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PREP STAGES ENTERTAINMENT

On Friday night, May 16, the Rutgers Preparatory School will stage a program of music and dramatics to be known as Parents Night. To your reporter's knowledge, this is the first such extravaganza presented at Prep in many years. Through the combined effort of both faculty and students, a series of events will be presented which are guaranteed to delight the audience of students' parents and friends.

The parents will have a chance to converse with the faculty, both about the schoolwork of their sons and daughters and about general topics. One student is circulating a rumor around Prep to the effect that the teachers are straining at the bit for an opportunity to talk to the parents of their lovable charges.

The performance, which is being held at the Rutgers Prep gymnasium, will include a play for the boys of the school and a skit to be staged by the girls. The curtain is scheduled to rise at 8:30 P.M., revealing the Glee Club which will entertain for ten minutes. Running in order will be: a piano solo by Trudy Webber, vocals by Clark White, piano solo by Diane Dorn, an octette, a pantomime, a piano jazz session, and a seventeen minute play.

An intermission will follow this sixty minute entertainment. The first performance after the break will be a play; then Clementina Vitti will play the piano, Joe Horwitz will solo on the harmonica, Elfriede Riddering will sing, and the Glee Club will put a climax to the evening with a twelve minute coral arrangement.

The affair will terminate at 10:30 P.M., after which the parents and faculty will mingle.

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MEMORIAM

Prep was profoundly shocked when it learned of the death of Bill Cramer's mother, Mrs. Joseph Cramer. Mrs. Cramer was a dear friend of Prep's and showed the depth of her regard by sending three sons to these halls. Mrs. Cramer was loved by all who knew her. Her loss is felt deeply and truly by the faculty and students of Rutgers Prep.

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EDITORIAL

When Mr. Shepard announced recently that final exams were rear-ing their ugly heads once more, and dismay resounded through the halls of the school. The seniors possess the feeling that the sooner they can depart from high school, the better they will be. The under-classman will look timidly at the examination schedule and utter exclamations of terror. We know that the faculty will not attempt to drop everyone below passing level, because they are proud of their successful instructions.

The complacency of the seniors is another ill wind that blows, and the headmaster devoted an entire assembly period to attacking this smugness. He said that college acceptances swell the upper classmen's head and they are of the opinion that no work is required of them for the remainder of the year. Mr. Shepard reminded this group

that a conditional clause is included in the acceptance papers stipulating that the senior's grades must continue at the same level or better than those of the first five marking periods.

Those twelfth graders, who are not fortunate enough to receive college acceptances are filled with an air of despondency, being utterly discouraged about the state of their applications. This, too, should be avoided, and the student should work as diligently as possible to improve his marks.

A number of pictures are needed to fill the remaining pages of the 1952 Ye Dial, and every student who owns a camera is requested to take some snapshots of those in school and the "athletes" participating on the track or on the baseball field. Don't forget that the baseball and track teams, need your support. Get out and back them.

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INQUIRING REPORTER

by Virginia Rieger

"What do you think we should do in order to get more attendance at the school activities?"

Bobie Eskin, junior:

"Find out what they want and make it interesting enough for them."

Clark White, senior:

"Serve Book Beer. That would attract everybody."

Joyce Tuckey, Senior:

"Give the activities more publicity."

Frank Avery, senior:

"Promote more interest and get more activities that the students would want to attend."

Len Bartlett, sophomore:

"I do not think there is anything you can do. They just do not have any interest."

Bill Cramer, senior:

"Nothing! Just have the dances and let those few who support them enjoy themselves."

Alice Weisfeld, junior:

"Give up!"

Jack Tebin, sophomore:

"Get better teams."

Stan Ferman, junior:

"Get better transportation."

Joe Horwitz, sophomore:

"Talk more about the activities."

Clementina Vitti, eighth grade:

"Attend them!"

Susan Heins, eighth grade:

"Chip in some money to get a band."

KAT'S KORNER

by I. Knowit

Freddikins, has T. S. heard about the Brunswick Drive-in?

Joyce K., what did you say you were in the hospital for, appendicitis?

Who's your loyal baseball fan, Zeke?

Emily, how could you possibly sleep during English class?

Trudy, were you trying to kill or help Harold by sending him to the dentist?

Fred, are you that hard-up that you have to take people's pocketbooks during lunch time? Let us know and we'll gladly take up a collection!

Fred's answer: "Looking out for my expenses in July!"

TRYOUTS

Tryouts for next year's Cheerleading Squad will start May 12. All who are interested should submit their names to Joyce Tuckey.

LOST

AND

FOUND

Found: A man's yellow scarf; Phone Ch. 9-1234. Just ask for Gigil!

Lost: One nipped waist; if found, get in touch with Mr. Blake.

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PREP PATTER

by Virginia Ann Hudson

On April 16, a Junior Class meeting was held to discuss plans for the Senior Prom. Several ideas for the theme of the dance were suggested, and it was finally decided that it would be a spring garden.

Both Mr. Blake and Mr. Holly have been holding regular classes after school, because they feel that their classes are not as far ahead as they would like them to be.

On April 18, Mr. Shepard announced that every Friday would be shortened by cutting out the lunch period and dismissing the school at 1:15.

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

The following prepsters have received college acceptances: James Rothschild, Dartmouth; Fred Sherzer, Haverford, Hamilton, and Amherst; George Van Vechten, Rutgers; and Jim Weisfeld, Rutgers. Two of the seniors are going to attend schools of nursing next year: Carmen Watson, Church Home and Hospital, and Katie Riddering, Mount Sinai Hospital.

Notice:

Warning: Trudy gets her driver's permit in twenty-eight days! Beware!

JONES COURSE FOR COARSE WRITERS

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by Lumbago Jones



Is English Greek to you? Have you had a sneaky feeling that all along, sneaky teachers were whispering about you behind their Comment Cards? If this is true, then you might be a sufferer of "Literary Halitesis.....vile style and limited vocabulary."

In just fifteen minutes a day, in the privacy of your lunch period, I can make a new English student of you.....increase your vocabulary to dynamic proportions.....pep up the lazy bile of your style....and in general, give to your compositions with a capital K!

The only way to accomplish this miraculous transfiguration, is to subscribe now to "The Jones Course For Coarse Writers."

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WHO'S WHO

by Hortense

After months of research, we have come up with the true identity of that sparkling character, Lumbago Jones. He has written many articles for the Argo but his modesty was such that he prevailed upon the staff not to mention his name. Although Lum is mentally deficient, it is impossible not to speculate upon his actions and appearance. What you are about to read may seem unbelievable but you should be able to recognize this literary parish.

He is tall and lanky with a long thin face. His cavernous eyes give him a look of wisdom he does not possess. He adds to his attractiveness with a long pickle-like nose which would have been envied by Cyrano de Bergerac. Lum's purple patches will be a permanent feature of the Argo.

DIM LIGHT

by Hortense and Chloe

This week's "Dim Light" shines on that brilliant young man, Limmiw Vefler. Although he is the student ideal, we can't help wondering about his sudden reversions into the days of his "dear departed youth." His favorite haunt is Mr. Heinlein's back room, where he can often be found during lunch period indulging in the consumption of questionable delicacies. His quaint actions are enjoyed by us all, because they provide zest for our hum-drum lives. Everyone appreciates his ability to "wreck the old eighty-eight" and he often exhibits this talent to the inspiration of all.

Although the "Dim Light" cannot do justice to Limmie's many remarkable attributes, we still can see that he is a true pinch of salt in the R.P.S. stew.

SUMMER FASHIONS

by Joan Devine

It is time to start our shore wardrobe. One of the most versatile materials this year is denim. It is shown in shorts, beach coats, skirts, and sep rate blouses.

The colors are no longer limited to dark and faded blue, but they are shown in green, rose, and the newest and most popular color, charcoal.

Denim is not confined just to clothes but is also in summer sport shoes and sandals. Large bags suitable for beach and country wear are also of the denim family.

One of our noted fashion experts recently displayed denim suits, which may be worn for almost any informal occasion. Denim has gone high hat!

FACULTY FLAIL

Mr. O' Connell- Would you like to have a girl's baseball team? All are willing.

Mr. Coyle- You play the role of "Emma" so well at practice that we think you should have the part in the play!

Mr. Felver- Who is Petunia? Is she the one you are taking to the Senior Prom? By the way you're getting to be quite a good shot with chalk in the Latin III class.

Mr. Gaggini-Gigi has been asking for you. Is there any message?

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SPOTLIGHT

by Joyce Tuckey

This month the Spotlight features James Lamont, one of the few members of the Key Club. In all four of Jim's years at Prep, he has maintained a very high scholastic record. He has served as Editor-in-chief of the Argo, Argomag, Ye Dial, and as manager of basketball teams. In his freshman and sophomore years he was a member of the J.V. baseball team; in his last two years at Prep, he was a member of the track team. Besides his many school activities, Jim is also active outside of Prep. He has joined several clubs in the city and is a member of the New Brunswick Youth Council. One of his favorite pastimes is listening to music. Next year Jim is going to enter Swarthmore College, where he intends to study how to be a millionaire!

CONTEST

So far, four literary productions have been submitted to the Joyce Kilmer Literary Contest. Two are by Fred Sherzer, and the others claim Jim Lamont and Harold Williamsch as their authors. There will be three judges for the contest—Mrs. Andrews and two Rutgers University professors.

This contest is open only to seniors and it was instituted in honor of Joyce Kilmer, the American poet who attended this school and was killed in World War I.

The award, which will be presented at graduation, will probably be a great literary work.

DEAR DIARY

by Jim Weisfeld

This edition of DEAR DIARY is respectfully and sympathetically dedicated to those members of the senior class who are, poor souls, concerned with the perplexing enigma of college entrance. Upon this sad experience may be placed the blame for the deliverance of many promising young men to the snake pit. Every senior is, no doubt, familiar with the following incidents.

Between Oct. and Nov.: School is well under way, my parents have hounded me, and the mailmen are now hunchback from carrying literature from various colleges to me.

Jan. 19: Why fight it! Those applications have to be finished sometime.

March 15: Blasted College Board exams!

Between March and May: This may be properly defined as an era of suspense.

During May: From amidst the dim of disaster and doom comes the cry, "I can still hope for Pardon U!"

June 6: P.G. next year!

LAST ARGO

The co-editors announce that this issue will be the last edition of the 1951-1952 Argo. In a few weeks, however, the annual Spring Argomag will make its appearance. Watch for it!

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HOSPITALIZED

Joyce Kennealy's absence from Prep has been noticed by a large percentage of the students and faculty. It seems as if one of the unnecessary gadgets of the body has found its way into the doctor's hands. Yes, our new feature editor has had her appendix removed following a brief attack which, fortunately, was not serious. Joyce said that she was able to enter the hospital under her own power; she will soon leave in the same manner.

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ALUMNI NOTES

Frank Powell, a popular member of the class of 1950, is now in the U.S. Navy and has been stationed at Norfolk, Va. for the past year and a half. Frank, an ardent supporter of school activities while at Prep, visited his alma mater on Saturday, April 5, while spending the weekend as the guest of George Allgair, another former Prepster, now at the Hun School. Frank has two and a half more years to go for Uncle Sam, but at the present time he has an opportunity to enroll in a night school of William and Mary College in Norfolk in order to commence his college education.

JOYCE

SOCIAL SECURITY

June graduates of high schools and vocational schools should apply for their social security account-number cards before they graduate, says Samuel J. Cohen, manager, Perth Amboy social security field office. Any student who expects to work this summer should obtain his card before classes end. Many prospective employers will not hire a worker-full or part time-unless he has his social security account-number card with him, and many a good job has been lost this way.

HORTENSE

by Chloe

There has been some to-do over the identity of a certain Hortense. Through the aid of spies and secret contacts we have obtained some spectacular information. Be on the lookout! This defamer of characters is yet at large. Her many characteristics include: one beauty mark under hair on lower part of scalp; giant giraffe tatoo on big toe of left foot; two eyelashes missing over left eye; the fourteenth tooth of the upper false plate is missing. Her left eye has a key hole shape.

Her general description: heavily built, about three hundred pounds of freckles, wears yellow glasses with red polka-dots, and her hair is like a desert flower(a light top with dark roots). Hortie's clothes are Fishwort's Originals. However, don't let her beauty fool you; she is dangerous. She killed her 20th husband and is still at large. Of course, we all love this petite creature for her unusual literary gift and we are all sure that Hortie goes over in "a big weight."

WILLIAMSON TAKES HONORS



Newark, N.J. April 21: Rutgers Prep went down to defeat in its first meet of the season losing to Newark Academy by a score of 58-32.

Harold Williamson was the outstanding athlete in the meet. Harold won four events and placed third in one. He won the half and quarter mile, the broad and high jump, and placed third in the discus throw. Clark White placed second in the 100 yard dash and tied for first in the high jump. Frank Avery came in second in the mile, while Fred Sherzer came in third in the quarter and Jack Taylor placed third in the mile.

Prep matched Newark in the running events but lost twenty-six of twenty-seven points in the weight events.

BASEBALL

So far this year our baseball squad has not been too impressive. We have won one game and lost three. In the season's opener, we lost to Highland Park 18-3. Later that week we lost to Pingry School 11-0, but we beat Wardlaw 5-3. In our last game we lost to Sayreville 9-2.

Our team, this year, boasts only three veterans: Ted Nestler, Fred Sherzer, and Bill Cramer. Ted pitches and plays third base when he is not on the mound. Fred pitches and plays the outfield while Bill plays first base.

OBITUARY

Now comes the time for all to shed a tear, for a beloved sight has disappeared from Prep. Yes, it's Betsy, Mrs. Ward's faithful companion. Betsy was of Plymouth descent and was very petite, but she was unable to compete with the atomic models on the parking lot.

There was great excitement the day Mrs. Ward brought her young sophisticate to school. She was a sleek, slim, green Studebaker.

All of us like the new addition, but we miss the late, departed Betsy. She was a familiar sight and a dear part of the Prep School. May she rest in peace.