

News briefs

Librarians Switched

Mrs. Amy Von der Porten is now working in the Lower School. The Lower School librarian, Mrs. Anne Thorpe, will take over Mrs. Von der Porten's duties in the Upper School library.

"We are moving Mrs. Von der Porten to the Lower School to have the benefit of her experience," said the headmaster, Mr. August Daviet. "We have plans to build a new Lower School building, and we want the new library in it to meet Mrs. Von der Porten's designs and specifications." The present Lower School, the Elm Tree farmhouse, would be made into a centralized business and administrative office and possibly a headmaster's residence.

"The plan is indefinite—we have no funding as yet—but we hope to do this in five years."

Play auditions

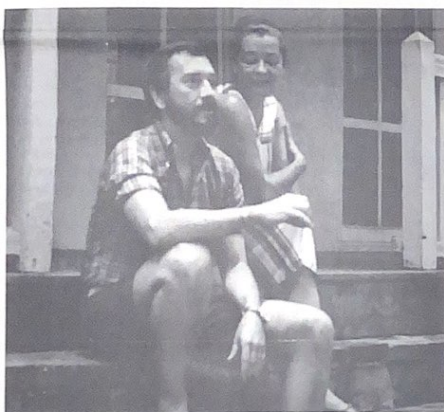
Tryouts for the play, *A Streetcar Named Desire*, by Tennessee Williams, will begin immediately. The play directed by Mr. Allan Pierce, will be presented on November 18.

Nurse hired

Margaret Lair has been hired as a school nurse this year. She will teach health classes as well as tend the infirm.

Mrs. Lair, whose daughter is entering Prep this year, received her R.N. from St. Peter's Medical Center. Besides working as a hospital nurse, Mrs. Lair has been a guide at the U.N. in New York. She is very fluent in French.

Mrs. Lair is the first full-time nurse ever employed by Prep.



Foothill Players Donald L. Bumgardner and Marion Waters rehearse at the porch of the Lower School. Their benefit show will be presented there September 16. The audience will be seated on the lawn.

O'Neill at Prep

English department head Mr. Allan Pierce directed Eugene O'Neill's *A Moon for the Misbegotten* at the Foothill Play House this August. On September 16, it will be performed as a benefit at Prep.

The play completes O'Neill's autobiographical trilogy that includes *The Iceman Cometh* and *Long Day's Journey Into Night*. Carol Ross of *The Courier-News* in Bridgewater said the play "needs a careful, intelligent, inspired combination of acting and directing to carry it off. The Foothill production . . . has it all." Many other reviewers also praised it highly.

James Tyrone, the character who represents O'Neill's older brother, arrives at his New England farm in the fall of 1923. He is a tired, second-rate actor, ridden with guilt and liquor.

His tenant farmer, Phil Hogan, afraid of losing the farm, tries to trick Tyrone into seducing Josie, Hogan's homely daughter. The play takes place at noon, 11 P.M., and dawn the following day.

Marion Waters, Tom Waters, and Donald L. Bumgardner star as Josie Hogan, Phil Hogan, and James Tyrone in this summer stock drama. They have appeared in many other local productions, including *Butterflies Are Free*, *Play It Again, Sam*, *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*, *The Lady's Not For Burning*, and *The Lion in Winter*, though not together.

The play will be performed the night of Friday, September 16, at 8:30 p.m., outside the Lower School. Proceeds will go to the Austin W. Scott Scholarship fund, which provides tuition for four years of high school at Prep for one or more students. Tickets are \$5, and will be sold at school and at the gate.

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Variety marks new faculty

English

Dr. Richard J. Stephenson received B.A.'s in English and French from the University of Montana and a Certificat de la langue Francaise from the University of Paris. After achieving his doctorate in English at the State University of New York in Buffalo, he attended Philadelphia School for Psychoanalysis.

"I've taught in five different high schools full-time, and several others part-time," he said. Dr. Stephenson has taught German as well as French and English, having attended the Berlitz School in Basel, Switzerland, for two years.

Although Dr. Stephenson has written on subjects like Tristram Shandy, Samuel Beckett, and Franz Kafka, his main love is drama. "I've been in plays all through high school and college, but not in grad school. No time."

At Prep this year he will teach eighth grade and tenth grade English and the Creative Writing course for seniors.

Dr. Stephenson will be in charge of drama in the Middle School. He will also found the first Middle School publication, "but I don't know yet what it will be like."

Dr. Stephenson is now writing a trilogy, *From Narcissism to*

Humanism. He has completed the first volume, *Samuel Beckett and his Critics*.

"I was impressed by the beauty of the school," he concluded. "I'd like to stay in Prep for years."

Pregnancy precedes pedagogy

Mrs. Sarah Antin, social studies teacher in the Middle School, has taken this year off to have a baby. Her replacement will be Mr. James Parsons.

Mr. Parsons is yet another newcomer to the faculty. A Philadelphian, he earned his B.A. at Rider College in Trenton and his M.A. in social studies at Kent State University in Ohio.

His specialty is foreign affairs: specifically, relations between the U.S. and China. His master's thesis was titled "U. S. Involvement in the Chinese Civil War, 1926-49." The mysterious mission of Gen. George C. Marshall to China in 1945 was the subject of his B.A. paper. In 1976 he gave a course at Kent State, his alma mater, called "The Chinese Communist Party, 1921-49."

Besides U.S. foreign policy and modern Chinese history, Mr. Parsons



Our new teachers have diverse hobbies. Mr. Hoover enjoys bobsledding.

is very interested in young people. He was director in Kent, Ohio, of the National Youth Resources Center, a program which aids urban youth, in 1975 and 1976.

Mr. Parsons will coach 7th and 8th grade basketball this winter.

Chemistry

Bobsledding is one of Mr. John Hoover's favorite pastimes. "I'd like to organize an Outing Club trip up to Lake Placid sometime this year," the new chemistry teacher said. Mr. Hoover will be teaching physical chemistry as well.

Mr. Hoover received his B.A. in science at Earlham College, a Quaker liberal arts college in Richmond, Indiana. He received his M.A. in environmental science at Montclair State College.

"I like working with people; that's a cliché, but it's true." He added that research does not interest him. "I've always liked sciences and have wanted to teach for as long as I remember."

Working as a camp counselor, as an earth science teacher at Alpine High School in Bergen County, and especially as an algebra teacher this summer at the Rutgers Prep summer school has given this new member of the faculty a great deal of experience.

Skiing, scuba diving, and photography are some of his main interests. Mr. Hoover is a very serious amateur athlete.

But his principal bent is toward four-man bobsledding in Lake Placid. Normal bobsledding requires four men: one in front to steer, another in back to brake, and the final two to give the sled a pushoff and to provide ballast. Mr. Hoover was very enthusiastic as he described the joys of hurtling down a twisting, glass-smooth tube, in a fiberglass canoe at speeds in excess of 70 miles per hour. "But I wouldn't want to ride a luge, you know, those one-man things," he said. "Those guys have to steer and brake at the same time. Now that's crazy."

Banquet honors Heinlein

Dr. David M. Heinlein served Rutgers Preparatory School for thirty-four years, as teacher and Headmaster, from 1942 up to his retirement last year. That service will be lauded on September 25, at 3:30 p.m., in a ceremony to be held on the Lower School lawn.

"Dr. David M. Heinlein Recognition Day" will see people from many of the organizations Dr. Heinlein has associated himself with speaking about the former Headmaster.

"The idea is to get every one, past and present, who worked with Dr. Heinlein." This description comes from Assistant Headmaster Dr. Frank V. Spertutto who, along with others in the Administration and on Mr. Stanley T. Kaufelt's Recognition Day committee, has been working to organize the day's program.

After refreshments, the forty-minute program will begin, to be followed by a buffet-dinner on the lawn.

One of those whom Dr. Spertutto hopes will attend is William Etsweiler, executive director of the Middle States Association. The MSA is the organization that accredits many private schools, Prep included.

Other institutions with which Dr. Heinlein has been closely tied are the New Brunswick Rotary Club, where he was Rotarian of the Year last year, Christ's Church in New Brunswick, the Young Men's Christian Association, the Educational Testing Service in Princeton, and the International Schools Association. It is hoped that representatives from some or all of these groups will attend.

Dr. Spertutto believes the event "represents the thinking of the school," commenting that he had received suggestions from many parents, teachers, students, and friends of the school.

Winner of scholarship looks forward to year

"I think Rutgers Prep is a very good school. It offers a better chance for a better education." Rutgers Prep is giving Stacy Weinstein a free education too, thanks to the new Austin W. Scott Scholarship.

Harvard Law School established three years ago a parallel award, the Austin Wakeman Scott Professorship of Law, in honor of this 1899 graduate of Rutgers Prep, who was 93 this August.

The scholarship fund has amassed \$1000 so far, mainly from the Rutgers University Glee Club concert last spring. Mr. August Daviet, the headmaster, estimated the cost to be "about \$11,000 to send a student from 9th through 12th, probably more in later years." The Upper School faculty, which organized the benefit concert, is sponsoring a play directed by Mr. Allan Pierce, *A Moon for the Misbegotten*, on September 16. (See story this page).

Stacy Weinstein, who is entering 9th grade, won over 113 other applicants for the scholarship. "I found out about the scholarship from flyers they gave out in science classes," Stacy had attended school in Watchung.

"I would be taking English, biology, French II, Algebra II and world culture (similar to western civilization); about the same as I'm taking at Prep," Stacy said. "But, I think in a smaller school you get more attention."

Stacy served on her student council for four years; she has also worked on the yearbook.

But her favorite extracurricular activity is tennis. She has entered tournaments at the Brook Hill Racket

Club, and for three years has won her division in her town in the Town Tennis Association. "It's a pretty small town."

Man over machine

Food will be improved this year, though the lunchroom will remain where it is. The cafeteria in the field house, used by Upper School students, will not be moved to the more spacious and less trafficked all-purpose room as a Lunch Room Committee directed by the headmaster last year had proposed. But food will now be served by living hands, not machines.

The hands belong to The Deli East, a local catering firm which headmaster August Daviet describes as "high quality, dependable, and efficient. We've used them several times for banquets and so on. Their menu looks quite good, both in the selection and in the prices." Food will be prepared at The Deli East delicatessen, which is less than a mile down Easton Avenue, and reheated at Prep.

Why doesn't Prep have the full cafeteria that was expected? "We don't have \$10-11,000 to spend on finishing the all-purpose room," Mr. Daviet said, "putting in a ceiling, a floor, counters and the basic fixtures." A pipe would also have to be laid to obtain New Brunswick city water, since Mr. Daviet admits that Prep water is unfit for cooking.

Editorials

The Argo: Vigorous octogenarian

With this issue The Argo begins its 89th year. But, its age notwithstanding, the paper remains a vital institution.

In some ways, The Argo may be regarded as being as much a newspaper as any one might pick up at a newsstand. Like those, The Argo is here to inform, entertain, persuade and provoke. Ideally, these four pages should meet all those duties while retaining the ethics and the prudence that distinguish fine newspapers from the tabloids that most supermarket checkout counters proudly display. If we resemble your daily paper in our function, we are also akin in our responsibilities.

However, despite all this one very important fact, but one that can be overlooked, remains: Before it is a newspaper, it is the school newspaper of Rutgers Preparatory School. Unfortunately, in the minds of some people the term "school" negates the term "newspaper." This sort of thinking does a disservice to the paper and all who work on it. The Argo is not ashamed of being "just" a school newspaper. We are proud of it and of our work, with our pride being justified year after year in Quill and Scroll and Columbia Scholastic Press Association competitions. We realize our primary obligation to probe and illuminate those topics which affect the lives of the members of our school community. This takes in a surprisingly large body of material, and The Argo will do its best to present the widest range in the greatest depth. To be focused is not to be pedestrian.

Newspapers are sometimes considered entities detached from their readers. This view arises principally from laziness. Opinions and rebuttals are always welcome and will always be read, but to be read implies having written. All letters to The Argo are assured consideration.

These pages can be among the most interesting and enjoyable published at Prep, if the creative effort is made. The Argo and its staff will make that effort.

Before it's too late . . .

One of the above-mentioned functions of a newspaper is to provoke thought. While the school year is still young, a situation exists that should be pointed out and seriously considered—a situation inconvenient at best and absolutely dangerous at worst.

A line of three, four, or more cars, waiting to enter Easton Avenue at the school's exit atop the hill, is not uncommon. Neither is a wait of five, even ten, minutes. Neither is the frustration that is part of the cat-and-mouse game of inching forward, then retreating—inch and inching and inching and inching and inching—until the auto squeezes out onto the road. Nor is the risk involved, considering heavy, often fast-moving traffic, impatient drivers who would rather maneuver around a car than stop for it, and the possibility of nervousness-induced driver error, unreal. And what is more exasperating is that the solution to this problem stands not thirty yards away.

A policeman is stationed at the one present entrance to Prep, where he is not being used as effectively as he might be. Cars coming from New Brunswick have, of course, no problem entering with a right turn. Therefore, the officer is only helping cars approaching from the direction of Route 287, cars which have it easier, anyway, because they are leaving the main flow of traffic and need cross only one lane, rather than entering it and having to find two breaks for their left turn.

The choice boils down to a simple mathematical one: Either 1) retain the present system and stop traffic for only one lane of cars, or 2) move the officer to the exit and thus enable him to stop the traffic in one or both lanes: one lane for right turns or both lanes for left turns.

This is the easiest way to deal with the problem. A slightly altered form could be adopted to satisfy any drivers who come down from Route 287 and who might protest the absence of a policeman at the entrance. That is to move the policeman to the exit and then to make the left exit lane an entrance lane. Two exit lanes are not essential, especially if an officer is present. The lane now used to turn right out of the school could then be used for left turns—left turns off a two-way street are nothing new. That way, automobiles departing from Prep could have the officer's aid, while at the same time, cars entering from 287 would have a policeman to wave them on in.

The most perilous times for drivers, when a policeman is most necessary, are in the morning, before school starts, and during the couple of hours after the buses leave, when the people who stay late, as for extracurricular activities (and there are many of them), are leaving the grounds. This latter group also includes many of the teachers and administrative personnel.

Perhaps certain difficulties exist that obstruct the adoption of these, to us sensible, suggestions—the scheduling of the officer, for example. But the time should be devoted to surmounting them. All too often, in these situations, the scenario concludes with a serious accident and injury, followed hastily by action. The Administration has the power to check this outcome. It should use it.

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Crosby, Stills, and Nash

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Summer of '77 souvenirs

by Joanne Juhasz

The party's over.

The first day of school is always a shock to everyone, faculty and students alike. Summer routine of beaches, late nights and various other fun-in-the-sun activities are now being replaced with daily homework and school bus rides.

For most people music is an influential part of summer activities. The best selling songs are those that gained popularity during vacation months. They serve as constant reminders of good times.

Several artists were active in the studio and in concert this season and for this reason their recent works will prove to be important "Summer of '77" souvenirs.

PETER FRAMPTON

Last year, Peter Frampton exploded onto the rock scene, setting records with the "Frampton Live" recording. His latest contribution and follow-up record is "I'm In You," which has appeared to find equal popularity with the younger teenage set, especially young girls. The 27-year-old British star followed the release of the album with a nation-wide tour, as many artists have chosen to do.

Frampton sings of summer love during two cuts of the new album—the title song, "I'm In You" and his version of Stevie Wonder's "Signed, Sealed, Delivered I'm Yours." He is not noted for a wide range of music versatility and this is emphasized during his recent concert appearance. His innocent blue eyes, golden curls and boyish voice seem to be the cause of the hysteria in the audience.

STEVE WINWOOD

On the other hand, Steve Winwood, formerly of the group Traffic, is not as charismatic as Frampton but concentrates more on his impressive keyboard and vocal performances.

He is trying to project a new image which can be seen in the title of his new debut solo album "Steve Winwood." (He previously went by the name of "Stevie" and had a boyish image while with Traffic in the late 60's and early 70's.)

Winwood's feelings towards two different types of love, physical and emotional, are vented in the separate but equally appealing ballads, "Midland Maniac" and "Let Me Make Something Of Your Life." He is a musician with both experience and control, a winning combination on this recording.

JAMES TAYLOR

Blasting through AM and FM radios in the heat of the summer was "Handy Man," a low-keyed and poetic song redone by James Taylor on his new album, "J.T."

For those people experiencing summer driving for the first time, Taylor offers the humorous and fast paced "Traffic Jam." He has always presented an image of a folk singer-song writer, which has caused a decline in his popularity. The latest release has a more universally appealing sound and is being hailed as one of his best in several years.

CROSBY, STILLS, AND NASH

Re-entering the spotlight are Crosby, Stills, and Nash, who are again reflecting the times and their changes. The times have mellowed since the turn of the decade, and their music has changed with them.

As with previous albums, the tracks were written by each artist separately, then sung by the group. As in the past this process has enhanced their music and maintained their popularity through the summer.

LEO SAYER

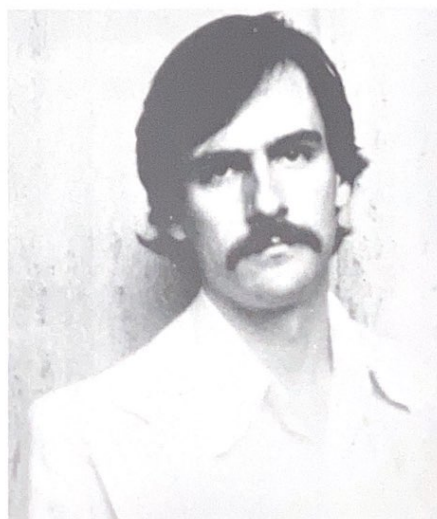
One singer who is noted for his commercial music is Leo Sayer, who

has had an album on the charts throughout the summer. This gold LP "Endless Flight," includes three hit singles: "You Make Me Feel Like Dancing," "When I Need You," and "How Much Love," which have brought him much fame. Sayer's public appeal is probably due to the light, gay sounds which reflect his feelings of love and youth.

GRATEFUL DEAD

One group not gaining popularity through commercial means is the Grateful Dead. Besides ending this season with a summer concert in Englishtown and starring in a movie of themselves in concert, the Grateful Dead has released an album entitled "Terrapin Station," subduing their country rock style delicate sound. The Dead has enriched their sound by adding an orchestral background in their title song. By doing this, the cultist rock band has gained a larger listening audience during this summer.

With the summer coming to an end, the sun and fun must be left behind. Still the music of this summer will continue to influence the lives of music lovers throughout the school year.



James Taylor

photo courtesy of Rolling Stone Records

Mr. Prep goes to Trenton

by Kenny Freundlich

Steamy Sex in Summer Statehouse! That's not what this article is about, but it's tricked you into reading it.

As one of a group of high school juniors and seniors working for the citizen's lobby Common Cause this summer, I was able to learn about the nature of New Jersey politics and the operation of a political lobby. Founded in 1970 by John Gardner, former U.S. Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare, Common Cause has brought together professional lobbying, lawsuits and grassroots action to take the money out of politics, fight special interest groups, and open up the system. Its New Jersey branch has helped bring about the public financing of this fall's gubernatorial election between Governor Brendan Byrne and State Senator Raymond Bateman.

Chickened out

During my eight-week internship I attend the morning committee meetings, where the legislators discussed and examined proposed laws (called "bills"). Both special interest groups and private citizens could speak before the committee on the bills. Very often I was tempted to address the committee when they discussed bills which had an effect on me, such as increasing the transportation subsidy for pupils attending non-public schools, but I chickened out. At the end of the public meeting, the committee could either take no action, report unfavorably, report favorably, or amend the bill.

The lower house of the Legislature, the General Assembly, met at noon to dispense with ceremonial affairs and the "Consent List" (a list of non-controversial bills which party leaders had already approved. Rarely did anyone vote against a bill on the consent list). Ceremonial affairs at times appeared ridiculous. One day both houses spent an hour heap-

ing praise on Phil Villipiano, a native New Jersey who now plays linebacker for the Oakland Raiders.

Not all of the Legislature's time was spent on trivial matters. Many important bills were debated over the summer. One especially controversial issue concerned the regulation of mopeds. Twelve separate bills were introduced to take care of the problems but none were passed by both houses. Each time, amendments were tacked on which one house couldn't muster enough votes to approve. On the day one bill, raising the operating age of mopeds to 17, was being debated, a group of 16-year olds demonstrated against it by revving up their mopeds on the State House steps.

Loud viewers

Galleries above the Senate and Assembly floors provided anyone the opportunity to watch the Legislature in action. Tradition states that visitors shouldn't express their approval or disapproval until after the votes have been tallied by the electronic voting machine. However, one afternoon, a bill permitting pharmacists to substitute a generic name drug for a brand name one if it cost less, attracted a busload of senior citizens who filled every seat in the Senate gallery. They cheered and booed to their heart's content. No amount of pleading by the Senate President could calm them down. The sergeant-at-arms wouldn't eject them. Perhaps he feared the large handbag of the most vocal spectator.

Sometimes I learned more about politics in New Jersey by reading the Legislative Index, a cumulative record of all bills introduced during the entire two-year session listed by sponsor, subject, and number. One Assemblyman has introduced over three hundred fifty bills since last January; very few have been acted on. Eleven bills have been introduced to designate a state song, two on state

animals, and one each on a state stone and a state fish.

Report work

When not observing the Legislature, I worked on a study for Common Cause to determine if a candidate's position on the ballot had any effect on his success. I sent a letter to each of the twenty-one county clerks requesting copies of the sample ballots and results for this year's gubernatorial primary. Seven weeks later, I was still waiting for replies from two counties. Everytime I called Essex County, the county clerk was "indisposed," and in Sussex County, everybody who knew anything about where the records were kept was on vacation. Nevertheless, I was able to prove that there is a substantial relationship between getting the top ballot position and finishing first.

No, I didn't see any paunchy politicians at perverted play, but I did have an enjoyable and rewarding experience. If you are interested in working as a volunteer for Common Cause contact Sharon Popkin at (609) 396-1150.

Council reveals plans and goals

by A. O. Smith

The 1977-78 Rutgers Prep School Council will continue to serve as the students' voice toward change. Last year, through the co-operation of the students and faculty, we were able to provide the catalyst needed to gain reform in the lunch room policies. As has been reported, the so-called "machine-lunch" program has been replaced with food provided by The Deli East. This year, there will also be continued research into dress code policies. As this is one of the major issues facing both the student body and the Administration, the Council will try to find a suitable compromise that both can accept.

A proposal for a student smoking lounge will be resubmitted to the Council and voted on. This is likely to be approved by the Council and will then be given to the Administration and the Board of Trustees for their clearance. The supporters feel that smoking has become rampant throughout the campus and that the situation needs to be dealt with in this way. The Council also plans to look into the possibility of a student lounge separate from the smoking lounge.

Other activities on the Council's agenda will be a continuation of the Student Tutoring Service and a third Career Day. If these projects can be realized, it is hoped that campus life at Prep will be enriched and an even happier atmosphere will prevail.



Architect is alumnus

James Gaspari, who attended Rutgers Preparatory School when it was still a boarding school, lives in North Brunswick, where he is a successful architect. One of his chief concerns is to preserve artifacts from the past—the recycling of structures already present. He sees no logic in destroying perfectly serviceable buildings simply because they are old.

Practicing what he preaches, Mr. Gaspari has taken a Victorian mansion at 623 Georges Road and converted it into offices. Some are already occupied by other businessmen, but not the attic. That Mr. Gaspari reserved for his own and therein created this beautiful workroom.

Source: The Sentinel, August 3, 1977

Greek added to curriculum

by Robert Darwin

With the beginning of a new school year there are always changes in the curriculum. Two of the changes this year concern the language department. German will be dropped as a course at Prep, and a course in ancient Greek will be initiated. Advanced Latin students will be able to probe deeper into the study of the classical languages. The course will be run as an independent study, and the students will meet individually with the teacher, Mrs. Bianchi, two or three times a week. The course also offers the aspects of a normal first year language class with frequent quizzes, tests, and exams.

Mrs. Bianchi said that the students will be studying an ancient Greek dialect called "Koine," which was spoken around the time of Christ. In fact, most people at that time studied the New Testament in Koine.

Mrs. Bianchi also believes that Greek is a more relevant subject than Latin, since Greek is still spoken. While the students are learning ancient Greek, it is still very similar in spelling and vocabulary to the modern language. She also added that there are many books written in Greek.

If in the future there is an increased interest shown in Greek, it may be added as a class open to all students.

Farewell to BIOS

by Robert Murray, '77

Hello, hello, hello, On behalf of me, the Argo's most notorious ex-columnist and all around fun guy, welcome to the 1977-78 school year at scenic and historical Rutgers Prep. I first wish to express my sincere hope that all of you had a terrific summer. I know I did. (Well, maybe not terrific, but certainly interesting.) But here you sit at the end of your first day as preppies and pause to wonder why you have been inflicted with an Argo when there are probably fun things to do. Fret no more, you have just landed on an island of good taste, a place where even the most word-weary can once again find some wit, humor, a word to the wise, a surprise or two, and perhaps an item to titillate even the preppiest of you. Rather than dwell for 500 words on one topic you will find herein a potpourri of brilliant insights and inspired remarks.

First off, at this reading I am a real live college man and now call lovely Missoula, Montana home. Where? Missoula, Montana. It means Crippled Elk in some obscure native dialect. Settling this, the first question I am asked is, "Isn't that some sort of hick town?" Oh contraire! A small town, perhaps, but not a hick town. Indeed the very fact that you have trouble thinking of where the state of Montana is, is proof that there are as many "hicks" at RPS as anywhere, with the possible exception of New York, New York, which, those of us who are "in the know" realize, is a "hick" town's "hick" town.

Numero two, (and here particularly to the freshmen): Take a look around you. See all of those eager faces. They must certainly dispel any bad ideas of what the modern preppie is like. You will see them for what they are. They are studious. Chemistry is a favorite with them (alcohol and downers really do produce an outrageous reaction). History is popular. ("You know that people have been smoking this stuff for thousands of years!") And even the least ambitious of them finds math a necessity of life. (A pound is 16 ounces, an ounce is so many grams, which means so much on campus, etc.) And all of them have acquired a working knowledge of geography. (Columbia, Mexico, Turkey, Panama, and Home are topics that are sure to grow to be favorites in any discussion.)

As you learn and adopt the Prep way of life you will become familiar with those spots that a student is in dire straits if he can't find. Baldwin Hall, the library, the Field House, the bus strip, McDonald's, Dunkin' Donuts, and the WOODS are critical here.

Your vocabulary on campus must grow to include a whole new set of words which make communication so much easier now that you are considered adults. A choice selection is presented: "Party (both verb and noun)," "outrageous," "humongus," "smoke," "gross!" and "I didn't do THAT!"

But this is as much help as I can give. The rest is out there for you to discover. Prep now recedes into a pleasant memory for me and a new way of life for you. Good luck in your pursuits and remember: It's not whether you win or lose, but not getting caught that counts.

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Cross-country Captain Kevin Kane gets in some practice.

Tennis flourishes; runners are eager

by David Yurcisin

Barry Chamberlain, coach of the girls' tennis team, which has five Varsity letter winners returning, is looking forward to perhaps his best season ever.

The accomplishments of last year's tennis team were exceptional and to say that this year's team will be even better might not sound like the best bet. However, with the improvement of the girls and the addition of a face or two, overcoming last year's record does not seem unbelievable.

The 1976 girls' tennis team had a team record of 10 wins and 2 losses (both losses coming at the hands of very large public Group 4 schools: Hunterdon Central and Piscataway). Since last year, Gwen Steinberg and Ellen Farber have graduated, leaving openings in the starting lineup.

Although the ability of Gwen and Ellen will be missed, Ellen Sandles' talent will still be present. Last year Ellen became the first female tennis player at Prep to finish her season undefeated. She won a dozen matches and it will be up to her to lead this year's team onward and upward.

Some of the other girls from this year's team are: Jackie Weitzen, Tammy Roundtree, Leslie Russ, Arlene Ungerlied, and Chris Bettex.

Cross Country

Turning now to the '77 cross country team; both Joe Faraci and Tony Scialabba have graduated, leaving behind a coach and four returning runners.

Mr. Fenstermaker coaches the cross country team and it is he and the team who suffer because of the lack of participation. Perhaps a few reasons why people don't run cross country are grueling and seemingly never ending daily workouts, plus lack of spectator backing from the rest of the school. There is incredible stamina demanded here, too.

Kevin Kane is captain this year and he'll be leading a team of Louis Marquez, Phil Brenner, and Mat Lytwyn. Although these four might carry a heavy load, you can bet that the team's spirits are high. Without exception, they feel someone new will surely go out for the team and, even if no one new does go in for cross country, you can still bet that the cross country team will be running and striving for that A-1 season.

Games in September

Sept. 16—Var. Soccer - Home - So. River - 3:30

J.V. Soccer - Home - So. River - 3:30

Cross Country - Home - So. River - 3:30

Tennis - Away - Highland Park - 3:30

Sept. 17—Var. Soccer - Home - Neuman - 11:00

J. V. Soccer - Home - Neumann - 11:00

Cross Country - Home - Neumann - 11:30

Sept. 20—Var. Soccer - Away - Metuchen - 3:30

J. V. Soccer - Away - Metuchen - 3:30

Cross Country - Away - Dunellen - 3:45

Tennis - Home - Bound Brook - 3:30

Sept. 21—Var. Soccer - Away - Somerset - 3:30

J.V. Soccer - Home - Hun - 3:30

Cross Country - Away - Montgomery - 3:45

Tennis - Home - Hun - 3:30

Sept. 26—Var. Soccer - Home - Franklin - 3:30

J.V. Soccer - Home - Franklin - 3:30

Sept. 27—7 & 8 Soccer - Home - Milltown - 3:30

New phys. ed. teacher

Al Brown, the new gym instructor at Rutgers Prep, has several specialties. He has coached soccer, track, and basketball, and has competed in wrestling and lacrosse.

Though he began lacrosse in college, he not only became a College All-American, but also landed the job of Assistant Varsity coach at Adelphi University, where he received his Master of Arts in physical education. His wrestling career in high school and college has also been extremely successful.

In soccer, Mr. Brown coached the Cairo-durham High School team to an undefeated season, earning the Soccer Coach-of-the-Year Award in Green County, New York, in 1975. There he also coached track and girls' varsity basketball.

Mr. Brown received his Bachelors at C.W. Post College in Greenvale, Long Island.

Golf tournament

Alumni, parents, and their friends have been invited to join in a handicap tournament at the Rutgers Golf Course on October 8. The match is in honor of the late Mr. Anthony Scialabba, Sr., a member of the Board of Trustees.

Besides a handicap division, there will be husband-wife and parent-child competitions.

"Everyone will have a chance, no matter how good, or bad, they are," said Mr. Lee Anderson who, with Mr. Dom Beronio, has organized the event.

Team aims to better record

Each year, one of the largest athletic teams at Prep is the Varsity soccer team, and this year's team has a score to settle after a disappointing '76 season. Last year's team jumped out to an impressive start; after eight games the team boasted a 5 win, 1 loss, 2 tie record. However, they did not win a game after that, losing their last eight games. The '77 team has nothing to lose when they play this year; however, a good deal of the previous team is gone. The team will greatly feel the loss of many people. Graduating were Roman Bukachevsky, halfback, Dave Soong, fullback; Tom Siggia, fullback; Frank Clarke, fullback; and Joel Baker, goalie. In addition, leading scorer John O'Connell has traded his spikes for a basketball, with many players having left, it may seem that this year's team will have a disappointing year, but look again.

With a new crop of players coming up from the J.V., this year's Varsity squad has a good chance of surpassing last year's mark. After gaining experience with the J.V., the faces of competitors like sophomores Ben Angione, Kevin Scialabba, and Glen "Sweeney" Yurcisin will more than likely be familiar on the Varsity field. However, it is not only the improvement of the individual that counts most, but the improvement of the team and the correction of its mistakes that is most crucial.

A new coach at Prep, Al Brown, will

replace Coach O'Connell as Head Coach of Varsity soccer. On the sidelines it will be up to Coach Brown to lead the booters to victory, while on the field co-Captains Art Wilmot and Dave Yurcisin show the way. Some others with a lot of Varsity experience include Jack Guarino (8 goals), Tom Lee, Jeff Rutter (8 goals), Ben Tromberg, Ed Pahler, John Grazal, Willie Jasonowski, Pete Lisecki, and Alex Wiley.

If most of the team can remain healthy then success will most certainly be theirs.

Eye on Athletics

Sports are very visible

New students hear of Rutgers Preparatory School in various ways. Perhaps a friend goes to Prep, and he recommended it. Or, you may have attended one of the several successful Open Houses that have been held since their instigation in 1975. Or, you may have been attracted by some of the literature Prep has sent to various schools around the state, or by newspaper stories. Whichever of these applies to you, chances are pretty decent that the "Field House" has been a large building on a tour, and the "athletic program," a prospect interesting, but nebulous.

For those students who feel a little unsure of, or curious about, the nature of Prep athletics, let it be stated here and now that the athletic program here is far from intangible.

Interscholastic athletics is, by far, the most popular extracurricular activity on campus, this due primarily to the variety involved. There are over a dozen choices—junior varsity and varsity; male, female, and co-ed. The majority of Prep students are involved in one way or another, so chances are that friends in school will be teammates on the field.

Another attractive, and possibly, for many of you, unique aspect of Prep's athletic program is the "no-cut" policy. Try out; you're on. Your individual prowess determines your status: The "no-cut" policy simply allows athletes to develop their skill with a team's discipline.

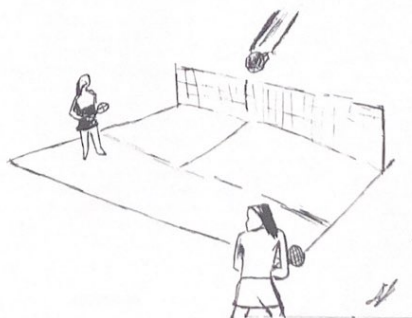
All fall sports but cross-country have begun practices. These include soccer, girls' gymnastics, and girls' tennis, and anyone who is out for one of these has probably already met the coaches. The new Head Coach of varsity soccer, Al Brown, is widely experienced and eminently qualified. The caliber of the players on the team (see article this page) combined with this promise of coaching expertise, indicates, if nothing else, an exciting season.

This is one example, but representative of the interest shown in athletics and in the continued up-grading of the program.

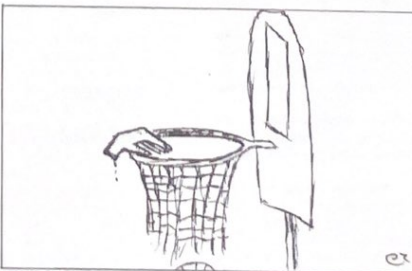
Also, while not as publicized, intramural physical activities are well and competently represented by each week's gym classes.

The preceding few notes cannot present the entire picture and aren't meant to. Only participation can do that.

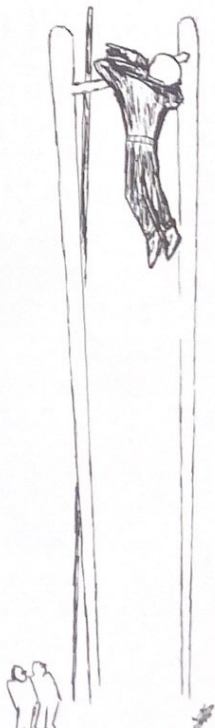
Making sport of sports



"I hear Hortense has a smash serve."



"That was quite a dunk, eh, Mary?" "Yes."



"Looks like Simpson lost his nerve at the last minute."