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News in brief

English council elects Pierce

by Christopher Combest

Mr. Allan R. Pierce, teacher and head of the Rutgers Preparatory School English Department, has been elected to a two-year term as senior vice-president in charge of program for the New Jersey Council of Teachers of English (NJCTE). Mr. Pierce has been treasurer of the organization for the last four years.

As senior vice-president, Mr. Pierce will be in charge of coordinating the various conferences, events, and programs sponsored by the NJCTE.

One of these programs, "Open English," was held at Rutgers Prep last May and dealt with drama. Mr. Pierce chaired that and has tentative plans for another, concerning poetry, sometime this year.

Free Yearbooks

The Ye Dial, Rutgers Preparatory School's yearbook, has devised a plan whereby any Rutgers Prep student may secure a free yearbook, provided he wants to work for it.

Richard Zankel, co-editor of the yearbook, has announced that any student bringing in to him \$280 worth of advertising will receive a free book, with another yearbook for every additional \$200 of advertising that the student brings in. For lesser amounts, the Ye Dial will give discounts ranging from \$7.00 off for \$140 of advertising, to \$1.25 off for a \$25 business patron.

Yearbook ads cost \$120 for a full page, \$70 for a half and \$40 for a quarter. For more information, contact Tom Siggia, Herbert Hirsch, Richard Zankel or Mrs. Howell.

Parents Association Gathers

On September 22, eighth grader Robert Kelman won the Parents Association drawing for a free year's tuition. The prize is worth \$2375.

Mrs. Laurel Stahl, president of the Parent's Association, was very happy with the attendance, which she said was the highest it has been in months, and reported that the school supply store realized a profit of \$3000 since its September opening.

Seniors Awarded

Nine Rutgers Prep seniors were honored Friday, September 24, with certificates awarded for their achievement, on the Pre-Scholastic Aptitude, National Merit Scholarship Tests (PSAT/NMQST) taken last year while the eight were juniors.

Andy Golden and Merle Witkin were named semi-finalists in the scholarship competition. According to Mr. August H. Daviet, if they keep the same high level of achievement on their SAT's (Scholastic Aptitude Tests) and in their normal school courses, they will be insured of being finalists.

Seven other seniors received National Merit Scholarship Letters of Commendation. Frank Clarke, Richmond Cohen, Herbert Hirsch, Karen Klein, Robert Murray, Terrenna Callier and Richard Zankel, though ineligible for a Merit Scholarship under the Merit program. Their letters also make the more attractive to colleges.

SAT Course

A new course is being given for the student preparation of the verbal section of the PSAT and SAT. It is open to any junior or senior. The course is designed to strengthen the students' vocabulary skill and to enable them to do well on their examinations. The course meets on Monday afternoons from 2:15—3:15. The teachers that are instructing are Mrs. Barbara Herzberg, Mr. Allan Pierce and Mrs. Carol Howell, who will alternate on a weekly basis.



Mrs. Carol Howell stresses point during the new SAT course.

photo by Mark DiGiovanni

Both the new and old mark Lower School

by Cindy Berkowitz

Three new teachers were added to the Lower School faculty this year.

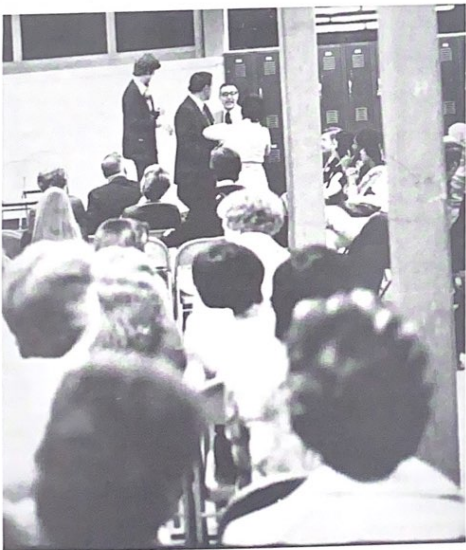
Mrs. Judith Tempkin is a new kindergarten teacher. She possesses a B.A. in early and elementary childhood education from Queens College, and has done graduate work in sociology at Brown University. She has previously taught in kindergarten and second grade, and has been a reading instructor.

She was both a volunteer, for five years, at Pine Grove Nursery and a member of its Board of Directors. Mrs. Tempkin is a member of the Phi Beta Kappa and Kappa Delta Pi and has two children. She believes that "the school is a very special place. The small classes permit a degree of individualization impossible in a public school setting."

Miss Caron Chanin is the new Lower School librarian and is in charge of reading resources. She has a B.A. from Fairleigh Dickinson in elementary education and has done graduate work at Wroxton College in England. Miss Chanin is an alumnus of Rutgers Prep and she has had experience here as a second grade teacher and as a reading specialist elsewhere. She is a candidate at Lehigh University for a masters degree in that field.

The third new teacher is Mrs. Charlotte Arnauld from France. She is pleased with the school, "because of the environment—the woods and the canal! It is the best place for kids to learn." Mrs. Arnauld is impressed by the spontaneity of the students in her French classes.

The Lower School is continuing this year a speech program that includes speech screening, individual speech therapy, a group speech lesson for the entire kindergarten, and hearing screening. The speech program is being conducted by students from Douglass College, under the leadership of Mrs. Goetz who wrote at Douglass. The students are senior speech majors with most of their training, which concludes with this program. Kindergarten and first grade receive individual therapy.



Mr. Roy O'Brien prepares to help Dr. Sperduto select raffle winner as Mrs. Laurel Stahl and Mrs. Connie Rutter look on.

photo by Alex Wiley

First Annual Fund realizes gross profit of 17,513 dollars

Mr. Eugene Bratek, head of Rutgers Preparatory School's Development Office, announced Tuesday, September 21, that the school's first annual fund netted \$17,513 for the school. He made his report at the year's first Board of Trustees meeting.

In a conversation with him, Mr. Bratek termed this a "modest" beginning, but still added that he was "definitely pleased" with the outcome, "especially with the alumni participation."

Among the broad divisions of people who contributed were the Trustees (through their annual trustee fund), parents, friends, parents of alumni, and alumni. This last group, alumni, contributed \$5083 of the total, second only to the Trustees, and it is toward the alumni that Mr. Bratek is particularly aiming his appeals.

The national average, among colleges and secondary schools, of alumni who contribute to the school is 22%. For independent schools, the

figure is generally somewhat lower, between 17 and 20 per cent. Of the 1100 Prep alumni solicited, (some from classes as far back as 1909), approximately 10% responded with contributions. This year Mr. Bratek hopes to boost this figure to the national average.

The idea for an annual fund was conceived by the Board of Trustees, who worked in conjunction with the general parent chairman and the Upper, Middle and Lower School sub-chairmen.

A new schedule for the second annual fund will be started shortly. This will be polished and presented as a general outline at the next Board of Trustees on October 27.

The key to the project, asserts Mr. Bratek, is to involve as many people as possible.

Mr. Bratek stresses the point that "there is no such thing as a gift that is too small." In fact, a majority of the one hundred ninety-six separate gifts could be termed "small ones," and each one was most welcome.

Though bazaar postponed, October activities flourish

Those looking for the Rutgers Preparatory School Fifth Annual Bazaar ought not look until April of 1977.

This information Parents Association president Mrs. Laurel Stahl released at the years first Parents Association meeting on September 22.

The problem, according to Mrs. Stahl, is lack of volunteers. She believes, however, that there are "many people who would like to work on the bazaar" and she'd just "like to hear from them."

Nevertheless, October will not lack activities. On October 9 at 9:15 a.m., a home furnishing and fashion show will be sponsored by the Parents Association at the Lord and Taylor's store in Millburn. Anyone wishing tickets should contact Mrs. Stahl.

Also, on Saturday, October 16, a day of intense athletic competition, a barbeque-bake sale will be jointly sponsored by the Parents Association and the Maroon and White Club.

Election '76

"I Like Jimmy"

by Kenny Freundlich

"We need to restore the faith and the trust of the American people in their own government . . . We've suffered because we haven't had leadership in this administration. We've got a government of stalemate. We've lost the vision of what our country can and ought to be."

Jimmy Carter, Sept. 23, 1976

The best one can say about the Ford administration is that it did not break the law as its predecessor did. But has Gerald Ford done enough as president to justify a request for another four years?

When Mr. Ford addressed Congress after assuming office, he spoke of his hope for not only a "honeymoon" with Congress, but a "good marriage." It appears as though he has filed for divorce. Relations between the President and Congress are so strained that he will not be able to pass more than one quarter of his legislative proposals this year.

This points to a failure of leadership. Mr. Ford's concept of national leadership is the same as his concept of Congressional leadership—working with people.

That is not enough. Mr. Ford's only attempt at leadership was asking people to plant WIN gardens and clean their plates in the midst of a recession.

Sensitivity to the needs of the unemployed is also lacking. Since Mr. Ford has been in office, there has been a fifty per cent rise in total unemployment, from five million in August of 1974 to seven and a half million in August of 1976. In the last three months alone, half a million more people have been added to the unemployment rolls. What Mr. Ford cannot seem to understand is that these statistics stand for people, people who feel frustrated and alienated because they cannot find a job.

If Mr. Ford's record shows a lack of leadership and understanding, Jimmy Carter's record demonstrates his strength in these areas. As Governor of Georgia, he took some good ideas about management and government and translated them into action. It resulted in cutting down the three hundred overlapping agencies and bureaus into a simplified structure of twenty-two departments that was more efficient, more manageable, and easier for the people to understand.

This reorganization resulted in an ability to accomplish major reforms in government services. Improvements were made through aggressive leadership in Georgia's court system, prison system, education system and welfare system. Under the Carter administration, the number of community centers for the mentally ill and retarded was increased greatly. His record on the environment was so good that a non-partisan campaign committee, the League of Conservation Voters, gave him a mark of "Outstanding."

In Jimmy Carter there exists the determined leadership that will shake America out of its lethargy and get this country moving again. One can be confident in the knowledge that Jimmy Carter will lead the way in reorganizing the Federal bureaucracy, in reforming welfare and in working out a plan for national health insurance. One can be comforted in the knowledge that he truly cares about the unemployed and impoverished in this country and will work to change their lives. And one can be certain that under a Carter presidency we can regain our pride in our country, our government and ourselves.



Jimmy Carter

"I Like Jerry"

by Phil Kosnett

"Inflation has been cut in half. Payrolls are up, profits are up, production is up, purchases are up . . . we are in the full surge of a sound recovery to steady prosperity."—President Ford accepting the Republican nomination.

Not only that, but unemployment has dropped 33% in a year. President Ford can well afford to speak confidently of the economy. He inherited an oil-poor, inflationary chaos of an economy from Nixon and he has carefully restored the nation to its traditional prosperity. Ford knew recovery would not be an overnight affair, so he worked slowly to help America's businesses rebuild. He rejected rash, socialist giveaway plans. It worked.

Ford has dealt efficiently with other domestic problems, too. The abortion and busing issues are becoming increasingly volatile, threatening a return to the wholesale urban violence of the 1960's. By following a policy of benign neglect Ford has delayed a final confrontation on both issues, while clearly expressing his views. Ford always clearly expresses his views; everyone knows exactly where he stands on every issue. No charges of vagueness or contradiction can be made against Ford, and he sticks to his guns. Unlike Carter, Ford doesn't suit his opinions to his audience. He says what he feels, though it sometimes costs him votes.

In foreign affairs, Ford has shown an ability to balance efforts to improve relationships with Communist countries with the necessity of supporting traditional Allies. Ford supports a strong military. He supports aid to Israel, NATO, and South Korea. At the same time he has signed treaties with the Soviet Union, visited China, and begun to normalize relations with Vietnam. Under Ford's direction Secretary of State Kissinger has engaged in peace missions in the Middle East and Southern Africa. By keeping America strong Ford has deterred imperialist countries like the Soviet Union from acting aggressively against us.

Ford's positions on the issues are less important than might be suspected. His two biggest selling points are honesty and experience. Ford comes across like George Washington when compared to the President who preceded him in office, and Ford's integrity has been proven by years in the House of Representatives. Many of his colleagues have disagreed with Ford, but they have never called him a liar. Ford has single-handedly "cleared the name" of the Republican Party after Nixon soiled it. As mentioned previously Ford doesn't shift his principles around to satisfy an audience. He has remained loyal to his beliefs. Carter, on the other hand, has allied himself with such total opposites as ultra-liberal Walter Mondale and radical-right racist Lester Maddox.

His second big advantage is experience. Ford served nearly three decades in the House, including a stretch as Minority Leader. He was thrown into the White House unexpectedly, but his instincts and experience allowed him to deal effectively with near-impossible problems. Ford knows his job. He knows what a President is supposed to do and he knows how to do it. Even if he does fall down a lot.

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Gerald Ford

	Carter	Ford	Don't know
1. Whom do you prefer for President of the United States?	48.6%	44.5%	7.43%
2. Do you believe that President Ford's economic policies have been as successful as they could have been?	Yes	No	Don't know
	39.2%	57.4%	1.4%
3. Do you believe that the President's management of foreign affairs has strengthened U.S. world influence and prestige?	Yes	No	Don't know
	46.0%	51.4%	2.7%
4. In decreasing federal spending, which policy do you prefer? Decreasing the military budget (A) or reducing the number of social programs.	A	B	Don't know
	56.1%	41.2%	2.9%
5. Do you think that the right to an abortion should be decided at the federal level as opposed to the state level?	Yes	No	Don't know
	44.0%	53.4%	4.1%
6. Do you believe that busing children in order to achieve better racial distribution is socially acceptable?	Yes	No	Don't know
	29.1%	66.9%	4.1%
7. Which position do you prefer? Not to have pardoned Richard Nixon, because a President is not above the law (A) or to have pardoned him, because the country had to move forward.	Yes	No	Don't know
	57.4%	40.5%	2.0%

Carter wins poll

by Amy Krivitzky

As can be seen from the results of the survey given, the presidential race was extremely close. The outcome of most of the other questions were very close, particularly those dealing with foreign affairs and abortion.

70% of the student body voted, a much better percentage than the national average. Looking at the classes separately, the sophomores were the most enthusiastic for President Ford. 56% of them preferred him over Jimmy Carter. The freshmen tended to be split down the middle on most issues. The seniors and juniors were strongly opposed to busing children out of their home district in order to achieve better racial distribution.

61% of the faculty voted. A majority of them (84%) favored decreased federal spending by cutting the military budget.

There was one suggestion for a female candidate—Farrah Fawcett-Majors.

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by Andy
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School Council discusses plans for the coming year. photo by Alex Wiley

Jules rules Council short two officers

"The School Council is a vehicle which enables communication between faculty, school board and students." These words were used by Julian Schoicket, school council president, to describe the general goal and functions of the student congress.

This year, the Council was handicapped by the fact that two of the four executive members had left the school—the vice president and the treasurer. Elections for these positions were held September 30, the Council as a whole electing the new officers. Tentative plans have already been made for the coming months.

This year will bring three forums—meetings at which students, teachers and parents have the chance to present their ideas and to gain new perspectives. Everyone is welcome. A career day will also take place and students will be able to attend lectures given by professionals in different fields.

This year, as in the past, The Council received \$2,000 from the school administration, to be divided among the numerous student organizations. Although prices have been steadily rising on the outside, the Council is still allotted the same sum. As a result, students will probably turn to various fund raising projects to fill the gaps.

New ideas, still in the developmental stages last year, will be put into effect. An objective questionnaire, presenting students' views on the dress code and asking parents' opinions, will be mailed to each family. This will provide an overview of the feelings and reactions of the people involved in Rutgers Prep., the parents as well as the students.

In the course of the year, almost all the Council members (approximately 30) commit themselves to work in various committees such as Social Affairs, Foster Parent Plan, Interscholar Exchange, and Orientation. Although divided into separate groups, they all unite under the leadership of the school council in their effort for a better school.

The Council is aware of the fact that it cannot make policy, nor is every plan of its members always realized. The school council is, however, a forum in which ideas can be expressed and translated into action.

Graderubbers to fight faculty on the gridiron

by Robert Murray

Well, fall has fallen and a young man's thoughts turn to football. (As the poet once said.) And oh what better time for this to happen, for fall also (by the merest coincidence) is the time of year for the senior-faculty football game. This year an intrepid group of seniors will face off against the same decrepit lot of faculty in an early attempt to set their record at 1-0 for the year. But this may not be as easy as some underclassmen have been led to believe.

For under that layer of fat, resulting from too little activity in the off season, lies the iron will of the faculty team. Not much can be said at this time about the faculty team due to the fact that they have held only secret practices and will grant no interviews. Could it be that this year they are hiding some secret weapon, a ringer brought in from some other school, perhaps? Or is it that they are just hiding? Only a face to face confrontation with the man-eating seniors will tell.

As for the seniors, who are led by Joel (Leavenworth 3-5 years for voluntary manslaughter) Baker and Keith (Woolworth's 5-10 for a good buy) Warren, victory appears certain. Already practicing the tricky moves they plan to employ in the demolition of the faculty team, confidence oozes from all players.

Joel had only a few words for his team before leading them through a vigorous practice, but he said it all so well.

"Now remember, they can't flunk us on the field and we all know that they can't play well. So I want you to go out there and win!!! Just don't hit too hard because those old bones take so long to heal, and we want them all ready for the next game."

Unfortunately no faculty member could be reached for a comment, it is thought that while some were off at a secret practice, others were practicing convalescing quietly at home. It is felt by most experts that the best play the faculty could devise is one that gets them all off the field as soon as possible after the ball is snapped.

All in all, the fall opener to this year's senior-faculty athletic season promises to be a good one for the mighty nimrods of the senior class.

Argomag editor tells all

by Myra Frisch

When someone hears the name Argomag, he may wonder what an Argomag is. In short, the Argomag is Rutgers Prep's school literary magazine, a means of publishing all forms of literature.

The Argomag's Editor-in-Chief is Andy Golden—"but my friends call me 'your majesty'." Andy is very pleased with the turnout of staff members this year. He sees much enthusiasm among the variety of people on the staff. There is also a variety of age groups, which Andy believes beneficial. This year the roles of staff members will be less formal than in past years—there will be no individual editors. The group will work more as one large committee and Andy is always willing to get more opinions.

Argomag's hopes for this year are to publish two issues—one in December and one in June. The December issue "will have not only form but also function." What Andy means by this will be discovered in December.

As many organizations today, the Argomag has its problems. The foremost problem is that of getting enough contributions. The Argomag welcomes contributions as it deals with any form of writing, including short stories, poetry, haiku, limericks and essays, and any two dimensional art forms—photography sketches, charcoal and others. One thing the Argomag has been lacking in the past

and is looking for now is humorous material. To increase contributions, the Argomag is having a writing contest encouraging entries.

Another problem is the limited budget. The Argomag receives funds from the school and recently has been getting nominal fees from the council, but the magazine could always use more.

Although few contributions have been received to date, Andy is hopeful. "It's still very early in the year." Andy is very dedicated to the fact that the Argomag has high standards. "We must have quality if not quantity."

Students interested in contributing material to the Argomag are encouraged to talk with Andy or any of the staff members. Andy feels it is never too late for people to get involved.

Despite all that's been said, the truth can no longer be hidden. "Editor" Golden finally admitted, "The Argomag is really a front for a drug-dealing ring. We print the Argomag on rolling papers."

Seriously, folks. The Argomag welcomes any contributions of any kind. As Andy once put it, "It's an easy way to get your name in a publication."



Argomag editor at work? photo by Alex Wiley

CLASS ELECTION RESULTS

Ninth grade
President Cheryl Relles
Vice President Paula Holder

Eleventh grade
President Joanne Juzasz
Vice President Phil Brenner

Tenth grade
President Ken Freundlich
Vice President Kathi Klein

Twelfth grade
President Robert Murray
Vice President Lisa Kislin

BIOS RETURNS

by Andy Golden and
Robert Murray

Greetings campers, and welcome again to BIOS! Well, here we are ready for another big year of fun and games. This, as you may or may not know, (or care for that matter) is our third year muckracking muck for this tabloid.

Well, what exactly is a BIOS? For those of you who are new, or haven't figured it out yet, here is the poop. (If you do know, or just don't care, return to the sports page; who cares whose feelings you hurt?). A BIOS is the official column of the Environmental Committee. Where is the Environmental Committee? Nobody knows! But as long as the checks keep coming in, we don't ask questions. In order to really understand BIOS, a short history of our illustrious column is in order. A bicentennial ago, BIOS did not even exist. In fact, BIOS did not even exist a century ago. But at that moment in time we were a twinkle in the Eye of Brad X. Eugene, founder of this scandal sheet. Brad, it seems, was a student at Prep and assistant editor of the Ye-Dial. Brad had a disagreement with the editor-in-chief one day and the latter was heard to say: "Ah... Go start your own publication if you don't like it here." He did and the name stuck. Brad founded his paper with high ideals.

He was dedicated to the principals of good journalism. He would print the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. Brad and his successors managed to main-

tain this high quality in the paper until only recently when two sinister types managed to weasel their way into the staff. These villains, who wrote under the handles of Montana Bob and Skip, were foolishly given a monthly, pseudo-didactic (Love that word!) column which was to deal with topics concerning the environment, both within and outside of the Prep community. They (we?) have done this job almost faithfully for two years and will continue to do so until their typewriter ribbon runs out. So much for the introduction... On with the topic at hand. We don't know about your hands but ours are dirty and so is the topic. The Lunch Room.

We repeat. The Lunch Room. Yecchh!!!! What a disgusting place! We are not going to deal with the food itself. (As a matter of fact, we avoid dealing with it as much as possible.) This subject is out of our hands, and often our stomachs. A problem like that is for men with better minds and stronger gastro-intestinal tracts than ourselves. We will deal with the physical problem of the lunch room itself. Namely GARBAGE. Garbage, garbage everywhere. It has been said that if all the cellophane wrappers in New Brunswick were carefully stacked on the tables in the Lunch Room, no one would notice the difference. This problem is very easily solved by everyone disposing their own stuff. This plea is made annually. Please listen this time.

On a final note, there is a need for the Environmental Committee. A lot of good has been done by past Committees. Get involved by talking to Mr. Masza.

Italian boy in first grade

One Rutgers Prep first grader is already learning a foreign language—English.

Mauro Mantovani is from Italy. His father has accepted a job here with the New Brunswick-based Johnson and Johnson Company. So Mauro is repeating first grade, which he had completed in Italy, primarily to learn the language of his new home.



Roman Bukachevsky

Nucleus of strong runners brightens the cross country team's hopes

by Vicky Weiner

Will an abundance of enthusiasm compensate for a lack of experience? This is the question that faces Mr. Fenstermaker, coach of this year's cross country squad.

After graduation, the squad was left with only three runners, two short of the mandatory five needed to compete in a meet. These are senior co-captains Tony Scialabba and Joe Faraci, and Junior Kevin "Killer" Kane. A bit of recruiting resulted in the squad being filled out by Philip Brenner, Luis Marquez and Matt Lytwyn. Under Coach Fenstermaker's guidance, these runners show their will to win and to fill in the shoes of last year's winning team.

Inexperience, combined with a few injuries, has kept the team from winning in the first two meets. Number three runner Kevin Kane was out of competition for the first couple of weeks of their season because of a pulled tendon, and the team ran as a squad of five against South River. The

power and experience of this public school team was too much for the Argonauts to overcome.

The team was forced to default their second meet against Neuman Prep because they lacked the required number of runners, in spite of placing 1st, 3rd and 4th. They were short a 5th runner and therefore were short a victory.

The runners gained back their dampened enthusiasm for a competitive home meet against a true rival, Dunellen. They were able to pull out a victory with the score of 27-28. This meet proved to be most rewarding for our number two runner, Joe Faraci, as he placed first for Prep and first in the meet. The time was his best individual time on the home course.

Coach Fenstermaker is looking forward to a good season as Phillip, Luis, and Matt gather more and more experience, and as Kevin's foot heals and he is able to compete once again. Mr. Fenstermaker expects Tony and Joe to lead the team through certain

important meets such as the ones against Princeton Day and their toughest rival, Delbarton, last year's A-division champion.

Olympics revive interest in Prep gymnastics team

by David Wolicki

"It's challenging, and it gives me a goal to meet, and when I meet my goal, I'm content," says Cheryl Relles, Dana Stahl says, "I just like gymnastics." These are just two of the many reasons why so many girls have joined this year's gymnastics team.

Although the gymnastics team does not have a Nadia Comaneci, the Varsity Team does have Tara O'Connell, Kathi Klein, Cheryl Relles, Dana Stahl, Debbie Sirkin, Suzanne Schulman, Nina Chanin and Kristine Elsey. The J. V. team consists of Allison Kingsley, Debbie Graber, Chris Sanchez, Perry Marquez, and Pam Yurcisin.

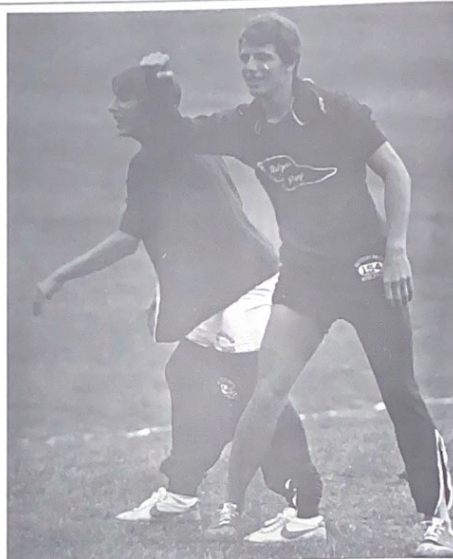
Miss Caryl Stricker, the new coach of the team, attributes the team's increase in membership to the 1976 Olympics.

Coach Stricker believes that the most important things in gymnastics are strength, stamina, and exercise. In each of their daily sessions the girls do 45 minutes of stretching exercises.

In a meet, the gymnasts participate in events using the uneven bars and the beam, as well as doing the floor exercises and vaulting.

Miss Stricker predicts that this year's gymnastics team will have an excellent season if the girls develop their potential through hard work and determination.

Presently, Miss Stricker is majoring in accounting and business management at Douglass College. She is a skilled gymnast, who has gone to several gymnastics schools as well as teaching at several in the recent past.



Joe Faraci and Tony Scialabba inspire cross country teammates at a recent practice. photo by Gwen Steinberg

O'Connell whets the soccer team's appetite for victory

After 16 years of Dr. Spurduto's coaching, this year, the Varsity team is playing under the new leadership of Athletic Director, Richard O'Connell. The Junior Varsity Squad is under the supervision of Mr. Carel Hordijk.

Mr. O'Connell has taken over the head coach position from Dr. Spurduto due to the latter's promotion to Acting Headmaster.

Under Dr. Spurduto, the Prep team compiled a record of 117 wins, 98 losses and 28 ties. In 1961, 1961, 1963 and 1964, the teams were Group B champions and were champions of the Fieldston Tournament in 1966 and

1967.

Because of his many years of coaching and playing experience, Mr. O'Connell has given his players the inspiration and confidence needed for winning. As a result of this giving of inspiration and ambition for winning, the players are willing to withstand long hours of practice, drills and strategy sessions.

This year the Varsity team is playing a more defense-oriented game compared to previous years, but this style of play along with the common drive for winning has paid off. In its first four games, Prep has tallied three impressive victories in scoring 3-2, 4-2 and 6-2 triumphs over South River, Newman Prep and Somerville Vo-Tech respectively. The other game was a hard-fought match against Metuchen which wound up in a 2-2 tie.

The members of the starting team include senior co-captains Roman Bukachevsky and Ed James, seniors David Soong, Frank Clarke, and Joel Baker, juniors John O'Connell, Jeff Rutter, David Yurcisin, Art Wilmet and Ben Tromberg, and sophomore Jack Guarino. Other members of the team include seniors Jules Schoikiet and Tom Siggia, juniors Matt Busch, Tom Lee, William Jasionowski and Ed Pahler, sophomores Peter Clarke, Andy Barnett, Chris Harter, Alex Wiley, Rich Haver and Peter Lisieki, and freshman Ben Angione.

Thus, with the combined effort of all the players, the team is looking forward to a very successful season.

According to Mr. Hordijk, this year's Junior Varsity team has the character to rally from behind to win. Although the front line appears to be a weak spot, it has thus far produced eight goals in its first three games. Mr. Hordijk said that the team members have much spirit and are anxious to learn new skills while improving old ones. The team is optimistic for a successful year.

The team's starting members include Ben Angione, Rich Haver, Tom Lee, Chris Harter, Alex Wiley, Peter Clarke, John Kocis, Ron Biava, Gary Cohen, Dave McNutt and Glen Yurcisin. Other members on the squad are Elmer Virag, Jim Krauszer, Albert Galdi, Mark Lev, Fred Wither, Andrew Abdalla and Greg Hagin.



Tennis team captain Ellen Farben is a vision of motion as she drives serve past her opponent from Highland Park.

Fiercer competition and practice explain better girls' tennis team

This year's girls' tennis team, coached by Mr. Barry Chamberlain, is hoping to better last year's 14-3 record. Many of the girls from last year returned after having spent the summer improving their games. In other words, "this year's team has much of the experience necessary for good tennis," according to Coach Chamberlain, who expects to see much more offensive play this year, which gives the team greater potential for winners.

This year's top positions are filled by junior Elin Sandles, senior and captain Ellen Farben, and sophomore Arlene Ungerleider. The doubles positions are filled by sophomore Jackie Weitzen and junior Leslie Russ at first doubles and sophomore Chris Bettex and senior Gwen Steinberg at second doubles. The team is rounded out by Junior Varsity players Tammie Roundtree, Wendy Krivitsky, Nanine Becker, Vicky Weiner, Nina Passoff, Evelyn Roesler, Sue Schwartz, Jill Roseff and Lisa Kaplowitz.

Coach Chamberlain has said that this year's doubles teams are much stronger than last year's. He also believes that the teams playing doubles have more experience at these positions. The three singles players who have now moved up from the doubles positions they had last year, provided experience to their partners

who remained at the doubles positions this year. However, the coach feels that it will not be long before the singles players acquire the necessary experience to win.

Coach Chamberlain has been surprised at both the success of the tennis program over the past few years and the quality of the tennis being played. He attributes this to the increased interest in tennis and to more involvement in girls' athletics programs over the past few years.

He added: "Because of this, more girls go out for the team, and there is more competition to make the team, which leads to better tennis. Also, the difference between last year's is perhaps because (last year's seniors) Ieva (Miesnieks), Liz (Pickar), and Sue (Ungerleider) set such high standards for the team, that it encouraged many of the girls to go to camps and to work on improving their games in the off-season. This makes for a better team each year. Girls are also much more competitive now than they used to be. This leads also to better tennis, the competitiveness, the desire to win."

The Varsity team has fifteen matches this year. Thus far, their record is 3-0, having beaten Bound Brook, Highland Park, and Hun. The J.V. team has six matches scheduled this year. Their record, at this time, is 1-0.

All sorts of sports

Soviet blackmail presents TV problem

by Richmond Cohen

As sports is becoming more and more a business rather than a means for entertainment and fun, politics is taking a proportionately firmer grip on sports.

The realization of the dominating role of politics in sports activity may burst forth conspicuously to all Americans with the advent of the 1980 Olympics.

The telecast of this year's Olympiad vaulted ABC-television into first place in the network ratings race. ABC's success has triggered the other two networks to vie fiercely for ABC for the telecast of the 1980 Olympics. Unfortunately for the networks, the 1980 Olympics will be held in Moscow. The Soviets realize that the three networks are desperate for the telecast.

Therefore, they are asking for two-hundred and ten million dollars for the telecast of the games as opposed to the twenty-five million dollars the Canadians demanded. In addition to imposing this exorbitant fee, the Soviets are requiring that the American public watch the games from the eyes of Soviet cameras. In other words, the American public will see only what the Soviets wish us to see, that is, highlights of the events that the Soviets excel in.

Furthermore, they are not even giving us this. In place of the Olympic coverage, at times the Soviets are inserting features on the "magnificence of life in Communist Russia." No longer will there be any "Up close and personal" tidbits on all outstanding athletes. Now, Russian athletes will dominate the special spotlights. The Russians are obviously guilty not only of blackmail but also of attempting to convert the Olympics from an exciting sporting event to a means of spreading propaganda.

Now, the question remains whether the networks should televise the games or not. Should our networks swallow the Soviets' blackmail for a profit? If they do not, not only will the chance to make increased profits be lost, but the excitement, pleasure, and patriotic and human-interest fervor which engulfs America during the two-week Olympic telecast may soon fade away as a memory of the past.

If a network does decide to acquiesce to the Soviets' conditions, far fewer people will probably watch the Olympics. Even if the network does make a profit, it runs the serious risk that people will be so disgusted that they will refuse to watch any of the network's programs. Is the risk worth it? I don't think so.