

# Rutgers Prep looks inward during faculty self-evaluations

by Sherry Host

In February of 1977, after an evaluation by the State Department of Education, Prep received this advice: "Develop an appropriate instrument to be used as a guideline with reference to what is expected for effective teaching. Teachers should be extensively involved and participate in the development of the supervision program as well as the design of the instrument that is to be used." As a result, Assistant Headmaster Frank V. Speduto appointed a general committee of ten faculty and administrative members from the Lower through Upper Schools to examine the possibilities in developing that instrument. Chaired by Mrs. Elayne Schulman, the Teaching Evaluation Committee met for the first time in March, 1977, to develop criteria for self-evaluation, "solely for the purpose of self-improvement and the pursuit of excellence," as stated in a committee questionnaire addressed to the faculty and administration. The questionnaire produced the following results:

1. The faculty agreed that the Upper and Middle School students and all parents should participate in the development of criteria for evaluation.

2. The faculty favored a formal self-evaluation procedure.

3. The faculty supported the concept of peer evaluation.

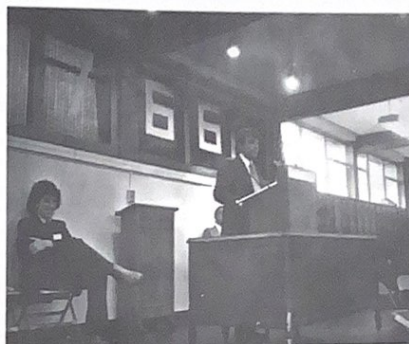
4. The faculty agreed that the administration evaluation of teachers should be only one of the methods of evaluation, and not necessarily the most significant one. (From the tabulated results of the questionnaire.)

The Committee then broke down into subcommittees, each focusing its attention on a particular suggestion. Questionnaires were sent out for students and parents, a tentative self-evaluation form was adopted, and various procedural questions were looked into. In

November of 1977, a package was presented to the Academic Advisory Committee for inspection, and the Evaluation Committee rested for a while as the school searched for a new leader, not much work could be done until the tentative evaluation package was reviewed and approved or rejected by the coming Headmaster.

Mr. Adams, however, did approve it; in fact, he had employed a very similar program (a revision of the Northfield-Mount Herman Evaluation Program) at the Carroll School in Massachusetts. He met with the Evaluation Committee, and slightly revised his system to match the one already formulated at Prep. In June of this year, this package went out to the faculty, and actual evaluation has been going on from the beginning of the 1978-79 school year.

So how is the faculty being evaluated? First, there is self-evaluation form, filled out by the teacher regarding himself, dealing with subject area and classroom approach, other professional responsibilities, and personal feelings towards his work. This questionnaire is designed to "get you to think about your own strengths and shortcomings... it should add a dimension to the school's understanding and appreciation of you as a teacher." Along with this, each teacher fills out an information sheet, giving an overview of activities during and out of school. There are also peer (both inter- and intra-departmental) evaluation forms, department chairmen evaluation forms (the chairman rating a department member, not a department member rating the chairman), an optional student evaluation form for Middle and Upper School students, and a classroom observation form (which explains why Mrs. Herzberg sat in on your Calculus class), which primarily calls for an observation of the teacher's classroom methods.



Mr. John A. Lynch, Mayor-elect of New Brunswick, talks to the assembly during Career Day, Wednesday, December 6. photo by F. Withum

## Career Day proves to be 'smashing success'

"I was personally amazed at the few problems we had. Everything went smoothly, from the student guides to the lunch to the guest speakers. It was, I feel, a smashing success." These were the words of Coordinator Walter Placzek as he described the third Rutgers Prep Career Day, held on Wednesday, December 6. Career Day, conceived three years ago when Janet Borrus was School Council President, is a day when all academic classes are cancelled. Students proceed from class to class listening to speakers discuss their various occupations. This occurred for seven periods, and the eighth period was utilized for a general assembly, at which Mr. John A. Lynch, Mayor-Elect of New Brunswick, talked to the students about local politics.

The Career Day Committee had been working hard since September piecing together this project. "It wasn't easy," stated Walter. "First the speakers had to be contacted, then the students' schedules handed out and tallied, then the speakers recontacted to confirm their time of speaking. It was all very nerve-racking to the members of the Committee. I am glad it worked out so well."

The day, however, did have two minor problems which were deftly handled. "Twenty minutes before the day began," said Walter, "the mortician called and cancelled out. The students who had been scheduled for those classes were simply dispersed into other groups. Also, there were three classes scheduled for one room sixth period. The dentist was simply moved down the hall to a different room, and a Middle School class (scheduled for that room) went to the library. These were the only two hitches in the entire day."

"I would like to personally thank all those who helped the day go so smoothly. Mrs. Herzberg was the faculty advisor to the Committee and she worked harder than anyone else. She deserves tremendous credit, as does Trina Jensen, who organized lunch for the guests. The Prep Club took care of the reception, and they were great. I'd also like to thank Mrs. Stahl and the Parent's Association for helping in both reception and lunch. Finally, credit is due to all the faculty and student body for cooperation with the Committee; they were very courteous to the guests and helped the speakers wherever they could."

Present at the day, but perhaps unnoticed, were three representatives of the Somerset County Career Council: Ben Cherry, C.N. Woerner, and Dr. Kenneth Charlesworth. These men seemed to feel that the day was one of the best organized days of this type they had attended in schools throughout Somerset County. Each of these men went to several classes, and then proceeded to have lunch with the speakers.

After the first seven periods, students (who had been scheduled to their classes according to their preferences) proceeded to Baldwin Hall to listen to Mr. John A. Lynch, Mayor-Elect of New Brunswick. Mr. Lynch proved to be a most interesting and effective speaker, who captivated the student body in his discussion of local politics. This assembly marked the end of a very successful Career Day.

## News in Brief

### Middle School Officers Elected

The officers of the Middle School classes have been elected. In the seventh grade, the President is Suzanne Eger, the Vice-President is Jason Hagin, and the offices of Secretary and Treasurer are held by Anil Kothari, and Michelle Katzenell, respectively.

Claudia Chae is the President of the eighth grade, Kyle Wood holds the office of Vice-President, Anita Kothari is the Secretary, and Liz Jasnowski is the Treasurer.

### Students See Play in New Brunswick

On Wednesday, December 13, the entire sophomore, junior, and senior classes went to the George Street Playhouse in New Brunswick to see a production of Long Day's Journey into Night. This play by Eugene O'Neill is a part of the English curriculum in the sophomore year, and the dramatic presentation was enjoyed by all.

### Chorus Holds First Performance

Saturday evening, December 16, saw the first performance of the Rutgers Preparatory School Chorus. Under the direction of Miss Lori Handaly, the group performed several musical selections representing a wide range of styles as well as some Christmas numbers.

### Underclassmen Have College Night

A college night for underclassmen was held on Wednesday evening, December 6, in Baldwin Hall. At this meeting, Prep's college counselors discussed college admissions in general and colleges' expectations of students. It was found to be most informative by those who attended.

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Neither rain nor sleet nor snow...

photo by L. Schulman

## Upper School publications receive C.S.P.A. awards

by Jamie S. Ullman

The 1977-78 school term was capped by two respected publications of Rutgers Prep winning first and second place certificates from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association (CSPA). The publications were not judged as a comparison with other publications, but rather on a numerical score.

The Argomag, school literary magazine, was awarded a first place certificate. The Argomag came out with a total of 899 points out of a possible 1000. In general consideration of the magazine, the Argomag won a total of 100 out of 100 points. The strong points were the layout, art and photography, and a good variety of content. One of the weak points that was mentioned was that there was a need for better balance between art and manuscript. Nevertheless, congratulations should go to Mr. Ronald Stanley, the advisor, Cindy Berkowitz, the Editor-in-chief, and the entire Argomag staff.

Ye Dial, the school year book, won a second place certificate. According to the CSPA, the yearbooks judged were done so on their "own merits without regard to previous standing in the contest."

The scores for first place are 850 to 1000 points and 700 to 840 points for second place. Ye Dial scored a total of 765 points. Some of the publication's weak points were the community aspects and the Senior Write-Ups. The CSPA thought that there was nothing to represent the community, but Mrs. Carol L. Howell disagreed with the judgement. "The nature of our school is such that we do not come from one community. We come from all over the state. Some of the strong aspects of Ye Dial were the cover and the style. Here the publication received 47 out of a possible 50 points. Congratulations here go to the advisor, Mrs. Howell, 78 Editor, Marilyn Howarth, and all of Ye Dial staff.

Accepting the award for the Argomag was 1979 Editor-in-chief, Cindy Berkowitz, and for Ye Dial, the present Editor-in-chief, Peter Clarke.

## Records of alumni are computerized

by Jeff Kronstadt

In September of this school year, the Board of Trustees of Rutgers Prep voted in favor of a plan for computerizing alumni records of the school. Previously, these records had been kept and done manually by secretaries.

The Daval Computer Corporation of West Springfield, Massachusetts will now provide the school with this service. Alumni questionnaires are being sent out to all graduates so that all the necessary information about each alumnus can be put into the computer. Once this information has been put into the memory of the computer, whenever the school asks for these records, they will be printed out on permanent record cards. These cards of information on each alumnus will then become readily available to the school.

This information will be very useful to the school in that no longer will a cumbersome manual filing system be used. Location of records will also be easier. In addition, every ten years Prep is evaluated by the Middle States Association. One part of the evaluation concerns the post-secondary school education of graduates. These questions will be answered by the alumni when they respond to their questionnaires.

The entire process of trying to put alumni records on a computerized system began last spring. At that time, the school was considering buying a new computer. However, the Board of Trustees decided that this would be much too expensive. (The entire system would have cost one hundred thousand dollars.)



## Editorial

### One for the road?

pan'a ce'a, n. 1. a supposed remedy, cure or medicine for all diseases or ills. cure all 2. Senate Bill No. 1126.

Several months ago, New Jersey State Senator Frank X. Graves, D-Passaic, introduced a bill which would raise the drinking age in New Jersey to 19. On November 13, the Senate passed the bill by a vote of 21-9. The bill is now before the Assembly Judiciary Committee.

Senator Graves has cited the "tremendous problem" with teen-age drinking in high schools (according to *The Courier-News*, November 24, 1978), yet has offered no facts which would support his contention that the so-called drinking problem is related to 18-year-olds being legally able to buy alcohol and bring it into the schools. To increase support of the bill, statistics have been cited which appear to indicate an increase in drunken-driving by teen-agers since the 1972 act which lowered the drinking age to 18. However, the numbers referred to are in no way conclusive. The number of fatal accidents for 18-to-20-year olds has changed only slightly, from 202 in 1972 to 213 in 1976, the last fall year for which figures are available. The number of teen-agers under the influence of alcohol or drugs when they died has also increased, from 9 in 1972 to 33 in 1974 to 29 in 1975 and 27 in 1976. However, these figures may be misleading, since 19-and-21-year olds are included in these figures, and since drug-related deaths have been lumped together with alcohol-related ones.

The argument over figures is a moot point, though. Even if one accepts the unsupported idea that teen-age drinking is a rising problem in New Jersey, Senator Graves' bill does not do anything to help solve the problem. Dr. Robert Pandina, who participated in a study by the Rutgers University Center for Alcoholic Studies on adolescent drinking in Middlesex County, was quoted in *The Courier-News* as saying that changing the drinking age would have no effect on the number of young people who drink, and that he could see no magic in changing the age to 19, since youngsters start forming drinking habits at 14 to 16.

This is the key point of the drinking debate. If the Legislature wishes to help stop teen-age drinking, it should consider increasing the drug education programs in elementary and junior high schools to stop alcohol habits before they are formed. Bills such as S1126 are not the answer.

## Belushi wreaks havoc

by Jonathan Kingsley

National Lampoon's *Animal House*, starring John Belushi, is one of the funniest comedies this year. This film is his motion picture debut and he seems to be off to a great start. The cast, consisting of John Belushi, Tim Matheson, John Vernon, Verna Bloom, and Donald Sutherland, does an excellent job recreating fraternity life in the 1960's. Director John Landis also does a commendable job of pacing the sequences of fraternity life and the surrounding environment.

The plot, although not totally clear most of the time, is very simple. The dean of a fictitious college to which the Deltas (a fraternity) belong is resolved to eliminate them. He then proceeds to set one of his "better" students on their trail to try to find some way to revoke their charter. One reason for his wrath is the fact that the Deltas continue to wreak havoc on his college campus.

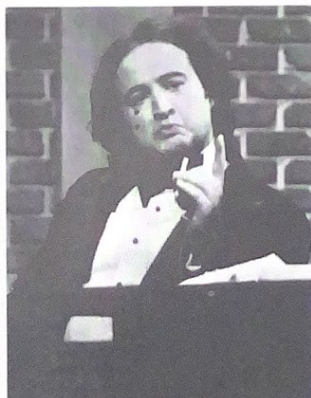
In one scene, two of the Deltas persuade one of their newer members to take the horse of the College ROTC drill leader, lock it in the Dean's office and shoot it with a gun (which is

only loaded with blanks). Unfortunately, the horse has a weak heart and winds up dead.

Ultimately, the dean finds a way to get the Deltas thrown off the campus and out of school. The angry and vengeful Deltas then stage one final scene of hilarity in which they totally ruin the College's annual parade.

The weakest role is that of the college professor, played by Donald Sutherland, which was insufficiently developed. In the film, he plays the part of a "hip" teacher who smokes pot and has an affair with the girlfriend of one of the Deltas. However, he appears in only a few scenes, and has no real reason for being in the cast in relation to the overall plot.

*Animal House* is filled with one hilarious scene after another, and John Belushi should be commended for his fine performance. He finds numerous disgusting things to do with food, which the audience eats up (no pun intended). He has few lines, but they are well placed and the sight gags are magnificent. If you are nostalgic and have a good sense of humor, go see this movie.



John Belushi, star of National Lampoon's *Animal House*, in scenes from *Saturday Night Live*.



A. L. Levine running for President: Instead of the big smile, he has the big nose.

Cartoon by B. Monroe

## Levine: Hail to the 'mensch'

by David Wolicki

A novel about a Jew who tries to become President of the United States is what Dr. Michael Halberstam has written about in *The Wanting of Levine*. This novel moves quickly and adeptly from plots to subplots. It discusses many themes and makes some meaningful social commentaries. It also shows the ethnic bias of people. Finally, this satire paints a vivid picture of what life in the United States in 1988 will be like, and it isn't very pretty. However, even if all of these interesting ingredients were missing, this book would still be worth reading, because of the main character, A.L. Levine.

Levine was an orphan, who became a super salesman down South, where Jews with big noses usually did not do too well. However, with his assortment of dirty jokes, ability to imbibe, and adaptability, he was not only able to survive, but to thrive.

With great foresight, Levine then invested in recreational land schemes. He got rich and became a benefactor of politics. Several million dollars later, Levine became one of the powers behind the throne.

Never had he dreamt of being President until one fateful day, when the party's leading candidate killed his wife in a drunken rage. Levine is seen on television acting as the party's spokesman, and reciting the Jewish prayer for the dead. Although Levine is elderly, short,

### Book Review

ugly, and unmistakably Jewish, the station is inundated with letters speaking only of a man with beautiful blue eyes. Then, quite by accident in a poll to see who the leading candidate for the party is, Levine is included and wins by an overwhelming margin. He is now running for President and having the time of his life.

Levine must handle two crises while running for President. It seems that while being away from home for long periods of time as a salesman, he has bedded down with many women. These women are proud of their relationship with Levine and not only are sending him letters wishing him good luck, but also are publicly remembering their affairs. This looks like the end of his chance to become Presi-

dent. Rather than getting upset, Levine responds to his natural urges remembering the great times he had. The other crisis involves his son, and is much more serious and important. Once again Levine upholds his values in handling the problem.

Dr. Halberstam has done a superb job in writing this political novel. However, for some reason he finds it necessary to remind us every couple of pages that A.L. Levine is Jewish. Also, Dr. Halberstam does some political philosophizing which is interesting, but a bit unrealistic. In one section of the book he has Mr. Levine and a reporter discuss why people are so apathetic as far as politics is concerned. They say that the older people got disenchanted with politics after the death of John Kennedy, and the young after the defeat of George McGovern in 1972. In 1988 supposedly there is no one who is really interested in politics.

I have never read anything quite like this novel. When there is a Jewish president, our nation will be in good hands if he is at all like Mr. A.L. Levine.

## Letters to the Editor

To the Editor,

In the past, as well as the present, there have been many complaints about the poor conditions the girls of Rutgers Prep must put up with. These poor conditions are found in the girls' bathroom and locker room.

Although an attempt has recently been made to fix up the bathroom, that attempt has simply made the situation worse. Now, instead of having a large, disgusting, bathroom, we

have a small, disgusting, bathroom. In the attempt to renovate, three toilets were replaced with new walls and mirrors. Even though the walls and mirrors are better than before, by leaving only two toilets, many problems were created. One problem is that almost always one of the toilets is clogged up. This leaves one toilet to be used by all the girls in the Upper School. One or even two toilets are not enough to accommodate all of the girls in this school. Many times there have been four or five girls waiting to use the bathroom.

Another problem with the bathroom is its upkeep. It is true that the maintenance staff has many other

responsibilities, but surely they could supply toilet paper regularly and fix the clogged toilets. The last problem with the girls concerns smoking, but that will never be solved until the school provides a smoking lounge.

The other inconvenience that faces the girls of Rutgers Prep is the terrible locker room. There is a constant disgusting smell in the locker room. The lockers are bent out of shape and more team lockers are needed.

If the school wants to improve the atmosphere on campus, they must do something to solve these problems.

Sincerely,

Trina Jensen

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# Rutgers Prep Admissions: What it takes to be a 'preppie'

by Harriet Chenkin

Although many students anticipate their exodus from Rutgers Prep, there are also outsiders who wish to gain admittance. These people must survive various tests, an interview with either Mr. August H. Daviet, Dr. Frank V. Spurduto, Mr. Dominick Beronio or Mr. J. William Adams, and a review of their past record. Then, upon the official stamp of approval, a student can finally become a "preppie."

Mr. Daviet, a chemistry teacher and a college advisor, is in charge of Prep admissions. He first reviews the admissions tests which differ from grade to grade. All students entering grades nine through twelve must take the Cooperative Academic Ability Test, or in simpler terms, an IQ test, and also must submit a writing sample. In addition, applicants for grade nine must take the Advanced Stanford Examination for reading and mathematics, while applicants for grades ten through twelve must undergo the Cooperative Reading Comprehension and Algebra Achievement Tests.

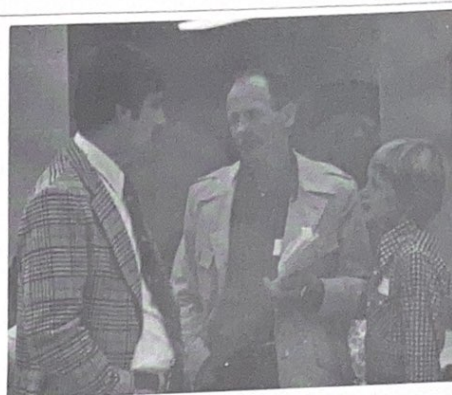
Next, an interview is scheduled for each individual. During the course of this informal meeting, the attitude of the candidates about the school, their current school and their curriculum is obtained. Much more can be gained by this personal interaction in addition to attitudes. More revealing information about the capabilities of the student can be obtained at this time as opposed to that which the standardized test scores in-

dicates. Only about seventy percent of this year's applicants were accepted for this school year, a drop of five percent from last year. The requirements necessary for selection should include fairly strong test scores, and an impressive interview and previous record.

To qualify for a Prep scholarship, no extra testings are necessary. Scores obtained from the admissions tests are suitable. These scores must fall into the category of "gifted," which is indicated by a high IQ score. Also, an excellent previous academic record, and a well-established position in athletics or other activities (drama, student government, etc.) are mandatory. After final analysis of about one hundred candidates, five to six semi-finalists are chosen and are subjected to an extensive interview. Following a long deliberation, the winner is selected.

There are only three scholarships which are awarded, one each for seventh, eighth and ninth graders. The first two award two thousand dollars per year to the winners. The other scholarship, the Austin W. Scott Scholarship, is presented as a full scholarship.

As the school publicizes itself and its attributes more, the interest in Prep increases. This aspect has already been proven by the drop in acceptance percentages. Prep, because of the larger number of applicants, can now be more particular in its selections, consistent with the high standards of the school.



Mr. Bratek, Director of Development, discusses Prep admissions with a prospective student and his father. photo by L. Schulman

## Bios: A Christmas story

Once upon a time, in a kingdom far, far away, there lived a farmer named Ruemorgue and his wife Praline—they were known as Rue and Pray for short—which they were, in fact. Rue and Pray owned a watermelon farm next to the Raritan River (don't bother looking for it—this is long ago and far away, remember?). In this kingdom there was always a demand for two products: watermelons and crunchy frogs. Thus, Rue, due to his continuous production of large and high quality fruit, was considered an important man in the kingdom. Everyone doffed his cap to him, as this was a custom to show respect and intelligence. Only he and Mr. Whizzo received this universal respect, and Rue never had to tip his cap to anyone.

One night, in the year when the weather was very bad, Rue became very frightened. He generally planted three watermelon crops per year, and all were successful. This year, however, the first two crops failed miserably, and people were becoming angry. He really needed a blockbuster harvest to keep up his reputation. And so, in desperation, he went into the forest the following morning to search out a weatherman.

Rue was out for two hours, when he came upon a man wearing a track suit. This man had a monocle, and was standing under a tree with many instruments, among them a barometer, a thermometer, and a harpsichord.

"Are you a weatherman?" asked Rue.

"Yes, I am," replied the man, vainly looking at his vane.

"Can you tell me when the next three day rainfall will be?"

"Yes, I can."

There was silence.

"When will it be?"

"I require payment."

There was more silence.

"What do you want?"

"Your Sony."

"Not my Sony."

The weatherman remained silent.

"Oh, all right," said Rue, pulling out the Outsider he just happened to be carrying in his pocket.

"Thank you. The next three day rain will occur at the full moon."

"Thank you," replied Rue, and as he turned to leave he noticed a Russian flag dangling from the man's pocket.

"Are you a communist?" snapped Rue.

"Yes, I am," said the man, who promptly vanished. (He was also a magician.)

Rue became very angry and went home. Pray listened to Rue's story and, knowing him to be stubborn, wanted him to take the advice of the weatherman. Rue, being stubborn ("those commie punks couldn't tell their heads from a dead parrot"), failed to listen. He planted his crops right away, and, sure enough, when it finally rained at the full moon, all of his plants had died due to lack of moisture. All of his watermelons were lost, and he plunged socially in the town until he was forced to doff his cap to all.

One day, when he and Pray were walking home from the mouthwash mines (where they now worked) they passed the weatherman. Pray, being very polite, tipped her hat, but Rue did not. It was at this point that Pray uttered those famous words that now spell "Merry Christmas" to all of America:

"Rue, doff. The red knows rain, dear."



You better watch out... Santa Claus is coming to Rutgers Prep. photo by L. Schulman

## First grade recipes will flavor the holiday

by Eric Combest

We are now in the midst of the holiday season. It is time for mistletoe, egg-nog and chestnuts roasting on an open fire. It is also a time when cooks share their favorite family holiday recipes in newspapers and magazines across the country. Prep has its own share of chefs and I went down to Mrs. Grace Streu's first grade class to talk to some of them.

A delicious turkey dinner is a favorite in many houses during this season, but before you cook it, you have to prepare it. One student, Damon, says "You stuff it with stuffing." He stuffs his turkey with Stove Top brand stuffing, celery, carrots, onions, garlic and mashed potatoes. You put this in a turkey (twenty pounds is enough for five people). The oven should be set at five hundred degrees and the turkey needs a good twenty minutes to cook. If, however, you prefer soup as a main course, you can make Joshua's Favorite Meat Soup. First you take some water (Joshua indicated about a foot with his hands) and boil it for half an hour. Next you can add whatever vegetables you want, such as carrots and peas. At the same time you add a ten pound roast beef. This should boil for twenty minutes before you eat it. This recipe makes as much soup as water you can fit in the pot.

If you have not totally stuffed yourselves on these main courses, the cooks gave me many other recipes for desserts and snacks. Daniel revealed his recipe for "Chocolate Chips." He says to get the mix from the store, the kind that has chips in it. Start off by mixing it around ("Don't crush the chips, though") and as soon as it is spread out, put it in the oven. "It can be any size; you can make a really big one if you want," he says indicating the top of his desk, or "you can make about ninety if you make them really small." Bake them for at least twelve to twenty five minutes at about fifteen degrees "top."

One gourmet, Yousuf, told me how to make crepes. It is a fairly simple recipe. Blend one cup of milk, flour and salt, put it on the crepe maker for forty-five minutes, turn it upside down, and put the finished crepe on a plate.

There was also one cake recipe for Double Layer Sugar Cake. The main ingredient is dough. You need a lot of it. Roll it out into a big round ball and add a tablespoon of flour to it. Put another layer on top and add more flour. Frost it with any kind of frosting. After frosting it, put it in the oven for twelve minutes at two hundred degrees "the most." If you wish, you can put sugar inside it.

Steve and Damon gave me the last recipe but everyone knew how to make it. Pour any kind of juice into an ice cube tray. Cover it with plastic and poke toothpicks through it. It will freeze in half an hour to two hours and you will have small ice pops. There was some disagreement on whether soda would work. Some say root beer is fine but others argue it will explode. You can take your own chances.

Happy holidays and bon appetit!

## Horticulture club helps to beautify Prep's campus

by Stuart Brodsky

One of the new clubs started this year is the Horticulture Club, headed by Mr. Robert Abrahamson. Several students, not knowing of any previous faculty interest, had requested a horticulture club. Dr. Frank V. Spurduto knew of Mr. Abrahamson's interest in gardening and put them together.

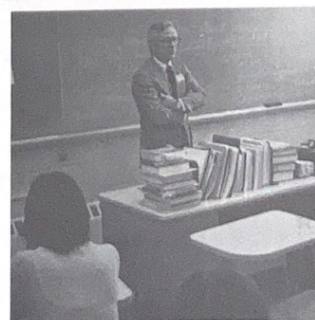
Mr. Abrahamson's interest in gardening started as a boy in Philadelphia. In the third grade he could name every tree in Pennsylvania. Mr. Abrahamson's interests grew while farming during his college years.

Here at school the club members have started, with the help of Mr. Stephan Lewandowski, to build a new cold-frame on the Elm Farm campus. The frame will be used to start plants for early spring flowers.

Tulips, daffodils and hyacinths have been planted around the Upper School entrance. Mr. August H. Daviet bought the club these high quality Holland bulbs from a nursery.

In addition to Mr. Abrahamson's instruction the members are developing their own ideas and ingenuity to learn about planting and farming techniques.

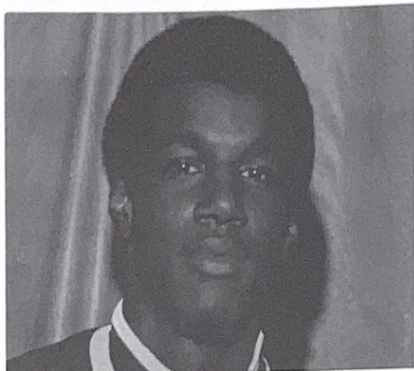
The club will adjourn during the winter months and reorganize in the spring. When the club does meet again, various types of annuals will be planted.



Mr. Fred Withum, Sr. (left) and Mr. David Dameron (right) discuss accounting and labor relations, respectively, at Prep's Career Day. (See story on page 1.) photos by F. Withum







Walter "Dinky" Proctor

photo by Mr. Ira Shulman

## Matmen have full team despite loss of seniors

by Marc B. Kramer

The varsity wrestling team has an optimistic outlook for the upcoming season. Unlike last year, they will not have the disadvantage of playing without a full team. One drawback might be that the team is a young one with six wrestlers who are either freshmen or sophomores. Val Della Pello says, "The first few matches will give the younger wrestlers more experience and confidence and will serve as the spark that they need to have a winning season."

Along with standouts Ben Angione, Kevin Scialabba, and Glen Yurcisin, Prep has a superb new addition to its team—assistant coach, Bob Dougherty. Assistant Coach Dougherty wrestled at East Stroudsburg State College and last spring graduated from Rutgers University. His prime job is to teach the wrestlers new moves and to correct their imperfections.

Coach Brown and Assistant Coach Dougherty will have their work cut out for them mainly because of last year's loss of graduating senior standouts such as Ed Pahler, Dave Yurcisin, and Tommy Lee. Also, last year's team had to forfeit the heavyweight class in each match. This year Prep is fortunate to have Tony Fedor, who is a determined young heavyweight.

Kevin Scialabba states, "The loss of Dave, Ed, and Tommy will affect the team, but now we have new potential talent, and we're looking for great future success since it is so hard for the young wrestlers to learn so much in one season."

The team roster includes Bernie Meiternan, 101 pounds; Val Della Pello, 108 pounds; Scott Groner and Stuart Mayerson, 115 pounds; Steve Weinstein, 122 pounds; Glen Yurcisin and Jeff Jonas, 129 pounds; Alex Wiley, 135 pounds; Charles Heitz, 141 pounds; Ben Angione, 148 pounds; Fred Dameron, 158 pounds; Kevin Scialabba, 170 pounds; Mitch Bielanowski, 180 pounds, and heavyweight Tony Fedor.

All in all, the workouts are very strenuous, and each man has plenty of work to do. Coach Brown says, "I am looking forward to a season with continual improvement from each of the matches."

## Girls' sports future looks uncertain for 78-79 season

by Jeff Kronstadt

This year's winter sports program for girls seems to have many uncertainties. The resolving of these uncertainties depends on the development of many of the underclassmen, who are the nucleus of the teams.

The girls' volleyball teams will again be coached by Mrs. Coppolino. The varsity team consists of senior Chris Bettex, juniors Barbara Fishman and Sherry Host, and sophomores Jennifer Shore, Stacy Weinstein, Victoria Barber, and Michele Linder.

The team's main strength appears to be the serving prowess of Chris Bettex, Barbara Fishman, and Stacy Weinstein. The main spiking threat on the team is Barbara Fishman, who has the advantage of being one of the tallest members of the squad.

The team's biggest weakness is their overall lack of height and the inability of many of the girls to get their serves over the net.

These weaknesses were apparent in the varsity's season opener against St. Elizabeth's. Prep lost the first game of the match by a close score of 16 to 14. In the second game, Prep trailed by the unbelievable score of 14 to 0 and things looked hopeless. However, senior Chris Bettex came up to serve and scored 11 straight points before finally losing her serve. Prep eventually lost the game, 15 to 11, but the fact that they made the score respectable shows their great spirit and desire.

The junior varsity volleyball team consists of Isabel Martinez, Karen Beckerman, Corinne Rubin, Ivy Botvinick, Bonny Botvinick, and Elaina Della Pello. The girls lost their opener to St. Elizabeth's by the scores of 15 to 9, and 15 to 0.

The girls' basketball team will be coached this year by newcomer Daria Lytwyn. The team's returnees include last year's two top scorers, Alice Sikorski and Tere Noguera. Other players include Sue Lifson, Caroline Yusko, Frann Goodman, Daine Carman, Mary Abdalla, Betsy Keefe, and Chris Sanchez.

Tere Noguera describes the girls' basketball outlook by saying, "We have a good coach, and we are a young team with many talented players. The team will have more overall speed this year, and as a result, we will play more of a fastbreak type game." The team should be able to improve on last year's 3-8 record by relying on this added speed.

# RP basketball squad gains from addition of Proctor

by Ellen Schwartz

Walter "Dinky" Proctor, Rutgers Prep's prize new 6-6 center, is expected to give the varsity basketball team a big boost this season. A starting center on his varsity team at Southampton High School on Long Island last year, Dinky transferred here because of the strong athletic and academic programs available at Prep. Although he had an average of eighteen points per game last year, Dinky states, "I'm not worried about my individual amount of points this year. What is important is the success of the team as a whole."

Dick O'Connell, Prep's basketball coach for over twenty-six years, says "Walter is the first player I've ever coached whom I believe has professional talent. I give him a 100 to 1 chance in favor of playing in the N.B.A., depending on his progress in his three years at Prep, his choice of college, and his performance there." Dinky's strong points are his ex-

cellent passing and ball handling ability. In addition, he has a great deal of quickness, a quality which Mr. O'Connell hopes to stress this year because of its value in college basketball. Working out with the team an average of fifteen hours a week, Dinky is gradually fitting into Prep's system, which also includes last year's all-county forward and this year's team captain, senior Matt Lytwyn. The other two starting seniors are forward Don Ballai (6-3) and shooting guard Jim Becker (6-4). Commenting on Ballai, O'Connell says, "Donny is quick and an excellent scorer."

The only starting junior is Jeff Hunt, the 6-4 center-forward, whom Coach O'Connell feels is a much improved player. The sixth and seventh men on the team are Marty Page and Tom Watts. Tom, who played varsity soccer this year, has impressed O'Connell as an athlete, and "should see a lot of playing time." Rounding

out the team are Marshall Becker, Peter Brenner, Gene Campbell, David Klipstein, Phil Wheeler, and Jim Abdalla. Concerning Abdalla, Coach O'Connell says, "Jim adds a great deal in practice. I hope I can give him some playing time."

The Argonauts play some of the toughest teams in Middlesex and Somerset counties. O'Connell will not make a prediction on how many games they'll win, but he thinks they can beat last year's 19-7 record. He also says, "This year's team is one of the most talented I have ever coached, but we've got a long way to go to reach our potential."

## Saragnese chosen R.U. rowing coach

by Jeff Jonas

Mr. Dan Saragnese, Prep's Business Administrator, was recently appointed coach of the lightweight rowing team at Rutgers University. This is his first year of coaching, but in past years he participated for four years on the rowing team at Rutgers.

To get on the rowing team is difficult enough, but to stay on it is a task in itself. A rower must have a great deal of endurance to withstand the grueling hours of training to be prepared physically and emotionally for the races.

Rowing is a very enjoyable outdoor sport year round. There are two kinds of races. The first is called "The Head Race" and takes place in the fall. For this race, the rowers have to go 2½ to 3 miles. The second race takes place in the spring and is called "The Sprint Race." For this race, the rowers have to go 2000 meters.

At the end of the season, the rowing teams go to Massachusetts for the Eastern Association of Rowing Colleges (E.A.R.C.) Sprint Championships. The schools which participate in the competition are Rutgers University, the Ivy League Colleges, the Naval Academy, Syracuse University, Northeastern University, M. I. T., Boston University, and the University of Wisconsin. Each team has about eight or nine races.

Prep wishes Mr. Saragnese good luck with his new coaching position of the Rutgers rowing team.

## Seniors lead promising, determined swim team

by Marshall Becker

Come every December, the seasonal temperatures force our amphibious Preppies indoors at the New Brunswick "Y." These aquatic people compose our varsity swim team. This year's senior co-captains are Bill Erbring, Jim Vislosky, Leo Kahn, and Richard Haver. Junior members are Steve Saltiel, Sonia Chae, and Mario Lamola. Sophomores are Lenore Lyons, Carol Perez, and Ben Stanton; while the freshman class donates Jeff Kovarsky, Lena Chen, Kevin Haver, Kitty Picker, Evie Lair, and Steve Potter.

Coached by Mr. Robert Fenstermaker, this year's team will face the challenge of trying to maintain the team's overall performance level, due to the loss of some of its major talent to graduation. Last year's school record-setting 400 freestyle relay team lost two members whose flippers will be filled by Steve Saltiel and Steve Potter. Several team members feel that Potter, only a freshman, is already an experienced leader. Remaining on this relay team from

last year are 1978's "most improved swimmer" Bill Erbring and Leo Kahn.

Commenting on the team's outlook, Coach Fenstermaker said, "Our first two meets may well determine if our season is successful or not." The meets are against Rahway and Asbury Park. When asked about the team's prospects, Sonia Chae said, "Last year we had one of our best teams, but we still have some good, strong swimmers returning." Steve Saltiel was also uncertain as to what effects the loss of last year's standouts would have, but he seemed optimistic that any gaps could be filled.

The team has many young members who could each put four years into the sport. This would give the team a very positive long term outlook. The team's several female members should be commended for competing among men in a basically male-dominated sport, requiring tremendous upper body strength. Through hard work, these girls may overcome their physical deficit and increase their skills as well.

## First time in twenty-six years!



On November 14, for the first time in twenty-six years, the seniors beat the faculty in the senior-faculty football game, 27-21, in overtime. Left, Mr. Adams punts the ball into play as Ms. Hordjik and Mr. Mazza race down the field during the Senior-Faculty football game. Right, Mr. O'Connell gets his just rewards from John Streu as Marc Kramer officiates.

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