besides such works as "Cantique de Noel," "Sing Gloria," and "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones," the audience heard traditional Christmas carols and a selection by Johanna Rooda, soprano.

Students Swing At Senior Square Dance

by Martin Levowitz

Passers-by and peekers-in were enraptured on Wednesday, November 27th as they beheld the magnificent decorations which had been concocted by some of the more progressive senior class aesthetes. Everyone agreed that Ye Olde Prep Gyne looked very much like a barn, and although the creative geniuses had a head-start, they deserve a lot of credit for devising such a wonderful facsimile.

The calling was done by Jack Vetter, who is a real "vetterin" at making square-dances successful. Between the stamping feet and the free-flowing cider, the gym floor got a stimulating massage.

The dance was arranged by Jackie Kaufelt, Arlene Greenberg, Ed Pellichero, Dick Conrad, Bunny Karshmer, "Little Levo" Caesarwitz and smiling Jon Margolis.

The shindig (literally) had some exciting features too. Winners of special dances received valuable prizes, including: a toy carpet-sweeper, a slightly bent post-card, and an old purse. The highlight of the evening came as birdlike Bruce Gunkle soared up and grabbed a dangling flower. Suddenly the air was filled with dancing colors as a profusion of balloons floated to earth.

Mrs. Durkee led the Glee Club, which sang for an appreciative crowd.

The concert opened with a series of traditional Christmas carols. They were "Joy to the World," "O Little Town of Bethlehem," "Deck the Halls," and "The First Noel." Then followed some more serious choral works: "Sing Now With Great Rejoicing," "Carol of the Bells," "As it Fell Upon the Night."

The chorus from the Elementary School then moved into the spotlight singing "Angels We Have Heard On High," "Rocking," "Bring a Torch," and "The Sleigh."

The Glee Club returned and sang "Welcome Yule," "Santa Claus is Coming to Town," "Winter Wonderland," and "Cantique de Noel," featuring a soprano solo by Johanna Rooda.

After the elementary School Chorus recited "Twas the Night Before Christmas," the Glee Club sang "Pat-a-Pan," "Sing Gloria," and "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones." The evening closed with the audience joining the singers in "Silent Night."

Other solos were by Suzanne Dushock, Linda Brodsky, JoAnn Miliken, Gabrielle Gibbs, Nancy Lee, and Judy Hecht.

New York Times Article Stresses Liberal Education

"To a people accustomed to thinking of themselves as supreme in science and technology the appalling deficiencies and shortages in our scientific training system that have been so nakedly exposed the last few days have come as a jolting shock . . .

"Because of that peculiar volatility of temperament that characterizes us as much as any people on earth we

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Interview With Mr. Gaggini

by James Burke

Prep's fine French teacher, Mr. Alfred C. Gaggini, is once again wreaking his temper on the pupils this year. In spite of this supposed fault, most of his students emerge from school with a reasonable grasp of the course, and no fatalities have yet been recorded. Since the material is literally "pounded" into the students, they either learn or are executed. (French class executions are carried out by "chairing" the student since no stones are available.) Although insanity thrives in his classes, everyone will tell you where he ranks: with the tops.

His sparkling sense of humor has won him many friends the world over. Last year he traveled to Cambodia, a small country in Southeast Asia, where he taught English in a National School to French-speaking students. Cambodia, now having a quite retarded educational system, is growing rapidly. The Prof. remarked, "The number of students in schools in Cambodia has increased about 300% in recent years, so you can see the country is making progress."

Concerning his stay in Cambodia, Mr. Gaggini commented, "I had the most interesting and rewarding experience of my young life but I cannot say I enjoyed it entirely because of the lack of modern conveniences." Cambodia is a country with insect-infested food, a scarce supply of fresh water, and above all, primitive educational facilities. "The greatest value of my stay in Cambodia," Mr. Gaggini continued, "was that it made me see the fault of so many Americans who think they are the best in the world and that everyone should strive to be like them."

Inquiring Reporter

by Amy Riddering

Question: What do you think of bumblepuppy?

Stu Silverstein—"I don't know. What do you think of the sociopolitical situation in Lower Slobbovia?"

Arlene Greenberg—"I think it's much more efficient than pupplebumbby."

Mr. Moffat—"Well I think we have a few of them around. Jon Margolis, for example."

Bunny Karshmer—"I am an alternate center—centrifical, and along with the requrear center—centrifical I will represent Prep at the bumblepuppy rally in New York."

P.S. "Rutgers Prep has the first organized preparatory school bumblepuppy team in the East."

Susy Margolis—"He couldn't beat Nashua!"

Mr. Gaggini—"I think they're here to stay!"

Tom Dunn—"I have seen bumble bees and I have seen puppies but according to this we should change an old saying of ours—"The birds and the dogs." (Maybe I'll get one for Christmas.)"

Tom Chester—"I think it's a very good idea if it used correctly. Only honor students (like me) should be allowed to practice it in study hall. It is very good on rye with mustard."

Martin Levowitz—"I think that Karshmer is an imposter because I'm really the center-centrifical. I don't know how we expect to win if we don't get organized."

Bruce Gunkle—"Bruce thinks it's a wonderful game but we shouldn't show off about it because then girls will start watching it and someone might be embarrassed." (As told by Martin Levowitz.)

Explanation of Bumblepuppy

by Jon Margolis

Since you have just read the column on the left (and if you haven't, hurry up and read it; don't dawdle over this glop), many of you are probably wondering just what bumblepuppy is. We, the erudite editors of this noble journal, will now endeavor to explain it.

Everyone wants to be on a team, and there are those who are. But then there's the rest of us, you and me. What are we to do? Cheer up. For us, the nothings of the world, bumblepuppy has been found... Anyone can make a bumblepuppy team if he can duck. That is the only talent needed.

Aside from being a source of enjoyment, bumblepuppy also represents what makes modern America great: organization. Everyone is on a committee. A weekly news-letter is being prepared. The reason that nobody knows exactly how to play is because committees are continuously making rule changes and preparing for the grand tournament at Madison Square Garden.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I have been in this school for over a year. Having joined several clubs, I find that they are to my liking. This year I notice that there are even more activities.

Even though I am a freshman, I still have the same advantages as a senior in joining different clubs except for the chemistry and conservation clubs.

Each student has some kind of interest which he wants to learn more about. In just about any interest he has, the school has a club. The clubs have many benefits for the student. They give him a chance to learn more about the subject he likes, make more and better friends and still have lots of fun.

I think the activity schedule worked out quite well this year. It gives each student a chance to participate in any club from science to music any day of the week.

Arlene DiLalo

From The Editor's Desk

Each spring the Argo staff publishes our school's literary magazine, the Argomag. This publication constitutes the best literary achievements of the students in each grade level as judged by the editorial board.

A student may submit any of his work for consideration which he deems worthy.

All poetry and prose works, including themes, essays and book reviews, are acceptable. We urge you not to delay in submitting your work so that it will not be misplaced.

Give your literary gems to Mrs. Wilson or any member of the editorial board NOW!!

The game, of course, will never be played.

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IN THIS CORNER

by Bernard Karshmer

"In This Corner" it looks to me as though the unfortunate and inexperienced "Little Scarlet" still has an outside chance to "dunk" that old elusive .500 mark. Bruce Gunkle, Norm Schubert, and Co. played a hard game against St. Mary's S.A., but didn't quite make it. They hit only (to say the least) 26% of their shots. "Monk" Feldman had a fair day, but some of his shots seemed more like rifle blasts than set shots. Steve Holsten shows promise but needs much experience against big guys. As far as Jim Burke is concerned, just wait; one of these days he's going to have a hot streak.

In my opinion, Bruce Gunkle would do a lot better if he would try to drive a little rather than bring the ball to the outside. A few good moves here and there could be the difference between 23 and 30 points. Last but not least comes Norm Schubert. Let's put it this way — what he lacks in ability, he makes up in hustle.

If the name Bob Brower seems familiar to you loyal Prep basketball fans, it ought to. The 6' 3" Poly forward single-handedly rapped the "Little Scarlet" with his 41 point effort on December 7. Back on January 28, 1956, Mr. Brower, a sophomore at the time, was in the starting lineup as Poly Prep edged the Prepsters by a 78-74 count. That day he cut the cords for 11 points. On February 7, '57 Bob dunked a mere 16 points against Ron Jackowitz and Co. and Prep bowed 74-63 count.

Erstwhile Prepster Jim Murray is doing a good job for the Rider Frosh, while Ron Jackowitz is thought of as one of the best basketball prospects in many years at Upsala.

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OUR 10th YEAR AT RUTGERS

'Gunk' and 'Monk' Dunk 'Em In As Prep Cagers Lose 85-52

Minus the services of Captain Jim Burke and Steve Holsten, Prep was handed its second defeat in as many starts by Brooklyn Poly on December 7. Although the final score was 85-52, Prep's five played "even-Stephen" ball with the boys from Brooklyn except for the first quarter in which Prep fell behind 26-9. Throughout the three remaining quarters, the "Little Scarlet" just about matched Brooklyn Poly basket for basket.

Although Prep lost by 33 points, our boys played an excellent game. They just couldn't equal the terrific shooting of the boys from Brooklyn Poly.

It seems that none of Prep's five could match Brooklyn's Bob Brower who scored 41 points. Prep's Bruce Gunkle, however, tapped the baskets for 23 points and Art, "Monkey", Feldman scored 16 points.

The Game By Quarters

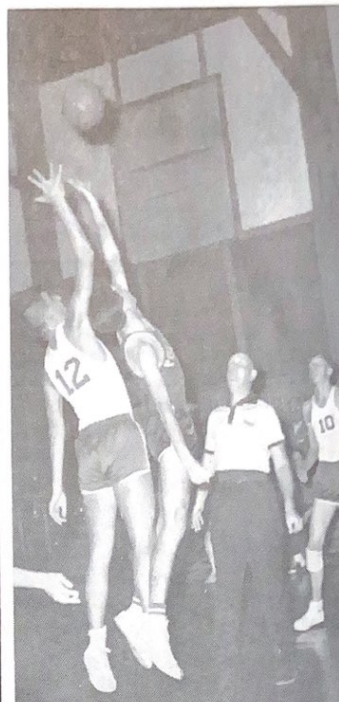
The first quarter turned out to be the deciding one of the game. Before the "Little Scarlet" had a chance to breathe, they had fallen behind by 17 points at the end of the first quarter.

During the second quarter the Prep five decided to settle down to work. By means of good team work and excellent shooting, the "Little Scarlet" just about matched Brooklyn Poly throughout the quarter.

After receiving a "pep talk" from Prep's new basketball coach, Jim Dickinson, the boys came out for the second half ready and raring to go.

During the third and fourth quarters, Prep's quintet, once again, decided to get down to playing serious basketball. Throughout the third and fourth quarters, the "Little Scarlet" played an excellent game, although it seemed that the harder Prep tried the better Brooklyn Poly did.

During the next few weeks the basketball team will face a tight schedule. Although Prep dropped its first two games, the prospects of winning the next few is very bright.



Hey Bruce, where's the basket?

VARSITY BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

December

19 South River Away 8:00

January

8 St. Benedict's Away 3:30

10 St. Mary's (S.A.) Away 8:00

15 Highland Park Away 8:00

17 Croyden Hall Away 3:30

21 Jamesburg H. S. Away 8:00

24 Croyden Hall Home 3:30

February

1 Blair Acad. Away 2:00

4 Jamesburg H. S. Home 3:30

5 Lawrenceville Away 3:45

7 South River Home 3:30

12 Admiral Farragut Acad. Away 4:00

14 Sayreville H. S. Home 3:45

15 Pennington Prep Away 2:00

19 Peddie Home 3:30

21 Pingry Away 3:45

25 Wardlaw Home 3:30

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OF

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RUTGERS
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EDUCATION (continued from p. 1)

will now undoubtedly go all out for bigger and better scientific training, scientific courses, scientific schools, scientific scholarships.

"This is all to the good, and if Sputniks I and II did nothing else than awaken our countrymen and their political leaders to a crying need we should be grateful for that alone. But what will it require to bring about the realization in the U.S. that it is not merely more scientific education that we require, but more education? This is the real crux of the question that has been facing the American people for years, before Sputnik was ever heard of. The youth of the U.S. (not to mention their elders) need greater opportunity and greater incentive and greater direction toward becoming educated men and women.

"Scientists and technicians, yes, and the more the better. But the essential base before becoming a scientist or anything else, is to obtain a glimpse of the broader horizons of life, the literature, the arts, the history, the philosophy, the language, the humanistic studies that constitute the foundations for our culture, and place it in relation with the ages and the experiences of mankind that have gone before. This is what we really need, what we have always needed, and what we should make sure does not get lost in the sudden rally to the standard of science. Nor is there anything contradictory between stressing humanistic as well as scientific education. The two are not opposites, but rather correlatives...

"The new emphasis on science will be self-defeating if we aim to produce mere technicians rather than educated men. What we as a nation have to do goes far beyond establishment of a few new scholarships or special projects, desirable as such programs are. We have to think big in terms of education as education, aiming to improve its quality... We have to revise upward our national attitudes toward teachers and toward teaching and educational standards; we have to build billions of dollars' worth of schools and colleges; we have to re-think the relationship between students' abilities and their opportunity for higher education; we have to take a more mature view of what higher education is and what it is not..."

Excerpted from a New York Times editorial Reprinted in NEA News of November 22, 1957.

FLASH!

Martin Bertman, class of 1957, recently pledged to the Tau Epsilon Phi fraternity at George Washington University in Washington D.C.

Club Members Enjoy Numerous Activities

French Visitor Honors Club

The French Club does something new every week. At several meetings we saw slides taken on Mr. Gaggini's trip. They proved very interesting.

We enjoyed a visit from Micheline Stutuoyner, a French girl. She spoke little English, so that we were obliged to speak French. We all asked her questions. Jim Burke asked her if she liked American boys, but she kept her answer to herself. Jackie Kaufelt said that she had beaucoup de questions, and between giggles managed to ask them. After that we listened to French Records.

Conservation Club Reconvenes

The Conservation Club was opened this year to all members of the senior class who presented to Mr. Daviet a composition which gave the students' reasons for wanting to become a member.

The club is composed of twelve seniors. James Burke was elected president, Norman Shubert vice president, and Sally Searls secretary.

The club plans to do their small part in any phase of conservation available to them which might be helpful to the state. The first project is planned for the latter part of December.

Advanced Chem Club Takes Trip

The recent activities of the Advanced Chem. Club have led them into two different, yet fascinating, areas of science. The group with Mr. Daviet on Friday, December 6 visited the Photo Products Division of Dupont Parlin, where they were given a highly inclusive tour by Mr. A. M. Peterson and Mr. Wesley Welch. The club enjoyed this trip immensely and only wished they could have stayed longer.

During activities period, Thursday, December 12, Mr. Milton Cowan, Middlesex County Agriculture Agent, showed the club the techniques of soil testing, which the club plans to make a project of as a service to the community.

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OF

**CHESTER'S
ROD & CUSTOM SHOP**

Lower School News

Mrs. Taylor's class enjoyed a very interesting science demonstration last week. The demonstration was given by Mrs. Dixon's seventh grade.

Mrs. Warr's first grade and Mrs. Hancox's second grade entertained the parents of the children in a very interesting way. The two classes invited the parents to see their children at work. The idea has been received wholeheartedly and will be tried by other grades at a future date.

The third grade boys and girls of Mrs. Lipman's class are making scrap books. The scrap books will go to children in the hospital.

The Woodbridge Vocational High School saw an original Thanksgiving play presented by Mrs. Wolfson's fourth grade. The play was written by Mrs. Wolfson's fourth grade class. Those taking part in it were Suzanne, Brede-meier, Margaret Bower, Katherine Molnar, and Carey Delcan.

PARENTS ATTEND TEA

A tea for the parents of the lower school pupils took place in the Prep gym on Thursday, November 21. The tea presented a perfect time for the parents and teachers to become acquainted and discuss the children's work and marks. Refreshments, prepared by the faculty, were served. These consisted of punch and cookies. Mrs. Kehoe and her faculty were hostesses. Both parents and teachers considered the tea a worthwhile and enjoyable endeavor.

**JIMMY,
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