

# The Argo

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RUTGERS PREPARATORY SCHOOL

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## Student Body Amends Long-lost School Constitution



Key Club Members, Schiffmayer, Struk, Stilwell, Schwartz,  
Make Constitutional Provisions.

### KEY CLUB SUBMITS ITS IDEAS FOR FINAL STUDENT APPROVAL

Some time ago the school constitution disappeared, and we have been operating without one ever since. Recently, Mr. Heinlein found a copy of an older constitution and it was agreed that we would work from that. This old constitution lacks reference to our present way of electing officers to the Student Council and to class representation in the Student Council.

### CLASSES MEET

Several weeks ago, class meetings were held for the purpose of amending the constitution. Each student was provided with a copy of the old constitution to make the task easier. Strangely, the eighth grade made no amendments and the most common amendment proposal was a changed class representation in the Student Council. The Secretary of each class wrote up the proposed amendments and submitted them to the Key Club.

### KEY CLUB GOES TO WORK

The Key Club went right to work with the material presented to it from the class secretaries. All the amendments were listed. The Key Club also wrote in its opinions to the proposed amendments and some proposed amendments of its own.

The Key Club presented the amendments to Mr. Heinlein. The amendments will undergo faculty approval and those approved will be presented to each student for his approval.

Amendments which are voted in by the student body will be adopted for the constitution. The new constitution will be larger and much more complete.

## Glee Club Plans Holiday Program

by Linda Levy

The students of Prep anticipate that this year's Glee Club Concert will be one of the best ever given. The concert will be performed at the Rutgers Prep gymnasium on the 14th of December. Rehearsals have been going on since the beginning of the school year, and as the concert approaches, they are being extended to after school meetings.

### REHEARSALS IN PROGRESS

The Glee Club meets and rehearses under the competent direction of Mrs. Durkee and Mr. Dumarae, the Glee Club advisor. Mrs. Durkee teaches and leads us in each song while Nancy Haworth accompanies on the piano.

The program has a Christmas theme. Some of the more tuneful songs the Glee Club will sing are: "Little Christ Child, Sweet and Holy;" "Carol of the Little King;" "I Saw Three Ships;" and "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones." An Elementary School group will sing a number of songs and there will be audience participation in a few songs.

### ANTICIPATE LARGE TURNOUT

Although the 14th of December may be a brisk night, I am sure we will have a large turnout, as in previous years, for the Glee Club Concert is a wonderful opportunity for parents to see the Rutgers Prep students working together.

### FLASH!

Save the evening of Jan. 18, 1957  
for  
International Song and Dance Night  
Sponsored by  
Mrs. Rooda's French & Spanish  
Classes

## Council Delegates Attend Conference

By Danylo Struk

On November 15, the New Jersey Association of High School Councils met at Rutgers University for the thirty-first annual conference. The theme for this convention was: "Better Student Councils for Better Human Relations."

There were representatives of student councils of almost all schools in New Jersey. Rutgers Prep was represented by three of the officers of the student council; Steve Hancox, Bernard Karshmer, and Danny Struk.

### SPEECHES BEGIN CONFERENCE

The program of the day started at 10:30 A.M. with a General Session in the Rutgers Gymnasium. Here we heard an interesting speech by Governor Robert B. Meyner which ended as a sort of "press conference." We also heard a magnificent address by Dr. Mason W. Gross, Provost of Rutgers University.

After this each one of our delegates went to a Problem Clinic where many interesting topics were discussed. After lunch the three of us attended a Discussion Meeting on how to run a student council meeting. All this information proved to be very valuable.

At the Closing Session we heard the best speech of the day by Mr. Coleman Brown.

## P.A.S.S. Conference

The second annual meeting of the Press Association of Secondary Schools was presented at Perth Amboy High School. The Argo sent three representatives to this conference on December 8. The purpose of this meeting was to compare ideas that other school newspaper staffs of this area have.

At the conference there were several discussion groups to analyze problems of the various staffs represented. Our editor led one of these discussion clinics dealing with the censorship in school newspapers. Louise DiLalo and Peter Wintersteiner also represented our school at the conference.



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## From The Editor's Desk

In the Spring of this year, the **ARGO** will publish Prep's school magazine, the **ARGO-MAG**. This magazine used to be a bi-annual magazine until last year. The lack of interest on the part of the student body caused us to limit the **MAG** to a yearly edition. This year the same policy will be continued except — we are going to try to enlarge the **MAG**.

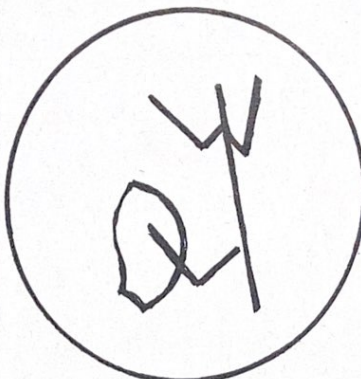
In order for us to even publish the magazine, we need your help. In the **MAG**, many types of literature written by the student body is presented. The writing can be a theme, a assigned or free, book reports, essays or poems. The piece of writing must be worthy of publication, and a recommendation of your English teacher is preferable. Whenever you have something you wish to submit for the **ARGO-MAG**, please read it carefully, correct any errors and then turn it over to your English teacher. When the staff receives your article, we will act on it as soon as possible.

Incidentally, for those of you who prided yourselves in the letter to the editor concerning the amount of homework, I must inform you that when we recieved the original letter, it needed more proof reading than any article ever presented to the **ARGO**, showing the writer needed even more homework.

### FLASH —

There will be a dance at the **PREP GYM** — be there by 8:15, Dec. 15. The attire is semi-formal. Dancing and games will be offered.

## WHAT IS IT?



Al Thode — "The Russian abbreviation for lengthwise."

Art Karshmer — "The bisecting lines of the outer exterior angle and the opposite interior angles to the opposite hypotenuse."

Billy Smith — "Go away. I'm doing my chemistry."

Bunny Karshmer — "They're crazy monograms on the end of a filter tip cigarette."

Alan Rackmill — "A thin man throwing a lop-sided pitchfork out of a man-hole."

Mary Louise Heldrich — "It looks like L.O.W.I. but I don't know what it stands for."

Walter Jacobs — "They look like curse words used in a comic book."

George McCain — "Looks like a tribe of snakes crossing some large initials in a mountainside."

Jerry Gildar — "It's Greek to me."

Barbara Lipman — "It looks like the brand on a cow."

Judy Anekstein — "Some ancient kind of letter or symbol."

Ken Treat — "It looks like somebody tried to write a word without looking at what he was writing."

Joanne Milliken — "It's the symbol for the name of a cowboy's ranch."

Nancy Tompkinson — "It looks like somebody is out of his mind."

John Maffet — "It looks like eleven-fifteen and a pitchfork."

Boice McCain — "The spot an optometrist sees before his eyes after a busy day of eye examinations."

Kenny Weiner — "It looks like a quarter after eleven and a 'W' cut in half."

Sharon Ries — "It's a futuristic drawing of George Washington and his cherry tree."

Jim Burke — "Looks like Art Karshmer's so-called handwriting."

In case you still don't know, the doodle is a camera view of Bert and Harry Piel.

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Just lately there has been quite a controversy about homework assignments on weekends. I, myself am quite happy with the present situation, but some seem not to be. I don't think these people realize the end which they are hoping to gain. If our weekends are free we must have more daily assignments, which we do not need. They are of sufficient length at present. To give us more daily homework would mean that we would have a minimum of relaxation for five days a week. A trite old saying goes, "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy." This is just the case. By the time Saturday arrived we would be in a state of mental exhaustion — too tired to enjoy ourselves.

Perhaps this is an exaggeration, but I think not. At the present time few of us have complaints, and this seems to be logical. As things stand we have leisure each day, and on weekends. Of prime importance is the fact that we did not come to Prep to play, and I think most of us agree on that point. I propose that we leave things as they are.

Signed,

Marc B. Leavitt.

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To the editor:

Many of the boys at Rutgers Prep have expressed a dislike of the rule which makes wearing jackets and ties to school every day compulsory.

I admit that the wearing of jackets and ties tends to make the student body appear neat and uniform, but I am sure that the personal pride of the students would keep them (the students) looking neat and presentable, if they were allowed to dress more casually. The wearing of jackets and ties is not necessary to make us look like college preparatory students; most colleges allow their students to attend classes in casual clothes.

Some of the boys at Rutgers Prep feel that they would be more at ease if they didn't have to wear jackets and ties to class; they might be more active in discussions and be able to concentrate better on classroom work, if they were allowed to dress casually and comfortably.

When the weather is rainy, snowy, very hot, or very cold, dressing would be much more convenient if jackets and ties were not mandatory.

I suggest that the student council sees if anything could be done towards the changing of this rule, as soon as possible.

Uncomfortably yours,

Nomore Tyezanjackettes.



## SPORTLIGHT

by Bernard Karshmer

Now that our dismal soccer season, and I mean dismal (0-8-1), has drawn to a close, all eyes will be focussed on basketball. As in past years the Little Scarlet hoopsters prospects look better than average. By average I mean 14 wins against 7 losses. . . Of course Prep will miss high scoring Marty Metzger, who piled up an amazing 527 points; but from here it looks as though newcomer, Ron Jackowitz, and returning letterman, Andy Piscatelli, will be able, to some extent, offset the loss of Metzger. Sharpshooting Jim Murray looks like the kind of ball player that's always nice to have around. He not only has deadly set and jump shots, but also is one of our best rebounding prospects. Bruce Gunkle and Joe Messina are aiming for the other two starting berths. The other boys on the squad are Dave Stephen, Jim Durkin, Jim Burke, "Monkey" Feldman, Bob Smith, and Dean Kamm.

Friday's game against St. Mary's (S.A.) ought to be a good one. It is never a push over. It will be played on the home hardwood.

The Little Scarlet J.V.'s, if they are as good as they are estimated to be should end their best record in many a year.

Let's all get out and back the team in the first and in every game.

**RUTGERS PREPARATORY  
SCHOOL  
VARSITY BASKETBALL  
Schedule 56-57**

## DECEMBER

7 St. Mary's (S.A.)	Home	3:30
8 Peddie School	Home	2:00
14 Croyden Hall	Away	3:30
18 Pingry School	Away	3:45
19 Rutgers Freshmen	U.G.	6:30
21 St. Mary's (S.A.)	Away	8:00
27 Alumni	Home	7:30

## JANUARY

4 Newark Rutgers J.V.	Away	5:15
8 Croyden Hall	Home	3:30
11 Pennington Prep	Away	8:00
15 Jamesburg High	Home	3:30
16 Blair Academy	Away	4:00

## FEBRUARY

1 Jamesburg High	Away	8:00
2 Brooklyn Poly	Away	2:00
6 Admiral Far. Acad.	Away	3:45
8 South River High	Away	7:00
12 Pingry School	Home	3:45
15 Sayreville High	Away	8:00
16 Admiral Far. Acad.	Home	3:45
19 St. Benedict's Prep	Home	3:45
20 Peddie School	Away	3:30
23 Pennington Prep	Home	2:00
27 Private Schools		

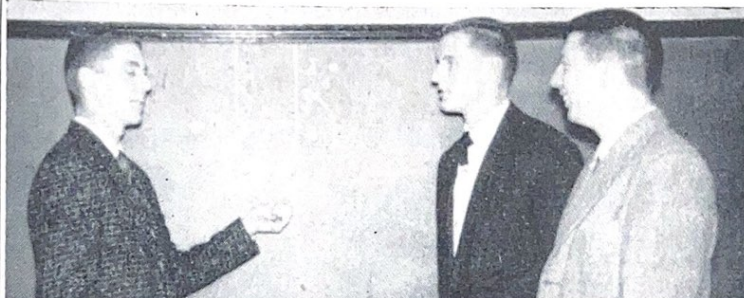
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# Prepsters Outscrimmage Strong St. Peter's Five



Varsity Starters, Murray, Piscatelli and Jackowitz, Go Over New Play.

On November 28, the Rutgers Prep basketball team traveled to Sacred Heart School to encounter Coach Jake Bornheimer's St. Peter's quintet. The "Little Scarlet" played exceedingly well, going home contented with their fine showing against the runners-up in the Catholic A Division Tournament last year.

The whole team which includes Ron Jackowitz, Andy Piscatelli, Bruce Gunkle, Jimmy Murray, Jim Durkin, Dave Stephens, "Monk" Feldman and Joe Messina, made the trip. Unfortunately, ex-St. Peter's dribbler, Jimmy Burke, who had been looking forward

to scrimmaging his old "buddies" took ill; Bobby Fazekas and Max Kamm, also, were unavailable for the afternoon.

The Prepsters wasted no time in taking lead over their next door enemies. Ron Jackowitz and Jimmy Murray, continuously drove through the Petrean defense for lay-ups and easy jumpers around the key; when the defense collapsed, both ripped the cords with deadly sets. Joe Messina and Bruce Gunkle also hit well from the outside to contribute to the fall of the St. Peter's zone. Andy Piscatelli was essential in rebounding and scored frequently on jump shots around the key.

On defense, the story was much the same. Prep dominated the backboards and early in the game tallied numerous fast breaks with Jackowitz, Gunkle and Messina on the scoring end. Monk Feldman and Jimmy Durkin proved good hawkers while Dave Stevens was sweeping the boards along with Murray and Piscatelli to stop Staggard, Criss, and Co. cold.

When the game ended the Prepsters appeared confident of another successful season. Although no scores were kept and individual points were not tabulated, Managers Hancox and Rackmill reported a clear-cut Prep victory. They disclosed that the "Little Scarlet" had won by about 30 points and imagined Jackowitz and Murray netted 30 apiece with Piscatelli, Messina and Gunkle not far behind.

## J. V.'s Expect Better Season

This year a new coach has come to the school to coach the Jay Vees. Al Murasko, a former Prep great, has taken over the job which Mr. Speduto had handled for several years.

The team shows good promise, for many of the boys who will play on the Jay Vee played on the team the year before. Because of this, they have that needed game experience. Some of the boys who will play this year are, Jimmy Racz, Bobby Cox, Irv Quakenboss, Frank Hof, Steven Holsten, Melvin Hamelsky and some under-classmen who play on the varsity squad.

Last year the Junior Varsity didn't have much of a season but this year it hopes to improve on its last years record.

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## War And Peace Has Its Debut

War and Peace is one of the longest and most spectacular movies ever made and it certainly is long. There are more people, horses, chariots, and scenery in this picture than in just about any other and more minutes too. But after sitting through all this splendor for four hours, you begin to wonder where it gets you.

### THE GAY LIFE

The first half of the picture is the peace part. There's a war going on but it is far away, and nobody really cares about wars that are far away. The picture opens in Moscow. Things are great especially if your rich, as the people whom we see are. Everybody lives in splendor and the picture is full of beautiful dancers and fox hunts, of people falling in and out of love, drinking and dueling and enjoying themselves in general. The acting is very good, especially Audrey Hepburn, who runs around the whole picture with a smile and a low cut dress. In fact, everything is very beautiful, but it doesn't go anyplace. Even that wouldn't be so bad but two hours of standstill can get a little boring.

### BLOOD AND GORE

Then we come to the second half, when Napolian's army invades Moscow. This part doesn't get anywhere either, but it has so many interesting things, such as, people dying and men wounded, and bloody and shot, and the French army getting massacred and dying like flies, as they tramp through the snow, and the little episode, where a soldier opens the door of a coach and out falls a beautiful lady frozen-solid (Product of Birds Eye Inc.)

War and Peace is a great spectacle. The acting is superb and the scenery is wonderful. It presents an interesting picture of how war effects an aristocracy. One just wonders if its worth the time.

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**RUTGERS  
CHEVROLET**

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## CLUB NEWS

The Aviation Club is on the wing this year and meets on Thursdays. Bob Cox is the president and Mr. Moffat is the advisor. Twelve boys are active in the club.

Each meeting two boys are assigned to report on different phases of aviation, with a discussion following. At the meetings Mr. Moffat explains the different parts of an airplane, how to navigate a plane, and how to prepare for a license.

At the beginning of the school year the group went on a flying trip to learn elementary maneuvers and straight flying. The group plans to do some cross country flying in the near future.

### THE CHEM CLUB

The members of the Chem Club have shown quite an interest in the activities of their club. The club meets during activities period on Wednesdays, to explore the field of Chemistry further than class periods will permit. President Martin Levowitz opens the meetings and explains the experiment which the club will take part in. All experiments are arranged by the planning committee, Sally Searls, Jennifer Upton, Richard Conrad, and Louise DiLalo, who are headed by Arlene Greenberg, vice-president of the club. Barbara Lipman is the club's secretary. Everyone enjoyed making bouncing putty, synthetic rubber, hand lotion and hydrogen peroxide, or, to quote Martin Levowitz, "Sally Searls' hair tonic."

## CLASS PARENTS MEET

During November, evening conferences were held for the parents of Rutgers Preparatory School Students.

The three main discussions were: changing aspects of secondary education, purposes of the school's guidance program, and Mr. Heinlein spoke to the senior parents about the problems concerning college admission.

Every teacher spoke with the classes they teach. Parents had many questions in regards to the marking system, class discussions, and conduct of the students. All of these questions were well answered by our faculty along with personal problems.

Many new students have come to Rutgers Preparatory this semester, and their parents had an ideal opportunity to meet our instructors and see our school.

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## Columbia Presents Its 33rd Contest

This year the Argo is going to be entered in the 33rd Annual Contest for school newspapers, sponsored by the Columbia Scholastic Press Association.

The Columbia Scholastic Press Association, found in 1925, is an organization of school publications sponsored by Columbia University. There is a governing board which is composed of about thirty men and women who have had experience in the student publications field.

The newspapers are entered in the contest and are read and rated by the Board of Judges. With each newspaper entered, a booklet in which the scoring of the Judges, based on a range of 1,000 points together with critical and helpful comments, may be found.

Normally it takes about four to six weeks to score the newspapers after the convention is over, then the results are mailed to the various schools.

Publications receiving a first place rating receive a certificate embossed in gold, second place in silver, and third place in bronze. Some of the first place publications are selected to receive a special certificate, achieving "Medalist" rating.

Last year the Argo received a third place rating, but this year they expect to do much better.

## LOWER SCHOOL NEWS

The Fourth grade has been studying the Netherlands and how the Dutch have to fight the sea. A committee has set up an experiment in the Science Room pots of soil and seeds. The Class is watching to see if seeds watered with salty water will grow.

The Sixth grade summarized their study of Rome by making a film strip to illustrate the outstanding events in early Roman history. The students drew pictures illustrating such events as the triumphant entry of a conquering General and the murder of Julius Caesar. These pasted together to make a film strip which was shown in a box projector made by Phillip Shapiro and his father.

Mr. Spurduto's seventh grade has been studying the causes of the Revolutionary War and the revolution itself. The class has written several editorials and held debates showing the viewpoints of both England and the colonies.

By John Schmitt with help of Lower School reporters.

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