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Senior John Miller and Junior Leelila Strogov perform a violin duet in the "Live Aid" cabaret.

## Students display talents at "Live Aid" Cabaret

by Dan Gura

Ever since the tunes, "Do They Know Its Christmas" and "We Are The World" came out, a new awareness of world hunger has been conveyed throughout the nation. Rutgers Prep has taken an active role by conducting fasts in school relating to Oxfam, and by asking everyone to bring in cans for the can drives. Most recently, Rutgers Prep produced a "Live Aid Cabaret," in which all proceeds went to the Franklin Food Bank.

On Friday, February 21, the Cabaret was held in Holly Hall. The night, whipped up in two weeks by Mr. Herzberg, Mr. Par-

rish and student producer, Kim Schultheiss, proved to be a major success. Tryouts for acts were conducted the first week in February. The diversity of the acts was the main reason why the Cabaret was so entertaining. The emcees were Ezra Weisz and James Dempsey. There were two dance acts, one by Rachel Borah, and the other by Elissa Margolin. Beth Turkel, Dan Gura, and Carrie Bondy all sang tunes ranging from pop to folk. Mr. Kendall and Mrs. Herzberg captivated the audience with their dramatic talents, along with a brilliant monologue given by Leelila Strogov and Amy Hochberg. Rebecca Kaizerman performed a harp solo, and a violin duet was

also performed by John Miller and Leelila Strogov. James Crimaldi, Mike Hornbostel, Jody Mansfield, and James Dempsey all made futile attempts to sound like a band in their comedy act, "Jimmy D. and the Men Without Talent." The band "Mutiny" then performed, headed by Rob Wolpov. A special thanks should be given to the tech crew, who provided for the set, lights, and sound of the show.

To the delight of everyone involved, the turnout for the Cabaret was overwhelming. A total of \$515 dollars was earned from the evening, but most gratifying of all was the satisfaction everyone felt from giving to such an important cause.

## 86-87 Schedules planned

During the AM assembly on February 26, RPS Upper School department chairpersons discussed the Upper School courses which would be offered in the 1986-87 school year. Many innovations have been made in the selection of courses next year. For example, the *Advanced Topics in Science* course will now be taught by each member of the science department, and subjects to be discussed include psychology, coastal problems and

tropical rain forests, meteorology, astronomy, and physical geography. One half credit in Computer Literacy is now required for all members of the class of 1989 and beyond. Seniors can elect to be involved in a Peer Leadership Training class, where they work with groups of freshmen and become "group facilitators, effective listeners, and role models." And it is hoped that programs in fourth and fifth year languages can be offered to

students not wishing to specialize in either literature or civilization, as they presently are required to do.

### News-In-Brief

Four seniors have become Merit Scholarship finalists. They are: Craig Goldblatt, Linda Zulinger, Christina Harcar, and Michael Parker. Marc McMorris is a finalist in the Outstanding Negro Students Competition. The Argo extends congratulations to the five finalists.

Mr. August Daviet, Director of Studies and College Placement, is on sabbatical for the second semester. Ms. Alison Stewart has assumed Mr. Daviet's role as Director of College Placement for the duration of the school year.

## Academic Team holds Assembly

by Rebecca Kaizerman

While many Prep students are getting psyched for lacrosse or baseball, there are twelve students preparing for a totally different experience. These are the members of the academic team, with seniors Joshua Blume, James Dempsey, Christina Harcar, Linda Zulinger, Jaime Weinberg, Julia Lenaghan, Craig Goldblatt, and Mike Parker, and juniors Andrea Neumaier, Tom Conlon, Ryan Lore, and Rebecca Kaizerman. "Coached" by Mrs. Gooen, the team members travel to meets such as the Tournament of Excellence, the Decathlon of

Knowledge, and the Battle of Brilliance, using their minds (instead of their bodies) to beat their opponents.

At each meet, four or ten students, depending on the tournament, make up the competing team. They play one other team at a time, answering questions from assorted categories with point values ranging from 10 (easiest) to 50 (hardest). The game is played in a "Jeopardy" format, with the winner being the team with the most points when all of the questions have been answered.

On February 19, the academic team held the second annual Meeting of the Minds. During the A.M. activity period, the twelve members, divided into three teams, competed in front of the school in an informal tournament. The categories were: general knowledge, literature and vocabulary, world history, U.S. History, science and art and music. The winner was Team B, which included James, Joshua, Tom and Rebecca.

## School policy was the topic at Forum

The annual Upper School Parent's Forum took place on February 25 from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Parents gathered in the Media Center to discuss with Mr. Lingenheld, Mr. Levinson, Mrs. Lutz, and Mr. Avella topics concerning Rutgers Prep's strengths and weaknesses. This year, parents were sent a Parent Opinion Survey some weeks prior to the Forum. The Survey served two purposes; not only did it give Prep administrators a chance to see how parents felt student needs were being met, but it also helped prepare parents for subjects to be discussed later in the Forum. The Forum was instituted to give parents an opportunity to express their views concerning school policy.

Soon after the Forum began, the issue of the dress code was brought up. Parents and administrators were divided over this issue: some felt that the dress code should remain the way it is, some felt there should be no dress code, and some felt that a uniform should be implemented. Mr. Levinson presented the case for a uniform; if students followed a uniform, teachers would spend less time handing out demerits for infringements of the dress code, and more time teaching.

Other topics discussed included: school spirit, alcohol,

drugs, and smoking on campus, and a trimester year as opposed to one with two semesters.

## Student Council: Out with the old, in with the new

by Stephanie Leveene

On Thursday, February 13, School Council elections were held. They followed the campaign speeches, which were held on the previous day. Candidates for treasurer come from the freshman class, secretary from the sophomore class, and vice president and president from the junior class. Student participation was good, with at least two candidates running for each office.

For treasurer, there were three candidates: Nicole Graber, Matthew Lenaghan, and Craig Wacker. The treasurer is responsible for the council finances.

From the sophomore class, there were three hopefuls for secretary: Larry Hamelsky, Lauren Keller, and Jon Knepper. This officer's job is to keep precise minutes of all council proceedings.

Competing for the office of vice president were juniors Danny Gura, Michele McGuire, and

Heather Rotter. This role is an important one at Council, because the vice president is in charge of social affairs, including dress-down days and dances, and presides over meetings and morning assembly when the president is not there.

Kama Bethel and Dave Dixon competed for the position of president. The president presides over the meetings and morning assemblies and is an integral part of various committees. The president also represents the students in community and school functions, and sits on the Judiciary Board.

On February 18, when the election results were revealed, only Kama Bethel was a winner. Run-off elections had to take place between Heather and Dan for VP, Lauren and Jon for secretary, and Nicole and Craig for treasurer. After a final run-off election on March 6, the final election results were revealed. The 1986-87 Council officers are:

Kama Bethel-President, Heather Rotter-Vice President, Lauren Keller-Secretary, and Craig Wacker-Treasurer.



Senior James Dempsey emerges from the voting booth after voting in council elections (for the first of many times).



# Editorial

by Linda Zullinger

You don't realize how much the news media manipulates your awareness of current events unless you consciously sit down and ponder it. When you do, you come to a fairly disturbing conclusion: that current "trends" monopolize the media, in particular the newspaper. That a story, even if newsworthy, even if vitally important, does not get more than a back page mention unless it is "fashionable" and "popular."

For instance, I'd like to know what's happening in Mexico right now. Remember the pictures of newly-orphaned children and babies trapped in collapsed hospitals? How is their reconstruction going? Has the earthquake affected their economy as predicted? Surely these are pertinent questions facing Mexico today, yet it's rare that I even come across a paragraph update on the status of this crisis. Is a story only newsworthy as long as it retains its shock quality? As long as the footage of human carnage can hold the morbid attention of the readers?

What about Ethiopia? People are still starving. I suppose the editors felt it could only hold the public's attention up through Live Aid, and that starving children become boring after a year or so.

Some might say that we don't hear about these events simply because there is no new news regarding them—that it's worthless to continue coverage if nothing different is currently happening. But that never stops the newspapers with regard to other issues. Was there anything new about the Philippines situation two weeks before the election? No, but every day there was a front page article detailing the candidates, the predicted outcome, and the anticipation of fraud. For two weeks that same article was printed. The difference is that the Philippines is one of the popular issues. Or how about the space shuttle? That's still fashionable. But why front page every day when they're in the middle of an investigation? I saw a 3-column article the other day entitled something like, "No New News on Space Shuttle."

Some events will always grasp the sudden attention of the public and hold it captive while others take a back seat. But should others be completely excluded simply because they're older while the popular ones, although there is nothing new to say, are being reshaped? The day after the space shuttle exploded I counted 42 articles about it in *The Home News*. Certainly it merited special attention but 42? And when no one knew what happened! It's like music: you have overkill of a popular song for two months, and then it disappears forever. Who hears Michael Jackson anymore? But is it right to treat the news as a consumer product—something that dominates the market until its preliminary appeal wears off? Perhaps it's a reflection of the public itself, and the newspapers are just feeding off of their knowledge of our attention spans. But as objective reporters of world events, don't they have the responsibility to work independently of this knowledge?

## See you later Mr. Marcos

by Judd Hamlin

The February 7 election in the Philippines will long be remembered for its overt violence and blatant vote rigging, all recorded by hundreds of foreign journalists. Ferdinand Marcos, the autocratic Philippine president since 1965, was declared the winner over challenger Corason Aquino. The methods by which he achieved the victory were dubious, if not criminal.

Immediately following the conclusion of the voting, the monumental task of counting the votes began. The votes were simultaneously and independently tallied by two organizations, Namfrel and Com-elec. Namfrel, an independent peoples' group mainly comprised of priests and nuns, was allowed to use certified

copies of all precinct vote tallies in an attempt to limit large-scale fraud at provincial levels. If not for American pressures on Marcos' government, Namfrel would never have been granted this right. The vote tallies, gathered by Namfrel observers, were brought to Namfrel's central location at Manila. These tallies showed Mrs. Aquino ahead by a slight margin. The vote counts of Com-elec, Marcos' organization, were gathered by the Philippine Air Force, whose conduct in delivering the actual vote records was dubious at best. Predictably, Com-elec showed Marcos ahead by a substantial margin of questionable votes. The decision of Com-elec was supported by the National Assembly, which is little more than a rubber-stamp legislature for President Marcos. This gave the opposition a final

justification to fight Marcos in the streets.

Cory Aquino immediately set about her plan for nonviolent demonstrations against Marcos and his government. Into this fray plunged the Catholic Church. Led by Cardinal Jaime Sin of Manila, the church praised Mrs. Aquino, warning that "God will not forgive Marcos." With this backing, Aquino's support grew in both size and boldness. Using Gandhi-like techniques, Mrs. Aquino crippled the shaky hold of President Marcos. In a long-awaited move, Marcos announced the resignation of the much-despised General Fabian Ver. This was seen (and rightly so) as a last ditch attempt by Marcos to appease his critics.

Since the violence-marred election, events in the Philippines have moved at a lightning pace. Spurred on by their leader's show of strength, Mrs. Aquino's followers increased their non-violent demonstrations to a point which endangered the Marcos government. Clearly, even Marcos' most trusted advisors were worried about the growing wave of rebel support in the streets outside the palace grounds. This sense of fatality surfaced fully last week when two of Marcos' top aides, Defense Minister Juan Enrile and deputy military chief Lt. General Fidel Ramos defected. Four days after the defection of Enrile and Ramos, Ferdinand Marcos stepped down as President of the Philippines,



## A dangerous new frontier

by Jaime Weinberg

The time eventually comes when we, as human beings, must look at ourselves and discover why we were placed here on earth. All too often, it is some tragedy that makes us aware of our own mortality. We Americans, and indeed all of the world, have finally seen that day.

On January 28, 1986, we witnessed the Space Shuttle Challenger disintegrate before our eyes. Seventy-three seconds into its voyage, the Space Shuttle became no more than a sea of flames. We watched in silence as our dreams, it seemed, were shattered.

We already know the particulars of the disaster. Seven American astronauts were killed instantly, with no warning, unable to escape their fiery destiny as pieces of "the flying brick" plummeted to the sea.

Each of the astronauts was recognized for particular qualities. Ellison Onizuka, the first Japanese-American astronaut; Judy Resnik, the se-

cond woman; Christa McAuliffe, the first teacher. Yet, maybe these distinctions should not be made. All were brave Americans who challenged themselves to serve mankind. They risked their lives to do so. Indeed, they gave their lives to do so. But the question that remains is, "Was it worth it?"

Let us not forget that two ships full of men were lost as Columbus sailed to America. Remember the pioneers, many of whom lost their lives while pushing their way past the frontier to open up the American West. Few would say that these efforts were in vain.

Space flight, to some people, seems so routine that it is thought of as a joy ride, or a high priced junket. They fail to realize, unfortunately, that astronauts are actually explorers on the cutting edge of a new frontier; that the space shuttle is really a modern day Santa Maria.

We must not allow the spirit of exploration to dissipate. We at RPS are students and teachers dedicated to a quest for knowledge. We should be able to recognize the importance of the state program, and fight for it. We can relate to the words of President Kennedy, as he justified his plan to send men to the moon: "We set sail on this new sea, where there is new knowledge to be gained... We do these things not because they are

easy, but because they are hard."

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Most would agree that the lunar missions were worth it. But how many remember that the lives of three astronauts were lost in a fire aboard Apollo 1? Who recalls the Apollo XIII mission, when a crippled command module jeopardized the lives of three men, as the world held its collective breath waiting for their return to Earth? After the deaths of astronauts Grissom, White, and Chaffee, there were doubts about the value of the Apollo project. But it went on to become an astonishing success.

The most spectacular achievements of the shuttle program are yet to come. When they do, we should not forget the Challenger Seven, but we cannot allow our loss to stand in our way as we marvel at the new wonders of space. They would not have wanted it that way. We will stare skyward and hope that we are worthy of following the path that these heroes began to forge. And those seven of America's best, Dick Scobee, Mike Smith, Ellison Onizuka, Judy Resnik, Greg Jarvis, Ron McNair, and Christa McAuliffe (who taught her last and greatest lesson) will look back down at us, from wherever they are, and smile.

## OPEC isn't its old self

by Marc McMorris

The latest price quote for oil per barrel was just under \$14; less than one-half the price only three months ago. The spot price of oil is dropping at an unbelievable rate. It is hard to believe that only ten years ago, OPEC was putting the final touches on its first energy crunch. The public reaction in the 70's was typified by this phrase: "How high is it going to go?" It seems, however, that the phrase of the late 80's will be, "What happened?"

For years prior to the 1980's, the OPEC member nations enjoyed fat profits from the gullible American Yanks who were willing to pay thirty or more dollars for a barrel of oil which Saudi Arabia could produce for 1c. We, and the rest of the oil importing world, were at the mercy of that mystic cartel. We all heard stories of these multi-zillionaire Arabs who laughed all the way to the bank as we sweated it out—hoping that we had enough gas to last until the even numbered day. But, in all fairness, most of these stories about greedy oil magnates were not true.

But why is oil dropping in price after such a boom? Well, I'm afraid it is quite impossible to explain all of the facts and circumstances, but suffice it to say that the supermonopoly finally began to feel the nibbles of the non-OPEC nations. As early as 1984, for example, Nigeria began to sell its oil well below the standard OPEC price. Soon thereafter, both member and non-member nations were increasing production (which is supposed to be kept at a low level) and lowering prices. In other words, the oil world dove into price wars.

What will eventually happen to the price of oil remains to be seen. Some economists expect a drop to pre-energy crunch prices, around \$7 a barrel. But, there are those who think differently. Whatever the outcome, gas and home heating prices will certainly drop a good measure in the coming months. We had better enjoy it while we can.

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Senior co-editor-in-chief Michele Tong and Junior Marc Eisenberg, of *Ye Dial*, working towards yesterday's deadline.

## Prep's student publications have changed with the times

by Pat Lapid

In this year of transition at Rutgers Prep, the school has welcomed new faces into the fold and has instituted innovative ideas in all branches of the school community. Throughout the history of Prep, the publications department has provided the students with a source of information and entertainment, as well as an area for the development of the creative mind and writing skill. Two of the three successful publications, *Ye Dial* and *Excelsior*, have also undergone successful metamorphoses.

The transition from the trailers

to the new building has brought a breath of fresh air and a tide of changes into the department of *Ye Dial*, the school's yearbook. With the guidance of Ms. Mansfield and the leadership of the two editors-in-chief, Michele Tong and Christina Harcar, the *Ye Dial* has reached new heights through the implementation of some new ideas into this year's yearbook. By the end of the year, everyone should look forward to some exciting new material in the yearbook, such as the addition of color photography in various sections, instead of the traditional black and white pictures throughout its entirety.

The *Ye Dial* has changed its policy of payment for the yearbooks. This year, an activities fee was added to the tuition to accommodate the expenses of the *Ye Dial*. According to Anick Jesdanun, the photography editor, "This new system of payment has facilitated our job, and has ensured that everyone receives a yearbook." This eliminates the problem of having to frantically campaign to sell the yearbook within a two week period or so. Since most people tended to forget their payments, this new system appears to be more efficient.

Another bright star in this year's *Ye Dial* publication is the new publication's office in the Upper School building. Because of the space that the yearbook demands for its publication, the use of this room has organized and facilitated the work, especially when doing layouts.

The staff this year has proved to be helpful in the completion of the *Ye Dial*. Other editors include Naomi Linder, Chrissy Holliday, Liz Paley, Lara Gonzales, Donna Goodman, Caryn Schechter, Marc Eisenberg and Heidi Shore. In addition, staff members like Julia Lager, Paul Ludwig and Tracy Altan have been working diligently at producing the yearbook, while roughly fifteen photographers have bombarded the school, snapping shots of everything from classrooms, to after school games, to school sponsored trips.

The second publications branch, the literary magazine, has undergone a major change this year with a switch in its name. Thus out of the ashes of the

old school arose *Excelsior* to take the place of *The Argomag*. What were the reasons behind this sudden change? According to editor-in-chief James Dempsey, *The Argomag* and *The Argo* were constantly being confused, and so we decided we needed a change. Suggestions were made, and from them a select few were picked and voted upon. The name *Excelsior* was chosen because of the meaning it relates; excellence.

Now with the first issue out of the way, the *Excelsior* staff is focusing on gathering new submissions for its next issue. In the submissions process, all material is reviewed individually during meetings where everyone adds their own literary criticisms. "The submissions are then returned, and the writers are encouraged to revise them and resubmit them," said James. From the stack of materials, the editors vote on the many submissions which formulate the final contents of the magazine. Voting is tabulated by James, and according to the number of votes for or against the material, the submission is either printed or rejected. This past issue that the *Excelsior* has turned out was filled with many entertaining poems, short stories, and artistic drawings.

One surprising action the *Excelsior* has undertaken is to continue using Mr. Kendall's room as their publication's office. According to James, "the publications room is usually too crowded, and although we may occasionally use it, we prefer Mr. Kendall's spacious room."

This year's staff, led by James and guided by Mr. Kendall, includes editors Rob Usdan, Crystal Canella, Rebecca Kaizerman, Jennifer Kerstein, Marc Eisenberg and Michelle DeBlasi. With this kind of talent as the backbone of the *Excelsior*, it is sure to be successful throughout the year.

The *Ye Dial* and *Excelsior* both contribute to the Prep community. They not only provide satisfaction for the people involved, but please the many students who read and appreciate them. The school editors of these publications anxiously anticipate the arrival of the more successful upcoming editions.

## Model time at Model U.N.

by Craig Barrack

During the weekend of February 20, the Model United Nations Club attended the 23rd annual North American Invitational Model United Nations. The conference, sponsored and run by Georgetown University, was held in Washington, D.C. There were over 3,000 students present at the conference from more than 150 schools. These schools are located throughout the 50 states and Puerto Rico.

The Model United Nations Club consists of 20 juniors and seniors and its two advisors, Mrs. Dutta and Mrs. Wacker. At the conference a "mock" United Nations was formed. The students of Rutgers Prep represented the countries of Brazil and Burundi. Mrs. Dutta has been chaperoning groups of students to this conference since 1971. Initially, the club took one delegation, but throughout the years has expanded and now represents two delegations. Mrs. Dutta feels "this program is a valuable learning experience for the students."

The club prepared for the conference for nearly five months. All of the students, who acted as delegates, were required to research their nations in order to actively participate. They also had to prepare for topics of debate that would be discussed in their individual committees.

The General Assembly was split into small committees that were independent from one another. Each delegate was expected to debate various issues that related to the individual committees. Some topics were nuclear disarmament, outer space, and communications. The purpose of each of the committees was to pass resolutions which satisfied the interests of the countries represented.

In Washington, each delegation visited the embassies of their respective nations. These visits included informative talks with the representative from the nation. He shared the country's views and positions in reference to various topics. He was also eager to answer questions and talk freely with the students. Junior Paul Kuharsky commented, "It really gave us a chance to gain a better understanding of the country's policies. The embassy briefings were very helpful in covering

areas that research didn't."

Seniors Jodi Metzger and Naomi Linder both ran for the position of block leader. They had to give speeches explaining the reasons their countries should be block leaders. Naomi achieved her goal, and became leader for the Latin American block. This achievement should be proudly recognized.

Although the sessions were time consuming there was still plenty of free time to sight-see in Washington, or mingle with other students. Many people visited Georgetown to shop and see the campus. The Underground Mall, consisting of classy shops and restaurants, was a popular hangout. There were those who explored the monuments, but most were content with "Pizzeria

Uno" and "Commander Salamander." The United Nations Conference organized a successful dance on Saturday night. Sloan Kroop noted that, "the size of the conference contributed to its success. With that many people, how could it not be fun?"

At the awards ceremony on Sunday afternoon, awards were granted to the best delegation of the different sections of the United Nations, including the General Assembly and the United Nations Security Council. Although no awards were won by the Prep delegations this year, everyone was proud of themselves for a job well done.

The following Monday everyone was exhausted, yet they were glad they had participated in such a conference.

## New peer leaders

by Marc Eisenberg

One of Rutgers Prep's weaker points is the lack of communication between students of different grades. The only time that underclassmen, particularly freshmen, can become friendly with the upperclassmen is through extracurricular activities such as after school athletics. Janet Halpern, director of student counseling at Prep, along with the help of various teachers and administrators, is organizing a Peer Leadership program in the Upper School to be primarily run by seniors. The intent of this program, which is to commence next September, is to encourage and promote more cohesiveness among the student body.

Various students along with Mrs. Halpern have visited other schools to observe their leadership programs. These schools were helpful in their suggestions for a successful program at Prep. Earlier in the year, Mrs. Halpern, Ms. Stewart, Mrs. Howell, Mr. Levinson, and Mr. Delia, along with juniors Kama Bethel and Marc Eisenberg, attended a Peer Leadership Seminar at the Purnell School. There, they were fortunate to gain a better understanding of the program itself. In addition, on February 13, Mrs. Halpern, Michele McGuire, and Robert Tuckman visited Princeton High School to observe its workshop on leadership. These programs stressed many interesting concepts that would be beneficial to the Prep community.

On March 5, Mrs. Halpern and those who attended the workshops presented the Junior class with the information and ideas that they acquired at Princeton High School and the Purnell School. Mrs. Halpern also discussed the unique Peer Leadership program that will be implemented at Prep, and the requirements for becoming a part of it.

Fourteen students, preferably seven males and seven females, will be chosen from the Junior class to participate in the program. In order to be considered, an application must be completed, and the individual must demonstrate leadership qualities.

The Peer Leadership program will be offered as a sixth course, and those chosen will meet with groups of approximately ten freshmen once a week. The other four days will be devoted to learning listening skills, teaching methods that the seniors can use to help the underclassmen cope with peer pressure, drugs, alcohol, and suicidal feelings, and other discussions geared to prepare them to help the freshmen.

The meetings between the freshmen and seniors will be held in a "rap session" style. The objective of this program is to help incoming freshmen adapt to the Upper School, while at the same time, promoting communication among the student body.



Rutgers Prep's Burundi delegation to Model United Nations preparing for an embassy briefing.





Senior tri-captain Julia Lenaghan guards the ball from an opponent.

## Spring Season looms ahead

With the weather turning warmer, all five Prep teams are looking forward to the spring season. According to Coach Klinger, the girls' softball team has all the necessary materials for a winning season. "We lost only one senior last year, Elaine Imbriani. We also have the added strength of the incoming freshmen," says Coach Klinger. Seniors Lara Gonzalez and Liz Paley add, "We had a good team last year. With the new additions and a little practice, this year's team can be even better."

Also anticipating a strong season is the girls' lacrosse team. Coach Jackson comments, "We should have a great season. We lost only one senior, so assuming no injuries, we should be successful." Newcomers Erika Barnes and Pat Lapid will share the position of goalie.

In boys' sports, all three teams are hopeful. The boys' tennis team, coached by Jack Fee, will be led by senior Blake Russ.

The gold team, coached by Mr. Forney, will also be strong. "Four of our team members went to golf camp last year, and have been playing continuously since last season. We will be more competitive than ever before." The core of the team consists of senior James Crimaldi, and juniors Brad Costello, Steve Ackerman and Mark Nathan.

The lacrosse team is hoping to improve its record from last year's. Marc McMorris is the only returning captain from last season. Under the strong leadership of the seniors, the younger players will gain valuable experience. The team lost their goalie, and this job will go to junior Danny Gura.

Mr. Marotto will be coaching the boys' baseball team. The captains are seniors Walter Szymanski and Billy Coyer. The team lost their pitcher, catcher, and a few fielders, and will be working hard to overcome this deficit.

## Best record in ten years

The wrestling team has ended its regular season with an impressive record of 8-6-1, the best record the team has had in ten years. They came up with a win against Pennington, 33-32, in their last match. The wrestlers also tied Blair, one of the top teams in the conference. The Prep Conference Tournament, which Prep was expected to win, was cancelled due to snow. Unfortunately, the Tournament was unable to be rescheduled, due to a conflict with Neumann Prep.

The State Tournament was held at Prep on February 21 and 22. Garikai Campbell had the best finish for the team, placing third in the 148 lb. weight class. Danny Gura wrestled an excellent match, losing, but escaping being pinned by the state champ, who pinned every other wrestler he faced in the tournament. Marc McMorris, and Eric Schwartz, both of whom were seeded third in their weight classes, along with John Miller, Joe Bornheimer, Rob Tuckman, and David Groppe all wrestled well, but lost in the quarterfinals. "We had some hard breaks," said junior Joe Bornheimer, "But we go on, looking forward to our next tournament."

That tournament is the Nationals, at Lehigh University on March 7 and 8.

Despite the disappointments at States, there are many wrestlers with excellent personal records. Joe Bornheimer has a record of 24-4 at 170 lbs. Marc McMorris compiled 19 wins and only 5 losses at 141 lbs. Garikai Campbell's record of 20-8 is equally impressive. Craig Seligman has a record of 8-5-1 at 158 lbs. Also having a winning season is Rob Tuckman—11-9 at 188 lbs.

The team misses senior co-captain Peter Alfinito, out of competition due to illness. Peter normally wrestles at 122 or 129 lbs. He was expected to do well at both the Conference and the State matches, before being sidelined.

The team will be greatly affected by the loss of five seniors: Marc McMorris, Garikai Campbell, Peter Alfinito, Eric Schwartz, and John Miller. Each one has given leadership and inspiration to the team. However, the JV wrestlers have had a successful season as well, and there are many talented wrestlers on this team who are expected to fill

## B-Ball teams finish strong

The boys' basketball team has had an outstanding season. The team won the Independent Schools 'B' Division state boys' basketball title. In the finals, top-seeded Prep beat Saddle River 88-71. Senior Stacey Adams led the team with 22 points, 7 rebounds, and 12 assists, in an amazing effort. Junior Jason Tucker scored 20 points, with 3 steals. Junior Dave Dixon added 17 points, and 8 rebounds. Senior Dean Starker had 13 points, and Billy Coyer had 10. Also seeing playing time were Scott Silverman and Steve Ciraulo.

The boys' team is also involved in the Somerset County 'B' Division Tournament. There has been much controversy about this grouping, as many coaches and players feel that the more talented Prep team belongs in the 'A' Division. In the semifinals, a very close game, Prep beat Montgomery by a score of 59-58. However, the team lost a tough match to Bound Brook in the finals on February 28. "The County finals were a bit disappointing, but overall the season was a real success," comments senior co-captain Dean Starker.

With these victories, the basketball team has had one of its most impressive seasons in past years. Ending the season with a 27-3 record, the

team will greatly miss seniors Dean Starker, Stacey Adams, Billy Coyer, Scott Silverman, and Jared Kingsley.

The girls' basketball team has also fared well this season. The girls finished with a record of 12-6 in regular season play. Despite their small numbers, the team has gained the respect it deserves.

In the first round of the State Tournament, Prep beat Lacordaire, 32-25. However, in the semifinals of States, the girls lost a close game to Villa Walsh, 37-35, giving up the winning basket with only a few minutes to go. Villa Walsh went on to win the State title. Karna Bethel says, "We were really disappointed in our finish at the tournament, but we are all happy with the season as a whole. We have improved tremendously since last year." The team was beaten by Montgomery in the first round of the County Tournament by a score of 36-23.

There is only one junior on the team, one sophomore, and two freshmen, so the next few years will be rebuilding ones for the girls' team. Seniors Christina Harcar, Julia Lenaghan, and Erika Barnes have been solid players all year, and will be missed.

## Volleyball 2nd in tourney

by Heather Rotter

At the end of their season, the girls' varsity volleyball team can be proud of their outstanding record. Their overall record of 11-7 demonstrates the team's excellence this year. This is particularly evident when one realizes that four of the team's losses were to PDS and Kent Place, both of which are members of the "A" division. Prep plays in the "B" division.

"We had a good year," commented coach Kyle Jackson. "The girls were enthusiastic and they worked hard." This teamwork enabled the girls to capture second place at the State Tourney on February 8. The girls enjoyed victories in the opening rounds of the competition, beating Wardlaw-Hartridge in the first round and Saddle River in the second. In the semi-finals the girls lost a very close match to Morristown-Beard, sending them to the loser's finals, due to the double elimination system. In

this game, the team killed Saddle River and were forced to play Morristown-Beard again. The girls lost in the finals, giving them a second place finish in the tournament. Coach Jackson views the State Tournament in a positive light. "They were a young team and worked hard—they gained very valuable experience in the States."

The season ended with Pat Lapid and Michele McGuire being named to the All-State team. "I'm looking forward to next year with a young team. With only one senior graduating, we'll have a lot of experienced players

returning," noted Ms. Jackson. With the loss of only Pat Lapid, the team looks forward to a winning season next year. Most players will be in their fourth year, and with the support of a large J.V. team, the season should be a successful one.

Next year's strength will come from varsity players Sloan Kroop, Heather Rotter, Nancy Hegedus, Kara Dunnigan, Michele McGuire, Eileen Coakley, Becca Kaizerman, Kristen Saltzman, and Beth Miller. With so many returning players, next year's team should be a very successful one.

## Swim team excels in the state meets

As the winter season ends, the swim team has compiled a 4-4 record. Co-captain Chrissy Holliday explains, "Although our record doesn't show it, we had a very good year. We had more depth than ever before." The team ended the 1985-86 season with a crushing victory over Trenton High School.

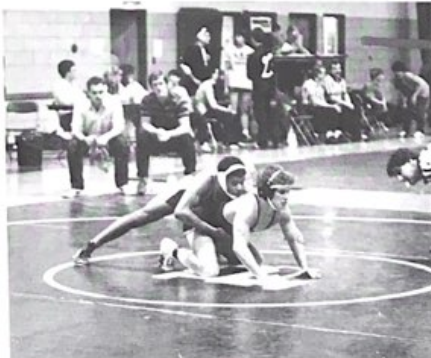
Big meets, however, took up most of the past month for the team. At the County meet on February 8, at Bridgewater-West, the boys placed eighth, while the girls took ninth place. Sophomore Seth Grumet took eleventh place in the 500 yd. freestyle, with a time of 5:49, a

personal best and a new school record. Chrissy Holliday placed ninth in the 100 yd. butterfly, with a time of 1:11.56. Both of the medley relays finished well, as did the boys' 400 yd. freestyle relay.

The boys had their State meet at Lawrenceville on February 12. Many swimmers were unable to participate, because of illness. The two relay teams both did well, but individual team members failed to place. However, the boys took ninth place overall, a strong finish.

The girls had their State meet at Peddie the following day. They turned in a solid performance, placing sixth out of twelve teams. Chrissy Holliday placed fifth in the 500 yd. freestyle, with a time of 6:22, and seventh in the 200 yd. freestyle, with a time of 2:18. Mandy Holliday placed eighth in the 100 yd. backstroke, and Andrea Neumaier placed ninth in that same event. Both relay teams were strong. This was the first time that the girls as a team competed at the State swim meet.

Chrissy Holliday says, "The entire team would like to thank Mrs. Braunhardt and Mr. Forney for all their time and dedication." The team is losing seven seniors, and it is hoped that next year the underclassmen will take up the slack, so that the winning tradition of the swim team will continue.



Senior tri-captain Garikai Campbell preparing to pin an opponent in the State Tournament.