The Argo

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Forty Students

Visit The “Met”

See Rigoletto

On March 16, forty Prep students

attended an annual opera presented by

the Metropolitan Opera Guild.

The presentation was Rigoletto, the

story of a jester. He tempts his master,

the Duke, to get himself a woman. The

Duke is so in love with Rigoletto's

daughter that he has her abducted in-

stead

When Rigoletto discovers the

he goes to the Duke's palace for

daughter. When he finds her, she teils

him of her Joye for the Duke. The jester

then vows to have revenge.

One night, Rigoletto takes his

daughter to his hired assassin’s house

where they see the Duke flirting with

the assassin’s sister. When the Duke and

Rigoletto leave, Rigoletto’s daughter

overhears the assassin’s plan to kill the

Duke. She sacrifices herself. On his

return, the jester is given the Duke's

body in a sack. Suddenly he hears the

Duke approaching, and, cutting open

the sack, he finds his daughter dead.

The group which attended the opera

was accompanied by Mrs. Wilson and

Mr. Dumarae.

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Council Proposals

By STAN ROSENBLUM

The Student Council has been busy

planning events for the rest ofthe year.

The big event seems to be the prom.

The Juniors will entertain at the ‘prom

in the Roger Smith Hotel %

The council is also planning a day in

New York for the annual school trip.

Suggestions have been considered to go

to the United Nations, West Point,

Bronx Botanical Garden and the Mu-

seum of Modern Art.

School emblems bearing the nickname

“Little Scarlet” will soon be for sale

in school. Once again the seniors will

take over Rutgers. Prep on senior day.

Know your lessons, the seniors will be

your teachers.

If there are any questions concerning

the insurance policies which were hand-

ed out, I will be glad to answer them,

If any accident occurs over the summer

it should be reported to the office.

RUTGERS PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Actors Start

of May 4th.

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and Mr. Dumerae,

Play Supervisors.

The Argo Ranks 3rd

At C.S.P.A. Meeting

On Saturday, March 17, the ARGO

sent Richard Schwartz and Vic Stil-

well to the annual Columbia Press Con-

ference Association meeting in--New

York. High schools from all over the

United States send representatives to

this convention with their own school

newspaper. The newspapers are scruti-

nized by judges so that a staff may

improve upon its newspaper from year

to year.

The conference, held over a period of

three days, consists of many discussion

clinics and general meetings on all

problems and phases of newspaper work.

All meetings are posted so that students

may’attend those meetings most valu-

able to them. At the general sessions,

students and renowned journalists speak

on journalism and related topics.

The individual newspapers, looked

over by judges, may receive any of

four ratings or none at all, Along with

these ratings, the judges tell students

what is wrong with their publication

and why it didn't rate higher. The

ARGO received a third place rating and

the staff is still awaiting the facts on

the bad features of this paper. This is

the first year that the ARGO has been

entered in this convention,

April, 1956

Rehearsing

After Rugged Competition

Rehearsals will soon be underway for Family Circle by Anne Coulter Martens,

a play in three acts which the Dramatics Club plans to present on the evening

Some of the casting is already com-

pleted and those who have been chosen

for parts are: Amy Riddering to play

the part of Abby; Carl Baratta to play

tne part of William; Steven Hancox

to play the part of Charlie; Clementina

vitti to play Enid; Howard Tobin to

play the part of Otis Skinner; and

Merle Schiffmayer to play Maud

Skinner.

CASTING INCOMPLETE

Some positions in the cast are as yet

unfilled. Under consideration for these

remaining parts are Arlene Greenberg

and Florence Schmitt who are com-

peting for the part of Cornelia Otis

Skinner; Suzanne Duschock and Judy

Anekstein for the part of Grace; Mary

Louise Heldrich and Linda Levy who

are being considered for the part of

Amy, and Florence Schmitt and Arlene

Greenberg who are trying out for the

part of Mab.

THE PLAY IN BRIEF

Briefly, the play concerns itself with

the life of Cornelia Otis Skinner as a

young girl. Cornelia, who has inherited

her parents’ talent for acting, a fact

which has been, up to this time, un-

observed by them, attempts to make her

parents aware of her ability as an ac-

tress. With the help of her friends she

plans and stages scenes from various

Shakesperian plays casting herself as

the leading figure in each one. Invited

to the performance are Cornelia’s par-

ents and some acquaintances whom

she thinks might be interested in

coming.

CORNELIA HAS TROUBLE

However, things do not go as

smoothly as Cornelia had expected. The

effect upon her parents is such that in-

stead of telling her that she is a great

actress, they advise her that she must

start at the bottom of the ladder like

any young person and work her way

up as far as she can,

Family Circle contains many ridicu-

lous and amusing situations and is

written to hold the interest of the

audience to the last line.

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From The

Editor’s Desk

As most of you probably know, this

issue of The Argo is the last issue that

will be published by the present staff.

The last issue of the paper, which will

come out in May, will be run by an

entirely new staff.

During the year I have received many

comments about this paper, some very

complimentary others not so compli-

mentary. I have been approached by

many students with ideas for improving

this paper. I appreciate any suggestions

that are given me but I feel that be-

fore venturing into any new project

this paper must first get an efficient

and cooperative reporting and writing

staff.

With each issue the editorial staff is

faced with the problem of getting re-

porters to write articles. As a result of

this problem over two thirds of the

paper is generally written by the edi-

torial staff. Such a small group can-

not do all the work on the paper. Help

is needed. Because it will be done by

a new staff, the last issue of The Argo

will be extremely hard to publish.

Don’t shirk your responsibility towards

your school paper. Let's make the Argo

a publication we can all be proud of,

The Argo

Letters to the Editor

vear Editor: ; ;

I personally think the Argo is a fine

newspaper for a school the size of ours.

Only a small, capable group cnooses

this activity, and the Argo and Argo-

mag are only as good as these few stu-

dents make them. With only limited

help from members of the student body,

the Argo staff practically has to run

the paper alone. This is a difficult task.

Since the paper is mainly for the en-

joyment of Prep students and is about

our activities, everyone should try to

help. I am sure almost everyone looks

forward to the Argo. Yet, honestly, do

we make any real effort to contribute?

I do not mean to condemn everyone,

because, of course, there are a few

faithful helpers, but on the whole our

spirit is depressing and limited. Otten

we can hear classmates in critical dis-

cussion of our newspaper. Truthfully,

however, how can we expect to receive

more when there is nothing offered?

If we would spend more time in im-

proving t paper than in criticizing it,

our Argo would see better times and

opinions.

Sincerely yours

A student.

Dear Editor:

Soon everyone will be thinking about

EXAMS. The very word immediately

frightens some. Students are terrified

at the first knowledge of exams. We

sometimes do not realize that exams

will help, not hinder us if we do well.

By giving exams, teachers are not

trying to trick us; they are merely

testing us on the work we have studied.

Exams are given to raise our grades.

To receive good grades we, of course,

must study. Many students leave study-

ing until the last minute and stay

awake the entire night before exams

trying to catch up on work which

should have been done daily through

classroom work and homework.

At the time of the exam it is advis-

able to be well rested and in fit condi-

tion. Everyone is a little nervous, but

if you know the material the test is

on you should feel confident.

High school exams prepare us for the

harder exams at college. In our school

the schedule for exams is conveniently |\* \*

arranged. A week is devoted for the

study, review, and actual taking of the

exams.

Taking exams is a challenge to see

whether we have retained the knowl-

edge accumulated during the semester's

work,

During life we will have to meet

certain challenges which will be much

the same as exams, calling upon our

ability, our knowledge, and resourceful-

ness. Exams throughout the school years

will better pave our way for a better

future in life.

Sincerely,

Linda Levy.

April, 1956

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April, 1956

The Argo

Little Searlet’s Hopefuls for 56. Baseball Season.

SPOR TLIGHT

By Joe Messina

The Sportlight for this month shines

on two of the best ballplayers ever to

set foot on Prep’s diamond-Bob Tam-

maro and George Friedlander. Both,

through their leadership and superior

ability, led their respective teams to

winning seasons.

A product of Jamesburg High, Tam-

my has played varsity short-stop for

four years and established a fine record

for himself throughout the county.

Besides maintaining a superior field-

ing average, Tammy was consistently

300 hitter. Batting a respectable .333

in his junior year he improved himself

to lead his team with a .380 average

last year. At the end of the season he

was honored by being cited by many

as one of the outstanding players in

the county and state.

On the defensive side of the ledger

is port-side, fireballer George Fried-

Jander of Plainfield. Pitching four year's

of varsity ball, “Porky” really came

through last year with a 6-1 record.

Besides his great pitching talent,

Georgie also had great hitting ability.

George, as well as Tammy, was voted

one of the most outstanding ballplayers

in Union county.

With both “Porky” and Tammy on

our team this year, we are sure to have

a successful season.

Incidently, it has just been announced

Marty Metzger was elected to the All-

Prep All-State basketball team.

FLASH!

Rutgers Prep opened its ’56 baseball

season by bowing to highly talented

Sayreville H.S. Bruce Gunkle pitched

the entire game for the Prepsters allow-

ing 6 runs on 4 hits. Stan Rosenblum

and Bob Tammaro were offensive stand-

outs for Prep. The final score was 6-2.

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Coach Picks Varsity and J.V. Teams

BY PETER WINTERSTEINER

In a recent interview, Coach O’Con-

nell outlined the baseball activities for

this season. Although the pre-season

snows have halted progress somewhat,

Coach had the Prepsters’ ball team go

through several workouts, before the

opening game. The first game was on

March 15, in the Rutgers Field House.

In addition to these practices, there

‘}were a few scrimmage games. These

, | Scrimmages included a game with the

Rutgers University freshmen.

Here is how the Varsity team shapes

4 up. Our leading pitcher is George Fried-

lander, who played for Plainfield last

year. He has good control and is fast.

Bruce Gunkle, now a freshman, looked

good last year and is improved this

season. Bob Torrone adds relief strength

\_ |and plays at other positions also.

Bob Tammaro, captain of the team,

is the starting shortstop. He is fast and

a very good fielder. Marty Metzger

seems to have nailed down the first

base job. He’s an especially good hitter.

Carl Baratta, one of last year’s letter-

men, is playing left field. Stan Rosen-

blum will be playing second when he

is not catching. He also has a letter

in this sport.

The other positions are filled but still

remain subject to change. Joe Messina,

Tom Molskow, Bob Fiermonti, Fred

Fulham and many others are at their

best in trying to win a permanent

starting position on the squad. Each

pitcher will double in the outfield when

he isn't on the mound.

Nothing definite has been settled

about the Junior Varsity and Fresh-

man teams. The schedule will be re-

leased shortly.

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PG‘s Seniors Receive

College Acceptances

Several seniors have been accepted

at colleges throughout the country.

However many others are still waiting

for their March college board results

before they can receive answers to their

applications.

Bob Tammaro has been accepted at

both Wagner and Rider colleges. He

would like to go to Bucknell but has

not received any word from there yet.

His second choice would be Albright.

Marion Thompson has received an

acceptance from Green Mountain Jun-

ior College. After graduating from jun-

ior college, Marion plans to attend

nursing school. Marian Veale has been

accepted at Katherine Gibbs Business

School, which she expects to enter in

the fall.

Barbara Brennen, a junior taking a

post-graduate course at Prep, has been

accepted at St. Peters Nursing School

for the coming year. Bill Romig has

received a letter of acceptance from

Case Institute of Technology in Chicago,

but he does not plan to go there. Stan

Rosenblum has been accepted at Wash-

ington College, and Bob Torrone, an-

other post-graduate, has been accepted

at Georgia Institute of Technology.

LOWER SCHOOL NEWS

Prior to spring vacation, many of the

classes presented plays for the enjoy-

ment of parents and students alike. The

kindergarten offered two plays, The

Crows and The Three Bears. The

Golden Goose was presented by the

fourth grade while the fifth grade pro-

duced Aunt Emmy and the Monkey.

The sixth grade’s play was unique in

that the members of the class wrote it

themselves. It was a mock radio pro-

gram and was extremely funny. Differ-

ent class members portrayed various

characters from books.

Many students have been having

trouble in concentrating on their less-

ons. As the new library is almost com-

pleted, the area near the school is

being landscaped. Several bulldozers

and other machines are very distract-

ing, especially to the boys. Blacktop

walks are to be laid between the build-

ings leading up to the library entrance.

Soon after classes resumed on April

3, Mrs. Kehoe read the honor roll.

There was no marked increase or dec-

line in the number of students on the

first and second honor rolls and those

who received honorable mention.

COMPLIMENTS

OF

“JAY” & “BRET”

Inquiring Reporter

By Florence Schmitt

QUESTION — What is your idea of the

ideal student?

REPLIES — My idea of the ideal

student is —

Mr. Holley — “one who has intellectual

curiosity and makes the most of it.”

Mr. Kallfelz — “a balanced person who

knows how to work and how to play

at the proper time.”

Mr. O'Connell — “a pleasant, happy

individual who knows that ‘there 1s

a time and a place for everything.’

Mr. Daviet — “one who is intellectually

curious, well-mannered, industrious,

well-groomed, has a pleasant person-

ality, and mature behavior.”

Mr. Moffat — “one who has creative

curiosity and plenty of energy.”

Mr. Blake — “one who has superior

mentality, desire to learn, and who is

cooperative and unselfish.”

Mr. Dumarae — “one who has intellec-

tual curiosity tempered with sensitiv-

ity, humility, and a zeal for labor.’

Mrs. Wilson — “one who reads and

connects what he reads with his life.”

Bill Romig — “one who possesses ade-

quate intelligence and the will to

learn.”

Howard Tobin — “one who is willing

to work and who minds his own

business.”

Dick Schwartz — “a person who has

energy, initiative, and personality.

This means he must be willing to

work, pleasant to know, and he must

have a goal.”

Mr. Heinlein — ‘one who could recog-

nize or distinguish between the serious

and non-serious aspects of school

life and meet these situations with a

corresponding behavior pattern.”

Alan Rackmill — “I refuse to commit

myself on the grounds that someone

might think I am conceited.”

Marion Thompson — “one who is kind,

courteous, tries hard, and is a lot of

fun. Also, he is an all-around student

and has a lot of school spirit.”

Mr, Gaggini — “This is very difficult

because the characteristics of ideal

students vary even among them. I

think that any serious student can

answer this question for himself, even

better than the teachers can.”

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out the nation will be making last

minute plans for the community teen-

age Road-e-os. In 1956 the Jaycees

will bring the program to a half million

teen-agers in nearly two thousand com-

munities.

During the week of April 16, a quali-

fying written test involving general

knowledge of driving safety and \_ skill

will be given to all eligible contestants

from Prep who wish to prove their

ability to drive. Those contestants who

get the five highest written scores will

be allowed to take a driving test at 10

A.M. Saturday, April 28, at the French

Street parking lot.

High scoring contestants in the com-

munity Road-e-os will go to the state

eliminations.

The written and performance tests

are made tougher in the state Road-

e-os and a third portion of testing is

added, a in-traffic-road-check.

In August the winners of the state

Road-e-os will fly to Washington D.C.

for an expense paid week of activities

including a battery of six Road-e-o

examinations. The three high scoring

contestants will receive $1,500.00,

$1,000.00 and $500.00 scholarships.

The teen-age Road-e-o is for any

boy or girl who will not have reached

twenty years of age by August 9, who

has a drivers license or permit and who

has a clean record of no moving traffic

violations in the past six months.

Cars for the community contest will

be furnished by local dealers, and con-

testants will have the opportunity to

choose a Ford, Plymouth or a Chevrolet

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