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DANCE HELD -

On March 8, 1952, the long-delayed informal record dance was attended by a slight minority of the school, thirteen couples to be precise. Your reporter would like to list here the names of the thirteen couples present.

Harold Williamson and Trudy Webber, Lenny Bartlett with Ginny Reigger, Jim Weisfeld and Joyce Kenneally, Jim Lamont and Rosebud Lefebvre, Alan Black and Clementina Vitti, Jim Rothschild and Elaine Shevin, Gary Armstrong and Jean Devine, Clark White and Joyce Tuckey, George Van Bechten and Connie Peders, Bill Cramer and Ruth Soeter, Norb Selesky and Carmen Watson, Dick Moore and Virginia Ann Hudson, John Kuhlthau and Doreen Reinhart enjoyed the dance immensely. Straty Nicholas, John Baer, Jack Taylor, Richard Lockhart, Ted Nestler, and Dan McCormick stopped in to take part in the festivities.

A great deal of credit must go to Harold Williamson, Robert Lockhart, and others who set up the beautiful decorations for the affair. Crepe streamers strung from the baskets to the beams and a wagon wheel, hanging from the ceiling on cleverly-concealed wires, added to the cheerfulness of the scene. George Van Bechten's amplifier system was invaluable as the records boomed loudly over the speaker. Mr. and Mrs. Shepard were chaperones, and soda was served with the assistance of Johnny Williams.

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ARGO JOINS CO-LUMBIA PRESS ASSOCIATION

In reply to a letter which Jim Lamont sent to the Columbia Scholastic Press Association, that organization recently sent us entry blanks and informational folders. Our editor immediately submitted two copies of each issue of THE ARGO for this year and also two copies of THE ARGOMAG. These newspapers and magazines will be entered in competition with those of other schools for the best publication in its own field.

The annual convention of the Association, which a few selected members of the staff will attend, will be held this year on March 13, 14, and 15 in New York City. Editor Lamont will undoubtedly attend, but the remaining representatives have not, at the time this issue of THE ARGO goes to press, been chosen. Several underclassmen are being considered, because next year they will have to manage the publications.

In submitting the publications, certain rules had to be followed. The entries had to have been written and set up entirely by the students and strictly observed deadlines had to be met, THE ARGO and THE ARGOMAG having to be submitted by January 10 and February 1 respectively. A fee of six dollars was required for the magazine, six dollars for the newspaper, and

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Editor-in-Chief
Jim Lamont

Associate Editors: Jim Weisfeld, Fred Sherzer, Jim Rothschild, Bob Lockhart, Bill Cramer.

Contributors: Diane Dorn, Joan Devine, Joyce Kenneally, Virginia Ann Hudson, Alice Weisfeld, Franklin Preiser, Joyce Tuckey, Clementina Vitti, Carmen Watson,

Sports: Norman Karshmer, Joe Horowitz.

Art: George VanVechten, Elfriede Riddering, Carole Schwartz.

Photography: Tono Rebollo, Jack Taylor, Malcolm Cohen.

Make-up: Kate Riddering, Trudy Webber, Ed Taylor.

Faculty Advisor: Mr. Leo P. Coyle.

ABOUT EVERYTHING

According to the popular definition, an editorial is an article expressing the opinions of the paper in which it appears on any one of the millions of events and occurrences in which the paper deals. The editorial can deal with just one of these or can go in for wholesale discussions. Because of the long period of time which has elapsed since the last ARGO and because of the myriad happenings in Prep lately, this editorial will be a sort of pot-pourri of criticism, applause, and general wandering about in the world of R.P.S.

The main concern of all members of the publication staffs at present is the distressing lack of ads for YE DIAL. Actually the situation is much more desperate than

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it would seem at first glance. True, we'll have a yearbook, but isn't having a good yearbook just as important? Someone once said, "If a thing is worth doing, it's worth doing well."

The ads so far provide for about twenty-five pages of material excluding the advertising section; less than half the number which were printed in last year's book. A yearbook the size of the average copy of the ARGOMAG won't be a great addition to anybody's library, and won't do much toward bringing back happy memories.

But don't blame the faculty for they can't go five or six hundred dollars in debt merely to print the book, and don't blame the staff, because they have been working in the editorial and artistic fields as well as in that of business, and still have piled up a great number of ads per capita. So, who does that leave? The fate of the 1952 YE DIAL clearly rests with nobody but you.

Another sad aspect of life at Prep during the past weeks has been the unfortunate incident of the blocking of the toilets by some unknown culprit and the resultant near-cancelling of the dance. Such a stupid action can't be vindicated, but the person who did it can be; if he had admitted his guilt, he would have proved himself a responsible citizen and a real man.

As it was, the main thing uncovered by the incident was the fact that there are some Prepsters so low that their word means nothing, and so lacking in just plain guts that they refuse to place their own skins in momentary jeopardy for the sake of half of their fellow students.

On the same subject, orchids are in order for Fred Sherzer and Clark White, top officers of our Student Council and leaders of the inquiry held following the incident. Their tactful way of handling the investigation and their generous and unbiased attitude helped the whole school through an

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? INQUIRING REPORTER ?

What do you think of the Student Council?

Molly Parham, freshman: I think the Student Council is doing a very good job.

Steve Rineberg, freshman: There is nothing wrong with the Student Council that can't be helped by outside suggestions.

Stuart Edelberg, freshman: The Student Council can be improved only by the students themselves.

Clifford Griggs, freshman: It's all right. They're doing the best they can.

Bob Grace, junior: I think it's O. K.

Joan Devine, junior: I think it functions very well.

Jack Taylor, junior: If I didn't hear everyone talk of a Student Council, I wouldn't know that we had one.

Frank Avery, senior: They need me in there.

Robert Lockhart, senior: It's fairly good, but I think it should sponsor more activities.

Richard Lockhart, senior: I think it's a better Council than last year, but I'd still like to see more dances, and I think more people should come to the games this spring than attended the basketball games.

Gary Frost, senior: I think it's pretty good. I don't think enough students went to the games; I think the Student Council should do something about this for baseball and track.

Katie Riddering, senior: I think the school should know more about what the Student Council does at its meetings.

Fred Sherzer, senior: I think it would be a better organization if it had the backing of the entire student body.

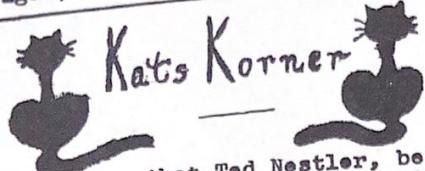
STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

The student council held one meeting during the last month. At this meeting Pat McGovern made a motion that the flag be saluted on the day of chapel exercises. A vote was taken and passed unanimously. The matter will now be taken up with Mr. Shepard.

On February 15, 1952, the Senior Class met after school to select a new representative to take Rudy Szuch's place on the Student Council. After the votes were tallied, Harold Williamson was declared elected, and thus joined Jim Lamont as a regular Senior delegate. (Fred Sherzer and Clark White, also Seniors, hold the presidency and vice-presidency of the governing body.)

This is just a note to say "Welcome back" to Phil Cohen, who recently returned to school after being absent for some time with a concussion he received in the first Jamesburg game. Until then, Phil had fought hard for Prep, and he deserves a hand for his gameness and his guts.

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We hear that Ted Nestler, better known as "Handsome," is quite a pro when it comes to playing pingpong, especially when he plays with "Bubbles."

Mr. Blake thinks that Harold Williamson knows his tomatoes. We wonder what he meant.

Stanley, darling, who is "Snookums"?

Trudy Webber is now studying jujitsu and wrestling. Wonder why?

Fifty lashes with a wet noodle to Dan McCormick for wrecking two certain pieces of furniture. P.S.: As the old adage goes, "When the cat's away, the mice will play!"

What is it that draws girls like Pat McGovern to the Highland Park Acme? Could it be Mr. Hagar?

We're all glad to have Phil Cohen back with us again, aren't we, Emily?

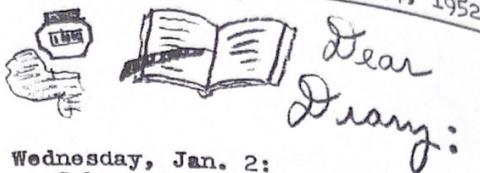
Elfriede, do you still stick to that comment on the Hoboken bus, "They're all too young"?

An added comment:

Hey, Joyce Kenneally, you with all the comments about everybody, Len Bartlett wants to know "how high the moon" was at Jack Tobin's last party.

Beginning with this issue, THE ARGO is adopting the policy of allowing members of the school-at-large to answer the various slanders of the Kats Korner merely by writing their own slanders and sending them to the editor of this paper. If you want revenge, come and get it!

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Wednesday, Jan. 2:

Sober students return eager and overflowing with intellectual curiosity.

Monday, Feb. 11:

This date marks the vindication of that wonderful machine, the 1936 Oldsmobile. It finally started, oh Lamont! Fill the oil and check the gas, boys!

Tuesday, Feb. 19:

"Bubbles" wins a pingpong game.

Thursday, March 6:

Well, do we or don't we have a dance?

Friday, March 7:

It was a tough fight, Ma, but we dood it!

Thursday, March 13:

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WELCOME TO PREP!

The Argo extends its welcome to Lyn Golden and Barbara Eskin, who came to us at half-semester. Both girls are ex-students of S.R.H.S. They are entering as Juniors. Lyn and Barbara participated in many extra-curricular activities such as: The Dramatic Club, Glee Club, and "B" Naturals.

Both girls were in the South River High School Band and Orchestra for two years. The girls are good students, and we're expecting to see their names on the honor roll.

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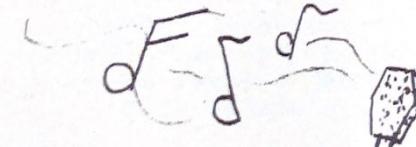
The students and faculty of R. P. S. were treated recently to some very fine singing by Mr. William Utley, an operatic singer by profession and a good friend of our own Mr. Gaggini.

From the time of his youth in Salem, Oregon, Mr. Utley has been interested in music. He studied piano at the age of five and gave many recitals throughout his teen years. He received a degree in music from Willamette University and has studied at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester.

Mr. Utley has also studied in Europe where he spent eight months with the famous baritone Ricardo Stracciani and eight months in Paris coaching French opera. While in that city, he recorded excerpts from Carmen, taking the role of Don Jose, for Remington Records.

In addition to spending two seasons at the Papermill Playhouse Mr. Utley has done musical comedy chorus work in New York. He has sung for the Pittsburgh Light Opera Company and the New York Opera Guild in such parts as Beppe in "Pagliacci" and Gaston in "La Traviata." Mr. Utley has also done U. S. O. work in the Philippines, Okinawa and Japan. He has performed at the Flushing Free Synagogue and the Church of the Holy Communion.

We all enjoyed this excellent singer's fine voice and sincerely hope that he will be willing to entertain us soon again.



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ARGO SPOTLIGHT

Chosen for this issue's Spotlight is a popular member of the class of '52, Harold Williamson. An ardent sports fan, he has participated in several athletic activities. He has made a name for himself in basketball, in which he starred as one of the top players, and in track, which has occupied him for his four years at Prep. Last year he was one of our representatives in the state meet for prep schools. His current sports rage, however, is wrestling.

Outside of school, Hal's time is taken up by athletic practice, homework, and girls. Admitting that women are a favorite with him, he still states his 'pet peeve' as "silly females."

An all-around fellow, "Willy" ranks high scholastically as well as athletically. Planning to study agricultural engineering, he expects to enter the University of Wisconsin in the fall.

3 PREPSTERS ON N.B. COUNCIL

Three members of the Rutgers Prep student body are at the present time actively engaged in serving the community as members of the Youth Council of New Brunswick. Fred Sherzer is now acting as vice-president of the Council, Jim Lamont is co-producer of the Council radio show soon to make its debut and Joyce is using her abilities to good effect as a jack-of-all-trades.

The Council, although doing its work diligently and well, is little known at Prep. Any information desired about it and its work can be obtained from Joyce, Fred or Jim,

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SENIORS MAKE COLLEGE CHOICES

It would appear that this year's crop of seniors are lax in applying for college entrance. Among those who have applied is Jim Lamont, who has applied to Swarthmore. Bob Baga seems to like the more. Bob Baga seems to like the idea of remaining in New Brunswick, for he has sent in an application to Rutgers. Bill Cramer is also loyal to Rutgers, but he prefers the fair city of Newark. Jim Weisfeld has variety in his list of prospects, having applied for admittance to Haverford, Dartmouth, the University of Pennsylvania, and Princeton. Jim Rothschild's choices are Amherst, Yale, and Dartmouth. Fred Sherzer is looking toward Amherst, Haverford, Hamilton, and Harvard. Harold Williamson seems to like the "cold country", since he has applied to the University of Wisconsin.

COLUMBIA PRESS CONFERENCE (Cent. from pg. 1)

seventy-five cents to enroll our advisor, Mr. Joyle, in the Columbia Scholastic Press Advisors Association.

The critical evaluation of the magazines and newspapers from high schools and preparatory schools all over the country will be performed by a chosen board of experts. Other more specialized contests are also open to entries, such as the Hand-Set contest for printing, the Literary contest for excellent writing, the Typographical contest and the Advertising contest. Later in the school year, our yearbook, YE DIAL, will be entered in next year's yearbook competition.

From all appearances, it seems as though THE ARGOMAG has a very good chance of meriting a prize, and the staff of the twin publications earnestly hopes for the best.

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embarrassing situation. In view of the "martial law" edict issued by these two Preparers in behalf of the Council, we of THE ARGO feel that our school won't have to go through another such misfortune, and we respect Fred and Clark for their prompt action in setting up the machinery for the preservation of order.

As you will note by reading the article on page 1, both this paper and THE ARGOMAG, have been entered for judging in the Columbia Scholastic Press Association's annual contests. It has never been the policy of either publication to print a newspaper or magazine for the purpose of trying to impress anybody, Columbia judges included; rather, we have tried to provide an opportunity for the students of our school to have fun, both by working on the publications and by reading them. However, in spite of this, THE ARGOMAG seems, in the opinion of the editors, to compare favorably with others of its group. Let's hope we're right.

The usual editorial ends on a note designed to carry across to the reader by sheer force the ideas of the writer. If we were to follow this rule, we might finish something like this:

Get those ads!
Get some principles!
Get behind law and order!
Get that prize!

Good ideas, we think.

COMING !

The next publication to appear at Prep will be an ARGO Extra that will take a surprising form. Watch for it.... it's coming soon!

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CURRENT FAIRS

Three weeks ago on Mr. Shepard administered Time Current Affairs to our student body. This in conjunction with I was composed of questions with national and international events as well as literature, sports, science, radio, and the movies. Taking of an hour to fill in the time, we chalked up scores mid-80's to the last a perfect paper.

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CURRENT AF- FAIRS TEST

Three weeks ago on February 25, Mr. Shepard administered the annual Time Current Affairs test to our student body. This test, given in conjunction with Time Magazine, was composed of questions dealing with national and international events as well as music, art, literature, sports, the theater, science, radio, television, and the movies. Taking three-quarters of an hour to fill out the multiple-choice answer sheet, Prepsters chalked up scores ranging from the mid-80's to the low 20's, 105 being a perfect paper.

The winner of the contest, senior John Kehayas, came up with an excellent 86, while junior Phil Cohen, winner in his class, was close on his heels with 84. Joe Becker was the sophomore champ, with Steve Rineberg high in the freshman class and Jack Paster taking the honors in the eighth grade. All the winners will receive prizes and plaques at the graduation exercises in June.

GYM LOOTED

The day before the second Wardlaw basketball game, the team managers reported that the gymnasium had been broken into and robbed. The thief had, by ripping the molding, on the front door, gained access to the building and then had made his way into the stock room through the wooden window, which was found broken. The missing equipment included six pairs of sneakers, two basketballs, and fifteen football jerseys.

On the same day, the culprit was apprehended, and since that time the lost equipment has been recovered and returned to its own-

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STEPHEN C. REID, ALUMNUS, INTER- VIEWED BY ARGO

While scanning the pages of the school "Ye Dial" of 1924, your alumni reporter came across the name of Stephen C. Reid, which seemed to strike a familiar chord. I had seen something in the local paper concerning this man, which made me more anxious to find out what some of our alumni have achieved since graduation, and how nearly they have come to achieve their school-day ambitions. He is listed in the telephone directory and found to be residing in East Millstone. Your reporter asked some pertinent questions and received some very interesting answers.

Mr. Reid entered Rutgers Prep in 1923 after spending two years in New Brunswick High School, and accumulated the remaining two years of his high school education at Prep, where he graduated in 1924. While he was a Prepster, Mr. Reid took a very active part in baseball and football. Mr. Reid claimed that he could get better instruction at Prep than at high school, because in our school there was a keener competition among boys than in the latter institution. He further said that the idea of girls in our school might "work in" somehow but stated that the competition would not be as keen. Upon his graduation from Rutgers Prep, Mr. Reid planned to enter William and Mary College but instead went into the poultry business with his father. He is married and has one son who is serving in the marines. At present Mr. Reid is tax assessor for Franklin Township, a position he has held for the past ten years. During the coming election, he plans to run for surrogate of Somerset County. Good luck to you, Mr. Stephen C. Reid, in any future plans you may have.

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DANCE (Cont. from pg. 1)

Besides the dance itself, the events preceding the affair deserve mention in this column. The dance was originally scheduled for Saturday evening, March 1, but a deep snowfall during that day necessitated its postponement. The decorations had been set up that Friday, and were allowed to remain there until the dance. After much discussion and voting, the date, Saturday, March 8, was selected, and the school looked forward to a fine affair. However, the clogging of the water fountain with bubble gum and stuffing of the men's toilets with paper forced Mr. Shepard to announce the cancellation of the dance if the culprit was not apprehended by the student council.

No one confessed to the senseless act, so on Friday afternoon, the president of the Student Council, Fred Sherzer, and vice-president Clark White, utilizing their authority, permitted nobody to leave school until the matter was cleared up. Your reporter thought that the difficult problem was handled very well, and after explaining that the school demanded the confession so that the dance could be held, Sherzer and White had Mr. Holley talk to each suspected person and the affair was again scheduled for Saturday night.

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ers. The identity of the boy who committed the robbery was not, however, revealed by police.

The incident served to bring back memories of last spring's similar robbery, which, although the guilty party was known, was not followed by the return of the stolen articles.

WEBBER STILL LEADS

So far, Trudy Webber still leads the field in the obtaining of advertisements for YE DIAL. This energetic supporter of the yearbook has accounted for over a hundred dollars' worth of the five hundred that has been collected. True, she has gotten the jump on the rest of the school, but don't give up yet! Everybody has a chance to take those theater tickets offered as a prize to the person getting the most ads. It isn't hard - so hop to it!

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