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'Ye Dial' Editor Plans Improved Book For '54

With the election of this year's "Ye Dial" staff, hard work was immediately started to make the yearbook an even better publication. John Kuhlthau, editor of the yearbook, and his staff made it clear during an assembly of the entire school that SUPPORT of this project by the student body is essential.

Stan Bey, the business manager of "Ye Dial" announced a new policy for getting adds. He told the school that this policy would leave the actual size of the yearbook dependent upon each person's own energy and initiative.

Extra attractions which would make the yearbook better are the increased number of pages which will only be obtainable through the support of the student body. The familiar phrase, "Go out and get more adds!" will not be harped upon as in past years, according to promises from the staff.

The staff feels it is very easy for everyone to obtain adds. This promise of the staff stems from the fact that they were able to secure three hundred dollars worth of advertisements on one Saturday morning alone.

The group has gotten off to a fine start with John Kuhlthau at its head, and Joe Becker, Malcolm Cohen, Diane Dorn, Steve Hancox, Norm Karshmer, Jonathan Margolis, Tono Rebollo and Clementina Vitti.

The staff will have completed the first twenty-four pages by December first, which will include the title page, faculty page and all material on the senior class.

Prepster's Culture Vultures Plan Opera Trip to N. Y. C.

Students of Rutgers Prep may have an opportunity to attend a performance of Puccini's opera "La Boheme" some time this spring. This proposed trip was the idea of Mr. Dumarae, who in conjunction with John Kuhlthau and his party thinks it is an excellent way to develop appreciation of the arts among students. They feel definitely that this trip will be of benefit to the school.

The trip will be of interest mainly to those students who would sincerely like to see an opera and who think they might enjoy it. Mr. Dumarae, in describing his plan, said, "I feel that this trip will be both educational and enjoyable to the students of Rutgers Prep." John Kuhlthau added that most students of the school would find the performance of an opera an unusual and interesting event.

Rustic Theme To Lead In Fall Dance Planning

Len Bartlett Contacts Band For Informal Turkey Trot

The Rutgers Prep fall dance will be held on November 2 at the N. J. C. Lodge. The date was announced by John Kuhlthau during assembly on November 12. His announcement ended a long and somewhat confused discussion among the students, who had not been able to agree on a suitable date.

Gari Gatwood, head of the dance committee, has asked the following people to assist him in planning the dance: John Kuhlthau, Elfriede Riddering, Pat Lancaster, Kathe Van Vechten, and John Flanagan.

Asked about his decorating plans, Gari mentioned first a "cleaning up" project. Lots of scrubbing, window washing, and dusting will be the first job to be done. Gari indicated some anxiety about this part of his plan.

He and his committee have chosen a rustic theme of decoration. They hope to make excellent use of big birch logs, fall flowers, hunting equipment, and rustic furniture. Soft fall colors and firelight will transform the lodge into a wonderful background for the dance, they feel.

A good band of a piano, drums, saxophone, and a bass fiddle is being provided. Gari and his committee are making sure that for this dance the band hired will be willing to play any type of music. The band, too, is going to be an asset in leading various group activities and helping people to enjoy singing and games, as well as dancing.

Mr. Heinlein Attends Education Conference

On Friday, November 13, Mr. Heinlein attended the convention of the New Jersey Education Association which is held each year at Atlantic City. The members of the association are those teachers, school headmasters and principals who teach in this area.

Mr. Heinlein's main reason for attending this conference was that he might go to a discussion on better relationships between high schools and colleges. The purpose of this meeting was to find out why students who are academically capable of work on the college level often go to college and then fail in many of their classes.

In order to investigate this problem more thoroughly during the present school year, there will be representatives from other schools and colleges who will visit our school in order to observe our academic program. Also members of our faculty will visit other schools and will make similar observations.

It is hoped that as a result of the meeting and the visits to other schools which have been planned, our school will become acquainted with each other's problems and that the change from secondary school to college will be made less difficult for students, and will ease the problems of adjustment for the college student.

On the trips that faculty members will make to the other schools, they expect to discuss the problems of the prep and high school graduates in colleges.

Student Council Will Revise Constitution Under Edelberg

On November sixth, the Student Council held its first complete session of the year with John Kuhlthau presiding. The new members who have been elected by the various classes are: Don Hughes and Tono Rebollo, the senior representatives; Clifford Griggs, from the junior class; Diane Dorne and Clementina Vitti, who are sophomores; Steve Hancox, representing the freshmen; and Arthur Karshmer of the eighth grade.

At the meeting several points of interest to the school were brought up. The amendment to the constitution was spoken of by Stuart Edelberg, and he was appointed by the president to bring the former constitution before the next meeting with plans for revision.



Gari Gatwood, Dance Committee Chairman

November, 1953

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 the publication group.

SENIOR ATTITUDE

On my recent election to the presidency of the Senior Class, I was asked to write this editorial. To me the presidency means the representation of the class as a whole and thus it certainly should be considered a great honor. I should try to emulate the ideal student, as all Prepsters should.

This year means not only taking an interest in the scholastic aspect of the school but all the various functions which add enjoyment to our regular school work.

This year offers a great opportunity for all to be active in school life, namely the activity period. During this allotted time we are given the chance to contribute our worth to the different organizations. I consider this period given to us a great privilege.

In the past Student Council campaign, the winning party promised a Senior Day. It definitely will prove an asset to the serious minded students. On this day we are given the opportunity to instruct one of our classes. If we go through this day with the proper attitude, perhaps the custom may become a tradition at the Prep.

I am going to try to make this year a most successful one, both for myself and the rest of the Senior Class. The other class presidents should try to do the same. In my opinion, this can only happen through a well acquainted class, and the desire for harmony.

Letters to the Editor

In the past weeks we have taken a few tests to test our skills in the fields of English and mathematics.

I personally think that these tests are very good in helping a student find his weak points in these fields. They not only show how much you know but where your weak points are so that the faculty can help you along so that these weak points will no longer exist in our school. If the students take the tests in their stride, they will not have to worry about their weak points, and also it will bring up our standing in the minds of the faculty.

Alan Chirgwin

Dear Editor:

School isn't the only thing that's a dull grind this year. The pencil sharpeners in this school take the prize for the dullest grind this side of the Raritan River. An unsuspecting soul sticks his pencil in, cranks the handle a few times, and pulls out a splintered mass that was formerly a pencil. Another type of sharpener(?) could better be called a pencil diller. No matter how long one cranks, one still ends up with a broken point. Room One is completely devoid of a sharpener of any kind. During one of Mr. Dumarae's essay tests it is necessary to have four or five well sharpened pencils on hand or else end up chewing a point on the worn pencil. May we please have some decent sharpeners?

"Grouchy."

Dear Editor:

I was recently reading an issue of last year's "Argo" and have decided that I'd like to compliment the present staff on the good job it is doing to improve it. Realizing that nearly everyone concerned is new to the routine of putting out a printed paper, I think the school should be proud of the result so far. It will be a pleasure next year to find the Rutgers Prep "Argo" a member of the Columbia Scholastic Press Association; and the present publications group should be proud to be pioneering towards that goal.

A Reader

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THE CALL OF THE FUTURE

The years have passed and cast foreboding signs
 Of peril on my dreams of college life.
 Then once again the army bugle whines
 And calls a guiltless student to the strife.
 I'll trade my books for bullets and a gun,
 My heart once gay and light will turn to stone.
 The halls will ring no more with my bright fun,
 But will be silent till I come back home.
 My friend becomes a gun held in both hands.
 I will be taught to keep alive, to war lands,
 To taste the blood of those who fell before.
 So when the time comes I will take my place
 And fight that others may some day have peace.

—A. Michael Kessler,

Limelight

John Kuhlthau is one of the most familiar students seen around Prep. He has had a hand in all the activities in school and is one of the few people who can be five or six places at once, doing a dozen different things and succeeding in all.

John, also called "Mr. President," is a good politician. He was elected president of the student council this fall after a vigorous and well planned campaign. Since then he has been busily putting spark into the organization, which, with Elfriede Riddering as dance chairman, put on its first dance, which was a big hit.

As editor of our yearbook, the "Ye Dial", John has proved a wonderful worker. He has enlarged the book and promises more interesting articles.

Another extra-curricular activity John indulges in is singing in the Glee Club. He sings loud and true with the bass section and was a soloist in last year's Spring Concert.

Also a sports enthusiast, he has entered into all sports at Prep. As a freshman he played football. This year he participates in basketball, track and was elected captain of the soccer team.

In spite of all these activities, John still finds time to keep up in school work, ranking high on the honor roll.

Pugnate!

Memo from the dead language department; a cheer suggested to put a sound backing to sound bodies:

Rutgers Prep
 Pugnate
 Beat that team
 And chire!
 (pronounced ki-ray)

SPORTLIGHT

NORMAN KARSHMER

Soccer is a thing of the past and basketball is the sport of the present. In this column of "Sportlight," I would like to make a few predictions and comment on some of the better ball players in school.

This year's team is big, fast, and accurate. Don Hughes is the tallest member of our team, towering over six feet six inches. Len Bartlett is next at about six feet four inches or over. On the speed side we have Bill Kurtz, who played basket ball at Hoffmann High of South Amboy. Bill is fast, can jump, and can sink almost any shot. George Kalli is another fast man on the team who can shoot with either hand. Last but not least of the probable starters is Al Murasco of South River. Al made All-County from South River High School and is one of the best teenage basketball players in the state.

Here are some predictions of my own that may seem funny to the rest of the school:

Somebody will beat Lou Borbely's individual scoring record of thirty-five points in one game.

Somebody will come close or top 447 points in one season. This is the school record and is held by Lou Borbely.

One of the boys on the team will make All-County and probably All-State.

If we win three of our first five games we will have a .750 season or better.

Rutgers Football Star Gives Views On Soccer At Prep

Bruce Johnson, an alumni of Rutgers Prep and now a key member of the football team of Rutgers University, cited soccer as an excellent replacement for football, in an interview for "The Argo."

Q: What do you think of soccer at Rutgers Prep in comparison to football?

A: In the past three years the football potential has decreased with the coming of the girls, eighth grade and the loss of the boarding school at Prep. Because of this, soccer has done a magnificent job in keeping a fall sport at Rutgers Prep.

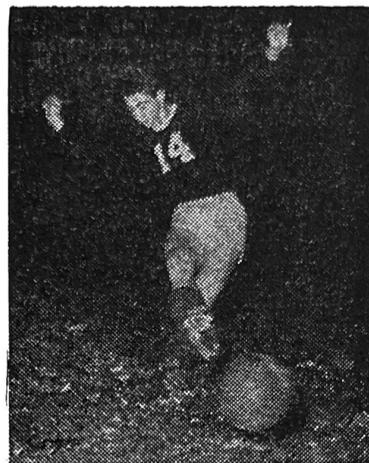
Q: Did your football, played at Rutgers Prep, help you in collegiate football?

A: Yes, football at Prep helped me considerably in collegiate football since I received the fundamental training needed for football, especially with the small squads at Prep, where teamwork was much closer.

Q: What do you think of football and the one platoon system?

A: The one platoon system makes the game a lot more interesting, since one can feel part of the team, because he sees both sides of the game. It also is more work, both physically and mentally, but in the end it is worth it.

Prep Closes Successful Second Soccer Season



Most Valuable Player of '54 Season

Trophy and Letters Awarded to Booters

On Friday, November 6, Coach O'Connell awarded thirteen varsity letters to members of the 1953 soccer team, which wound up with a 2-3-2 record.

Before awarding letters, Coach O'Connell praised the fine spirit of the team and their hustle in producing a good record, considering their lack of experience. He also praised the high scholastic average of the team members.

The letter winners included all of the starting line-up along with two subs who played a fine game. Stu Edelberg, the leading scorer on the team, received the first letter. Bernie Cohn, a fine offensive and defensive wing, came next. John "The Toe" Kuhlthau, our center halfback came next, followed by Al Murasco, who played a fine year as goalie.

Dave Buchine, left inside, Joe Messina, center forward, and Dave Hendler, left wing, were the rest of the line that received letters.

Backs Jerry Kamm, Joe Horowitz, Tony Rebollo, Charlie Martorelli, Bill Muhs and Buddy Zajac rounded out the rest of the letter winners.

These lettermen are now members of the Varsity "R" Club which is an organization at Rutgers Prep for all varsity letter winners having its own rules for the guidance of its members.

Stu Edelberg received the most valuable player award in soccer from the Varsity "R" Club. Edelberg scored eight goals this year in seven games and ranked among the leading scorers in the county and state. Edelberg was the team's offensive standout during the year and will be able to play again next year. Stu has now established a school record in scoring.

Rutgers Prep has just finished its second season of soccer with two wins, three losses, and two ties. This was quite a successful season, considering that the majority of our first string were playing soccer for the first time, and that we went into many of the games as the underdog.

A great deal of the success must be credited to the coach, Mr. O'Connell. It was because of his coaching in the skills of the game, and his patience, when all the players pulled "boners." He seemed to know just how much praise or criticism would bring out the best in each member of the team.

The first string players and the substitutes gave their time by faithfully reporting to practice. By thorough practice, the team learned to work as a team should, as well as to develop their individual skills, which added a great deal to the success of our second season. The team also had a great deal of spirit. They went into each game, no matter how good the opposing team was, with the idea of winning, and not giving up till the very end.

Since soccer was introduced to Prep last year as a substitute for football, the first year proved to be much more difficult than this year, for then our players, with a few exceptions, knew very little about the game. However, this year all but a few of the players had learned something about the game by watching or playing the year before.

A player that cannot escape mention is our captain for the year, John Kuhlthau. This is John's second year of soccer, and his "big foot" proved to be a great asset to the team, assuring both seasons.

Other outstanding players this year were: Stu Edelberg, our high scorer, who scored eight goals and set the record for the school; Bernie Cohn, who played a great game on the wing, and by his able assistance brought our team to victory; and last but not least, Al Murasco, who saved many a good kick from going into the goal.

All the credit can't go to Mr. O'Connell or the team, for the Prepsters themselves, who came out and cheered the team on to victory or near victory, had much to do with the success of the season. When the students came out to cheer them on, the team played much better than they did when there was a small turnout.

LET'S SUPPORT OUR BASKETBALL TEAM!

- Dec. 4—8:00—St. Mary's at South Amboy
- Dec. 12—2:00—Hun School at Rutgers Prep
- Dec. 15—3:30—St. Mary's at Rutgers Prep
- Dec. 18—7:00—Sayreville at Sayreville

Activities Flourish At Elementary School

This year we are striving to improve both the upper school and lower school as much as possible. The Elementary School faculty agrees that the best way to do this is by having more activities in which both students and teachers can work together.

On October 29th, there was a Halloween party given at the gym. Punch and doughnuts were enjoyed by all. Games were played, and Mark Levine, Bernan Hartley and Frank Pirozzi won prizes for the best costumes. All this helped to make the new students as much at home as those who have been at Elementary since the beginning of their schooling.

The choral group, which meets each Wednesday under the direction of Mrs. Margaret Kelly, is said to consist of some very fine voices. Some of the children may be splendid future prospects for our own Prep Glee Club.

On the second floor of the school, there is a room set aside for a laboratory. Many children bring in small animals such as the two white rats brought in by Sarah Hearn, which have become the center of attraction to all. Most of the children seem to have a great interest in the books and specimens in the laboratory.

By having more activity for the children, which is being done this year and from now on, each and every child should get more fun and pleasure out of being educated.

Daily Conference Periods Correct Student Difficulties

As you all know, there is a conference period four times a week. This conference period is for the student's own benefit. If he fails one or more courses, he has to remain after school for this period until he shows an improvement in the mind of the teacher whose course he has failed. In previous years if someone failed a subject, he had to remain for the complete marking period which was not quite fair because some students did show a great improvement in their studies.

In a talk with Mr. Heinlein about the achievement tests which the school has taken, he stated, "These tests which we have taken will expose weaknesses in reading, grammar, spelling and mathematics. Our idea is that if we know the weakness of students in certain subjects, we can help those who are failing. The conference period is to find out about study habits; and if they are poor, we can advise the student on correct study habits."

DUSCHOCK'S PHARMACY

SOUTH RIVER

Honor Roll Cited

At the close of the first marking period, eighteen students qualified for the honor roll. They were Franklin Preiser, Diane Dorn and Carl Stover, all of whose marks were 90 or over. Also on the honor roll were Louise Di Lalo, Charles Dunenko, Stuart Edelberg, Richard Johnson, Gerard Kamm, Michael Kessler, John Kuhlthau, Barbara Lipman, Joseph Messina, Tono Rebollo, Richard Schwartz, Roger Seamon, Kathe Van Vechten, Marian Veale and Howard Tobin.

The following ten students certified in all but one subject, and they therefore received honorable mention: Joseph Becker, Malcolm Cohen, John Flanagan, Rolfe Harrison, John Hohol, George Kalli, Pat Lancaster, Jonathan Margolis, Sharon Ries and Carl Zolna.

When Mr. Heinlein presented the news of the first honor roll, he congratulated those who were on it. The Headmaster also said that he wasn't pleased with the small size of the group, and he hoped that the size of the honor roll would be greatly increased by the next marking period.

CLOTHESLINE

By Nancy Haworth

The girls at Prep have been smartly dressed and have been keeping up with the latest fashions and fads of the year.

Marion Veale's different types of scatter pins add much to her many colored scarfs.

Many different types of skirts have been worn this year. Barbara Lipman's red felt with black poodles at the bottom, Marcia Owen's gray poodle cloth, decorated with her many different belts, and Susan Lang's plaid one with a blanket fringe at the bottom are among the most stylish.

The vests and weskits worn by Gail Duschock are very attractive and add style to her skirts and blouses.

The most popular type of shoes, this year, are saddles and white bucks. Loafers are also very popular.

Sweaters, as usual, remain a favorite with the girls at Rutgers Prep. Nylon and orlon sweaters seem to be the most popular, with cashmere, wool and angora ones also seen. Sweaters with a baby turtle neck are also seen frequently, as are the traditional cardigans and pull-overs.

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Enthusiastic Turn-Out Attends Dance

The combination masquerade party and dance held at the Rutgers Prep gym on October 31, was a fine success owing to the cooperation of both the students and the decorating committee.

The decorating committee, with Mrs. Wilson as faculty adviser and Elfriede Riddering as student director, did a fine job of transforming the gym into a Halloween spectacle. The gym was bedecked with alternating orange and black crepe paper stripes extending from the center of the ceiling to the walls. The entrance revealed a small enclosure covered in black crepe paper.

The dance was attended by fifty couples and a few more boys who came stag. The high point of the evening came when Mr. O'Connell led the party in a few group songs. Also highlighting the dance was a short "bunny hop" and an excellent rendition of the Charleston given by Gloria Gatwood and Marian Veale.

Though no prizes were awarded for costumes, the general consensus is that the most original was John Kuhlthau, who masqueraded in a pair of pajamas and a bathrobe. The most decorative was Bill Muhs as a Chinaman. Two of the prettiest were Clementina Vitta as an old style country girl, and Marica Owens as the Queen of Hearts. One of the most unusual was Marian Veale, who posed as a 1920 pin-up girl.

Faculty who attended the dance were Mr. and Mrs. Heinlein, Mr. O'Connell, and Miss Kelly, Mrs. Wilson and Mr. Holley.

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