



Mr. Marza busily prepares for opening day.

photo by F. Withum

Personnel changes at Prep

New Teachers

With the addition of several new courses, there have been a variety of personnel changes at Rutgers Prep this fall. Several new teachers have been hired, and other teachers have taken new positions. Among these is Mr. Steven Lewandowski, who is now the Director of Buildings and Grounds. Mr. Lewandowski had been interested in building and carpentry for several years, and this position was created after Mr. Adams and he consulted. Mr. August Daviet has returned to his position as Chairman of the Science Department and Guidance Coordinator, after a year and a half as temporary Headmaster.

The addition of music courses necessitated the hiring of a music teacher. Ms. Lori Handely of North Brunswick will be teaching these courses. She went to New Brunswick High School and received a B.A. in Music from Montclair State.

Two new English teachers have been hired. Mr. Robert Abrahamson, who had served as a substitute last year, will now teach full time. He received his B.A. in English from Amherst, his M.A. from Rutgers, and he is currently working towards his Ph.D. Mrs. Linda Bensko

lives in New Brunswick and has a child in the Lower School. She attended the Hartridge School and received her B.A. in Secondary English from Douglass College.

Latin will be taught by Dr. Dorothy K. Lange of Piscataway. Dr. Lange majored in Latin and Spanish at Syracuse University, and received both her M.A. and Ph.D. in Classics from Rutgers.

Two new history teachers are at Prep this year. Mrs. Arlene Wacker, who taught senior history part-time last year, will be teaching full time. Irene A. Lutz of Basking Ridge received her M.A. in History from New York University. She earned her B.A. at Connecticut College, and will be teaching in both the Middle and Upper Schools.

One of the familiar faces not seen at Prep this fall is that of Mr. Barry Chamberlain. Mr. Chamberlain has left Rutgers Prep to take a position at Bridgewater West. The Argo wishes him well.

Miss Lynn A. Kovacs is the new receptionist of the school; all phone calls will be channeled through her. She attended the Taylor Business Institute and began work on July 3.

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News in Brief

An after-school program for Lower Schoolers has been created. Parents of children from Grades K through 4 can have their children remain after school until 5:00 P.M. The program will take place in the cafeteria area, and will consist of games and creative play. Parents will be charged \$2.00 an hour for this service.

The school supply store will no longer be run entirely by the Parents Association. They will be assisted by Mr. Peter Hordijk and his Advanced Economics class. The supply store will be located adjacent to the new cafeteria.

Two teas will be held on Thursday, September 7 and Friday, September 8. The teas will be for the parents of both Kindergartners and First Graders, and will be held in the Kehoe Room of the Lower School.

On Tuesday, September 26, the first Board of Trustees meeting for the 78-79 School Year will be held. The time will be 8:00 P.M.

The Academic Advisory Committee of the Board of Trustees, a committee composed of Trustees, students, parents, and faculty, has set its agenda for the remainder of 1978.

On September 12, the first Committee meeting will take place. An updated version of the philosophy of the school and the new school day will be discussed. On October 17, the curriculums of English and Foreign Languages throughout the Lower, Middle, and Upper School will be on the agenda. November 14 will see a discussion of transportation and

extracurricular activities. The final meeting of 1978 will be on December 12, and reports will be given by the Departments of Science and Mathematics.

Institutional Advancement

This year students will have a unique opportunity to learn institutional advancement. Under the direction of Mr. Eugene Bratek, select students will assist him in the Development Office. Five major areas are to be concentrated on; those of publications, public relations, fund raising, alumni activities and student recruitment.

These skills will be useful to students who later continue in this field. Students are expected to devote at least three hours daily to their projects. Mr. Adams will assist in this project. Students who successfully complete this program will receive a letter of recommendation from the Headmaster, a letter of commendation, and a certificate of completion; they will also be supporting their school as well.

Over the summer, a variety of physical changes have taken place at Prep. One of the most obvious changes is that of the rearrangement of the Upper School offices. The former Headmaster's office now houses Mr. Bratek and the Office of Development. Dr. Sperduto's office is now across the hall from Mr. Adams' office; a doorway has been knocked into the wall in order to accommodate this change. Mrs. Groner and Mrs. Poczik have moved behind another wall, constructed in the Old Library. The remaining two-thirds of the Old

Library will serve as the Joyce Klein College Counseling Center. The area which used to serve as Dr. Sperduto's office and the workplace for Mrs. Groner and Mrs. Poczik has been cleared out; this will serve as a reception area. This was done in order to avoid outsiders being forced to listen to regular School business, as had been the case in previous years.

There have been other changes as well. The traffic pattern on the campus has been changed, so that the former exit is now the entrance. The all-purpose room and science areas of the Middle School have been tiled; eventually, the remainder of the Middle School will be carpeted. The nurse's station will now be located in the Upper School. In addition, the school now has one phone number—545-5600. The receptionist will answer all calls and then place the call through to the appropriate office. This is different than previous years, where one had several numbers to call for the Lower School, Upper School, and Field House.

Career Day scheduled

The planning of Career Day for Wednesday, December 6, has been planned. Walter Placzek, coordinator of the project has scheduled a timetable for the committee to follow. It is given below.

"It is very important," stated Walter, "that this timetable be followed. As soon as one thing becomes delayed, more will follow. I do not want to see this happen. The schedule will be stuck to very closely."

September 20—The list of occupations to attend will be finalized.

October 16—People to lecture will be contacted to speak.

October 23—Class selection schedules will be handed out.

November 10—Lecturers will be set as to the times to speak.

November 20—All students and faculty will be scheduled.

November 28—Room numbers will be assigned. Lecturers will be confirmed as to time.

December 6—Career Day.

December 15—All thank you notes will be mailed.

"It is important for everyone to help," said Walter. "The timetable is very demanding."

New Cafeteria built

The school cafeteria, a project financed by the Board of Trustees, the Parents Association, and the School Council, has been completed. It is located in the former All-Purpose Room of the Field House, and was built under the direction of Business Manager Dan Saragnese.

Many changes have been made in the room. The junk which had previously cluttered one end of the area has been removed. The floor has been tiled, the walls have been painted, and, in addition, a tiled ceiling has been lowered. A portable serving line and new tables will eventually be installed. Mr. Saragnese stated he had been amazed how quickly the project had progressed. The construction began as soon as the 77-78 school year ended; various stages of the project were completed two weeks ahead of schedule.

Deli East, the company that furnished food for Prep last year, will again serve the food. Mr. Saragnese stated the food should be better due to the facilities (last year Deli East operated without either a stove or an oven) and should be "not too expensive." He added there should be more variety in the food as well.

The School Store will be located at one end of the cafeteria. It will be operated by the Parents Association, and they will be assisted by the Advanced Economics class. The cafeteria will also be off-limits to Upper School students after school hours. The Lower School will have an after-school activities program in this area; Lower School students will have the option of remaining until 5:00 for supervised activities. Parents will be charged \$2.00 an hour for this service.



New receptionist Lynn Kovacs takes a break.

A.P. History offered

Seniors will have an opportunity this year to participate in an Advanced Placement U.S. History course. This project will be under the direction of Dr. Sperduto; Mrs. Wacker and Mrs. Dutta will assist him whenever possible.

All seniors will work in the required U.S. History course through the first quarter in order to receive a basic foundation. Following the first quarter, students interested in Advanced Placement will meet two hours a week. Dr. Sperduto stated that topics will be discussed according to the interests of the students; he will conduct a poll for possible topics. The course is designed to prepare the students to take the AP History exam in the spring. All written work done in the course will be evaluated.

Detention altered

Acting on a proposal by the School Council, the disciplinary policy of Rutgers Prep has been changed. Instead of students being seated in silence for 45 minutes under the previous detention system, students will now be assigned to various work details around the campus.

Dr. Sperduto stated that although the system has been changed, the statement of the School Council that the previous system was "ineffective" in deterring student misbehavior was untrue. Statistics kept on detentions by Mr. Chamberlain had shown that most students did not receive detentions repeatedly, and that the old detention system (was) effective and (was) a deterrent to more detentions.



Construction continues on Sewer Pipe behind the school.

photo by F. Withum

Editorials

Argo turns ninety

Vol. 90—No. 1, with these four words in our masthead, the Argo begins its tenth decade. It is pointless to devote an entire editorial to self-serving celebration of this fact, but this anniversary does present an opportunity to analyze the functions and responsibilities of this paper.

"Foster parents plan reinstated." "Headmaster picked." "Alumnus donates reception room." These headlines culled from some of last year's issues serve to illustrate the Argo's primary function: to disseminate news about Rutgers Preparatory School to the students, faculty, administration, parents, and alumni. We are the medium through which the diverse elements of the school communicate. The Argo exists so that when someone wishes to find out what has happened, is happening, or will happen at Prep, that person has a source of reliable information. The Argo pledges to bear in mind this basic responsibility in each of this year's nine issues.

Our second function is to persuade, promote, and provoke. The second page of every issue provides the proverbial "forum" for airing opinions. Through criticism, questioning, and praise (in roughly equal amounts), Argo editorials will seek to improve and upgrade the conditions of RPS. And since these editorials are essentially only one person's opinion, the Argo invites and requests contrasting points of view from all members of the Prep community, especially the alumni, from whom we rarely hear. (See Letters Policy, this page.)

There is yet another duty of any school paper: to entertain and inform. It is hoped that our feature stories, columns, series, and in-depth articles will provide stimulating and diverting reading.

Although our circulation does not even approach that of most small-town papers, the Argo will try to emulate the journalistic standards of this country's best publications. Our ninetieth year could be our most creative and interesting yet.

More than a cliché

It has become standard practice at most schools to state every September, "We're looking forward to a new and exciting school year." These next nine months at Rutgers Prep most certainly will make that statement more than just a cliché.

The most visible new features in the school are of course the physical ones. The new office arrangement, aside from playing musical chairs with the administrative offices, has provided space for a college counseling center and a sorely needed reception area; the reversed traffic flow on campus makes sense both logically and aesthetically; and the new cafeteria could not be more welcome after so many years of overpriced inedibles.

The traffic reversal was one of the many ideas of our new headmaster, J. William Adams, the first headmaster of Rutgers Prep to come from outside of its own faculty in over twenty years. It is hoped that he will continue to provide throughout the year the innovations he has introduced in the two short months since he assumed office in July.

One can also see the "newness" at Prep by looking at the numbers: (1) nine new faculty members added, including several in newly created positions, and (2) the largest increase in enrollment (over nine percent) in the past five years. It is possible that in the future, 1978-79 will be viewed as a turning point in this school's economic recovery.

The most important change from a creative point of view is the addition of a music program to Prep. In addition to the new music courses for credit in the Middle and Upper Schools, glee clubs have been established in both branches. These programs will provide a needed outlet for our students' artistic talents.

Some of the other changes include the After-School Program for students in grades K through 4, the extended school day, the new secretaries, and the carpeting in the Middle School corridors and classrooms. We believe these changes, cosmetic, administrative, or otherwise, really do foretell a new and exciting school year.

Daviet returns to teaching

by David Wolicki

Q.—Mr. Daviet, what will be your duties for the coming school year?

A.—I will return to my old job as a Chemistry teacher and I will also be one of the College Admissions Advisors.

Q.—In what way is your job different now than it was when you were headmaster?

A.—As I expected several aspects of my job are the same. However, in some areas I have been relieved of responsibilities which Mr. Adams has assumed. I am still working on college and Prep admissions, as well as on the scheduling of the bus routes. However, unlike last year I will not be making decisions concerning faculty changes or the budget. Finally, I will be able to teach Chemistry once again, which is something I really enjoy.

Q.—In what way are you and will you be aiding Mr. Adams?

A.—For now I will be aiding Mr. Adams in an advisory capacity. For example, I sit in on meetings of the Administrative Council of Head-

masters even though there is no official seat for me on the Council.

I also help the Headmaster in the area of Admissions; reviewing folders and testing applicants. Then, I make my evaluations on whether this student should be admitted to our school or not. However, I no longer make the final decision concerning a student's possible acceptance.



August Daviet—casual, for a change.



It's a long way down for Burt Reynolds in "Hooper."

photo courtesy of Warner Bros.

Burt Reynolds's new movie: Action, comedy, and more

by Jeff Kronstadt

Hooper is a funny, action filled movie, in which Burt Reynolds plays Hooper, the greatest stuntman alive.

The director, Hal Needham shows great skill in the filming of his comedy and action sequences, but the motion picture has little or no plot and limited character development. The pair of Needham and Reynolds did the highly successful film, Smokey and the Bandit, only a few years ago.

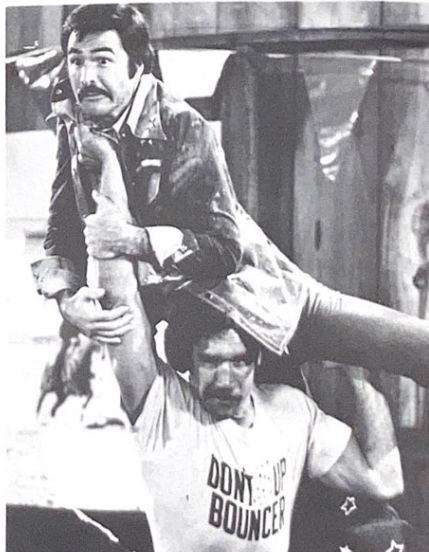
The plot, disjointed as it may be, is as follows. Hooper is seen working on the film, The Spy who Laughed at Danger, as a stuntman. He is considered to be, as the movie so often tells us, the greatest stuntman alive. The former holder of this title is played by Brian Keith, and his daughter, played by Sally Field, just so happens to be Hooper's girlfriend. In one of the early stunts, Hooper jumps from a high wire with a dog in his arms. After his fall on to a cushion we see that the aging Hooper has back pains caused by earlier falls. These pains seem to get worse with each following stunt. Finally, Hooper goes to see a doctor, who tells him that he must have an operation on his lower back or else his back could become paralyzed by the slightest of falls. In the final scene, Hooper and an up and coming stuntman, nicknamed Skee,

played by Jan Michael Vincent set out to perform the world's greatest stunt. The stunt will occur during an 'earthquake' in which Hooper and Skee are to jump a 325 foot wide canyon in a rocket powered car. The film states that this jump is three times as long as any prior jump. Hooper's girlfriend, played by Sally Field begs him not to do the stunt, but Hooper is determined to show everyone that he is not over-the-hill, yet. Could this be the end of Hooper?

Hooper is packed with stunts;

Reynolds is at his madcap best, and the cast of Sally Fields, Jan Michael Vincent and Brian Keith are only adequate, because their characters are not fully developed. One particularly outstanding performance is turned in by comedian Robert Klein spoofing the unfeeling, pompous and arrogant director Roger Deal.

Even with its plot limitations, Hooper is a highly entertaining film and I would recommend it to anyone who enjoys action and comedy mixed with some spine-tingling moments.



Burt gets bounced.

photo courtesy of Warner Bros.

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The college preparatory program: How we are 'prepped' for college

by Eric Combet

About ninety-eight percent of the seniors will go to college next year. A few more will decide to go in later years. The small number that never go could if they wanted to, says senior advisor August H. Daviet. He states that if a student can graduate from Rutgers Preparatory School, "we can get him into college." Parents probably have this in mind when they send their son or daughter to Rutgers Preparatory School. "Preparatory" is a key word here. How are we "prepped" for college?

The college preparatory course of study starts in the Lower School as early as kindergarten where beginning writing skills are taught even before spelling has been mastered. Reading skills (comprehension and extracting information, for example), principally important to Mr. Daviet, and mathematical skills are stressed. A new program introduced this year by sixth grade teacher Mrs. Eleanor Giachero called Sustained Silent Reading (SSR) indicates the importance of this skill. Two or three times a week, students from third through sixth grades, their teachers, and even Lower School principal Ralph Dewey will simply sit and read silently at a designated time.

Two other important preparatory practices begin early at Rutgers Prep: a large work load and exam taking. Homework assignments start in first grade. Sixth graders average an hour and a half of homework a night. As for exams, they are first taken in fourth grade. This serves a dual purpose: it allows a teacher to see how well a student is doing in a course and it also teaches the student test-taking techniques which will be used throughout high school and college.

In the Middle School (grades seven and eight) the same skills continue being strengthened. Mrs. Evelyn Daniels, principal of the Middle School, points out that the Prep atmosphere is more studious than that in most public schools; she thinks that students want to learn and to continue their studies. Students work on their own and advanced placement is given (especially in math) where appropriate. She also believes there is more chance for participation and leadership in the small classes of Prep.

Adams Makes Recommendations

For the freshmen and sophomores, nothing new had been introduced up to the 1977-78 school year. In February 1978, the new Headmaster, J. William Adams, submitted his recommendations for the college guidance program. One of its main ideas is to extend college guidance to tenth and ninth grades.

"I want to give them accurate information," says Mr. Adams of these underclassmen. The new Headmaster, a five-year college counselor himself, wants the ninth and tenth graders to know the importance of their early grades. He thinks they should know that the first thing on a high school transcript is their freshman grades. He proposes a meeting with ninth and tenth graders be held in the fall to prepare them for their Junior and Senior years. He wants to discuss why attending Prep will help, the importance of high school transcripts, the College Entrance Examination Board (CEEB) tests, what to look for in colleges and what

colleges look for in a student. Other meetings like this with slightly different agendas will be held with the Juniors. He also wants tenth graders to take the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) along with the eleventh graders in the fall. These additions to the college guidance program will be instituted this year.

College Admissions

The most important year in the guidance program is from spring in the junior year to spring in the senior year. In spring, juniors discuss the college admission process. They receive the College Admission and College Selection Progress folder. This folder is used to record CEEB test scores, college application information, and colleges the student is interested in. This folder is important and is constantly referred to. Juniors also select their counselors at this time. There are five college guidance counselors: Mr. August H. Daviet, Dr. Frank V. Sperduto, Mr. Dominick Beronio, Mr. Robert Fenstermaker, and Mrs. Helene Spraford. The Joyce Klein Memorial College Counseling Center, built during the summer in the old library, will be used for meetings between students, their counselors, and college representatives. The Center will contain all college source books and as wide a variety of college catalogues as possible.

It is also in the junior year that the Scholastic Aptitude Tests (SAT) are first taken. The school offers and SAT preparation course that improves vocabulary and strengthens mathematical skills.

Juniors and seniors (as well as sophomores) are encouraged to attend College Nights. Coordinated by Mr. Daviet and the counselors, College Nights give students a chance to meet representatives of various colleges, mainly from the northeast. Questions are answered and the opportunity is valuable to the students, according to Mr. Daviet. Unfortunately, the attendance is small with "fair" turnouts in fall, and "very poor" turnouts in spring.

Seniors Make Decision

Students are busiest in their senior year. In the fall seniors finish taking SAT's and Achievement Tests (also taken by sophomores and juniors. These tests can give students credit in college courses.) Seniors attend College Seminars once a week to discuss how to prepare for the college interview. They are encouraged to visit college campuses. October 2nd and 3rd (the Rosh Hashana holiday) are recommended days as are November 9th and 10th, days specifically set aside this year for such visits.

Seniors now fill out and send applications to the colleges they have narrowed their choices to. Notice from the colleges is received in spring and the seniors make their final selection from among their acceptances.

Rutgers University is the most popular school among Prep students and, says Mr. Daviet, probably the best buy. Duke University is second, along with the University of Pennsylvania. But whether it is Rutgers, Duke or some other school, the Prep graduate/college freshman is the product of the college preparatory and guidance program of Rutgers Preparatory School.

New teacher brings music to Prep

"This program will go very far, depending on the reaction of the students. I think it will be favorable." So states Miss Lori M. Handaly, new music teacher, about the new music program in the Upper and Middle schools. She teaches credit courses in Broadway Musicals and in History and Literature of Music. She also teaches a one-week elective course in Music Appreciation. All Middle Schoolers will take general music appreciation once a week.

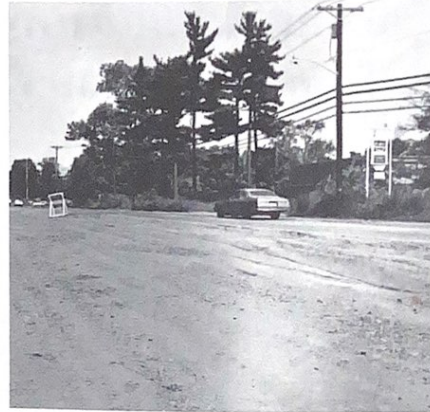
Miss Handaly, a member of the Music Educators National Conference, graduated from college last

year. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Montclair State College where she studied all of the different classes of instruments. The instrument she is most skilled in is the piano. A voice major, Miss Handaly will also be involved in the Middle and Upper School choruses.

Miss Handaly did her student teaching in Paramus and Rutherford, but this is her first professional teaching job. She finds the job appealing. "It's an excellent opportunity for me," says Miss Handaly who appreciates the opportunity of opening the new music program at Prep.

Miss Handaly has been working with the North Brunswick Recreation Department for seven years as musical director for children's dramatics and as production manager for teen dramatics. In August, she was involved in Bye, Bye Birdie with the teen dramatics group. Over the past seven years she has done various musicals such as The Sound of Music, Annie Get Your Gun, and Oklahoma! She has worked with the children's group in variations of Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory and Charlie Brown. Miss Handaly will be in charge of music for future Prep productions.

Does Miss Handaly foresee expanding the music program? "Definitely," she says. The program is largely vocal now and Miss Handaly would like to see more development in the instrumental aspects of the program, perhaps with lessons given in various instruments. She wants to visit New York City often, especially with the Broadway Musicals group. She feels its cultural value and closeness should be taken advantage of.



This scene will be with us for some time. (see article), photo by L. Schulman

Widening modernizes historic Easton Avenue

by Eric Combet

Last year, a 1.9 mile stretch of Easton Avenue from J.F.K. Boulevard to Cedar Grove underwent widening construction. It's been half a year and it still looks pretty much the same—a mess. The road crewmen seem fairly nonchalant as they mill around the work site, probably because to them Easton is simply State Wide Secondary Highway System 527. Who cares if it is among the oldest roads in New Jersey? The workmen might if they knew whose footprints and what history they are paving.

On a map of original roads of New Brunswick (1681-1800) in William H. Benedict's History of New Brunswick, there is a road named Easton Avenue running over four and a half miles from Albany Street to Mile Run Creek. It had probably been in use even before road records were kept in New Jersey. It was in use in Colonial days before the American Revolution when it was known as the Easton Avenue Turnpike or simply the Easton Pike.

When copper was discovered in New Brunswick around 1751, a mine 250 feet long was dug that passed thirty feet beneath Easton. Over a hundred years later, thick massive "pieces of native copper were taken out of a drain which was cut in Easton Avenue, near Hamilton Street, in 1876."

We know that Easton existed during the Revolutionary War. One of the residents before the 1770's was "Reverend Abraham Beach... who lived on the Lawrence Wells place on the Easton Pike." Beach, one of our school's founders, lived on what is today the Elm Farm Campus of the Lower School.

Among other early landholders was Anthony White (1717-1787) who built his house in 1739 on land bordering Easton Avenue. Its fifth resident-owner, Colonel Joseph Warren Scott, gave the present name of Buccleuch to the house and lands. It is Buccleuch Park today.

During the war, Easton Avenue was used by British and American soldiers alike. Even George Washington himself must have marched down it, for Beach "complained bitterly of Washington's sharpshooters using his house as a convenient breastwork to take potshots at the British when they ventured that way." Anyone who "ventured that way" must have ventured down Easton.

In the 1800's the stretch of Easton

Avenue from Albany Street to Hamilton Street was nicknamed Niagara Street, "so called on account of its rough and rock surface which, in rainy weather, gave it the appearance of Niagara Falls." Another early nineteenth century map calls it "New Brunswick Avenue" and says it was sixty-six feet wide.

Horsecar railway tracks were laid on Easton Avenue in the late 1880's. This line was abandoned in 1931.

Easton Avenue was largely residential in the early twentieth century. In 1919, seven hundred seventy-one people lived along the road, and in 1927, six-room houses on fifty by one hundred foot plots were on sale for \$9950.

The 1.9 miles of Easton that are being widened will include jughandles at Demott Lane and J.F.K. Boulevard. Construction is expected to be completed by September 28, 1979. That's right, an entire year, so we should have dirt and bulldozers with us for quite some time blocking traffic and causing daily jams.

Editors named

The editors for the 1978-79 school publications have been announced.

The editor-in-chief of The Argo is Kenneth Freundlich. Walter Placzek is editing the news page. The opinions page is handled by David Wolicki. The new features editor is Eric Combet. John Kocsis is in charge of the sports page.

The editor-in-chief position of Ye Dial has been handed down to Peter Clarke.

Last year's Argomag editor-in-chief, Cindy Berkowitz, returns to the magazine this year.

Other editors for Ye Dial and Argomag will be chosen later, after these publications get underway.

Campus cleanup

Two consecutive Saturdays, September 9 and 16, have been designated by Mr. Adams as "School Workdays;" projects scheduled include cleaning up the campus and buildings, clearing brush and refuse, painting classrooms, and building a maintenance workshop. All students, parents, and faculty are invited to help out the four-man maintenance crew headed by Mr. Lewandowski. The workdays will begin at nine in the morning. All workers will be greatly appreciated.



Demott Lane jughandle on Easton Avenue under construction.

photo by L. Schulman

Soccer squad emphasizes defense and forward line

Coach Al Brown is hoping this year's Varsity Soccer team can improve on last year's 7-4-4 record and be selected again to compete in the NJISAA post-season tournament. Last year, the team advanced to the semi-finals of the tournament, largely due to the development through the season of a group of individuals into a well-balanced squad.

This year's team should be strong defensively with Ben Angione, Kevin Scialabba, Peter Lisiecki, John Grazul, and Jimmy Becker returning from last year's team. Glen Yurcisin and John Kocis should also help to stabilize the defense.

The forward line should also be strong with Jack Guarino and Robby Gottfried returning. The major question mark is at the mid-field position. Peter Clarke and Alex Wiley are the only varsity players returning. Bob Kelman, Paul Schwartz, and Arno

Brauninger are up from the J. V. squad and should see considerable playing time.

Overall, the team has the potential to be successful. Much will depend upon the physical condition of the players when they return for practice

on September 5. It is also important for all prospective soccer players to know that, according to Coach Brown, "All positions are open and all players will have an equal opportunity at demonstrating their abilities."

Gymnastics champ Mueller takes over as girls' coach

by Paul Kocis

The Varsity Girls' Gymnastics team will have a new coach this year. Prep is happy to welcome Linda Mueller, a former Somerset County Champion who is now a Rutgers student.

Returning from last year's squad will be senior Kathi Klein, juniors Dana Stahl and Debbie Sirkin, and sophomore Tara O'Connell. Two other girls who have had some gymnastic experience and who will help to strengthen the team are sophomore Linda Withum and freshman Suesanne Schulman. Any other girls who would wish to join would be welcomed.

The two highlights of the season will be the New Jersey Independent School Meet on Saturday, October 21. Rutgers Prep will be the host school. The other major event will be the Somerset County Girls' Gymnastic Championship Meet on Saturday, November 4.



The Rutgers Prep Girl's Gymnastic Camp, pictured above and below, provided a program of two one-week sessions in August for girls age 7 to 17. Directed by Miss Chrystal Chollet, the camp offered instruction on the mats, uneven bars, the vault, and the balance beam. The girls ranged in skill from novices to Varsity competitors. photo by L. Schulman.



Rockhill replaces Chamberlain as girls' tennis coach

by Merrill Kass

This year the girls' varsity tennis team will have a new coach, Mr. Walt Rockhill, due to the departure of Mr. Barry A. Chamberlain to the Bridgewater-Raritan West High School. Last year, under the direction of Coach Chamberlain, the team finished the year with an undefeated season—the first time in Prep's history.

Six varsity letter winners will be returning to this year's squad. The returning members include Arlene Ungerleider, Chris Bettex, Tammy Rountree, Sue Schwartz, Wendy Krivitzky, and Stacy Weinstein.

Coach Rockhill is looking forward to the upcoming season and stated, "With a lot of talent returning, it should be an exciting season." He feels that the experience of the six returning varsity members will be a great advantage for Prep this season. With a tough schedule on tap, it will be an asset to have these girls leading the team.

'78 Cross Country team faces shortage of experienced runners

Coach Robert Fenstermaker hopes that many new persons will come out and join his cross country team. Having lost four seniors—Philip Brenner, Mark Gillette, Kevin Kane, and Johnny O'Connell plus Luis Marquez, who moved, the team has only four returning lettermen: senior Bill Erbring, junior Marshall Becker, and sophomores Rich Hollander and David Medinets. Each of these Varsity members has only one year of experience. The success of this year's team will depend upon the expected improvement of these returning lettermen.

Since it is necessary to have five runners to make up a

cross country team, Coach Fenstermaker anticipates having new people, with or without experience, to complement the returning lettermen. This is a difficult way to begin the season after last year's 7-7 record, and Johnny O'Connell's outstanding time of 15:48 which broke the Rutgers Prep course record. Johnny was also second in the state meet.

Coach Fenstermaker expects the runners to improve as the season progresses and as they gain experience. He hopes for a large turnout of new people. More runners are needed.



Tara O'Connell practices balance beam technique.

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Schedules

VARSITY SOCCER

Fri., Sept. 15	South River	Away	3:30
Sat., Sept. 16	Neuman Prep	Away	1:00
Wed., Sept. 20	Solebury School	Home	3:45
Sat., Sept. 23	Kew Gardens School	Home	11:00
Wed., Sept. 27	New Brunswick Vo Tech	Away	3:30
Sat., Sept. 30	Pennington School	Home	11:00
Thurs., Oct. 5	Delbarton School	Home	3:30
Sat., Oct. 7	Montgomery High School	Away	10:30
Thurs., Oct. 12	Hun School	Away	3:30
Sat., Oct. 14	First Round—Somerset County Soccer Tournament		
Wed., Oct. 18	Peddie School	Home	3:00
Thurs., Oct. 19	Morristown/Beard	Away	3:30
Sat., Oct. 21	Second Round—Somerset Soccer Tournament		
Wed., Oct. 25	Princeton Day	Away	3:30
Thurs., Oct. 26	Piscataway High School	Away	3:30
Sat., Oct. 28	Finals of Somerset County Soccer Tournament		
Mon., Oct. 30	First Round of State Tournament		
Tues., Oct. 31	Gill/St. Bernards	Home	3:30

CROSS COUNTRY

Fri., Sept. 15	South River	Away	3:45
Sat., Sept. 16	Neumann Prep	Away	1:00
Thurs., Sept. 28	Dunellen High School	Home	3:45
Sat., Sept. 30	Pennington School	Home	11:30
Fri., Oct. 6	Morristown/Beard School	Home	3:30
Fri., Oct. 13	Hoffman High School	Away	4:45
Wed., Oct. 18	Montclair Academy	Away	3:30
Fri., Oct. 20	Greenbrook High School	Home	3:45
Mon., Oct. 23	Montgomery High School	Home	4:00
Wed., Oct. 25	Princeton Day	Away	4:00
Fri., Oct. 27	Somerset County Meet	Away	3:00

GIRLS' TENNIS

Fri., Sept. 15	Highland Park High School	Home	3:45
Sat., Sept. 16	Hunterdon Central	Home	10:30
Mon., Sept. 18	Piscataway High School	Home	3:30
Tues., Sept. 19	Bound Brook High School	Home	3:30
Thurs., Sept. 21	Voorhees High School	Home	3:30
Fri., Sept. 22	Hun School	Home	3:45
Wed., Sept. 27	Hunterdon Central	Away	3:30
Thurs., Sept. 28	West High School	Home	3:30
Fri., Sept. 29	Hillsboro High School	Home	3:30
Fri., Oct. 6	East High School	Away	3:45
Thurs., Oct. 12	Montgomery High School	Home	3:45
Mon., Oct. 16	Bound Brook High School	Away	3:30
Wed., Oct. 18	Montgomery High School	Away	3:45
Fri., Oct. 20	Franklin High School	Home	3:30
Mon., Oct. 23	Somerville High School	Away	3:45
Wed., Oct. 25	Hun School	Home	3:15
Oct. 28, 31	Somerset County Girls' Tennis Tournament		
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Tues., Oct. 31	Piscataway High School	Away	3:15

GIRLS' GYMNASTICS

Thurs., Sept. 28	Somerville High School	Away	6:00
Wed., Oct. 4	Montgomery High School	Away	4:00
Thurs., Oct. 5	South Plainfield High School	Home	4:00
Mon., Oct. 9	Highland Park High School	Home	3:45
Fri., Oct. 13	Bound Brook High School	Away	7:00
Sat., Oct. 21	Rutgers Prep School-Independent Schools Gymnastic Tournament	Home	2:00
Mon., Oct. 23	St. Peter's High School	Away	4:00
Mon., Oct. 30	Hartridge School	Away	3:30