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New York Trip

Enables Prep

To See U. N.

On Thursday, March 18, the student

body went to New York to attend a

session of the United Nations. The stu-

dents went in two buses, which left at

different times. The number of students

was divided approximately in half with

half going at eight-thirty in the morning

and the rest leaving at noon.

After spending all morning at the

United Nations building, those who had

come on the first bus went to visit the

Metropolitan Museum of Art. There

they ate lunch in the new restaurant,

which has a lovely pool in the center.

Following lunch they split up and went

to see various exhibits in the museum

until three-thirty, when the bus returned

to take them home.

The Prepsters who left on the twelve

o'clock bus did not get a chance to visit

the museum of art. The earlier bus ar-

rived home at five, and those on the later

bus were home at a quarter of six.

Mr. Heinlein and Mr. Holley directed

the groups and supervised the visits

through the United Nations building. Mr.

Holley attended the first bus, along

with Mr. Dumarae and Mr. Moffat. Mr.

Gaggini and the O’Connells went on the

second bus.

Mr. Dumarae planned and implemented

the U. N. trip. Mr. Holley’s history

classes paid special attention to the

medieval art exhibit. Mr. Dumarae

showed his Latin classes the museum’s

collection of Greek and Roman statuary.

Prep Students to Prepare

State Science Fair Display

The Central New Jersey Science Fair,

presented by Rutgers University, will be

held on April 6-7. Exhibits from second-

ary schools are the features of the Fair.

Exhibits may be submitted in any field

of science such as physics, chemistry,

biology and engineering. The winners of

the Regional Science Fair are eligible to

compete in a National Science Fair.

The participants from Rutgers Prep

are Dave Buchine, Franklin Preiser and

Eugene Hohol. They ‘have chosen for

their display a Van De Graaf Generator

as a physics exhibit. The generator is

used to produce high voltage electrical

charges. The exhibit is being prepared

in the science lab of the school under the

supervision of Mr. Francis Calvo. It

is hoped that the exhibit will increase

interest in science.

Kuhlthau’s Student Day

Keeps Platform Pledge

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STUDENT DAY LEADER

Music Lovers Attend

Boheme on April 9

On April 9, 40 music-loving students

of Rutgers Prep will board a bus that

will take them to New York to see a

special performance of Puccini's “La

Boheme.” The opera will be given at

the Metropolitan Opera House and be-

gins at 1 o’clock.

The opera depicts life in 19th century

Paris. It deals mainly with five charac-

ters: Mimi, a beautiful girl, who has

tuberculosis; Rudolph, a writer and the

hero of the story, who shares his attic

apartment with Marcel, the painter;

Coline, the philosopher and Schaunard,

the musician. Mimi goes to Rudolph’s

apartment on Christmas Eve to seek a

light for her candle, and the two fall

in love immediately. Later, the two

are separated, but are finally reunited

before Mimi dies. The story is made

lively by the boisterous fun of the four

friends. The gaiety and picturesque

local color of this opera have given it

undying popularity,

Mr. Dumarae’s present intention is to

give definite instructions concerning the

music, characters and plot to the students

before the group goes to the opera.

He strongly feels that a thorough know-

ledge of the opera will be conducive

to more understanding and better en-

joyment on the part of the audience.

This entire trip was made \_ possible

through the efforts of Mr. Dumarae, who

succeeded in enrolling us in the Metro-

politan Opera Guild.

Faculty-Student Cooperation

Brings Back Prep Tradition

In past years, it has been a privilege

of the students to have a Student Admin-

istration Day. This custom was discon-

tinued last year. However, through the

efforts of John Kuhlthau, President of

the Student Council, and his cabinet,

Student Administration Day will be re-

sumed at Rutgers Prep. With the co-

operation of the faculty and student body,

Student Day will be held on March 30.

On this day, the members of the senior

class will step into the roles of teachers

and administrators.

Teacher-Student Cooperation

Although this day will be of great en-

joyment to the students, and a good time

is almost invariably had, the purpose

of this experiment is more constructive.

Regular plans will be made for the

classes and assignments will be due as

always. The hope that a feeling of co-

operation will prevail and that the stu-

dents will not abuse or be blind to this

opportunity was expressed by ‘both the

Headmaster and the President of the

Student Council.

Seniors Teach Classes

Throughout this entire day, the students

of Prep will have the opportunity to

observe their fellow-students in action

as they take over the classes, The sen-

iors of the school will have the privilege

of teaching one of their classes, and the

positions of the members of the faculty

will be reversed when they assume the

roles of students.

The last Student Administration Day

was held in 1952, and is within the

memory of many Prepsters. In coopera-

tion with Mr, Shepard and the Student

Council, the student body enjoyed a

successful day in which work was accom-

plished and fun was had.

Rutgers University Plans

Romance Languages Day

On Friday, March 26, Rutgers Univer-

sity is sponsoring a Romance Language

Day on its New Brunswick Campus.

This is in answer to a great many re-

quests from the high school teachers of

New Jersey.

This is to be an all-day affair, begin-

ning with lectures and conferences. There

will be a number of plays, given in

French, Spanish, German and \_ Italian.

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RUTGE

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Thanks From ‘The Staff

The Argo staff wishes to thank all those

students whose diligent participation

made the recent magazine drive a suc-

cess. During the past month, this drive

was held in order to earn the money

hecessary to print your newspaper. Stu-

dents sold various magazine publications

to their relatives or by house-to-house

canvassing, and a certain percentage of

the profits was turned over to the school

as part of “The Argo” funds. Thus the

means of continuing further publication

of the paper has been obtained,

Although student enthusiasm for the

project was slow in getting under way,

it soon gained momentum. The team

captains, who volunteered their services,

kept careful track of the proceeds day

by day. Thanks to their excellent man-

agement of the teams, the drive pro-

ceeded with a minimum of confusion.

Due to the many efficient and interested

student salesmen, working with their

captains, “The Argo” now has sufficient

funds to continue regular publication

through May. .

mie atatt of the paper, then, wishes to

thank, most sincerely, those members of

the student body who, by. their coopera-

tion, enthusiasm and assistance, helped

make this drive such a success,

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I would like to congratulate you on

the fine newspapers that have been put

out this year.

This is the first year that I have

noticed that there is hardly any parking

place for the persons who drive to

school. I believe that something could

‘be done about this.

There is also another matter that

should be taken care of, That is that

the door in Mr, Kallfelz’s room be fixed.

I wonder if it is possible during spring

vacation to have some of the desks in

study ‘hall fixed.

A Friend.

Dear Editor:

The educational trip to New York on

February 27, which was sponsored by Mr.

Gaggini, was a thoroughly enjoyable

event in spite of the fact that we were

exposed to a bit of culture.

Eating at a “tres French” restaurant,

Le Champlain, was an experience of in.

terest to all. The food was of a savory

nature and the cost of it was not ob-

jectionable.

We saw two comedies which were

presented in the French language, and

although some may have found it to

be a good place for insomniaes, the whole

of the group listened quite attentively

to the presentations which were staged

at the Carnegie Recital Hall.

Peter Schwartz

Dear Editor:

Well, as usual, I have found some-

thing to gripe about, which is not a

very difficult thing to do.

There is one thing I would like to

know. Is Prep ever going to do any-

thing about that mass of packing crates

and cheesecloth that is commonly and

with grave error called a Stage? The

Prep gym is bad enough, but that

“stage”—UGH! All full of nails, snags,

holes, and weak boards, it isn’t safe to

walk on. And those curtains! Whew!

They are nothing but dust held together

by mould.

Before someone breaks his neck on the

boards or dies of an allergy from the

curtains, can’t something be done?

Grouchy.

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March 15

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How I wish it were done!

Oh, an editette loves

A newspaper man,

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Record Holiday

By JACK ToBINn

Nowadays, for a r

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must be 200,000 or net

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“Secret Love” standing at th

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the hit parade and closel fol

standout such as snnethe :

Tony Bennett's “Stran;

er in Paradise,” and Eddie Fa t=

Mein Papa.” ‘sher's “O

One of the most interesting items in

the record business today is the sudden

splurge in the popularity of the male

vocal sroups. Among these are the Four

Aces, the Hilltoppers, the Gaylords, the

Ames Brothers and the Mills Brothers,

To try and single out one of these as

the best would be a difficult job for, at

one time or anothe

» each has had a

number one record.

In our spotlight for this week is Eartha

Kitt. Eartha’s performance in “New

Faces” made her a star. She has had a

continuous flow of hits ever since, but

perhaps her best are “Somebody Bad

Stole de Wedding Bell” and “Loving

Spree.”

Limelight

John Flanagan is perhaps the most

colorful P. G. that Prep thas had in many

years. Always on hand with a story

of his study hall “adventures” at Tea-

neck High School, or one of his many

unusual experiences of his job at the

A & P, he adds to the gaiety of the

student body.

Throughout his brief stay at Prep

John ‘has maintained a good scholastic

record and always has managed to find

time for student activities. An active

member of the dance committee, his

creative efforts have added to the suc-

cess of the past two dances.

His future plans entail a free cruise

to Bermuda, given by the naval re-

serves and then college. At the present,

the choice is Rutgers, where he plans

to study at the agricultural school. Al-

ready well-known around Prep as a hard

worker, we are sure that John will be

a success in college.

John has already distinguished him-

self at Prep for his outstanding ability

in math, Alwuys ready to help students

struggling through Algebra I, John can

often be seen discussing math, his favor-

ite subject.

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March, 1954

SPORTLIGHT

By NORMAN KARSHMER

This edition of “Sportlight” will de-

scribe just a few of the athletic feats

of Al Murasko. Al set every conceiv-

able record here at Prep this year. He

wound up as the leader in total points as

well as high game scorer in Middlesex

County.

Murasko pumped 563 markers through

the nets this year for a 296 average.

These are both new Prep basketball

records. Along with these, Al set four

other major records, including the most

field goals in one season, most points in

one game and most points in two consecu-

tive games.

Since baseball and track seasons are

practically here, Prep has fourteen or

more interscholastic baseball games and

seven dual track meets scheduled. Prep

opens the baseball season with a game

against Highland Park High School on

Thursday, April 8, at Highland Park. The

Cindermen open against Newark Acad-

emy on April 28 at Newark.

Congratulations to Don Hughes, who

scored over 250 points in basketball and

to Bill Kurtz and Len Bartlett, who top-

ped the 150 mark and Roger Seamon,

who matched more than 125 tallies.

At this time, “The Argo” sports staff

would like to welcome our new track

coach, Mr. George Moffat, to the Prep

coaching staff. Mr. Moffat participated

in the pole vault at Williams College,

where he vaulted 11’ 10” consistantly.

We all wish Mr. Moffat the best of luck

in the coming season and are sure he

will produce a fine team.

Prediction: Rutgers Prep will have

a 500 or better baseball record this sea-

son.

Trackmen Meet For Practice

This year Prep is very fortunate in

having an authentic track coach. Mr.

Moffat, who teaches English on the side,

was formerly a pole vaulter.

Mr. Moffat has had the boys at work

for only one week but the squad is

shaping up quickly.

In the weights, Don Hughes and Cliff

Griggs will take care of the shot put

while Lenny Bartlett is scheduled to

toss the discus.

Joe Hamadyk will play a big part in the

distance runs, and Stu Edelberg shows

great promise in the sprints.

Larry Smith will be kept busy as

he is expected to high jump and also

run in the hurdles.

Mr. Moffat expects a great deal from

Al Murasko, Prep’s great guard of the

past basketball season. As a freshmen

in South River, Al broad jumped 20

feet, so he is expected to really burn up

the cinders.

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Prep Drops Final Game

As Murasko

MURASKO SHATTERS RECORD

Baseball Hopefuls

Meet As Drills Begin

The baseball team, under the super-

vision of Coach O’Connell, hopes to start

practice very shortly. Prep’s hopes are

high this year for a better team than

those which have been seen in the last

couple of years. Last year’s team, al-

though it contained several well known

players, did not seem to have the right

spark. This year we all hope that,

with possibly not so many great names,

we will have a better season.

Among the returning players of last

year are Stu Edelberg and Buddy Zajac.

Edelberg will probably land a position

in the outfield, Zajac possibly at second

‘base.

Although we have not seen him play

as of yet, there are high hopes that Al

Murasko, star of Prep’s fiery basketball

team, will be able to add the right kind

of spark to this year’s baseball team.

With all these hopes Prep is al-

ready buzzing with anxiety to begin

practice under the excellent instruction

of Coach O’Connell who expressed the

desire for a baseball season comparable

to our recent one in basketball.

Stars Again

Gn the afternoon of March 6th, the Rut

gers Prep five suffered defeat at the

hands of Pingry School. This was the most

important game of Prep’s entire season,

because the Group III Headmaster’s

Championship rested on it. Being de-

feated by a score of 70-64, Prep has been

beaten two years in succession by al-

most the same Pingry team.

In the scoring department, three play-

ers on the Pingry five, Hert Bush, Chuck

Hite, and Guy Leedom all ran \_ into

double figures scoring 28, 20, and 19.

The high scorer for Prep, and for the

entire game, was Al Murasko who, with

a classy selection of sets and driving

Jay-ups, was able to net 31 points and

thus finish up with a stunning season.

Bill Kurtz, on a series of long set shots,

was able to add 18 points to the Little

Scarlet’s score while Don Hughs chip-

ped in with 13 very helpful points in the

bucket.

Prep’s bad break came in the game

when Al Murasko fouled out with 1:55

seconds left in the last quarter. When

Murasko left, the score stood at 63-60,

and almost immediately Pingry’s big

guns, Hite and Busch, ran up six points

in rapid succession, which almost clinch-

ed the game.

Several times during the game the lead

switched hands. The two teams, being

very evenly matched, fought right down

to the wire and at no time, except for

the last two minutes, could anyone tell

who the victor would be. The scoring

by quarters went two to Pingry and two

to Prep.

Murasko closed the season with 563

points credited to him, the most ever

scored by any Prep player.

Prep finished a very successful season

of 15 victories and 4 losses in 19 games.

Three defeats were by Pingry and St.

Marys.

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Prep Teacher Heads

State Conference

The second to seventh grades of the

Lower School have been wonderful root-

ers for our basketball team this year.

Their support was greatly appreciated

at Prep.

The teachers of both our Upper and

Lower Schools are extremely interested

in improving their teaching standards.

This is especially true with a favorite,

and much talked about subject, English,

Mr. Heinlein, together with Mr. Moffat

and Mrs. Kehoe, attended a conference

of English teachers in private schools.

At the conference Mrs. Kehoe gave a

talk on the teaching of literature on a

junior level.

Florida is quite appealing to every-

one this time of year, and to those stu-

dents of the Elementary School lucky

enough, it’s not just a dream. On March

4th, Kim and Skip Deitz returned from

Florida and John Shelling left, south-

ward bound.

On March 8th, Tom and Gary Ten

Broeck returned from a month in the

“Sunshine State.”

Little, if anything, has been said this

year about a figure at the Lower School

who has helped so much to make the

student’s education so much more in-

teresting. This person is Mrs. Mildred

Ford, whose expert instruction in the

field of art has broadened the interests

of every student.

The Elementary School chorus, after

a short rest, has begun preparation for

their Spring program under the well

qualified direction of Mrs. Margaret

Kelly.

Many New Groups Formed

For Daily Activities Period

At the beginning of the second semes-

ter, many students formed a number of

new clubs. One of these was the Chess

Club which meets on Wednesday during

activities period. In it are a number

of boys who like to play and are in-

terested in improving their ability at

chess.

Now that work on YE DIAL has been

finished, Mr. Gaggini has reorganized the

Octette, which has lain dormant since

last Spring. The group consists of El-

friede Riddering and Estelle Newman,

sopranos, Clementina Vitti and Diane

Dorn, altos, Stan Bey and Dick Johnson,

tenors, and Malcolm Cohen and Pete

Schwartz, basses. These singers meet

in Room One on Mondays and Fridays

after chapel services to sing madrigals

and other such music as can be sung

by an octette.

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and Repairing

The ARGO

News Around Prep

Since our last issue of “The Argo,” a

number of news-worthy events have

taken place. Among the most important

of these: Coach O’Connell finally settled

down. The glorious event took place

on February 20, at one p. m.

The “Queen of Heart’s Dance” had a

poor turnout. Nevertheless, it was a

ball of fun. The theme of the dance

was a brilliant design in red and white.

March, 1954

Inquiring Reporter

By JOHN ROSA

“What do you think of Senator Mc-

Carthy’s tactics concerning army of-

ficials?”

Nina Frankel: “I don’t think he is

using the right methods. If he used

more subtle methods he would get

further.”

Patty Lancaster: “I think that Senator

McCarthy’s tactics are unfair, and his

method of investigation should be an

embarrassment to the President of the

The title of queen was won by a pert US

blonde named Elaine Frischley. With

their excellent playing, the “Nocturnes”

did justice to the latest hit tunes. The

highlight of the evening was the tremen-

dous dancing of Estelle Newman and

Teddy Schlasberg. Of course, many of

the other couples had loads of fun try-

ing out various new dances. The high-

point of the evening came when practi-

ally all the couples joined in a “Bunny

Hop.” The “Mexican Hat Dance” also

caused a lot of merriment among the

other couples.

New Course Offered

Prep is now offering a new course

called “Earth Science,” which is being

taught by Mr. O’Connell. The greater

part of the class is made up of fresh-

men, who, judging from their comments,

seem to be quite pleased with it.

An educational conference called

“Secondary Education Board,” proved

to be very beneficial to Prep. Mr. Dum-

arae and Mr. Heinlein attended the

sessions in order to compare our

standards for class achievements with

those of other schools. The result of

this conference was that Prep is

enrolling as a member of this board

for private schools.

On February 27, the French II class,

under the direction of Mr. Gaggini, went

to New York to see two French plays.

Mr. Gaggini and Mr. Dumarae were the

two faculty members in the group and

the others who went were Patty Lan-

easter, Roger Seamon, Peter Schwartz,

Elfriede Riddering, Ginny Riegger, Bill

Muhs and Diane Dorn. The first of

the two plays was “Le Medecin Malgre

Lui” by Moliere. The other was

L’Apollon De Belloc” by Giraudoux. The

entire group had dinner at a French

restaurant called Le Champlain. Ac-

cording to comments, the play was in-

teresting, well-received, and very un-

usual to watch, because of the quaint

scenery. All in all, the trip proved to

be quite exciting.

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Elfriede Riddering: “I think that Sena-

tor McCarthy’s tactics are good,”

Estelle Newman: “I approve of an in-

vestigation of Communism in the ser-

vices, but not in the way in which he

is doing it.”

Al Murasko: “I am neutral.”

Peter Schwartz: “I think they are un-

American and they violate the inalienable

rights of American citizens.”

Richard Johnson: “I think he should

modify his ways, but still be left on this

case.”

Bruce Parsil: “Investigations are neces-

sary, but not by the methods which he

uses.”

Tono Rebollo: “I refuse to answer on

the grounds that Mr. Holley might in-

criminate me.”

Gari Gatwood: “He’ll never get me!”

Roger Seamon; “They are none of his

business.”

Bill Ellwood: “I think he is building a

dictatorship, the same as Hitler did.”

Al Chirgwin: “When he first started

he was O. K., but now he has gone too

far over his head.”

Bill Kurtz: “He bought his way into

politics, and now he is buying has way

at the expense of other men.”

Cliff Griggs: “I’m for him; he is doing

a lot of good for this country.”

Richard Schwartz: “I think he is going

about it all wrong, and he is stepping

on too many toes.”

Bob Fiermonti: “I think he ought to

watch the questions he is asking.”

George Kalli: “I think he is going

about it the wrong way.”

Weston Merritt: “Very good man—I

think he is doing an honest job.”

Howard Tobin: ‘I think that his tactics

with the army were utterly disgraceful,

as are his methods with everyone, and

I believe that we will soon have another

Hitler on our hands if he is not soon

stopped.”

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