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SENIORS ARGUE THAT EXCHANGE STUDENT IS UNSUITABLE DURING TRANSITION PERIOD

To the Editor:

Since it is the duty of seniors to set an example for the school, when the question of an exchange student arose, the seniors attempted to discuss the problem from all aspects possible in the one class meeting held for this purpose. The most common argument, if there was one, was the suitability of this school for an exchange student, not of the student for this school. No mention was made, directly or indirectly, of the benefits to the senior class.

Discussion centered around the problems facing a student coming to this particular school in the senior year. Who is more qualified to debate this area than the seniors themselves? We realized that a student coming to a public high school geared to an exchange program would have an easier time than one entering a private school where the emphasis is placed on the academic work. As for social success, seniors did not base this on dates alone, but on opportunities to meet new people, specifically through dances, sports events, and other social functions. Any student coming here and watching other students as examples, would not wind up with too many of these opportunities.

Seniors were not as concerned with "how the presence of a

foreign student could benefit Prep," as they were with how Prep would benefit a foreign student. A person coming here to learn of American education would not come to a private school. Prep, as with any other private school, is not the typical American high school. A person coming to Prep next year would find a school in an awkward transition, with students and faculty alike confused in a new surrounding and curriculum. Why bring a student into a place of confusion where everyone would be concerned with his own difficulties?

The seniors attempted, in the short time allowed, to consider all viewpoints and to reach a wise decision. Foremost in their minds was the experience with last year's exchange student. Too many difficulties arose not to be overlooked. These problems must not occur again.

Many seniors also questioned the role of the International Fund in this program. The express purpose of this organization was to raise money for an exchange student, yet on May 21, 1962, they voted 180 to adopt a child in the Far East, on November 13, 1962, 50 to support a private school for girls in the Upper Volta. The Fund raised a total of \$446 last year. This year the same amount, if not more, could have been raised. With a maximum of \$50, then, from each class, a student could have been sponsored for next year. The members themselves voted to spend their money on other projects. These same members are now voting for money from class treasuries, a measure

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REVISE SCHEDULE OF AFTERNOON PROGRAM

(Ed. Note: We welcome letters taking any stand on the instituted schedule, from any part of the student body, with or without ulterior motives.)

The new schedule for the second half of the school day was inaugurated by the faculty, at a meeting on February 7. The faculty arrived at a tentative decision after much discussion in several meetings, and presented it to the student body for an advisory vote. The faculty decision was reached after consideration of the student vote, and the plan went into effect on February 11.

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Student SpotlightFRESHMAN WINS CONTESTS WITH UNUSUAL HOBBY

William Dunlap, a member of the Class of '66, has a hobby that is unique in this school. He memorizes both long and short poems which he recites and acts out.

He started this unusual hobby at Carson Long Military School, near Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, which he attended during the sixth, seventh, and eighth grades. The school held mid-year and commencement declamation contests, which any student could enter to recite poetry or make speeches.

There were first, second, and third place prizes which consisted of money, Varsity letters, and medals. When he was in the seventh grade, Dunlap entered the contest. He was coached by a senior English teacher, and finished in third place with his rendition of "Casey At the Bat."

In the eighth grade Dunlap entered both contests, reciting "The Cremation of Sam McGee" for the first and "Dunkirk" at the second. For the former he received a second place prize.

The largest group he has recited for was 900 people, but on occasion Dunlap admits he will recite for one person. His repertoire also includes "The Shooting of Dan McGrew," parts of "Congo" and "Paul Revere's Ride," "The Road Not Taken," "The Tide Rises, the Tide Falls," various Indian poems, "Paradox," "Going After Cows in a Fog," and "The Poor Unfortunate Hottentot." He is now learning to recite "The Raven," and his goal is to learn "Evangeline."

Varsity Drops Close
One to S. Brunswick

Conquered by a rally late in the second half, the Prep Cagers dropped one notch below an "even season," Wednesday, when they lost a 75-69 decision to South Brunswick high school, at the Prep Gym.

The play was even throughout the first period, but the Argonauts moved out to a six point lead in the second quarter. Their lead was then cut to two points, with the half-time score at 42-40.

High scorers for the Prep team were Jacobs with 22 points, Young with 18, and Turtleaub with 16.

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which they could have avoided. If this organization had been formed for such a beneficial purpose, let the students themselves--all the students--back it up and not vote to spend the money in other ways.

It is not a discredit to the seniors to have voted down this measure. There is no question that an exchange student would be beneficial to the school, but not all the students openly support this program and have proved themselves worthy of an exchange student. Until they do, we will save our money for a suitable and useful class gift. Karen Kane '63 Ray Zirpolo '63

FRESHMEN TALLY 1-3
RECORD IN 1st SEASON

This year, for the first time, Prep has inaugurated a Freshman Basketball team, under the direction of Coach Robert Riesener. The team is playing a seven game schedule. Thus far the record stands at one win and three losses, but the team shows great promise for future years in the Junior Varsity and Varsity.

Andy Blumberg and Frank Balos lead the team with averages of 15.0 and 14.5 points per game, respectively. This record has been achieved against Linwood, South Brunswick, and Wardlaw. This scoring punch is backed up by Tony Montagna, Steve Patt, Ed Duschock, Bill Dunlap, Jeff Burke, Jay Lebow, and Carey Delcau. Two eighth graders, Joe Jacobs and Ray Mittman, are on the team.

The Wardlaw game was the sole victory. The Freshmen took it 53-48. An important return match is scheduled, as well as another with South Brunswick and one with Peddie.

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