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President Carter waves to people as his motorcade moves through New Brunswick. photo by Stuart Brodsky

President Carter visits Prep area

by Eric Combest

On October 25 President Jimmy Carter came to New Brunswick to introduce a series of new programs dealing with energy conservation through ridesharing. This includes the expanded use of carpools, vanpools, and public transportation.

President Carter stated that this country's foreign oil dependence causes large increases in inflation and in unemployment because the United States has to buy half of the oil it uses. Mr. Carter did not speak of alternative sources; he said that "the best way to cut our imports is to save." He then described his pooling plan.

The President initiated several programs in order to achieve a national goal of saving 400,000 barrels of oil per day by 1990 through ridesharing. The newly formed National Task Force on Ridesharing will work to encourage businesses and local governments of the county to use large-scale ridesharing and aid these people financially through grants and new low insurance rates for pooling vans. President Carter hopes that ridesharing will also receive more attention from the Department of Transportation in the construction of separate highway lanes for commuter and public transit vehicles and through the initiation of interest-free loans for the purchase of vans.

The President is making other efforts to see that his plan is accepted by a large majority of the country. He is supporting new tax credit on vans used for pooling in businesses. President Carter also hopes to see the passage of a rule that would give the priority for gasoline to van pools over

other vehicles in cases of gas shortages or oil embargos.

President Carter also mentioned the windfall profits tax recently passed by the Senate Finance Committee. He was unhappy with its passage because it was not as strict as he had wanted it to be. He hopes to get a higher tax in the bill when it goes to the Senate. He was applauded when he stated that this tax should be higher and that the collected money could be used to help poorer people to pay the ever-rising cost of oil and to further improve public transportation.

Somerset County will receive a portion of the New Jersey grant for the expansion of ridesharing. In a telephone interview William Roach, Somerset County Planner, commented that meetings are still being arranged and he does not know yet how the county's money will be used. Although Rutgers Preparatory School has no plans now for submitting a request for part of these funds, it might be to their benefit to do so. President Carter did not mention schools in his speech on ridesharing, but he did encourage all forms of ridesharing. Many parents of students at private schools have been hit hard by the increase in fuel costs when it comes to busing their children to school. If money could be obtained through the Federal Government to subsidize busing or pooling, it would not only save a lot of fuel, it would save parents a lot of money. Although requests like this might not be honored, there is the possibility that some money would be awarded to schools.

International Day planned

This year there will be an International Day, which will be sponsored by the School Council. International Day is this year's alternative to Career Day. Career Day is held bi-annually and during this interim year the idea of an international day became appealing.

The responsibility for running and organizing the day is that of senior Dave Harbour who is working with his own committee on the project. The end result of his and many other people's efforts can be seen on December 5.

The first half of the day will focus its attention on the political aspects of various nations, while the second part of the day will highlight the cultures of the world.

50's dance held

A 50's dance was held in the cafeteria on the evening of October 27. The dance was held for alumni, parents, faculty and administration. The dance was given jointly by the alumni, teachers and the Parents Association. The decorations were put up by students.

Seniors travel

On Thursday, November 8, and Friday, November 9 the senior class was excused from school so that seniors could visit colleges that they are applying to or are just interested in.

This will be useful in giving the seniors a better idea of college life.

Council sponsors canned food drive

The Student council is sponsoring a canned foods collection drive again this year. The annual drive is directed by the council to collect food for the poor and the needy. Council President Marshall Becker said: "We hope that as we all sit down to enjoy our Thanksgiving dinner, other, less fortunate people may also have something to be thankful for."

The drive itself is being coordinated by former council representative Jennifer Shore for the second year. The collected foods are to be donated to a charitable organization chosen by the School Council.

Rutgers Prep students have been very charitable in the past and are expected to continue this practice this year.

Students speak with Lamparter

While in the area for the monthly Board of Trustees meeting, President William Lamparter met with class members of grades seven through twelve for a group discussion. This meeting was prearranged and held on Friday night, November 3 at 8:00 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss Rutgers Preparatory School from the student's point of view in a relaxed atmosphere. These meetings have been conducted for a few years, and have been a highly productive way of informing the board about various situations at the school. The discussion was frank but general and probed into many parts of Prep life such as the scholastic, extra-curricular, social and aesthetic aspects of Rutgers Prep. The verbal intercourse is a healthy way for administration and students to better understand each other and enabled both to have a basis for working together in the future.

The meeting began with each person introducing himself and making a personal comment. Positive and negative aspects of the school were discussed. After two hours of discourse the meeting ended on a positive note. Mr. Lamparter commented that he always enjoyed these informal meetings with the students because he found them to be very productive. The students involved seemed to concur with this analysis.

Both students and administration look forward to their next chance to discuss their views on Rutgers Prep. Mr. Lamparter's efforts to hold such meetings were greatly appreciated by the students who attended.

Seniors showcase Halloween assembly

On October 31, Halloween, the students in certain grades traditionally paraded about school to show off their Halloween costumes. This year was no exception, except for the fact that this year's paraders were more than the usual bunch of first and second graders. The Rutgers Prep seniors dressed up during eighth period and displayed their outfits to the rest of the school in a special assembly, which was planned by the School Council.

The special assembly was conducted by junior Bob Kelman, who acted

as the emcee and Allison Kingsley, who ran the applause meter. The person whose costume was the biggest crowd pleaser received a door prize.

Two members of the faculty tried to partake in the events and took the stage costume clad. One violator was identified as Mrs. Herzberg but the other offender is still at large.

Costumes varied from the everyday monster types to monks. The winner of the door prize was Phil Wheeler, who with a few other seniors dressed as "original preppies."



Mitch Bielenowski, Phil Wheeler, Kevin Scialabba and Glen Yurcisin team up to ham it up on Halloween.



Mr. Anderson, Mrs. Herzberg, Mr. Mazza, Mr. Gaggini and Mrs. Bensko urge Preppies to switch from borscht to lasagna in promotion of the lasagna dinner.

Prep posts two Merit finalists

Sonia Chae and Sherry Host both Rutgers Prep seniors, have been named finalists in the National Merit Scholarship Competition by virtue of their excellent performances on the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT).

Other seniors who received credit for fine performance on the PSAT were David Wolicki, Howie Stein, and Robin Kornegay, who received letters of commendation from the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test's board.

Editorial

Abused Drivers

It is often said that seventeen year olds are unsafe drivers. Statistics show that these young drivers become involved in more accidents than any other age bracket. Taking this into consideration, auto insurance rates are the most expensive for members of this group. It has been suggested that the minimum age for driving should be changed from seventeen to an age when young people will be mature enough to drive. However, one must ask at what age people are old enough to handle the responsibility of driving. I believe that New Jersey's system for preparing people to drive is very effective. Also, when someone learns a new skill he or she is bound to make mistakes because of inexperience.

Recently, I was involved in a minor accident. The person in the other car immediately questioned my ability to drive in a rather forceful manner and then telephoned the police. I was very disturbed about being in an accident, so after she had called the police, I walked to the phone booth to call my parents. However, the police arrived then, accused me of leaving the scene of an accident, and would not allow me to call home. (It would have been nice to know where I was going without my car.) I was not treated with any respect, and I believe that a major reason for my mistreatment was because I only recently had received my license.

The State of New Jersey allows people to become licensed drivers at the age of seventeen. This is after they have the right to learn how to drive with an instructor, and then refine their skills with an adult for six months. Before this practice period one must pass a written examination and after all of these requirements have been fulfilled one must pass a road test. If any driver is licensed to drive, then they do not deserve to be discriminated against because of age or inexperience.

Accidents do happen. In any activity people are going to make mistakes. I realize that in a car these mistakes are far more costly and dangerous, but contrary to popular opinion, seventeen year olds are not perfect. More experienced drivers must allow younger drivers time to gain the experience which already they have.

Wanted: Radio stations that play good music

by Marshall Becker

Isn't it about time that we put all of the candy-coated, disco-pop music to bed for good. Honestly, some of the music coming out today sounds like you have a stethoscope in your ears and pinball machines in the background.

Plenty of good music is around, but how often have you wanted to smash your stereo to bits because nothing worthwhile was on the airwaves? The problem does not lie in your receiver, it lies with the radio stations. To say it quite bluntly, money and commercialism are starving our systems from quality music.

It is my contention that quality music should have a sense of urgency that moves a person inside as well as out. The music must completely envelop a person and wrap that person up in its mood. The various sounds must be easily decipherable and well blended. Unfortunately, the big radio stations have decided that the public prefers jingle style pop to high caliber music.

In seeking higher prices for advertisement time a station needs high ratings. To achieve this many program directors examine trade magazines to see what songs are selling well after their release. The big stations, fearing risks, play only the songs that have proven themselves sellable. This situation creates a "catch-22". The big stations play these songs and thereby boost their popularity by pounding these tunes into the public's brains while many better songs are ignored for financial reasons.

I believe that the radio stations place too great a value on the early sales results. Today's market is determined greatly by the stations themselves because of their powerful influence on their listeners (due to the fact that they select the musical diet for many people). More stations should have the guts to select their songs for the sake of promoting art and not for making money.

Those of you who are listeners of

quality music do not despair! It is still being produced and even played on the air. Recent resurgences can be seen in many areas. The moving Allman Brothers Band combines folk, bluegrass, blues and rock 'n' roll to create gripping music that detaches the listener and places him into the world of imagery expressed by the music. The Allmans, who began in the late 60's and played until the mid-70's, have reunited this year to play with the true urgency that only greatness can attain.

Other high standard groups and solo artists have continued to bring top notch music and/or have re-emerged to bring this quality of music once more into the lives of music fans. McGuinn, Clarke and Hillman, a few ex-Byrds, have regrouped to form a first rate act, mixing old classics and good new songs. They are merely an example of this sudden resurgence.

Also, many of the very best artists never left the scene at all, despite the trend of the music world in general. In fact, most of the high quality musicians around have been well concealed and are only accessible to someone who is persistent enough to search them out.

Radio stations can be found that cater to all musical tastes if a person is willing to take the time to look for them. Sometimes various stations, such as WIOQ in Philadelphia, have specially programmed segments at certain hours which satisfy one's need for quality music. Be it rock, jazz, disco, classical, pop or folk, or any combination of these, quality must be sought out because the money involved in the music industry only allows the easily marketed trash to reach the vast majority of listeners.

Certainly some quality music is accepted by the commercial interests. Bruce Springsteen and Bob Seeger are examples of great talent and musical emotion who can be easily marketed without sacrificing their standards. It is too bad that the industry does not accept many more.



Brandon Scofield and Vasili Talenikov, the two secret agents in Ludlum's novel.

Ludlum produces a novel extraordinaire

by David Jules Harbour

Many times a friend or even a New York Times reviewer will highly recommend a book and when you actually sit down to read this very same book, you find yourself wondering how they could have thought so highly of it. You become completely disenchanted for you had expected the book to totally entrance you.

One book that definitely won't leave you disappointed or disillusioned is *The Materese Circle*, by Robert Ludlum. It contains all the essential elements that lead to a scintillating and spine-tingling adventure. There is a superb balance of suspense, intrigue, and mystery in this particular work.

The main focus of the story is on two men. One, Brandon Scofield, is a high ranking intelligence officer in

America's top spy agency. He has encountered a lifetime full of great secrecy and violence. Scofield has seen more of these two worlds than he could ever care to recollect, yet he is still the best professional in his field.

The other main character is Vasili Talenikov, KGB's master strategist and brilliant tactician. Like Scofield, he has led a furtive and most dangerous existence and has grown tired of it. Nevertheless, in all of Russia, there is no undercover agent better than he.

Both men are sworn enemies of each other, and have vowed to kill the other on sight. The two have also been framed for murders they did not commit, yet they find that their respective governments mistrust them and have called for their termination.

Isolationism: policy of the future

by Eva Maria Chirinos

The policy of internationalism versus that of isolationism is one topic that is often debated in the United States. Internationalism is taking care of the world's problems and helping other countries. On the other hand, isolationism is taking care of your own country's problems. Is it right for the United States to resolve other countries' difficulties while people here are starving and may die this winter?

An example of this kind of action was recently demonstrated. President Carter pledged 70 million dollars to Cambodia. This amount, though not a staggering figure, could have been put to better use by our government to help all of the needy people within the States. This winter many people will die in our nation, as they do not have enough money to purchase fuel and/or food. Some people will actually be forced into the position of having to choose between freezing or starving.

Also, can the United States government be sure that the Cambodian authorities will use this donated money for their country's welfare? They might very well keep this money for themselves and put it in Swiss Banks.

Another example showing how the United States tries to take over other countries' problems occurred in Brazil. In 1977, President Carter tried to prevent Brazil from becoming another nuclear power. An American company had been helping Brazil build a nuclear plant. When the President decided not to help Brazil anymore, the American company withdrew from the country, and a West German company took over the plant.

The United States also criticized the lack of human rights that existed

in Brazil. Brazil, being a military government, censors the press, television, and speech. They do not allow strikes or any other form of protest. People who oppose the government are taken from their homes at any time and may never return. Brazil also tortures people and this seemed to be the point of concern of the United States.

Due to this intervention by the United States, Brazil declared that it did not need any military aid from a country that investigated or questioned the country's internal affairs. Thus, all of the United States' military forces that were stationed in Brazil were forced to leave. This, of course, hurt the prestige of the United States in Latin America.

If this country continues to either give money away or investigate a country's internal affairs, it will soon find itself in a very difficult position. The money that is given out is needed more in this country than anywhere else. We should not close our eyes to other countries' problems, but we should stop playing mother hen to the rest of the world and start worrying about our own chicks!

But Talenikov has discovered an organization called The Materese that has been financing terrorist groups throughout the world, with their ultimate objective being the control of the entire planet. Very few people know the objective of The Materese, and that this organization must be stopped. The only men who can successfully terminate The Materese are Scofield and Talenikov, working together.

With no governmental support and a desperate situation involving a sinister organization to be reckoned with, the two men confront one another for the first time. It is a tense and dramatic scene that rivals the best that any novelist has ever created. The encounter, relieving, doesn't result in the death of either of the two men. Instead, Scofield and Talenikov pool their expertise and begin their search for the leaders of The Materese.

Their search leads them from Corsica to various cities throughout Europe until a final, brilliantly conceived scene, in Boston. It is here that Ludlum unveils an unexpected cast of characters, found to be the leaders of The Materese, and lures the reader into a surprising conclusion.

In this book, Ludlum has provided the reader with a story of complexity, nonstop action, and an incredible timeliness of events. He has created believable characters who possess such awesome skills that they win the reader's admiration and increase his desire to see their triumph. They are undoubtedly Ludlum's finest character creations, and grace what is unmistakably Ludlum's finest

Therefore, in order to maintain our world prestige and keep trade relations with countries from abroad in good standing, the United States should adopt the policy of isolationism in the years to come. This, I believe, would be more to our benefit than employing the policy of internationalism.

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Carter comes to New Brunswick, N. J.

by Eric Combest

Eric Combest and Stuart Brodsky covered President Carter's trip to New Brunswick on October 25 for the Argo.

A presidential visit is an exciting event. It comes off so smoothly, with the president walking into the room, giving his speech, leaving the room, and having it repeated at 7 p.m. on the evening news. Simple, right? To the television viewer maybe, but it is the most hectic of days for the press and the most fearful of days for the Secret Service.

Tight Security

On the way through New Brunswick to the Court House where Mr. Carter spoke, one thing was evident: security. Every corner was occupied by a knot of policemen at least four hours before the President was due. Ever since John F. Kennedy was assassinated in 1963, security has increased. As we moved onto Albany Street, five policemen armed with revolvers and shotguns dashed into the train station. Something hadn't looked right so they had checked it out immediately.

Other subtler security measures were noticeable if you looked closely enough. A barrel and rope barricade lined the streets. The barrels were filled with water so snipers could not hide in them. Mailboxes were taken off the streets; an ideal place for a bomb. Manhole covers had tar seals which, if broken, would give away the hiding place of a gunman or bomb.

Secret Service

Security included hundreds of policemen working overtime and out of their own districts. Clearly in charge of security was the Secret Service. These men and women dressed in suits or jeans combined to make an efficient network intended to make the trip go smoothly. All of them carried concealed revolvers and walkie-talkies. An earphone and shirt-sleeve microphone kept them in constant touch with their base and with each other.

At 1:00 p.m. the jury room of the Court House in New Brunswick where the President would speak was subjected to a "security sweep." Secret Service men checked every conceivable hiding place. They unscrewed clocks and fire alarms, and a team of German Shepherds sniffed for gun powder bombs. Outside in the hall, restrooms were situated next to the jury room. Whenever anyone went in, he had a security guard for company.

When the President was finally on his way through New Brunswick, Secret Service men jogged in front, alongside and behind the President's limousine as well as on the sidewalks; they looked intently into the crowd and at windows and building tops. One man had a camera trained on Mr. Carter from behind, ready to take

pictures of the surroundings if the president suddenly had cause to duck inside the limousine.

No one was exempt from suspicion, not even the press. To enter the jury room newsmen had to have a pass obtainable through the White House advance press office on one day only. Then the newsmen and women were frisked and their equipment checked. Agents removed three apples, a pocket book, and a light meter from Argo photography editor Stuart Brodsky before he was declared "safe."

Press Coverage

Whenever the President goes somewhere, it is a big story for the news media. New Brunswick was no exception. Local New Jersey news teams arrived early and set up their tripods and television cameras on a raised platform behind the seats of the audience in the jury room. Soon after they were set up for filming, the national networks like CBS and NBC arrived. They had travelled here quickly from Newark, where the President landed, in order to arrive before the President did.

The press area of the jury room consisted of a roped off section of seats in the back for the writing press, a platform in front of this section for television cameras and still-photographers, and four or five tables behind the cameras for recording machines and press telephones.

There is a definite camaraderie among the newsmen who talk and joke together while setting up their equipment. If someone has forgotten a jack to plug into the audio multi-box that carries the sound from the podium mikes for tape recorders, a newsmen from another network gladly lends him an extra. These men and women know each other; some of them are on permanent assignment with the President and cover all his trips so they meet each other frequently. But then, at 3:30 p.m. the audience suddenly rose as a voice said, "Ladies and gentlemen, the President of the United States!" The newsmen snapped into action. Cameras whirled to face the incoming President, recorders were turned on, and shutters clicked. As Mr. Carter arrived on the dais, and all during his speech, the press talked into the phones, wrote in their notebooks, and rapidly shot roll after roll of film.

When the President finished his speech the Secret Service ushered him out of the room and into a waiting limousine. Suddenly there was a flurry of activity from the rear of the room. Tripods clicked together, plugs were yanked out of the audio multi-box, and notebooks snapped shut. The newsmen gathered up their notes and equipment and dashed outside to film the retreating motorcade and to travel quickly to the Meadowlands where the President would be headed. There was no time to wait; the President had left and so had the story.



President Carter's motorcade arrives on Albany Street (top left). The president speaks to distinguished guests on energy conservation (top right). President Carter was covered by security (middle) and press (above).

photos by Stuart Brodsky

'R.U.R.' presented at Prep

by Tracy Bunzel

In the Multi-Purpose room of the Middle School, The Rutgers Preparatory School Players will be performing the play R.U.R. (Rossum's Universal Robots) by Karel Capek. There will be three performances, November 30 and December 1.

In Rossum's Universal Robots the word robot was first used. Capek derived the word robot from the Czechoslovakian word "robot" meaning "forced labor." The robots of "R.U.R." are different from the robots of "Star Wars," with blinking lights and mechanical insides; these robots are human. The only dif-

ference between the human race and the robots is that the robots have no desires, feelings or souls. They are artificial humans, useful only for work.

The play "R.U.R." is used to illustrate man's temptation to use his scientific discoveries for both good and bad purposes. In "R.U.R." the human race has the power to make life but this discovery, which sets off the balance of nature, leads to man's final destruction.

There are seventeen members in the cast of "R.U.R." Each member will get experience in memorizing his lines and acting under the direction of Mr. Robert Louis Abrahamson. The actors must understand Karel Capek's

ideas on man's psychologically motivated efforts, ambitions and temptations, to better portray their characters.

The technical staff, consisting of twenty-seven members, is learning what goes on behind the scenes of the play. Mrs. Rae Roeder will introduce the staff to the design of sets, make-up, lighting and costumes. Once one has found his particular field of interest, he may work in that area.

For the production of "R.U.R." both the actors and the technical staff are very important to the play. They must form a bond that will make this dated 1920's play become a futuristic play of the 21st century.



Mrs. Rae Roeder, Technical Director, is overseeing the stage development of "R.U.R."

Varsity soccer team gains finals of state tournament

by Jefferson Hunt, III

With a record of 7-6-1, the Varsity Soccer Team has had a very rewarding and successful season. At the present they are involved in a true test of their ability; they are in the semi-final round of the private school state tournament. On Monday afternoon, November 5th, the Argonauts will begin the tournament by playing Gill-St. Bernards.

The team has put in many hours of arduous practice in preparation for the tournament. "The last couple of practices have been hard but each of us pushes ourselves because we know we have a lot at stake," suggested senior lineman Gary Cohen.

The team's success this year can be greatly attributed to the aggressive play of seniors Robbie Gottfried and Mark Sloman, the two greatest offensive threats Prep's opponents will face. Though Robbie endured a two-week period where his production declined, he is once again back in full form; he is using his good, quick shooting ability much to the team's advantage. Mark Sloman is a newcomer to the team this year. According to his teammates he is very unselfish and is a team-oriented type player. Mark is as adept at passing and assisting, as he is at scoring. His contributions have been a key to the team's fine record.

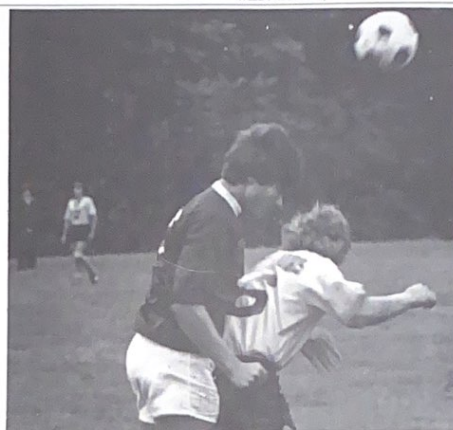
Another newcomer to the squad is senior Raymond Adams, who was born in Jamaica. Raymond has tremendous agility, quickness and speed. These assets are

responsible for his versatility as an athlete. On any given day Raymond may find himself playing one of several positions on the team. At the beginning of the season he was called upon mostly for defensive work, but Coach Brown decided that playing Raymond at the fullback spot would not necessarily be advantageous to the team. So he has gone from fullback to lineman and finally to halfback; that's versatility for you.

With such an array of talent on this team it seems unusual that there be a team leader; but there is, nonetheless. In fact there are two team leaders, seniors Glen Yurcin and Keven Scialabba. They are described as being the two most enthusiastic and motivated players and they have passed their enthusiasm on to the other members of the team. These two athletes lead by example, pushing themselves to the limit, everytime they step onto the soccer field.

In giving praise to the team members who have contributed most to their success, it is impossible to overlook the consistent play of our goalie Ben Angione. Ben has played superbly all season. Even while injured (he suffered a very deep cut in the calf during a recent game) he has come through for the team, with magnificent saves.

In the face of the upcoming state tournament, the squad is very optimistic. Gary Cohen had these words to say, "We've played well all season. If we continue to play with the same level of enthusiasm we will win the state tournament."



Glen Yurcin uses his head.

Girls' soccer team has winning season

Under the leadership of co-captains Caroline Yusko and Ellen Schwartz, the Girls' Soccer Team has had a good season. Their record is now 3-4 with victories over St. Johns and Gill-St. Bernards to their credit.

Coach Jasinoski is pleased with the development of his players during the season. He has stressed the development of fundamental skills and playing together as a team. The girls' response to his teaching has been very favorable.

Since this is the first year a Girls' Soccer Team has been in operation at Prep most of the participants are new to the sport. Their play in recent weeks would indicate otherwise, however. Leading the offensive line are Caroline Yusko, Pam Yurcin, Ellen Perelmutter, Christa Sanchez and Jo-Ann Culligan. They use a four-member defensive set-up with Liz Jasinoski, Betsy Keefe, Alyssa Isoldi, Tracy Bunzel, Carol Perez and Theresa Coyer being the defenders. The halfbacks are Marla Siegel, Ellen Schwartz, Evie Lair, Frann Goodman, Dawn Hughes, Lori McPhearson and a sophomore standout, Vicki Barber. In the goal is Mary Abdalla, who has adapted to her job very well.

Coach Jasinoski says, "there isn't a team that we don't have the potential to beat." This attitude is, in many ways, responsible for the great play of the team. The coach is looking forward to next season, as he feels that the dedication of the young squad will compensate for the loss of this year's seniors.

Winter athletics season commences

On Thursday, November 15th, the winter athletic season gets underway. The first practices for the teams are scheduled to begin promptly at 3:00.

Coach Richard S. O'Connell will once again lead the Varsity Basketball Team to what may well be its best season ever. The Girls' Varsity Basketball Team, always a large and impressive one, will be coached by Al Brown. The Junior Varsity schedule has been expanded this year and proves to be a challenging one for Coach Walter Rockhill and his gang.

The other major sport this winter will undoubtedly be wrestling. The Wrestling Team will be coached by Al Brown and several assistants. The Junior Varsity Team will also be instructed by Coach Brown.

Those girls with athletic interests in volleyball will be glad to know that Mrs. Coppolino is again coaching both

the Varsity and J.V. squads. Some girls even find the time to play both volleyball and basketball.

For those coeds with great swimming ability and a very high threshold of pain, Prep's winter schedule is complete with a Swim Team. A coach has not as yet been named. This has always been one of the most demanding and satisfying of all of Prep's sports.

The various winter athletic teams are looking forward to having very productive seasons. This is especially true of the basketball and wrestling Teams. Last year the basketball team dribbled its way to the state championships; while several of Prep's wrestlers also competed in the state championships. The girls' basketball team also experienced great success as they were involved in the state semi-finals.

J.V. soccer emerges from slump

After a season of ups and downs, the Junior Varsity Soccer season comes to a close on Monday, November 5th with a game against Montclair Academy. Their record is presently 6-4-2, giving them an even .500 winning percentage.

The turnaround in the team's record occurred as a result of more frequent and serious practice sessions. With the Varsity Team, the Girls' team the J.V. Team all playing and/or practicing simultaneously, the availability of space and equipment became a frequent problem. When practices were in session, Coach Peter Hordijk (called "The Flying Dutchman" by his players) drilled his team constantly in ball-handling skills ranging from

dribbling to cross-the-field passing. The practices usually ran for 2 hours or more. During a recent scoring slump, the J.V. team played four games while scoring only two goals. This apparent inconsistency is what forced Coach Hordijk to work his players harder.

Lately, the boys have played together very well. There are no superstars on the team; each member contributes equally to a winning effort.

However, the outstanding players on the team are Nick Stevens, Scott Groner and Pete Holsten. Nick and Scott, both sophomores, each led the scoring statistics with three goals

apiece. Pete Holsten, a co-captain goalie, scored two goals as well as saving dozens of shots by opponents.

When asked what the most disappointing thing about this season was, Pete Holsten replied, "a few weeks ago we lost to Princeton Day School in double overtime by a score of 1-0. I played goalie the whole game and had 22 saves to my credit. (36 shots at the goal were attempted by Princeton Day School.) In the final ten seconds of the second overtime period, someone fired a shot that deflected off of the upper part of the goal post and down into the net. It was a very well played game on our part . . . I just wish I could have jumped higher to stop the winning shot."

Basketball players prepare for season

by Jon Kingsley

Although the Varsity Basketball team has lost three of last year's starters, Don Ballai, Matt Lytwyn and Jimmy Becker, Richard S. O'Connell the coach of the team, said, "We have as much talent as last year but we are going to have to work harder and play better to obtain our usual goal of winning twenty games."

Offensively, Mr. O'Connell's strategy is to play as fast a game as possible. The team will have to run a

lot of fast-breaks and get their shots off as quickly as possible. A large part of this transition game will depend on how well "Dinky" Proctor plays as well as the team's ability to cooperate with him. Defensively, the team is going to press as much as possible in order to force opposing teams into mistakes.

The position of center will be fought for by Phil Wheeler, a 6' 1" senior, Bob Esposito, and David Klipstein, both 6' 2" juniors. The deciding

factors will be who shows the greatest ability in rebounding and setting picks. One of the forward positions will go to co-captain Jefferson Hunt, III, a 6' 6" senior who is a returning starter from last year's squad. Mr. O'Connell is looking for Jeff to play as aggressively as possible. No decision has been made as to whom will be the other starting forward.

The guard positions are also undecided but it looks like "Dinky" will be the point guard. Possibly, Tom Watts who has had some experience in the other position will play the shooting guard.

The other members of the team include Robert Tucker, Barton Phillips, Peter Brenner, Marshall Becker, Phil Ballai and Gary Cohen.



Evie Lair and Vicki Barber scare away an opponent.

Sports Extra

On a windy, overcast Monday afternoon, November 12th, the Varsity Soccer Team played in the finals of the state soccer tournament at Lawrenceville. Their opponents were the top-rated team from Pennington Prep. The final score of the game was 7-5, with Pennington emerging victorious.

Though the Rutgers Prep squad lost the game, they played well. Several of the players were outstanding in their efforts; most notably Gary Cohen, Steve Salteil, Robbie Gottfried, Steve Haas and Raymond Adams. If an MVP were awarded for this event, it would undoubtedly end in a tie between Robbie and Ray. Robbie ended the game with three of Prep's five goals. Ray played his best game ever.

As a defender, his intensity was extraordinary; he was always hustling to hinder the down-field progression of an opposing player.

Gary Cohen and Steve Salteil, two last quarter additions to the game, added a great deal of excitement. The two worked well together, each passing accurately and effectively. Their individual capabilities seemed to complement one-another perfectly. Also worth mentioning is the productive play of freshman Steve Haas. Steve's offensive contribution was the scoring of the remaining two goals.

The entire school joins the Argo in congratulating the soccer team on their great season.