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## New Directors of Development and Admissions at Prep

by Amy Smith

James E. Ackerman, who was the Director of Development for seven years at the all-girls Roland Park School in Baltimore, Maryland, is the new Director of Development at Rutgers Prep.

**1. Why did you decide to come to Rutgers Prep?**

I really wanted a change. I know Mr. Lingenheld, and I knew Dr. Loy from when we were both working out in L.A., so I decided that Prep was the kind of place I would like to be at. I also liked the atmosphere of the school, and the diversity of the student and faculty body. I didn't feel a lot of tensions here, I feel like I can be myself.

**2. What exactly does the Director of Development do for the school? And what, if any, changes would you like to implement that you think will help the school?**

I do anything and everything to advance the school. I am like a public relations man for the school. I do whatever I can to get people interested in Prep. By interest, I mean either enrolling a student here or by obtaining foundation grant, corporate gifts for scholarships,

etc. We also put out a newsletter and a magazine for the school, which we totally redesigned for this year. I also think that parent volunteers are a real strength to a school, and I hope to work more closely with them.

**3. I've seen you around school talking to people, and always with your camera snapping pictures; do you feel that you can do a better job if you get to know the students and faculty?**

I really like to get to know students and teachers. The development office is like a lens that focuses a picture of the school so people can see it accurately, and to get a clear picture. I feel that you really need to be a part of a school. That's why you'll see my staff and me around the campus so much. I also help out with soccer, and I used to teach, so being involved with students is nothing new to me.

**4. How do you like the atmosphere at Prep in your first few months?**

I'm really glad I picked Prep; I feel that I made the right decision. I think that Prep has gone through a lot of changes in the past few years. I plan on staying a while.

Mrs. Donna Kostecky comes to Prep as the new Director of Admissions after being the assistant head of Admissions at Drew University for five years, and then receiving her Masters Degree last year.

**1. Why did you decide to come to work for Prep?**

I really wanted to come work in an independent school, and I also wanted to stop traveling as much as I had been when I was working for Drew.

**2. Do you find Prep to be very different from your previous experience at Drew? And in your few short months here, do you like the differences and Prep in general?**

Most definitely. I had never dealt with young children before, and I really enjoy that. There is also a much greater diversity in the student body. Drew was very homogeneous; Prep is more like the real world. I also like the environment at Prep. Before I came I had always thought of prep schools as stuffier, snobbier places, but I haven't found that to be true here at all. The tone and the general environment of the school is very friendly, and I really like that.

**3. Are there any changes in any aspects of admissions or the Key Club that you would like to initiate?**

I really think that the admissions process here works very well. The only thing that I would like to do is to be more welcoming to people. Whether they come in from the street or they have an appointment, I want people to be able to get a feel for the campus as soon as they get here. I would like to get students involved in Key Club more so than last year. I want anybody who wants to do something to be able to.

**4. I heard that you were going to be moving from the admissions office to the development office. Why is that? And do you think you will be more effective there?**

Yes, I will be moving down to the development office, but not until Dr. Loy has found a suitable replacement, and not until that person is comfortably settled in. I really enjoy doing different types of public relations work, and working with alumni, and I think that I'll be able to work better there because that is what I really enjoy doing.

## Prep Alumnus Gets Movie on T.V.

by Julie Ciamporero

Akin Salawu, who graduated from Prep last year, spent his past summer making his twelfth movie, "Hallucinogens". The movie was shown on Channel 15, TKR (Piscataway) community access on Thursday, October 1.

Actress Ana Moral, who played the walk-on role of the police woman in the movie, says that "It's about a group of teenagers who have problems, some of them dealing with drugs." The film also features a good deal of cinematic violence. Ana characterizes the casting process, in which she had the largest role, as very professional. After advertising in several papers and hanging posters around his town, Akin and Ana had approximately thirty people come to auditions, ranging from professionals with pictures and resumes, to student actors from Rutgers and North Carolina. From this selection of actors, they were able to glean a successful cast for the movie, which was an equal success. "I guess it had a happy ending," says Ana. "The bad people went to jail, the good people were safe, and it was a lot of fun." The movie was also fun for those who saw it. Good luck to Akin and company in all future film endeavors.

## Walk-a-thon

by Jill Glazewski

On Sunday October 4, a group of about twenty people from Rutgers Prep participated in the American Diabetes Association Walktoberfest held at Raritan Valley Community College. They walked 16 kilometers (about 9.8 miles) in Somerset County.

Volunteers had their choice of walking along the route. Walkers raised pledges either by distance walked or total sums, with all profits going to the American Diabetes Association. The student council pledged \$200 to Mr. Mazsa, and the Senior class followed suit with \$75. After the walk, walkers were offered free chiropractic care from a local chiropractic group, as well as lunch from

a large array of foods. Walktoberfest turned out to be an enjoyable weekend afternoon in which approximately 500 people turned out and supported diabetes research. Walkers from Prep were: Mr. Mazsa, Mrs. Pink, Ms. Leroy, Mrs. Doryumu, Jill Glazewski, Erica Golliday, Amy Smith, Brian Lessing, Laurie Zizik and her brother, Chris Pink, Jeffrey Pink, and Melissa Stass. Volunteers were Tim Ruiz, Fahd Majiduddin, and Nimr Mian.

Recently Prep has sent several groups to other charitable causes such as the AIDS Walk-a-thon on October 18 and the Bike-a-thon on September 27 for Project Freedom.

## Fishing Excursion

by Tim Ruiz

In the early morning of Wednesday, October 7, a group of students and faculty assembled at the Prep parking lot. They boarded a van and were taken to Belmar, New Jersey where a fishing boat awaited

their arrival for a day of fishing and fun.

The trip turned out to be successful with nearly everyone catching a fish. The first catch of the day belonged to Miss Helmich who caught a sea

bass and Jeff Holman won the \$25 pool for largest fish. Blue Fish, Triggerfish, and Fluke were among the varieties caught. Unfortunately, Mr. David Masza, the trip coordinator, did not catch anything.



L-R: Tim Ruiz, Brian Siegel, Todd Hoyt, Geoff Fear, Jeff Holman exhibit some fish

Photo by Jim Ackerman



## Candidate Platform: Ross Perot

by Matt Maccia

Independent Presidential Candidate Ross Perot will not find himself in the White House in 1993. He will, however, have a tremendous affect on whether President George Bush will be in the White House or in Kennebunkport, Maine come January.

Perot has won some votes with his "I-am-the-man-to-get-the-job-done" attitude. These votes come from the people who are discouraged with both Bush and the Democratic Presidential Candidate, Bill Clinton. Perot's supporters see him as the people's non-partisan candidate who wants to stir things up in the Capitol. He is a man with a vision, and has hopes of creating a strong economy for tomorrow. Perot feels that creating a broad job base, capturing lost industries,

and converting the defense industry into a domestic one will all boost our failing economy.

Reducing the deficit is very important to Perot. He believes that this can be done quickly and efficiently if we all endure a period of "shared sacrifice". One of his plans is to raise the gasoline tax by fifty cents a gallon over a period of five years. He espouses that this will not only bring in much needed revenue, but also lead to decreased air pollution. This is a regressive tax, though, that will hurt everyone and will not help our economy. His point is that everyone in the country must sacrifice their own needs to make up for the government's past poor management of the country.

Government and business are at odds and this element is hurting America's interests.

Perot feels that we can learn from our competition. We have to observe how they and their government work together to foster economic growth. "Our international competitors that are cleaning our plates have an intelligent relationship between government and business, and have a supportive relationship," said Perot, referring to what he feels constitutes twenty-first century economics.

Ross Perot's hard-line honesty appeals to those who are sick of partisan politics, but it is sad that Perot does not have a real chance to win the election. He will sway the election and rock the vote on election day, but it is too late for him to recapture the enormous support he commanded before he quit. Had he not pulled out in July, he could have had a real chance.

Ross Perot's choice for running mate, Admiral Stockdale, may also prove to be detrimental to his campaign. Stockdale is a decorated war hero and former POW in Vietnam, where he spent nearly eight years at the torture camp known as the Hanoi Hilton. He has spent most of his post-Vietnam career in a succession of academic jobs and as a fellow at the Hoover Institute of Technology at Stanford. He is a conservative intellectual who is a complete stranger to the political world, which was apparent in the vice-presidential debate where he "froze" in front of the camera. Perot had been hoping that the people would warm up to Stockdale's unpolitical approach as they have to his, but this backfired. Ross Perot should have chosen a more well versed running mate who shares his business background. This could bolster his campaign, but Stockdale leaves the ticket far from complete because he is unable to sell his candidacy to the American people.



## Unanswered Questions

by Drew Rafalaf

It would be redundant for me to say that we are in a time of great change, but since we are, it bears repeating. The threat of communism's reign over the world no longer exists, but now there are other problems at home and abroad; those must be dealt with immediately. In recent months, the number of outbreaks of anti-Semitism have grown, and underlying racial tensions have risen to the surface as witnessed by the tumultuous Los Angeles riots last spring. Although walls have fallen, new ones are rising, and we must prevent this.

Everyday acts of hatred occur. A man is beaten because he is African-American. A twelve year old boy is attacked and his ribs are broken because he is wearing a skull cap. These problems, though seemingly different, are very

much the same. They are all caused by misinformation, bigotry, and, most of all, fear. History clearly outlines that economic recessions have always led to a rise in discrimination, best exemplified by the Holocaust, where a country in turmoil looked to the one leader who could show them the way to prosperity. Rather than shun history because it does not pertain to the modern era, we should learn from these mistakes. In this recession we ought to come together, not fight amongst ourselves. Together we can succeed; divided we will fail.

Our school is a clear example of success. We are lucky to attend a school that not only has a multi-cultural environment, but where people are accepting of each other's differences.

## Bush's Platform

by Laurie Zizik

Election day is rapidly approaching, and every American voter will have to choose the presidential candidate they believe will best serve our country. To make an educated decision, a voter must be informed of each candidate's platform. Much has been said about Clinton's platform, while Bush's seems less overt.

President Bush's economic plan revolves around his support for a Constitutional Amendment which would require Congress to maintain a balanced budget. He also wants the power to line-item veto a bill, which would allow him to cut unnecessary spending by \$150 billion over five years, and the production of the B-2 bomber would be stopped. He would also cut active military personnel by 21%. To gain revenue, he will continue to sell F-15 jets to friendly Middle Eastern countries.

President Bush says that if he is re-elected he will push for reform in the health care system, but the government will still stay out of running it. He would like to require health insurances to cover pre-existing conditions so workers would not fear losing their jobs. President Bush also believes that the welfare system must be changed. He also wants to require welfare families with children to enforce school attendance or risk losing

their benefits. The President also wants to force those medically able welfare recipients to do community service in order to continue receiving aid.

President Bush has been very tough on many social issues over the last four years, and says that if re-elected he will continue to have strict policies. He is a leading pro-life advocate who would like to see Roe vs. Wade overturned during his presidency. He has also campaigned for AIDS awareness and research, and wants to make it a crime for a person to knowingly transmit the HIV virus. President Bush wants to see stricter laws pertaining to the death penalty. He would like the laws to be extended to cover crimes of treason, espionage, genocide, and air piracy. Another of his goals is to restrict the amount of legal court appeal allowed by death row inmates.

Over the last four years, President Bush's Congressional supporters have tried to push many bill he supports through Congress, but have failed. This is due to the Democrat dominated Congressional Houses which have made the most of the President's proposed reform impossible. He hopes that if he re-elected, he will be backed by a Republican Congress which will make his proposals a reality.

## We Are Each Other's Neighbors

by Bobbie Kader

A few weeks ago, there was a knock on our door. A man was standing on our porch and he explained to me that he was living in an apartment behind our house. He had come by to tell us that while he was warming up his car at five o'clock that morning, he had seen a movement in our driveway. Our neighbor walked around to our house

to see what was going on. There was a man stooping near our car. When he saw my neighbor the man jumped over some fences and ran off. My mom and I were shocked to hear this. As far as we are concerned our neighborhood is relatively safe and this news alarmed us.

Once before an incident occurred where another neighbor helped us, so my point is, we have got to help each other and protect one another. Yes, things will happen in this world and in our school, and sometimes they cannot be helped, but if we see something that we feel should not be happening, then we should speak up.

One student did express that we should be more careful with our things to prevent another theft. Although I agree, I do feel that we can never blame the victim. The world is changing and we should not be naive enough to believe that just because we attend a small, private school, we will be in a perfect society. However, as a caring person in and outside of school, I would hope that we will all keep an eye out and do what we think is right.

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## Seniors on Community Service

I helped register people to vote for both local and national elections. I passed out literature informing people of candidates for Freeholder Elections and the Presidential Elections. Another service I performed was surveying people on issues and candidates on the upcoming elections.

Chuck Fallon

I candystriped this summer at Somerset Medical Center in the transport department. They have now passed a law that says we cannot handle bodily fluids for fear of infection. However, there was no such restriction on the people we transported. I wonder why?

Julie Ciamporcero

I am a member of the Watchung Fire Department. I am an engineer which means I am responsible for two trucks of my own. I would recommend that everyone who has the time to join their local fire department or rescue squad do so because it is a very rewarding experience.

Chuck Somers

I volunteered at a hospital but that wasn't interesting for me so I joined my local rescue squad. Now, I have the greatest time helping people and saving lives. I want to get my Emergency Medical Technician training this spring so that I can be of better service to my community.

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Amanda Heron

Community service was the worst experience of my life when I volunteered at my library. The place was really boring and I felt completely useless. It is totally ridiculous for people to pay ten thousand dollars for the school to mandate community service when the community does nothing in return.

Cherie Gallini

I raised money for different organizations through various walks and rides. It was a lot of fun. The most recent walk-a-thon I was involved in was the fund raiser for the State Theater in New Brunswick.

Erica Golliday

I was a volunteer for the Wheelchair Games in May. I felt needed because I was helping the handicapped. I highly recommend it if you like that feeling of usefulness. I plan on volunteering again at this year's Wheelchair Games and I'm co-chair for the Christmas Toy Drive for underprivileged children.

Reena Patel

During the summer, I volunteered on a daily basis at the Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital. I worked with children with infectious diseases ranging from AIDS to Lyme Disease. It was a memorable experience.

Sheila Patel

## Helping Others

by Sheila Patel

The 1992-93 school year brings the beginning of a reinforced Community Service program headed by Mrs. Beth Edmondson and an executive board comprised of students. The program has been revised to include a grade of pass, pass with honors, or fail on each student's report card and transcript. Every student is advised to participate in one or more projects during the school year. The summer make-up policy has also been changed to include notice of the original failure and the make-up credit on transcripts. Mrs. Edmondson is very enthusiastic about the new system and says, "I think the goal to place the emphasis on continual involvement, rather than an hourly

requirement, is a move in the right direction."

Opportunities are plentiful; in only the first two months of school, numerous projects have already been offered to students. Fund-raising walks seem to be abundant, their support ranging from AIDS and Diabetes research to domestic violence. Soup kitchen volunteers and swimming instructors for the handicapped are only a few of the many different positions available.

The goal is full participation, hopefully leading to an understanding of the plight of the less fortunate. One way to help the program and its goal succeed is to care and to get out and help.

## Predicament of the Halloween Assembly

Halloween usually means costumes, trick-or-treat and candy. At Prep it also means the annual Senior Halloween Assembly.

Initially, when the tradition began, the seniors put on several skits not necessarily related to school. A few of the skits included caricatures of teachers which were not meant to be cruel but simply humorous. However, in recent years, the skits have become solely faculty based. These skits were sometimes too cruel and personal, exemplified by last year's assembly which was the worst to date.

This year's Seniors are looking forward to the assembly even though the Administration has placed sev-

eral restrictions to prevent what occurred last year. The restrictions are that no names are mentioned, the skits are written and reviewed by the Administration, and those who make additions after the review process will be penalized.

The class is following the guidelines to the best of their abilities even with the new restrictions. Some of the scripts now have to be rewritten due to these restrictions which has caused some unrest in the Senior Class, but everybody is expecting a clean, fun performance. Because more time is needed to make the revisions, the Assembly has been postponed until November 10 and is now being called the Senior

Variety Show. In light of these circumstances, someone jokingly named it "The Late Late Late Halloween Assembly". If everything goes according to plan we should expect a show fun for everyone.

There were many comments made by the students with regard to the assembly. Amy Holliday said, "I understand their point of view but it takes the fun out of it. Still I'm glad we're going to have it, but it might not be as good as it would have been." Jeremy Rotter adds, "I think they [the students] went way over board last year so I can see why they're giving us restrictions this year, but I don't think the entire format should be changed."

Congratulations to Patria Leroy on her engagement! What a way to let everyone know!!

## Roving Reporter

by Jeremy Rotter

"What do you think of the cafeteria food?"

"It's overpriced and it doesn't taste good."- Sid Singh

"It's good, too expensive though. I'd buy it more often, but it's too expensive."- Eric Peterkin

"I like it. I really like it. No, I'm not joking, I really like it!"- Mikal Nasir

"For the price you're paying the quantity is poor."- Dan Schenck

"Don't trust the stuff that they make themselves. Only trust the packaged stuff."- Debbie Rothberg

"It's expensive. It's good but it's too expensive."- Andrea McLaughlin

"I think it's very overpriced, and there is nothing I can find that I like there."- Bobbie Kader

"It's overpriced and greasy"-Suntosh Murthy

"It's a bit overpriced, and

there's no variety. They have the same stuff all the time."- Juan Allen

"It stinks!"-Stephanie Rosenstein and Laura Weiner

"It's easy to steal, but it doesn't taste good!"- Anonymous student

"It's not that overpriced if you buy the things they have every day."-Steven Lenard

"It tastes about as good as it smells. (And it doesn't smell all that good.)"-Anonymous student.

"Four score and seven years ago, our forefathers declared that no single, lonely, solitary sandwich or whatever would be \$2.50! Cafeteria food is too much money for not much yummy."-Rajiv Singh

"I think that the food is decent, but it's overpriced."- Violette Renard

"I think the food is okay, but again it is overpriced."- Anonymous student

## Council Corner

by Uma Ayyala

Though school has only been in session for two months, the School Council has many projects on its agenda. It has already had the usual Burger Blast to welcome students back to school. Council has since then held class elections and has sponsored a dress down day on October 9th where all proceeds were donated to the Hurricane Andrew victims in Florida. Council has future plans to hold Career Day this year and that is expected to occur sometime in December.

Class Elections were held on September 22nd and 23rd. The officers for the Freshmen Class are Amanda Cruz, President, Meredith Shuley, Vice President, Melissa Stass, Secretary and Carolyn Chang, Treasurer. The two representatives from the Freshmen Class are Winona Packer and John Vafai.

The officers for the

Sophomore Class are Mike Rose, President, Kavita Patel, Vice President, Nicole Carlo, Secretary, Hiam Boraie, Treasurer, Billy Bocra and Abigail Michaels, class representatives.

Lauren Lineback was elected as President of the Junior Class while Violette Renard is Vice-President, Patty Dipano is Secretary, and Rajiv Singh is Treasurer. Dan Cantor and Matt Hobbs are representatives to the Council.

The Senior Class elected Randy Schwartz for President, Jill Glazewski for Vice President, Sheila Patel for Secretary, and Jeremy Rotter for Treasurer. Chris Davis and Amy Holliday are the representatives. Council is confident that the new members will be productive and successful this year. The student body is encouraged to attend and participate in the meetings that are announced during morning assembly.



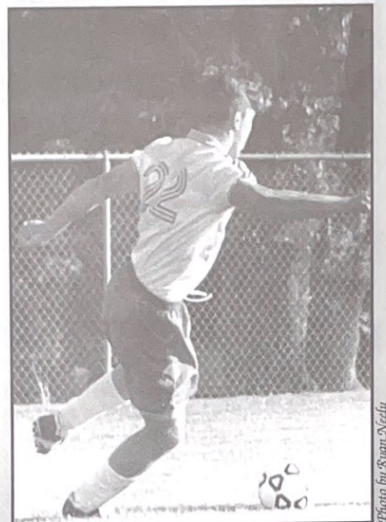
## Boys Soccer-Championship Bound

by Craig Fallon

The Boys Soccer Team is doing very well. The team's record is now at 9:6:1. Goal tending has been strong with a platoon between Junior Matt Hobbs and Sophomore Ryan Neely. The largest strength for the team has been their all-Senior defense which includes: Craig Fallon, Ryman Maxwell, Doug Feldt, and Scott Ryan. The defense has averaged giving up only one goal a game, which is a very impressive statistic. The scoring has been led by Senior Jeremy Stoler, Senior Chuck Somers, and Sophomore Mike Rose. Luis Garcia has been improving each game, recovering from an off-season knee injury, and netted his first goal this year against Newark Academy. Another good aspect of the squad has been the wing half-backs: Senior Steve Hostinsky and Junior Dean Barber. Both have played well in the offense and defense. Coaches Bob Marotto, Bob Szeles, and Jim

Ackerman have been preparing the team for a run in the State and County tournaments. A highlight this year was the first victory against

Pennington School in ten years. The team recently received the seventh seed in the County tournament, but lost to higher seeded Franklin.



Chuck Somers going for the kick.

## Pre-Season Workouts

by Reena Patel

The Girls Basketball Team and a few members of the Girls Volleyball Team have been spending their Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays preparing for the impending winter season which begins in a few short weeks.

Mrs. Marlene Auciello has been generous with her time; she has been instructing the girls during these sessions. Mrs. Auciello has had the girls start out by doing low-impact cardiovascular aerobics for the first twenty minutes in the wrestling room. Afterwards, the girls moved to the weight room and stayed there for the rest of their practice where they lift all kinds of weights to strengthen and condition all the muscles in their bodies. Coaches Mary Klinger and Mathew Shifman believe that this exercise will not only give better wind and stamina, but also result in faster reflexes.

The girls have been working hard so that they will be ready to play on the very first day of practice. Hopefully, this extra preparation will be beneficial to the entire team and will result in better performance on the court.

## Cross Country Team Hits Hard Times

by Amy Holliday

The Cross Country Team has had to face more competition than was expected. The boys team is relatively small with eight members and the girls team has seven members while other schools have teams with over thirty runners. The boys have a record of 4:1 and the girls team has a record of 3:2. In the New Jersey Prep Conference the boys team came in fourth overall while the girls were unable to run because of injuries. The Team did not do very well at the Somerset Counties, on October 26 at Pingry due to injuries and a longer distance than the team is used to. The course there had 3.1 miles and Prep usually runs 2.8 miles.

The runners are now preparing for States, scheduled on November 4 at Blair; they have been doing interval work, LSD's (Long-Slow Distances), and sprint work. A few meets have been cancelled adding to the less than spectacular records. Coach Robert Dougherty and the Team Captains, Erica Golliday and Amy Holliday, are hopeful for a strong finish at the end of the season.

## Girls Tennis

by Amy Smith

The Girls Tennis Team is going strong about halfway into their season. In their first tournament, Somerset Counties at Pingry, two teams made it into the second round, first singles Lynn Schwartz and second double team Meredith Maxwell and Nikki Samuels. The girls have had some disappointing losses to some tough teams, but they have really been playing well, and new Coach Michael McElreath and returning Coach Heidi Kearman are helping the girls along. Coach McElreath

thinks that the new players are really helping the team and that everyone has greatly improved since the beginning of the season. With the state tournament coming up in two weeks practices have been getting harder and everyone is getting ready.

The team easily beat Ranney a few weeks ago, but lost a tough match by one team to Wardlaw-Hartridge on Friday, even though first singles Lynn Schwartz and first doubles team Meredith Maxwell and Amy Smith won.



Lynn Schwartz waiting for the serve

**Congratulations to the Rutgers Prep Boys Soccer Team on their 1-0 win against Newark Academy in the State Tournament!**

## Girls Soccer

by Jill Glazewski

Despite what has become a battle of numbers, the Prep girls' Soccer Team has managed to earn a record of 3 and 3. The team has beaten Villa Victoria 2-0, Pennington 1-0, and Saddle River 1-0. Losses have come against PDS, St. Elizabeth's, and most recently Hun. Having enough players who are able to play has been the team's greatest problem. Stephanie Rosenstein, Hiam Boraie, and Nicole Carlo are all players who have been struggling with injuries thus far. Fortunately however, the addition of three new freshmen Meredith Shirley, Stephanie Verb, and Melissa Stass have helped. Junior Jamie Schumer has been leading the team offensively, with key goals such as the lone goal in Prep's victory over Pennington. Senior goalie Cherie Gallini had her first goal ever to give

Prep a 1-0 advantage over Ranney.

As the team moves into the mid-season their goal is to remain at or above .500 and to keep working as a team despite the struggle with numbers.

## Senior-Faculty Football Game

by Idalia Bonilla

A long standing tradition in Rutgers Prep is the Annual Senior-Faculty Football Game, which is being held this year on November 5. In previous years, the faculty was undefeated until last year when the Class of 1992 won, ending their winning streak.

Mrs. Susan Gooen formally challenged the Senior Class President, Randi

Schwartz, during morning assembly on October 27. The entire school will be present to see if the Class of 1993 can continue the students' streak.

**Go Seniors!!**