The Arga

Glee Club Sings

In Gala Opening

Of Yule Holiday

Friday evening, December 10, the \*

Rutgers Preparatory and Elementary

Schools’ combined Glee Club presented | §

their annual Christmas Concert at the

Rutgers Prep Gym. This year, for the

first time, the groups were under the

expert, experienced guidance of Mrs.

William H. Kelly.

The program was begun by the two

groups singing a medley of five standard

Christmas carols. The second portion

consisted of select pieces sung separate-

ly by the upper and lower school.

The conclusion of the program again

saw the two groups singing together.

The evening was highlighted by sev-

eral solos, beautifully performed by

members of both schools. Featured

among the soloists was Elfriede Rid-

dering, a '54 graduate of Prep. Elfriede,

a student at Westminster Choir School,

that night was singing her fourth con-

secutive concert for the school.

Other individual selections were sung

by Malcolm Cohen, Brenda Barbour,

Kenneth Miller and Bob Fiermonti.

Bob's lovely solo, “Sweet Little Jesus

Boy,” was enthusiastically applauded.

Dial Receives Award

For Outstanding Job

Our yearbook of 1954 won first place

in the Columbia Scholastic Press Asso-

ciation.

Last year, Ye Dial, along with many

others from various schools, was sent

to the Columbia Scholastic Press As~-

sociation Conference. Each year the as-

sociation meets and judges the best

school books in an endeavor to improve

high school yearbooks.

The yearbooks are judged on a point

system. Points are awarded for each

phase of the book, such as writing,

covers, and photography. The top prize

is a medalist, which is followed by 1st,

2nd, and 3rd places.

Our yearbook placed 1st in the group

for small co-educational prep schools.

Congratulations must be extended to

John Kuhlthau, who was editor for

last year’s Ye Dial.

Jazz Combo Rocks ance

At Prep’s S.

nowball Jump

On Saturday night, December 4, Prep

held its second dance of the year. Freddy

Galata’s quartet furnished the music.

| The “Snowball Jump” was chaperon-

}ed by Mr. and Mrs. Heinlein, Mr. and

Mrs. Daviet, Mr. Holley, Mr. Dumarae,

and Mr. Gaggini.

A highlight of the dance was the

| decorating scheme. This consisted of

colored balls suspended from the ceil-

ing and a snow scene against the rear

wall, Nineteen Christmas trees were

placed around the gym and the band

was surrounded by four decorated trees.

The liquid refreshment was punch,

Decorators Unload Christmas Trees | served throughout the evening. Ar-

For Winter Dance.

Council Casts Ballots

On Recent Proposals

President Edelberg has disclosed sev-

eral proposals initiated by the coun-

rangements were made by a committee

headed by Marian Veale and Joe Mes-

sina.

The Decorating Committee was head-

ed by Cliff Griggs and Roger Seamon

and the scheme was devised by Clemmie

Vitti.

There was a large turnout from the

cil at the past few meetings. The coun- | Prep crowd, as was anticipated. This

cil has suggested a new idea for the|made for a fun-filled and thoroughly

present conference period. The officers | enjoyable evening.

and class representatives passed the

bill termed “Conference Homework,”

suggested by Roger Seamon, unani-

mously. The term, decided upon in order

to eliminate study hall detention, is to

have each teacher assign work to be

done at home and handed in the next

Prep’s Pupils Paint Pictures

In Annual Halloween Contest

This year five fine teams of window

painters represented Prep in the annual

Halloween window painting contest.

day in class. This prevents the danger | Three teams represented the ninth

of the students not doing the work

assigned for study halls. This plan still

has to be voted upon by the faculty.

The council is also planning to pass

an amendment to the constitution stat-

ing that council elections should be

held at the end of each school year

rather than at the beginning. This sys-

tem will enable the students to know

each other before voting for the leaders

of the school. This plan, however, will

have to be passed by a full faculty and

student vote.

The council also discussed the idea of

changing the school colors to those of

the University. There are many legiti-

mate reasons for doing so, although

there is strong opposition. This plan

will have to be thought through more

carefully before a decision can be reach-

grade and one the eighth. One group of

sophomores also painted.

Carl Stover with Billy Smith and

Rolfe Harrison took first prize in the

ninth grade division. The team headed

by Jimmy Racz, assisted by Lon Kosa

and Joe Bushel, took second honors in

the eighth grade. Charles Dunaenko,

Bernard Karshmer, and Earl Nielsen

won third place in the freshmen

class. All winners received prize money

from the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

FLASH — The population of the

United States is increased by one.

Kevin Kelly O'Connell, son of Coach

and Mrs, O'Connell, arrived on

November 27th. Kevin signed in at 6

Ib. 9 ozs., which was misinterpreted

by Coach as 6'9", Got the team in

mind, Coach?

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ARGO STAFF

RUTGERS PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Stuart Edelberg

Class Editors:

Clifford Griggs

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Noreen Hudson

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WHY TRADITION?

The school play, which is put on by

the entire student body in the spring,

is now an annual event at Prep. Last

year’s play, “The Man Who Came To

Dinner,” proved to be a very successful

event.

However, the same drawback that has

plagued all Prep events — dances and

other social events — is our gym. Why

must we put out so much money to

decorate our building which even after

extensive work is not at all pleasing for

social functions?

On the N.J.C. campus there is The Little

Theatre which, if acquired for the

school play, would certainly facilitate

the work on the production. More time

would be given to the actual play itself,

and the theatre would give the pro-

duction a more professional look.

If an event is an annual affair and

has become a school tradition, it should

be something that everyone could be

proud of. Certainly if a play, for ex-

ample, cannot be staged well, the cast

and crew lose enthusiasm. Since we are

judged only by what is seen by the

public, our events must be of top quali-

ty.

Tradition can only be true tradition

when it is successful and enjoyed by

everyone. Whether it be dances, Glee

Club concerts or school plays, if there

is not this complete and whole-hearted

support such things should be dropped.

We must make tradition a success!

The Argo

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I should like to suggest & slight

change in our schedule which I think

would do a great deal toward improv-

ing the general efficiency of both stu-

dent and instructor alike.

It consists of an additional fifteen

minutes for our lunch period, said fif-

teen minutes to be made up by either

earlier opening or later closing of the

school day, or both.

Industry has recognized the

importance of coffee breaks in improv-

ing both standards of work and atti-

tudes. I think a little more time for

lunch and the elimination of the neces-

sary rushing, will make for more genial,

contented people in our school.

Dyspeptically yours,

Bill Romig.

Dear Editor:

In the article concerning the school

library which appeared in the November

Argo, there were several mistakes and

misleading statements.

Several years ago, Dr. and Mrs. Ru-

dolfs gave to our school a sum of money

to be used for books, in memory of their

son, Willem Rudolfs, Jr., an alumnus

of Rutgers Prep who met an early death

sealing Caule Glacier.

The money was invested by the Uni-

versity, and with the proceeds the school

was able to buy general reference books

and encyclopedias and also various

special books which are in our class-

room libraries.

This year, the English department

has organized a library of novels, short

stories, and plays, which, along with

our other books, is to be a supplement

to the fine University library which our

school has always had the opportunity

of using.

Yours truly,

Bob Smith

Limelight

The December “Limelight” shines on

Bob Shorosky. This is Bob’s post-grad-

duate year at Prep, and in these first

few months, his popularity with his

fellow Prepsters has steadily grown.

Bob played basketball and baseball

at Sayreville, and his experience has

been a great asset to our promising

basketball team.

Unanimously elected president of his

class, Bob became an active member of

the Student Council and has served

well on the dance committee.

At Rutgers, Bob would like to study

either Engineering or Business Admin-

istration. He is an average student so

far, but his honest effort and willing

nature should bring him success.

December, 1954

PLAY REVIEW

by Roger Lambertson

During the week of November 15, the

Queen's Theatre Guild and N.J.C. pre-

sented a well-directed production of

Shakespeare’s Twelfth Night.

The play on Tuesday, Thursday, and

Saturday, starred James Delahanty, ex-

celling as Malvolio, a steward who tried

to rise above his class by marrying

Countess Olivia, played by Leatrice

Shemick. At no time did James Dele-

hanty go below the excellent standard he

had set for himself to make the audi-

ence aware of Malvolio’s self-love.

Peter Dechnik starred as Sir Toby

Belch, the drunken uncle of Olivia.

The plot of this comedy concerned a

set of twins (played by Jean Shuka and

David Beaucage) who were separated

in a shipwreck. These twins arrived in

Illyria and set off a complicated love

affair when Olivia fell in love with Vio-

la, the girl twin who was disguised as

a page. Only after many embarrassing

and comical situations was this cleared

up when Viola married Orsino, the

Duke whom she had been serving, and

Sebastian her brother, married Olivia.

Prep Sells New York Times

To Benefit the Student Fund

On November 29, Joe Messina distri-

buted the first copies of the New York

‘Times in order to raise money for the

Student Activity Fund. A prior an-

nouncement was made a few weeks ago

by Joe, telling about the distribution

of the Times at school.

Joe distributes the paper to the stu-

dents who subscribe every morning be-

fore classes. The price per issue is three

cents. Out of every paper sold, one and

a half cents goes to the student coun-

cil.

A sample copy of the Times Supple-

ment was given out a few days after

the announcement that the subscrip-

tions were being taken. A regular sup-

plement will be given out free at the

end of every week to the students who

subscribe, and then another supple-

ment will be distributed every month

with no extra charge.

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SPORTLIGHT Prep Defeats Saint Mary’s

by Cliff Griggs

This edition of the “sportlight”

tell, for the most Part, just how

varsity basketball team is shaping up.

My earlier statement, that this year’s

team would possibly be the Sreatest |.

in Prep’s history, is already starting to |.

come true.

As we all expected, our top scorer is

Jerry Gorczyca, St, Mary's top Cager |;

of last year. Jerry Scored 29 points

against his old Alma Mater in the |’

“Little Scarlet’s” Season opener. This

will

our

against a very good Holy Trinity.

Not the least of Prep's assets this

year is Gary Stratton, Gary, a really

rugged boy under the boards, is not a

light scorer. In the St. Mary’s game

“Big Gary” hit for 21 Points. In the

game against Holy Trinity he added to

the cause with 24 Points.

Take a good look at Bob Shorosky.

Bob was a big

popular with the “Bombers.” Although

he scored only 2 and 3 Points respective-

ly in the first two games, Bob is the

kind who can put the pressure on the

opponents.

Last, but not least, we have Roger

Lambertson and Rog Seamon. Both

“Lamby” and Rog are Probably Prep's

best ball handlers,

Holy Trinity Bows To Varsity

In Prep’s Opening Home Try

Rutgers Prep, led by their high scor-

ing forward Jerry Gorezyca, won its

second straight game of the season by

routing Holy Trinity. Gorezyca, by

scoring his 38 points, fell but two count-

ers shy of tying Al Murasko’s record set

last year.

The “Little Scarlet” got off to a fast

Start, finishing the first quarter nine

points ahead of Holy Trinity, 23-14.

This lead never diminished as Prep con-

tinued to set a terrific Pace. The final

Score was 91-75.

In the scoring department, Gary

Stratton placed second to Gorczyca by

pumping in 24 points. Roger Seaman,

for 12, 9, and 2 points respectively,

Bob Shorosky, and Rog Lambertson hit

Stratton, Gorezyca and Shorosky con-

trolled the rebounding while Seamon and

Lambertson continually baffled Holy

Trinity with a tricky fast break.

High Scorer Jerry Gorczyca

Junior Varsity Loses

As Messina Nets 19

The Prep J. V. team received its

first defeat of the season at the hands

of the powerful st. Mary's J. V. five,

on Friday, Dec. 3rd. The final score

was 66-48. St. Mary’s held a 12 Point

lead at the end of the first half.. The

Prepsters’ hopes were ignited in the

third stanza which ended with the J.V.

five trailing by three points, but St.

Mary's J.V. team 8reatly outscored the | a

Prepsters in the last quarter to insure

® victory.

High honors of the game went to

John Phillips of St. Mary’s with 22

points. Joe Messina hit for 19 points

to lead the “Little Scarlets,” and Car)

Baratta took second highest honors for

Prep with 12 points. Andy Piscatelli

excelled in both offensive and defensive

Points of the

minutes to play. Prep,

came through, scoring

points before the final

Metzger with 17

with 15. John Phillips added ten count-

ers to the Golden Eagles’ cause.

standingly,

the Prep victory, Jerry Gorczyca show-

ed the way with 32 counters, followed

by Gary Stratton with 21.

Rutgers Prep opened its 1954-55

basketball season with a brilliant 75-60

victory over Saint Mary's of South Am-

For F irst Win Of Season

4 | boy. Led by the former St, Mary’s stars,

Jerry Gorczyca and Gary Stratton, the

“Little Scarlet” completely outplayed

and outfought their Opponents.

Both teams played a strong first

period, the lead changing hands many

times. Prep, however, emerged with a

two point lead, 20-18. In the second

quarter, Rutgers Prep lengthened its

lead six more points, making the score

36-28,

Prep Widens Lead

Midway through the third period,

the Saints began to gain, and after

John Phillips rimmed five Straight foul

shots, they had tied the Score 44-44.

Prep, however, pulled ahead to lead

54-50 at the end of the third period.

The fourth and last Period saw hard

fighting and exceptionally good play-

ing as Prep again outscored their op-

ponents 25-15. Gorczyca was the big

fun for the “Little Scarlet,” scoring

fourteen points during this frame.

Saint Mary’s fought an uphill battle

all the way, coming to within four

Prep lead with but three

however, again

eleven straight

buzzer.

Prepsters Score Heavily

The Saints, although beaten, Played

fine game. They were led by Marty

Points and Pete Delany

Dick O’Connell’s forces played out-

each player contributing to

rebounds for the Prepsters, putting in

8 points in the losing effort. .

Although the “Little Scarlet” lost

their first game, the future stars of

Prep showed great Promise, and many

of them should be playing varsity before

long.

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Lower School Stars

In Annual Production

On Friday, December 10th, the lower

school chorus under the direction of

Margaret Kelly, accompanied the up-

per school at the annual Christmas

Glee Club concert. The chorus, which

consisted of the fifth, sixth and seventh

grades, sang various carols with the

Glee Club. It also sang a number of

its own selections, while Mark Levine,

John Schmitt, Jacqueline Fiermonti,

Brenda Barbour, Suzanne Hancox, Mer-

nan Hartley, Nancy Lee, Richard Lip-

man, Paul Fritz and Bobby Mettler sang

as soloists and in small groups.

Mr. Sperduto, seventh grade teacher

and Prep’s J.V. basketball coach, began

afternoon gym sessions on December

14th, for the sixth and seventh grades.

The lower school has received a cer-

tificate for the contribution it made

for the restoration of the steeple of

Old North Church which was destroyed

during the hurricane Carol.

The seventh grade has gradually been

changing its appearance but strangely

enough not its size. On November 23,

Elizabeth Whalen left the school but

Ronnie Smyth filled the gap in the

class by returning to the seventh grade

during the second marking period.

‘Round About Rutgers

By BILL ROMIG

On December 8, identification cards

were distributed to the student body.

These cards, signed by Mr. Heinlein and

Stu Edelberg, our Student Council presi-

dent, entitled the student to free ad-

mittance to home athletic events and

all other school functions. They repre-

sent the student activity fee paid at

the beginning of the school year.

We would like to call the attention of

the students to the fact that when in-

clement weather necessitates the clos-

ing of school, such announcements will

be made by the local radio station,

WCTC. The station will repeat the an-

nouncement at intervals from the time

it receives the information until 9 a.m.

To the Police Department, Somerset

Street, in the area of the Prep School,

has become a happy hunting ground

for parking violations. Clearly printed

invitations are appearing daily under

the Prepsters’ windshield wipers and

many of the boys are so in demand

they have received more than one.

The Argo

ALUMNI NOTES

by Noreen Hudson

Alan Black, from the class of '53,

is a brother in the fraternity, Kappa

Theta, at Amherst College.

Trudy Webber, also from the class

of '53, was chosen ‘Miss Sophistication”

of her sorority. She is also in the runn-

ing for Military Ball Queen and Prom

Queen . . . Next year’s candidates for

“Miss America” better watch out!

Al Chirgwin, from the class of ‘54,

is in the hospital at Sampson Airforce

Base with pneumonia . . . All the gang

from Prep send you get well wishes, Al.

All alumni of Prep and Prepsters

can renew old friendships at the

Alumni Basketball game on Decem-

ber 28, 7:00 p.m. at the Prep Gym.

Let’s make it a successful event!

One of Prep's students from last year

wrote a reply to a letter to the editor

in the November issue of the ARGO.

It read as follows:

“Dear Editor,

This is an agonized protest against

the ideas of the ‘interested reader’ in

the November issue. ‘Great Caesar's

Ghost!’ I thought ‘Kat’s Korner’ was

safely dead and buried. Please, please

don't dig it up. Let it rest in peace.

Very few people ever know what it

is talking about, and it is so catty it’s

sickening. ‘Kats Korner’ is about as

‘hep’ as last year’s mouldy garbage.

“In respect to those ‘jocose articles,’

I must admit that the ARGO is in-

clined to become a bit dry, but I be-

lieve that dryness is much preferable

to out and out corn! Unless humorous

writing is watched very carefully, that

is what it leads to. Does our interested

friend actually mean that the ARGO

run a “Dick Tracy” strip? I hardly

think he can be serious. It would be a

waste of time and money. Cartoons,

yes, by all means, but one can find

‘Dick Tracy’ in any newspaper. Why

clutter up the ARGO?

A perturbed reader.”

NOTICE TO ALUMNI!

If any of you would like to receive

the ARGO every month, send $1.00 to

Rutgers Prep, care of Noreen Hudson.

If you have any news you would like

printed in here, send that too.

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December, 1954

School Argomag Staff

Prints ‘55 Magazine

The Argomag, the school magazine,

is published twice a year, once at

Christmas time and once late in the

spring.

Although this year’s Argomag Is

smaller in size, it will still contain the

fine writing of its predecessors.

Perhaps the greatest improvement in

the Argomag will be in the publishing

of it. After being mimeographed every

year since its founding in 1949, the

Argomag this year will be printed. The

larger appreciation levied by the Stu-

dent Activities Fund has made this pos-

sible.

The new Argomag is much more com-

pact than the previous issues. This

makes for better design and easier read-

ing. This year the staff will try to put

more stress on the quality of student

contributions in order to better the

writing that appears in the magazine.

The cover will be made this year, as-

usual, by a number of students.

Junior Scientists See Stars

At N.Y. Hayden Planetarium

The Science Club, under Mr. Daviet's

guidance, has been meeting on Monday

during the activities period. Its mem-

bers elected Bobby Eber as president,

Matthew Sabino and Wayne Sabo as

vice-presidents, and Amy Riddering as

secretary.

The Club has learned the names and

uses of many laboratory instruments.

They have also made wash bottles and

manufactured hydrogen and oxygen.

On December fifth, the club took a

bus trip to the Hayden Planetarium

with Mr. and Mrs. Daviet as chape-

rones.

One of the main attractions was the

show entitled Christmas "Round the

World, which included a demonstration.

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