

## Search for new headmaster begins

by Elizabeth Chen

On Thursday, October 29, Mr. Nat Saltonstall of the Independent Educational Services was introduced to the students during the morning assembly. This marked the first of the many steps involved in selecting a new headmaster for Rutgers Preparatory School.

Two organizations are working on this important project, one of which is the Independent Educational Services. IES is a private organization which aids corporations and schools in finding top executives or headmasters; in fact, former Headmaster J. William Adams came to Prep through IES. Mr. Saltonstall's visit allows IES to get a feel of the school community as well as a sense of its needs. This in turn enables IES to begin the nationwide search for applicants who might meet the qualifications for the position. Besides Mr. Saltonstall, Mr. Tom Wood, who is headmaster of Friends Central School, will also act as an IES Consultant.

The second organization working on the search is a Search Committee made up of five trustees and two faculty representatives: Chairman John Stella, Mrs. Lydia Lenaghan, Mr. Harold Ortel, Mrs. Linda Palazzolo, Mr. John Schmitt, Mr. August Daviet, and Mrs. Arlene Wacker, respectively. The two faculty representatives are not voting members of the committee, and the ultimate decision will be made by the Board of Trustees. Mr. Daviet and Mrs. Wacker will, however, form a faculty subcommittee that will represent the interests of individual

teachers. The formulation of these committees will enable both faculty and parents to express their views on this subject.

In early November, the Search Committee will have gathered and coordinated ideas from the faculty, the parents, and the trustees to come up with the type of headmaster wanted to preside over Prep in the future. IES will act as a consultant while the Search Committee develops and defines a comprehensive picture of Prep's needs. Then, a form of the school's position will be made into a statement and mailed to the IES, describing the school and what Rutgers Prep hopes to see in the new headmaster.

During the month of January, interviews of certain applicants will begin. Mr. Saltonstall will present the credentials of the top twelve nominees to the Search Committee. The Committee will then sift through the group and select six to eight candidates. These candidates will visit Prep in mid-January. At the end of the month, a re-evaluation of those who have visited will begin, and some will be asked to revisit, accompanied by their spouses.

Finally, in February, the Committee will submit a final recommendation list to the Board of Trustees and the Board will select the finalist for the position. What are the qualities Rutgers Prep is seeking? Mr. John Stella summarizes the ideal: "one who can provide leadership capability for achieving academic excellence for Rutgers Preparatory School."

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Father Guido Sarducci Hordijk checks if Brother Dominic has the secret recipe for lasagna as the RPS Brotherhood of Monks, Brothers Anderson, Pavlovsky, Masza, and Pickens, look on. Partly due to the exertions of the faculty, this year's Lasagna Dinner was a great success; it collected \$1292 for the scholarship fund.  
photo by R. Reynier

## Will trimester plan be adopted by the school?

by Carolyn Alongi

During the previous school year, a suggestion was made by the administration concerning the adaptation of a trimester grading system. A trimester committee was then formulated to weigh the pros and cons of this issue, and this committee has resumed its discussion this year, with Mrs. Susan Goen as chairperson.

The discussion of such a curricular change has many sides to it: as a result, the function of the committee is to discuss its positive and negative aspects, and its effect on the school. This has been done through the distribution of questionnaires and correspondence with other schools which presently employ a trimester grading system.

Among the positive aspects of such a conversion, according to Acting Headmaster Edward C. Lingenheid, would be the coinciding of both the academic and athletic calendars for the first time. In addition, it would be possible for more electives to be offered, especially within the English Department. English courses would be offered on a ten-week basis rather than the current fifteen-week basis, and there would be no division into quarters as there are at the present time. This would slightly affect the exam schedule, in that three sets of examinations would have to be held instead of two. Examinations of short courses completed within one trimester would not be as long as examinations of major courses completed within two or three trimesters, however.

A questionnaire was distributed among Prep faculty, addressing the problems of the trimester system. After collection of this questionnaire, problems such as material coverage of courses, and the effect on senior projects and the examination schedule were discussed.

Individual questionnaires sent out to those schools already employing such a grading system have proven to be most informative to the committee.

The committee is still in the process of discussing the pros and cons and analyzing additional statistical and curricular material at the present time. A final decision will be made in the near future, and a report for the administration will be drawn up. It is possible that, if approved, the trimester system could be instituted as soon as the 1982-1983 school year.

tions departments of major organizations.

Debbie Graber has been encouraged by the great amount of interest expressed on the part of the underclassmen. "We only hope these people are willing to devote themselves when the work gets more demanding." Presently nearly forty students have volunteered to work on the committee, mostly freshmen and sophomores. If these students commit themselves to developing this program, Career Day ought to be a much larger event in the next few years.

## Rutgers Bowl invites team

by Joseph W. Malka

Prep has been invited by Rutgers University to participate in the Rutgers Bowl. "A new television program produced by the State University to highlight some of the state's best and brightest students." The program will be videotaped at the University in Piscataway and will be broadcast on New Jersey Public Television UHF network.

This is the first time that Prep has been invited to compete in this tournament. Prep, however, has attended the Tournament of Excellence in Somerset County, for the past two years, where they captured the championship against Bridgewater-Raritan East in 1981.

The team that did such an excellent job last year will represent Prep again at the Rutgers Bowl tournament. The original 1981 team included Eric Combest '81, Patrick Lenaghan '81, Claudia Chae, Barry Endick, Catherine Picker, and Michael Goen, with Elizabeth Chen as alternate. Catherine Picker will be unable to participate in the

competition, leaving Elizabeth Chen in her place and Becky Zacharias as the new alternate.

These students were chosen by a faculty vote. The main requirement for being a team member is superior academic achievement. Also, team members must have the ability to react well under pressure and be versatile in their studies. Mrs. Helen Spratford, who has been the advisor for the Tournament of Excellence team, is also the advisor for the Rutgers Bowl team.

Public, private, and parochial schools have been invited to compete in the Rutgers Bowl. Prep students will be competing against Roselle Catholic High School on February 5 at 10:30 a.m. at Rutgers University in Piscataway. Although the team is experienced, the students will have practice sessions prior to the competition. The questions will relate to math, English, history, art, music, and other diverse subjects.

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## Career Day plans start

by Mary Roth

Seniors Debbie Graber and Debra Shore have recently been selected to head the 1981 Career Day Committee, under the supervision of Mrs. Elaine Schulman.

The committee is in the process of organizing a day-long series of lectures on various career options which will be given by a wide variety of professionals in many major fields. Debra Shore points out that the committee will not only be presenting the more traditional professions, but those in fields as unusual and unique as the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and mortuary sciences. Students will be able to question the professionals at length about the demands and benefits of their careers while also receiving insight into the educational requirements for such careers.

Prep has traditionally set aside one day within the academic calendar for this event. Due to lack of organization last year, however, the committee was unable to fulfill its obligations and present its program. The present staff has taken steps to avoid disorganization by securing a large number of serious volunteers and dividing the committee into subcommittees, each responsible for an individual job: writing and mailing of invitations to the speakers, organizing the reception luncheon, and scheduling the speakers and the 290 Upper School students for the day's activities.

According to Debra Shore, the assemblage of speakers, "encompasses all aspects of the Prep community." Parents, friends, and alumni are invited to speak; other speakers are found by contacting the public rela-

## Invasion of another kind: Senior Halloween assembly

Every Halloween, the seniors are invited to participate in the Senior Halloween Assembly. During this time, the seniors don costumes and compete for a prize. The winner(s) are selected by the audience, which casts its votes by the amount of applause made for each participant.

This year, the Blues Brothers, Paul Scialabba and Joe Dugan, hosted the

program. They introduced the acts which included a Mexican Conehead, Playboy bunnies, the Brady Six, My Three Sons, and the winners, the RPS Cheerleaders. Squad captain Charles Heitz led the squad of Scott Einbinder, Tom Watts, Jim Schiabe, Tim Ray, and John Steinline in three cheers that brought the house down.



The RPS Cheerleading Squad of Tommy Watts, John Steinline, Charles Heitz, Scott Einbinder, and Tim Ray displayed their talents at the senior Halloween Assembly.  
photo by R. Reynier

## CSPA awards Argo 'first place' honors

The Columbia Scholastic Press Association has awarded the Argo a first-place ranking in its yearly evaluation of school publications. The Argo was rated 912.4 points out of a possible 1000 (first place scores are between 850 and 1000).

The Argo was evaluated to be "a well-organized, readable publication, intelligently-edited and interestingly-written... its high score of 912.4 leaves no room for argument about its overall quality." In addition, its "editorial

writing is among the best."

In its critical analysis, which points out to the staff the areas that need improvement, the CSPA noted that more concise copy, better cutlines, and brighter headlines were needed. For this 1981 award, which was formally accepted by current Editor-in-Chief Claudia Chae, the CSPA evaluated the last half-year of the Argo under David Wolicki '80 and the first half of Eric Combest's work. The Argo's adviser is Mr. Eugene Bratek.



## Editorial

### Trimester system holds little appeal

A man ordering a pizza, when asked if he wanted it sliced into sixths or eighths, opts for the former as he "could not possibly eat eight." This old joke has its parallel in the current debate over a possible conversion by Rutgers Prep to a trimester system. However, the disadvantages of a three-semester school year are more than psychological, for the curriculum and structure of the school will be dramatically altered. The Administration has a trimester committee probing into the positive and negative aspects of the trimester plan. It is encouraging that the school administration is carefully weighing both sides of the issue; ultimately, the scales should tip in favor of rejection of the change, which will be to the best benefit of an institution such as Prep.

Basically, the trimester system would divide the school year into three semesters of ten weeks each, instead of the current two fifteen-week semesters that are further split into quarters. The projected advantages of this plan include the coinciding of the academic and athletic calendars. Also, especially in the English Department, more electives could be offered to the students; while exams would then have to be held three times a year instead of two, the length of the examinations would correspond to the time taken to complete the course (one, two, or three terms).

Regardless of its success (or failure) elsewhere, the trimester proposal must be assessed systematically in regard to its specific effects on Prep's curriculum and structure. Prep is a traditional school, and the extent of adjustment to be made by everyone in the school community in case of conversion is unknown; certainly, it will be a major overhaul, and the school will undergo a period of adaptation and transition before its full implementation. Is it worth it? This is the question to be asked, especially when it is seen how the advantages of the trimester are offset by several negative aspects.

First of all, the conflict between the academic and athletic schedule has never been so great as to be impossible to accommodate; in addition, as academics has highest priority, it is more relevant to examine its curricular benefits or disadvantages first. Taking the English Department as an example, as it will be most drastically affected, there is not a great dearth of electives. Certainly, we can use more, but not at the overall expense of the department. The one semester courses will prevent teachers from probing as deeply into a literary work as they might like, for they must always be aware of the exam that is only two months off. Thus, quantity will increase, but quality will not.

Extending this idea further, the shortness of the marking period before exams will mean that students have to cram more, and have less opportunity to make up work and boost their averages.

Conversion to a trimester system would also involve major administrative redistribution, and the bureaucratic workings of the school will increase as paperwork must be done for three, instead of two, marking periods, thus impeding effectiveness. It will also affect senior projects, and it is uncertain that suitable curricular material could be found to form these shorter courses. At a school like Rutgers Prep, where there has been a history of traditional learning that has been proven to be effective, and where students are challenged by deep and extensive exploration of a subject, the trimester plan would do more harm than good, for it would force a change that may, in many respects, compromise the depth and quality of the education offered by Prep.

## Mubarak attempts to lead Egypt in manner of Sadat

by Barry Endick

The assassination of Egypt's ex-president Anwar el-Sadat has caused much concern, and rightly so, over the safety of public figures, and has provided a sad example of the level that society has sunk to. However, even more concern and curiosity is turned towards the Egyptian state as it now exists, and its new President, Hosni Mubarak. Where does he stand? How do his people feel about him? How long will he last?

Egyptian officials are glad of the peaceful shift of power that occurred in Egypt, and feel that this smooth shift has proved that the state of Egypt will not be destroyed in a power struggle. Even the hard-line Arab countries seem satisfied that the people will not start a revolution in Egypt, and thereby disrupt the country's movements toward peace. In fact, Mubarak is so intent on stressing the continuity of his administration that he has not changed any of the members of his cabinet or any of his governors.

Not all of Mubarak's constituents are quite as enthusiastic about the claims of continuity, claiming that Mubarak is "wearing continuity like a mask" until his true face is shown. Most Egyptians believe that change is inevitable and that it will take about a year for Mubarak's true personality to emerge.

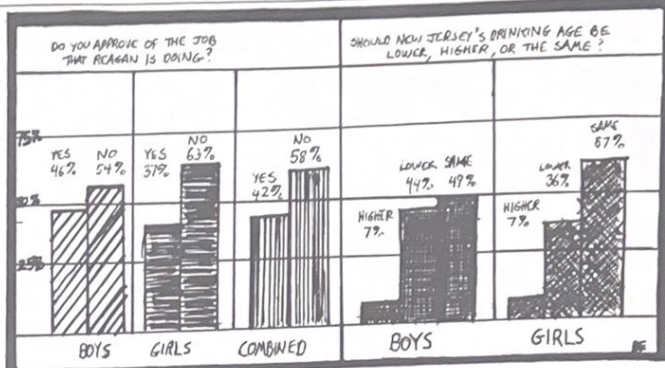
In the meantime, Mubarak has followed in his predecessor's footsteps by asking resentful nations to accept Egypt's peace with Israel and suggesting that the nations try to use that peace to resolve their own differences with the Israelis. Mubarak has also offered to visit any hostile Arab country in order to discuss Egypt's reasons for accepting the peace treaty. His request was met by the radical Arab nations' urging that Mubarak renounce the

peace pact and return to the arms of the fellow anti-Israeli Arab nations.

Mubarak has announced his first priority to be internal security, and the second, the economy. He is primarily concerned with internal security due to recent uprisings in Asyut, where revolutionaries attempted to take over the Government. Mubarak, in retaliation, sent security forces to the battle and imprisoned these revolutionaries. This action has won Mubarak much respect from the majority of the Egyptian people. His action was an impressive move, for it also showed Mubarak to have the strong hand needed in Egypt to continue Sadat's policies.

Mubarak is under a lot of pressure to make improvements in the Egyptian economy, one of Sadat's weaknesses, and it is anticipated that he will make a number of public moves against corruption and profiteering. Mubarak himself has an impeccable record as Vice President of Egypt for six years, with no scandal to mar his office. An official claimed that he "will try to come on like Mr. Clean."

Mubarak plans to continue a friendly policy towards Israel and the United States, although there will naturally be less enthusiasm on both sides at first, and Mubarak is expected to be less demonstrative of his emotions than Sadat. Careful precautions are being made to protect Mubarak from assassination attempts. Meanwhile, Iraq's Muammar Qadhafi has stated that any leader who attempts to follow the same course as Sadat will meet with his same bloody end. The independent magazine *Al-Mustakbal* quoted Salah Khalaf (PLO security chief) as being certain that Mubarak would not last more than six months.



## Polled students voice opinions

by Barry Endick and Claudia Chae

The Argo recently conducted a poll to find students' reactions to problems of national and local importance. The results of this poll were interesting and, on the most part, reflected the opinions of the American public.

As far as party preference, there was so little response as to give the findings little bearing, although Democrats slightly outnumbered those who listed themselves as Republicans. The majority of people disapproved of Reagan's performance as President, with the girls more disenchanted by a percentage of 63% to 37% for Reagan.

The majority of students also disapproved of the AWACS sale to Saudi Arabia by a margin of 68% to 31%. Those against the sale said that "if two people want to kill each other, the last thing you do is give them arms," while those for the sale explained that if we did not sell the AWACS, the British would have.

The girls overwhelmingly believed that women should have the right to an abortion 91% to 9%. Boys also were for abortion 85% to 15%, while 27% of all those responding felt abortion to be morally wrong.

Of problems facing the nation, 55% felt the economy to be the most pressing, followed by nuclear war, defense,

energy, and government corruption, in that order.

Two-thirds of those responding were against the draft, and 73% of the boys felt that women should be included for military service. Thirty-three percent of the girls felt that they should be included. Many students said themselves to be against the draft as it is now proposed, but might be for it if the draft age were raised to 22.

Eighty-one percent of the women and 69% of the men were for ERA, with one dissenting male commenting: "If women want equal rights, they should be willing to serve in the army."

The female students were more adamant against the new school dress code, with 84% of the girls expressing disapproval. Of the boys, 66% were against it, claiming that more moderate dress does not hamper students' learning ability.

Most students were against the implementation of a trimester system at

Rutgers Prep, while most were for the use of an honor code. Only one-third of the students were for the building of a new Lower School, while many improvements for present facilities were suggested. A student lounge and a stage were the most suggested additions, with sports facilities (particularly a swimming pool) running a close second. The majority of students did not think that the school was too sports-oriented, and about three-fourths of the students believed that the school was moving in a positive direction.

The majority of students polled felt that the drinking age should remain at 19, while 40% suggested that it should be lowered, and 7% felt that it should be higher. Those who wanted it lowered felt that it should be brought in line with New York's age, and reasoned that if a person is considered an adult at 18, he or she should be able to drink at that age.

## Sale of AWACS good for Reagan and Saudis

by Nick Kenney

Recently, President Ronald Reagan scored a 52-48 vote victory on Capitol Hill concerning the sale of AWACS surveillance planes to Saudi Arabia. Its impact was tremendously advantageous for the president, for it was needed to maintain his impressive stature in the international forum. After laboring several months against seemingly impossible odds, President Reagan won the "impossible" battle, and is now being perceived by the Saudis as a reliable ally with the political strength to back his words.

The Air Warning and Control System will be valuable to the Saudis, for it will enable them to monitor developments inside their own borders and those of the more radical nations and the Soviet Union to the east. They do not pose a threat to the Israeli military establishment or national security. Israel has the same equipment and also has the means to negate any possible infringements by the AWACS upon Israel. Furthermore, it is unlikely that such an event would occur, since it is understood that the United States will supervise the AWACS into the 1990's.

The Administration in Washington also favors a policy of balanced cooperation in the Middle East, recognizing the value of Saudi Arabia in developing and maintaining lasting peace. Saudi Arabia is undertaking a more responsible role in that area because of its realization of the acute vulnerability of its only source of income, the petroleum fields.

Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's assassination also spotlighted the volatility of the Middle East region. It automatically cast Saudi Arabia in the role of the mediator of moderation, by being the only other pro-West Arab nation in the region. Saudi Arabia may not be neglected, and that is what they would have perceived of American policy had Ronald Reagan failed in delivering the AWACS.

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## French exchange program gets underway in February

On February 6, twelve Prep students under the guidance of Assistant Upper School Principal and French teacher Mrs. Helen Spratford will embark on a three-week excursion to France. The students, including tenth graders Lois Nelson, Jill Wacker, John Stella, and Carol Schwartz; eleventh graders Robert Quackenboss, Eric Witt, Ellen Berman, Craig Albert, and Lauren Waga; and twelfth graders Mary Roth, Tim Ray, and Laura Blake will participate in the School Exchange Service (SES) program. This program, restricted to students who have completed at least two years of French, allows them to live with a host family and attend classes at a French lycée without requiring the one-year commitment of the American Field Service.

During the first four days of the trip, the students will be staying as a group in Paris, where they will be sightseeing, visiting such famous landmarks such as the Louvre and Versailles. They will spend the remainder of their stay in Lyons, where they will be individually assigned to host families. They will be together, though, at the Lycee Lacasagne, where they will attend classes. The students will be required to write a major paper (in French or in English, depending on the subject) for credit, as well as make up the work they miss at home. However, the days will not be totally work-filled for the students, as there are many cultural activities being organized by the lycée for them. Also, since the trip falls during a school holiday, the lycée will be recessed for a week and the students can vacation with their host families. In April, the students will play host to their French counterparts, who will be exposed to

our way of life in the same manner.

Mrs. Spratford first got Prep involved in SES last year, when she visited the school and met with its headmaster. She is currently in the process of organizing the trip, by having the students meeting as a club each week for education about travelling preparations, cultural differences, the lycée curriculum, and about SES itself. This is necessary because SES requires much information about the students before placing them, from their hobbies to their experiences (if any), in international living. This student information is matched to a compatible host family information form by SES, so that a student's stay may be as interesting as possible. Also required is an agreement signed by the student to "be aware of (his) role as a representative of the United States, and to live up to what is expected of (him) in this role," as well as to "retain an open mind."

Mrs. Spratford is extremely enthusiastic about the program, as it combines the advantage of the cultural gains of an overseas stay as well as the convenience of its three-week duration, which makes it feasible as a school excursion rather than an individual undertaking. The program is described as "an exciting, enriching opportunity for personal growth, cross-cultural communication, and much more," a philosophy with which Mrs. Spratford concurs completely. She stated: "I've been officially involved in foreign exchange for two years, and this program sounds like the best thought-out and most exciting. The students will not be tourists; they will really be experiencing French life."



Part of the Upper School Chorus rehearse. Under Mr. Harry Pickens, the music program has undergone a revival this year. photo by D. Zatz

## BIOS opens hunting season

Hello, campers, and welcome to another fabulous year with BIOS. We're sorry that we're so late in starting, but we just got back from our three-month luxury cruise from Perth Amboy to Staten Island. Imagine our chagrin when we found out about all of the "improvements" made over the summer. It was bad enough to find our beloved Headmaster gone, and bad enough to find Baldwin Hall looking like the old set of "Romper Room", but the final straw was yet to break the camel's back.

We were walking back from lunch on our first day back when we were accosted by Mr. Bratek, who asked us where our jackets were, and deeming our reply inadequate, issued us detentions. We are appalled that the principal of the Upper School should have to patrol the campus searching for rule-breakers. Certainly the senior prefects should not be bothered with such trivial matters. Thus, it is our contention that the students should be able to monitor themselves. That's why we're forming the Rutgers Prep Bounty Hunters. That's right—turn in your peers for cash!

For those of you who are new to this sort of thing, we are issuing a guidebook (for a handsome price, of course) that points out all the rule-breakers, gives characteristics for easy identification, gives tips for apprehension, and provides the price tag per head for

each species. An excerpt is provided below.

**The Dress Code Violator:** A relatively large species, with members ranging from the meek Top-Button Opener to the vicious Jacket Remover, who should only be approached when the hunter is heavily armed. Probably the most dangerous offender is the Crew-Necked Tie Omitter, who can only be identified by checking for the absence of a lump under his crew-neck sweater. Bounty: \$15-\$50 for the CNTO.

**The Speeder:** Classified as anyone who breaks the campus speed limit of five miles per hour, including students, members of the faculty and administration, and small animals. This heartless rule-breaker may be best apprehended by strategically locating land mines on the campus. Bounty: \$75.

**The Eighth Period Dodger:** This offending creature can usually be spotted in either the bathrooms, in the Field House, or in the woods. Usually travelling in groups of two or three, they slip out of study hall when the proctor isn't looking (and face it, gang, you'd have to be a real sicko to want to leave study hall). Bounty: \$100.

And of course the most odious criminal of them all...

**The Facial Hair Wearer:** Includes boys with beards and/or moustaches, and girls with eyebrows. This species is

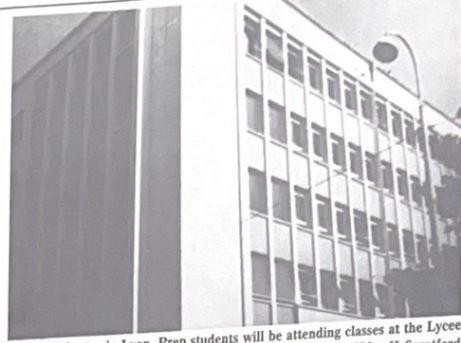
extremely mean and dangerous, and should only be stalked by those confident in their abilities and who have lucrative life insurance policies. Bounty: \$100,000, dead or alive.

Note: All BIOS staff members are, of course, considered endangered species and may not be hunted. For more information, buy our book.

Well, that's about all for this issue, campers. Good luck, and happy hunting. Cheerio.



On October 2nd, seniors Barry Endick and Mary Roth staged the one-act play "The Typists", the story of two people's lives as seen in a nine-to-five workday. photo by E. Pickus



During their stay in Lyon, Prep students will be attending classes at the Lycee Lacasagne. photo courtesy of Mrs. H. Spratford

## Bertsch shares his teaching travels

by Suzanne Eger

Mr. Albert M. Bertsch, a new mathematics teacher, has a very diverse background. Since 1973, he has taught in many schools, including two abroad. He has taught students ranging in age from four to eighteen years old in both public and private schools.

From 1973 to 1975, Mr. Bertsch taught Iranian, American, and other students in Teheran, Iran. He describes this as a good experience although "unusual." The transition for him was basically "living with a different point of view." He had to adapt to a culture with no television or radio and to one completely isolated from his family and friends. This was overcome by his making new friends with whom he still keeps in contact. During his free time there, Mr. Bertsch visited the bazaars, learned to ride a camel, and participated in community and school activities. Another major difference he pointed out was the food. "I liked it a lot," he commented and began to describe his favorite dish.

Philadelphia was Mr. Bertsch's next stop in his constantly moving career. He spent a year there working at the Salvation Army Day Care Center as a "care giver." There he and another teacher taught a class of four year olds.

An all boys' private school in Washington, D.C., was Mr. Bertsch's next stop. For two years, he taught math there before continuing on to a public middle school in Scranton, Pennsylvania for another two years.

From there, last year, his next destination was Barcelona, Spain. There he taught everything from seventh grade math to calculus at The American School of Barcelona.

Finally this year Mr. Bertsch came to Prep where he teaches Advanced Algebra and Trigonometry. He likes it here at Prep for a number of reasons. As compared to Washington, he likes the "co-ed atmosphere. I also prefer the locale," he added.

## Chorus and drama programs flourish

by Amy Rosenfeld

James Thurber's A Thurbur Carnival has been selected as this winter's production to be performed by the Rutgers Prep Players. Directed this year by Upper School English teacher Mr. Michael Dee, the play consists of a series of vignettes involving a dramatic repertory company of nine performers. The cast is comprised of Upper School students Amy Rosenfeld, Kevin Haver, Carol Schwartz, Barry Endick, Mary Roth, Ed Schultheiss, Lena Chen, Mark Bromfeld and John Steinline. Mr. Dee will be assisted by stage manager Mary Sokolowski and assistant stage manager Michael

Gooen. Holley Hall will serve as the theater for the production of A Thurbur Carnival, which is scheduled to be performed on December 11, 12, and 13. Mr. Dee graduated from Amherst College last June with a major in English, but during his collegiate years he "became interested in the theater and decided to go to New York to try acting for a while." He has studied professionally and worked in various aspects of television programming.

However, the drama production is not the only aspect of Prep's arts program that has gotten underway. The chorus, under the direction of Mr. Harry Pickens, is presently larger than it has ever been, and is still growing. Mr. Pickens believes in a well-rounded choral program as well as a large one (the goal of his "membership drive" is sixty), so he is forming a madrigal group consisting of eight to ten outstanding members of the chorus, including Barry Endick, Carolyn Alongi, Kevin Haver, Rob Sklans, Amy Rosenfeld, Mary Roth, Barbara Massie, and Ed Schultheiss.

Mr. Pickens believes in working on a one-to-one basis with the chorus members, so such techniques as interval training (which involves training in sightreading or "sightsinging"), rhythm training (an introduction to reading rhythms for less experienced members), tone and intensity control, and breath control (exercises involving diaphragmatic breathing) are stressed. Through exercises like these, he intends to build up the chorus' vocal prowess as a whole.



## Winter squads make preparations

by John Stella

Well, sports fans, winter is just around the corner, and with the cold weather comes the new season of indoor sports. This year's coaches are all optimistic, and many teams have increased in size.

Coach Dick O'Connell, as head of the varsity boys' basketball program rates his team as very competitive, with four good seniors and many strong supporting underclassmen. He predicts that the underclassmen will get more experience this year, and that the team as a whole will be high-scoring. Coach O'Connell expects to have a different type of coaching job this year, as he has no dominating player on his squad. Instead, the team will be more closely knit and will work together.

Girls' basketball, with Mr. Al Brown as coach, is comprised this year primarily of juniors and seniors. Coach Brown hopes the girls will come to practice regularly and work hard, and he says that if they can function well as a team, they have a chance at the state championship. Mr. Brown also hopes to interest the younger girls in forming a JV squad.

Mr. Robert Pavlowsky, our new wrestling coach, is optimistic about the upcoming season. The team's size, depth, and good spirit will prove assets, and Coach Pavlowsky's goal is to have a winning record. He also expects the junior varsity wrestlers to get a lot of experience this year through tournaments.

The girls' volleyball team, under Coach Kyle Jackson, is very strong since all but one player is returning, and its ultimate goal is a winning season. The team did well in the state championship last year and will do well this year, Coach Jackson predicts, if mental mistakes can be corrected and if the team can pick up from where it left off last year.

The co-ed swim team, under Coach Nes Forney, is looking stronger than ever. With a larger team, more depth, and experience, Coach Forney expects to be as or more competitive than last year. He feels that the team is strong in the breaststroke and butterfly events, and his main goal is for every swimmer to improve, whether he wins or loses. He would also like everyone to be proficient in the major strokes, and most importantly, to have fun.



Senior Vicky Barber delivers a mighty kick as teammate Leah Fermin watches in awe.  
photo by R. Reynier

## Lair not 'just another athlete'

by Mary Roth

Senior Evie Lair is more than just another Prep athlete. Since her debut on the soccer field in her sophomore year, she has led teams through successful seasons and into tournaments in two different sports.

Evie is the starting center halfback for the girls' soccer team. They are in the midst of another successful season and teammate Joanne Colligan attributes the squad's winning spirit to Evie's enthusiasm. Although Evie has only scored one goal, Joanne feels that she is a key playmaker: "Center halfback is both an offensive and defensive position; she supports both the center forward and center fullback." While she may not be in a position to score as frequently as she would like, she is likely to be the player who can connect a defensive play into a scoring opportunity.

On November 6, Evie, one of the two co-captains of the soccer team, led the girls' squad into the first round of the State Tournament. The team, which is only in its third year of existence in the school, is seeded second among all New Jersey Independent Schools.

During the spring season, Evie is the starting pitcher for the girls' varsity softball team. "Last year my hitting was really low," she claims, but she pitched a record of 8-4 and qualified for the first All-State Team.

Little League was Evie's first introduction to softball and she pitched for her team up until the ninth grade. Upon entering the Upper School, she began competing for the school.

Evie was the first in the family to take such an interest in athletics. "My sister Catherine didn't play on any teams, but after me, there's Caroline, Phoebe and John." As far as colleges, Evie has not given much thought as to whether or not she will pursue athletics. "If I choose a college, it will be for its academic program, not athletics." She then added that she might reconsider if she is named to the All State's again.

At the moment, Evie is considering several colleges with hopes of combining a French major and a business major. Whether or not she decides to continue her athletic endeavors in college, her teammates on both soccer and softball are assured that with her enthusiasm, spirit and self-confidence, Evie will be successful at whatever she does.

### Fall team records

The following is a round-up of how the fall sports have fared in their 1981 fall season.

	Won	Lost	Tied
Boys' Varsity Soccer	12	2	2
Boys' J.V. Soccer	3	5	3
Freshman Soccer	0	5	
Girls' Varsity Soccer	10	1	
Girls' Varsity Tennis	3	12	
Cross Country	2	10	

## Varsity soccer anticipates successful state tournament

by Elizabeth Keefe

With a record of 12-2-2 and a ranking of second in the B-Division of the Independent Schools State Tournament, the boys' varsity soccer team appears to be a strong contender for the state title. The only losses of the season have been to top-ranked Pennington, and A-Division Delbarton.

This year's halfback line includes former goalie Tom Watts at center half, with Scott Einbinder and Steve Haas at right and left wing.

With the transfer of Watts to halfback, sophomore Doug Katz has confidently taken over the goal. The two have combined for six shutouts,

while Doug maintains a 1.9 goals against average. He has proven to be a strong player, coming up with some big saves over many top teams.

The offense is highlighted by talented linesmen George Halivopoulos and Billy Cicio. The two have presently combined for forty six of the team's sixty seven goals. Charlie Heitz leads the team with fourteen assists. His tough aggressiveness and team spirit are said to be "what get the team going."

The defense is led by sweeper Pete Holsten, and center fullback George Dosza. These two have been effective in shutting out big scorers from oppos-

ing teams. Helping them are wing fullbacks Paul Kocsis, and Matt Gilbert, who frequently interchanges with junior John Sierotko.

A big asset to the team this year has been a strong and solid second string. When called upon, these members do their job, and do it well.

As of November 6, the team had compiled seven wins in a row. Senior George Halivopoulos predicted that Prep will bring home the state title this year. Their determination and eagerness to win is made evident by their performance. Easily overpowering their first round tournament opponents, they massacred their challengers 8-0. George Halivopoulos scored three goals, Amiel Bethel and Billy Cicio scored two apiece, and Kevin Haver had one, as the Argonauts stormed their way into the quarterfinals.

The entire team is very eager to break the school record of thirteen wins and five losses, but this task seems all but impossible with four games left on the schedule.

The team captains are Scott Einbinder, George Halivopoulos, Charlie Heitz, and Tom Watts. Other team members include: Amiel Bethel, Billy Cicio, George Dosza, Kevin Haver, Pete Holsten, Steve Haas, Mike Keller, Matt Gilbert, Paul Kocsis, John Sierotko, Doug Katz, John Lynch, Scott Kassman, Tom Balsamides, Paul Scialabba, and Anil Kothari.



Einbinder in action!

photo by A. Kothari

## Fall sports highlighted

### Girls' Soccer

Boasting a 1-1 record and seeded second in the State Tournament of the New Jersey Independent Schools Athletic Association, the general impression given by the girls' varsity soccer team is that they are "composed of a group of winners."

Throughout the season, the girls have dealt well under pressure. Coach Nes Forney, who supervises the team along with Ms. Kyle Jackson, has remarked that "as the pressure is put on, the girls get very aggressive; with a gleam in their eyes, they get the job done."

Their ability to raise the level of intensity of their game is evidenced by their 2-1 triumph over the Hun School in the quarterfinals of the state tournament. With the score tied at 1-1, the teams were forced to go into overtime. An assist by junior Lisa Rusinko to Vicky Barber won the game for Prep. Vicky Barber, who had also scored the first goal in the game, raised her season's total to twenty in eleven games.

Team members include co-captains Evie Lair and Mary Abdalla, Betsy Keefe, Joan Imbriani, Vicky Barber, Rochelle Hess, Leah Fermin, Theresa Coyer, Liz Jasionowski, Lisa Rusinko, Lisa Brown, Caroline Lair, Michelle Yu, and Anne Rusinko.

The girls have undergone much improvement in finesse and passing during the season, and for the most part, have stayed healthy. Vicky Barber feels that "this team is the best we've ever had" and attributes "our success to the way we play as a team."

### Cross Country

The varsity cross country team had a strong start this year with a win against St. Pius, but subsequent injuries and losses of team members severely limited its potential. Under the guidance of Coach Bob Dale, however, the members all improved their times and gained useful experience in the numerous meets. There was a good esprit de corps and an improvement in the team record of 2-10 came with a later win against Monroe High School.

The team plans to stay together and work out during the winter, building up endurance though long runs three times a week. During the spring, Coach Dale will have the runners working on speed and strength, and they will even enter various track meets.

The team's outlook is optimistic and its youth, attitude, and dedication will be assets in the coming year.

### Girls' Gymnastics

As the fall sports season comes to an end, the future of the girls' gymnastics team looks very promising.

This year's team was headed by Suanne Shulman, with freshmen Elaine Mariores, Jane Levinson, Jane Goodman, Abby Shein, Michelle Fiddler, and Heba Farag rounding out the rest of the squad.

Coach Sue Leach admits that this team was a very young one, but she notes that much improvement came with each meet. In a state meet, Suanne placed third on floor exercises.

Although the team will be losing Suanne after she graduates, Coach Leach has high expectations for next year. "The freshmen all performed very well in their first gymnastic experience, and their skills are improving dramatically." This year's team competed mainly against large high schools, which was a big disadvantage for them. Next season, however, they plan to compete more with other small independent schools.

### Girls' Tennis

This year, the girls' tennis team was met by tough and competitive matches throughout the whole season. As tournament time approaches, the team is busy preparing for the county tournaments. Varsity members include Laura Blake, Claudia Chae, Elaine Imbriani, Sue Imbriani, Anita Kothari, Audrey Yu, Dina Savage, Sherrie Russell-Brown, and Stephanie Bardin, with Sara Birney and Beth Glass making up the rest of the team.

Coach Bill Araneo not only instructs the players in their form, but is also instrumental in aiding players to develop confidence in themselves. Self-confidence, he believes, is a major part of the game.

Late in the season, the team took two tough losses to Piscataway and Franklin Schools, but they hoped to fare better in the counties.

The Somerset County Tournament will be a great challenge for the girls. Because they are unseeded, they will be facing tough opponents in the early round. Since seniors Laura Blake and Claudia Chae will not be competing, the underclassmen have the opportunity to play in the counties and gain valued experience.

Although the team met with limited success during the regular season, Coach Araneo sees much promise in the upcoming seasons, with the return of seven of the nine varsity members.