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Argonauts Face Toughest Opponent Of Season Tonight

by Michael Berrus

Today, Friday, February 12, the Rutgers Prep Varsity Basketball team faces its toughest opponent of the season, New Brunswick H.S., at home in the Prep gym. Whether the game is exciting depends upon a few important factors. First, New Brunswick possesses one of the best teams in Central Jersey, and for Prep to stay in the game, Coach O'Connell's squad will have to produce its finest performance of the season.

The Zebras of New Brunswick are led by forward guard Gary Brokaw, one of the finest prospects in the country. Brokaw is presently over thirty points per game. Thus for the Argonauts to have a chance of winning, they must hold Brokaw down in the scoring column; this is a necessity if Prep is to even stay close to New Brunswick during the game.

However, New Brunswick is by no means an entirely one man team. All of their players are excellent. The other starters include Ralph Pittman and Ed Sevinski at forward, Harold Sombart at center, and Skip Zimmerman at guard. Sombart, 6'6", and Sevinski, 6'4", are tough rebounders, and it is essential that they be boxed-out and kept away from the boards: Paul Smith and Walt Rockhill, Prep's two best rebounders, will have to battle every second. Pittman is the team's other consistent scorer, possessing a points per game average of about 15.

The chance that Prep has to win lies mostly on the shoulders of Sophomore star Paul Smith, and Senior Ray Miklos. Smith intimidates opposing players when they



Ray Miklos in action . . .

get near the basket, and it is not unusual for him to block six or more shots during the course of a game. In addition, it is extremely difficult to stop him from scoring once he gets the ball at his low post position. Miklos is the squad's best shooter, possessing great accuracy from as far away as 25 feet. He is very quick, and difficult to defend. If Miklos and Smith are on, that is if they are making a majority of their shots, then the game should be close right to the end. However, on the basis of overall team strength, individual ability, this reporter predicts that New Brunswick will be on top when the final buzzer sounds.

Individual Efforts Spark RP Wrestlers and Swimmers

The Wrestling team has had an uneven season this year. Several star players, such as David Scott and Warren Silverman, add to the squad. But on the whole, there is a basic lack of man power. The two above have scored the best individual records on the team. But even these two performances have not yet brought the Wrestling team to a winning standing. So far, their record is four losses and no wins.

J.V. Basketball

Coach Mike Stang has brought his J.V. Basketball team to a first place standing in our conference. This is due to the finesse with which the team works together. Set plays come off effectively, and fluid action add to its performance. So far they have a fine record of nine wins and three losses. Star players are Richard Clifford, who is leading the team in individual scoring, with an average of about eighteen points per game, Eric Weitzen, and Jim Jaszonowski. If the J.V. team can maintain its strength until the end of the season, it will easily be in contention for the league championship.

Varsity Swimming

The Varsity Swimming team has dropped seven and has won two meets as of yet. Their first win came from Hun, with a score of 56 to 46. The next win came last Friday against North Plainfield. The two consistent swimmers on the team have been Glen Brewer and Mike Matyas. Brewer has set both team and pool records in the 100 yd. backstroke. Other winning

swimmers are Riki Burks and Dave Simmons. Next year's team will probably have more experience, since many of the team's members are now underclassmen.

Freshmen Basketball

Despite a 9-11 record last year as the 7th and 8th grade team, this year's freshmen basketball team has hoop-la. At present, they are 4-0, with wins coming over Croynell Hall, Dunellen, Wardlaw, and East Brunswick. The reason (Continued on page 2)

Zassler Ranks Fifth In Extemp. Speaking

The Rutgers Prep Debate and Forensics team kicked off the 1971 campaign with a solid showing at the University of Pennsylvania's Liberty Bell Tournament. The Tournament featured 55 schools representing seven states. It was held on January 23 and 24.

In the Forensics Division, Prep was represented by Robert Zassler and Tom Pfaffle. Bob Zassler placed 5 out of a field of 54 competitors in extemporaneous speaking. Tom Pfaffle, considering his experience, did a very fine job ranking 29 out of 50 competitors in oral interpretation.

In the Varsity Debate Division, Prep was represented by a team of Larry Field and Peter Gentile. The team won two and lost four with a rank of 38 out of 73.

Beronio Drafts Draft Program

by Rena Segal

A program designed to provide clear, factual answers to students' questions concerning their military draft status is currently being organized. Mr. Beronio, adviser, says that the program's sessions will not be designed to debate the pros and cons of our foreign or military draft policies, but rather to acquaint interested boys with the necessary procedures for registering.

The planning for the sessions is yet in its preliminary stages. To date, the State Director of Selective Service has been requested to send a list of available speakers who live in the Somerset area. Mr. Beronio is also planning to order books and pamphlets which will be made available to all students through the library.

LOWER SCHOOL NEWS

The seventh grade contributed seventy-five dollars in lieu of Christmas gifts to a Korean orphanage. This was enough money to buy seventy pairs of shoes and 50 book bags. The sixth grade gave \$32 to needy cases. On January 9, ninety students of the Lower School attended a performance of the Nutcracker Suite in New York at the State Theater. The sixth grade had a very successful expedition to the Metropolitan Museum, where they particularly enjoyed the armor exhibit.

The second semester began on February first, with an honors assembly. Eight students achieved first honors.

Good Things Come In Small Packages—Hello Mrs. Herzberg



by Eileen Opatul

Monday, February 8th . . . It is common knowledge that most female actresses are what you might call "catty." "Vicious," etc. In short, this member of womankind, the actress, does her utmost to bare her feline claws. Not always so. This belief can be refuted with one prime example—Mrs. Barbara Herzberg, the new member of the English Department. Although Mrs. Herzberg belongs to the clan of female firebrands, she is nevertheless a very open and sincere woman. My interview with her destroyed all suspicions of "femme fatale-ity." Mrs. Herzberg is quite interesting and holds a captive audience.

She attended Oberlin College, where English was her major. (Drama took up a good deal of her time.) After college, acting fever brought her to Cincinnati, her hometown, where she spent a year working at the Playhouse in the

Board Considers New Committee Membership

by Joe Greenbaum

The Board of Trustees has announced a partial restructuring of its format which will allow a broader representation of the school community to work in closer co-operation with each other and the Board. Part of the new plans will allow student representation on four of the Board's subcommittees: the Academic Advisory Committee, the Finance Committee, the Community Relations Committee has not yet established its course Community Relations Committee. The Academic Advisory Committee is the oldest Advisory Committee. As indicated by its name, it recommends curriculum changes to the Master Planning Committee. Although The Community Relations Committee has not yet established its course of action, it will deal with Prep's interaction with the community. The Finance Committee attends to the School's economic state, and the Physical Facilities Committee plans and oversees the construction of new buildings on Campus. Dr. Morton, new president of the Board of Trustees, has described the new structure being established as similar to the "participative management system" now employed by many corporations. This system allows all sides to be heard and considered before the Board makes final decisions.

Each of the above committees contains representatives from the Board of Trustees, the faculty, parents, and now the student body. The School Council has already selected Tom Ronnell and Warren Silverman to represent students on the Academic Committee, Louis Gevirtzman on the Finance Committee, Warren Silverman on the Physical Facilities Committee and Eileen Opatul on the Community Relations Committee.

Through the participation of students in the basic planning of the school's future, Dr. Morton now hopes that all elements of the school community will be able to work together. It is this increase in communications between the many varied groups in the school that presents the greatest hope for the future of Rutgers Prep.

News In Brief

Rutgers Prep welcomes five new student teachers from Rutgers and Douglass Colleges. Miss Ino Tamargo is assisting the Spanish department and Miss Barbara Menkowsky is working with Mr. Bratek in the History Department. Mr. Edward Murphy, Mr. John McFadden, and Mr. Robert Werzen will be learning from and assisting Prep's English teachers.

The Middlesex Concrete Products and Excavating Corporation will begin work on our tennis courts this spring. The hard-surfaced courts will be located to the immediate left of the Art Studio.

Joe Cahn was elected President of the junior class as a result of the vacancy made by the School Council election. A new system of voting was instituted by the class in which the voters assigned points to the candidates in order of preference (i.e.—the favorite gets three points, next favorite two points, and so on) with the candidate receiving the greatest number of points winning. Although the Math Team is lacking in membership, its performance is sparked by the individual results of Mark McDonnell. Thus, the team has retained its mid-way position in the Central Mathematics League standings. Other members of the team are Louis Gevirtzman, Irene Chang, Chris Darrell, and Louis Siano.

The faculty and senior class will hold their annual bowling competition tomorrow, February 13, at the Caroler Lanes in North Brunswick. The game will begin at 7:00 P.M.

Outing Club

The Outing Club has scheduled its winter overnight for February 26, 27, and 28 at the Bellplain State Park, near Cape May.

The club has already gone on a canoe trip, horseback riding and on an Easton Avenue clean-up. Some possibilities for future trips are a bicycle trip, a spring overnight hike, and a beach trip.

Girl's B.B. Team Moves Forward

At its final home game on Feb. 5, the girls' basketball team lost to Highland Park by eighteen points with a final score of 47-29. The two teams tied 8-8 in the first quarter, but the Highland Park girls achieved an eight point lead in the second quarter and maintained it throughout the third quarter. In the final quarter, the guest team established an additional ten point lead over Prep. High scorer for the game was Babe Rubin with thirteen points.

The girls played their first away game at Bridgewater East on Feb. 9 and have three additional away games scheduled.

Park, a new repertory theatre.

Next, she went to the Graduate School of Drama at Tufts University. There she became a graduate assistant and taught speech. Before coming to Prep, Mrs. Herzberg taught at a junior college in Boston, and one of the community colleges of the University of Kentucky. She also taught for three years at Northeastern University.

Her courses here are English II and III, and Drama. But enough background material. Mrs. Herzberg's ideas are what's important. She believes in communication. The English language is a most efficient form of communication and should be appreciated and savoured. For this reason, she attacks her classes with a sort of "missionary zeal." Mrs. Herzberg is truly interested in making the student involved in learning, but in a way that "stretches" them, that challenges (Continued on page 2)

Arts Expansion Is Now Necessary

In the past, especially during the Student Discussions held with the Visiting Evaluation Committee last year, one could hear much criticism about Prep's Art and Music Program. It is true that Prep does offer art for 1/2 credit, an Art History Course, and a Drama Class, a Drama Club, and the Prep theatrical group; but, in other realms of the arts, Prep lacks greatly.

Some students are now endeavoring to fill this Prep gap. The new School Council recently established a Music & Arts Committee whose prime objective at this time is to sponsor a Festival in the fall of 1971. Tom Ronell, chairman of the committee, has indicated that the committee would like to invite other schools to this proposed festival in which all persons could display their talent be it in forensics, drama, music, art, or science (or any other category).

The Glee Club, also, has suffered setbacks with the loss of its director, Mr. Barry Peterson. However, student incentive has once again pulled through—George Steffen has taken it upon himself with Lisa Mogland (club president) to help arrange musical selections. Hopefully, the spring concert will be presented as originally planned.

The Administration and faculty have been encouraging all of these plans and actions, and some are endeavoring to help. However, it seems that this is not enough. True, Prep is a college preparatory school, but it is of my opinion that a full or part-time qualified music teacher, and a more well-rounded arts program would be for the betterment of all.

J.K.

IN THIS CORNER

It would have been just another game for the Varsity Basketball Squad, an easy win over a mediocre team. As it turned out, it was an easy win, but the past years of work of a dedicated ballplayer came to a peak and made the game anything but routine. The stands were filled with enthusiastic fans, all of whom came out to see Ray Miklos break 1000 points. He began the game with 974 points, and each time he sank a shot, sirens wailed and the fans screamed their approval. Midway through the third quarter, the tension and expectations came to an apogee, as Ray scored on a foul shot, bringing his total to 999. After this, every time he got the ball and drove up the court, the gym was filled with screams. Three times Ray drove and either missed or gave the ball to a teammate who had a better opening. Finally, with 2:33 left in the third quarter, Ray sank a 25-footer for points 1000 and 1001. While everyone leaped and cheered, the game was halted and the ball presented to Ray.

Ray Miklos is, however, not out for glory, a piece of history, and a record. He exemplifies the ideals of sportsmanship by constantly trying to improve his game and being a team leader; not a team leader through constant vocal spirit, but through example. Rutgers Prep should be proud and honored to have an athlete and a leader like Ray Miklos. Congratulations Ray.

Till next issue, Bill.

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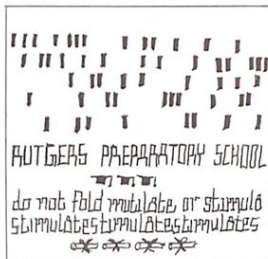
Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor:

Please tabulate the number of bricks, tiles, and lights in each of the rooms of the Upper School. It seems very often that many students find such a distracting, maddening fascination for counting the number of bricks, tiles, and lights that it becomes difficult to concentrate on the board. Thus the publication of these figures will allow students to pay attention by setting their minds at ease.

Yet I fear that there will be a new fascination with counting the number of dents in a pencil if this is done. The logic of everything is still elusive. What is inconsistent then?

Ask a student when was the last time that he was excited by a concept arising from each of his courses. And nearly everyone has had to try so hard to remember. That worries me. But don't take my word for it. Ask.



There is very little chance for an imagination to stretch (except when faced with essay questions on a test that have not been studied for or understood). Yes, we primarily apply analytic understanding and memorizing. So I wonder whether the non-structured side of our brains will be around when we need to solve new, unheard-of

problems.

Sincerely,
Irene Chang

To The Editor:

What this school lacks is a good music teacher and musical program. Although we are starting a band, it will be no good without a music teacher to direct it and to give members instrumental lessons. The Board of Trustees should set up a system of renting musical instruments so that students who are interested could rent them here. I think that this would be more convenient for the people who want to join the band.

Donald Eng



We decided to ask members of Prep what they thought the school most needed. Following are some responses:

More boys . . . Diane Benczik
More extensive arts program . . . Leslie Okun

Better underclassmen . . . More respect for upperclassmen . . . John Schamel
More faith in the administration . . . Jeff Zirpolo

Food . . . I got sick three times from that food . . . Joe DiGiacomo

More progressive ideas . . . Since this is a better school there should be better ideas . . . Louis Rosenbaum

New school . . . Martin Frank
Less library restrictions . . . Roland Tran-dafir and Jeff Horowitz

New dress code . . . Brian Loftus
More days off . . . Toby Opatut

Better inter-cultural cross section of students . . . Mr. Bratek
Less homework . . . Sandra Schoicket

What do you think? Express your ideas to the "Argo."

What are you doing these long months of February and March?
Want something EXCITING?
Submit to your urge by submitting to ours...
THE URGE
(What is it? We won't tell you. Find out for yourself.)

Let's Make Onion Pastry

by Irene Chang

ONION PASTRY—1 Hour Preparation
In a bowl put roughly 2 cups of flour. Add just enough warm water to hold together. Dump out and knead 15 minutes until smooth and clumpy in texture.

Dust dough with flour while rolling, folding, and unfolding repeatedly until less than 2/3 x the thickness of a dictionary cover and an elongated oval sheet. Brush off excess flour.

Coat surface evenly with vegetable oil. Mince an onion. Scatter salt and onion over dough evenly. Roll into a very skinny, long cylinder. Cut cylinder into segments about as long as the width of a smile.

Close the ends of each cylinder (like a draw string bag). Stand the cylinder on its end and smoothen into a circle. Roll into an oval 3/2 x the thickness of a dictionary cover. (Cassell's & Miriam Webster's Col-legate but not the unabridged volumes.)

Fry until golden brown. Eat immediately if possible (but they can be stored and reheated in toaster.)

Winter Sports—cont'd.

for their success has been fine team work led by newcomers Ricky Weitzen and Jeff Miklos.

GAMES—February 5-11

Swimming	Feb. 5 RP 49	No. Plainfield 37
Wrestling	Feb. 8 RP 34	Rahway 52
Varsity Basketball	Feb. 10 RP 10	St. Bernards 41
Feb. 5 RP 70		Wardlaw 59
Feb. 6 RP 79		Montclair Academy 64
Feb. 10 RP 86		So. Hunterdon Reg. 56
JV Basketball	Feb. 10 RP 61	So. Hunterdon Reg. 62
Fresh Basketball	Feb. 5 RP 53	Wardlaw 39
7th & 8th Grade Basketball	Feb. 6 RP 32	Montclair Academy 60

Fireside Chat with Tom Ronell

As our new School Council took office about three weeks ago, dissatisfaction was running rampant among the student body.

Do not take the word "dissatisfaction" as meaning that students don't want a Council. They do want a Council—one that is representative of them, is responsive to their needs and desires, and uses its power correctly for the betterment of Rutgers Prep.

We believe that now we have a Council that is capable of performing up to and beyond the students' expectations. We are currently experimenting with a new constitution which calls for a "School Congress"—a new form of government incorporating the town council idea.

Our meetings are open to everyone, and you are urged to present us with your opinions on any matter connected with the Council. If it is not possible to attend, at least see your representatives to the Council. They will welcome any ideas or constructive criticism you may have to offer.

At this point we ask you this: give your new School Council a chance. Have an open mind; evaluate what we are trying to accomplish and lend us your opinion. It is my sincere belief that you will see favorable results shortly.

Youth Forum Representatives Are Diversified

by Florence Ezekwe

For me and probably for most of the other delegates, it is a wonderful opportunity to visit some other country and to meet each other. Each delegate is supposed to be an outstanding student from his or her country and I have found them really outstanding! I shall tell you about a few of them and you can then judge for yourself. Cecilia Gomez from the Philippines is really a wonderful person. She is so bright and happy that she can never keep from talking and laughing!

Susan Liu is bright, accomplished and like Singapore, very, very westernized. Sylvain Merino from France and Claudio Treves from Italy are the philosophers of the group. You could never lack for something to think and wonder about while they are around. Benma Donkoh from Ghana is a typical African. She is thoughtful, clever and very proud of the African culture. Alon Warburg from Israel is thoughtful, quiet and very shrewd. Stephen Cooke from the United States is typically American and very much aware of the social and political problems in America. Kamal Badr from Lebanon is direct and very logical. All the rest of the thirty-two delegates have equally impressive personalities and I could go on all day telling you about them. But there is one thing they all have in common; they are all very clever and very very nice.

Interview—cont'd.

their minds and widens their perspectives and growth. She would like her students to see that "the best that has been said and thought" in history is still relevant. Her classes have a certain amount of structure, but she believes in the "elasticity of things"—things can always be changed. Her optimism leads her to believe that "people want to be as good as they can be." So Mrs. Herzberg tries to teach her students the methods of approaching a problem; a basic knowledge of the subject must be obtained before criticism and action can take place.

"I love to act—I enjoy that very much. I love to take someone else's words and give them the best possible interpretation, to make the words 'flesh'." What can I say? Hurray Mrs. Herzberg! You are not a cunning leopardess in disguise. You are truly involved in your teaching and aware of your students. Your anecdotes and free expression live up even my gloomiest Mondays. It's nice to welcome an asset to Rutgers Prep.