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Opera Guild Offers

Puccini Masterpiece

Forty-two students will go to the

opera, Tosca by Giacomo Puccini on

March 8.

Briefly, the outline of Tosca is this:

Tosca, a beautiful singer, is the jeal-

ous lover of Mario Cacaradosse, a

religious artist. Angelotti, a fleeing

prisoner, hides in the church in

which Mario is painting. Mario helps

him to escape. Scarpis, chief of Roman

police, enters the church and, not

finding Angelotti arrests Mario as an

accomplice, and orders him to be

shot. Tosca promises herself to Scarpia

to rescue her lover, and Scarpia orders

a fake execution of Mario. When he

returns to claim her, she stabs him.

At dawn the pretended execution of

Mario takes place. Tosca hurries to

the prone figure of her lover, after

the firing, and finds Mario dead.

Hearing noises of approaching soldiers,

she realizes that her murder of

Scarpia has been discovered. Climbing

the prison walls, she leaps to her

death.

Mr. Dumarae began taking students

to the opera to give them a chance to

decide for themselves whether or not

they would enjoy it. To quote Mr.

Dumarae, “Don’t accept the comments

of illiterate adults who have never

been to the opera”.

PREP GOES ON OWN

The Board of Trustees of Rutgers,

State University of New Jersey, at

their January 23, 1957 meeting, adopt-

ed resolutions which will bring about

the separation of the Preparatory

Schoo] from the University.

Dr. L. W. Jones, president of the

University, in explaining the legal

committment of the University to

devote its entire activity to public

higher education, said, “Now that the

University’s governing body has been

reorganized, it becomes imperative

that the relationship with the Prepar-

atory School be finally terminated.”

The new board of the school will be

know as the Rutgers Preparatory

School Corporation, and will assume

control of the school June 30, 1958.

Of the buildings now occupied by the

School the undisturbed use of the

Elementary School building will con-

tinue until June 30, 1958 and the

undisturbed use of the Preparatory

School buildings will continue until

June 30, 1962.

RUTGERS PREPARATORY SCHOOL

produce a high calibre of yearbook,

would like to do something extra to

~ Director Ness Prepares Script

Group Arranges

Student Library

On the third floor there is a room

which has been set aside for use as

a library. Until recently no effort has

been made toward making this room

usable. Recently under the guidance of

Mrs. Wilson, Suzanne Duschock, Zena

Bernstein, Louise DiLalo, Amy Ridder-

ing and Jim Ness volunteered to put

the library in order.

Cataloguing Begins

This task was started by first cat-

aloguing every book and stamping

every book with the school name.

These cards are to be typed by Mrs.

Barnard,

The next task was to arrange the

books on the shelves. The books were

arranged into two main section, each

with sub-sections. The first section is

fiction under which comes poetry,

short stories, essays, novels, and drama.

The next section is non-fiction under

which comes biography, auto-biog-

raphy, textbooks, reference tools, col-

lege catalogues, magazines and news-

papers.

Students Take Over

After this operation is completed,

the students will take charge of the

desk, fines, Bulletin Board and gen-

eral care. In short, Rutgers Preparatory

School will have a library of which it

can be proud, and the school is cer-

tainly indebted to those who unself-

ishly gave their time so that there

would be a library at our disposal.

February, 1957

Students Will Boost YE DIAL Fund

With the Presentation of Two Plays

After observing the great care that many of our students are taking to

several pupils in Prep decided they

help the yearbook. Therefore, under

the direction of James Ness, a group

of them got together to start the job

of putting on two one act plays. By

putting on these plays, they hope to

be able to raise a small part of the

large sum of money needed for pub-

lication of our yearbook.

Honesty Is The Best Policy

The names of those taking part in

Finders Keepers, by George Kelly, are

as follows: Nancy Lee, Kirstin Kvam

and Richard Kluft. Finders Keepers is

the story of a young wife who finds

a large sum of money and does not

seem to be able to face the fact that

she must return this money to its

original owner. Finally, with the help

of her husband, Mrs. Aldred is forced

to return the money to the woman

who had lost it. This play portrays

some thoroughly human reactions in

connection with the finding of a con-

siderable sum of money, and it points

out how even relatively honest citizens

can find it difficult to be honest when

$100 is at stake.

Young Love

The shorter of the two plays is

Thursday Evening by Christopher

Morley, an emotional story about the

problems of a young married couple

who come from different backgrounds.

The play shows how these two young

people can get into a really ridiculous

quarrel, and how they can be straight-

ened out with the help of their moth-

ers, more experienced than they in

life's problems. Joanne Milliken, Carol

Heinlein, Nancy Tomkinson and Austin

Anderson are taking the parts in this

play.

Folk Festival Wins Applause

For the first time in Prep history a

folk song festival was presented for

the students and their families at the

symnasium. On January 18 our French

and Spanish teacher Mrs. Antoinette

Rooda, Mrs. Sylvia Spath, Mr. Thomas

Rooda and fourteen selected students

combined talents. The result was a

sparkling rendition of folk songs and

dances from all over the world. The

response to this new idea was such

that a second and greater festival will

be slated for next year.

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From The

Editor’s Desk

Within the past few months, the

student body at Prep has been getting

very restless during the lunch periods

and after school. To rid themselves of

excess energy, some students have been

destroying school property.

The faculty and several of the

school’s more prominent organizations

finally decided that this vandalism had

gone far enough, and, on February 15,

1957, a meeting of the faculty was

called by Mr. Heinlein. They reached

several very important decisions at

this meeting that should affect the

student body drastically.

The Student Council members and

the students are asked to co-operate

with a new program of faculty-stu-

dent supervision of all pupil behavior

from the time they come to school in

the morning until they leave it at

night. Several Council members will

be chosen to watch over students’

actions. Their job will be to advise

students and check up on them, not

discipline them. If any person gets

out of hand, the Council member will

be forced to report him to one of the

three faculty members who are to

supervise the committee’s actions.

These faculty members are Mrs. Wil-

son, Mr. Blake and Mr. Dumarae.

The Argo staff is determined to co-

operate with and back this new plan

to control student behavior. We all

heartily urge that the entire student

body get behind this movement and

halt this immature behavior before it

becomes habitual.

Margaret P.

FLASH!

The Secondary Educa-

Day off!

tion Board meets on Friday, March

1, necessitating a holiday.

The Argo

Inquiring Reporter

Jingle:

There was a youn

Who used to go ou

He spent all his time

TO: THYME, ives see Soe ee

Dave Moreland—

and lime.”

Suzanne Duschock—‘‘An'

time to drink wine.”

Doug Krogh—‘“And now,

he is serving his time.” r

Bruce Miller—‘He sold all of his hun-

dred poems and was left 99.”

Judy Anekstein — “School is really a

waste of time.”

Al Thode — “And he lost all but a

dime.”

Jim Burke—‘‘How crime was a waste

of time.”

John Margolis—“And wasted all the

years of his prime.”

Zena Bernstein—“And soon went out

of his mind.”

Dick Gutowski—“And that is how he

g man of Wight

t at night.

learning

d never found

behind bars,

got behind.”

Walt Jacobs—“A scholar to all con-

cerning.”

Ken Treat—And missed a very good

time.”

Danny Struk—‘“But this poem wasn’t

worth a dime.”

Joanne Milliken — “But he couldn’t

make a single dime.”

Tom Chester—‘And wasted his brain

and half the time.”

Bob Cox—‘But in other

was sublime.”

Kris Kvam—“While he listens to the

chime.”

Linda Brodsky — “The other times

yearning, now! do you think this is

quite right.”

Jerry Gildar—‘For

had no time.”

Honor Roll Cited

On February 8, Mr. Heinlein an-

nounced the honor roll for the first

semester. Richard Schatzman led the

school with a 94 average. Joe Messina

and Martin Levowitz each had 93, and

Richard Kluft earned a 92. Bruce

Gunkle, Florence Schmitt, and Danylo

activities he

his homework he

Struk with 91, and Walter Jacobs,

Linda Levy, Andrew Phelps, Carl

Stover, and Sidney Wooten with 90

were also among those receiving first

honors.

Each class was represented in the

group which earned averages between

89 and 85. John Lipman led this group

with 89, while Richard Schwartz,

David Blanken, and Mark Levine had

88 averages. Carol Heinlein, Steve

Holsten, Peter Wintersteiner, and Boice

-|McCain averaged 87. Jim Burke and

Merle Schiffmayer had 85, Eight stu-

dents gained marks between 84 and 80.

\_ The honor roll and honorable men-

ion included almost one-third of the

student body,

February, 1957

Letters to the Edito,y

Dear Editor,

In the past couple of weeks, at var-

ious times, a few individuals have

caused the rest of the student body to

give up some of their rights.

The first instance of this was done

right in school, when some of the

desks and part of the stairway were

destroyed. The school did not know

exactly who did this, and so Money

was taken out of the Student Activity

fund to pay for the repairs. Now jt

seems that we may have our lunch

period shortened because a few “wise

guys” were making trouble at the

railroad station during that period.

It is obviously wrong that all the

students should have to suffer for the

trouble-making of some. No one is

against having some fun in and around

school. If people have to go around

breaking things and causing trouble

to have fun, they either have a

wharped sense of humor, or are some-

what insane.

Let us hope that the student body

won’t have to give up its time or money

any longer, because of these people.

Jon Margolis

To Whom It May Concern:

If you are interested, as I am in

Broadway hits, don’t miss Li’l Abner.

I enjoyed it fully and would like to

recommend it to Prepsters.

Li'l Abner starts in a town called

Dogpatch, a miniature place shut

away in the mountains. It concerns

the event called “Sadie Hawkins Day,”

where the women chase the men “til

the bitter end.” The whole play is

based on this important day in the

life of the people of Dogpatch. Many

amusing things happen during the

courses of the comedy—as they do in

the course of the comic strip the play

is based on.

Seeing a Broadway play is one of the

most interesting activities I know of.

I suggest that the English Depart-

ment in this school take more trips to

Plays. It would give both the teachers

and the students a break from the

same dull routine and give people a

chance to see plays they would other-

wise miss. Drama would come alive

to students who could go beyond the

printed page to the glamour of Broad-

way productions.

A Theater Fan.

NOTICE.

If you wish to contact David

Stephens, you may write to:

Muhlenburg Hospital,

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SPOR TLIGHT

by Bernard Karshmer

Prep can probably be considered the

team most envolved in 100 point

games, for over the past three seasons

they have encountered three of them.

The first was three years ago while

the Prepsters were enjoying a 12

game winning streak. After thumping

Hun School by a 60-42 count at

Princeton, Coach O’Connell, in a home

encounter, let his squad rack up a

106-69 score. Last year, when the

“Little Scarlet” invaded B.M.I., their

90 point effort wasn’t enough to over-

come Bordentown’s 108 points. On

Saturday, the 23rd, Prep lost to Pen-

nington by a 121-94 count. This game

produced 5 new records.

1, Al Murasko’s old record of 40

points against Admiral Farragut in

1954 was erased when Jim Murray

tossed in 42 pts.

2, A new gym and county scoring

record was made when the two scores

added up to 215.

3, Pennington racked up an amazing

73 points a two period spread.

4, For the first time in county high

schoo] records a team (Pennington)

accumulated 100 points by the end of

the third canto.

5, Prep’s old record of a 90 point

losing performance against B.M.I. was

bettered by four,

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CONGRATULATIONS RONNIE! — —

All of us here on the sports staff

would like to congratulate Ron Jac-

kowitz who broke the 1000 point mark

for his 3 year high school career.

COMPLIMENTS

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The Argo

Pennington Beats Prepsters, 121-94

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Ronnie, Jimmy and Bruce Head For A Score.

On February 23, Rutgers Prep closed |}

out its regular

campaign on a sorry note by losing to

Pennington Prep, 121-94. In \_ the

highest scoring game the county has

seen in many years, many records

fell.

school scoring record by netting 42

counters to erase Al Murasko’s mark

of 40 against Admiral Farragut in the

1953-54 campaign. Pennington’s 38

point outburst in the second period

and the total number of points in the

game, 215, also appear to be county

scoring records.

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Pennington,

Trotman, clicked for 9 straight points

Jim Murray established a new]to move in front 36-25. This string

was broken by Jackowitz’s deuce but

the Group IV quintet poured on the

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It was a nip and tuck battle for the

1956-57 basketball) first eight minutes with Prep on the

low end of a 27- 25 score at the buzz-

1. At the outset of the second quarter,

led by All-Stater Marv

team to outscore Jackowitz, Murray

& Co. by a 38-14 count to lead 65-39

at intermission.

The second half told quite a dif-

ferent story. Coach O'Connell's forces

matched Pennington basket for basket

with Murray and Piscatelli

showing

he way, but the big deficit which

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J. Vis Trim Pingry, 65-62 Trotman & Co. had amassed during

Playing against a hard fighting t

Pingry five, the Prep Jay Vees won

65 to 62 in overtime.

The Pingry team jumped out to a

commanding lead by ball hawking and

fast breaks. The Prep team could not

seem to get going and was stymied

until the beginning of the third

quarter. Then they caught hold of

themselves and started cutting down

the Pingry lead. With about a minute

to go, down by two points, the Prep

five held the ball for one shot, and

then Dean Kamm made a spectacular

drive for the two points just as the

buzzer sounded. Prep got three points

in overtime to win the game. The Jay

Vees posted an 8 and 7 record with

a few more games to go.

he second canto was too great for

the Prepsters to overcome. The final

score was 121-94,

missing the century mark by only 6

points themselves.

the “Little Scarlet”

Ronnie, Andy Score High.

Murray was aided in the scoring

column by Ron Jackowitz who clicked

for

for

total

year total to 1034. Andy, who also has

scored consistently

was the key man in rebounding.

27 and Andy Piscatelli who hit

12. This raised Ronnie’s season

to 478 while increasing his 3

in double figures,

The “Little Scarlet” who have now

finished the regular season with a

11-10 record will be gunning for vic-

tory number 12 in the finals of the

Headmaster’s Tournament.

“Meet To Eat” at the

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Correspondence News

To all the recent graduates of Prep:

I am writing this letter to ask you

what subject or activity you had in

Prep which you feel has benefited you

most in college. I would like very much

if you would express your opinions

and send them to the Argo. Also in-

cluded in your opinion could be any

subject or activity which did not ben-

efit you at all.

The Argo has a special reason for

wanting your opinions. After a select

group of staff members compiles a list

of the activities, we can establish a

standard. From this standard, students

will be able to judge what will profit

them in high school and later on in

college.

We are sorry to hear about the

accident which John Kuhthau was in.

We all hope that he will recover soon.

Both students and faculty send their

best wishes to Virginia Riegger

who was married February 9. She will

reside in Philadelphia and plans to

finish her education at Drexel.

Roger Seamon, who is in the class

of 1959 at Yale, is a candidate for a

Bachelor of Arts degree in one of

Yale's special programs. Roger should

also be congratulated for making the

Dean’s list.

If there are any alumni who have

accomplished something that they or

their friends and relatives think worth

mentioning, we are always appreciative

of such news. Just drop us a letter,

and we will print your news so that

the Prepsters who follow you will see

what they can accomplish.

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LOWER SCHOOL NEWS

The students of the seventh grade

are studying the various types of per-

centage problems in arithmetic and

are studying noun clauses. Since the

new term began they have had two

Hungarian refugees visiting them.

The sixth grade is starting to study

European countries. Mrs. Ellis assigned

each person a country in Europe. The

series of French lessons is over and

the new ones will begin in March.

Some material on Lincoln’ was

brought in by the fifth grade. There

are pictures, stories, maps, and some

old books.

Mrs. Van Vechten will be absent

from the fourth grade for a month

and Mrs. McLean is teaching them

now. In history they are studying

Minneapolis, and in geography they

are studying the Congo.

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CLUB NEWS

by V. E. Stilwell

This year the Ye Dial staff has been

| working efficiently and the yearbook

is coming along quickly.

Bernard Karshmer, our

Manager, has succeeded in

for last year’s advertising

collected more than the estimated

amount of advertising for the 1957

year. Since we do have a large sum of

money to help pay for our advertising,

there will not have to be a large

amount of money taken out of the

Student Activities Fund.

The design and layout of Ye Dial

are probably the longest part of the

yearbook construction. Vic Stilwell, the

Layout and Design Editor, has insti-

tuted a change in the cover for 1957.

To meet a deadline, we must have

a certain number of pages drawn up,

have the copy written, and the pic-

tures developed and printed so that we

may send them with the page layouts.

The photography for the yearbook

does not cost the school too much

since Fred Schatzman takes and de-

velops approximately thirty prercent

of the pictures. The Academy Year-

book Photographers take the balance

of the pictures.

The writing in the yearbook is under

the control of Florence Schmitt. Her

job extends from the beginning of the

school year until the last deadline is

met.

The entire staff work is under the

control of Joe Messina, the Editor-in-

Chief, and Mrs. Rooda, our advisor.

CHEM CLUB TAKES TRIP

The Chem Club and the Advanced

Chem Club will take their trip on

February 28, to the Consumer’s Union

Research Laboratory in Washington,

New Jersey.

The trip was originally planned by

the Chem Club for a date soon after

examinations. The Club even started

on the trip to Washington, but, due

to the heavy snow and \_ hazardous

driving conditions, they decided it

would be best to return and postpone

the trip.

The two clubs will take this trip

together and another one to the Esso

refineries later in the year. Mr. Daviet

will accompany the students.

Business

collecting

and has

February, 1957

Mr. Dumarae Forms

A Discussion Group

On a recent Thursday Mr, Dumarae

called a meeting of a small group of

students in his room during the activ-

ities period. These few pupils were

then informed of the formation of a

new club, which would be a discussion

and study class.

This new organization will meet on

Thursday to discuss topics of a wide

and varied nature. The first meeting

was hold to determine two things;

first, to ascertain whether the selected

students would be interested in the

forming of the club; and \_ secondly,

to see what type of topics appeal to

the group for future study and dis-

cussion. The topics brought up were

religions, poetry, art, music, and the

Bible among many others. The Bible

was selected, and the Book of Ruth

has been assigned for study and debate.

The club will be informal in opera-

tion, with no set rules or officers. Mr.

Dumarae will be the group’s adviser,

helping to get projects rolling, and

will act as chairman for the present

time.

The membership will be limited to

students recognized as hard workers.

To become a member, one must be

recommended and approved at a meet-

ing. In every case, however, the final

judgement and acceptance must come

from Mr. Dumarae, with whom the

decision rests.

Music Appreciation Group Formed

Already formed is the Music Appre-

ciation group, which is also function-

ing under the leadership of Mr. Du-

marae. This group meets on Mondays

for the purpose of listening to good

music. The greater part of its program

will be devoted to music of the clas-

sical type, but occassionally show

music and jazz will be heard.

At the first meeting, a piece by

Bach was played, and a recorder was

examined.

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