

Athletes finish winter season by dining and getting awards

by Vicki Nelner

The athletes who participated in fall and winter sports were acknowledged and commended during the 24th annual Sports Award Dinner.

This dinner, which was held on March 24 at the Martinsville Inn, is sponsored yearly by the Maroon and White Club. Attending the dinner were the players and coaches of the 18 fall and winter sports, cheerleaders, parents, and alumni.

Once dinner had been served, the awards presentation began.

The first award presented, the Maroon and White Award, is given annually by the Maroon and White Club to the person or family it feels deserves recognition for time and effort put into Prep athletics.

This year the award went to Debbie Dudas, Mary Valenti, and Juliana Ratych.

Gymnastic Coach Lisa Spencer presented the Outstanding Player Award to Kathi Klein.

In Varsity Soccer, Coach Dr. Frank Sperduto, in his last year as Varsity Soccer Coach, awarded Rob Weiss the Outstanding Player Award. The Players presented Dr. Sperduto with a plaque for all his years as coach.

Ieva Miesnieks received the Outstanding Player Award in two separate sports, Girls' Varsity Tennis and Varsity Volleyball.

In Cross Country, Tony Scialappa was awarded the Outstanding Runner Award, and both he and Joe Faraci were named captains of next year's team.

The Outstanding Wrestler Award went to team captain Paul Grippo.

Robert Murray received the Outstanding Swimmer Award and Roman Bukachevsky received the Jack Morton Award for the most improved swimmer. Both Robert Murray and Ricky Zankel were named as the captains of next year's Swimming team.

In Girls' Basketball the Outstanding Player Award went to Mary Valenti. Art Wilnot received the Most Valuable Player Award for J.V. Basketball.

In Varsity Basketball, two awards were presented. Coach Richard O'Connell gave the Outstanding Player Award to team co-captain Todd Milligan.

The second award, presented to team co-captain Nate Mullins, was the Christiansen Award for good sportsmanship, which is given yearly by Mr. and Mrs. Ron Jackowitz of the class of 1957.

News in brief

Forum

Should boys be allowed to wear beards and mustaches? Should admission be charged for dances and other school social events? Should talking be permitted in study halls? Should the school start a glee club? These were the questions discussed at the forum held April 21.

Open House

The fourth and last Open House of this year will be held May 15. The program will begin at eleven o'clock.

Art Trip

Mr. Harrison Burns's Drawing and Design classes and Mrs. Stephanie Bianchi's Art History class journeyed to New York City April 20.

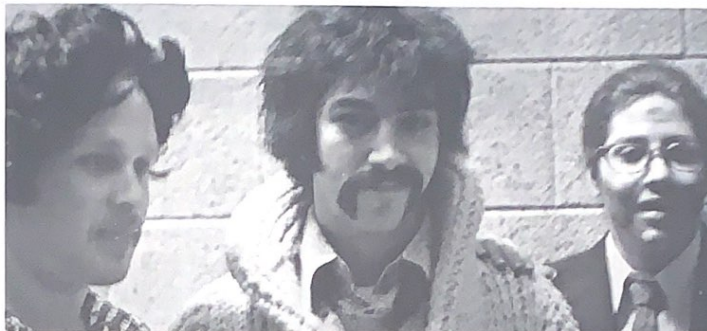
They wandered through SoHo and viewed the Frick Collection. Also, they stopped in at the art studios of Mr. Burns and Mrs. Emily Sturkie Hixon, a former Prep art teacher.

French Trip

On April 8, Mrs. Helene Spraford led her French Civilization students into New Brunswick. The attraction: the pantomime of Marcel Marceau was featured at the State Theatre. All the students were pleased with Marceau's wordless performance.

N.J.A.I.S.T.

Private school teachers met April 23 at the New Jersey Association of Independent School Teachers Conference, held at the Peddie School in Hightstown, N.J. Here they saw displays, heard lectures, and conferred with the purpose of improving old and learning new methods of teaching.



Mrs. Amy VonderPorten, Mr. Allan Pierce, and Dr. Frank Sperduto are shown here impersonating Howard Maltz, Matt Chibbaro, and Janet Borrus on Senior Day, March 15. Photo by J. Berkowitz

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Library dedication highlights Lower School's Family Day

by Christopher Combest

Lower School Family Day, scheduled for Wednesday, May 5, will be more special than usual this year.

The reason for the uniqueness of this particular Family Day is the dedication of the school's new, 80-foot circular library. The building, having been under construction for more than a year, will finally be dedicated by Dr. David M. Heinlein on that day at 1:30 p.m. before parents, faculty, students, trustees, and friends of Rutgers Preparatory School.

The process of moving the old library's contents into the new building began April 19, with boxes of books lining the old library's floor. The library is closed and will not be

reopened until the official christening on May 5.

An interesting addition to the library is a tokonoma, an area of the library set aside for a special collection about Japanese culture. It will contain a book collection as well as cases with prints, vases, and other art objects. The money for this collection was donated by the Nippon Electric Company, Ltd., in honor of late trustee president Dr. A. Jack Morton.

Good library service is necessary for good education, maintains Mrs. Von Der Porten, school librarian. She feels that this new library will be a great boon to the quality of education here at Rutgers Prepara-

tory School. In order that this quality may be made available on time, however, Mrs. Von Der Porten can use and would appreciate any help from the students, either during study halls or anytime after school between 2:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

While the library's dedication will be the only different part of the Middle and Upper School day, it will be, for the Lower School students, the culmination of a day of special activities.

Several plays will be performed in the morning by the kindergarten, first, and second grades. The third grade will prepare a program of local campus history and will give guided tours through the Lower School's main building. Fifth and sixth graders will show an exhibit of various crafts, such as the use of a potter's wheel and a reversed glass painting process, which were popular as long as two centuries ago.

The morning's schedule will be followed at noon by a picnic lunch on the Lower School front lawn. A bake sale will be held and a bookmobile will be available for most of the day. The books will be geared principally for the kindergarten through the sixth grades.

Argo staff announces new editors

Next year's Argo editorial board has been selected.

Merle Witkin will be editor-in-chief. Christopher Combest will hold the position of news editor. Editing the opinion page will be Amy Krivitzky. Juliana Ratych will be next year's features editor. And the sports editor will be Richmond Cohen.

Members of the staff attended the Columbia Scholastic Press Association Convention held at Columbia University March 11-13.

This association rates high school publications. The Argo again received a first place award this year.

Students came from as far away as Japan to participate in the convention's seminars, lectures, and workshops in journalism. Judith Crist, the noted movie critic, was a featured speaker.

Seniors coverage upon Catskills bearing ski poles and swimsuits

By Janet Berkowitz and Caron Wollick

It's hard to say whether the Concord Hotel in Kiamasha Lake, New York, was an experience for the Class of '76, or whether the Class of '76 was an experience for the Concord.

On March 14, fifty seniors stamped the main lobby of the Concord Hotel, and from then on, things just seemed to take their natural course.

The main objective of the three-day long weekend seemed to be a concerted effort to survive the ordeal without opening a textbook, or shutting an eye.

Up bright and early, a crew of anxious horseback riders took off for the stables with Mr. Buddy Frezza. He almost immediately proved that his horseback riding prowess was considerably inferior to his skills in ice skating (or teaching Driver's Ed?????).

Afterwards, everyone piled onto the ice. (Yes, there were many piles of uncoordinated seniors who thought they knew how to skate, as their more skilled peers skated around the sprawling masses). Mr. Frezza even succeeded in helping the "Dy-n-o-mite" kid, Billy Hyman, to learn to skate—on his feet!

While some pinball wizards helped support the hotel's game concession, a few seniors were brave enough to wriggle into bikinis, which were approximately the size of three very small postage stamps, to take a sauna and swim.

During the long break between swimming and dinner, many packed into a not-so-large room for Camp Concord's sing-a-long with counselors Csik, Banko, and Wollick.

Meanwhile, Peter Weprinsky busied himself collecting mislaid room keys, only to discover that by the end of the evening, he had accumulated a key to every room but his own.

Later that evening, the "virile" eighteen year old seniors were thrown out of the bar—for dancing! However, Billy did manage to give his spectacular Jay Five performance.

Seniors took advantage of free tennis court time from two to five A.M. After a sleepless night, it wasn't surprising to find Winslow Bronson dozing off in Debbie Dudas's closet, or Billy Hyman, Peter Weprinsky, and Rob Weiss asleep in Amy Lifson's bed. Neither was anyone too surprised at dinner that evening when Neal Shore, Victor Schwartz, and Steve Kerekes made a spectacular dinner entrance, complete with hankerchiefs for ascots.

A ferocious snowstorm, too late in its arrival to allow the seniors to get in some skiing, delayed the return trip for several hours. But all the merry campers were contented as they drove off into the sunset singing, "I'm in love with a Big Blue Frog."



Scenes from the senior trip:

At top, college-bound cowboys just horsing around. Bottom left, David Cohen sitting in a bathtub. Bottom right, Billy Hyman asks, "Are you sure this is how you teach everyone to drive, Mr. Frezza?" as Peter Weprinsky looks on. Photo by J. Berkowitz





Student activities needed for political awareness

Within the microcosmic community of Rutgers Preparatory School, we students are perennially seeking leaders among our peers. A group of friends may subconsciously designate a "head man," a freshman class may ponder over its vice-presidential candidates, or the entire student body may question the efficacy of the Student Council president.

If we take a glance outside of our school environment, it is clear that the nation is undergoing a similar experience, simply on a larger scale. Americans are preparing to elect a president. However complex and significant the process may be, it parallels the Student Council presidential election at Prep. On the community as well as national levels, we are selecting an individual who will guide us toward what we define as a positive direction.

As students, we tend to consider the 1976 Presidential Election as a remote and sophisticated procedure. It is quite easy to rationalize that we have little or no responsibility to the election, because we are too young to vote. Such a theory is a sad misconception, however, and a cop-out on our parts.

It is time for our "silent generation" of the '70's to step outside the security of our community and take part in the political activities of the country. We are the future men and women who must help define the nature and direction of our society, a society that is immersed in distrust and confusion at the present time. It is illogical for us to await a political or social enlightenment to accompany our maturity. We can instead seek experience and knowledge as we participate in the country's political action.

The establishment of a Campaign '76 Group, perhaps under the guidance of the Council, may help arouse campaign consciousness among students. Debates about the candidates could be scheduled, candidate representatives could speak during a special assembly, and a bulletin board pertaining to the election could be posted in a classroom.

Prep reporter recognizes senior editors

by Robert Murray

When I was first asked to come here and blow a witty taps for the out-going editorial staff, I could not have been more pleased. Not that I am sorry to see them go, or rather that it's been real fun gang, but, well, gee, I know you could have edited all night and stuff but this is all really just an excuse for a swell guy like me to breathe some life into this issue.

But I plan to accomplish three things in the next 274 words: (1) say good-bye as ordered (2) be funny, as suggested (3) add some pointed remarks that come from the depths of a soul tormented by the thought that I do all the work and these fools get all the credit.

The four of them come first. Their last names are Weiss, Berkowitz, Miesnieks, and Pickar. (Now you tell me which one is the idiot.) Gee they

were swell. What he-men! What raw, savage, animal strength! What am I talking about?

Rob Weiss had the sports page. The sports page was among my favorites. Technically, it was superb. The writing was neat and well organized. It covered a topic we all liked to read about. This is a joke school. It had action. It had brains and it had Rob. What more could a page ask for, egg in its beer?

Next, as we move right along, is Berkowitz, Janet and her very own page, features. I liked this one even more than sports because I wrote for it. I don't have to say anything about the editor because I liked my part of the operation so much better. But, as I think back, the features page featured some pretty OK other features. I guess she did an all-right job. But that's it.

Page two landed in the lap of Ieva

Miesnieks. One thing about Ieva, even if you couldn't pronounce her name, everyone knew her on sight. I wasn't on it (unless this ends up there.) And secondly, being an ardent loonie, I could never agree with any of the opinions. But, thank you for a wonderful bunch of wrong opinions, anyway.

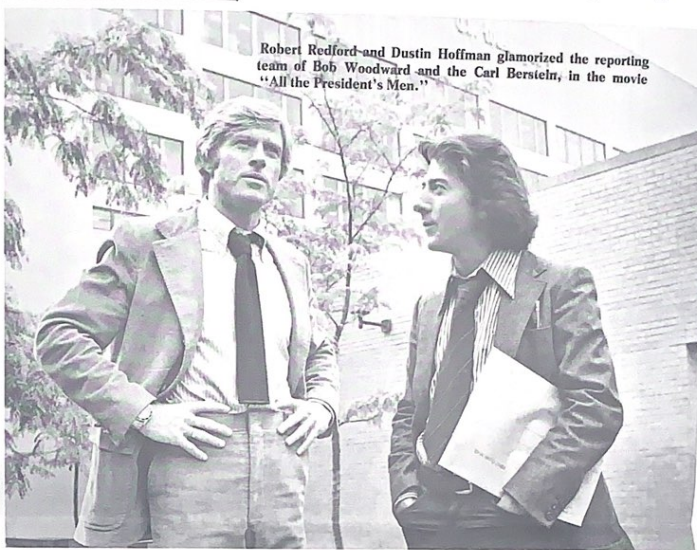
Riding shotgun on the whole affair was Liz Pickar. She asked me to write this, saying it would be nice if the editors were remembered. I know that the real reason is that she wanted her name in print just one more time. Well, here you go Liz: LIZ PICKAR. Are you impressed? She never really did anything except scream and rave because nobody cared about her or respected her position of authority. So, for whatever you did, thanks Liz. (Notice how your name showed up four times?)

As they put this issue to press, the numbers of four more champion muckrakers are reiterated and we bid them a premature farewell.

Art to Heart

with Ieva Miesnieks

'Woodstein team' sets standards for incoming Argo newspaper people



Robert Redford and Dustin Hoffman glamorized the reporting team of Bob Woodward and the Carl Bernstein, in the movie "All the President's Men."

Although the Watergate crisis of 1972 is a past event, its memories will definitely affect this election year. Any reshaping of the crisis further reminds Americans of the past crisis and warns them to be especially wary in choosing a (new) president. Therefore, the political implications of the movie *All the President's Men* are probably more significant than those of any other movie to date.

Not only are we reminded of today's politics, but we are also made aware of the rapport or perhaps the lack of rapport between politics and journalism. The movie presents a vivid account and description of a newspaper establishment, emphasizing in particular the personalities and requirements of good reporters.

Robert Redford and Dustin Hoffman capture the dynamic team of reporters Woodward and Bernstein by vividly characterizing them as individuals and as co-journalists.

Hoffman, as Bernstein, comes forth as the more experienced and better writer, while Redford, as Woodward, is the superb investigator who can't exactly write good stories. (We have a lot in common!) They work well as a team, but there is little if any personal attachment between the two, other than when sharing the pleasure of uncovering a key clue. However, if the viewer watches their mannerisms and momentary eye-contacts closely, a relationship of mutual understanding is apparent.

The movie does not explore the actors. Instead, it is a documentary-like account of the Watergate break-in and discovery.

Since the film is totally based on fact, one is left with a more powerful impression than had it been partly fiction. At one point, Dustin Hoffman advised fictionalizing the film, but Redford and director Alan Pakula decided to pay the price for realism. There were problems concerning the attitudes of newspaperman and the moviemakers which detained progress and depressed many, but after seeing the movie one is convinced it was well worth it.

Robert Redford first saw the possibilities of a film on Watergate before Woodward and Bernstein had begun work on *Final Days*. Redford's interest and sensibility were revealed over and over again when problems concerning production arose.

Bernstein and Woodward captivated Redford. When he bought the movie rights for \$450,000, he was often to be found in the Post city room with them, and he later said, "I fell in love with the Post." He gained the trust of most everyone there, which was necessary for all to work out most successfully.

William Goldman, writer of *Butch Cassidy* and the *Sundance Kid*, was hired to write the script. Much of the script, however, was simply improvised by the actors on the stage, with the aid of director Alan Pakula.

Well, the movie appears to be a success for all those involved: the Post is now in the limelight, and the movie itself has taught all those involved something about reporters and the press.

Redford was gorgeous, Hoffman was irresistibly cute, and all the other newspaper people and members of the Committee to Reelect the President played their roles with the utmost comprehension of the characters and the situation.

Jason Robards, portraying the editor of the Post, Ben Bradlee, had a strikingly strong performance. Each time he appeared, he came on powerfully, displaying deep concern for the fate of his paper, or else expressing a dirty newsroom joke. His references to the two reporters as the "Woodstein team" as well as other comical moments helped keep the movie from being an overly serious documentary, as did the magnetic performances of Robert Redford and Dustin Hoffman.

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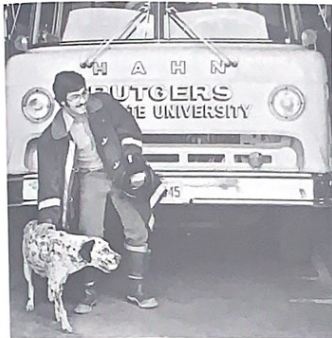
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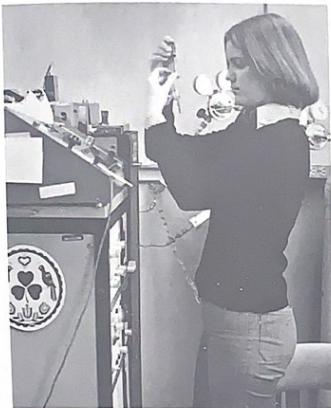
PLACE ON

GRADUATION DAY

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House on fire? Call Matt Chibbaro and Pebbles of the Rutgers Fire Department. Photos by J. Berkowitz.



Pam Csik shooting up penicillin? She's just testing pollutants at Cook College.



Is this pornography or the works of Monet, Degas, and Renoir?

Could there be life after Prep? Project seniors are optimistic!

Pam Csik: "How many people walk out of the chemistry exam and say 'Never Again!'? At least I did. It's less than one year later and already I am studying the chemical, biological, and physical fate of phenolics, a specific group of pollutants, by subjecting them to a variety of experimental conditions to simulate the Delaware estuary. Periodically, these are sampled and run through numerous tests to observe changes in the phenolic compound. This project is a great chance to see how all the sciences I have studied are actually interrelated."

Janet Borrus: "I'm working at WBRW. 'What's that?' you're likely to ask. WBRW is a small radio station located in Somerville, which broadcasts mainly to northwestern New Jersey. I've spent most of my time in the News Department, helping the staff obtain information and write stories, while practicing broadcast speaking on my own. (It isn't as easy as Walter Cronkite makes it look). I've also done some commercial writing, and before the project ends, I will have had experience in Programming, Sales, and Engineering. I've gained a good understanding of the news end of radio broadcasting, not to mention a lot of laughs. It's terrific--the least painful learning experience I've ever had."

Paul Davlet: "I am working for the Division of Fish and Game. My job consists of some field and lab work, and some statistical work. Most of my field work is with live trout. I have tagged Rainbow trout to be released in New Jersey waters and have electrofished two small streams. Electrofishing is done with two electrodes, and it stuns the fish for a very short time with an electrical charge. I have also done a creel census on opening day of trout season at Round Valley Reservoir, to check the growth rate of hatchery raised trout with the trout stocked three months before in Round Valley."

Matt Chibbaro: "I have been working for the Rutgers University Fire Department in both Fire Prevention and Firefighting areas. In accompanying Fire Prevention officers or inspectors and investigators, I have learned many basic responsibilities of their job. I have been trained to handle hose lines and ladders. I return regularly at night for firefighting drills as well. It's not an easy job - two firemen have been injured since I've been here. But it's the greatest thing I've ever been involved in, and I hope to make a career out of firefighting."

Amy Lifson: "I am working in the field of Wildlife Management with a graduate student from Cook College. This student is completing research in the productivity of salt marsh ponds for his Masters Degree thesis. Once a week I go to the marsh, located in South Jersey, and aid in collecting plant and water samples as well as observe the change in depth of the ponds. The remainder of the week is spent in a laboratory, drying out plants, titrating water samples for the salinity content, and learning new concepts in wildlife science."

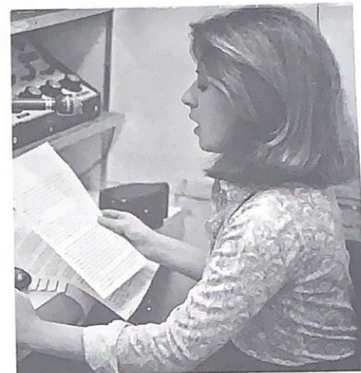
Janet Berkowitz: "People find it depressing when they hear I work at the New Jersey Neuropsychiatric Institute with autistic children. But it's been honestly rewarding, even if it means only teaching a child to draw a circle or discriminate colors. Autism is a mental disorder in which the child becomes withdrawn into a private world and doesn't have any real sense of language. I've observed different teaching methods, finding that behavior modification (rewarding-punishment) works most effectively. I've experienced everything from a child's tender hug to his unrestrained biting and scratching during a frustrating moment. Here is where realism and love work together."

Caron Wolicki: "Prep's old Art Studio has been transformed into the workshop of the Impressionist masters through the industrious efforts of Susan Chimene, Winslow Bronson, and Caron Wolicki. Actually, the project for Sue and myself entails visiting various museums and the Rutgers Art Library, as well as completing several canvases in the style of the Impressionist artists. Winslow has a 'private arrangement' with a model who poses in the nude for him at Douglas College! (All in all, it's a very worthwhile project.)"

Rob Weiss: "I have been working at Cook College under the direction of Dr. Hans Fisher, Chairman of the Nutrition Department. I have been involved in all aspects of an experiment, attempting to determine the effects of various levels of methionine, an amino acid, on rats' growth. In analyzing the nitrogen (protein) content of the rats' feces, urine and food, I have been exposed to a wide variety of scientific processes and equipment. I have also been working with larger animals, such as chickens and cows. This has been a valuable experience, as I am considering a career in Veterinary Medicine."



Mad scientist at work? Just Debbie Dudas setting the p.h. of bacteria media. Photos by J. Berkowitz.



Cousin Bruce of Prep? It's Janet Borrus taping her voice for radio.



Gabe Kotter with junior sweatshop? It's Janet Segal teaching at her old alma mater.

Bios: Citizens crab over crabgrass

By Robert Murray and Andy Golden



To begin with, we would like to point out to those who are not astute enough to have noticed it themselves, that the last Bios was a fraud. Obviously, this rather poor attempt at humor was not the work of the real masterminds, but rather some depraved imposter. Argo investigators have learned that this fake was probably the work of some insane, rotten egg salad sandwiches holed up in the athletic storage room (a recurring theme, Senior Biggles?) The investigators can't decide whether the sandwiches were doing an imitation of Redford and Hoffman or us. One reader eventually noticed the fraud and became so irate that he threatened to cancel his subscription to the Argo.

And now on with the column! Hello campers and welcome to Bios. This issue of our humble little bunch of words is inspired by the season on deck (spring being up at bat) "summer." And what do we all think of when someone mentions summer? Beaches? girls? boys? beer? (oops!) fun in the sun? Wrong. The first thing that should come to mind is that scourge of the middle class: CRABGRASS!! Yes with warmth and sun inspiring trees to new heights, as flowers bloom in the wake of April showers, your lawn is resuming its seasonal battle with the lawnmower. But hark! What are those strange weeds popping up among the Scotts kid proof turf? Not Cannabis but, you guessed it,

crabgrass. Try as one might, crabgrass is back again each year with a renewed vim and vigor that would amaze the Bermuda shorts off of the most ardent weekend gardener.

There are hundreds of different sure-fire, sprinkleon, cheap and easy cures for crabgrass. All major chemical companies turn out at least one. Why, with this much attention to curing it, crabgrass ranks right up there with other modern ailments such as foot odor, constipation, the heartbreak of psoriasis, and hayfever! God only knows what the companies put into plugging these tons of artificial manure!

Then there is a regime of lawn beauty products that would shame Avon and Vidal Sassoon together. And so it goes: chemical fertilizer, lime, seed, grass food and extra top-soil are applied at dizzying rates. Where will it all end?

Well, for your information smarty-pants, a bad lawn is hardly the end of the world. Ecology may well begin at home, but it sure doesn't end there. If everyone who does this sort of thing would buy one less bag of chemical nonsense and send the money saved to charity and disasters like Vietnam, the Santa Barbara oil slick and the San Francisco earthquake of 1906 might well have been avoided. So let's all stop treating grass as if it were alive and get out there and save the environment from communism, smog and Robert Redford!

Rutgers Prep batmen hitting .335 to compensate for weak pitching

by David Yurcisin

After last year's 12-7 record, it would be difficult for this year's baseball team to duplicate such a fine season. The present record of 4 wins and 3 losses, however, is what it was at this time last year, which shows the team is off to an equally good start.

There are many problems which hinder this year's team. Joel Baker, for example, was the leading hitter on the team (.553), but that was before breaking his collar bone while making a spectacular catch against St. Thomas Aquinas. Also, the team is young, being composed mostly of inexperienced freshmen and sophomores, with only five seniors. In addition to these problems, the defense and pitching are having trouble.

In spite of a shaky outfield, the infield seems to settle the defense. The infield is composed of Howard Maltz at third base, Bob "Soup" Campbell at shortstop, as the second base position is filled by Dave Yurcisin. The first baseman is Rob Schneider, while Joe Yurcisin is behind the plate.

The outfield consists of Billy Hyman, Paul Daviet, Arty Wilmot, Jeff Rutter, Doug Braun, and Leo Kahn. To help strengthen the outfield, Coach Frezza may move Rob Schneider and Howard Maltz there. This may be a solution for defense, but pitching is a principle weak point.

After pitchers Bob Vosbrink and Scott Rutter graduated last year, the pitching staff was left with Billy Hyman, Howard Maltz, Rob Schneider, Arty Wilmot, Dave Yurcisin, and Joel Baker. However, Joel,

having a 1-0 record, will not return until after his injury heals, which is expected to be after three weeks. This weakens the staff's strength tremendously.

Billy Hyman is the leading Prep pitcher, with a 2-2 record, while Howard Maltz has 1 win and 1 loss. The pitchers are being helped by pitching coach Leo Szarek, who was a standout pitcher for Arizona State University. The pitchers are also getting a lot of help from the hitters.

The team batting average currently stands at a fantastic .335, which shows how well the team is hitting. The team leader in hits is Rob Schneider, who is hitting a fierce .409 clip. The power of the team comes via Howard Maltz. His four home runs make him the undisputed county and team leader. He also has a whopping .364 average.

Other hitters above .300 include Bob Campbell (.368), Billy Hyman (.333), Paul Daviet (.355), Dave Yurcisin (.300), and Art Wilmot (.344). Although he has gotten off to a slow start, Joe Yurcisin usually comes through with men on base. Freshman Doug Braun is tied for the team lead in doubles, with two. The amazing pace of hitting is one of the main reasons for Prep's four victories.

Some of Prep's wins are victories over Morristown Beard (16-6), Princeton Day School (3-2), Montclair Academy (7-3), and an extra inning win over New Brunswick Vo-Tech (6-5). By winning one run games, the team has shown it can cope with pressure.

The three losses came by the hands of Gill St. Bernards (8-2), Dunellen (8-0), and St. Thomas Aquinas (14-7). Dunellen and St.

Thomas simply outclassed Prep, while Gill-St. Bernards seemed a bit closer to their standard of play. Prep has another chance to beat Dunellen and Gill-St. Bernards, as Prep plays them again this year. With the presence of Dunellen and Gill-St. Bernards on the upcoming schedule, Prep will have to improve to win the tough games.

In addition to these two teams, Prep plays two games apiece against Montgomery and North Brunswick. These public schools have a lot of talent, and Prep must be sharp to win. Despite the demanding schedule, the team is optimistic and hopes to have a fine winning season.

Talented but inexperienced stickmen yet to be tested

by Andy Golden

Despite the lacrosse team's record of 6-1 in early season play, Coach Spence Willard is not impressed: "The team hasn't really shown me anything. Their performance has been very inconsistent." The coach attributes the inconsistency to the inexperience of the squad.

The team has only three seniors: Mike Ballai, and co-captains Victor Schwartz and Paul "Bud" Grippo. (They share captain duties with junior Tony Jones.) Despite the inconsistency, there are bright spots. The coach has often been heard to say that this year's team has more natural ability and talent than any other team he has coached, including the team of two years ago that went to the state finals.

The main problem with the team's performance, according to Willard, is the lack of teamwork, especially in the area of backing up defense. Perhaps this type of problem will clear up as the team gains experience in the continuing season.

Coach Willard feels that the team hasn't played any truly strong teams yet. He believes the amount the team improves before the important games in the latter part of



Senior Peter Weprinsky knocks ball over Athletic Director O'Connell in Senior Faculty Volleyball game. Seniors won 3 games to 2.

the season, will make the difference between a championship team and a "500" team.

The attackmen on the team are senior Paul Grippo, juniors Anthony Sciallaba (who doubles as a midfielder) and Andy Golden, sophomore Matt Busch (also a midfielder), and freshmen Peter Clarke, Ron Biava, Albert Geldi, and Chris "Bambi" Harter.

The midfielders are seniors Victor Schwartz and Mike Ballai, juniors Dave Soong and Ed James, sophomores Ed Pahler, Willy Jasionowski, and Glenn Bakst, and freshman Peter Lisiecki.

The defensemen are juniors Frank Clarke, Tony Jones, Matt Grodin, Brian Drucker, Herb Hirsch, Mike Sica and freshman Eli Kirschner.

Despite inconsistency, notable performances have been given by players. All-state midfielder Anthony Sciallaba has amazed all by his development into a team player. This is evidenced by his increased number of assists. In just six games, Tony has assisted one and a half as many times as he did in all of last season. Also, he has scored an amazing average of over four goals per game.

Victor Schwartz, while not scoring as much as Tony, has aided the team on defense, as has Mike Ballai. Dave

Soong has many assists and also averages around one goal per game. Willy Jazz shows promise and Ed James has performed well.

The attack has been led by Matt Bush and Paul Grippo. Peter Clarke has played well and is only a freshman. Coach Willard feels another freshman, Chris Harter, is showing improvement.

On defense, Tony Jones and Bucky Clarke have been playing hardnosed defense, constantly knocking people down.

These individual performances will not be enough if the team will have a better than "500" season. Consistency and teamwork are also the name of the game.

Home Games

First week of May		
Mon.	Tennis	Highland Park
Tue.	Softball	Saint Elizabeth
Wed.	Lacrosse	Hun
	Golf	Manville
	Tennis	Somerville
Thur.	Baseball	Montclair Acad.
	Tennis	Morristown-Beard
Fri.	Lacrosse	Prince-on Day
Sat.	Lacrosse	Essex Cath.

Nate and Todd join forces in All-Star Classic at Prep

For the second year in a row Rutgers Prep was the host of the New Jersey-Philadelphia All Star Classic for basketball. The game was close all the way with Philadelphia winding up on top 97-89. Philadelphia evened the series at one all.

This year the preppers and other local fans had something extra to cheer for. Both Todd Milligan and Nate Mullins of Rutgers Prep played for the New Jersey All Stars, with Todd starting at center. Nate entered the game in the middle of the first period.

At halftime the score was 44-43 with the Philadelphia All Stars leading. The N.J. Stars many times after closed the gap to within one point, but behind Mike Davis's 17 second half points N.J. never got any closer.

Davis received high game honors with 31 points and because of his effort he was chosen, by the respective coaches of the two teams and by many college scouts, the game's Most Valuable Player. The leading scorers for New Jersey were Rory Sparrow with 18 points and Todd with 16.

This year's classic had an extra dimension. For the first time since 1967 the high school players were allowed to dunk the ball. A few dunks were attempted, with Todd trying three. Even though he didn't convert any for field goals, he was fouled on each attempt. During the warm-ups every player on the New Jersey team dunked the ball, and the crowd cheered wildly.

A crowd of 200 people, nearly 30 of them college scouts, were extremely impressed with the caliber of the players. All of the players were heavily recruited with some of the stars going to big time basketball schools such as North Carolina,

Maryland, Rutgers, North Carolina State and Louisville.

It was a very successful night; each player showed why he was picked to be an All Star.



Golf team down to minimum

"There seems to be a lack of loyalty," said coach Lee Anderson, referring to the fact that several golfers quit the team early this season. This leaves the golf team with only six golfers. No matter how high a player's score may be, he must count. This is a disadvantage for the team and for the golfers themselves.

This year's team includes returning letterman senior, captain Russell Best, and sophomore Dan Danzig. Others returning from last year's squad are seniors Winslow Bronson and Charlie Daniel.

New to the golf scene are junior Eric Roseff and freshman Alex Wiley. Coach Anderson feels that these new players can really help the team. "At the start of a very trying season," Mr. Anderson remarked, "Alex has been a pleasant surprise."

Coach Anderson seems to be a man who likes to win and never gives up. When asked if he thought this year's team will have as good a record as last year's best season (5-10), he replied, "You call last year a good year?" The team anticipates a better season this spring.

Most experienced tennis squad to compete on courts this year

"This year's varsity tennis team is one of the strongest we have ever had," stated Coach Barry Chamberlain. The varsity team has shown up well with five matches under its belt and only one loss—a close 4 to 5 decision to Princeton Day School. Coach Chamberlain believes that this year's team is strong in terms of quality and the competitive experience of the players.

This strength and experience should prove invaluable in the face of a tough schedule ahead. A few of the teams which are expected to be troublesome include Bridgewater East, Somerville, and Montclair.

The Prep varsity is made up of senior singles players Neal Shore, Dave Cohen, and Peter Weprinsky. The latter two are undefeated through their first five matches. Playing first doubles for varsity are Phil Brenner and Jim Faczak. Andy Barnett, Glenn Cohen, Ken Fried, Ron Fisher and Tom Siggia are among the second doubles players.

The junior varsity team should have an equally successful season. For the first time in Prep tennis the J.V. team will compete in eleven meets against only public schools.

A successful season will depend

upon J.V. singles players Bruce Bal-dinger, Richmond Cohen, and Kenny Freundlich. Playing first doubles are Ken Shriber, and Bob Darwin. Kenny Schlinder and Ed Lee will play at the second doubles spot.

Tennis has become a strong sports activity at Prep. The quality of this year's teams and a highly competitive schedule is clear indication that tennis has taken a place among the major sports teams at Prep.

Softball team to play by fastpitch rules

The girls' softball team started its season off well this year. Led by Captain MaryAnn Hatala, the squad beat Somerset Vo-Tech by a score of 30-16.

The team will be playing by fast pitch rules, which have been adopted by most schools in New Jersey. This method involves using only nine players instead of the usual ten, thus excluding the short center fielder.

Although their fielding is good, the girls must improve their batting. There are many tough schools on the schedule, including Blair, Hun and Vail Deane.