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Prep Takes Delegation to Model Congress

By Eric Kelner

From November 17-20, Mrs. Wacker, Mrs. Edmondson, and a group of 34 Rutgers Prep students traveled to Washington D.C. to attend the 1994 Princeton Model Congress.

Each student was responsible for drafting a bill or resolution that represented their own interests and beliefs. Some bills were written with the help of Mrs. Wacker, the faculty advisor, prior to the conference. Before attending, the students were assigned to a specific legislative body, and to a certain committee. In committee, they debated the bills of their fellow committeemen and voted on which bills should be passed. If the legislation was passed by majority vote, then it went in front of the entire House of Representatives or the Senate that the author belonged to, and was voted upon again. Finally, to become Model Congress law, all legislation needed the consent of the elected Model President.

This year's group of Prep students were very successful in their efforts. Cory



Prep students visit Congressman Bob Franks (R-NJ) during free time

Graham succeeded in getting her bill passed and signed into law. Ryan Neely received an honorable mention for Red House Foreign Relations, and Susan Slim won the same award for Blue Senate Education and Labor. Matt Needleman received a gavel, the outstanding delegate award, for his work on the Red House Intelligence Committee. Another honor given a Prep student was an honorable mention awarded to Alana Karen for her efforts in

the Press Corps. Matthew Scherb was appointed to serve as a Model Supreme Court Justice, and performed well at his position earning a gavel.

While the Prep students worked hard during their meetings, they also relaxed and explored the city during their free time. The trip overall was a success. Next year's group will be stronger and better prepared after the experience they gained from this year's Princeton Model Congress.

Annual Winter Concert Held at Voorhees Chapel

By Matt Scherb

On Thursday, December 15, Rutgers Prep students involved in both choir and band partook in the annual Winter Concert. The event was held at Voorhees Chapel on the Douglas campus of Rutgers University in New Brunswick.

The audience heard from the 5th and 6th grade Choir and the Upper School Men's Choir directed by Mrs. Szeles, and the 7th and 8th grade choir and the Upper School Women's Choir both

directed by Mrs. Hunt. Also performing, under the direction of Mrs. Peterson, were the 5th and 6th grade band, the Concert Band, (7th and 8th grades) and the Upper School Jazz Band. Mrs. Hatcher conducted the Middle School Orchestra.

As of last year, the structure of the Upper School Music program changed when a Mens' Choir was formed with 11 core members. This year, membership has leaped to 23. At the concert, they sang four songs: a spiritual "Bound for Jubilee," "Golden Slumbers," "The Birch Tree," and "Riu Riu Chiu," a Spanish Madrigal with soloists Phillip Kenard, Suhas Radhakrishna, Matt Scherb, and Robert Szeles.

Mrs. Szeles was pleased with the hard work and preparations of the choir, but commented that more could be

done if the group met more than once a week; a complaint echoed by many choir participants.

The Women's Choir entertained with two songs: "Ride the Chariot," featuring soloist senior Andowah Newton, and "Stille Nacht" The Womens' Choir has also seen boosts in membership during the past few years.

The Upper School Jazz Band, which also includes some Middle School students, also preformed at the concert. They played an arrangement of "White Christmas."

For the first time, the Lower School band and choir were not included on the Winter Concert's program. Instead, they will likely perform on a date in February. The change was made due to an expanding music program in the Upper School.

Council Sponsors Biennial Career Day

By Dave Bilinker

Career day served as a valuable experience for all of the students at Rutgers Prep. Some students discovered possibilities for a field they might go into in the future. For others, Career day was an experience to meet people from various professions. Some of the volunteers who spoke at R.P.S. were a mortician, a lawyer, a computer programmer, a financial consultant, a worker for the F.B.I. and even a Rutgers Prep, teacher Mrs. Wacker.

Career day began with a presentation from Mr. Harris, (father of a previous student Chris Harris), spoke about his work at the F.B.I. He said "Sometimes I can be gone for the day. I may get a call in the middle of the night and won't be home until next week." He stressed how the

F.B.I. is not a nine to five job; you always have to expect the impossible at any time. Most of the questions aimed at Mr. Harris were about his own personal experiences in the F.B.I. He said that luckily he has never used his gun and will keep it this way until the day he retires.

Career day is sponsored by School Council once every two years. This year's committee was chaired by Bill Passorotti and Abigail Michaels, and was responsible for everything from locating speakers to placing students in the sessions they wanted. Many other students pitched in by hosting one of the speakers; this entailed attending a council sponsored lunch with them, and introducing them at the beginning of each session.

Students go to Fall State

By Bobby Roy

On November 17, three members of the Rutgers Prep student body and one faculty advisor embarked on a trip to the fall Junior Statesman conference. The students were Sudipta Mallik, Scott Gwiazda, and Bobby Roy. The faculty advisor was Mr. Boyle, a last minute fill-in when the original advisor became sick.

The group was ready for a new experience since Junior Statesman was a relatively new club for all of them. Nobody knew exactly what to expect, but everybody was in high hopes for the weekend.

The small group left school at 6 a.m. on Saturday morning to get to Rye Brook, New York where the conference was being held. Over 944 kids participated in Fall State,

and the hotel was teeming with kids from all over the east coast.

At the outset of the conference, participants were introduced to the format of the debates, and found out what issues were going to be debated. Some of these issues included caning as a punishment, the influence of rap music on society, whether or not God exists, and gay rights. Prep students found that most of the debates were interesting and the view points of some people were intriguing.

Rutgers Prep's Junior Statesman club has begun to rejuvenate itself after last year's lull in participation. Current members hope to attract more newcomers for the Winter State conference to be held in Washington, D.C.

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Abortion Rights

By Maureen Benitz

Abortion should be allowed in every state without parental consent, but with several counseling sessions first. Because of the number of pregnant teenagers, abortion should be legalized.

A fact that every one must face is that there are too many teenage mothers. This is because teenagers are having sex without protection. This can't be stopped, no matter what any one thinks or feels. Teens are going to have sex whenever they want. The least the government can do is provide a place where teens can have a safe abortion.

People will then complain that legalizing abortion is giving consent to having sex. This is not true. Teens will continue to have sex, regardless of the consequences. Commercial on television or ads on the radio will do little to stop teens from having sex.

One reason that legalizing abortion is good is because it is a better choice than having single teenage mothers. Many of these teens are not capable of handling this immense responsibility. Having a baby would put a halt on education, which is so vital in today's society. Some schools have implemented a day care program (for children of current students), but that isn't enough. How can someone keep up with school and raise a child at the same time? Not easily. If the school the mother is attending doesn't have such a program, then the mother would have to drop out or find someone to watch the child. Dropping out isn't beneficial to the mother. The most likely person to watch the child would be the mother's parents. This isn't fair to her parents. Her parents are most likely doing don't want to do it again.

It is safe to assume the financial burden put on the mother would be too much to handle. Not too many teens have jobs that could begin to cover the costs of raising a child. Raising a child isn't cheap. From diapers to formula to clothes to toys the list is endless. When a child is older, there will be camp, lessons and school to pay for. Every child has the right to a good life, which, is bound to cost a great deal of money.

If a teenager becomes pregnant, her life will be changed. Having a baby will put a stop to her social life and friends. Who wants to go to the movies with their friends and have to worry about a baby? The mother may neglect this important responsibility, which isn't fair to the child. If her friends want to go out, she may have to decline due to the baby. Eventually she will become alienated from her peers.

Not having parental consent can be good for the teenager who had sex on impulse and, as a result, became pregnant. Maybe she is too embarrassed to tell her parents, so she has the abortion. After that one devastating night, it is safe to say she won't have unprotected sex again. Having the option of getting an abortion may be her only choice. Isn't it better to have a safe abortion clinic than to have an unsanitary place where abortions have the chance of being botched?

Confidential counseling should be offered to teens considering having an abortion. If a pregnant mother had someone to talk to, other than her parents, she may decide that abortion isn't the answer. But the choice should be available should she decide she needs it.

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The Right to Not Pray

By Matt Scherb

Newt Gingrich, Speaker to be of the 104th Congress, has announced that a constitutional amendment to allow school prayer would be part of his agenda for the forthcoming session. Although religion was a central part in the lives of our nation's founders, they realized that the freedom to practice any, or no, religion was also important. Our government should live up to these ideals by not ratifying a constitutional amendment to allow prayer in public schools.

The church and state run their own affairs independently of one another, and this approach has worked for over 200 years. The United States is a religiously tolerant nation. Whether you are a Christian, or a member of a religious minority, you have the same rights; however, if the proposed amendment were passed, the minority's rights would be infringed upon.

School should not become the arena for religious indoctrination; this task must fall on the parents in conjunction with existing religious institutions. There is no problem if students at certain public schools wish to initiate religion-based clubs or extracurricular activities, and there is no problem with praying during breaks in the

school day. Religion can exist at the school, but religion must not fall under the control of the school. Nobody wants to deny the right to practice religion, but both religious instruction and prayer should take place in the home, at religious schools, in temples, in churches, or in mosque, and not in taxpayer funded classrooms across America.

If prayers were to be recited at public schools, the government would be granting credence to whatever religion that specific prayer represented. The idea that the government could have the power to validate by inclusion, or invalidate by exclusion, certain beliefs is a scary one. The children who must endure these prayers can not escape their influence. Some will feel left out, but worse yet, others may blindly conform to new religious ideas. If this occurred, the government would essentially be encouraging a state religion.

The fact is, when church and state mix, there will be an enormous mess. The most prudent course of action is for the government to leave the issue alone. The freedom of religion, as currently interpreted, is a right that should not be given up so frivolously.

The GOP Takeover

By Frank Cesario

seating to think how New Jersey's representation is going to be completely wasted. Anyone would have done a better job than Lautenberg.

Now, many people are asking what will be the aftermath of both houses coming under Republican control. After all, we do have a Democratic President. Won't this cause some conflict? Can the Clinton Administration get any worse than it is? At least Congress will be well run, even if the White House will continue to maintain an aura of total chaos. The current administration can't even keep the same cabinet for the two years they've been in office. People are dropping out left and right.

Throughout the Bush

Administration, the President often had to make his bills fit the liberal's whims. With control of the House in the Republicans hands, this case is reversed. The Republicans should willingly reject any bills that they don't completely approve of. President Clinton will now have to rethink his spending policies. With the liberals out of office, better thought-out bills will be passed by Congress.

Many people don't necessarily have feelings of dislike toward the liberals, but are experiencing a feeling of change in our country. This is a very refreshing, promising feeling of hope. The Republicans will prove to be more prudent and effective. America had their chance with a liberal government during the Carter Administration. Now the Republicans are back in power, at least in Congress.

November 8, 1994, will always be a day remembered as the day America was reborn. A certain song goes, "God bless America. Land that I love. Stand beside her and guide her..." The results of this election will guide America to prosperity.

Arts in the Schools

By Allison Albino

There is more to school than just reading, writing and arithmetic as I'm sure any student could testify to. The ability to express oneself is not a skill that is simply bestowed to every student on a silver platter and the skill to appreciate beauty, music and art does not go hand in hand when studying that AP Biology for most of us. Education comes in many shapes, forms, colors and sizes and before we can say that we've covered every aspect of the educational realm, one particular area must not be left out—and that is the arts.

Statistics show that currently over 65% of all schools nationwide don't place any or enough emphasis on the arts in education. Arts in education is defined as and includes the teaching of theatre, visual arts, music, dance and creative writing. Arts-based curricula improved test scores in all areas of learning and does so in fact reduce dropout rates as well as absenteeism. According to the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, arts are considered to be "an essential part of language."

Perhaps a course in Renaissance painting may not fit the normal

schedule of your average student, but if you can encourage a student to find a goal and a reason for wanting to learn, whether that be in acting or piano lessons in the arts, then that is an achievement in itself.

Teach the student to stop and look deep into a painting. Show the student to paint a picture with a pallet of words and maybe not to cringe so much when an operative area is being sung. The wonderful thing about art is that it is all around us—in buildings, architecture, on MTV, 97.1, on a dance floor and in magazines.

Giving any student a tool, the knowledge of a grander and more colorful perspective, is something that will be with them for the rest of their lives. To see the world for all of its color and sounds, its brilliant hues, from Chopin to Snoop Doggy Dog, from Rembrandt to Jackson Pollock and from Shakespeare to Howard Stern, I think every young American should learn to discover the beauty that is around them. Education is the door to that discovery. It just takes the perfect key and a little enthusiasm to unleash the magic.

Condoms in Schools

By Susan Slim

The issuance of condoms in federally funded high schools is a controversy in today's society. While some people tend to focus on the moral aspects of the situation, the fact remains that teenagers are having sex. Even worse, they are having unprotected sex. Statistics show that one in nine girls between the ages of 15 and 19 become pregnant every year, and that an average of 2,700 teenagers become pregnant every day. Forty-four percent of teenage mothers drop out of high school, which jeopardizes the future of this country.

The statistics above focus on only the pregnancy problem in our country, while the spread of STD's is also prominent. The growing number of teens contracting sexually transmitted diseases, among them AIDS, is increasing steadily, and the only solution is protection.

Disregarding all the moral aspects, the people in this country must realize that they can only control themselves, and have no right to push their own values onto others. Teenagers are sexually active, and will continue to be so, regardless of what certain members of society may want. In order

to prevent the spread of diseases and unwanted pregnancies, federally funded schools, which have direct contact with these teenagers, must do something about the growing dilemma.

If students have access to condoms, they are more likely to use them. By schools distributing this type of protection, students wouldn't have to worry about the embarrassment of dealing with itchy salespeople who find making snide comments irresistible. If schools distribute condoms, cost doesn't become a factor for students, and the result would be a decrease in the number of unwanted pregnancies and the spread of STD's.

True, some would like to live in a world where there are no such problems to deal with, but this is the world we live in. For us to deny the growing number of teenagers having sex would be hazardous to our country's welfare, and detrimental to society in general. People must disregard their own personal beliefs and values and start looking at the whole picture, one which gets more grim each day passes. Something needs to be done, and denial isn't the answer.

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Upper School Fall Production

By Neil Patel

The Upper School Drama Board presented its fall production of *Happy Ever Once Upon*, by Virginia Kidd, November 16th through 19th in Holley Hall. The play was a satirical rendition of popular fairy tales set twenty years later, with favorite fairy tale characters thrown together in one castle for a lively and hilarious performance. The play was Ms. Turlish's directorial debut at Prep, and the cast featured both new actors and familiar faces from earlier productions. Melissa Stass played Cinderella, and Prince Charming was played by Josh Eckhaus. Also featured were Jessica Hedges as Little Red Riding Hood, Eireann Corrigan as Melba the Fairy Godmother, and Jen Hassenberg as Goldilocks. Jay Golon played Jason, David Shuler played the Pied Piper, and Rumpelstiltskin was portrayed by Jeremy Wang-Iverson. Nicole Finner, Allison Moskowitz, and Beth Mezaros also acted in the production.

All of the actors did a fantastic job playing their not-so-typical fairy tale roles. Eireann Corrigan's portrayal of Melba, the extortionist god-mother was hilarious, and her costume was as great. Complete with denim jacket and blinking headpiece, she appeared and disappeared with a puff of smoke. Jay Golon's character of Jason was quite klutzy, and he coped well with his winged arm. Cinderella and Red Riding Hood were opposites of each



Eireann Corrigan as Melba in *Happy Ever Once Upon*

other, with Prince Charming caught in the middle. Melissa Stass and Jessica Hedges played the parts very well. Cinderella constantly worried about her appearance while Red Riding Hood flaunted hers. Jen Hassenberg's Goldilocks was so sweet that no one could help falling in love with her, especially Jason. Their romance was quite innocent compared to the devious plots occurring in the Enchanted Kingdom.

The success of the

show was not entirely on stage. Many new faces joined Mr. Kelley, the technical director, and the crew. They completed everything from building the sets to controlling the alarm clock backstage. Erin Armstead, as the Stage Manager, headed both the tech and small crews. Newcomers Amanda Lin and Emma Neely ran Props and Makeup respectively. Hannah Rhee served as head of costumes for her third show. Most of the crew was new for this production, but they successfully pulled the play together.

Holley Hall was packed all four nights and the audience members thoroughly enjoyed the show. Laughter could be heard down the hallway as the actors told the story of the corrupt, bankrupt Enchanted Kingdom. With a cast and crew like this, the Winter Show is something to look forward to.

Abortion Rights

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Is it better to have a child raised by a mother who does not want the responsibility, or to have an abortion? This is what legalized abortion comes down to. Neglected children may not have the life that they rightfully deserve to have.

Teens are having sex and it is becoming an issue we can no longer avoid. Teachers and parents can say that sex is wrong, but teens rarely pay much attention to those warnings. Why don't we offer abortions legally so teens can pay for their mistakes, if need

Students See *Twelfth Night*

By Kristine Coco

On Friday, November 18, eight Upper School students, accompanied by Mrs. Herzberg and Mrs. Armstead, went to Kean College to watch a performance of *Twelfth Night*. Most of the students who attended are from Mrs. Herzberg's Shakespeare semester elective, while a couple of students are in her Advanced Placement English course. The production was directed by Dun 'N Ernest and was different than the play Shakespeare intended.

The set of the play was the backstage area of a circus, and there were clowns roaming the audience. Several of the characters were dressed in modern day clothing, while others were in traditional Shakespeare costumes.

This semi-modernization did not excite the Rutgers Prep group. While one character was dressed as a Guardian Angel from New York City, other characters

were wearing tights. Most of the students who went to the show agreed that the play should have been much more traditional.

Although everyone had a good time on their day off, almost everyone thought they had seen better renditions of Shakespeare before. Over bag lunches on the bus, the students and adults discussed ways of improving the show. *Twelfth Night* is a story of confusion and mayhem, but the students agreed the circus was too much. The bright set did not agree with the story line.

Overall, the group agreed the play would have been much more entertaining if the sets, costumes, and actors were consistent. "Although it did not have to be totally traditional, consistency would have been nice. A woman in fishnet stockings, and a leotard and a man in tights is a little to confusing," one student remarked.

Roving Reporter

By Maureen Benitz

What are you doing over the winter break?

Skiing in Vermont	Gym Care
Kate Dougherty '98	Jeremy Kenney '97
Going to Georgia for vacation	Skiing
Kerry Smith '98	Justin Auciello '98
Working on the yearbook, a term paper and visiting family in New York	Skiing in Vermont
Ria Rasalan '95	Evan Siegel '97
Gym Care	Snowboarding and skiing in Vermont, parties
Amanda Cruz '95	Melanie Kemmann '97
Basketball, shopping, and	

Can Drive

By Henri Renard

Even though this year's Can Drive had a slow start, it was successful. There were two double can days to persuade the students to bring in cans and a free Dress Down Day for the class with the most points. Each can counted as one point, except on the double days, when the cans counted as two points each. Even with this prompting, students were astonishingly slow bringing in cans. The School Council feared there would be very few cans to bring to the Franklin Food Bank, so they offered a Dress Down Day on November 22, the last day of the Can Drive, to every student who brought five cans with them to school.

Many members of the student body were concerned with the Dress Down Day. They felt they should not have to be bribed to bring in cans, and that our community should want to help people. One student said, "It's pretty sad that we can all remember to watch 90210, but we can't remember

to bring in cans for people who really need them." However, the extra Dress Down Day helped make the Can Drive a success. The Freshmen went from 74 cans to 349 cans in just one day. The other classes had similar numbers: the Sophomores went from 51 cans to 315, the Junior class rose from 30 to 230 cans, and the Seniors went from 34 to 405. Because Seniors have the privilege to leave campus for lunch, several students went to the store to buy the extra 150 cans they needed to win the Dress Down Day.

Overall, the Can Drive brought in over 1300 cans. From only having about 150 cans the day before, the Can Drive was a success. All the cans collected were donated to the Franklin Food Bank for the holidays. The School Council Committee was chaired by Kristine Coco with Chris Pink, Henri Renard, and Jay Golon serving on the committee.

Toy Drive

By Archana Kansagra

The school participated in the annual Toy Drive from December 5th through the 14th. School Council has successfully run this project for many years. This year's committee was chaired by Ria Rasalan and Jay Golon, with other members of Council helping them. Council members put children's ages, names, and gift requests on the Council bulletin board, and students picked a child to buy a gift for. Most of the children, from infants to teenagers, came from needy families that could not afford holiday gifts. The wish list included everything from Walkmans to games to trucks.

All of the donated gifts went to the Department of Human Services, Division of Youth and Family Services in Edison, who will distribute them out to the less fortunate. The Toy Drive also included Lower and Middle School students who took part by donating new or unused toys.

One student said, "This is a terrific way to start the holidays. You're making yourself feel better by helping someone else." The participation in this year's Toy Drive was swift and generous. The School Council appreciated the positive response to the event.

be. After enduring one abortion, many will probably think twice before having unprotected

sex. Abortion should be legalized without parental consent with counseling.

Wrestlemania

By Sudipta Mallik

The 1994-95 varsity wrestling season is now underway. This year's squad has high expectations and is determined to repeat as Prep Conference champs.

Leading the team this year are captains seniors Bill Bocra and Scott Skorupsky, and junior Dave Papa, along with veterans Rohin Singh, Gregg Costello, Adam Simnett, and Henri Renard. Although this year's team is without a 100-pounder, the rest of the weight classes are taken care of. Rohin Singh will be the team's 106-pounder, along with Scott Skorupsky at 112, Kent Tashman at 119, Bill Bocra at 125, Dave Papa at 134 and Henri Renard at 142. Freshmen Dave Thompson, Dipak Debiswas, Khanjan Nagarseth, along with junior Bryan Rose and sophomore Herb Roberts are contending for the 151, 160, and 171

spots. Rounding out the upper weight classes are sophomore Craig Feinberg, senior Gregg Costello, and senior Adam Simnett at 215 and 275 pounds, respectively. Bill Bocra, who won the Somerset County Tournament last year and placed fourth at the Prep Nationals, should have an equally superb season. Dave Papa, Scott Skorupsky, Rohin Singh and Henri Renard should also have great seasons. Although the middle to upper weight classes are inexperienced, Coach Dougherty is confident that they will perform to the best of their abilities.

This year's team faces a rigorous schedule, including powerhouses like St. Benedict's Prep, Peddie, Blairstown and Manville. Their season opened Saturday, December 10 with a victory against Gill St. Bernards.

Boys' Basketball

By Rohin Singh

The boys' basketball team began the 1994-95 season with high hopes. The return of senior starters Mike Maccia, Scott Sienkiewicz, and Jaime Jimenez, along with sophomores Joe Ziznewski and Jeremy Kenney, should produce many victories this winter. Also looked upon to provide considerable minutes will be sophomore Mark Markowski and senior Edsel Antonio. Newcomer Jason Miakos, a sophomore, will add depth at the point guard position.

In their opener at Solomon Schecter, the team suffered from poor first half shooting. However, they nearly overcame an 18 point halftime deficit, narrowing the margin to three, only to

come up short in the closing minutes, (65-56). Despite the loss, the team showed promising signs. Mike Maccia led the scoring with 17 points and Scott Sienkiewicz added 16.

In their second game, at Peddie, the boys showed their true potential, coming away with their first victory of the young season, 65-51. Jimenez rebounded from a sluggish opener to score 32 points, and Ziznewski added 12 points.

The team seems poised for a successful season. Experience and depth are two keys which will enable them to win, something they expect to do a lot this year.

Volleyball

By Sara Papa

Coach Kiernan's volleyball team has a big job this year. Of the five starters from past season, only junior Caroline Chang has returned, the rest of the starting five have been lost to graduation. So the team on the court this year is basically a new team. Caroline is in the position of primary setter, Captain junior Joyce Reyes as the secondary setter, outside hitters senior Jae Lee and sophomore Sue Slim, and at the base line Ria Rasalan and Captain senior Aliya Walker. Junior Bhanu

Yerramilli and sophomore Allison Albino are on the junior varsity team, but also play varsity.

The volleyball season has already started, but the team members are still getting adjusted to each other. Their first two regular season games have been losses to St. Elizabeth's and Lacordaire, and the JV team lost one and won one. But the team hosted its annual Spikers Tournament held on the Rutgers University, Cook/Douglas Campus, and

they came in second in their pool, fourth overall. Prep even had a member of the All-Tournament Team: Caroline Chang.

The team, managed by sophomores Jay Golon and Frank Cesario, is a large one with seventeen members, so in the next four years, the team should dominate. But the season has only begun, and Prep will surely do respectively. Their next game is December 7th against the 1993-94 Division A Champs, Kent Place.

Co-ed Swimming

By Sara Papa

Some might be surprised that Rutgers Prep is so competitive in swimming when the school doesn't even have a pool. But the character and dedication this sport allows the swimmers to overcome this obstacle. Practice time is half the amount other sports have due to travel time to the Cook Campus of Rutgers University, yet the team manages to work hard enough to be victorious.

In the past couple of years the team has been young, and this year is no different. There are only three seniors: Captain Ryan Neely, Kavita Patel, and Sara Papa, but the other three classes make up the difference.

There was an especially big turnout of freshmen this year, and some of them even had experience, such as Kerry Smith, Jane Needleman, and Nick Lessard. These new swimmers should nicely complement the juniors Meredith Riley, Matt Needleman, Sid Singh, and Corrie Graham, as well as sophomore George Cox. Coach Nes Forney says this of the team: "I am very pleased with the new recruits this year. I am also pleased with this team's work ethic. I enjoy working with kids who want to be at practice all the time. As the season progresses, I'm confident that [swim] times will drop and our team

will become even more competitive." Captain Ryan Neely adds, "We're going to have fun."

Though the season officially starts December 7th with a tri-meet against Wardlaw Hartridge and Hun, the Prep team did get one scrimmage in on December 2nd. No score was kept, but if it had been, Prep would have won its 1st victory.

Membership on the Prep swim team demands a lot of hard work, but the school's swimmers handle it well. The 1994-95 winter season should prove to be one well worth watching, for the team has good chances of a winning season this year.

Girls' Basketball

By Scott Skorupsky

Though the girls' basketball team lacks experience at several of the starting positions, they demonstrate an ability to work well together and look forward to a successful season. Leadership is provided by senior captain Tara Auciello, the team's starting point guard, and returning seniors Diana Liscinski and Erin Armstead. These three, along with sophomores Liz Alexander and Catie Somers, and freshman Jackie Sienkiewicz, fill the starting positions, while Eireann Corrigan and maureen Benitz provide valuable minutes off of the bench.

Through their first three games, the girls have enjoyed success, posting a 4-1 record. The season began with a game against Lacordaire in the semi-finals of the Gill Tournament. The Prep girls won easily, advancing to the finals where they lost to the host team, Gill St. Bernards. Though the team suffered its first loss of the season, they did show some promising signs. Catie Somers, exhibiting tremendous defense, held Gill's leading scorer to 4 points.

In the third game, against Solomon Schecter, the team came from behind to win as they outscored their opponents 18-0 in the final quarter to post a 37-24 victory.

Jackie Sienkiewicz, the team's leading scorer, registered 8 of the 18 fourth quarter points to lead the comeback.

The girls' basketball team has enjoyed large turnouts at home games to provide them with support. Captain Tara Auciello feels that the this is a big factor in determining the outcome of games, especially with a young team, and could spark success in the girls' two home tournaments this year. The girls' basketball team is on the rise. With a blend of youth and experience that has been able to work together, this year's team should have a season that will not be soon forgotten.

Winter Scores

Boys' B-Ball	1-3
Girls' B-Ball	5-1
Volleyball	1-2
Wrestling	1-0
Swimming	1-2

Upcoming Games

Upcoming Home Games		
1/3	Var. Girls Basketball v. MKA	4:30
1/4	Var. Boys Basketball v. Peddie	4:00
	Frosh Boys Basketball v. Peddie	5:30
1/6	Var. Boys Basketball v. Lawrenceville	4:00
1/10	Var. Girls Basketball v. Gill-St. B's	4:00
1/11	Var. Boys Basketball v. Saddle River	4:00
1/12	Var. & JV Volleyball v. Newark Acad.	4:00
1/13	Var. & JV Volleyball v. MKA	3:45
1/13	Varsity Wrestling v. Pingry	5:30
1/21	JV Boys Basketball v. Hun	12:00
	Var. Girls Basketball v. Hun	1:30
	Var. Boys Basketball v. Hun	3:00
1/24	Var. Girls Basketball v. Lakewood Prep	4:00
	Var. Boys Basketball v. Lakewood Prep	5:30
1/26	Var. & JV Volleyball v. Kent Place	4:00
1/27	JV Boys Basketball v. Wardlaw Hart	4:30
	Var. Girls Basketball v. Wardlaw Hart	6:00
	Var. Boys Basketball v. Wardlaw Hart	7:30
1/30	Var. Girls Basketball v. Saddle River	4:00
1/31	Var. Wrestling v. Newark Academy	4:00

Holiday Tournaments

12/17-18	RPS Boys & Girls Basketball Tournament
12/27-28	West Windsor Boys Basketball Trnmt.
12/28-29	Somerset County Wrestling Tournament