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Last Week Cut

From Schedule

Shortens Term

At this time of the year, as every

year, the thoughts of both faculty and

students begin to turn to commence-

ment. This year, Rutgers Prep will be

holding its 189th commencement in a

Series which began in the year 1766.

It has been announced that this June,

commencement will take place one week

earlier than expected. The new date

has been set for June 9.

Final exams, therefore, have also been

rescheduled. They are now due to begin

on May 31, the Tuesday following

Memorial Day. The schedule has been

changed by the Headmaster of the

school because of the Bankers’ Conven-

tion which takes place the same time

as the school’s 189th commencement.

This year’s graduation is awaited and

longed for by both seniors and under-

classmen, and both have promised to

make it as successful as possible. Under

the fine help and supervision of the

faculty, who will continuously give ad-

vice to the students, this year’s com-

mencement can not help being one

of the best in the long history of the

Prep school.

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Prepsters See Opera “Faust”

On Student Program At Met

by Dave Hendler

On Friday, March 18, forty Prep

students attended the Metropolitan

Opera. The opportunity is offered to

our school each year by the Metropol-

itan Opera Guild to familiarize high

school students with the beauty of

grand opera.

This year we attended a special per-

formance of Faust, a famous opera

written by Charles Gounod. Faust is a

tragic love story. based on the idea of

selling one’s soul to the devil. Although

no one could understand what was be-

ing sung, the basic idea of the story

was made clear through the acting and

through the libretto prepared by Mr.

Dumarae.

‘The opera proved to be a great hit

with the students. The scenery and

the grandeur of the opera house along

with the music seemed to take the

breath away from all of us.

March, 1955

Teen-age Band Adds Life

To Prep Party And Dance

A party-dance was held on Saturday evening, March 12,

in the Rutgers

Preparatory School Gymnasium. The party was attended by an astonishing

number of students and their friends from other schools. A very good band,

a group of high school students, played the right type of music to suit

everyone.

Prepsters Enjoy Band.

Play Practice Begins

For Prep Production

The Rutgers Prep Dramatics Group

is rehearsing for its annual play which

is to be held on May 6th. This is the

second dramatic venture for the school,

following a tradition initiated last year.

The group will be under the direction

of Mr. Dumarae.

After careful consideration as to ease

of production and suitability for a high

school cast, Time Out For Ginger was

selected.

A tentative cast was chosen by Mr.

Dumarae. The cast includes Florence

Schmitt, Sharon Ries, Marion Thomp-

son, Louise DiLalo, Diane Dorn, Howard

Tobin, Noreen Hudson, Clemmie Vitti,

Estelle Newman, Jack Kelly, Gabe Pi-

tacciato, Steve Hancox, Carl Stover,

Pete Schwartz, Vic Stilwell, and John

Bodnar.

The stage crew will be headed by Mr.

Moffat.

This year we will charge admission

for the play, $1.00 for adults and $.50

for children, Students with their I. D.

cards will be admitted to the play free

of charge.

The band was a five piece jazz team

composed of Jon Clayton, leader, on

the saxophone and Pene Lypeipfski

also on the sax. Frankie Pedkeira played

trumpet and Douglas Doeich and Steve

Frechan played piano and drums res-

pectively. Everyone enjoyed the music

‘| and many compliments were given the

musicians.

An entirely new twist was added to

= | this dance by the use of tables for many

different table games, including scrab-

ble, card games, and parchesi.

The younger students gathered at

these game tables and became acquaint-

ed with one another easily.

Refreshments consisted of an enor-

mous amount of sandwiches, punch,

cupcakes, and other party-like food-

stuffs, made for the evening by Estelle

Newman and her epicurean staff.

Perhaps the highlight of the evening

was a novelty in the form of a balloon

drop. This new idea proved most suc-

cessful and delightful. As the shower of

balloons hit the floor, many jovial

Prepsters, full of party spirit, added to

the fun by breaking them.

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Prep Plans New Style Prom

As Traditional Spring Event

This year, as in previous years, the

Rutgers Preparatory School will have

a senior prom. The tentative date of

May 20th has been chosen for this

event.

Unlike other schools, Prep does not

have a Senior Prom attended only by

Seniors. Any underclassman may attend

this formal event.

It is the custom at Prep that the

junior class run the senior prom. The

following juniors have been chosen for

the committee: Clemmie Vitti, Carl

Baratta, Gail Duschock, Marian Veale

and Ted Kalli.

Stu Edelberg, the president of the

student council, informed the committee

that this year approximately $500.00

will be spent on the prom.

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RUTGERS PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Editor-in-chief Stuart Edelberg

Class Editors:

Clifford Griggs

Clementina Vitti

Joe Messina

Louise Di Lalo

Florence Schmitt

Carl Baratta

Roger Seamon

David Hendler

Steven Hancox

Howard Tobin

Nancy Haworth

Jon Margolis

Amy Riddering

Arthur Karshmer

Chuck Martorelli

. Bernard Karshmer

Noreen Hudson

Martin Bertman

Photographer ...

Exchange Editor

Bus. Manager

Campaigns Coming!

Only a short time ago constitutional

amendments were voted on by the

student body after being passed by the

Student Council. The new additions

were all passed by a huge majority vote.

However, this unanimous approval

will be of no use whatsoever unless you,

the students of Rutgers Prep, see that

they do function this year and in years

to follow. The amendments concerned

themselves chiefly with the holding of

Student Council Officer elections in

May.

The council cannot pick the candi-

dates nor see that there are candidates

running.

This problem lies chiefly in the pres-

ent Junior class. Thought should be

given to the question of candidates and

party organization. The amendments

offer little restriction on the time when

campaigning may begin, and an early

and avid campaign by any party should

prove most advantageous in this elec-

tion.

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Please Return...

Certain books in Mr. Holley’s room

are missing. No one else in the school

needs these books except the U.S.

History class. This has put the class

in an extremely embarrassing position,

and if the people who have the books

would kindly return them it would be

much appreciated by all.

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Letters to the Editor

School Spirit .. .

Dear Editor:

I don’t think there is enough school

spirit represented at school functions.

All through basketball season, games

were played after school and at night.

These should have had at least some

turn-out. There were free busses for

every game so there could be no possible

excuse. Every school function is treated

the same way.

Take, for instance, the school dances.

They are always a flop and only because

the big shots of the school will not

lower themselves to come. If there were

a representation of the upper classmen,

the dances would be a success, but, of

course, that’s asking too much. Coming

up next is baseball season. Let's see

if some kids can forget their spring

fever and come to at least one of the

games.

“Determined”

Chapel Service .. .

Dear Editor:

I think it would improve our Chapel

Service if there was some variation in

the hymns we sing each week. At pres-

ent there are only three hymns which

are usually sung. These are nice hymns

but their constant use has, I am sure,

made everyone wish for a change. I

know I do. Probably anyone at Prep

could sing these three backwards!

Each week we sing one patriotic song,

which is always America. Surely every

student at Prep must know the Star

Spangled Banner and America the

Beautiful. The latter would offer a

pleasant change.

I think all of us at Prep would enjoy

Chapel Service more if we had a wider

selection in the songs we sing.

Hopefully yours,

Florence Schmitt.

Vitti’s Reply ...

Dear Miss Schmitt:

Your point in your letter is very well-

taken, but it is perhaps necessary to

supply you with some exact information.

It is most difficult to choose new

hymns each week which are suited to

the various faiths of the students. On

the other hand, with a new set of hymn

books, this might be done. It seems as

though one hundred of these books

would be rather costly and rather un-

necessary. As for the patriotic songs,

which are not in the hymnal, they

would only tend to produce a mediocre

service. Therefore,

have been tried, and unsuccessfully so,

I would suggest leaving the service as

it stands.

Sincerely,

since new hymns

NOREEN HUDSON

red head .. . seven-

teen . . . Rutgers

Elementary School

-+. Senior... Gail’s

pal... has but one

dislike ... the boys

at Prep... “Earth Angel” p

guins ... captain of the cae

++» Argo Exchange Editor , . , Joan in

school play . . . convertibles . . , “woofs”

+++ parties... crazy sayings .

gal... N.J.C. ——

BYRON BREESE

married guy... pg... . seven

sisters-in-law ... after school chem

student . . . ex-sailor-boy . . . blue

suit... “Algebra II Kid”... flat

tire... electrician . . . black hair

++.» cute smile... realist...

bird watcher . . . good sense of

humor.

DAVE HENDLER

campaign man-

ager... wing in

soccer . . . senior

..» damatics club

usher... quiet... shy... handsome

. .. Jazzy tles ... Argo staff...

likes scouting ... ice skater... loud

jacket .. . good boy ... available... -

law enthusiast . . . good driver ..

Clemmie Vitti

52 Buick . . . Rutgers University.

March, 1955

by Andy Piscatelli

Due to the expert coaching of Coach

O'Connell and the consistent ability of

his boys, this year’s basketball team had

one of the fimest records in the history

of Prep.

The success of the team was largely

due to Jerry Gorczyca’s tremendous

ring and his ability to control the

packboards. Much credit goes to Gary

Stratton, our center. Gary, an up-and-

coming ball player, improved through

the season in his rebounding and scor-

img habits. Our left forward, Bob Sho-

rosky, kept the team well-balanced with

his deadly one-hander which he man-

aged to throw in when it was needed

the most.

The team was rounded out by our

two back-court men, Roger Lambert-

son and Captain Roger Seamon. These

two boys handled the ball like profes-

sionals, always trying to pass it to the

side men.

Lambertson and Seamon were known

for their fast break in which both

scored a number of points, helping the

team immensely. This vital play was

taught to them by our coach.

Great credit goes to the second five,

Stan Rosenblum, who added a lot of

hustle and scrap, Chuck Martorelli, Bert

Sathmary, Mike Harrington, and Andy

Piscatelli.

Baseball Schedule

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Prepsters Lose To Pingry

As Bush Nets 46 Points...

Bob Shorosky Stars In Last Game.

Prepsters Display Enthusiasm

As Baseball Season Arrives

by Carl Baratta

When spring sports are mentioned,

the first thing that comes into most

boys’ minds is baseball. Prep will have

a baseball team this year as usual.

There will be four returning letter-

men to this year’s squad. They are:

Stuart Edelberg, who patrols center-

field with great authority; Stan Rosen-

blum, Prep’s starting catcher last year;

Carl Baratta; and Joe Messina. Besides

these four, there will also be letter

winners from other schools trying out

at their respective positions. They are:

Ray Koperwhats from Perth Amboy;

Jerry Gorezyca from St. Mary’s of

South Amboy; Bob Shorosky from

Sayreville; Joe Eichhorn from Highland

Park; Roger Lambertson and Gary

Stratton from Hoffman; and Bert

Sathmary from Perth Amboy.

As a result of the size of the school

and of the failure to produce a good

track team in the past, there will not

be any track at Prep this year. Mr.

O'Connell decided that in its place

there should be a J.V. baseball team.

This should prove to be a success.

On March 5, Pingry School of Eliza-

beth gained its second straight Group

II Championship by defeating Prep.

The score at the end of the fourth can-

Herb (Twig) Busch, Pingry’s big

center, was the deciding factor in the

game. The big six foot seven star put

in 46 points for Pingry to make victory

!| to stood at 72-60.

|| certain.

Bush Averages 34 Points

For the last six games, Busch has

|| managed to dump in 206 points for a

‘| game average of better than 34 points.

The only victory for Prep out of those

six games was won on January 11th of

this year, when the Prepsters squeezed

through with a four point lead.

Pingry, under the onslaught of the

“Twig,” jumped to an early lead in the

first quarter gaining a 12 point lead.

Busch dumped in 10 more points in the

second quarter. In this period, however,

the Prepsters, with the help of Bob

Shorosky and Gary Stratton, scored 13

more points than Pingry, giving them

a one point lead at the half.

Prepsters Tie

The score was tied midway through

the third quarter at 40-40 and changed

three times before Busch finally put

Pingry ahead with two field goals. From

here on in, Pingry had an open road,

and Prep couldn’t seem to close the gap.

Prep's inability to stop Busch in the

fourth quarter really proved to be a

disaster. The big center rimmed 20

points in the final eight minutes of

play to put the game on the ice for

Pingry. The last two minutes proved

bad for Prep as Bob Shorosky fouled

out.

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22 St. Mary's (P. A.) away

25 Highland Park home

26 Dunellen H.S. home

27 South River away

29 Carteret home

May

3 Pingry home

6 Open

9 Peddie away

10 Sayreville home

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13 Jamesburg home

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Pupils Greet Spring

With Many Plays...

uring the week of March 6, the sec-

ona 2 wd grades gave their plays

at the prep gymnasium Mrs. Boy's

second grade gave 2 short part of the

iG eory, The Brementown Musicians.

Included in the cast were, Edith Freed-

man. Bruce Eckert, David Heinlein,

Bervere Burton, Elaine Natareli, Vivien

Crarta, overt Landsberg, Thomas Nel-

ton, an John Madison.

Mrs. Hancox and Mrs, Lipman directed

the wound and third grade in a short

vermon Of The Tale of Peter Rabbit.

In the cast were Raymond Peachy,

dctirey Kirwch, Peter Howley, Gary Ten

Brak, Jimmy Kosa, Michael Jacobs,

ana many others. The dances were

arranged by Mrs. N. Kolt, and the mu-

ic was played by Mrs. ¥. Birnn.

In sAdition to the plays given by the

econ and vhird grades earlier in the

month, the fourth, fifth, and sixth

yrates are preparing for their own plays

which will be held during the last week

a March,

Dr, Anna Blarr of the University

yeating clinke gave the lower school

eet of the Encyclopedia Britannica

which ie at the dimposal of all the stu-

dents

A new student joined Mr, Eby's tec~

ond grade thin term, Her name ts

Priscilla mith

Like the upper school students, the

pupils of the lower school had @ holl-

day on March 4, when the teachers

attended the annual Becondary Kauca-

tion Board conference,

(Quotable Quotes

Carl Baretta: “I'm going to join &

maternity house when I go to college,”

Mre. Wilson: "When 1 wan in college,

1 had to write & ponnet,”

Joe Miehhorn: “How long was iv?"

Gail Dushock: “Couldn't you have #

party?"

Noreen Hudson; “You're woofed,”

Ved Wallis “Mave no fear, Teddy's

here,”

Mr. Wake: "Mr, Holley funks people

and gives them a lecture; I just funk

people and shut up!”

Anita Mture: “Ohl 1 just can't wear

winewen! 1 don't want to look ike an

old sehool teacher,”

Mr, Gawain:

alone,”

Mr, Dumarae: "You stupid pubemor

ronle Yerbarian, Anybody with helf a

brain ehould know what anthropo-

morphized moans”

Alan Taokmill: “Gentuses don't know

everything, Look at met"

“Ted, leave Anita

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WHAT IS IT?

Roger Seamon — “A bird’s eye view of

@ yogi nail bed.”

Bert Sathmary — “A magnified view

of a 5:00 o'clock shadow.”

Barbara Lipman — “A square with

measles.”

EA Falcey — “Too many checkers on

a board.”

Dick Atkinson — “A tin can shot

with a machine gun.”

Carl Zolna — “I've got to do my

geometry; go away.”

Chuck Dunaenko — “Ants crossing

the Delaware on a shredded wheat

biscuit.”

Estelle Newman “Mommy and

Daddy rabbit with their baby bunnies.”

Marion Thompson — “A napkin with

chicken pox.”

John Rosa — “A much used dart

Bob Eber — “A bunch of ants on a

tennis court.”

Bill Gormley — “A box with dots.”

Bruce Gunkel — “A bird’s cye view

of @ square headed man with dandruff.”

Jack Kelly — “A mess.”

Carl Btover — “A square man with

pegged pants.”

Anita Bture — “Nonsense.”

Karl Nielsen — “A side view of Rut-

gers Prep.”

Mike Harrington — “A bad atomic

fission pile,”

Lewis Amolsky — “The foundation of

the school building.”

Mr, Gaggini — “A partly clogged

spaghetti strainer,”

P. 8. This droodle is called "T'wo army

ants going A.W.O.L."

PREP SUPPLIES KILMER SONG

‘The students of our school recently

were reminded that they are a part of

a great heritage and tradition,

Mrs, Stanley Greene of Larchmont,

New York, the sister-in-law of Joyce

Kilmer, is writing ® book about him,

On March second, Mrs, Greene came

to Tuutgers Prep in search of some of

Mr. Kilmer’s songs that have been

missing for some time,

Bince Joyce Kilmer attended Rutgers

Prep from 1000-1904, our school will

be mentioned in the book,

March, 1955

‘ROUND ABOUT RUTGERS

by SHARON RIES

The Argo staff is very glad to see Mr.

Holley back on his feet and we hope

he feels fine. We would also like to

thank Mr. John Cunningham for tak-

ing over some of his classes.

We are very proud that a number of

our boys have already been accepted

at colleges. These are: Lawerence Mur-

ray, at the University of Maryland;

Roger Lambertson at both Rutgers and

Brown; Stu Edelberg at Cornell and

Rennsalaer; Roger Seamon at Cornell;

and Barry Brodsky at Saint Lawerence

University.

Several students from local high

schools “crashed” the school party Sat-

urday night. Since they were uninvited

guests, they soon left.

There have been quite a few com-

plaints around Prep about the fortune

spent on books in the Humanities class

lately.

Many of the teachers have noticed

that almost everyone's marks have been

going down this marking period. Let's

get to work.

There's great furore at Prep about

the Presidential elections in May. Cam-

paigns start soon and perhaps our next

president will be a woman.

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Group Attends ACO Concert

As part of Mr. Dumarae’s attempt to

instill a bit of culture in his Humani-

ties class, he took the group to the 5th

concert in a series at the Rutgers Uni-

versity gym. On Thursday evening,

March 10, the class and a few guests

listened to music by the American

Chamber Orchestra under Robert

Schulz.

Featured on the program was the

violin soloist, Joseph Szigeti, who played

the 4th and 5th violin concertos of Mo-

zart.

The evening opened with The Over-

ture to Ester by Handel. This was foll-

owed by the violin solos. The orchestra

completed the program with Schubert's

5th symphony.

This was the second concert attended

by the Humanities group.

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