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New York Trip Enables Prep To See U. N.

On Thursday, March 18, the student body went to New York to attend a session of the United Nations. The students went in two buses, which left at different times. The number of students was divided approximately in half with half going at eight-thirty in the morning and the rest leaving at noon.

After spending all morning at the United Nations building, those who had come on the first bus went to visit the Metropolitan Museum of Art. There they ate lunch in the new restaurant, which has a lovely pool in the center. Following lunch they split up and went to see various exhibits in the museum until three-thirty, when the bus returned to take them home.

The Preppers who left on the twelve o'clock bus did not get a chance to visit the museum of art. The earlier bus arrived home at five, and those on the later bus were home at a quarter of six.

Mr. Heinlein and Mr. Holley directed the groups and supervised the visits through the United Nations building. Mr. Holley attended the first bus, along with Mr. Dumarae and Mr. Moffat. Mr. Gaggini and the O'Connells went on the second bus.

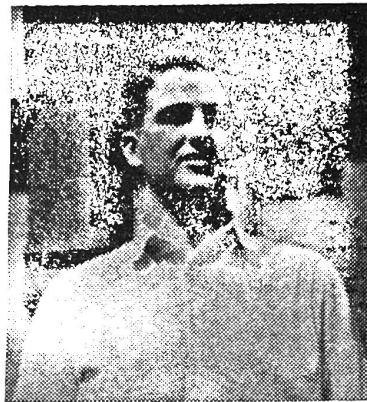
Mr. Dumarae planned and implemented the U. N. trip. Mr. Holley's history classes paid special attention to the medieval art exhibit. Mr. Dumarae showed his Latin classes the museum's collection of Greek and Roman statuary.

Prep Students to Prepare State Science Fair Display

The Central New Jersey Science Fair, presented by Rutgers University, will be held on April 6-7. Exhibits from secondary schools are the features of the Fair. Exhibits may be submitted in any field of science such as physics, chemistry, biology and engineering. The winners of the Regional Science Fair are eligible to compete in a National Science Fair.

The participants from Rutgers Prep are Dave Buchine, Franklin Preiser and Eugene Hohol. They have chosen for their display a Van De Graaf Generator as a physics exhibit. The generator is used to produce high voltage electrical charges. The exhibit is being prepared in the science lab of the school under the supervision of Mr. Francis Calvo. It is hoped that the exhibit will increase interest in science.

Kuhlthau's Student Day Keeps Platform Pledge



STUDENT DAY LEADER

Music Lovers Attend Boheme on April 9

On April 9, 40 music-loving students of Rutgers Prep will board a bus that will take them to New York to see a special performance of Puccini's "La Boheme." The opera will be given at the Metropolitan Opera House and begins at 1 o'clock.

The opera depicts life in 19th century Paris. It deals mainly with five characters: Mimi, a beautiful girl, who has tuberculosis; Rudolph, a writer and the hero of the story, who shares his attic apartment with Marcel, the painter; Celine, the philosopher and Schaunard, the musician. Mimi goes to Rudolph's apartment on Christmas Eve to seek a light for her candle, and the two fall in love immediately. Later, the two are separated, but are finally reunited before Mimi dies. The story is made lively by the boisterous fun of the four friends. The gaiety and picturesque local color of this opera have given it undying popularity.

Mr. Dumarae's present intention is to give definite instructions concerning the music, characters and plot to the students before the group goes to the opera. He strongly feels that a thorough knowledge of the opera will be conducive to more understanding and better enjoyment on the part of the audience. This entire trip was made possible through the efforts of Mr. Dumarae, who succeeded in enrolling us in the Metropolitan Opera Guild.

Faculty-Student Cooperation Brings Back Prep Tradition

In past years, it has been a privilege of the students to have a Student Administration Day. This custom was discontinued last year. However, through the efforts of John Kuhlthau, President of the Student Council, and his cabinet, Student Administration Day will be resumed at Rutgers Prep. With the cooperation of the faculty and student body, Student Day will be held on March 30. On this day, the members of the senior class will step into the roles of teachers and administrators.

Teacher-Student Cooperation

Although this day will be of great enjoyment to the students, and a good time is almost invariably had, the purpose of this experiment is more constructive. Regular plans will be made for the classes and assignments will be due as always. The hope that a feeling of cooperation will prevail and that the students will not abuse or be blind to this opportunity was expressed by both the Headmaster and the President of the Student Council.

Seniors Teach Classes

Throughout this entire day, the students of Prep will have the opportunity to observe their fellow-students in action as they take over the classes. The seniors of the school will have the privilege of teaching one of their classes, and the positions of the members of the faculty will be reversed when they assume the roles of students.

The last Student Administration Day was held in 1952, and is within the memory of many Preppers. In cooperation with Mr. Shepard and the Student Council, the student body enjoyed a successful day in which work was accomplished and fun was had.

Rutgers University Plans Romance Languages Day

On Friday, March 26, Rutgers University is sponsoring a Romance Language Day on its New Brunswick Campus. This is in answer to a great many requests from the high school teachers of New Jersey.

This is to be an all-day affair, beginning with lectures and conferences. There will be a number of plays, given in French, Spanish, German and Italian.

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Thanks From The Staff

The Argo staff wishes to thank all those students whose diligent participation made the recent magazine drive a success. During the past month, this drive was held in order to earn the money necessary to print your newspaper. Students sold various magazine publications to their relatives or by house-to-house canvassing, and a certain percentage of the profits was turned over to the school as part of "The Argo" funds. Thus the means of continuing further publication of the paper has been obtained.

Although student enthusiasm for the project was slow in getting under way, it soon gained momentum. The team captains, who volunteered their services, kept careful track of the proceeds day by day. Thanks to their excellent management of the teams, the drive proceeded with a minimum of confusion. Due to the many efficient and interested student salesmen, working with their captains, "The Argo" now has sufficient funds to continue regular publication through May.

The staff of the paper, then, wishes to thank, most sincerely, those members of the student body who, by their cooperation, enthusiasm and assistance, helped make this drive such a success.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I would like to congratulate you on the fine newspapers that have been put out this year.

This is the first year that I have noticed that there is hardly any parking place for the persons who drive to school. I believe that something could be done about this.

There is also another matter that should be taken care of. That is that the door in Mr. Kallfelz's room be fixed.

I wonder if it is possible during spring vacation to have some of the desks in study hall fixed.

A Friend.

Dear Editor:

The educational trip to New York on February 27, which was sponsored by Mr. Gaggini, was a thoroughly enjoyable event in spite of the fact that we were exposed to a bit of culture.

Eating at a "tres French" restaurant, Le Champlain, was an experience of interest to all. The food was of a savory nature and the cost of it was not objectionable.

We saw two comedies which were presented in the French language, and although some may have found it to be a good place for insomniacs, the whole of the group listened quite attentively to the presentations which were staged at the Carnegie Recital Hall.

Peter Schwartz

Dear Editor:

Well, as usual, I have found something to gripe about, which is not a very difficult thing to do.

There is one thing I would like to know. Is Prep ever going to do anything about that mass of packing crates and cheesecloth that is commonly and with grave error called a stage? The Prep gym is bad enough, but that "stage"—UGH! All full of nails, snags, holes, and weak boards, it isn't safe to walk on. And those curtains! Whew! They are nothing but dust held together by mould.

Before someone breaks his neck on the boards or dies of an allergy from the curtains, can't something be done?

Grouchy.

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DEADLINE BLUES

When it nears March 15
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 The deadline comes soon
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 Will rip out your hair,
 I return to my work;
 How I wish it were done!
 Oh, an editette loves
 A newspaper man.

Record Holiday

By JACK TOBIN

Nowadays, for a record to be "classified" as a hit it has to be pretty good. Its total sales must be 200,000 or better. At the present time, we find Doris Day's "Secret Love" standing at the top of the hit parade and closely followed by a standout such as Tony Bennett's "Stranger in Paradise," and Eddie Fisher's "O Mein Papa."

One of the most interesting items in the record business today is the sudden splurge in the popularity of the male vocal groups. Among these are the Four Aces, the Hilltoppers, the Gaylords, the Ames Brothers and the Mills Brothers. To try and single out one of these as the best would be a difficult job for, at one time or another, each has had a number one record.

In our spotlight for this week is Eartha Kitt. Eartha's performance in "New Faces" made her a star. She has had a continuous flow of hits ever since, but perhaps her best are "Somebody Bad Stole de Wedding Bell" and "Loving Spree."

Limelight

John Flanagan is perhaps the most colorful P. G. that Prep has had in many years. Always on hand with a story of his study hall "adventures" at Teaneck High School, or one of his many unusual experiences of his job at the A & P., he adds to the gaiety of the student body.

Throughout his brief stay at Prep John has maintained a good scholastic record and always has managed to find time for student activities. An active member of the dance committee, his creative efforts have added to the success of the past two dances.

His future plans entail a free cruise to Bermuda, given by the naval reserves and then college. At the present, the choice is Rutgers, where he plans to study at the agricultural school. Already well-known around Prep as a hard worker, we are sure that John will be a success in college.

John has already distinguished himself at Prep for his outstanding ability in math. Always ready to help students struggling through Algebra II, John can often be seen discussing math, his favorite subject.

SPORTLIGHT

By NORMAN KARSHMER

This edition of "Sportlight" will describe just a few of the athletic feats of Al Murasko. Al set every conceivable record here at Prep this year. He wound up as the leader in total points as well as high game scorer in Middlesex County.

Murasko pumped 563 markers through the nets this year for a 29.6 average. These are both new Prep basketball records. Along with these, Al set four other major records, including the most field goals in one season, most points in one game and most points in two consecutive games.

Since baseball and track seasons are practically here, Prep has fourteen or more interscholastic baseball games and seven dual track meets scheduled. Prep opens the baseball season with a game against Highland Park High School on Thursday, April 8, at Highland Park. The Cindermen open against Newark Academy on April 28 at Newark.

Congratulations to Don Hughes, who scored over 250 points in basketball and to Bill Kurtz and Len Bartlett, who topped the 150 mark and Roger Seamon, who matched more than 125 tallies.

At this time, "The Argo" sports staff would like to welcome our new track coach, Mr. George Moffat, to the Prep coaching staff. Mr. Moffat participated in the pole vault at Williams College, where he vaulted 11' 10" consistently. We all wish Mr. Moffat the best of luck in the coming season and are sure he will produce a fine team.

Prediction: Rutgers Prep will have a 500 or better baseball record this season.

Trackmen Meet For Practice

This year Prep is very fortunate in having an authentic track coach. Mr. Moffat, who teaches English on the side, was formerly a pole vaulter.

Mr. Moffat has had the boys at work for only one week but the squad is shaping up quickly.

In the weights, Don Hughes and Cliff Griggs will take care of the shot put while Lenny Bartlett is scheduled to toss the discus.

Joe Hamadyk will play a big part in the distance runs, and Stu Edelberg shows great promise in the sprints.

Larry Smith will be kept busy as he is expected to high jump and also run in the hurdles.

Mr. Moffat expects a great deal from Al Murasko, Prep's great guard of the past basketball season. As a freshman in South River, Al broad jumped 20 feet, so he is expected to really burn up the cinders.

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Prep Drops Final Game As Murasko Stars Again

MURASKO SHATTERS RECORD

Baseball Hopefuls Meet As Drills Begin

The baseball team, under the supervision of Coach O'Connell, hopes to start practice very shortly. Prep's hopes are high this year for a better team than those which have been seen in the last couple of years. Last year's team, although it contained several well known players, did not seem to have the right spark. This year we all hope that, with possibly not so many great names, we will have a better season.

Among the returning players of last year are Stu Edelberg and Buddy Zajac. Edelberg will probably land a position in the outfield, Zajac possibly at second base.

Although we have not seen him play as of yet, there are high hopes that Al Murasko, star of Prep's fiery basketball team, will be able to add the right kind of spark to this year's baseball team.

With all these hopes Prep is already buzzing with anxiety to begin practice under the excellent instruction of Coach O'Connell who expressed the desire for a baseball season comparable to our recent one in basketball.

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On the afternoon of March 6th, the Rutgers Prep five suffered defeat at the hands of Pingry School. This was the most important game of Prep's entire season, because the Group III Headmaster's Championship rested on it. Being defeated by a score of 70-64, Prep has been beaten two years in succession by almost the same Pingry team.

In the scoring department, three players on the Pingry five, Hert Bush, Chuck Hite, and Guy Leedom all ran into double figures scoring 28, 20, and 19. The high scorer for Prep, and for the entire game, was Al Murasko who, with a classy selection of sets and driving lay-ups, was able to net 31 points and thus finish up with a stunning season. Bill Kurtz, on a series of long set shots, was able to add 18 points to the Little Scarlet's score while Don Hughs chipped in with 13 very helpful points in the bucket.

Prep's bad break came in the game when Al Murasko fouled out with 1:55 seconds left in the last quarter. When Murasko left, the score stood at 63-60, and almost immediately Pingry's big guns, Hite and Busch, ran up six points in rapid succession, which almost clinched the game.

Several times during the game the lead switched hands. The two teams, being very evenly matched, fought right down to the wire and at no time, except for the last two minutes, could anyone tell who the victor would be. The scoring by quarters went two to Pingry and two to Prep.

Murasko closed the season with 563 points credited to him, the most ever scored by any Prep player.

Prep finished a very successful season of 15 victories and 4 losses in 19 games. Three defeats were by Pingry and St. Marys.

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Prep Teacher Heads State Conference

The second to seventh grades of the Lower School have been wonderful rooters for our basketball team this year. Their support was greatly appreciated at Prep.

The teachers of both our Upper and Lower Schools are extremely interested in improving their teaching standards. This is especially true with a favorite, and much talked about subject, English. Mr. Heinlein, together with Mr. Moffat and Mrs. Kehoe, attended a conference of English teachers in private schools. At the conference Mrs. Kehoe gave a talk on the teaching of literature on a junior level.

Florida is quite appealing to everyone this time of year, and to those students of the Elementary School lucky enough, it's not just a dream. On March 4th, Kim and Skip Deitz returned from Florida and John Shelling left, southward bound.

On March 8th, Tom and Gary Ten Broeck returned from a month in the "Sunshine State."

Little, if anything, has been said this year about a figure at the Lower School who has helped so much to make the student's education so much more interesting. This person is Mrs. Mildred Ford, whose expert instruction in the field of art has broadened the interests of every student.

The Elementary School chorus, after a short rest, has begun preparation for their Spring program under the well qualified direction of Mrs. Margaret Kelly.

Many New Groups Formed For Daily Activities Period

At the beginning of the second semester, many students formed a number of new clubs. One of these was the Chess Club which meets on Wednesday during activities period. In it are a number of boys who like to play and are interested in improving their ability at chess.

Now that work on YE DIAL has been finished, Mr. Gaggini has reorganized the Octette, which has lain dormant since last Spring. The group consists of Elfriede Riddering and Estelle Newman, sopranos, Clementina Vitti and Diane Dorn, altos, Stan Bey and Dick Johnson, tenors, and Malcolm Cohen and Pete Schwartz, basses. These singers meet in Room One on Mondays and Fridays after chapel services to sing madrigals and other such music as can be sung by an octette.

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News Around Prep

Since our last issue of "The Argo," a number of news-worthy events have taken place. Among the most important of these: Coach O'Connell finally settled down. The glorious event took place on February 20, at one p. m.

The "Queen of Heart's Dance" had a poor turnout. Nevertheless, it was a ball of fun. The theme of the dance was a brilliant design in red and white. The title of queen was won by a pert blonde named Elaine Frischley. With their excellent playing, the "Nocturnes" did justice to the latest hit tunes. The highlight of the evening was the tremendous dancing of Estelle Newman and Teddy Schlasberg. Of course, many of the other couples had loads of fun trying out various new dances. The high-point of the evening came when practically all the couples joined in a "Bunny Hop." The "Mexican Hat Dance" also caused a lot of merriment among the other couples.

New Course Offered

Prep is now offering a new course called "Earth Science," which is being taught by Mr. O'Connell. The greater part of the class is made up of freshmen, who, judging from their comments, seem to be quite pleased with it.

An educational conference called "Secondary Education Board," proved to be very beneficial to Prep. Mr. Dumarae and Mr. Heinlein attended the sessions in order to compare our standards for class achievements with those of other schools. The result of this conference was that Prep is enrolling as a member of this board for private schools.

On February 27, the French II class, under the direction of Mr. Gaggini, went to New York to see two French plays. Mr. Gaggini and Mr. Dumarae were the two faculty members in the group and the others who went were Patty Lancaster, Roger Seamon, Peter Schwartz, Elfriede Riddering, Ginny Rieger, Bill Muhs and Diane Dorn. The first of the two plays was "Le Medecin Malgre Lui" by Moliere. The other was L'Apollon De Belloc" by Giraudoux. The entire group had dinner at a French restaurant called Le Champlain. According to comments, the play was interesting, well-received, and very unusual to watch, because of the quaint scenery. All in all, the trip proved to be quite exciting.

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By JOHN ROSA

"What do you think of Senator McCarthy's tactics concerning army officials?"

Nina Frankel: "I don't think he is using the right methods. If he used more subtle methods he would get further."

Patty Lancaster: "I think that Senator McCarthy's tactics are unfair, and his method of investigation should be an embarrassment to the President of the U. S."

Elfriede Riddering: "I think that Senator McCarthy's tactics are good."

Estelle Newman: "I approve of an investigation of Communism in the services, but not in the way in which he is doing it."

Al Murasko: "I am neutral."

Peter Schwartz: "I think they are un-American and they violate the inalienable rights of American citizens."

Richard Johnson: "I think he should modify his ways, but still be left on this case."

Bruce Parsil: "Investigations are necessary, but not by the methods which he uses."

Tono Rebollo: "I refuse to answer on the grounds that Mr. Holley might incriminate me."

Gari Gatwood: "He'll never get me!"

Roger Seamon: "They are none of his business."

Bill Ellwood: "I think he is building a dictatorship, the same as Hitler did."

Al Chirgwin: "When he first started he was O. K., but now he has gone too far over his head."

Bill Kurtz: "He bought his way into politics, and now he is buying his way at the expense of other men."

Cliff Griggs: "I'm for him; he is doing a lot of good for this country."

Richard Schwartz: "I think he is going about it all wrong, and he is stepping on too many toes."

Bob Fiermonti: "I think he ought to watch the questions he is asking."

George Kalli: "I think he is going about it the wrong way."

Weston Merritt: "Very good man—I think he is doing an honest job."

Howard Tobin: "I think that his tactics with the army were utterly disgraceful, as are his methods with everyone, and I believe that we will soon have another Hitler on our hands if he is not soon stopped."

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