



# THE ARGO

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## Class Competition

Jason Kaplan

This year, the School Council decided to make a change in the annual Burger Blast. It started off as just that, with burgers, hot dogs, and soda for everyone, but at 1:30 the games began. Each grade and their advisers competed for a dress-down day. It was an all out war—Color War, that is, where the Seniors wore red, the Juniors white, the Sophomores were dressed in gray, and the Freshmen made their stand in blue. Some of the games included volleyball, trivia, foul shooting, and soccer shooting contests. Teamwork brought out school spirit and made the day enjoyable. It was a success, and Council appreciates everyone who helped out and participated. The Sophomores, victorious in more events than any other grade, received a free Dress Down Day.

## IN MEMORIAM: Mrs. Hagin

Sonali Lakhani & Ragunni Narotam

We'll never be able to eat an orange without remembering the 1989 exchange trip to Spain. The incident that first comes to mind is the day we were visiting a small village near Grenada. We had been walking all day and were famished. We stopped at a street market where we bought oranges. Without thinking twice, some students began peeling their oranges, letting the peels fall to the ground. All of a sudden, an elderly lady, broom in hand, came towards us, cursing and yelling in Spanish. In utter confusion, we all looked around for our chaperone, Mrs. Hagin, hoping she would come to our rescue. Giving us a knowing look, but taking no part in the matter, Mrs. Hagin sauntered away, trusting the confused, less-than-fluent Spanish students to straighten the matter out themselves.

They were at first scared, then confused, and then a little angry at their teacher for not helping them out of this mess. Slowly, but surely, they managed to explain to the woman that they were sorry, and slowly, but surely, the woman put the broom down.

When they thought about it later, the students realized that Mrs. Hagin wasn't just ignoring them. Instead, they came to see that her actions were her way of teaching them to use their Spanish skills.

This is one of the many memories and lessons Mrs. Hagin left us with from the Spanish Exchange trip two years ago. We are just a few among the many upon whom Mrs. Hagin has left her mark. We are also just a few among the many who felt the loss on February 16, when



Mrs. Hagin brought joy to many of her students.

she died from cancer.

Mrs. Dalrene Hagin taught at Rutgers Prep for nineteen years. She was a remarkable teacher because her teaching did not stop with her classes. For Mrs. Hagin, teaching did not come straight out of a book, and that was obvious to everyone around her. Not only did she teach Spanish, but she always had bits of wisdom at hand for

anyone willing to listen. She will always be remembered with a smile on her face. New York Times crossword in hand, seeming just as youthful and full of life as the students she taught. La Senora Dalrene Hagin fue pariente a algunos, amiga a muchos, y profesora a todos. (Mrs. Dalrene Hagin was a parent to some, a friend to many, and a teacher to all).

## Arts Dinner Honors Students

Jennifer Geller

On May 15, Prep held its 14th Annual Creative Arts Dinner. This event capped off the Rutgers Prep artistic community's year with awards, exhibits, and speakers to honor the many achievements of Prep's students and faculty in various fields.

The ceremony, held at Mac Ateer's, began with a welcoming address from Mr. Lingenheld. He cited the Drama, Fine Arts, and Forensics programs, which have developed significantly at Prep in the last decade.

Miss Mansfield felt that the dinner has an important purpose—to recognize the creative talent among Prep students, and to remember the teachers and advisors whose hard work helped in the development of these talents. Mr. Lenaghan added, "It is heartwarming to see the continuing success of the Creative Arts under Harrison Burns, Barbara Herzberg, Arlene Wacker and the many other teachers. It is further gratifying to play a role in this very special process."

## Interim Headmaster Chosen

Glenn Grossman

Since the resignation of Mr. Edward Lingenheld, Headmaster at Rutgers Preparatory School, the administration, parents, and students have been waiting anxiously to learn of his successor. As the gates of Rutgers Prep close behind Mr. Lingenheld, they will soon be reopened with a warm welcome to our new headmaster, Mr. G. Peter O'Neill Jr.

Mr. O'Neill received his B.A. degree in American Studies from St. Michaels College in 1971. He then went on to receive his Masters degree in the same field from Trinity College in 1985. He began his teaching career at St. Peters School in Wooster, Massachusetts, from the years 1971 to 1975. He then moved on to the Marvel Wood School in Cornwall, Connecticut. In 1982, he accepted the position of Director of Admissions at the Wooster School in Danbury, Connecticut.

During an interview with Mr. O'Neill, he stated, "What I have found wonderful about the school is its atmosphere, strong faculty, and wonderfully diverse student body." He later indicated that he greatly enjoys teaching and contact with students. Mr. O'Neill remarked, "I hope that I will be able to help the school and make it the best year it could possibly be." He has no preconceived expectations for the school and is looking forward to a great year. Mr. O'Neill has visited Rutgers Prep three or four times and is enthusiastic about what he's seen.

Mr. O'Neill has been hired on a one year interim basis so that the board of directors of Rutgers Prep can continue in the lengthy process of finding a permanent headmaster. Rutgers Prep welcomes him and looks forward to a productive 1991-1992 school year.

## A Farewell to Faculty

Melissa Allegre

Unfortunately, some members of the Prep faculty will not be returning next year. Mr. Sansone, Mr. Ancipink, and Ms. Dashkiewicz will be absent from the Prep faculty line-up. After many years of priceless service, Dr. Bertin, Mrs. Lair, and Mr. Walcott will also be greatly missed.

Mr. Sansone, who has taught Physical Education and coached Boys' Lacrosse for three years, has contributed significantly to the Athletic department, most notably in the development of lacrosse. His teams have seen two Prep division championships. Mr. Sansone has accepted an offer by Far Hills Day School to become its athletic director. This is an emotional time for the coach; Mr. Sansone recognizes the difficulty of the transition. "It took me three years to get familiar with the surroundings and to figure out the kids and to develop teaching and coaching techniques to suit the different kids, and now I'll have to start over," Mr. Sansone will certainly miss the "lifetime friends" that he found in Oke's office. As for the quality of his work, says Sansone "I think I've had a good impact on many of these people."

This year, the Prep community will also be losing one of its most valuable members, Mrs. Maggie Lair. Mrs. Lair is not sure of her future plans, but among them is the exciting prospect of joining the Peace

Corps. Although most students know her as the school nurse, Mrs. Lair was also an integral part of the school's functioning and of its social activities. From running the bus departures to organizing ski trips and lasagna dinners, Mrs. Lair helped to make Prep a great place to grow and to learn. For many years, Mrs. Lair has been there whenever one needed a nurse, a teacher, popcorn, or a friend. Prep will miss her greatly and wishes her luck wherever she may go.

Dr. Bertin combined intellectual and humorous methods to enforce the study of just two of the many languages in which he is fluent. His French II students remember classroom antics, Spanish III followers remember the man who never gives A+'s, and French Literary student critics remember comparisons between Carmen, Manon Lescaut and Phaedra. This student of medieval texts and expert plans to "walk the Appalachian trail, a hike of 2200 miles, in five to six months" after his departure. Dr. Bertin will also be remembered as a star in Joe Davis' film "Who Killed George Barrood?" and as a would-be star of opera. Dr. Bertin has experience as a University professor and has studied in Spain and France. As a special specialist he will be sorely missed.

Mr. Robert Ancipink, a part-time English teacher at Prep, is also leaving. Mr. Ancipink feels

that his first impression of Prep's atmosphere of "controlled confusion" was accurate, as illustrated by the display of enthusiasm during the Color War. This was Mr. Ancipink's first teaching job and he said it was "a good place to break in." He enjoyed his brief time here with the staff and the students, and may he have the best of luck on his search for another teaching position.

After 10 years of unequalled service as Media Specialist, Mr. Walcott has decided that it is time to move on. He has accepted a job at the Park Tudor School in Indianapolis as Director of Upper School Media Center and Coordinator of K-12 Media Services. Mr. Walcott has been responsible for several technological innovations in the Media Center such as the intra-library LUNG computer and INFOTRAC, which have helped Prep students tremendously in researching reports and papers. But it is the growth of the video program that Mr. Walcott is proudest of and which he personally feels is the most important innovation in the Media Center in the last decade. Mr. Walcott said he will miss the creative environment at Prep with intellectual stimulation from both faculty and students. He feels that "It's a tough decision to leave, but the new position in Indianapolis is a nice opportunity. I will miss Prep."



# Sports and Senior College Selections

## SPRING SPORTS ROUNDUP

### Sports Writers

Unfortunately, the Boy's Lacrosse team was unable to win the Prep State Championship and gain the coveted "Fourpeat" they desired. However, the team, led by Senior captains Mike Metzger, Amar Maktal, and Glenn Levy, did have a fantastic 11-5 season. The rookie goalie, Colin Simons, proved that he was more than suited to the tough job that faced him. Along with Colin as goalie, the Prep defense was able to hold opponents to the third fewest amount of goals scored average per game in the state. The coaching of Mr. Sansone and Mr. Tyree helped the team to play up to its potential the majority of the time. In the State Tournament, Prep destroyed Morristown Beard, its first round opponent, but then fell to Pennington.



Photo by Caroline Elo

Idalia Bonilla, up at bat and ready to hit.

performed well. The team now has a strong base for next season, and, according to Coach Glantzow, "Next year's team will be close to unstoppable!"

Somers, and Paul Kermizian all contributed on the mound, in addition to succeeding at the plate and in the field. Coach Marotto whipped the team into shape, and the season was pleasing overall. J.V. also had good players, but they agree that the defensive play could have been better. In conclusion, it seems that the team may be losing several core seniors, but there are also some rising stars.

The Softball team was also pleased with its performance this

year. Its record was a distinct improvement over previous years. Coaches Klinger and Nesvogel, along with captains Naledi Khabo and Connie Conaway, motivated and inspired the team. Unfortunately, the girls had to play a tough first-round opponent in States. Montclair Kimberly, with an exceptionally skilled pitcher, defeated Prep decisively. The team's future may seem bright because of the fact that it is only losing two seniors. The downside is that those two seniors, captains Khabo and Conaway, are the heart of the team.

Singles, then fell to the top seeded player in the second round. The Second Doubles team of Jamie Kelter and Daryn McCool, coming up from the ranks of J.V., surprised everyone by winning the first round by default and the second in a two set match before falling in the third round.

Although 3-7 may not appear to be a strong record on paper, it does not reflect the excellent attitude and motivation of the Golf team this year. Doug Brown and Tim Coakley are epitomes of this statement. Both were disabled by injuries occurring outside of golf and were rendered unable to play, yet they still came to matches and supported the team with healthy attitudes. "This is what makes the team superior", states team member Jason Kaplan. In States, Sandy Somers, Matt Bernstein, Jason Kaplan, Garvin Jesdanun, and Chris Racz brought the team in above several schools, including Pennington, but it wasn't enough to bring home a championship. Several players new to the team this year proved their merit over the course of the season, including Jeff Awender, Doug Feldt, and Gia Bocra.

Girl's Lacrosse, a team made up of only underclassmen, still was able to finish their "growth" season with a respectable record of 5-5-1. Gracie Alcidi, Andi Grumet, and Nicole Weitz led the team as captains, along with Coach Glantzow, and the year was a success as young team members gained experience and came together as a team. The girls lost in the first round of States to Newark Academy, but

This year, Varsity Baseball succeeded with an 11-6 record, while J.V. did not play up to their expectations and ended up 0-3. The team made it into the State Tournament semifinals, with strong players such as Rob Wines, Larry Santowasso, Sam Jethwa, Eric Tavel, and Pat Sylvester. Matt Maccia, Chuck

The Boys' Tennis team has ended yet another in a string of disappointing seasons. The 4-9 record, however, is a slight improvement over previous years. Part of the team's problems is that they have had a new coach every year, and with each new coach a totally new style of coaching. Also, the absences of several team members in key matches, due to various reasons including illness, injury, and outside conflicts, also hurt the team and the cost was several possible victories. In States, Adam Lore posted an impressive first-round victory at First

## SENIOR CLASS COLLEGE CHOICES

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