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RUTGERS | PREPARATORY

Dr. Heinlein Offers His Welcome

To Students As New Year Begins

sy Dr. David M. Heinlein

I am happy to welcome

stimulating world, possessing

You may be participants in one of

The literature of the past tells

speculating in higher

were solving the complex problems

students who I know are keenly

fine young

mathematics

democracy, law, and religion. Five thousand-five hundred years a3o scholars s

alive Ina

minds and the ability to

man's Golden Ages!

us that men with fine

astronomy, technology,

minds wer

medicine

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!

science is now a major social force,

is in need of intellectual endeavors.

Educate yourself so that you may

make your contribution at the pro-

per time.

I have always been impressed by

the persistence men have had as they

overcame the many obstacles which

rose between them and their con-

tribution to human experience and

knowledge. Only extreme and repeti-

tive 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 ac-

cepted way of living. Wherever

peoples of different religions, na-

tions, races, and experience have

met, they have wrought new know-

ledge out of their reciprocal ques-

tioning 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 con-

stantly 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 moti-

vation: 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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Our present culture, in which

Senior Compliments

Student Attitudes S

Dear Editor,

As a student of three years stand-

ing at Prep, I can truly say that the

decorum, behavior, and general at-

titude of the student body has stead-

ily improved each year. AS a re-

sult, the faculity~has, in-eachsuc-

cessive year, placed more and more

confidence in the Prepsters as a

group, and in each person as an in-

dividual.

This gradual change in the re-

lationship between the faculty and

the student body has been brought

about by a new maturity evidenced

in each successive entering clacs.

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.

~ SCHOOL

September, 1959

Prep Summer Camps

Serve Community Need

Prep has

Besides

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summer

During the

Ihy with activities

been

the successft u

basketball camps and Queens

Day Camp proved most beneficial

to many boys from the central Jer-

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This year’s basketball camps ac-

complished 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

pable instructors from area

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were two sessions. The first

August 10 to 16, and the

he to the 28th.

rom and near at-

tended. Prep’s representatives were

Jack McCormick, Paul Gottlieb, and

Jim Dunn. There were prizes award-

ed 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 suc-

cessful. 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

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

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 stu-

dents from all over this area at-

tended. 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 sum-

mer 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 op-

portunity 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

of many students.

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

only college students, so teach-

ing 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 im-

pressions 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 sugges

Uon to Student Council President Bruce Miller, and to the other

ollicers, 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 st 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 rela

uvely short period of time. Then, there are |

team’s practices, all of which consume a great deal of time. Often it

seball games, as well as the

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 writtcn 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, dif-

ficult 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.

The Argo

September, 1959

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

by Bardy Levavy

President is Eager for Suggestions

year’s Student Council, led

new, capable, and extremely Mr. Miller is also quite anxious

ambitious president, Bruce Miller, 4, talk with any student who has

rm Jestined for success. Mr ai

ee ta teenie ; 7 on has anything to offer in the way of

Muller, an honor student who 585 fresh ideas for dances, or sugges-

a uished himself du his un- - ow 1 event

\_ tions for a new type of social even

s ate years OF panded There will be the usual dances, hay

of prolific and successfu

t f prolif and success ride,-end barbeque

idea determined to lead this

year’s council to far greater heights For those students who are won-

than those attained in past years dering how new council members

One of the big ideas w 1 Mr. Mil- are elected, this columnist will eluci-

! formulated is that of a dance date. At the end of the school year,

club. This club, which he hopes to council officers are elected. Class

rt this fall, would have as its sole officers are elected about a month

luty the and setting after the school season starts, This

up dances. This club would eliminate

confusion which

there is a

ob of planning

gives the new student the same op-

portunity as one who has been here

for a longer period of time to be

elected to the council.

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takes place whenever

dance to be planned

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“And so we all look forward to a year rich with Chaucer,

Shakespeare, Thoreau, etc. . . .

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SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

1959 - 1960

NEW TEACHERS (cont. from p. 1)

tration’s serious attitude toward

humanities. He feels that Rutgers

Prep stresses the value and import-

ance of humanities much more than

1 2 3 4 5 6 any high school, and this is one of

- the reasons why he likes Rutgers.

Mrs. Wilson ........- E-I E-I E-IV E-IV E-I Mr. Lasser is married but has no

ai children. His home is at 172 Philips

Mr. Lasser . E-O1I E-II E-II S.H. E-OI Road. He is a classical music lover

aa - a ia — es as well as being and ardent fan of

Mr. Sperduto ....... U.S. U.S. S.H. Geo. Anc. Hist. jazz and folk music.

a - Steen a Philosophy Major Teaches Eighth

Mr. Holley .........- S.H. Mod. Hist. AI Mr. Sorrel Paskin will teach 8th

= —— —— grade science and math. He taught

Mr. Dumarae ........ Lat. I Lat. IT Lat. IT Ady. Lit. — Anc. Hist. math and chemistry this summer at

\_ anean — a Prep. Mr. Paskin has a degree in

Mr. Gaggini ......... Fr. I Fr. IV Fr. I Fr. philosophy from the University of

—\_ - Pennsylvania and is doing his grad-

Mrs. Rooda ......... Ger. III Sp. I Ger. I Sp. I Ger. II uate work in that subject at Colu:n-

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Mr. Daviet Bio. Bio Chem. Chem. Sci. living on Alexander St., in New

Mr. Blake ........... Ady. Math S.H. Adv. Math. Plane Atl ely hope both Mr. Lasser

and Mr. Paskin will enjoy teaching

Mrs. Wilkerson ...... AI AI At all Plane at Rutgers. With the help of the

Rada = Phys. faculty and the students, they will

easily fit into the friendly and stu-

dious atmosphere of our school.