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## "The Sound Of Music"

BY SUSAN SLIM

The compact disc player produces sound throughout a room, giving us an appreciation for music. However, it is too often forgotten that music has existed for thousands of years, before compact disc players, radios, or even records. In that time period, music thrived in churches and around campfires. The true quality of music was only as good as its voices.

At Prep, we have the opportunity to witness a momentous "regression" to live music, one which takes place only twice a year publicly, but every week in class for nearly a third of our peers. This feat is presented at Kirkpatrick Chapel on the Rutgers University Campus in New Brunswick, and this year, like every year, the Choral Concert affirmed that the beauty of music is alive within the hearts of the youth.

On Tuesday, May 23, students from Prep assumed their positions on familiar chapel steps, facing a crowd of teachers, parents, and friends. The night was filled with music ranging from third graders to our own Up-



Upper School Men's and Women's Choir

per School students, led by teachers Mrs. Szeles and Mrs. Hunt.

The Upper School Boy's Choir sang two songs, with the charm and charisma only they could possess. The pieces performed were "I'm Bound Away," a sea chantey, and "Bye, Bye Blues," an old-fashioned barbershop song. The former was accompanied by Mrs. Cunnell and both were conducted by Mrs. Szeles.

The girls, equally as eager to share their love for music, also sang two songs. Mrs. Hunt's choices were "The Nightingale" and "The Sally Gardens." The latter, which had lyrics taken from a poem written by William Butler Yeats, was a sentimental addition to those students who had sung the song in the middle

school. The two choirs joined for a breath-taking finish. The two-song collaboration was lead by both choir directors. Mrs. Szeles directed "I Hear America Singing," a gospel song. Mrs. Hunt's selection, "You Are The New Day," was a sad, yet sweet end to the night.

The program also featured the Madrigals Singers, a talented subset of both choirs, in their premier performance, excluding a short appearance at last year's Creative Arts Dinner. Madrigals are a capella songs written during the Renaissance that involve difficult yet beautiful harmonies. The group performed "Il Bianco el Dolce Cigno," an Italian piece, and "Je n'ose dire" a French gossip song.

## Student's "Cut" Leads To Administrative Action

BY JUSTIN AUCIELLO

On May 2, a student in the Upper School Community, was cut by an Exacto knife when he reached into his backpack. While the cut required little medical attention, the event was characterized as a "horrible crime" by the

Administration.

Upon discovering the incident, Mr. Karman called all students to report to the lounge at 2:10 P.M., ten minutes before the bell would ring for activity period. Addressing the student body and faculty, Mr. Karman demanded to know the cause of the violence. The meeting ended with a strong plea for a confession. Many students believed the meeting was an overplay of the incident, which may have been a simple accident.

Since then no perpetrator has been discovered, and the Administration has ceased attempts to find one.

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## Prep's Response To Oklahoma

BY WHITNEY CASE

When midwestern militia members blew up Oklahoma city's municipal building, America was overcome with grief. Many lives were lost and many people were hurt, but the incident would have been worse without the rescue workers and everyday people who came to aid of those in need. Just as many people united in Oklahoma, our school community also united to provide both help and support.

Junior Abby Santamaria took the initiative to look for ways to support those in Oklahoma City. She came upon the Denny family. Their two children, Rebecca and Brendan, were in the Day Care Center at the time of the bombing. Both survived the explosions, but they suffered severe injuries. Rebecca was burned over a large portion of her body. When the two children were admitted into two separate hospitals, the Denny family was confronted

with medical bills they couldn't pay, and this is where Abby saw a great opportunity.

Abby called many different charity organizations, finally finding a specific fund to aid the Dennys. Letters were mailed to all members of the Prep community asking for donations, and fund raisers such as bake sales were also held. Prep was able to send \$2150 the fund, which will go towards the medical bills, while the rest will go into two trust funds, accessible to Brendan and Rebecca when they reach eighteen years of age.

The situation in Oklahoma called Prep into action. Mr. Denny was surprised to find that people in New Jersey would actually care about the plight of a family so far away. Prep has always shown that it is always willing to help people, even if they are not within the school community.

## The MECA Fair: A Cultural Day

BY FRANK CESARIO

On April 29, Rutgers Prep's Multi-Ethnic and Cultural Association (MECA) held its annual fair. On this day, a great variety of cultures came together and shared their ethnicity with everyone who came. With good weather and spirits, attendees enjoyed food, performances, and crafts.

Students who did come were glad they took the time to do so. Besides eating some really good food, they also had the chance to be exposed to culture they might not ordinarily see. It is the coming together of diverse people that makes this event successful. For senior Nidki Kumar, the enthusiastic MECA President who has greatly expanded the club's scope, the fair marks the end of her term. Next year, MECA will be led by rising Sophomore, Camille Melton.

## 3rd Tour de Cure Raises \$40,000

BY JOE FUOCO

On Saturday, May 20, students and faculty members of Rutgers Prep helped to organize the school's third annual Tour de Cure, a bicycle ride to benefit the American Diabetes Association (ADA). The event was held at Raritan Valley Community College and featured three routes which riders could take: a 16 mile, 30 mile, and 62 mile course. Almost two hundred riders participated in the race, each pledging money from their sponsors to benefit the ADA. Over \$40,000 was raised, including a remarkable \$9,700 from a group of riders from Bannigan.

The ride lasted throughout the day, as cyclists continued to pour across the finish line well into the afternoon, where they were greeted

by the cheers from Rutgers Prep student then enjoyed refreshments, music, and if they needed it, a meeting with the physical therapist that was on the scene.

Mr. Masza, helped by student organizers Matt Needleman, Dave Kahn and Malini Sangha mustered Prep students in volunteer efforts of all kinds. Leading up to the big day, students created signs, painted arrows on routes, and made other preparation. The night before, approximately 15

students carried supplies to the ride site. When May 20 came, students and faculty, registered riders, served food, started races, tended rest stops, and did nearly anything else needed.

Tour De Cure 1995 was an event which not only was enjoyed by all, but also accomplished its purpose. One day the money raised might help doctors find a treatment or cure for diabetes, the fourth leading cause of death by disease in the United States.

### Upcoming Events

June 3	SAT's
June 5-8	Upper School Exams
June 8	Junior/Senior Prom
June 11	Commencement
Sept. 5	New Student Orientation
Sept. 6	1st Full Day of Classes



## LESS THAN "EXACTO" ADMINISTRATION

BY: SUSAN SLIM

The voice over the public announcement system startled students in the midst of important educational endeavors. Students focused on geometry tests or copiously taking biology notes. This voice insisted that we finish any class we might be in ten minutes early to conglomerate in the lounge for yet another lecture. While many of these talks from the administration are deserved, such as the admonishment following the Ski Trip alcohol fiasco, this last prep congregation was ludicrous.

While a stabbing, as Mr. Karman called it, would be a legitimate cause for calling a meeting, a stabbing did not occur, simply a probable practical joke gone wrong. A student had been mildly cut when their hand went for something in the front pocket of their book bag and instead met with an Exacto knife, likely misplaced from the art studio. The Administration jumped the conclusions and insisted that the knife had been placed there by another student, one who had the intent to purposely injure this student. Yet again, we were called to listen to a one-way bashing in which the Prep community as a whole was pe-

nalized for the mistake of a few individuals, in a situation that was never even proven to have taken place. If the Administration at Prep was so intent on pinning a student with the blame, they could have waited until a bit more evidence was accumulated before accusing us, the innocent majority.

There was a major flaw in the Administrations case: if a student had such malicious intentions, why would they chance it and simply place a knife in another person's book bag? If stabbing was the intent, then a stabbing would have occurred. Instead the knife had as much a chance of injuring the student as would a drawing compass, an item occupying space in almost every geometry student's book bag. Also, the outcome did not justify the termination of classes, the dilemma was solved with a routine trip to the nurse's office, and a Band Aid healed all wounds.

Yet, the Administration felt justified to submit us to a battering of words and trial of our moral values. In History class, we are taught not to generalize about a specific culture or group simply from the mistakes

of a few bad eggs; however, within Prep, this rule is obviously not used. During Morning Meetings and other parts of the day, we are subject to the lecturing that most of us don't care to hear. School is a place where lectures belong in only two places: in class, and in the principle's office. Most of us get enough yelling from parents and friends, we need not be blamed for situations that the majority of the school has no fault in. The Administration should have pinpointed the perpetrator or perpetrators and force them to listen to guilt inspiring talks, then handed out a just punishment. The rest of Prep need not be punished, there is no reason for it.

This article may seem to be an Administrative bashing, but it is also the voice of many Prep students being voiced loud and clear. During these lectures, we don't get to vent, so we do it in private. It is now our turn for the Prep administration to hear the opinions of the majority, the majority who had done no wrong, yet were forced to listen to lectures of those who had.

## An Insight Into Music At Prep

BY ALLISON ALBINO

Music is an expression of the soul, plain and simple. When you discover that you can sing, play the piano, or even the tuba, you unite in a universal language that everybody understands. Lots of emotion that can be communicated through music fails to get across in words or movement. Some things you just have to hear through music, whether music is a Chopin Impromptu, an old tune by Van Morrison, or a feeling to O'Shoop."

The Music Department at Rutgers Prep is small, but filled with a lot of life. With a choir and a band that meets only once a week for one hour, these students manage to perform two times each year. Each concert is something anticipated by the students, a time where the entire school, grades three through twelve can gather to celebrate their love for music. The art, and the expression of that art, is something that must count as much as academics, sports, and other extracurricular activities. Expression through music makes for a more well rounded student as well as

a more worldly person.

The Music Department at Prep should be allotted more recognition and time. We see so much talent in those two-minute Morning Meeting violin or choral snip-its, and these performances are a sign of the musical potential that our school has. Much more could be done if students received more of the much needed rehearsal time. In addition to that, it could also generate a greater interest in music within the student body. There is nothing to lose.

Nearly every other high school puts choir and band on par with other academic subjects, granting large block of practice time; however, despite the sixty plus participating students, Prep's musicians meet once a week, or half the time of an average gym class. Music at least deserves equal treatment with physical education.

Prep performed beautifully at the Teen Arts Festival and Spring Concert, and there is no doubt that students could learn to become outstanding musicians. It's within our school community; it is within all our souls.

## Lack of School Spirit

BY: CATIE SOMERS

Attending a small private school has many advantages. With only an average of sixty people in each grade, students are familiar with everyone. In addition, the classes are small, leaving plenty of teacher-student contact. There are also many disadvantages. One is the lack of school spirit. School spirit is important so that students can feel proud of themselves and the school in which they attend.

We are lacking many large scale activities that most high schools provide. Why can't Prep have a homecoming, semi-formals, and other after school functions? The only real school event which is widely attended is the Junior-Senior prom. That still leaves most of the freshmen and sophomores out. One idea would be to have a sophomore and freshmen semi-formal. This could be funded by both the classes so there would be adequate funding for this dance and the prom. Another thought is to have a bonfire and cook-out after the homecoming games so players, students and families could celebrate after the teams win. Gatherings like these will help increase the school spirit and bring us closer together as a whole.

It's not even just this problem, but the lack of Prep supporters at games too. It's a tragedy when the opposing team's fans fill up our bleachers at home games. We should utilize signs and pep rallies in an effort to get the teams psyched

about tough rivals. As a member of Prep teams, I know how much it means to players to see friends and family filling the stands. When the stands consist of only a few lost souls waiting to be picked up, the games seem less important and it's hard to get motivated to try your best.

The lack of spirit continues the next day, after the team lost, when an unnecessarily sarcastic announcement is made stating how badly the team was crushed. Instead of this negative attitude, captains and team members should try to generate more support and have more positive attitudes. This way there will be more motivational at the next game. Although Prep doesn't have a cheer-leading squad, who says we can't get a few Prep students to make a couple of signs and chant some words of encouragement. It doesn't take that much to get a team excited to go, fight and win! If we had had more fans maybe our teams would perform better knowing that there are people supporting them.

Too many people think that it is not "cool" to go to a school event, like an athletic game, and this view is foolish and immature. Whether you like it here at Prep or not, you should try and make the most of your time here and be proud of our school. In ten years when you look back at your years at Prep, do you want to remember a school in which you rarely were a part of?

## The Dual Nature of Community Service

BY MATT SCHERB

The Community Service program at Rutgers Prep, implemented eight years ago, has mustered over 5,000 hours of volunteer work this year alone from otherwise, for the most part, apathetic students. Often criticized for protruding into un-academic sectors of life, Community Service's ten hour requirement receives almost as much ridicule as SLURP did. But it does not deserve it. While the students' desire to help others may not always be sincere, the cumulative effects of the hours served helps the needy community, and the school community as well.

The school does not leave students in the dark to find their own method of service. Just glance at the second floor bulletin board, or listen to morning announcements. Community Service Executive board members, and others, frequently organize activities allowing Prep students to earn hours while socializing with their friends, who may live far away. Examples include Habitat for Humanity, the Sandy Hook Beach Cleanup, and Tour de Cure.

Each year, under Mr. Masza's auspices, Rutgers Prep mobilizes a huge number of students to supervise and support the Tour de Cure, a cycling event to raise funds for the American Diabetes Association. Volunteers from the school make up the greatest percentage of total help, resulting in Prep essentially running the event. Prep students

do everything from painting arrows, to handing riders a goody-bag as they cross the finish line, and why? To finish their ten hours? Yes. To help those afflicted with diabetes? Yes. Prep students also volunteer to strengthen their community.

There are few opportunities for students to meet with large numbers of other students from Prep, so taking advantage of Community Service events is important, especially if Rutgers Prep wants to bolster school unity. Community Service does not have to mean 10 hours of tedious labor; although, it would be greatly appreciated. Instead, students can improve their school community as they improve the community of others.

## Physical Education Controversy

BY: AMANDA CRUZ

Physical education is one of the courses most disliked by students. Many people feel that physical education should not be required for students that are athletes. The issue has been brought up many times, but the decision has always been to mandate gym for freshmen, sophomores, and juniors.

Gym shouldn't be required for athletes if they are currently on a team. The gym period is supposedly 55 minutes long, but if deductions are made for the approximate 15 minutes spent changing into appropriate attire, the class is reduced to 40 minutes. At least 15 minutes more is spent walking over to various courts and fields, and doing the required calisthenics.

Since athletic practices are, on average, two hours long, they far surpasses the 25 minutes of exercise a gym period could offer.

Some student feel that the 2 day a week gym period isn't a sufficient amount of time to improve their condition anyway, to try is futile. The time could be used for other activities such as breaks, study halls, clubs, meetings, or music rehearsals. The coaches and teachers in the athletic department, on the other hand, feel that the requirement should remain intact because it provides the conditioning that is necessary for good health. A suggestion would be to have an open gym for the gym periods to give students an opportunity to come out if they have the time.

Another alternative satisfying the demands of Gym teachers wanting fitness for all would be a required general gym for students not playing play a sport, exempting those that do because of the sufficient amount of exercise they get already.

In public schools, the state requires four years of physical education to graduate with a state diploma. Since Rutgers Prep is a private institution, the administration provides its own diploma with different requirements, making potential change painless and reasonable. If the requirement were lifted, it would not have an affect on college admission. For the meantime, however, the two-day requirement will stand.

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## Picnic Shines

By DAVID PAPA

This spring's drama production, William Inge's *Picnic*, was a complete hit with the students, faculty, and family who experienced it. The hours of hard work spent by the actors and actresses, as well as by the technical crew, paid off, since the show was a great success.

Under the guidance of Director Miss Turlish, the production featured a number of talented and experienced seniors. *Picnic* was a brilliant end to their acting careers at Prep. Seniors in this year's spring show were: Josh Eckhaus, the shop-owning, cigar smoking Howard Bevans, Jen Hassenberg, the sweet next door neighbor Mrs. Potts, Doug Mayle, the intelligent, clean-cut Alan Seymour, and Kristine Coco, the wise and protective mother of Madge and Millie, Flo. Other seniors included Alana Karen, playing Magde the sheltered daughter, and Eireann Corrigan, playing Rosemary Sydney, the aging, love-desperate school teacher. The senior's leadership provided was the backbone of *Picnic*, and their talent will be missed next year.



Jen Conrad and Jay Golan in *Picnic*

*Picnic* also showcased present day stars of Prep drama, and unveiled some of the up and coming actors, who, judging by their performances, will continue to entertain audiences for the rest of their years at Prep. Sophomores Jay Golon, playing the cocky, rough-edged Hal Carter, Frank Cesario, bringing out the biting humor in the obnoxious Bomber, and Allison Albino, playing the school teacher Irma Kronkite, are quickly becoming drama veterans. Newcomers introduced in this show were freshman Whitney Case, depicting another school teacher, and sophomore Jen Conrad, playing Madge's bright younger sister, Millie.

*Picnic* proved to be a very enjoyable and entertaining production for all who saw it. From this example, the future of Prep drama looks very promising.

## Prep Scholar Athletes Honored At Somerset Radisson:

By BARRY HIRSCH

On May 11, the Somerset County High School Principals Association held their twelfth annual S.C.L.A.A. Scholar-Athlete award dinner at the Somerset Radisson. Awards are given to the top male and female students in Somerset County who show great achievements in both academics and athletics. This year's Rutgers Prep recipients were Scott Skorupsky and Sara Papa.

Scott excelled in both wrestling and cross country this year. He was a captain of the wrestling team, and won both the Conference and State Championship in his senior year. Beyond his athletic skills, Scott is the top male student in the Senior class. He also makes time for such activities



Scott Skorupsky

ties as editing the *Ye Dial* and writing for *The Argo*. Next year Scott will attend the University of Pennsylvania.

Sara Papa was the captain of both the swimming and softball teams. She has received many awards ranging from the Coaches Cup to the Rensselaer



Sara Papa

Medal. She served on the Judiciary Board, and she edited both the *Ye Dial* and *The Argo*. She is the top female student in her class, and even received the prestigious honor of attending the Governor's School on the Environment. Sara will enroll in Brown University next fall.

## School Council Organizes Trip

By REBECCA CALDWELL

On Saturday, April 29, School Council, along with 36 students and teachers, ventured into New York City to see a 3-D Laser Show set to grunge music at the Hayden Planetarium. Council had also planned a visit to the Sony I-Max theater; however, a confusion over tickets forced a cancellation.

The trip, initiated under Past President Auciello's administration, was executed by President Ria Rasalan's. The first trip organized in recent memory was an effort by Council to become more "visible" to students. Despite the ticket brouhaha, the trip was successful.

The Hayden Planetarium's show consisted of creative and vibrant laser artwork accompanied by the music of Pearl Jam, Soundgarden, and Jane's Addiction. Most attendees enjoyed the opportunity to take part in an out-of-school activity, yet just as many criticized Council for its sloppy planning.

Mr. Avella, School Council advisor, was pleased with student turnout and the trip as a whole. Future Council trips now have a model to follow and improve on.

## Tech Crew Steps into Spotlight

By MEREDITH RILEY

The Rutgers Prep Drama Department's production of *Picnic* has been considered by all those involved, a triumph. A contributing factor to this success was the one-of-a-kind set put together by the Tech Crew wizards. Under Ron Kelly's leadership, they surpassed themselves, and past tech crews, in this set's completion.

While working in the confines of a small space, the crew masterfully recreated Kansas in Holley Hall. Painsstaking construction and attention to detail accentuated the realism of the two houses' exteriors, which were built from scratch. A picket fence and artificial turf further helped to transport the audience from suburban New Jersey to rural Kansas. The set's crowning was the backdrop, created by the Art Department and its students.

Of course, no one would have seen the set without lighting. The Crew's transformations from day to night, topped off with a stunning sunset, were achieved with more lighting equipment than ever used before at Prep.

Several backstage helpers rounded out the Tech Crew. Makeup and costume artists, as well as stagehands under Caroline Chang's control made *Picnic* a team effort.

The Tech Crew's efforts that began in February, combined with the actors' prowess, culminated in one of the best shows Prep audiences have seen put together.

## Students Tackle Merck Science Exams

By Matt Scherb

Top New Jersey science students gathered on May 23 at Raritan Valley Community College to compete in the 1995 Merck Science Day tournament. The competition was intended to spawn interest in the sciences, and to recognize outstanding achievement.

Four students from each discipline, Biology, Chemistry and Physics, represented Rutgers Prep. Mr. Masza shuttled the students between the school, the college, Boston Chicken for lunch, and Kirkpatrick Chapel for drop-off singers for rehearsal after the test.

Students took a 90 minute all multiple choice examination on their field of study. High scorers, both individuals and teams, will receive awards and recognition in the first week of

June. Rutgers Prep's results will be shared at Honors Convocation in the fall.

The Biology envoy, sophomores Frank Cesario, Aisha Griffith, Mark Markowski, Suhas Radhakrishna, and XXX, were confident after the test, knowing Mr. Masza had prepared them well. A team of juniors David Papa, Neil Patel, Matt Scherb, and Khalil Zackria represented Mr. Boyle's Chemistry classes. Seniors Nidhi Kumar, Doug Mayle, Aaron Silverstein, and Scott Skorupsky made up the Physics Team. Unfortunately, the Physics exam concentrated more on unfamiliar electricity than mechanics, the subdivision most covered at Prep.

## Fourth Annual Art Show is Successful

By KRISTINE COCO

Tuesday, April 26, marked the opening of the Rutgers Prep Student Art Show. The Art Department displayed their students' best work of this school year in the library during the week and a half show. Students in the lower, middle, and upper schools contributed to the show. Many genres of art were represented, including photographs, drawings, paintings, and ceramics.

Ms. Roselli, of the Art Department, said that the show was "the best so far. The Art Show began four years ago and each year the show improves." When the show opened, the Art Department, students, students, family, and friends met together on May 1 to admire and critique the artwork. Art student Aliya Walker commented, "Opening Night was very successful. There was a good crowd there."

The Art Show was on display during the spring production of *Picnic*, so many in the Prep community could enjoy both the artwork and the play in a double dose of culture. Overall, the Art Department received positive feedback from the administration and the community in general.

## On the Verge of Success

BY ROBIN SINGH

This year the Men's Tennis Team had talent, but players were unable to produce a winning season. Their dismal record of 2-12 did not reflect how much heart the team had. They played hard at every match, frustrating teams that were hoping for an easy victory. The team was led by junior Eric Danzeison, who played 1st singles. He had the job of opposing the other team's best player, making the season long and hard for him. At 2nd singles, sophomore Suhas Radhakrishna had a pro-

ductive year, coming off with 4 wins on the season. Sophomore Paul Sosman rounded out the singles players. Sosman was a strong player, always consistent with his groundstrokes, frustrating every one of his opponents.

The doubles groups fared well this year, providing most of the team's victories. Bill Passarotti and Eric Kerner, at 1st doubles, had a rollercoaster season; however, they sharpened their skills in the latter half, reaching the Prep B State finals, only

to be defeated by Wardlaw-Hartridge. At 2nd doubles Robin Murad, Aaron Silverstein, and Robin Singh rotated throughout the season, winning a lot of matches.

Next year the team hopes to win more matches in the clutch after losing many 3-2 this year. Prep Tennis will have to do this without the help of departing seniors Passarotti, Kerner, Singh, Murad, and Silverstein.

## Girl's Softball

BY SARA PAPA

This year's softball team has turned some unusual obstacles, namely a player shortage, into a successful season. Although the record books show only five wins and nine losses for Rutgers Prep, the team was much more impressive both in and out of uniform.

Coached by Heidi Kearman and Paul McLaughlin '92, and assisted by Paul Shackman and Manager Christina Danile, the team consisted of only nine members. Fortunately, each member, whether a four-year starter or not, had her best season thus far.

Both senior Co-Captains Tara Auciello and Sara Papa had some of their strongest defensive games ever on the mound and behind the plate, respectively. The outfield, de-

fended by leftfielder junior Amanda Cruz, centerfielder sophomore Erin Leeder and rightfielder freshman Mishana Propete, had an active season. Both Cruz and Leeder improved greatly from last year, and Propete transformed from a softball novice to a seasoned veteran with great potential. The infield was held down by sophomore Heather Driver at first, freshman Debbie Gray at second, sophomore Liz Alexander at shortstop, and sophomore Maureen Benitz at third. Gray, in her first year on the team, proved herself worthy of the second base position. Benitz and Alexander were the two strongest offensively as well. Each returning starter had a matured and confident glove.

The season was full of close games, such as the 9-8 loss to Franklin High School, but none hurt as much as the 15-10 loss to Purnell in the Prep B States out bracket game. Though Prep was seeded fifth in the tournament, Purnell only twelfth, the game went back and forth until the sixth inning when Prep never recovered. Purnell eliminated Prep from the State Tournament, and after a forfeit by St. Mary's Hall, that out bracket game was the last game of the season.

Next year's season should reflect the talent present on the Prep roster, though the absence of the Auciello-Papa battery will surely be missed.

## Varsity Baseball: Looking Forward to Next Year

BY JUSTIN AUCIELLO

The 1995 Varsity Baseball Team finished the season with a mediocre record of 7-9. The team, coached by Robert Marotto and Robert Dougherty, was led by senior Co-Captains Mike Maccia and Ryan Neely.

With as many as seven sophomores starting at one time, the squad had a hard time battling against stronger teams like Princeton Day, Newark Academy, Dwight Englewood and Montclair Kimberly Academy. The young age of Prep's team was a critical factor against these teams. Regular starters Jordan Rickards, Ed Chandler, Jason Maikos, Mike Maccia, Joe Fuoco, Scott Fleisher, Ryan Neely, Joe Ziznewski along with Scott Yelity carried the team both offensively and defensively. The Pitching rotation included Sam Hartman, Jamie Reo, Joe Ziznewski, Ed Chandler, and Ja-

son Maikos. Sudipta Mallik, Gregg Costello, Gerard Joe, Justin Auciello, Jeremy Wang-Iverson, Ali Naqvi, and David Pung all contributed off the bench. Impressive batting averages over the season came from Ziznewski, Rickards, Maikos, Fleisher, Hartman, and Maccia.

By far, the most memorable win of the season was at Skylands Park in northern New Jersey against Gill St. Bernards. Athletic director Dick O'Connell hoped that playing under the lights in a professional stadium would provide a pick me up to the season. Although rain hampered the stadium's ambience, it didn't dampen the spirit of the team. Never losing hope, they went into the bottom of the seventh inning down 6-2. The team scored ten runs in the inning, with hits from Rickards and Maikos, winning the game 12-6.

The season was filled with other sweet moments. Both Maccia and Fleisher hit inside the park Home Runs to launch an exciting 7-6 comeback against Saddle River. Maikos delivered a Grand Slam shot against Collegiate. Finally, both Maikos and Neely homered against Lakewood Prep.

Unfortunately, Rutgers Prep was knocked out of the NJISAA Prep B tournament by Newark Academy, losing 17-7.

The Baseball Team will sorely miss the four graduating seniors next year and will look to the present sophomores for leadership. With the young players, next year should yield a winning record. Dick O'Connell said it best, "This team should prove to have a successful season next year, and the state championship in two years."

## GOLF: NEW FOR '95

BY MARK MARKOWSKI

The Rutgers Prep Golf Team has made considerable improvement from last year's unfavorable 1-8 record. Coach Forney, now a PGA Teaching Professional, and coach Nichols, a golf veteran, shared their expertise to help the eager, young team make use of its raw talent.

The team includes a solid nucleus of sophomores, including David Weitz, Lee Demaree, Josh Rosen, and newcomer Catie Somers. Team Captain, senior Scott Gwiazda, lowered his scores by a decent margin, helping the team pull through in close matches. Freshmen Dan Chelel and Jeremy Hollander added their low scores, dropping the team's scoring average from 280, last year, to about 220.

The Golf Team improved their record to 8-4. Wins against Hun and Gill St. Bernards got the team's spirits high. By season's end, all had improved. The entire team was excited to play, and competition for playing positions continued all year.

When the season was complete, the team was proud of their accomplishments. They turned around a team that was in demise. With five of six starters returning next year, The Rutgers Prep Golf Team should be a threat to steal the state championship.

## Boy's Lacrosse Team: 95 Review

BY CRAIG FEINBERG

The Boy's Lacrosse Team had a disappointing season; although, this was a rebuilding year for a maturing team. Luckily, no seniors will be lost to graduation. The team did work hard throughout the season, practicing everyday and becoming unified.

By season's end, the Lacrosse Team was finally working as a T.E.A.M. (Together Everyone Achieves More). Sophomore Evan Siegel spent this season learning the game for the first time. He caught on fast, receiving one of Coach Mark Tyree's coveted "game balls" for his skill. Goalie Craig Feinberg won the other.

Captain Henri Renard was the leading scorer even though he missed part of the season with a shoulder injury. Also contributing, first year player David Bilenker scored the first goal of his developing lacrosse career. Even though the team was assaulted with unlucky injuries, such as the starting attack man, freshman Ian Japinga, who broke his wrist, players still held their heads high.

The Lacrosse Team was grateful for receiving support from parents, students, and faculty. Hopefully next season will prove to be more successful.

## Women's Lacrosse

BY MANAK AHLIWAHLIA

The Girl's Lacrosse Team was off and running this season, finishing with a record of 7-5 and gaining a third seed in the Prep State Tournament. Unfortunately, they lost to Stuart Day School, but all in all they had a successful season.

After traveling to Florida to gain valuable experience and pre-season practice, the girls got everything together in time for their season. Junior Alison Siegel believes, "The trip to Florida taught us a lot of skills that made us better players."

Key victories throughout the season came against Purnell, Newark Academy, Staten Island Academy, and Morristown Beard. These victories helped boost the team along. Freshman sensation Priya Radhakrishna led the team in goal scoring, and will prove to be a great player in future

years. Becca Caldwell used her experience and skills to lead the team in both goals and assists. Her role in the offense led to many victories. Alison Siegel, Jasmine Lee, and Nidhi Kumar complemented the offense, scoring many points. Senior Diana Liscinski, junior Joyce Reyes, and sophomores Nicole Fiumefreddo and Daniella Metzger solidified the defense, while contributing offensively when possible. Junior goalie Julie Rockoff gave a stellar performance by frustrating charging opponents with her catlike reflexes.

Next season, the team feels that they can be contenders for the state championship, since many talented underclassmen will be returning to the team; however, a void will surely be left by the absence of graduating seniors Diana Liscinski, Nidhi Kumar, and Jasmine Lee.

## Spring Sports Final Records

<b>Co-Ed Golf</b>	<b>8-4</b>	<b>Softball</b>	<b>5-9</b>
<b>Women's Lacrosse</b>	<b>7-5</b>	<b>Men's Tennis</b>	<b>2-12</b>
<b>Men's Baseball</b>	<b>7-9</b>	<b>Men's Lacrosse</b>	<b>0-12</b>