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Headmaster Ted Lingenheld, who will leave at the end of the Semester

Lingenheld Resigns

Sonali Lakhani

The resignation of Mr. Edward Lingenheld, Headmaster at the Rutgers Preparatory School, has been announced. Mr. Lingenheld will be leaving the school at the end of the 1990-91 academic year to become the headmaster at Tatnall School in Wilmington, Delaware.

Mr. Lingenheld came to Prep in 1980 as the Upper School principal. Before becoming Headmaster in 1984, he had already accomplished many goals aimed at improving the school community. Among the changes were the initiations of the Senior Prefect and Judiciary Board programs in 1982.

The 1983-84 school year was marked by the fire which struck the Upper School. It was also at the end of this year that Mr. Lingenheld was named Headmaster. Mr. Lingenheld described the time as, "exciting, tough, but exciting!" due to the fact that the Upper School had to be kept in operation, while at the same time plans for a new Upper School had to be arranged. In order to make Prep "less of an uptight place", plans for the new

building included the lounge as a central meeting area. All other aspects of the building were then built around the lounge.

The administrative staff when Mr. Lingenheld first came to Prep was minimal. It included Mr. Lingenheld himself, Mrs. Spratford, his assistant principal, and six faculty members who also served as college guidance advisors. After becoming Headmaster, one of the first priorities on Mr. Lingenheld's list was to increase the size of the staff. In accordance, Mrs. Diane Ucci was appointed to the position of Director of Student Counseling Services. One year after this, Mrs. Halpern was introduced to the Prep community. These changes have all contributed to what Mr. Lingenheld described as, "making Prep into a less restrictive place".

When asked why he will be leaving, he replied, "It's as bad to stay in one place for too long, as not long enough." He has decided to explore new possibilities, and the Tatnall School has quite a few differences from Rutgers Prep. He also has stated

that since his family lives in nearby Philadelphia, there is an added incentive.

The search for a new headmaster has already begun. The Board of Trustees has appointed a Search Committee of seven trustees, who after interviewing three consulting firms, have hired Mr. James Wickenden of Wickenden and Associates to assist in the search. Mr. Wickenden has conferred with faculty members on March 13 and 14 to find out what type of person would be ideal for the position of Headmaster. Mr. Wickenden will now compile a list of names of qualified candidates to visit the school. The process will not be completed until next year, since an interviewing cycle of candidates has yet to take place. Interviews will be held by student, faculty, parent, and alumni advisory committees. The final decision will be made by the Board, and until then, the Board has the option of appointing an acting Headmaster.

Model U.N. Returns

Nicole Watkins

On Valentine's Day, twenty-two upperclassmen, representing Albania and Nepal, traveled to Washington, D.C. for the annual Georgetown Model United Nations Conference. Rutgers Prep participated in the General Assembly and each day had two committee meetings of approximately four hours each. While in committee, Prep delegates collaborated with other delegations to write resolutions and then to present the resolutions to the entire committee. After a great deal of debate, several resolutions were passed on to the entire body of the General Assembly on the last day.

In their free time, the delegates visited various Washington spots. Delegates toured the monuments, visited fine restaurants, and explored Washington. Entertainment offered by Georgetown Saturday night was

a required formal banquet, followed by a well-attended delegate dance.

Geoff Gussis and Sonali Lakhani headed the Albanian and Nepalese delegations, respectively. Seniors participating were Marci Elkes, Janeen Emele, Robert John Fidelino, Paula Gonzalez, Sonali Gupta, Bill Hornbostel, Amar Maktal, Shivam Mallick, Raguni Narotam, and Nicole Watkins. Junior participants were Liz Chin, Joe Foleno, Dejon Hush, Jamie Kelner, Nicole Martin, Maireen McCue, Debbie Melnick, and Akin Salawu. Sophomores attending were Marnee Richman and Melissa Rosenbaum. Chaperoning the trip, as well as advising the club, was Mr. Joseph Stefani along with his wife, Mrs. Stefani.

The Grand Campaign

Andrew Rafalaf

The 1991 School Council elections are finally over, and the results are in. This year's elections were tedious for most of the candidates because three of the four offices had at least one runoff. The offices of Treasurer, Secretary, and President required runoffs because none of the candidates secured fifty percent of the vote in the initial election. There were only two candidates for the office of Vice-President, and therefore this was the only election decided by the first vote. Liz Chin ran against Colin Simons, and the latter emerged victorious.

The candidates for the office of Treasurer were Uma Ayalla,

Anthony Accardi, and Matt Hobbs. Matt eventually won this office. The office of Secretary, had three run-offs. The four candidates that ran for this office were Marnee Richman, Sheila Patel, Drew Rafalaf, and Matt Maccia, who emerged as the new School Council Secretary. The office of President had three candidates running: Sanjay Basu, Debbie Melnick, and Jason Kaplan. All three presented interesting platform speeches, and all seemed to have promise, but during the question/answer period some candidates' answers proved to be more concrete than others. After a run-off, Jason Kaplan became the new School Council President.

Prep Celebrates Anniversary

Uma Ayalla

On February 8, Rutgers Prep celebrated its 225th Anniversary. To commemorate the birthday, an all school assembly took place in the Fieldhouse, and the program featured many events, including appearances from former Rutgers Prep students and teachers.

The first part of the assembly took place by the flag pole outside the Upper School building, where Joseph Locandro and

Michael Metzger raised the flags while all the students and faculty gathered around and sang the school song. Shortly afterwards, they all filed into the Fieldhouse, where former School Council President Robert John Fidelino conducted the Pledge of Allegiance.

Several guests who welcomed the students included Mrs. Elizabeth E. Cayer, the President of the Board of Trustees, John H.

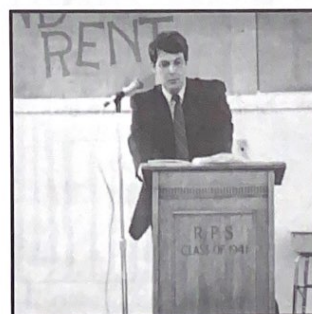
Coo, from the RPS class of 1933, and Richard S. O'Connell, Senior Master of Ceremonies. Edward Lingenheld, the headmaster, opened and closed the assembly.

Along with the anecdotes came music both from the 7th and 8th grade concert band, and from the 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th grade chorus, who sang "America the Beautiful" in accompaniment with the audience.

Klipstein Series Continues

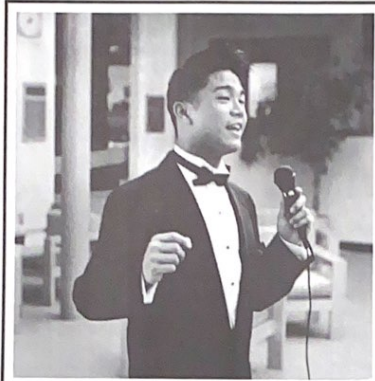
Liz Chin

On Monday, April 8, Jeffery Kosnett '72, an expert in the field of personal finance, gave a talk in Baldwin Hall. The lecture was delivered with the purpose of giving the audience a basis for an understanding of such subjects as the "time value of money" and the pros and cons of debt investments. The Klipstein lecture series is part of a continuing line of guest speakers for upperclassmen. The faculty and students with some background in economics expanded their knowledge, while others were introduced to a new realm of study with practical applications.



Richard Kosnett '72, lecturing at Prep.

Opinions



Odd things are happening at Prep these days.

In Defense of Council

Scott Mory

For three years now, I have been an active member of the student government in this school and I definitely think that it is time for the flow of negative criticisms being dumped all over Council to stop. I hear people talking, and I read Argo articles criticizing Council for its supposed ineffectiveness and inability to change the status quo of our school. Well, I have something to say to all those overeager critics and that's simply—get off your butts and do something about it. If you were as anxious to help Council out as you are to criticize it, things might start to improve. Did you ever hear that old familiar quote by John F. Kennedy, "Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country."? Sure, it sounds corny, but if you extrapolate it to deal with our school, it makes perfect sense. The only way that any government, whether on the federal, state, local, or yes, even the school level, will work, is when all its constituents take an

active concern and role in its SUCCESSES, not its failures!!!!

Now, don't get me wrong. I'm not saying that this Council, or any other government for that matter, is infallible or undeserving of criticism. I'll also be one of the first ones to admit that Council does have its shortcomings, but people who feel so free to criticize, shouldn't do so in hindsight. It's very easy to criticize after a mistake has been made. Come to Council meetings and offer your wonderful advice before the mistakes are made, and if you are one of those people who can write multiple-paragraph articles describing why Council is disappointing, well then, how about some solutions on how to improve Council? Once again, it's very easy to say the Council needs to be revamped or improved, we know that already! What Council needs are some strategies as to how. Most of the time, when a situ-

The Rutgers Prep experience inevitably boils down to a recognizable cycle of events that follow the temperature of the pavement outside the "front" door and the aging of the student body. On June 9, Rutgers Prep is at its oldest, and by consequence, its least mature. Seniors, once looked upon as comparable to Supreme Court Justices, become beach bums after April 15th. The conventional dramas of casual dating and clique intrigue transform into an all-out frenzy to find a prom date. Class business, in the Spring, is blown off (the prom is either hopeless by now or God's gift to the Seniors). The turtleneck academia spawned by a Mrs. Kraus-led college scramble has evaporated as those dreaded envelopes have arrived. Freshmen, no longer the butt of every cool upperclassman's jokes, become real, if boring, parts of the school swirl. Yes,

ation doesn't get rectified, the reason is not because Council members haven't tried! It's because the administration stalls on handing down decisions. One more thing to consider: why should the administration take a Council seriously when its own constituents don't?

Personally, I've never served on Council, but I have gone to some of their meetings, and I have volunteered at various events, such as Career Day and Burger Blast, and, as President of the Junior Class, I am concerned with the lack of respect given to the central body of our government. Believe me, no one will turn away a hand willing to work. So, let us,

Spring Fever

Erik Wasson

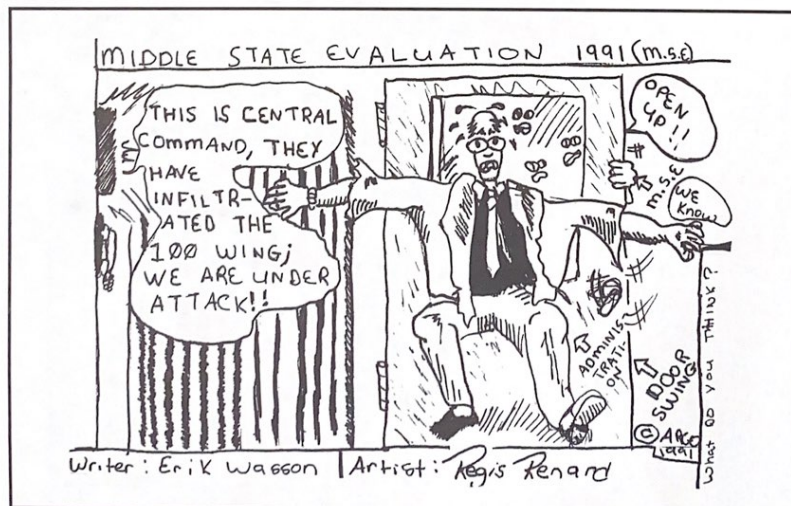
the spring brings out the Lazy Smurf in all of us. The odor of hot sweat has replaced Dior and gym becomes an especial torture. Sophomores are at the height of their arrogance (I recently heard one or two proclaim self-wisdom, the fools!), while the keepers of tradition are on the offense against the general malaise. While all would have sat up in attention to a Klipstein lecturer in the Fall, by April a few are caught napping. The winter of pressure has subsided as the Holland tunnel gives way to midtown Manhattan. The drive is still there, but we have lost contact with the engine noise. The great exams lurk on the horizon, but a confidence that, in the end, all will turn out for the best prevails. In the fall, Beth Arsenault would have executed our President for a slight in Morning Assembly, but that spring disease of hypnotic self-assurance has allowed her to take a boot insult in stride. In cooler times, Mr. Barber might have

used fist to combat table-time mockery, but the Spring allows him to laugh it off. The winter made my Chemistry class seem like Dante's last bulgi, today it is a frying pan of a different order. This last leg of the RPS cycle is like the end of a demagogue's speech, as all are lulled into an insanely fast-paced illusion. Life does not seem so bad under the anti-depressant sun as, to quote Amy Holiday, "the lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer" approach. In spring, Prep may not be the powerhouse that it, in gleaming moments, can be, but it is certainly a better place to live. Prom rejection and college denial would be more painful without nature's narcotic. Middle States Evaluation would be less comic and a History test more frightening if this were November. Temperature can do a lot to a place: perhaps we'll see Dr. Lange throw a frisbee around next week. I wouldn't bet on it.



President Kaplan at his post.

Council, class governments, and the student body, get our acts together! Let's work together to re-establish a system of school government from which we can all benefit and of which we are all part.



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Features

Senior Servant Day

Regis Renard

April 29, 1991 was an unusual day for a few seniors, underclassmen, and faculty. This day was the Senior Servant Day. The previous week some faculty members and 22 of the senior's finest were auctioned off for the benefit of the Senior class. The bidding began at \$3.00, but some of the bids ended as high as \$75.00.

The masters had a weekend to plan forward about what to do to their servants. Some masters made their servants wear clothes intended for people of the opposite gender, clown outfits, and infant outfits. Robert Wines was seen during sixth period feeding Ms. Helmich and Ms. Leroy a tuna salad gourmet meal, complete with bubbles and professions of admirations from the servants. One senior, an apparent butt of Silver Sharaf's vengeance, was made to wear women's clothing while others, such as Geoffrey Gussis, were forced by owner Mrs. Wacker to help lay-out part of this edition of the ARGO. Most servants performed lowly tasks from sharpening pencils and carrying books to washing cars. All in all, the day was a success and in good taste and good humor. In the end the "jobs" were not overly abusive, although a sudden change in fashion can be considered damaging to the image. For those who allowed themselves to be rented out, the question is "Was it worth it?" The seniors made about \$700.00, a fact that has put the auction on next year's Senior class' agenda. What may come next?

Student Survey

The Question:

What do you want from Council?



Tech was a vital part of the Production

Prep Drama Excels

Kiera Westphal

On April 24-27, Upper School Drama presented *The Skin of Our Teeth*, a play which elicited an enthusiastic response at Prep, both from the audience and from the large number of people involved in its production.

"I wanted to do *The Skin of Our Teeth* from the very first time I read it, and if it were ever to be done, it would be this year. The drama board wanted to take advantage of the large cast," explained Akin Salawu, member of the drama board.

The play, written by Thornton Wilder, is a fantastic parable dealing with mankind's age old struggle to civilize itself. It is about the troubles that the human race has had to endure. The action of the play covers three time periods: the Ice Age, a great flood, and a devastating war. In each case man manages to survive in the face of overwhelming odds. Thus, Wilder expresses his underlying theme of faith in humanity and man's ability to survive.

Mr. and Mrs. Antrobus, played by John Fidelino and Madai Cruz, represent reason, which has masculine and feminine played by Sonali Lakhani, represents passion, especially those

which seek erotic pleasure and social power. Akin Salawu played their son Henry, who according to Wilder symbolizes "strong unreconciled evil." He is a character who both despises god and resists the rules of society.

Madai, a drama veteran, found Mrs. Antrobus to be a challenging role. "In the past I have played servants. Mrs. Antrobus is a very real person, it's less of a caricature. Also, she represents more than just the character, she is all of womankind."

Among the production staff were the lighting and set designer Ron Kelly and student technical director Russell Lee. Lindsay Bensko and Lisa Rupinskiwere in charge of Costumes, Nicole Weitz and Gracie Alcid headed Makeup, and Nadine Rosenbaum and Juliet Morris were at the helm of the Props crew. This highly successful play was directed by Mrs. Herzburg, and stage-managed by Mairon McCue (assisted by Randi Schwartz). All in all, more than twenty percent of the student body was involved in the play, and this high level of involvement showed through during performance week.

Inside Vail

Cory Metzger

It was a cool Monday morning when we woke up early to meet our fellow students and chaperones at Dunkin' Donuts. A bus was to take our group of 28 students to ski the beautiful mountains of Vail, Colorado. Mrs. Lair headed the excursion along with Mr. Minniti and three other chaperones. Along the way we encountered some airline difficulties, and were forced to take a brief flight to Dulles Interna-

tional Airport in Washington D.C. before progressing to Colorado. After a brief bus ride we finally arrived at the hotel. All were tired, but in spite of this we were anxious to buckle our boots and hit the slopes.

"Skiing Vail was a wonderful experience. The slopes were fantastic and Vail Village is a great place to relax after a hard day skiing," raved Jennifer Blyth. Although it snowed heavily to-

wards the middle of the week, the weather was fantastic and many of us returned with tans. Our hotel provided an outdoor heated pool and a hot tub to soothe our muscles after each hard day of skiing. Nightly entertainment was found in Vail Village in an assortment of restaurants and an ice skating rink. Nicole Weitz and Amar Maktal highlighted one evening for everyone when they won a dance contest together.

Although it was sad leaving, we will be able to look back on the experience with fond memories. Mrs. Lair, who was a large part of what made the ski trip worth going on, will be leaving at the end of the year. There is a possibility, however, that she will be able to return next year to be involved in another trip. Hopefully, this will be possible and next year's trip will be equally successful.



Dan Cantor, Freshman
"I want more group activities organized by council such as school trips and an increased number of Burger Blasts, etc."



Scott Mory, Junior
"I would like to see Council take on a more active role in the life of the school. I would also like to see Council try out some new events, maybe a dance."



Kamari Price, Sophomore
"I would like to see Council improve the cafeteria environment and food and possibly even get a dietitian."



Debbie Melnick, Junior
"I want council to try to get more cooperation and involvement from Prep's students."



Robert Fidelino, Senior, Former Council President
"I hope that Council will encourage more students to participate on Council committees."



Sanjay Basu, Junior
"I congratulate Council on their decision to bring back the snack machine, but still hope that Council will try to change situations in the cafeteria."

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Sports

Boys' Lacrosse On Fire

Sam Finklestein

With high hopes, the boys' lacrosse team anticipates their fourth consecutive state championship this year. Coach Sansone and Coach Tyree are pleased with the team's performance. Only through rigorous practices and hard work will the team be able to achieve their goal.

Every day after school, the team begins their two-hour practice. A typical practice includes running sprints, hills, and laps around the field, ball drills, and scrimmaging. The team goes over offensive and defensive strategies and learns how to execute certain plays.

Many of last year's starting players are returning this year as seniors and juniors. Perhaps, the only player the team shall miss is Danny Oross, an all-state goalie, who also served the team as an excellent leader. Although Danny Oross is a hard person to follow, so far Colin Simons has displayed great abilities in goal

and shown that it is possible for him to emulate Oross' achievements.

This year's offensive and defensive lines has been similar to last year's so far. More is expected from these two lines because all the players have had the experience of playing with each other.

In recent victories over Milburn and Morristown-Beard, the team has shown signs of

overcoming earlier difficulties. The season started out on a troubled note with losses to teams such as P.D.S. and Hun, and the team's future looked bleak. The team had difficulties executing plays and scoring goals, and were not playing up to their potential. Now, however, the team is back on track with a strong 9-4 record, and the possibility of the state title for their fourth consecutive year is strong once again.



Boys' Lacrosse endures grueling practices to stay in shape.

Girls' Lax

Amanda Heron

The girls' lacrosse team, presently consisting of Andrea Grumet, Gracie Alcide and Nicole Weitz as co-captains, Gabby Desantis as Goalie, Cory Metzger, Lisa Rupinski, Kendall White, Beth Arseneault, new comer Ida Fiumefreddo, and freshman Nikki Samuels, Anna Moral, and Jamie Shumer, is working hard to win states this year. When asked about the possible outlook for the team, one player said, "we have suffered severe losses [last year's seniors], but the freshman and the other players still here will be able to put together a great team. I believe that we will be able to pull through and we have a great chance at getting to the finals."

"The freshman are looking good. I think we're going to do pretty well," said Gabby Desantis. At the beginning of the season, Nicole Weitz added this thought about the team: "We have a history of starting off the season a little slow, but we usually pull together as a team by the time States come." Recently, her words have been proven correct as the team has had several victories in the past few weeks. Included in these wins was the destruction of Purnell, 17-3, in which Gracie Alcide scored 4 goals, Lisa Rupinsky and Beth Arseneault had hat tricks, Andrea Grumet netted two, and Nicole Weitz, Tara Bowers, Cory Metzger, Nikki Samuels, and Ida Fiumefreddo each had one.

Boys' Baseball Optimistic

Vijay Maktal

Boys' Baseball has overcome a disappointing start and appears to be on their way to completing a successful season. Earlier, the team suffered an 8-5 loss to Morristown-Beard which was a tough blow because it was a game that the team felt it had a good chance of winning.

Since then, the team has turned things around. Seniors Larry Santowasso and Rob Wines, Juniors Eric Tavel, Sam Jethwa, and Pat Sylvester, and Sophomores Chuck Somers, Matt Macia, and Paul Kermizian have all been assets. However, there are other players who are also important. As Eric Tavel said, "There are many contributing members to the team." The

pitching staff has produced an impressive performance, with Matt Macia at 1-3, Paul Kermizian at 3-0, and Chuck Somers at 4-1.

In their most dramatic game, an example of the team's ability to come through in the clutch, Prep beat Montclair-Kimberly after an exciting seventh inning. In that inning Eric Tavel led off with a single, Sam Jethwa followed up with another single, and Rob Wines brought them home with a three-run homer. With this as an indication of how Prep can play when at its full potential, then Rob Wines' prediction that "if [baseball] pulls together as a team, we should win States" might just come true.

Golf On Par

Jason Kaplan

With a decisive victory over Pennington, the Co-ed Golf Team plans on having a great season. Their practices started the week before the beginning of Spring Break. With the help of the coach, Mr. Forney, every player is consistently improving his/her golf game. Besides instructing the golfers on proper technique, Mr. Forney serves as a great motivating force.

Sandy Somers, the team captain, stated, "The team is looking really promising this year, but we just need a stronger tail-end." The line up as it stands includes Sandy Somers, Garvin Jesdanum, Tim Coakley, Chris Racz, Jason

Kaplan, and Doug Brown. Fortunately, the team lost no players from last year, and gained a few new additions. A few of the promising new players are Gia Bocra, Doug Feldt, Stuart Warsetsy, and Jeff Awender.

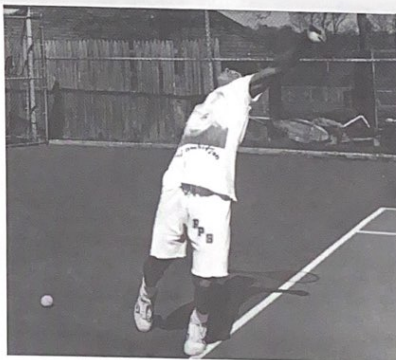
With their biggest turnout in Prep history, this year's team has eighteen members and is headed by Coach Forney and Assistant Coach Nichols. Currently, the team's record stands at 3-5. It has posted recent wins over teams such as Franklin, but has lost in tough matches against teams such as Pingry and Gill St. Bernards.

Softball

Amy Holliday

The softball team was optimistic about this year's performance, despite losing their season opener. Although the players were disappointed, the team captains, Naledi Khabo and Connie Conway, kept the team's spirits high. This proved effective as the team's record has since improved to 7-3. Since the team consists of only twelve girls, everyone will be kept busy either playing or keeping the team's

stats. The starting line up at this point of the season is Meredith Maxwell, Amy Holliday, Lynne Schwartz, Naledi Khabo, Cherie Gallini, Melissa Rosenbaum, Idalia Bonilla, Connie Conway, Bobbie Kader. Coach Nesvogel and Assistant Coach Klinger have high expectations, and also some plans for the team's improvement this



Luis Garcia attempts to perfect his serve.

On the Ball with Boys' Tennis

Jamie Kelner

After several disappointing seasons, the Rutgers Prep Tennis team is expecting to bounce back this year. Gary Paul, the new head coach, is very optimistic about the team's performance so far. Coach Paul provides the team with a lot of incentive. Robbie Samuels, the team's first singles player, stated, "This year, practices include a lot of drills that will improve each player's match play." This year the team has access to the use of a ball machine. This helps each individual improve their wide array of shots.

The Coach is also encouraging each member of the team to play a more aggressive game of tennis.

Dave Lee, a returning varsity player, said, "This year the team has been more optimistic than in the previous years." Adam Lore, the second singles player, summed it all stating, "With an excellent coach, new strategies and enthusiastic players, the team should have a better season than the past several teams." Others players on the Varsity squad are Sam Finkelstein, Luis Garcia, and Joe Foleno, all of whom have directly contributed to the current record of 3-5, already a distinct improvement over previous years.

Spring Sports Schedule

May the 9 th	Tennis v. Dwight Englewood at Home
	Baseball v. St. Benedicts at Home
May the 10 th	State Tournament, Girls' Lacrosse
	Golf v. Newark Academy at Home
	Tennis v. The Hun School at Home
May the 11 th	Softball v. Dwight Englewood at D.E.
	Baseball v. Wardlaw-Hartridge at Home
May the 13 th	State Tournament, Boys' Lacrosse
May the 14 th	State Tournament, Girls' Lacrosse
	Softball v. Montclair-Kimberly at MKA
May the 15 th	State Tournament, Boys' Tennis
	State Tournament, Golf
May the 16 th	State Tournament, Boys' Tennis
May the 17 th	State Tournament, Girls' Lacrosse
May the 20 th	State Tournament, Boys' Lacrosse
May the 22 nd	County Tournament, Golf