

# The Argo

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RUTGERS PREPARATORY SCHOOL

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## School Announces Independence Day

Independence day at Rutgers Prep is October 23, 1958. On that day the last remaining tie with Rutgers University, a matter of \$100,000 in preparatory school endowment, was resolved in the Superior Court in Trenton.

### Prep Receives Endowments

The endowments, including \$85,000 from the George Y. N. Baldwin Jr. estate, were released by the Rutgers University's board of trustees to the prep school under the authorization of the court.

Before its separation from Rutgers in 1957, all gifts to Prep had to be donated through the University board of trustees. The \$100,000 will be used in the future towards the purchasing of the new high school at the Elm Farm Campus.

## Bill Jones Leaves

Bill Jones, our red-headed sophomore, will be in Brussels, Belgium for the next two years. He says, "I feel it will be a great opportunity for me and the family, but I feel great remorse about leaving my homeland and friends."

### Bill Will Go To American Boarding School

He thinks he will go to an American boarding school either in Switzerland or London. Bill says he would prefer London not only because of relatives living there, but because "Londoners speak English."

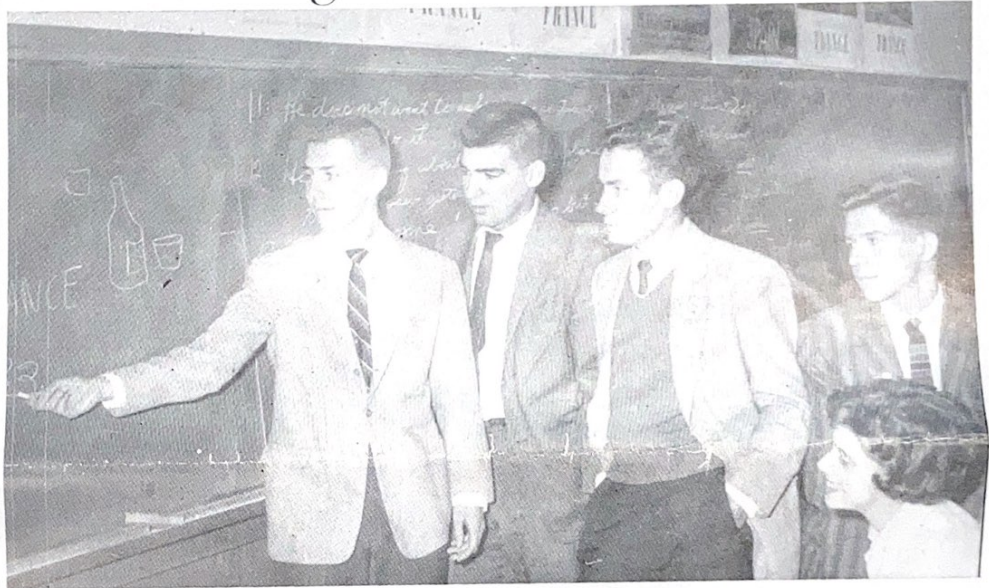
Bill will be writing an *Argo* column for every issue about people, schools, sights, and incidents. He will be back to go to Rutgers University, his academic goal.

## December Concert

The holiday season will be ushered in for Preppers and their families by the presentation of the Annual Glee Club Concert to be held at the Prep Gym on Friday, December 12 at 8 p.m.

The songsters, consisting of upper and lower school pupils under the able direction of Mrs. Edward A. Durkee Jr., are preparing a program of Christmas music. Included in the program are "Gesu Bambino," "We Wish You A Merry Christmas," "The Carol of the Little King," "Ding Dong, Merrily on High," and other familiar and loved selections of the nativity.

## Key Club Beautifies Prep Gymnasium For Exciting "Autumn Leaves" Dance



Miller, Gunkle, Struk, Wintersteiner, Levy Plan Dance Budget.

## Graduate's Letter To Argo Honors 1958 Ye Dial Advisor

By Bernard Karshmer

I have just received word that our yearbook, *Ye Dial* 1958, won first prize at the Columbia Scholastic Press Association. This is an even

greater honor for a man who is often overlooked when such a prize is awarded. The man to whom I am referring is Mr. Alfred Gaggini.

### Ye Dial Advisor Devotes Much Time

During my years on the yearbook staff, I never fully realized just how important a good advisor, as Mr. Gaggini, was to the publication of a good yearbook. I did discover as Editor of the *Ye Dial* last year, how invaluable a willing and capable man like Mr. G. can be. It would take many pages to tell of all the weekends he spent in the Prep School building working with the staff, or of all the time he spent at home working to make sure that a deadline was met. Mr. Gaggini's never tiring enthusiasm and calmness helped us out of many seemingly impossible situations.

I am sure that I speak for the rest of the staff when I say that we could never have done it alone. This is my small way of saying thanks to Mr. Gaggini; a teacher and a friend.

## Classes Plan Trips

A new class program will be started this year, with the individual classes taking separate trips.

The Freshman Class has tentatively decided to go to New York where they will tour Radio City and see a play. The planning committee is headed by William Sleight.

The Junior Class planning committee consists of Bruce Miller, Nancy Lee, and Peter Wintersteiner. They have decided to see *Westside Story*, a Broadway play.

Stanley Kamel's Sophomore Class planning committee has planned a theater party, which will be preceded by lunch in New York.

The Senior Class will visit the R. C. A. Building in New York in the morning and see a matinee in the afternoon.

The Key Club sponsored a dance on Saturday evening, the 22nd of November at 8:00 at the Prep Gym. The theme was "Autumn Leaves" and the dress was informal.

The members of the Key Club with the help of various other students took care of the refreshments and decorations. The gym was decorated in an array of fall colors: orange, brown, red and yellow, and a spotlight was focused on a display of logs spelling Autumn Leaves.

### Refreshments Were Delicious

The refreshments were prepared by Linda Levy, Betsy Kady, and Nancy Lee. George McCain and Ronald Smyth took care of the lighting. The colorful decorations were made possible by much diligent work the night before the dance on the part of Jim Smith, Nancy Lee, Mary Bunting, Amy Riddering, Jay Goldsmith, Steven Holsten, Peter Wintersteiner, Susie Hancox, and Danylo Struk.

Bruce Miller, the chairman, had made arrangements with a band called the "Eighth Notes," who have been playing locally for about a year. Hank Gurshman played the git-fiddle in the four piece band.





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## From The Editor's Desk

Among the many innovations in this wonderful year for Rutgers Prep is the beginning of the Physical Education Program under the guidance of Mr. O'Connell. Following the suggestion of the Middle States Secondary Education Board, Prep officials enlisted the aid of "Oakie" and Mr. Dickinson and are laying the ground work for a sound physical education program for both boys and girls at Prep.

Particularly pertinent were the remarks of Miss Pat Walsh, Director of the Girls Education Department, Piscataway High School, when she spoke to the girls of the student body recently. Miss Walsh pointed out that physical activity benefits the mind as well as the body, and that a well rounded school program must include a planned amount of physical education.

Prep officials are to be congratulated in beginning the physical education program this year despite the many problems which have arisen in our formal separation from Rutgers University and the successful opening of the Elm Farm Campus. Certainly their interest in giving us this program demands the respect and cooperation of every Prep student. Each one of us will receive benefits equal only to what is put into this project. Plans call for a variety of activity large enough to cover the interests of every student. Choosing the sport which interests you and giving your Physical Education class your whole hearted cooperation will benefit you personally as well as the school.

## Marc Time

By Marc Leavitt

Every freshman in school knows that Shakespeare wrote tragedies. Some students fail to learn that he also wrote rollicking comedies like *The Taming of the Shrew* and high comedy like *The Tempest*. He wrote unparalleled sonnets and interesting narrative poetry.

Shakespeare is primarily famous for his plays, and of these he wrote three distinct types: the tragedy, the comedy and the history. The histories deal with facets of English history. In Shakespeare's day this form was very popular, and found expression in works like *King John*, and *Richard III*.

**Humor is Eternal**

Shakespeare was a master of comedy because of his universality. Plays like *Measure for Measure* appealed to everyone, nobles and peasants. They still hold their appeal because Shakespeare's humor is so eternal.

**Shakespeare Uses Universals**

Nowhere is his universality more clearly seen than in the tragedies. At the end of Act II, Scene II, Macbeth

has killed his lord, and the tension makes the air electric with evil. Shakespeare is aware of this, and in Scene III he disperses the gloom with the antics of a drunken porter who nearly reaches Falstaff as one of the great comic characters of literature. The porter speaks until Macduff re-enters crying, "Oh horror! horror! horror!" thus setting us back within the tragedy.

Shakespeare is worth reading. Two very good reasons are his universality, and knowledge of human psychology.

## School Announces Honors

The first marking period ended on November 8. The honor list shows the following people leading in their classes: Seniors — Danylo Struk, Robert Shepard, Bruce Gunkle, Steve Holsten, Linda Levy, Johanna Rooda; Juniors: Gabrielle Gibbs, Nancy Tomkinson, Richard Kluff, Henry Gurshman, Elizabeth Kady, James Smith; Sophomores: Paul Gottlieb, Marvin Cheiten, Mark Levine, Patricia Cox, Carol Heinlein; Freshmen: Charles Feldman, Jean Kramer, Suzanna Margolis, Barbara Abernethy, Richard Patt, Martin Ossad.

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

In a democracy such as ours, where freedom of expression is an inherent privilege, the power of the press is practically unlimited. This power to do good, and unfortunately sometimes to do evil, is wielded by the various papers through their editorials, columns and feature articles. It seems regrettable that letters to the editor are usually wasted.

### Letters Can Be Wasted

A friend of my father recently wrote a letter to a city newspaper in which he made the rather sensible suggestion that, if put into effect, would save the taxpayers considerable money on municipal automobile expenditures. His letter asked that if the paper felt his suggestion had merit, it should use its vast editorial power to work for it. Otherwise, it was useless to publish the letter, for he was sending it solely to "get results and not just to see my name in print."

Here we have a thought worthy of consideration. Very many letters to editors are pointless, inane, or trite, as this one may be, but occasional letters contain valuable and sometimes unique suggestions which, if put into effect, might benefit us all. It seems a pity that such valuable thoughts should be published once and then forgotten.

Sincerely,

Marvin Cheiten.

Dear Editor:

I am pleased to see that this year the girls in our school will have a real opportunity to get some physical exercise. I know that in the past, the boys participated in all sports, while the girls did no physical work except cheer-leading.

### Pat Walsh Recommends Exercise

I hope this year the girls will play basketball and tennis and will go swimming and bowling. The physical education program will also consist of horseback riding and boating. Any girl will be able to join these activities, depending on her own choice. I hope that all the girls will try to participate in some kind of physical activity, as Coach O'Connell has spent much time and effort to work out a suitable program. Physical exercise will keep you healthy and give you confidence and poise, according to Pat Walsh. So, come on girls, let's not get that "middle-age" spread too quickly!

Sincerely,

Barbara Abernethy.

## A Night At An Inn

By Miles Merwin

Day fades to dusk, and aurora majestically descends from her throne to be received into the cobweb-like arms of black night which silently rises, slowly gliding, to meet the fair lady, like a snake through a bed of ferns or velvet over marble. Night in its starry spectacle has come, and from the roof-top garden a tranquil hush of an ending summer day seems to envelope the great city.

Suddenly-like the clashing of giant symbols or the pounding of brass drums — the city begins vibrating. Lights come on, flooding the crowded subways, darkened alleys, and the hurrying, harried office worker in a garish, exuberant glare. Horns begin blaring, subways begin screeching, shuffling, heaving masses of people elbow their way across crowded streets from crowded buildings, and like a giant wave reaching a crescendo of power, the people surge forward, massing upon the exits.

In the roof-top dining room there is a summer stillness. The pace of the city below is like the gentle beat of the surf upon sand; soft lights and summer breezes add to the soothing effect like the ninth wave upon the shore, people surge in and the stillness of the dining room is broken by the swishing sound of the cocktail shakers, the twinkling sound of ice, the jar of knives and forks, the bang of dinner plates and the flapping of napkins. Then comes the running of the raw vegetables, the sawing of meat with dull knives, the clank of the spoon as the potatoes are placed on the plate and the oozing of the heavy gravy as it is ladled over the food. The clatter of coffee cups announces the dessert, and with the jingle of change and sliding of sandpaper — like money — the meal is finished.

Chairs scrape back, the lights are dimmed and a temporary hush falls over the crowd, only to be replaced by the entrance of a combo-band into the smoke-filled room. The piano player jabs, the trumpeter blasts, the clarinet slurs and the drummer pounces, bouncing and clawing, and the music begins. Into the glaring light of the dance floor slither the dancers, sliding and gliding, and clapping and shuffling along in uneven time with the music.

Once again silence reigns supreme over the city. Lights blink out, travel stops, the summer streets lie deserted and the river black and silent. In the sky above black night rules over the slumbering city.



## IN THIS CORNER

by Paul Gottlieb

In the past, attendance at Prep athletic events has included only a small percentage of students. This shows a lack of school spirit on the part of the student body. The boys are out for sports practice until five in the afternoon, running and working plays. The coaches are forever planning new plays and trying various combinations of players to obtain the best team. Schedules have been made up and arrangements have been made for the various athletic events. The school cheerleaders are at every game, trying to keep alive the spirit that is in the few spectators. All these people are working to uphold Rutgers Prep's athletic reputation. Are you doing your part?

### Let's Help Them

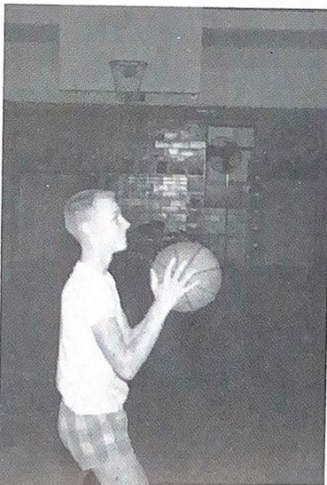
The next chance for you to come out and represent your school is on December 2, when our basketball team meets St. Mary's in the Prep Gym. Let's show some spirit and have the gym packed for this occasion.

### SOCCER

Soccer season is over for this year, but we are already looking forward to next fall. We are all sorry to be losing our experienced seniors, but we must look to the future. There is a number of underclassmen who showed promise during this season. Rather than wait until next fall rolls around, the team expects to have a spring practice session. This will enable the boys to keep in practice and to prepare them for the following season.

## Coach Foresees Success In Basketball Prospects

Much to the delight of the basketball coaches, Jim Dickinson and Dick O'Connell, many varsity lettermen will be returning to give the basketball team a look which may bring back memories of the 1953-1954 and '54-'55 Prep squads.



Jim Dunn Before Scrimmage.

Leading the list is the big bruiser, Bruce Gunkle. Bruce, who led the county in scoring last year, returned to basketball camp this summer and is a good bet to score the 488 points he needs for 1,000.

Behind Bruce is "Monkey" Feldman. Monk, who got 327 points last year, has grown since. In practice thus far, he seems to have lost none of his speed and skill.

The surprise third man on the squad is Ted Browne. After shifting schools twice in the last two years, Ted hopes to be here to stay. He has

a wicked set shot and might easily top 350 points.

Mel Hamelsky, after two years of inactivity, finally steps to the forefront. With several new shots under his belt, Mel will almost definitely score 300 points and be quite a valuable man to have around.

Jimmy Dunn, last year's Junior Varsity high scorer, rounds out the starting five. Jimmy, despite his 5'7" frame, is known for his "deadly eye," his shooting, and his speed and should be a great asset in Prep's "fast break."

The rest of the team should be rounded out by Steven Holsten, Irv Quackenboss, Clark McKnight and several other players.

### Prep Has Good Bench

For the first time in many years, Prep should have a good bench. The lack of reserves last year lost us quite a few games; however, both coaches do not believe that history will repeat itself. Steve and Irv have looked good in practice thus far.

The true test of the team came on Wednesday, November 12, when it beat St. Mary's of Perth Amboy.

All in all, the team looks better now than it has looked in quite a few years.

## Prep Defeats Saint Mary's In Year's First Scrimmage

In their initial scrimmage of the fall, Coach Dickinson's varsity and J. V. basketball squads went through the first of several such rugged preparations for the regular season. After six periods of play at the gymnasium of St. Mary's school in Perth Amboy, Prep came out on top by a substantial score. Four of these periods involved the two varsity teams, while the other two busied the respective J.V. squads.

Of the approximately 25 boys going out for basketball, only 12 made the Perth Amboy trip. These 12 are considered the cream of this year's crop.

As expected, Bruce Gunkle led the Prep scorers with 22 points. The game was also headlined by some fancy backcourt play by "Monkey" Feldman and an occasional successful 40-foot set shot by Ted Browne. "Mr. D." had the manager, Barty Levavy, jotting down various statistics on the play of each individual, such as the number of passes missed, the number of offensive and defensive rebounds, or the number of exceptionally good or bad plays.

This November 15th scrimmage was just the first of four such pre-season warm-ups scheduled for this month. The boys played also in Perth Amboy on Nov. 18, and St. Mary's will be here later in the month. Perth Amboy High School will also be encountered just before the regular season begins.

## Athletic Program Continues Expansion

This year, the students of Rutgers Prep have been offered four new classes of sports. Each student must participate in at least one of these, or he will have to attend the required gym program on Friday afternoons.

The first activity being offered to the students is a bowling program. Mr. Dickinson reports that forty-five people have signed up, but only half of them have brought in their permission slips. This group will bowl on Wednesday and Friday afternoons at Edison Lanes Bowling Alley.

A second activity, boating, was offered to the boys during the first few weeks of school, when the weather was permissible. Mr. Daviet took the boys to Elm Farm on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, where they went boating on the canal.

As a third choice, Mr. O'Connell is trying to organize a group to go swimming on weekday afternoons in the Y.M.C.A. pool. This activity is still in the planning stage, but all those concerned hope that it will be worked out soon.

Finally, an intermural basketball program is being worked on for both the boys and the girls. This program will be sponsored by the Varsity R Club. After all those wishing to participate have signed up, teams will be chosen. A regular schedule will be worked out for both leagues, and they will play twice a week.

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### VARSITY BASKETBALL SCHEDULE 1958-1959

<b>December</b>			
2	St. Mary's	Home	3:30
12	Hoffman	Away	8:00
13	Peddie	Home	2:00
16	Pingry	Home	3:30
17	Croyden Hall	Home	3:30
<b>January</b>			
7	Croyden Hall	Home	3:30
12	Hoffman	Home	3:30
14	Highland Park	Home	4:00
16	South River	Away	8:00
20	Jamesburg	Home	3:30
30	St. Mary's	Away	8:00
<b>February</b>			
3	Jamesburg	Away	3:30
4	Lawrenceville	Away	3:30
11	Ad. Far. Acad.	Home	3:15
13	Sayreville	Away	8:00
18	Peddie	Away	3:30
20	Pingry	Away	3:30
21	South River	Home	3:30

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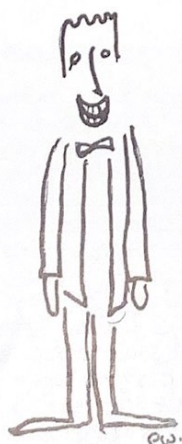
## PREPTOONS



1. "Light coffee, please"



2. "I'm just wild about horses"



3. "What a blast we had at Tony Pastor's"

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## STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

The Student Council of 1958 furthered its aims in the last six weeks by a variety of methods and further proved itself to be a council of action rather than words.

The whole school knows by now the great success of the hayride. Bruce Miller, council secretary, was a great help in making the trip a success. With the council's support, Bruce Miller organized a committee of two people to help him.

The first need of the council was taken care of by Mr. Dumarae. Early in the month, the effectiveness of the council was greatly hampered by a lack of discipline and parliamentary procedure. Consequently, much time was lost for minor issues. Mr. Dumarae quickly solved this problem by appointing Suzy Margolis as parliamentarian. This appointment greatly improved meetings.

Further proof of the council's efficiency was shown when Linda Levy took over during the president's absence and did a commendable job. The meeting was short and efficient.

As proof of its desire to experiment and improve itself, the council showed a movie. The subject of this movie was "Student Council in Action." Although the movie did not turn out as successfully as was hoped, the council still benefited from the experience.

The unusually large allotment for publications, Glee Club, class trips, opera, and sundry cost, gave treasurer, Paul Gottlieb, little trouble in reducing the budget from \$3800 to \$181. The expense of the hayride dropped this figure to around \$150, and the council appointed Peter Wintersteiner and Barbara Abernethy to audit the accounts. The auditors verified this figure. The lack of money is due largely to the \$2350 spent on publications.

The council also has done much in taking quick action on school trips. The class trips are coming along nicely due to the foresight of Danny Struk. The date of the trip is Wednesday, April 22.

The major news of this month is dance with the Key club sponsored on November 22. Mr. Miller and Miss Levy were the committee to plan this affair.

The good thing about the council is its apparent oneness. Although there has not been a really "big" issue for it to disagree on, the council wastes a minimum of time in accomplishing something. It is this quality which accounts for the great efficiency of the council.



4. "The significance is . . ."

1. Mare Leavitt
2. Mary Bunting
3. Thomas Dunn
4. Mr. Sperduto

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## Elm Farm Campus

Recently, Mrs. Dixon's seventh grade elected five class officers. They are: President, Mike Jacobs; Vice President, Peter Howley; Secretary, Joe Vargyas; and Treasurer, Robert Southerlin.

Grades three through seven are being taught French three times a week; the eighth grade has either French, German, or Latin every day.

This year Mrs. Wolfson's fourth grade class is staging a drama program, directed by the head of the drama department at Douglass.

## Playing Field to be Ready in Spring

A large playing field is being cleared and leveled. It is 400 feet by 175 feet. This will be ready by spring. The old carriage house on the property is being made into a two-room gymnasium containing space for games, mats, chinning bars, wall weights, stall bars, etc. Also, the physical education department will have its offices there.

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## Interview

By Amy Riddering

Most of the students at Prep patronize many of the stores and restaurants around Prep. The Argo was interested in knowing exactly what the store owners thought of this business and how much they depended on it. So I posed this question, "Of what value are Prep creditors to you?", and received some very interesting and informative answers. For instance, Inzano's said, "As far as the business stand point, every bit helps, but it also creates friendship between the boys and us that even after they have left school they come back and reminiscence with us."

## Mayflower Expresses View

The Mayflower restaurant, which many of the present and past Prepsters have frequented said, "As far as a monetary value is concerned, it is not as much as I would like to see. All my seniors who used to monopolize the restaurant have graduated and only a faithful few have remained. It will take time to again gather the herd so to speak, because a cleaner and more tasty atmosphere is very difficult to find where informality is the theme."

## Jackets Sold to Prep Boys

The Prepsters often patronize the Co-op and Shelly's Bookstore for school supplies and here are their comments. The Co-op said, "We do a very nice business with Prep especially in the jacket and paperback line. I sell quite a few jackets to the boys at Prep and there is quite a crowd of business during lunchtime. In fact, I have quite a few Prepsters who are members of the store."

## Mr. Shelly's Comments

While Mr. Shelly's comment was, "We always try to do as much business as we can. Our volume to Prep in relation to its enrollment is excellent, we think. We hope to continue this service to the upper classes of Prep when they move to their new location. We find that serving some of our more precocious youngsters is something "challenging" but we have expected the challenge and after several years of service our doors are still intact and our display rack are still standing which we think is at least a minor victory."

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