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Student Council Schedules Prom For Early June

Prep will, this year, as in past years, hold its spring Senior Prom. This year, however, the Student Council decided to hold it later than usual. The reason for the late date of the dance was that other school functions intervened at all other possible times.

The date has been set for June 5th, a Saturday night. After a great deal of discussion by the dance committee members, it has been decided that the prom will again be held at the Rutgers Prep gymnasium.

The dance will be handled, as usual, by president of the junior class, who is automatically elected chairman of the dance each year. This year's prom will be directed by Clifford Griggs who hopes for a good turnout.

The pre-dance preparations will be made, for the most part, by the junior class. It has always been the custom at Prep for the juniors to give a dance for the departing seniors. Most of the important details will be handled by Dave Hendlar, Stu Edelberg, and Clementina Vitti, who is in the sophomore class.

Cliff Griggs has hired a band for the prom which is hoped to be a good one. The name of the band suggests that it is out of this world. It is called the "Constellation" and its leader is Charlie Smith.

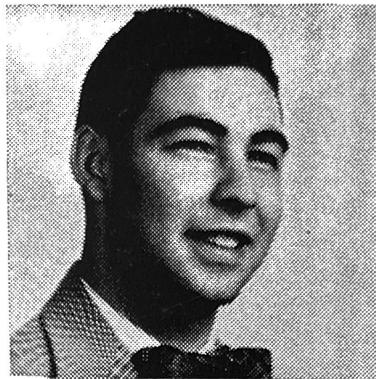
54-55 Argo Staff Publishes Last Edition of School Year

A new system of election and nomination of the Argo editor and reporters was carried out this year. It is a brand new idea which seems to be accepted and well liked by all concerned.

The slate for class editors was drawn up by the present staff. It consisted of persons who had done work on the paper. In most cases the nominees were present class editors and a reporter from each class. Former editors if not re-elected immediately became reporters. The remaining reporter for each class was nominated and elected at a meeting of the entire staff. In this manner, it is hoped that all deserving and well qualified people will have an equal chance to be on the Argo staff.

The new staff is deeply grateful to the 1953-54 staff for giving next year's staff this chance to put out the last Argo of this school year. If successful, this method will be repeated in years to come, thus making the Argo better than ever before.

Kessler Leads Players In Spring Performance



Mike Kessler Stars As Whiteside

Plan Many Awards For June Graduates

As the school year comes to an end, there is in the minds of many the thought of graduation. This year's graduation will be on Thursday, June 10th. When the students assemble in the study hall at 8:30, there will be many happy faces and some sad ones.

After everyone is present, the students will all walk to church where the awards and prizes will be given. The first award is given to the person who has achieved the highest honors in scholarship. The next award is the Joyce Kilmer English prize, and for the history enthusiast, the Alexander Johnston History prize is awarded. The Dorr Prize in science is given to the person who has excelled in science for the past year, and for the math students, the Class of 1876 Prize in Mathematics is awarded. There are two awards given for foreign languages, the Latin prize and the Romance Language prize. The Time Current Affairs Prizes are given to the students who received the highest mark on the Current Affairs Test. The Ye Dial award is given to the two persons who have done the most to publish the Ye Dial. Other prizes given are: the Rensselaer Medal, the Liberty Loan Prize, and the Cum Laude, for which five students are chosen.

After the awards are given and all the speeches are made, the graduating class may go. As they leave, the seniors are thinking of that first day in college and the underclassmen of another year at Prep.

Kerber, Schwartz and Tobin Combine For Successful Play

For the first time, the Rutgers Preparatory School produced a full three act play in place of their annual spring concert. The play was the comedy, "The Man Who Came To Dinner," by Moss Hart and George Kauffman. It starred Mike Kessler, as Mr. Whiteside, the man who came to dinner.

The play was presented in the gymnasium which, under the expert supervision of Mr. Moffat and his stage crew was transformed into the living room of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley (the setting of the play). The stage and lighting crew was composed of Stan Bey, Kathe Van Vechten, Stu Edelberg, Cliff Griggs, Al Murasko, Tono Rebollo, Lowell Wagner and John Perduk.

It took many weeks to perfect the play. The talent and experience was, at first, lacking, but under the direction of Mr. Dumarae and Mrs. Wilson, all roughness was smoothed out, and glimpses of talent began to make their way out of experience. The make-up and props were supplied by the students themselves.

The play, although it called for a large cast, was really a one-man play. The large task of memorizing and acting out the part of Sheridan Whiteside was very capably handled by Mike Kessler. Howard Tobin played the part of the incomparable Banjo. His actions brought down the house. The female parts were headed by Elfriede Riddering, who played the Maggie Cutler part, and Shirley Kerber, who portrayed Lorraine Sheldon. The bewildered Doc Bradley was Carl Stover and his frustrated nurse was Sharon Ries. Estelle Newman and Don Hughes were well cast as Mr. and Mrs. Stanley who had the misfortune of having Whiteside's company.

Announce Raised Standards For All Academic Program

It has been announced by Mr. Heinlein and explained by Mr. Holley that there will be a definite elevation of standards at Prep next year. It can be already recognized by a great many students that the work is slowly getting harder.

It is altogether necessary, however, that the students realize that the work is being made harder to help them in their studies at Prep.

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We're Off and Running!

Yes, we're off and running on what we hope is the right foot. The last edition, as you can see, has the same general form as the previous issues. However, a few modifications have been made which we hope will add more color and create more interest in what is known as a small school paper.

Of course, our first issue will have a few loop-holes, but we know that with the invaluable experience gained from producing this issue we will be able to iron out all future troubles in the following issues.

However, I, as editor, have little to do with the making of the paper or the opinions contained here-in. I only assigned the subjects and allowed the staff a free hand in all written articles. My job was only to see that the job came off smoothly.

Next year there will be a change in the paper which will be quite noticeable to all. I cannot divulge its nature to the student body at the present time, but it will be revealed in the first issue of the next school year.

I would like to thank the entire staff for their cooperation in producing this issue. I would also like to extend my thanks to the out-going staff for their help in producing this issue. My only hope is that I may do as good a job during my editorship.

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Inquiring Reporter

By JOHN ROSA

What do you think of the Honor System? Do you think it would be successful in our school?

JOHN PERDUK—

"I think the honor system is a good system, but I do not think an honor system would be successful if started in Rutgers Prep, unless it was started at the elementary school first."

JOHN MARGOLIS—

"I think the idea is a good one, and it should work out pretty well at Prep."

DICK SCHWARTZ—

"Yes, I think the honor system would be successful. It would teach the students responsibility."

DIANE DORN—

"I think that the honor system is a good way by which to conduct the school. As for our school, the only way to learn whether or not it will be successful is to try it out."

JOE HOROWITZ—

"In my opinion, the honor system in our school would be an excellent idea. I think it would produce more honest and trustworthy students."

CARL STOVER—

"I think it is a very good idea. Whether or not it would work would be best determined by trying it out."

WESTON MERRITT—

"It is good in many ways, because it puts a student on his own. But, I think, some kids would fool around too much to put such a system into effect here."

MARIAN VEALE—

"The honor system is an excellent method for teaching students to become mature in their thinking. The honor system in Prep, I think, would be very successful. It would give the students a chance to prove that they can be trusted."

ROLFE HARRISON—

"I am neutral!"

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Standard exams are definitely a bad practice, because they do not apply to most schools. I say this because an exam made up by the teacher himself will be much more searching and would find out more precisely what the student has learned during the year. In the first place, the teacher knows exactly what the students should have learned and, in the second place, he can test the student more effectively than a person who does not even know the student and his intelligence quota for that particular subject. In the view of these facts, I believe that the standard tests could be taken with ease by some students and with great difficulty by others. In the long run, the students will show what they have learned more effectively if the exams are made by the teacher.

Thank you,

PETE SCHWARTZ.

Honor Roll Cited

At the close of the fifth marking period, sixteen students made the honor roll. At the top of the list was Diane Dorn, followed closely by Barbara Lipman, Roger Seamon, Franklin Preiser, Carl Stover, Louise Di Lalo, Joseph Messina and Stuart Edelberg, all of whose marks were 90 or above.

Additional qualifiers for the honor roll were Eugene Hohol, Tono Rebollo, Kathe Van Vechten, Richard Schwartz, Clifford Griggs, Clementina Vitti, Joseph Becker and Stanley Bey.

The following eight students received honorable mention for certifying in all their subjects except one. This group was headed by Howard Tobin, followed by Jonathan Margolis, Malcolm Cohen, Patricia Rose, Marian Veale, John Flanagan, Patricia Lancaster and Jack Geiling.

After Mr. Heinlein read the names on the honor roll, he congratulated the qualifiers but made it clear that he was not at all pleased with the small number of students on the list. The headmaster also urged the student body to work harder in the final marking period.

Limelight

This month's "Limelight" falls on a very likeable senior, Weston Merritt. Although this is his first year at Prep, it did not take him long to become one of the best known students in the school. His varied and comical antics have brought a touch of humor to the school and helped make the year more enjoyable.

Weston's main interests, as far as athletics go, are tennis and track. Throughout the year he keeps in excellent condition by running around the block and making his famous sprints to the grocery store thirty seconds before the bell. In reference to his track ability, the "Merritt Mile" will always be remembered—three minutes, with three stops for cigarettes.

Weston is always looking for a good buy in cars. Besides owning a 1950 two-door Ford, the latest rumor is that he is planning to buy three 1938 Fords at \$25 each.

Although he is not one of the top students, he is always making a great effort, and this "never die" policy is sure to lead him to success. He previously attended Trenton High School and is planning to attend the University of Tennessee and study for the ministry.

The Clock Ticks On

Listen my children and you shall hear
That examinations are very near.
All your hearts should fill with fear
As you sit there shedding many a tear.
While you frown and fret and weep and wail,

You should be working or you will fail.
For if you're thinking of a college career,
Your hopes will be dashed unless you re-steer.

—by Sharon Ries.

SPORTLIGHT

By Clifford Griggs

Basketball has gone out of the picture and now baseball has become the dominant sport at Prep. This edition of "Sportlight" will for the most part describe the players who have proved to be the greatest assets so far this year.

Al Murasko, after finishing a sizzling season in basketball, is doing a great job in hurling the "horsehide" for Prep. Although his record shows no wins as yet, still it is no indication of a lack of ability on his part. The Little Scarlet's team this year is composed for the greater part of inexperienced players and therefore cannot be downed for its lack of sharpness.

As of yet, Prep's only victory has been over Jamesburg. Behind the strong arm of Bill Kurtz, the teamsters pushed on to a stirring victory completely defeating a very good opponent, 9-5. Bill continued his arousing display of pitching ability until very late in the game. Not until the seventh inning did he get into any difficulty and then the old reliable Al Murasko came in. Al pitched peerless ball, allowing only one of the three men left on base by Kurtz to score.

Murasko has surely been a most important figure in all sports activities this year. After a very good season as goalie on the soccer team he rose to stardom on Prep's basketball team. He was this year elected to first team All State for Prep schools. Al Murasko will not be forgotten for a long time for his total of 563 points in basketball.

The only possibility of failure will be credited this year in part to the Prep track team. As hard as Coach Moffat tried to get fellows to come out on the track and work, there was little or no results at all shown in that field of athletics. You let him down, fellows!

Lettermen to Spark Soccer

By Stan Rosenblum

Rutgers Prep's soccer team, which had the best season in the school's history, is looking for another promising season.

Stu Edelberg, who will be a senior next year, is expected to play a big part in the prepster's hopes. This year, while a junior, Stu set a school record by kicking eight goals in one season. We would also like to congratulate Stu on receiving honorable mention on the All-State Soccer Team. Other members who should help the team are Dave Hendler, a speedy wing with a good foot; Buddy Zajac, a half-back with good soccer sense, and Joe Messina, a center-forward who should put fear into many a goalie with hard kicking from either foot. With four letter men back, I will predict that the Prepsters will have a .500 season or better.

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Sayreville Defeats Prep With Fifth Inning Rally

Sports Flash — On the 11th of May, Prep lost a very important game to a very strong Peddie team. The final score rested at 8-2 and made Prep's record for the year one win and nine losses.

Buddy Zajac went the entire distance for the Prepsters hurling the horsehide at Peddie and yielding ten hits. Buddy was converted from his usual spot at second base and placed on the hill by Coach O'Connell.

One of the highlights of the game was a terrific onehanded catch in deep right field by Al Marcy, for which he was applauded by both teams. Bad things usually follow good ones and in this case there was no exception. In the very next inning, Gene Zick was hurt when he tried to field a high fly to left field and collided with shortstop Kurtz.

Although Prep has still only one win, nevertheless, we are quite sure that the team will start to click.

College For Athletes

By Roger Seamon

This year's basketball team, as you know, was a big success and all the players were stars in their own right. Although Al Murasko was the big scorer, it was the team work that really won for Prep.

Al Murasko, our star forward, had many offers from many colleges. Of all these, however, the lucky one whom he chose was Hofstra, a college of good standing in Long Island. He expects to follow physical training and should do very well.

There is also Len Bartlett who expects to go to Duke. Being an exceptionally good basketball player, Len will probably be outstanding there.

Don Hughes, our giant center, will go to Villanova or Georgetown and, of course, will be a good center there. He was second in scoring to Al Murasko and also should do quite well.

Our great back court man, Willie Kurtz, will go to Lafayette. Judging from his great playing and fine play making this year, he should easily break into a starting line up. As you all know, his deadly set shots and tricky driving made him a terrific threat and terror to the enemy's defenses.

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Rutgers Prep lost to Sayreville High School to end their series with the Bombers. The Little Scarlet lost both games by the identical scores of 5-3, but provided stiff competition all the way. This defeat has dropped the Prepsters to one win and eight defeats.

The Bombers drew first blood scoring two in the first inning and one in the third. They got but two hits off the fine pitching of Willie Kurtz, taking advantages of many miscues by Prep.

The fourth was the big one for the Little Scarlet as they scored all of their three runs. Dave Buchine walked to start things off and went to second on Gene Zick's single. Buddy Zajac then walked to fill the bases. At this point Fritz, the Sayreville pitcher, seemed terribly wild, as he walked the third man of the inning, Carl Baratta, forcing Buchine to score.

Another pitcher replaced Fritz and got Murasko to ground out to first. The pitcher covering tagged him and tripped over the base. By the time the ball was recovered both Zick and Zajac had scored. However, Baratta, trying for third on the play was tagged out to end the inning.

In the fifth inning some more Prep errors were made, and the winning run scored on in-field miscue followed by a triple scoring Sayreville's winning run. The insurance run came home on a pass ball.

The rest of the game was quiet as Prep's hitting went numb, and Al Murasko's fine pitching set the Bombers down hitless.

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Appoint Bey, Seamon To Head 'Dial' Staff

On Wednesday, May 12th, the 1954 Ye Dial was distributed. Students and faculty alike were loud in their praise of the improvements over previous yearbooks.

Already work has begun on the 1955 Ye Dial, with the selection of the Co-editors-in-chief, Stanley Bey and Roger Seamon. This is a change from former years but it is hoped that it will lessen the load on the editors and produce a better yearbook. Along with Mr. Gaggini, who is in his fourth successful year as advisor to Ye Dial, they have chosen the editorial staff for the 1955 Ye Dial.

Returning to her position as editor, where she did a wonderful job on the '54 annual, is Diane Dorn. Malcolm Cohen, who served as junior editor this past year, will fill the photography editorship. Between his sports and editorship of the Argo, Stu Edelberg will work on the Ye Dial as Sports Editor.

Clementina Vitti, who has had much experience on previous staffs, will be copy editor for the Ye Dial.

The Argo staff wishes to extend its congratulations to the new Ye Dial officers and hopes that this coming year will be as successful as the past year.

Edelberg and Griggs Name New Party for Fall Election

As the school year is already coming to a close, one of the most important topics coming up is the formation of next year's Student Council. A group of students have already drawn up a party. The candidates up for election on this ticket are Stuart Edelberg, president, Clifford Griggs, vice-president, Clementina Vitti, secretary, and Joe Messina, treasurer. In setting up the party, the group has complied with the strict qualifications of the school constitution. As the latter states, the two chief offices should be held by representatives from the senior class. The constitution further states that the office of secretary and treasurer should be filled by a junior and sophomore, respectively. As yet, the party has not decided on a definite name. However, that will be done next year.

Kuhlthau, Dorn Attend Dinner For the Youth of the Year

Rutgers Prep was very fortunate in having two very capable students representing their school. Diane Dorn and John Kuhlthau were the two students who attended the Youth of the Year annual dinner at the Roger Smith Hotel.

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By John Perduk

Many Changes Stud New Look Yearbook

The 1954 Ye Dial made its first appearance on May 12th, when it was distributed to the students during the activities period. The most noticeable difference between this and previous year books was the padded cover which added greatly to its attractiveness. Also, the book was published by the photo-offset method this year, which allowed for much more freedom in layout and the inclusion of many pictures. This meant that Ye Dial was much less formal than previous yearbooks, and of course, the pictures added greatly to its interest and appearance. The new method of publication also permitted the book to come out earlier than usual, and the staff believes that this early publication is an excellent idea, although it means the omission of spring sports.

The editors and staff are to be commended for the fine job which they did in producing Ye Dial. Also a word of thanks should go to the faculty advisor, Mr. Gaggini, who said that he was tremendously pleased with the book, but that there is still some room for improvement.

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Pinafore, Skits Star In Spring Production

This year the Elementary school is holding more and better spring productions than ever.

On May 3rd the first grade programs were held. This was a colorful affair at which May baskets were given to all the mothers. The second and third grade plays were given on Tuesday of the same week.

The fourth and fifth grades program was held May 10th. This consisted of a play entitled "The Sleeping Beauty," several pantomimes and two skits. The names of these skits were not revealed to the audience until after them, at which time the audience themselves were asked to give the names. The skits were excerpts from *Huckleberry Fin* and *Penrod*. This was also done after the pantomimes which were incidents in the lives of Ponce de Leon, Benjamin Franklin, George Washington and Thomas Edison.

On an undecided date late in May the sixth and seventh grade chorus will present the operetta *H. M. S. Pinafore*. This performance will be given under the direction of the school's music instructor, Mrs. Margaret Kelly.

During the spring vacation the fourth grades displayed their handicraft by making models of such scenes as Roosevelt Dam, the Congo, a skier in the Swiss Alps, a covered wagon scene and desert scenes. These models were to illustrate the school work they have been doing and were put on exhibit at their spring program.

Introduce Placement Exams To Aid in College Planning

It has just been announced by Mr. Heinlein that there will be certain tests given next year. These tests, however, will not be given to all students at Prep. The exams will be given to seniors only and will prove to be a great asset to Preps.

The tests will be given as an aid to students so that it is possible for them to find out what they are best suited for. The exams, however, cannot be taken with a casual attitude by anyone if they are going to be successful. The seniors will have to cooperate to their fullest extent.

The tests will give all seniors a definite idea of their capabilities. They will also help them in making their choice of a college.

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