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“graduates”

from lower school.

Mr. Sperduto

New History Instructor

Joins Upper School Staff

There is an addition to the upper

school faculty this year in the person

of Mr. Frank Sperduto. Mr. Sperduto

will teach three courses: United States

History, a ninth grade world geography

course and a course called “The United

States and the World” to the eighth

grade.

Mr. Sperduto was graduated from

Rutgers where he majored in history,

and he has received his master’s de-

gree. Currently he is working toward

his doctorate.

Seventh grade teacher five years

For the past five years Mr. Sperduto

has taught the seventh grade in the

lower school. He has been the upper

school’s J.V. coach, and for the last

three years instructed regular gym

classes for the sixth and seventh grade

boys. This, and the fact that he has

taught at the lower school so long, has

made him quite well-known to those

who have passed from the lower to the

upper school,

Oddly enough, the students of Mr.

Sperduto’s first seventh grade class

are eniors and will help compose

his U.S. History class. Therefore, Mr,

Sperduto will have no difficulty in

adjusting to his new position,

FLASH!

Mr. and Mrs, Frank Sperduto

became the proud parents of a

baby girl, Heather, on August 2.

RUTGERS PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Three New Courses

Strengthen Schedule

The schedule this year includes three

new courses. These are an advanced

literature course for seniors, world

geography for freshmen and German.

The literature course is open to any

senior who believes he can handle the

job, since he will be studying English

IV in addition to it. Mr. Dumarae’s

plans for the course, completed this

summer, and Mrs. Wilson’s plans for

English IV will be correlated so that

the ideas developed in English IV will

be carried over and expanded in Mr.

Dumarae’s class.

Either world geography or Ancient

History is available to freshmen this

year, so that they can build a better

background for the more advanced

history courses.

German is back on the schedule for

the first time in some years. Mrs

Rooda, who has a German accent that

could fool a Nazi officer, is instructing

the course.

With the addition of these three

courses the schooi will have a curricu-

lum that will offer each student four

years of science, mathematics, English,

and history plus the required units in

any of four foreign languages.

HEP HAMBURGER HOP!

The student council has planned a

“Hamburger Hop” for Saturday, Sep-

tember 21 at the school gymnasium.

The main purpose of the barbecue is

to enable the students to become better

acquainted.

Refreshments consisting of ham-

burgers, hot dogs, and soft drinks will

be served. The faculty will do the

cooking over portable grills lent by

the students. Music for the “Hop”

will be supplied by any student who

wishes to contribute records. If the

weather is fair, the event will take

place on the basketball court adjoin-

| ing the gym, In case of rain the bar-

| becue will move inside the gym.

| The “Hamburger Hop” is a wonder-

ful chance for new and old students

to meet, and every student should

plan to attend this first social event

of the school year.

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September, 1957

Headmaster Discusses Future Status

Of Independent Prep

aratory School

by David M. Heinlein

It is with deep pleasure that I wel-

come each of you members of the

student body of Rutgers Preparatory

School. Today we begin our 192nd year

of service in the educational traditions

of our country.

This 192nd year is a noteworthy one,

for the School is now a truly independ-

ent school. On July 1 of this year our

Board of Trustees assumed full con-

trol of this historic school.

The record of this school has been

one of honor and distinction. Its grad-

uates have taken their places in fine

colleges, professions and community

life. Each of you has a future in our

country; each a responsibility to de-

velop your talents and understanding

to the utmost.

As you face this year of study and

activity, yvyu should feel confident of

your ability to earn a place among the

others who have preceded you. News-

Papers, Magazines, radio and television

have been featuring the so called

“tidal wave” of students. If you are to

believe the statistics they quote your

chances for a college education would

appear slim, indeed. I would like to

say that your chances of entering college

after graduation are extremely good!

You have the necessary ability, and

you will be receiving the necessary

preparation for college work. You are

a student in a fine school, being in-

structed by an outstanding faculty.

Make the most of this opportunity

which your parents and the School

give to you.

Astronomy Club Participates

In Geophysical Year Studies

During the summer the members of

the Astronomy Club have had the

opportunity to play a part in the

International Geophysical Year’s visual

meteor program. The purpose of this

program is to secure more accurate

statistics on the number of meteors

of various sizes encountered by the

earth.

Each member

Heinlein a report form

record data concerning

of meteors on specified nights. These

reports will be sent to the National

Research Council in Ottawa, Canada

to be compared with radar sightings.

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Summer Students

One hundred and fifty students at-

tended the six week summer session at

this school from June 24 to August 2.

The students enrolled to improve

their grades in one or two of the fif-

teen courses taught by nine teachers.

Two of these teachers came from New

Brunswick and Manasquan high schools

and the remaining seven were the

regular faculty.

Coach Richard O’Connell conducted

a basketball camp at our gym from

August 12 to 23. The camp was for

boys in the area who were interested

in improving their game.

Other basketball coaches from pre-

paratory and high schools and some

well known basketball \_ peysonalities,

notably Dick Gains and Chet Forte,

one of the countries leading scorers

last year, assisted Coach O’Connell.

The boys worked out inside the gym

and on the outdoor court and were

shown film strips taken by the New

York Knicks.

Both the summer session and the

basketball camp were established as a

service which this school wishes to

render for the betterment of our com-

munity.

Try New Activities

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The Argo

September, 1957

Travelling Teachers| ‘Oak’ Leaves In Fall

Back In Classrooms.

Mr. Alfred C. Gaggini is back Ath | After five years of coaching some of

us after a year’s leave of absence dur-| Our finest athletic teams, Richard S.

ing which he taught English in French| O’Connell has left his position to take

Indochina on a Fulbright teaching|® place in the physical education de-

assignment. partment of the new Piscataway Town-

ship High School.

by Jonathan Margolis

Mr. Gaggini held his position on the Mr. O'Connell became coach in 1952

ee ee Since then our basketball teams have

teaching of French and Spanish and consistantly ranked among the \_ best

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again act as adviser on our yearbook, | ™ the area. In five years O'Conne

the Ye Dial, where his presence was coached basketball teams won 64 games

Ti6st aiweed. and lost 39, a most commendable .621

percentage.

Since his departure, Mr. Gaggini has

become a world traveler. He visited

Cambodia's surrounding areas during

his vacations, and his trip home in-

In 1952-3 the Prep team completed

a 10-10 record and the next three

seasons rank among the best in our

cl . history. Al Marasko broke the school

cluded stops in India and Pakistan and| cord during the °53-’54 season and

short sojourns in Beirut, Lebanon|1eq the team to fourteen victories with

and Istambul, Turkey. On the final! (uy three defeats. The following year

leg of his trip Mr. Gaggini visited) ideq with a 15-3 record. In 1956

Athens, Rome and Paris and arrived

- Coach O’Connell’s squad won th Group

home August twentieth. III state tournament.

The “smiling Irishman” has kept

things lively both in sports and in his

science classes. Although his presence

will be missed, we wish him luck in

his new position.

Miss Warr turns “pedaler”

Miss Warr has literally pedaled her

way through the summer while leading

an American Youth Hostel Group bi-

cycle trip across the United States and

into Canada.

The group traveled most of the way

by bicycle, but in Canada’s rough

country and in sparsely inhabited

areas which would be almost impossible

to travel by bicycle, buses and trains

were made available to the cyclists.

The trains they used were specially

equipped box cars with living facilities

including cooking units which were

necessary in the wnpopulated areas

through which they passed.

Trustees Vote To Buy Site

The Board of Trustees has approved

a plan to acquire a 7% acre site on

River Road which would be used for

the lower school. The present building

must be vacated by June 1, 1958.

The board voted to make an offer

for the property of Eugene R. Julian.

The purchase will be financed both

by mortgages and gifts from alumni

Miss Warr, who taught eighth grade|®"4 Students’ parents.

courses last year, will take Mr. O’Con-| If their offer is accepted, the board

nell’s position as biology and general| will consider the purchase of an ad-

Teachers I

science instructor in addition to teach-| joining nine acres for the site of a

ing Eighth Grade English. new upper school.

SCHEDULE 1957-58

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