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Student Council

Schedules Prom

For Early June

Prep will, this year, as in past years,

hold its spring Senior Prom. This year,

however, the Student (Council decided to

hold it later than usual. The reason

for the late date of the dance was that

other school functions intervened at all

other possible times.

The date has been set for June 5th, a

Saturday night. After a great deal of

discussion by the dance committee mem-

bers, it has been decided that the prom

will again be held at the Rutgers Prep

gymnasium.

The dance will be handled, as usual, by

president of the junior class, who is

automatically elected chairman of the

dance each year. This year’s prom will

be directed by Clifford Griggs who hopes

for a good turnout.

The pre-dance preparations will be

made, for the most part, by the junior

class. It has always been the custom

at Prep for the juniors to give a dance

for the departing seniors. Most of the

important details will be handled by Dave

Hendler, Stu Edelberg, and Clementina

Vitti, who is in the sophomore class.

Cliff Griggs has hired a band for the

prom which is hoped to be a good one.

The name of the band suggests that it

is out of this world. It is called the

“Constellation” and its leader is Charlie

Smith.

54-55 Argo Staff Publishes

Last Edition of School Year

A new system of election and nomina-

tion of the Argo editor and reporters

was carried out this year. It is a brand

new idea which seems to be accepted

and well liked by all concerned,

The slate for class editors was drawn

up by the present staff. It consisted of

persons who had done work on

the paper. In most cases the nominees

were present class editors and a reporter

from each class. Former editors if not

re-elected immediately became reporters,

The remaining reporter for each class

was nominated and elected at a meeting

of the entire staff.-In this manner, it is

fhoped that all deserving and well quali-

fied people will have an equal chance

to be on the Argo staff.

The new staff is deeply grateful to the

1953-54 staff for giving next year’s staff

this chance to put out the last Argo of

this schoo! year. If successfui, this meth-

od will be repeated in years to come,

thus making the Argo better than ever

before.

MAY, 1954

Kessler Leads

In Spring

Mike Kessler Stars As Whiteside

Plan Many Awards

For June Graduates

As the school year comes to an end,

there is in the minds of many the thouyht

of graduation. This year’s graduation

will be on Thursday, June 10th. When

the students assemble in the study hall

at 8:30, there will be many ‘happy faces

and some sad ones.

After everyone is present, the stu-

dents will all walk to church where the

awards and prizes will be given. The

first award is given to the person who

has achieved the highest honors in

scholarship. The next award is the Joyce

Kilmer English (prize, and for the history

enthusiast, the Alexander Johnston His-

tory prize is awarded. The Dorr Prize

in science is given to the person who

has excelled in science for the past year,

and for the math students, the Class of

1876 Prize in Mathematics. is awarded.

There are two awards given for foreign

languages, the Latin prize and\_ the

Romance Language prize. The Time Cur-

rent Affairs Prizes are given to the stu-

dents who received the highest mark on

the Current Affairs Test. The Ye Dial

award is given to the two persons who

have done the most to ipublish the

Ye Dial. Other prizes given are: the

Rensselaer Medal, the Liberty Loan

Prize, and the Cum Laude, for which

five students are chosen.

After the awards are given and all the

speeches are made, the graduating class

may go. As they leave, the seniors are

thinking of that first day in college and

the underclassmen of another year at

Prep.

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layers

Performance

Kerber, Schwartz and Tobin

Combine For Successful Play

For the first time, the Rutgers Pre-

paratory School produced a full three

act play in place of their annual spring

concert. The play was the comedy, “The

Man Who Came To Dinner,” by Moss

Hart and George Kauffman. It starred

Mike Kessler, as Mr. Whiteside, the

man who came to dinner.

The play was presented in the gym-

nasium which, under the expert super-

vision of Mr. Mcffat and his stage crew

was transformed into the living room

of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley (the setting of

the play). The stage and lighting crew

was composed of Stan Bey, Kathe Van

Vechten, Stu Edelberg, Cliff Griggs, Al

Murasko, Tono Rebollo, Lowell Wagner

and John Perduk.

It. took many weeks to perfect the

play. The talent and experience was,

at first, lacking, but under the direction

of Mr. Dumarae and Mrs. Wilson, all

roughness was smoothed out, and

glimpses of talent began to make their

way out of experience. The make-up

and props were supplied by the students

themselves.

The play, although it called for a

large cast, was really a one-man play.

The large task of memorizing and act-

ing out the part of Sheridan Whiteside

was very capably handled by Mike Kess-

ler. Howard Tobin played the part of

the incomparable Banjo. His actions

brought down the house. The female

parts were headed by Elfriede Ridder-

ing, who played the Maggie Cutler part,

and Shirley Kerber, who portrayed Lor-

raine Sheldon. The bewildered Doc

Bradley was Carl Stover and his frus-

trated nurse was Sharon Ries. Estelle

Newman and Don Hughes were well cast

as Mr. and Mrs. Stanley who had the

misfortune of having Whiteside’s com-

pany.

Announce Raised Standards

For All Academic Program

It ‘has been announced by Mr. Hein-

lein and explained by Mr. Holley that

there will be a definite elevation of

standards at Prep next year. It can be al-

ready recognized ‘by a great many stu-

dents that the work is slowly getting

harder.

It is altogether necessary, however,

that the students realize that the work

is being made harder to help them in

their studies at Prep.

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ARGO STAFF

RUTGERS

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Editor-in-Chief\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.\_\_ Stuart

Class Editors:

Clifford Griggs

Clementina Vitti

Joseph Messina

Louise Di Lalo

Art Editor;

Peter Schwartz

Copy Edito::

Diane Dorn

It::porters:

Steven Hancox

Nancy Haworth

David Hendler

Bernard Karshmer

Howard Tobin

Roger Seamon

Carl Stover

Carl Baratta

We're Off and Running!

Yes, we’re off and running on what

we hope is the right foot. The last edi-

tion, as you can see, has the same gen-

How-

eral form as the previous issues.

ever, a few modifications have been

made which we hope will add more

eolor and create more interest in what

is known as a small school paper.

Of course, our first issue will have a

few loop-holes, but we know that with

the invaluable experience gained from

producing this issue we will be able to

iron out all future troubles in the fol-

lowing issues.

However, I, as editor, have little to

do with the making of the paper or the

opinions contained here-in. I only as-

signed the subjects and allowed the

staff a free hand in all written articles.

My job was only to see that the job

came off. smoothly.- .

Next year there will be a change in

the paper-which will be quite noticeable

to all. I cannot divulge its nature to

the student body at the present time,

but it will be revealed in the first issue

of the next school year.

I would like to thank the entire staff

for their cooperation in producing this

issue. I would also like to extend my

thanks to the out-going staff for their

help in producing this issue. My only

hope is that I may do as good a job dur-

ing my editorship.

Who Am I?

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Edelberg

The ARGO

inquiring Reporter

By JOHN ROSA

What do you think of the Honor

System? Do you think it would be

successful in our school?

JOHN PERDUK—

“I think the honor system is a good

system, but I do not think an honor sys-

tem would ‘be successful if started in

Rutgers Prep, unless it was started at the

elementary school first.”

JOHN MARGOLIS—

“I think the idea is a good one, and

it should work out pretty well at Prep.

DICK SCHWARTZ—

“Yes, I think the honor system would

be successful. It would teach the students

responsibility.”

DIANE DORN—

“I think that the honor system is a

good way by which to conduct the school.

As for our school, the only way to learn

whether or not it will be successful is

to try it out.”

JOE HOROWITZ—

“In my opinion, the honor system in

our school would be an excellent idea.

I think it would produce more honest

and trustworthy students.”

CARL STOVER—

“I think it is a very good idea, Wheth-

er or not it would work would be best

determined by trying it out.” ~

WESTON MERRITT—

“It is good in many ways, because it

puts a student on his own. But, I think,

some kids would fool around too much

to put such a system into effect here.”

MARIAN VEALE—

“The honor system is an excellent meth-

od for teaching students to become ma-

ture in their thinking. The honor system

im Prep; I: think, would tbe very success-

ful. It would give the students a chance

to prove that they can be trusted.”

ROLFE HARRISON—

“I am neutral!”

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Standard exams are definitely a bad

practice, because they do not apply to

most schools, I say this because an exam

made up by the teacher himself will ve

much more searching and would find out

more precisely what the student has

learned during the year. In the first place,

the teacher knows exactly what the stu-

dents should have learned and, in the

second place, he can test the student

more effectively than a person who does

not even know the student and his in-

telligence quota for that particular sub-

ject. In the view of these facts, I believe

that the standard tests could be taken

with ease by some students and with

great difficulty by others. in the long

run, the students will show what they

have learned more effectively if the

exams are made by the teacher.

—ndescribably delicious ‘

Thank you,

PETE SCHWARTZ.

May, 1954

Honor Roll Cited

At the close of the fifth marking period,

sixceen students made the honor roll,

At the tog of the list was Diane Dorn,

followed closely ‘by Barbara Lipman,

Roger Seamon, Franklin Preiser, Car}

s:over, Louise Di Lalo, Joseph Messina

and Stuart Edelberg, all of whose ‘marks

were 90 or above.

Additional qualifiers for the honor rol)

were Eugene tHohol, Tono Rebollo, Kathe

Van Vechten, Richard Schwartz, Clifford

Griggs, Clementina Vitti, Joseph Becker

ana Stanley Bey.

The following eight students received

honorable mention for certifying in all

their subjects except one. This group

was headed by Howard Tobin, followed

by Jonathan Margolis, Malcolm Cohen,

Patricia Rose, Marian Veale, John Flan-

agan, Patricia Lancaster and Jack Geil-

ing.

ven Mr. Heinlein read the names on

the honcr roll, he congratulated the qual-

ifiers but made it clear that he was not

at all pleased with the small number of

students on the list. The headmaster also

urged the student body to work harder

in the final marking period, .

Limelight

This month’s “Limelight” falls on a

very likeable senior, Weston Merritt. Al-

though this is his first year at Prep, it

did not take him long to become une

of the best known students in the school.

His varied and comical antics have

brought a touch of humor to the school

and helped make the year more enjuy-

able.

Wes’ main interests, as far as athletics

go, are tennis and track. Throughout

the vear he keeps in excellent condition

‘by running around the block and be mak-

ing his famous sprints to the grocery

store thirty seconds before the bell.- In ~

reference to his track ability, the “Mer-

ritt Mile” will alwavs be remembered—

three minutes, with three stops for cig-

arettes. se

Weston is always looking for a good

ouy in cars. Besides owning a 1950 two-

door Ford, the latest rumor is that ne

is planning to buy three 1938 Fords at

$25 each. .

Although he is not one of the top stu-

dents, he is always making a great ef-

fcrt, and this “never die” policy is sure

to lead him to success. He previously at-

tended Trenton High School and is plan-

ning to attend the University of Tennes-

see and study for the ministry.

The Clock Ticks On

Listen my children and you shall hear

That examinations are very near.

All your hearts should fill with fear

As you sit there shedding many a tear.

7 you frown and fret and weep and

wail,

You should be working or you will fail.

For if you're thinking of a college career,

Your hopes will be dashed unless you

re-steer.

—by Sharon Ries.

May, 1954

SPORTLIGHT

By Clifford Griggs

Basketball has gone out of the picture

and now baseball has become the dom-

inant sport at Prep. This edition of

~pportlight” will for the most part

describe the players who have proved

to be the greatest assets so far this year.

Al Murasko, after finishing a sizzling

season in basketball, is doing a great

job in hurling the “horsehide” for Prep.

Although his record shows no wins as

or yet, still 1c is no indication of a lack

of ability on his part. The Little Scar-

let’s team this year is composed for the

greater part of inexperienced players

and therefore cannot be downed for its

lack of sharpness.

As of yet, Prep’s only victory has

been over Jamesburg. Behind the strong

arm of Bill Kurtz, the teamsters pushed

on to a stirring victory completely de-

feating a very good opponent, 9-5. Bill

continued ‘his arousing display of pitch-

ing ability until very late in the game.

Noi until the seventh inning did he get in-

to any difficulty and then the old reliable

Al Murasko came in. Al pitched peerless

ball, allowing only one of the three men

jeft on base by Kurtz to score.

Murasko has surely been a most im-

portant figure in all sports activities

this year. After a very good season as

goalie on the soccer team he rose to

stardom on Prep’s basketball team. He

was this year elected to first team

All State for Prep schools. Al Murasko

will not be forgotten for a long time

for his total of 563 points in basketball.

The only possibility of failure will be

credited this year in part to the Prep

track team. As hard as Coach Moffat

tried to get fellows to come out on the

track and work, there was little or no

results at all shown in that field of

ainletics. You let him down, fellows!

Lettermen to Spark Soccer

By Stan Rosenblum

Rutgers Prep’s soccer team, which had

the best season in the school’s ‘history,

is looking for another promising season.

Stu Edelberg, who will be a senior

next year, is expected to play a big part

in the prepster’s hopes. This year, while

a junior, Stu set a school record by

kicking eight goals in one season. We

would also like to congratulate S.u on

receiving honorable mention on the All-

State Soccer Team, Other members who

should hely the team are Dave Hendler,

a speedy wing with a good foot; Buddy

Zajac, a half-back with good soccer sense,

and Joe Messina, a center-forward who

should put fear into many a goalie with

hard kicking from either foot. With

four letter men back, I will predict that

the Prepsters will have a .500 season or

better.

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The ARGO

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Sayreville Defeats Prep

With Fifth Inning Rally

Sports Flash — On the 11th of May,

Prep lost a very important game to a

very strong Peddie team. The final

score rested at 82 and made Prep’s

record for the year one win and nine

losses.

Buddy Zajac went the entire dis-

tance for the Prepsters hurling the horse-

hide at Peddie and yielding ten hits.

Buddy was converted from lhis usual spot

at second base and placed on the hill by

Coach O’Connell.

One of the highlights of the game was

a terrific onehanded catch in deep right

field by Al Marcy, for which he was

applauded by both teams. Bad things

usually follow good ones and in this

case there was no exception. In the very

next inning, Gene Zick was hurt when

ihe tried to field a high fly to left field

and collided with shortstop Kurtz.

Although Prep has still only one win,

nevertheless, we are quite sure that the

team will start to click.

College For Athletes

By Roger Seamon

This year’s basketball team, as you

know, was a big success and all the

players were stars in their own right.

Although Al Murasko was the big scorer,

it was the team work that reaily won for

Prep.

Al Murasko, our star forward, had

many offers from many colleges. Of all

these, however, the lucky one whom he

chose was Hofstra, a college of good

standing in Long Island. He expects to

follow physical training and should do

very well.

There is also Len Bartlett wno expects

to go to Duke, Being an exceptionally

good basketball player, Len will prob-

ably be outstanding there.

Don Etghes, our giant center, will go

to Villanova or Georgetown and, of

course, will be a good center there. He

was second in scoring to Al Murasko

and also should do quite wel.

Our great back court man, Willie

Kurtz, will go to Lafayette. Judging

from his great playing and fine play

making this year, he should easily break

into a starting line up. As you all know,

his deadly set shots and tricky driving

made him a terrific threat and terror to

the enemy’s defenses.

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Rutgers Prep lost to Sayreville High

School to end their series with the Bomb-

ers. The Little Scarlet lost both games

by the identical scores of 5-3, but pro-

vided stiff competition all the way. This

defeat thas dropped the Prepsters to one

win and eight defeats.

The Bombers drew first blood scoring

two in the first inning and one in the

third. They got but two hits off the

fine pitching of Willie Kurtz, taking ad-

vantages of many miscues by Prep.

The fourth was the big one for the

Little Scarlet as they scored all of their

three runs. Dave Buchine walked to

start things off and went to second on

Gene Zick’s single. Buddy Zajac then

walked to fill the bases. At this point

Fritz, the Sayreville pitcher, seemed ter-

rifically wild, as he walked the third

man of the inning, Carl Baratta, forcing

Buchine to score.

Another pitcher replaced Fritz and got

Murasko to ground out to first. The

pitcher covering tagged him and tripped

over the base. By the time the ball was

recovered both Zick and Zajac had

scored. However, Baratta, trying for

third on the play was tagged out to end

the inning.

In the fifth inning some more Prep

errors were made, and the winning run

scored on in-field miscue followed by a

triple scoring Sayreville’s winning run.

ae insurance run came home on a pass

The rest of the game was quiet as

Prep’s hitting went numb, and Al Mur-

asko’s fine pitching set the Bombers

down hitless.

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May, 1954

Appoint Bey, Seamon

To Head ‘Dial’ Staff!

On Wednesday, May 12th, the 1954 Ye

Dial was distributed. Students and

faculty alike were loud in their praise

of the improvements over previous year-

books.

Already work has begun on the 1955

Ye Dial, with the selection of the Co- |‘

editors-in-chief, Stanley Bey and Roger

Seamon. This is a change from former

years but it is hoped that it will lessen

the load on the editors and produce a

better yearbook. Along with Mr. Gag-

gini, who is in his fourth successful year

as advisor to Ye Dial, they have chosen

the editorial staff for the 1955 Ye Dial.

Returning to her position as editor,

where she did a wonderful job on the ’54

annual, is Diane Dorn, Malcolm Cohen,

who served as junior editor this pasi

year, will fill the photography editorship.

Between his sports and editorship of the

Argo, Stu Edelberg will work on the Ye

Dial as Sports Editor.

Clementina Vitti, who has had much

experience on previous staffs, will be

copy editor for the Ye Dial.

The Argo staff wishes to extend its

congratulations to the new Ye \_ Dial

officers and hopes that this coming year

will be as successful as the past year.

Edelberg and Griggs Name

New Party for Fall Election

As the school year is already coming

to a close, one of the most important

topics coming up is the formation of

next year’s Student Council. A group of

students have already drawn up a party.

The candidates up for election un tvis

ticket are Stuart Edelberg, president,

Clifford Griggs, vice-president, Clemen-

tina Vitti, secretary, and Joe Messina,

treasurer. In setting up the party, the

group has complied with the strict qual-

ifications of the school constitution. As

the latter states, the two chief offices

should be held ‘by representatives from

the senior class. The constitution further

states that the office of secretary and

treasurer should be filled by a junior

and sophomore, respectively. As yet, the

party has not decided on a definite name.

However, that will be done next year.

Kuhithau, Dorn Attend Dinner

For the Youth of the Year

Rutgers Prep was very fortunate in

having two very capable students repre-

senting their school. Diane Dorn and

John Kuhlthau were the two students

who attended the Youth of the Year

annual dinner at the Roger Smith Hotel.

ROSE TAILORING

27 Years On Campus

Cleaning — Pressing

and Repairing

Materials: 1 rubber hose, water faucet,

gas outlet.

Procedure; Attach one end of ‘hose to

water faucet. Fasten other end to gas

outlet. Turn on water.

Result: Gas oullets which burn water.

By John Perduk

Many Changes Stud

New Look Yearbook

The 1954 Ye Dial made its first ap-

pearance on May 12th, when it was dis-

tributed to the students during the ac-

tivities pericd. The most noticeable dif-

ference between this and previous year

pooks was the padded cover which add-

ed greatly to its attractiveness. Also,

the book was published by the photo-

offset method this year, which allowed

for much more freedom in layout and

the inclusion of many pictures. This

meant that Ye Dial was much less for-

mal than previous yearbooks, and

of course, the pictures added greatly to

its interest and appearance. The new

method of publication also permitted

the bock to come out earlier than usual,

and the staff believes that this early

publication is an excellent idea, al-

though it means the ommission of spring

sports.

The editors and staff are to be com-

mended for the fine job which they did

in producing Ye Dial’ Also a word of

thanks should go to the faculty advisor,

Mr. Gaggini, who said that he was tre-

mendously pleased with the book, but

that there is still some room for im-

provement.

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In Spring Production

This year the Elementary school is

holding more and better spring produc-

tions than ever,

On May 3rd the first grade programs

were held, This was a colorful affair at

which May baskets were given to all the

mothers. The second and third grade

plays were given on Tuesday of the

same week.

The fourth and fifth grades program

was held May 10th. This consisted of a

play entitled “The Sleeping Beauty,”

several pantomimes and two skits. The

names of these skits were not revealed

to the audience until after them, at

which time the audience themselves

were asked to give the names. The skits

were excerpts from Huckleberry Fin

and Penrod. This was also done after

the pantomimes which were incidents

in the lives of Ponce de Leon, Benjamin

Franklin, George Washington and

Thomas Edison.

On\_ an undecided date late in May

the sixth and seventh grade chorus will

present the operetta H. M. S. Pinafore.

This performance will be given under

the direction of the school’s music in-

structor, Mrs. Margaret Kelly.

During the spring vacation the fourth

grades displayed their handicraft by

making models of such scenes as Roose-

velt Dam, the Congo, a skier in the

Swiss Alps, a covered wagon scene and

desert scenes. These models were to

illustrate the school work they have

been doing and were put on exhibit at

their spring program. .

Introduce Placement Exams

To Aid in College Planning

It has just been announced by Mr.

Heinlein that there will be certain tests

given next year. These tests, however,

will not be given to all students at Prep.

The exams will be given to seniors only

and will prove to be a great asset to

Prepsiters,

The tests will be given as an aid to

students so that it is possible for them

to find out what they are (best suited for.

The exams, however, cannot be taken

with a cesual attitude by anyone if they

are going to be successful. The seniors

will have to cooperate to their fullest

extent.

The tests will give all seniors a defi-

nite idea of their capabilities. They will

also help them in making their choice

of a college.

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