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## Dr. Heinlein Offers His Welcome To Students As New Year Begins

by Dr. David M. Heinlein

I am happy to welcome students who I know are keenly alive in a stimulating world, possessing fine young minds and the ability to work. You may be participants in one of man's Golden Ages!

The literature of the past tells us that men with fine minds were speculating in higher mathematics, astronomy, technology, medicine, democracy, law, and religion. Five thousand-five hundred years ago scholars were solving the complex problems of their times and cultural needs. Although the potential of the human mind has not changed, civilizations have.

Our society imposes an obligation on you. It is your responsibility to develop your mind to its highest level! Our present culture, in which science is now a major social force, is in need of intellectual endeavors. Educate yourself so that you may make your contribution at the proper time.

I have always been impressed by the persistence men have had as they overcame the many obstacles which rose between them and their contribution to human experience and knowledge. Only extreme and repetitive penetration into knowledge will enable you acquire the fundamentals upon which you may build your future thoughts.

### Meet the Many Challenges

New knowledge seems most often to arise from challenges to one's accepted way of living. Wherever peoples of different religions, nations, races, and experience have met, they have wrought new knowledge out of their reciprocal questioning of facts, beliefs, and values.

You must question and continually reassess yourself as you study. As a citizen of a great metropolitan area you should take every advantage to know other peoples. Your language studies (including English) are constantly telling you about people. Seek to master the finer and deeper meanings.

### Find Wider Understanding

I welcome you all to our 194th school year. You have fine minds: develop them. You are strong, healthy, and capable of great motivation: work hard. You are on the fringe of a polyglot culture: seek the human understanding therein.

## Library to Reopen During First Week

The Rutgers Prep library will be under the management of Nancy Lee this year. During this first week, Nancy will announce the schedule

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## Senior Compliments Student Attitudes

Dear Editor,

As a student of three years standing at Prep, I can truly say that the decorum, behavior, and general attitude of the student body has steadily improved each year. As a result, the faculty has, in each successive year, placed more and more confidence in the Prepsters as a group, and in each person as an individual.

This gradual change in the relationship between the faculty and the student body has been brought about by a new maturity evidenced in each successive entering class. Evolutionary processes catch up with freshmen in their first days at Prep, during which they learn that they are respected as individuals, and have a definite standard of conduct to live up to. Without forsaking the fun and minor pranks which are essential to the new student, our recent classes have turned their energies more towards useful ends than toward vandalism.

Another favorable metamorphosis has been the slow and painstaking change from a school of pupils to a school of students. Let me define the terms, pupil and student. A pupil occupies desk space physically and at the end of the day he rushes out to purge his soul of academic content. The student occupies about the same space, but uses mental prowess also. In recent years, Prep students have completely merited all the confidence placed in them. I am sure that this year will mark even more maturity and greater school participation on the part of Prep.

Respectfully,

A Senior.

## Prep Summer Camps Serve Community Need

During the summer, Prep has been alive with activities. Besides the successful summer school, the basketball camps and the Queens Day Camp proved most beneficial to many boys from the central Jersey area.

This year's basketball camps accomplished a good deal in the way of training good players. In addition to our own coaches, Mr. Dickinson and Mr. O'Connell, there were many capable instructors from area schools.

There were two sessions. The first ran from August 10 to 16, and the second from the 17th to the 28th.

Players from far and near attended. Prep's representatives were Jack McCormick, Paul Gottlieb, and Jim Dunn. There were prizes awarded at the end of the camp to the outstanding players.

### Day Camp Trains and Entertains

The Queens Day Camp, under the leadership of Mr. Daviet and Mr. O'Connell, also has proved very successful. During the seven weeks from July 6 until August 21, the dozen or more campers did various tasks to improve the Elm Farm camping area. In addition to working, the campers took many trips. They took five of many students.



Mr. Daviet directs dock-building projects at Queens Day Camp

## Prep Welcomes New Teachers

Rutgers Prep is fortunate to have two new teachers this year. Mr. Michael L. Lasser will be teaching sophomore and junior English. In the lower school, math and science will be taught by Mr. Sorrel Paskin.

Mr. Lasser, a resident of New Brunswick, was an undergraduate student at Dartmouth. He received his M.A. at Brooklyn College and is doing graduate work towards his Ph.D. at Rutgers. He has taught

overnight excursions, including trips to Jenny Jump and Stokes State Forest. The campers also took many day trips to such places as Fort Dix and Paulingskill Lake. They even visited the Soviet Exhibition in New York.

### Summer School Ends Third Year

The summer school also chalked up a successful season. Many students from all over this area attended. The day was broken up into two periods of two hours each. The first period ran from 8:30 to 10:30, and the second, from 10:30 to 12:35. Two new teachers, Mr. Lasser and Mr. Paskin, who taught in the summer school, are back on the faculty for the regular season.

Besides enabling many students to make up courses that they had missed during the regular school year, it gave many students the opportunity to do advanced work.

All in all, Prep's summer activities proved extremely successful. The camps enabled many boys to have a good time while getting training in many fields. The summer school, while not as enjoyable as the camps, did a great deal to improve the minds

only college students, so teaching high school students will be a new experience for him and, we hope, a pleasant one.

### Appreciates Humanities Curriculum

Since he is still a little unfamiliar with the school, Mr. Lasser's impressions are limited. However, he is certainly pleased by the adminis-

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## Spring Monopolizes Social Activities

At the present time, this editor finds it in order to offer a suggestion to Student Council President Bruce Miller, and to the other officers, concerning the schedule of council-sponsored activities in the coming year. In the past, in spring, there has always been a great rush of special events, which are lacking throughout most of the rest of the year.

Unless a change is made, it is likely that once again the Field Day, the Senior Day, the annual class trips, the play, the Junior-Senior Prom, and another Spring dance will be crowded together into a relatively short period of time. Then, there are baseball games, as well as the team's practices, all of which consume a great deal of time. Often it is those last few weeks of classes that many of the faculty members choose for term-paper deadlines. There is the annual election of the next year's council officers, as well as the final edition of the *Argo*, which must follow immediately.

As past events have proved, often the people who must plan all these affairs cannot give as much time as is necessary. The suggestion is that the spring schedule be lightened slightly by transferring one or two special activities to a relatively "dead" month, such as November or February.

### ARGO SEEKS ASSISTANCE

As usual at this time of year, the *Argo* is seeking skilled writers to handle its numerous and varied assignments. Any student who has sufficient interest, time, and ability is welcome. I must stress, however, the necessity of full cooperation between writers and editors. Articles must be of the exact assigned length, and they must be finished by a certain deadline. They must be well-written stories, carefully re-read for errors; it is preferred, although not necessary, that they be typed.

### LIBRARY (continued from page 1)

of times the library will be open. Students will get written permission as usual from study hall teachers to use the library references and to get books for reviewing. The library is not a study room or student lounge and should be used only as specified by the librarian in charge.

Increasing the number of volumes in the library is, of course, difficult because of limited space. In spite of this, librarians will appreciate any suggestions from the students for new purchases and will add as many as possible this year.

### SCHEDULE OF CLASSES 1959 - 1960

	1	2	3	4	5	6
Mrs. Wilson .....	E-I	E-I	E-IV		E-IV	E-I
Mr. Lasser .....	E-III	E-II	E-II		S. H.	E-III
Mr. Spurduto .....	U. S.	U. S.	S. H.	Geo.	Anc. Hist.	
Mr. Holley .....	S. H.	Mod. Hist.		A I		
Mr. Dumarae .....		Lat. I	Lat. III	Lat. II	Adv. Lit.	Anc. Hist.
Mr. Gaggini .....	Fr. III	Fr. IV	Fr. I	Fr. II		
Mrs. Rooda .....	Ger. III	Sp. I	Ger. I	Sp. II	Ger. II	
Mr. Daviet .....	Bio.	Bio.	Chem.	Chem.	Sci.	
Mr. Blake .....	Adv. Math.	S. H.		Adv. Math.	Plane	A II
Mrs. Wilkerson .....	A I		A I	A II	A II	Plane
Mr. Heinlein .....						Phys.

## STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

by Bardy Levavy

This year's Student Council, led by a new, capable, and extremely ambitious president, Bruce Miller, seems predestined for success. Mr. Miller, an honor student who has distinguished himself during his undergraduate years by constantly thinking of prolific and successful ideas, is determined to lead this year's council to far greater heights than those attained in past years.

One of the big ideas which Mr. Miller has formulated is that of a dance club. This club, which he hopes to start this fall, would have as its sole duty the job of planning and setting up dances. This club would eliminate much of the mass confusion which takes place whenever there is a dance to be planned.

### President is Eager for Suggestions

Mr. Miller is also quite anxious to talk with any student who has anything to offer in the way of fresh ideas for dances, or suggestions for a new type of social event. There will be the usual dances, hay ride, and barbeque.

For those students who are wondering how new council members are elected, this columnist will elucidate. At the end of the school year, council officers are elected. Class officers are elected about a month after the school season starts. This gives the new student the same opportunity as one who has been here for a longer period of time to be elected to the council.



"And so we all look forward to a year rich with Chaucer, Shakespeare, Thoreau, etc. . . ."

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**NEW TEACHERS** (cont. from p. 1)  
tration's serious attitude toward humanities. He feels that Rutgers Prep stresses the value and importance of humanities much more than any high school, and this is one of the reasons why he likes Rutgers.

Mr. Lasser is married but has no children. His home is at 172 Philips Road. He is a classical music lover as well as being an ardent fan of jazz and folk music.

### Philosophy Major Teaches Eighth

Mr. Sorrel Paskin will teach 8th grade science and math. He taught math and chemistry this summer at Prep. Mr. Paskin has a degree in philosophy from the University of Pennsylvania and is doing his graduate work in that subject at Columbia. He has just married and is now living on Alexander St., in New Brunswick.

We certainly hope both Mr. Lasser and Mr. Paskin will enjoy teaching at Rutgers. With the help of the faculty and the students, they will easily fit into the friendly and studious atmosphere of our school.