The Argo

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RUTGERS PREPARATORY SCHOOL

December, 1956

Key Club Members,

Student Body Amends Long-lost

Schiffmayer, Struk, Stilwell, Schwartz,

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Make Constitutional Provisions.

Glee Club Plans

Holiday Program

by Linda Levy

The students of Prep anticipate that

this year’s Glee Club Concert will be

one of the best ever given. The con-

cert will be performed at the Rutger’s

Prep gymnasium on the 14th of De-

cember. Rehearsals have been going on

since the beginning of the school year,

and as the concert approaches, they

are being extended to after school

meetings.

REHEARSALS IN PROGRESS

The Glee Club meets and rehearses

under the competent direction of Mrs.

Durkee and Mr. Dumarae, the Glee

Club advisor. Mrs. Durkee teaches and

leads us in each song while Nancy

Haworth accompanies on the piano.

The program has a Christmas theme.

Some of the more tuneful songs the

Glee Club will sing are: “Little Christ

Child, Sweet and Holy;” “Carol of the

Little King;” “I Saw Three Ships;” and

“Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones.” An

Elementary Schoo] group will sing a

number of songs and there will be

audience participation in a few songs.

LARGE TURNOUT

h the 14th of December may

night, I am sure we will

rge turnout, as in previous

the Glee Club Concert is a

opportunity for parents to

e the Rutgers Prep students working

ANTICIPATE

Althoug

lerful

FLASH!

Save the evening of Jan. 18, 1957

for

International Song and Dance Night

Sponsored by

Mrs. Rooda’s French & Spanish

Classes

Council Delegates

Attend Conference

By Danylo Struk

On November 15, the New Jersey

Association of High School Councils

met at Rutgers University for the

thirty-first annual conference. The

theme for this convention was: “Better

Student Councils for Better Human

Relations.”

There were representatives of student

councils of almost all schools in New

Jersey. Rutgers Prep was represented

by three of the officers of the student

council; Steve Hancox, Bernard Karsh-

mer, and Danny Struk.

SPEECHES BEGIN CONFERENCE

The program of the day started at

10:30 A.M. with a General Session in

the Rutgers Gymnasium. Here we heard

an interesting speech by Governor

Robert B. Meyner which ended as a

sort of “press conference.” We also

heard a magnificent address by Dr.

Mason W. Gross, Provost of Rutgers

University.

After this each one of our delegates

went to a Problem Clinic where many

interesting topics were discussed. After

lunch the three of us attended a Dis-

cussion Meeting on how to run a stu-

dent council meeting. All this informa-

tion proved to be very valuable.

At the Closing Session we heard the

best speech of the day by Mr. Coleman

together

Brown.

School Constitution

KEY CLUB SUBMITS ITS IDEAS

FOR FINAL STUDENT APPROVAL

Some time ago the school constitu-

tion disappeared, and we have been

operating without one ever since. Re-

cently, Mr. Heinlein found a copy of

an older constitution and it was agreed

that we would work from that. This

old constitution lacks reference to our

present way of electing officers to the

Student Council and to class represen-

tation in the Student Council.

CLASSES MEET

Several weeks ago, class meetings

were held for the purpose of amending

the constitution. Each student was

provided with a copy of the old con-

stitution to make the task easier.

Strangely, the eighth grade made no

amendments and the most common

amendment proposal was a changed

class representation in the Student

Council. The Secretary of each class

wrote up the proposed amendments

and submitted them to the Key Club.

KEY CLUB GOES TO WORK

The Key Club went right to work

with the material presented to it from

the class secretaries. All the amend-

ments were listed. The Key Club also

wrote in its opinions to the proposed

amendments and some proposed

amendments of its own.

The Key Club presented the amend-

ments to Mr. Heinlein. The amendments

will undergo faculty approval and

those approved will be presented to

each student for his approval.

Amendments which are voted in by

the student body will be adopted for

the constitution. The new constitution

will be larger and much more com-

plete.

P.A.S.S. Conference

The second annual meeting of the

Press Association of Secondary Schools

was presented at Perth Amboy High

School. The Argo sent three represent-

atives to this conference on December

8. The purpose of this meeting was to

compare ideas that other school news-

paper staffs of this area have.

At the conference there were sev-

eral discussion groups to analyze prob-

lems of the various staffs represented.

Our editor led one of these discussion

clinics dealing with the censorship in

school newspapers. Louise DiLalo and

Peter Wintersteiner also represented

our school at the conference.

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ARGO STAFF

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From The

Editor’s Desk

In the Spring of this year, the ARGO

will publish Prep’s school magazine,

the ARGO-MAG. This magazine used

to be a bi-annual magazine until last

year. The lack of interest on the part

of the student body caused us to limit

the MAG to a yearly edition. This year

the same policy will be continued ex-

cept — we are going to try to enlarge

the MAG.

In order for us to even publish the

magazine, we need your help. In the

MAG, many types of literature written

by the student body is presented. The

writing can be a theme, a assigned or

free, book reports, essays or poems.

The piece of writing must be worthy

of publication, and a recommendation

of your English teacher is preferable.

Whenever you have something you

wish to submit for the ARGO-MAG,

please read it carefully, correct any

errors and then turn it over to your

English teacher. When the staff re-

cieves your article, we will act on it

as soon as possible.

Incidentally, for those of you who

prided yourselves in the letter to the

editor concerning the amount of home-

work, I must inform you that when

we recieved the original letter, it need-

ed more proof reading than any arti-

cle ever presented to the ARGO, show-

ing the writer needed even more home-

work,

FLASH —

There will bea dance at the PREP

GYM — be there by 8:15, Dec. 15,

The attire is semi-formal. Dancing

and games will be offered.

The Argo

WHAT IS IT?

Al Thode — “The Russian abbreviation

for lengthwise.”

Art Karshmer — “The bisecting lines

of the outer exterior angle and the

opposite interior angles to the oppo-

site hypotenuse.”

Billy Smith — “Go away. I’m doing my

chemistry.”

Bunny Karshmer “They're crazy

monograms on the end of a filter

tip cigarette.”

Alan Rackmill —“A thin man throwing

a lop-sided pitchfork out of a man-

hole.

Mary Louise Heldrich — “It looks like

L.O.W.I. but I don’t know what it

stands for.”

Walter Jacobs — “They look like curse

words used in a comic book.”

George McCain — “Looks like a tribe

of snakes crossing some large initials

in a mountainside.”

Jerry Gildar — “It’s Greek to me.”

Barbara Lipman — “It looks like the

brand on a cow.”

Judy Anekstein — “Some ancient kind

of letter or symbol.”

Ken Treat — “It looks like somebody

tried to write a word without looking

at what he was writing.”

Joanne Milliken — “It’s the symbol for

the name of a cowboy’s ranch.”

Nancy Tompkinson — “It looks like

somebody is out of his mind.”

John Maffet — “It looks like eleven-

fifteen and a pitchfork.”

Boice McCain — “The spot an optom-

| etrist sees before his eyes after

| busy day of eye examinations.”

Kenny Weiner — “It looks like a quar-

ter after eleven and a ‘W’ cut in

half.”

Sharon Ries — “It’s a futuristic draw-

ing of George Washington and \_ his

cherry tree,”

| Jim Burke — “Looks like Art Karsh-

mer’s so-called handwriting.”

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In case you still don’t know, the

droodle is a camera view of Bert and

Harry Piel.

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December, 1956

Letters to the Edit

Dear Editor,

Just lately there has ;

controversy about fits Tuite a

ments on weekends. I, myself in

happy with the present Situation ite

some seem not to be, ] don't ee

these people realize the enq Which ta

are hoping to gain. If our week hey

are free we must have more days

signments, which we do not fos

They are of sufficient length a.

present. To give us more daily hom

work would mean that we would a

a minimum of relaxation for fiye dae

a week. A trite old saying Boes, “Ay

work and no play makes Jack a dull

boy.” This is just the case. By the

time Saturday arrived we would be in

a state of mental exhaustion — too

tired to enjoy ourselves.

Perhaps this is an exaggeration, but

I think not. At the present time few

of us have complaints, and this seems

to be logical. As things stand we have

leisure each day, and on weekends, of

prime importance is the fact that we

did not come to Prep to play, and 1

think most of us agree on that point.

I propose that we leave things as they

are.

Or

Signed,

Marc B. Leavitt.

Wide: Fe

To the editor:

Many of the boys at Rutgers Prep

have expressed a dislike of the rule

which makes wearing jackets and ties

to school every day compulsory.

I admit that the wearing of jackets

and ties tends to make the student

body appear neat and uniform, but I

am sure that the personal pride of the

students would keep them (the stu-

dents) looking neat and presentable, if

they were allowed to dress more cas-

ually The wearing of jackets and ties

is not necessary to make us loos like

college preparatory students; most col-

leges allow their students to attend

classes in casual clothes.

Some of the boys at Rutgers Prep

feel that they would be more at eg

if they didn’t have to wear jackeis

ties to class; they might be more

active in discussions and be able

concentrate better on classroom work,

if they were allowed to dress casually

and comfortably.

When the weather is rainy, snowy.

very hot, or very cold, dressing would

be much more convenient if jackets

and ties were not mandatory.

I suggest that the student council

sees if anything could be done towards

the changing of this rule, as soon as

possible.

to

Uncomfortably yours,

Nomore Tyezanjackettes.

December, 1956

SPOR {LIGHT

by Bernard Karshmer

Now that our dismal soccer season,

and I mean dismal (0-8-1), has drawn

to a close, all eyes will be focussed on|-

pasketball. As in past years the Little

Scarlet hoopsters prospects look better

than average. By average I mean 14

wins against 7 loses. . . Of course Prep

will miss high scoring Marty Metzger,

who piled up an amazing 527 points;

put from here it looks as though new-

comer, Ron Jackowitz, and returning

letterman, Andy Piscatelli, will be able,

to some extent, offset the loss of Metz-

ger. Sharpshooting Jim Murray looks

like the kind of ball player that’s al-

ways nice to have around. He not only

has deadly set and jump shots, but

also is one of our best rebounding

prospects. Bruce Gunkle and Joe Mes-

sina are aiming for the other two

starting berths. The other boys on the

squad are Dave Stephen, Jim Durkin,

Jim Burke, “Monkey” Feldman, Bob

Smith, and Dean Kamm.

Friday’s game against St. Mary’s

(S.A.) ought to be a good one. It is

never a push over. It will be played

on the home hardwood.

The Little Scarlet J.V.’s, if they are

as good as they are estimated to be

should end they best record in many

a year.

Let’s all get out and back the team

in the first and in every game.

RUTGERS PREPARATORY

SCHOOL

VARSITY BASKETBALL

Schedule 56-57

DECEMBER

7 St. Mary’s (S.A.)

8 Peddie Scxool

14 Croyden Hall .

18 Pingry School

19 Rutgers Freshmen

21 St. Mary‘s (S.A.)

27 Alumni

JANUARY

4 Newark Rutgers J.V. .

8 Croyden Hall

11 Pennington Prep

15 Jamesburg High .

16 Blair Academy ...

FEBRUARY

1 Jamesburg High

2 Brooklyn Poly

6 Admiral Far. Acad. Away 3:45

8 South River High . Away 7:00

12 Pingry School Home 3:45

15 Sayreville High Away P00

16 Admiral Far. Acad Home 3:45

19 St. Benedicts Prep Home 3:45

20 Peddie School .... Away 3:30

23 Penninaton Preo Home 2:00

27 Private Schools .

State Tournament at Lawrencevlle

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WOodbridge 8-2900

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Varsity Starters, Murray, Piscatelli

On November 28, the Rutgers Prep

basketball team traveled to Sacred

Heart School to encounter Coach Jake

Bornheimer’s St. Peters quintet. The

“Little Scarlet” played exceedingly well,

going home contented with their fine

showing against the runners-up in the

Catholic A Division Tournament last

year.

The whole team which includes Ron

Jackowitz, Andy Piscatelli, Bruce

Gunkle, Jimmy Murray, Jim Durkin,

Dave Stephens, “Monk” Feldman and

Joe Messina, made the trip. Unfor-

tunately, ex-St. Peters dribbler, Jimmy

Burke, who had been looking forward

J. V.'s Expect Better Season

This year a new coach has come to

the school to coach the Jay Vees. Al

Murasko, a former Prep great, has taken

over the job which Mr. Speduto had

handled for several years.

The team shows good promise, for

many of the boys who will play on the

Jay Vee played on the team the year

before. Because of this, they have that

needed game experience. Some of the

boys who will play this year are, Jimmy

Racz, Bobby Cox, Irv Quakenboss,

Frank Hof, Steven Holsten, Melvin

Hamelsky and some under-classmen

who play on the varsity squad.

Last year the Junior Varsity didn’t

have much of a season but this year

it hopes to improve on its last years

record.

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SHELLEY’S

College Book Store

38 EASTON AVENUE

New Brunswick, N. J.

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Prepsters Outscrimmage

5 Strong St.

Peter’s Five

and Jackowitz, Go Over New Play.

to scrimmaging his old “buddies” took

ill; Bobby Fazekas and Max Kamm,

also, were unavailable for the afternoon.

The Prepsters wasted no time in

taking lead over their next door en-

emies. Ron Jackowitz and Jimmy Mur-

ray, continuously drove through the

Petrean defense for lay-ups and easy

jumpers around the key; when the

defense collapsed, both ripped the cords

with deadly sets. Joe Messina and Bruce

Gunkle also hit well from the outside

to contribute to the fall of the St.

Peter’s zone. Andy Piscatelli was es-

sential in rebounding and scored fre-

quently on jump shots around the key.

On defense, the story was much the

same. Prep dominated the backboards

and early in the game tallied numer-

ous fast breaks with Jackowitz, Gunkle

and Messina on the scoring end. Monk

Feldman and Jimmy Durkin proved

good hawkers while Dave Stevens was

sweeping the boards along with Murray

and Piscatelli to stop Staggard, Criss,

and Co, cold.

When the game ended the Prepsters

appeared confident of another success-

ful season. Although no sores were kept

and individual points were not tabulat-

ed, Managers Hancox and Rackmill

reported a clear-cut Prep victory. They

disclosed that the “Little Scarlet” had

won by about 30 points and imagined

Jackowitz and Murray netted 30 apiece

with Piscatelli, Messina and Gunkle

not far behind.

JOHNNIE’S COFFEE SHOP

LUNCHEONETTE

20¢7 HAMBURGERS

Fast Service For Prep Boys

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SEASONS GREETINGS

FROM

JOE’S SHOE REPAIR

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New Brunswick, N. J.

“Meet To Eat” at the

MAYFLOWER

RESTAURANT

Corner SOMERSET and EASTON

New Brunswick, N. J.

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War And Peace

Has lis Debut

War and Peace is one of the longest

and most spectacular movies ever made

and it certainly is long. There are

more people, horses, chariots, and

scenery in this picture than in just

about any other and more minutes too.

But after sitting through all this splen-

dor for four hours, you begin to wonder

where it gets you.

THE GAY LIFE

The first half of the picture is the

peace part. There’s a war going on but

it is far away, and nobody really cares

about wars that are far away. The

picture opens in Moscow. Things are

great especially if your rich, as the

people whom we see are. Everybody

lives in splendor and the picture is

full of beautiful dancers and fox hunts,

of people falling in and out of love,

drinking and dueling and \_ enjoying

themselves in general. The acting is

very good, especially Audrey Hepburn,

who runs around the whole picture

with a smile and a low cut dress. In

fact, everything is very beautiful, but

it doesn’t go anyplace. Even that

wouldn’t be so bad but two hours of

standstill can get a little boring.

BLOOD AND GORE

Then we come to the second half,

when Napolian’s army invades Moscow.

This part doesn’t get anywhere either,

but it has so many interesting things,

such as, people dying and men wound-

ed, and bloody and shot, and the

French army getting masacred and

dying like flies, as they tramp through

the snow, and the little episode, where

a soldier opens the door of a coach

and out falls a beautiful lady frozen-

solid (Product of Birds Eye Inc.)

War and Peace is a great spectacle.

The acting is superb and the scenery

is wonderful. It presents an int

picture of how war effects an aristoc-

racy. One just wonders if its worth the

time.

COMPLIMENTS

OF

THE

KEY CLUB

RUTGERS

CHEVROLET

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NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J.

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CLUB NEWS

this year and meets on Thursdays. Bo

Cox is the president and Mr. Moffat

is the advisor. Twelve boys are active

in the club.

Each meeting two boys are assigned

to report on different phases of avia-

tion, with a discussion following. At

the meetings Mr. Moffat explains the

different parts of an airplane, how to

navigate a plane, and how to prepare

for a license.

At the beginning of the schoo] year

the group went on a flying trip to

learn elementary maneuvers and

straight flying. The group plans to do

some cross country flying in the near

future.

THE CHEM CLUB

The members of the Chem Club have

shown quite an interest in the activ-

ities of their club. The club meets

during activities period on Wednesdays,

to explore the field of Chemistry

further than class periods will permit.

President Martin Levowitz opens the

meetings and explains the experiment

which the club will take part in. All

experiments are arranged by the plan-

ning committee, Sally Searls, Jennifer

Upton, Richard Conrad, and Louise

DiLalo, who are headed by Arlene

Greenberg, vice-president of the club.

Barbara Lipman is the club's secretary.

Everyone enjoyed making bouncing

putty, synthetic rubber, hand lotion

and hydrogen peroxide, or, to quote

Martin Levowitz, “Sally Searls’ hair

tonic.”

CLASS PARENTS MEET

During November, evening confer-

ences were held for the parents of

Rutgers Preparatory School Students.

The three main discussions were:

changing aspects of secondary educa-

tion, purposes of the school’s guidance

program, and Mr. Heinlein spoke to

the senior parents about the problems

concerning college admission.

Every teacher spoke with the classes

they teach. Parents had many ques-

tions in regards to the marking system,

class discussions, and conduct of the

students. All of these questions were

well answered by our faculty along

with personal problems.

Many new students have come to

Rutgers Preparatory this semester, and

their parents had an ideal opportunity

to meet our instructors and see our

school.

December, 1956

‘Columbia Presents

The Aviation Club is on the wing | fits 33rd Contest

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This year the Argo is going to be

entered in the 33rd Annual Contest for

school newspapers, sponsored by the

Columbia Scholastic Press Association.

The Columbia Scholastic Press Asso-

ciation, found in 1925, is an organiza-

tion of school publications sponsored

by Columbia University. There is a

governing board which is composed of

about thirty men and women who have

had experience in the student publica-

tions field.

The newspapers are entered in the

contest and are read and rated by the

Board of Judges. With each newspaper

entered, a booklet in which the scoring

of the Judges, based on a range of

1,000 points together with critical and

helpful comments, may be found.

Normally it takes about four to six

weeks to score the newspapers after

the convention is over, then the results

are mailed to the various schools.

Publications receiving a first place

rating receive a certificate embossed

in gold, second place in silver, and

third place in bronze. Some of the

first place publications are selected to

receive a special certificate, achieving

“Medalist” rating.

Last year the Argo received a third

place rating, but this year they expect

to do much better.

LOWER SCHOOL NEWS

The Fourth grade has been studying

the Netherlands and how the Dutch

have to fight the sea. A committee has

set up an experiment in the Science

Room pots of soil and seeds. The Class

is watching to see if seeds watered

with salty water will grow.

The Sixth grade summarized their

study of Rome by making a film strip

to illustrate the outstanding events in

early Roman history. The students

drew pictures illustrating such events

as the triumphant entry of a con-

quering General and the murder of

Julius Caesar. These pasted together

to make a film strip which was shown

in a box projector made by Phillip

Shapiro and his father.

Mr. Sperduto’s seventh grade has

been studying the causes of the Rev-

olutionary War and the revolution it-

self. The class has written several

editorials and held debates showing

the viewpoints of both England and

the colonies.

By John Schmitt with help

of Lower School reporters.

ART’S FURNITURE

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