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School Adds Extra Period For Clubwork

A change in the schedule has given our student body five extra activity periods a week. These periods are devoted to the extracurricular activities of the school. The present activities are not new to the school but new activities may be organized in the near future. With the exception of the Glee Club, the different groups may participate in any, or all of the groups, for there is no conflict between them. The students not participating in the activity of the day, have a well supervised study period.

On Monday, the group working on "Ye Dial" has their meetings. The "Ye Dial", which is our school year book, is supervised by its faculty adviser, Mr. Gaggini. All the writing etc., is done by the students. I am sure, with the student backing and this extra time, the "Ye Dial", will be a book to be proud of this year.

On Tuesday and Thursday the Glee Club meets with Mr. Dumarae, the director of the Club. This organization is the oldest and most impressive in the school, so it is

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Successful Campaign Gives Kuhlthau Office

John Kuhlthau and his entire ticket made a clean sweep in the elections held on Monday. John, president of the student body, was victor over his opponent, Don Hughes. Elfriede Riddering defeated Tony Rebollo in the vice-presidential contest. The office of secretary was given to Stuart Edelberg, although Noreen Hudson made a vigorous race of it. Completing his party's victory, John Rosa was elected treasurer of the Student Council. He defeated Stan Bey, the staunch opposition candidate. Bernard Cohn was the campaign manager for the winning party while Weston Merrit backed the ill-fated Cavalier party.

After the votes were tallied by Kathe Van Vechten, George Kalli, and Molly Parham, John Kuhlthau gave the following statement:

"I appreciate very much the

Sports Flash

Long Branch, Oct. 19: Rutgers Prep scored a great moral victory over Long Branch High School by tying them, 2-2, in a brilliant soccer game.

Stu Edelberg scored two goals to raise his goal-producing total to five goals in four games. He has been our offensive standout so far this year.

With 30 seconds left to play, fullback Joe Horowitz saved the game by getting a foot on a ball headed for a Long Branch score.

honor given to me today. I am gratified to find that the student body is in favor of our party. Our platform will be carried out to the best of the council's ability with the students' support."

Don Hughes, the defeated candidate, said, "Although my entire party succumbed to defeat, we will back our former rivals to the fullest extent for the benefit of the school." In their campaigns, both parties revealed good management, competence, sportsmanship, and a keen desire for the betterment of the school, regardless of personal victories.

Both parties presented their platforms last Friday during activity period. Both stressed the importance of cooperation from the members of the student body and close alliance with the faculty. Possible outings and excursions were also mentioned.

The program began with comments made by Mr. Holly concerning the spirit and nature of elections. Manager Bernard Cohn introduced his candidates with a brief comment about each, and called the nominees to the rostrum. One of the day's most vigorous speeches was delivered by John Kuhlthau, who compared a cooperative student body with an active drill team, each person being in perfect step and harmony. The emphasis was on harmony and cooperation. Elfriede Riddering spoke of plans to visit the United Nations some time in the future. John Rosa campaigned for the return of student administration day, when the seniors would take over the school. Stuart Edelberg stressed integration of students and student representatives.

Then Weston Merritt, manager of the Cavalier party, introduced his candidates. Their speeches were short and to the point, with each nominee promising his full support toward organized activity.

Glee Club Begins Rehearsing

During the second week of school tryouts were given for the GLEE CLUB. As it was last year, the group will be under the excellent leadership of Mr. Thomas Dumarae. The number of participants, however, has been cut down from thirty-five to twenty-four, consisting of eight sopranos, seven tenors, four altos, and five basses. Although the group is smaller in quantity, Mr. Dumarae believes it will be higher in quality.

It is hard to pick out a group of good singers from a school of only a little more than a hundred students, but above the groaning of the bass section, several fine voices can be heard. In spite of all hardships, the members seem very enthusiastic, and with enough practice, the GLEE CLUB should prove very successful this year.

In the soprano section two girls are especially worthy of mention. They are Elfriede Riddering and Estelle Newman. Elfriede is known

by all who attended Prep last year for the excellent solos which she sang at previous years' concerts.

Estelle is the most experienced singer in the group. She has made appearances on both radio and television and will prove a great benefit to the GLEE CLUB. Estelle has taken voice lessons at The New Jersey College for Women. She has appeared on various television shows as an amateur. She has given performances at the Hotel Pierre in New York and appeared on the radio from Miami Florida.

This year's accompanist will be Marcia Owens, and judging from her work at rehearsals, she seems to be an excellent pianist.

As is the custom of the school, two concerts are planned for the year. The first, a winter concert, will consist of Christmas music. The theme of the second concert, which will be performed during the spring, as yet has not been decided.

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First Edition

Students and Faculty: This is it, our first edition. The whole field of newspaper work on a larger scale is new to all of us. Many thanks should be given to all the staff who pioneered for us.

The new size paper we think looks much more representative of a preparatory school than the former size, and regular printing will be more popular than photo offset.

One thing that we want to make clear is that the paper is to be run by the entire school and not just a chosen few. Any ideas that you may have will be entertained by the staff. If you want to write up your whims, Letters to the Editor will be accepted and published.

In order that you may find your special interests in the paper readily, here is the outline of the editions. The first page contains news and special sports flashes. Page two is devoted to editorials and in the future perhaps an inquiring reporter. Page three will contain a by-line of sports and write-ups of all the sporting events. Page four is made up of lower school news and continued articles.

This year the staff consists of members from all classes, something new at Prep. We feel in this way that the up and coming students will have a basis upon which to set up the paper in the following years.

We, the staff, feel lucky to be gaining valuable experience for future college work and life. We hope the whole school will join with us in that experience—and the fun it can become.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

The task of educating young people so that they may take their respective places in an ever-changing world is one of unbelievable magnitude. It presents a real challenge to the schools of America because of the rapid pace of development in all subjects, and because of the great variety of branches of knowledge. One of the greatest assets to a school for meeting the contemporary needs of the student is an adequate library.

It is indeed unfortunate that Prep has such a poor library in the school at the present time. However, I know that the students have access to the university library after school hours. Why can't we take advantage of study-hall time to visit the library?

I know that there are few teachers in school who assign actual reference work, but many students come across some interesting facts that they would like to know more about. If Prep students are given permission to go out of study-hall to the library, they will have an opportunity to become acquainted with it and learn to get the most out of it by actual use.

The library situation in Prep now is shameful. In the study-hall we have two sets of encyclopedias, a few other reference books, and one dictionary. The other books are in the office and more than half of the student body do not know that they exist.

The addition of library privileges during study-halls is one way of giving the student every possible opportunity towards getting a well-rounded viewpoint of the contemporary world he lives in.

—Michael Kessler.

New Eighth Grade

School has become more interesting than ever before since we became eighth graders at Prep. We are now included in the same activities as the older students. We are eligible for the Glee Club, publications groups, and other various clubs.

Eighth grade participation in athletics is another feature of Prep school. There are four boys from this eighth grade presently on the soccer team, and we expect quite a few more to try out for basketball.

Now the eighth grade is a year older and we have to settle down to work. This year we have departmental classes and new teachers which greatly adds to the complexity of Prep school.

This year the eighth grade finds greater demands on them than ever before in their short lives. However, we intent to meet the old standards of Rutgers Prep School. Indeed we hope to surpass it.

Dear Editor:

In the field of Politics, partisan feelings often are so strong that campaigns are based on the effort to discredit the policies, practices, and even the character of the opposing candidates. This, combined with the inclination to appeal to and attract the votes of organized minorities, has the tendency to distract from the real purpose of elections.

Although the elections have been completed, the obligation of the student body as a whole are far from being completed; in fact, they have only just begun.

Supporting student activity throughout the year is the essential fulfillment of our duties. These duties are determined in an unwritten pact between the school and the students. The severing of this agreement leads to the weakening and ultimate downfall of the extra-curricular activities which are an essential part of an education.

We talk quite a bit about school spirit here at Prep. We do, because we want to build up enthusiasm about the school. School spirit differs from actual support of activities in several ways. First, school spirit is an abstract emotion, which develops in the mind and functions there. Secondly school spirit is the respect and defense of our school.

—John Kuhlthau.

Dear Editor:

We have over a hundred students in this school. Each one risks life and limb on rickety stairs at least once a day to get to a class upstairs. That makes at the very least two hundred pairs of feet which pound up and down every day.

Do you think people pay any attention to the care of these stairs? They do not! There are holes and loose corners. The railing couldn't support a flea if he fell again at it. The stairs themselves creak and groan in agonized protest. One can even feel the stairs give when he treads on them.

The fact that the stairs are circular doesn't help matters. Going up, if one stays on the right-hand side and manages to avoid the lumps and holes, he is fairly safe except for one thing. The students coming down cling to the same side, mostly in the instinct of self-preservation since it is the only side where they can get a half-way decent footing.

I suppose the easiest thing to do would be to install a pole such as they use in firehouses. This would take care of descending traffic. The addition of cushions at the bottom for the more timorous souls would be an added luxury.

A Lame Student.

SPORTLIGHT

By

NORMAN KARSHMER

Two Prep graduates showed the way as Rutgers defeated V. P. I. last Saturday. Ken Bossow, former tackle, and Bruce Johnson, former end, played a great part in the victory, both on offense and defense.

The Prep soccer team looked fair in its first outing against Pingry. Prep's play was ragged but taking into consideration that most of the boys had never played the improve with experience our out-game before, and that they should look is brighter. A few of the boys looked goon on defense but the lack of a good kicking full-back is still Coach O'Connell's biggest problem.

The players that caught my eye at the game were Bernie Cohn, John Kulthau, Jerry Kamm, and Stu Edleberg. Of this group, Jerry is the least experienced but played a good game at half-back. Joe Horowitz, Dave Buchine, Charlie Martorelli, Joe Messina, and Al Murasko are all coming along and will aid the team on Oct. 14 when they meet Wardlaw School at Plainfield.

The Varsity "R" Club has picked its officers for the 1953-54 school year. Len Bartlett was elected president, Bob Allen vice-president, and Norm Karschmer secretary-treasurer. Bill Kurtz and Al Murasko were voted in the club at its last meeting.

VARSITY 'R' CLUB

The Varsity "R" Club is now making plans for an Alumni basketball game to be held on Dec. 29. All of the basketball players who have played in the last five years are invited to play. An informal dance will follow the game and will be sponsored by the Varsity "R" Club.

Quote & Unquote

The following are expressions heard on the bus coming back from the Pingry game.

Mike Kessler and Howard Tobin: "Doesn't anyone have an opener?"

Tono Rebollo: "Just one drag."

Stu Edelberg: "I sure played a great game today!"

Managers are needed for our basketball team very badly this year and anyone interested should see Coach O'Connell.

A manager at the Rutgers Preparatory School is not just a slave to the player's every whim but is a respected member of an athletic team. A good manager can often mean the success of a team or its defeat. A manager gets to know the players on the team and the other people in school while he meets new people on team trips. He gets to know officials and opposing coaches very well and is respected by them as a vital part of the team.

Soccer Team Victors Over Wardlaw Prep

Stu Edleberg scores against Wardlaw

The Rutgers Prep soccer team routed Wardlaw School 3-1 in a game which starred Stu Edleberg scoring two of the three prep goals. The contest was favored by ideal weather conditions.

Prep drew first blood on a pass from right wing, Bill Muhs, to Stu Edleberg who kicked the ball through the uprights. Wardlaw then tied the game on a goal by George Vasilakos.

In the second canto, the teams played at even keel while no one scored. In the third period Joe Massina scored from his center forward post on a pass from Dave Buchine. Wardlaw was held goalless in this quarter.

Midway through the fourth period, Edleberg scored on a set play which pulled the goalie out of position. When this period ended,

Prep had won its first game to reach the .500 mark.

Stu Edleberg has now brought his goal producing effort to three goals. He played a fine game on both offences and defence from his right inside position. John Kulthau, center half back, was another offensive and defensive standout. Although he didn't score four of John's kicks from the fifty yard line were taken on one bounce by the opposing goalie. Dave Buchine and Bernie Cohn also played a good game while Charlie Martorelli was our defensive standout in the goalie position.

This year is the second year that soccer has been a major sport at the Rutgers Preparatory school. Mr. Dick O'Connell, or "Coach," as he is known to many students in school, played soccer when he was in high school and college and he is now coaching our squad.

The 1953 soccer team opened its season October 6, against Pingry, and dropped the decision, 3-1. This game was played on a rainy day, and the two teams played at an even best, but a penalty kick was the turning point for Pingry. Stu Edelberg, a junior in school, scored our only goal. Jerry Kamm, John Kulthau, and Charlie Martorelli all played a good defensive game.

Rugged Sporting Season Foreseen

This year we have one of the longest and hardest basketball schedules that the school has seen in a few years. The teams added to the schedule are Peddie, Admiral Farragut, and Totenville.

Len Bartlett will be the only starter from last year's team. Last year Don Hughes came back from Lawrenceville to play in the last few games and should be a great asset to the team. Bob Allen, an agile forward, should bolster the depth of the team. Two new comers to Prep, who should do a great deal in basketball, are Bill Kurtz of Hoffman High in South Amboy, and Al Murasco of South River, who made All-County last year.

We have an alumni game during Christmas vacation composed of Prep's outstanding players from 1948-53. John Houseman, Prep's former coach who left us to coach in Ewing High, will direct the alumni if he can take the time off.

This year we would like to have many students come to the games and support our teams when they go into battle.

New Eight Grade Likes Prep Life

The elementary school as of this year has been given the opportunity to participate in extra-curricular activities. Physical training classes are now being held for the younger children as well as the sixth and seventh grades.

There is a new member of the faculty this year, Mrs. Nina Colt. She is assisting Mr. Sperduto with the training of the younger children in physical education.

There is also an art class taught by Mrs. Mildred Ford. This class is held on Monday and Tuesday from the third grades up through the elementary school. The upper school students may also be included in this study of art.

Mrs. Margaret Kelly is the supervisor of the chorus group. Many fifth, six, and seventh graders meet on Wednesday afternoons for this activity. The boys and girls who participate have very good voices. The children whose voices are changing meet in the music room on Fridays.

The extra-curricular activities teach the growing child to meet their everyday problems. Sharing, planning and learning to work as part of a team is a fundamental system in our way of education.

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Extra Period

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given two days a week for practice. Right now the club is fusing together its Christmas Concert.

The Publication Committee meets on Wednesdays. This organization under the able direction of Mrs. Wilson and Mr. Moffet, deals with the publishing of the "Argo", the school newspaper, and the "Argomag", the school magazine published semi-annually. This extra period should enable us to have better editions in both publications.

As of yet, there is no set activity for Friday afternoon, so it is dedicated to the meeting of school groups and clubs, such as the Varsity "R" and the student Council. Before we start an activity on Friday, there is to be a chapel service conducted by the students.

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College?

The October 17th issue of the "Saturday Evening Post" contained an article of interest to all students of Rutgers Prep, entitled "So You Want to Go to College." This article, written by Robert U. Jameson, an experienced counselor of students, explains the necessary procedures for successful application to any college.

High school seniors should, as quickly as possible, settle on their educational aims, their reasons for going to college, and which college they wish to attend. In November and December it is advisable to interview college admissions officers and visit colleges whenever possible. Most important of all, make applications for entrance examinations to be taken in January. In January and February one should file application for admission and for examinations, if this has not been done before. All through the year, seniors should strive for the best possible marks, stay out of disciplinary trouble, and contribute as much as possible to their school's welfare.

In present times, admission to college is on a highly competitive basis because most colleges are overcrowded. Some have as many as three to ten applicants for every opening. Therefore, a senior must show a good scholastic record in high school. An A or B average is ideal. "The candidate must show evidence of the ability to do college work." Not only are 12th-grade marks important, but also 11th and 10th grade marks. Serious importance is also attached to good character, since most colleges estimate the promise of a student not only from his scholastic record but also from his character, personality, and seriousness of purpose.

One should also decide quite definitely what the reason is for attending college. If you want to go to college to improve your mind, to really learn something, to acquire culture, then you will probably reap a great many of the benefits of college. A well-rounded life, with basic knowledge as its root, is one of the greatest gifts of college. And with this comes maturity, self-reliance, and confidence, all of which can be had in a good college education.

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Preps Rods

Each year brings new students and a variety of rods to prep. This year the outstanding student car is Len Bartelette's '51 yellow Merc convertible, sporting skirts, duals, and headers. Next in line is Wag's '51 Ford Victoria, a conservative beauty. Bill Muhs is now the proud owner of a green '49 Pontiac that really moves. A green '50 Olds is the pride and joy of Dave Bushine, the man with the heavy foot.

Skirts and spots seem to be the main thing on Don Hughes' mind for his '47 maroon Merc convertible. Bernie Cohn's '46 Chevrolet features a new motor and a fine paint job.

A green '41 Chevrolet takes Bill Kurtz and many others where they want to go. Gari Gatwood, Mr. Mechanic himself, owner of a '40 Chevrolet, can tell you anything that you want to know about rods.

"I got a car that gives me no trouble," states Mike Kessler. His, a '40 Olds, is a familiar sight around prep.

The car of the month according to Hop Up magazine is a '49 Ford convertible. In this car the chrome stripping down the center was removed and filled in. The usual Ford grill circle was removed and a straight grill bar added in place of the original. Headlights were frenched and recessed, and the gravel shield was molded into the front fenders. The back features a continental kit, duals, and fenders molded into the body.

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