

Bake sales: money makers or crummy idea?

by Christopher Combest

With the increasingly tight economic situation here at Prep, the school is often unable to aid in the financial backing of the many projects that are conducted throughout the school year. The students themselves have been forced to find other ways of raising money. One of the most frequent, and most successful, means of fund-raising in recent years has been bake sales.

The School Council has been a major sponsor of bake sales conducted during school hours, at dances, where they provide the largest profit, and during other after-school activities.

"Everyone likes to eat," says Sue Ungerleider, who is in charge of the Council sales. "It is an easy, inexpensive way of raising money." The food is donated by the parents, and a lot of preparation is not required. The money raised toward whatever project the School Council currently happens to be working on. This year, the trip to Great Adventure received priority for the funds which have now been raised.

The Library Club, in conjunction with the Library Committee of the Parents' Association, often uses bake sales as a means of funds. However, the book sales have usually raised more than the bake sales. This is one of the few cases where this situation prevails.

The various classes also utilize bake sales to raise money for their particular needs. The sophomores, for instance, held a recent one that took in \$36.05, according to Harold

Sirkin, a member of the group which ran the sale. He called bake sales "the easiest and most efficient way" to collect money. The money will be put toward their future Prom. Lisa Kislin, Mary Valenti, Nancy Page, and Elmer Virag were other members of the group.

So far, the Administration has had no complaint with bake sales or with their frequency.

"We discouraged bake sales years ago," said Dr. Sperduto, whose events calendar puts the number of bake sales this year at six, though he admits that this figure is probably too low.

"There was one every other day!" he explained. The Administration also disliked the undue amount of commotion that surrounded these bake sales.

Recently, however, because they have been carried out without interfering with other activities, and because they do help the school, the Administration has no argument with the concept of bake sales.

"It's quite positive," asserted Dr. Sperduto.

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Great Adventure trip just ahead, as well as music, typing courses

by Sally Leiner

The latest on the School Council scene is a school trip in the making and two new courses being scheduled for next year.

June 2 has been declared "All Prep Day, or Socializing at Prep Day" and a group of 200 enthusiastic students and teachers are

going to Great Adventure Amusement Park. School buses will be running that day and the dress code is "whatever you want". The trip is a real bargain, too. Usually it would cost 9.50 but the students are paying nothing. The trip is being financed by the proceeds of the magazine drive and other

Council fund raising activities.

To make "All Prep Day" complete, after the trip, the Sports Picnic starts at 6:00 p.m. and everyone is invited.

As a result of the forum, typing and music courses are trying to be fit into next year's curriculum.

The music course will be a history of music starting at Renaissance and ending at Rock. One day a week will be spent in studio and parents are donating the equipment, a stereo and records. The only costs involved would be for attending concerts.

The typing course however, will involve a cost. The committee investigating it found companies that will teach the students and also provide typewriters for rent. This course would not be full credit and would only meet once or twice a week. Right now, both of these courses are waiting approval and scheduling by the academic committee.

Carol Danko wins scholarship in National Merit test program

On April 30, the public announcement was made by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation that senior Carol Danko has been selected as a college-sponsored four-year Merit Scholarship winner.

This particular Merit Scholarship award is a renewable, four-year award that is financed by a college or university that participates as a sponsor in the Merit Program. A winner of this award is chosen by officials of the sponsoring institution from among the Merit Program Finalists who wish to attend the sponsoring college or university.

Merit Program Finalists are determined by the NMSC on the basis of the PSAT/NMSQT scores. Each college-sponsored four-year Merit Scholarship is awarded with the stipulation that the winner must attend the institution financing the award. If the winner changes his college choice, the offer of a Merit Scholarship is canceled. In Carol Danko's case, the university that is financing her award is Duke University. Carol does plan to attend Duke in the fall.

The annual stipend for each winner of a college-sponsored Merit Scholarship is determined by a representative or committee at the sponsoring institution. Confidential family financial information is used by the sponsor to calculate the individual winner's financial need and to determine the amount of the stipend, based on the costs of attending the sponsoring institution.

News in brief

Alumni Cocktail Party

The first annual Alumni Association Cocktail Reception will be May 17. It will be held in the new library, and will attempt to reacquaint old Preppies and "celebrate their past, present, and future joys."

Allaire Trip

Allaire State Park was the site of the eighth grade class trip May 13. The students were accompanied by Mr. Anderson, Mrs. Arnowitz, and Mrs. Howell.

Mr. Bratek's Summer

This summer, Mr. Eugene Bratek, Prep history teacher, will attend a graduate course sponsored by Trenton State College. The class will consist of 12 students, all doing research on some aspect of the John F. Kennedy presidency. Mr. Bratek's topic will be the 1961 Vienna Conference. This course will fulfill Mr. Bratek's requirement for his master's degree.

Law Day

"America's Goal — Justice through law; Are all laws to be obeyed?" is the title of the contest-winning essay submitted by Sue Chimene as part of the school's Law Day celebration (May 3).

In honor of the national holiday, the American Government class attended ceremonies sponsored by the Somerset County Bar Associa-

tion, where Sue was awarded a plaque and a savings bond as one of two co-winners.

Library News

National Library week, May 14-18, was celebrated in the library with a poster contest, a book sale, and a bake sale.

Lori Fenstermaker and Kenny Schindler won the contest, which involved knowledge of reference tools.

All in the family — parents visit campus to celebrate Lower School Family Day

Parents roamed the campus May 9, taking part in the Lower School's annual Family Day festival.

Singing, skits, and an art show were some of the activities staged by grades kindergarten through sixth. The programs were divided by grades, and spread out over a wide area and different time period to avoid overcrowding.

Everyone got together, though, for the picnic lunch held on the lawn in front of the Elm Farmhouse, as the Lower School building is named.

A bake sale, sponsored by the Parents' Association, livened the picnic fare.

Morning saw a variety of phys-

ical education skills and games demonstrated on the playing fields. Games were organized in the afternoon in which even parents could join.

Otherwise, the afternoon was free for families to stroll about and savor the spring day. This was when the ideals of Family Day were fulfilled. Parents met other parents, met teachers as people and not grade-givers, and learned a little more about what their children experience, besides academics, day to day in that vast time

consumer known as school.

Some of the experiences were theatrical. Students performed skits, small plays in foreign languages, and other programs.

The art show was held at the future library site, the upper level of the new Middle School building. Art from all grades, in many different media, was exhibited.

Family Day was first held in 1966, to celebrate the school's 200th anniversary. It was so well-received that the custom has been kept up ever since.



Janet Segal and Debbie Dudas (center and right) buy goodies from Mary Valenti at sophomore class bake sale April 20.—photo by A. Golden.

Sophomore saves child from German Shepherd

Su-Yin Thomas thought that babysitting for Jeff and Karen Donford (ages four and seven) Friday afternoon, May 2, would be just another routine job.

She was wrong.

Su-Yin kept the children in the house while Mrs. Donford was out. When Mrs. Donford returned, she left Jeff and Karen outside to play. Jeff struck up a game of baseball with some other kids in the backyard. One fly ball landed in a neighboring yard. Jeff ran to retrieve it.

The ball rolled over to a doghouse. Not knowing that a German Shepherd dog lay inside the doghouse, Jeff followed the ball.

Suddenly, the dog appeared and lunged at the toddler's waist. Seeing her brother being dragged around by this animal, Karen ran crying into the house.

Mrs. Donford and Su-Yin came out into the yard. The mother was too stunned to move. She just said, "Call the police!"

Su-Yin, however, moved fast. She grabbed the bat used for the baseball game and went after the dog. She beat him until he let go of Jeff. The animal bit her hand, but she escaped.

An ambulance rushed Jeff and Su-Yin to the hospital. The boy needed 52 stitches in his side.

Su-Yin's souvenirs of the day were nine stitches and possibly nightmares.



Sophomores Julian Scholket and Dave Margulies discuss the more humorous aspects of the flora in Prep's woods. Several of Mr. Masza's Biology classes visited the woods to examine more closely some of the plant life they have studied in the classroom. Photo—J. Schwartz.

Editorials

South Asia policy revisions needed

As the final chapter in the United States-supported epic work entitled "Vietnam—Or How the Light at the End of the Tunnel Was Actually General Giap Waving a Flashlight," draws to a close, the makers of American policy in Southeast Asia must now realize that the policy of containment that did not work during the Truman era will not work today.

Understandably, the question arises of what to replace this containment policy with. The answer lies not in substitution but rather in de-emphasis of Southeast Asia as the key to the maintenance of national security and world peace. Beginning in the earliest pursuit of the Domino Theory, U.S. foreign policy has moved away from the European-Balkan-Middle East emphasis that now has been proven by recent events in Cyprus and the Middle East to be a primary importance to the United States in economical and military terms.

The United States, by pursuing containment in Southeast Asia as its primary foreign policy objective, has begun to lose its strong political influence in Europe that it had exercised after World War II.

In terms of détente with Soviet Russia, an interesting observation can be made from the apparent silence of Russia throughout the rout of South Vietnam. Apparently, the Russians do not see this rout as having any effect in the balance of détente and have perhaps realized sooner than the American government has been willing to realize that Indochina just is not that important.

The attitude of some of the remaining non-Communist governments in Southeast Asia also lends weight to the argument for de-emphasis. The Thai government has requested the removal of U.S. air power from its soil and is presently jockeying between the North Vietnamese and the People's Republic of China for a political accommodation that will enable it to maintain its sovereignty. Meanwhile, the Philippine government has offered to take over and maintain U.S. airbases in that country, which is, in effect, a polite invitation to leave. Why has the United States government failed to read this indicator and do so? Perhaps the government does indeed still hold that imperialistic attitude of "We know what's good for you." In this year of 1975, such an attitude will not be accepted, either by the peoples of those countries or of our own. It was this attitude that originally led us into the humiliation of Vietnam.

What the United States can not do is to remove U.S. troops from every Southeast Asian country merely on the whims of a reactionary leader. Instead, it must honestly reevaluate Southeast Asia in terms of its political, economic and military value to the United States as compared to those values of Europe, the Middle East and Central and South America and come to the proper conclusion that Southeast Asia just is not as important.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

After reading Argo's Sportsview, April 18th, which discussed a general lack of participation in spring athletics, I wondered why no mention was made of the girls' spring athletic program, where participation is very much in evidence.

I believe it is safe to state that there are more girls who have displayed overwhelming interest in playing tennis and softball competitively this spring than ever before.

Respectfully,
A. R. Abate

Dear Editor,

I recently attended the Rutgers Prep Forum. I was quite shocked by the attendance. This Forum consisted of five teachers, six students and one parent. Students are forever complaining about the school and its policies. Everyone has such great ideas about how to change things, but when something constructive is being done, these people do not show up.

So instead of griping about the school, do something—come to the Forum. It might not be the full solution to all the problems, but at least it is a start and a very good one, at that.

Kathy Brennan

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Vietnam era ends: where does America stand?

by Sue Chimene

"The United States will pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend (or) oppose any foe to assure the survival and success of liberty."

The year was 1961. The exuberant young president spoke in his inaugural address of the power and glory and promises of the United States. He did not know that his promises foreshadowed the tragic era of a war which was to claim the lives of more than 56,000 Americans, wound hundreds of thousands, send thousands more fleeing in self-imposed exile, and consume 140 billion dollars. The president did not know that his promises portended a war which was to be fought in blatant, visible horror on the nation's television screens, so brutally divide the na-

tion, and so deeply shake the bases of American conscience.

Fourteen years later, America is less naive. The United States no longer purports to be the big brothers/protectors of the free world. Americans are beginning to realize that other political systems, although restrictive, are viable and beneficial in many cases. As a N.Y. Times editorial of May 4, 1975 states: "American policy towards Communist nations is no longer based, as it was during the worst days of the cold war, on the premise that those nations constitute a monolithic enemy."

After 30 years of war, Cambodia and South Vietnam are now under Communist control. Communist-linked insurgent forces continue to remain a threatening presence in neighboring Laos, Thailand and

Malaysia.

Whether there is new, major warfare on the Indochinese peninsula depends mainly on the intentions of North Vietnam and China. The United States cannot afford to get involved.

However, the United States has certain vital security situations in that part of the world. Unlike the indirect commitments to South Vietnam, America is strongly committed to the military defense of Thailand, Japan and South Korea through the SEATO.

Japan, not permitted to re-arm after World War II, remains almost totally dependent on the United States for military defense. South Korea is still the location of 38,000 United States troops.

A return to pre-World War I isolationism, although superficially tempting, is clearly not desirable. The misguided Southeast Asian experience must not serve to undermine American potency in the eyes of friends or foes.

NATO, SEATO and other collective security agreements must be scrupulously honored as well as all future agreements deemed vital to the interest of the United States.

Defense Secretary James R. Schlesinger "looks towards a future where the United States will have certain well-defined security interests and commitments." Basically, aside from maintaining a strategic balance with the Soviet Union, they boil down to guarding the peace in Western Europe, the Middle East, Japan, and Korea.

Members of Prep express various views on Vietnam

In light of the Vietnam experience, what changes should be made in American foreign policy in the future?

Dr. Frank V. Sperduto
Assistant Headmaster

"The basic features of American foreign policy that have emerged from thirty years of hot and cold war diplomacy should change little in response to recent experiences in Vietnam.

At home we can expect a normal amount of reassessment of foreign policy. Persistent recession will force evaluation of economic resources essential to sustaining existing foreign commitments. Limited wars or an ideological nature have not enjoyed popular support, and future administrations and a watch-dog attitude on the part of Congress should preclude the application of military force to achieve limited regional diplomatic goals. But the major collective security arrangements designed to discourage direct aggression and avert a World War III will undergo no significant modification in principle.

How foreign governments interpret or misinterpret the consequences of the Vietnam experience might have greater impact upon the specific application of American foreign policy.

Smaller emerging nations of Asia are likely to discount the validity and determination of the United States to assist them against so-called wars of national liberation backed by external support from China and Russia.

Israel can ill afford misjudgment of our commitment to underwrite its security. Should Arab nations interpret a more even handed policy as a signal support for Israel, they may be emboldened to take a major military initiative.

Portents of a basic shift in foreign policy might be found among that generation which vigorously voiced and demonstrated its opposition to American intervention in Vietnam.

Carol Danko, a senior: "I feel that the collapse and takeover of South Vietnam was largely due to lack of support of the war. American opposition to the war was made clear by the draft dodging and demonstrations of the sixties and the apathy of the seventies. Future foreign policy should place more emphasis upon the sentiments of the people.

Although a return to strict isolationism is clearly inadvisable, foreign policy should be directed at achieving and maintaining peace, rather than show of force in war."

Mr. Ken Oettle, a member of

the English department: "From the combined motives of self-defense and sympathy the United States will continue to assist developing nations. Such assistance makes moral, economic and military sense.

Any needed changes in policy have probably been made. This country would not be so silly as to again send troops to aid a

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Spring musical tickles Prep's "funny" bone

by Elizabeth Pickar

The ingredients of a spectacular musical production—illuminating performances, costumes which depict the characters and staging which creates a particular milieu—are nearly impossible to find in a high school, particularly in one as small as Rutgers Prep. However, director Allan Pierce is able to sift out the most important of these elements to make his recent production of "Funny Girl" quite good, although not sensational.

Perhaps the biggest draw-back is that the play requires several strong soloists as well as a large chorus. The problem also arises that the public thinks of Barbra Streisand, rather than Fanny Brice, when they think of Fan-

ny Brice, when they think of "Funny Girl." Consequently, the leading lady has to break down this stereotype and develop Fanny Brice's character as she, herself, interprets it.

Ms. Silverman's portrayal of Fanny Brice, a poor Jewish girl from Brooklyn who becomes a famous musical comedienne, is touching and clever, although often too reminiscent of Ms. Streisand's performance. Ms. Silverman's musical talent is exceptional, particularly in her ability to "belt out" a song.

William Gaimo and Christopher Combent portray Fanny's husband and closest friend with an exceptional amount of stage presence, particularly Mr. Combent, and sufficient character development. The most obvious deficiency is their musical uncertainty, which they are able to handle with poise.

Robin Horlick's development of Mrs. Brice, Fanny's mother, is perhaps the most skillful and well-performed character development in the production. Smaller, type-cast parts throughout the production, particularly by Robert Weiss and Doug Stahl, add to the play's alive ambience. The chorus, although often amusing and well choreographed, does not have the ability to support the soloists with effective musical harmony.

Ms. Talio Gulino provides sensitive, nearly flawless musical accompaniment throughout the production. The costume construction is exceptionally beautiful and well-coordinated.

The determination and vigour with which the cast, director and production staff have developed such a difficult production are prevalent throughout the play. "Funny Girl" is filled with entertaining music, touching, clever humor and dazzling, enthusiastic life.



"Funny Girl" Lynda Silverman performs in the family way parodying a Zeigfeld production. Photo, Mr. Howarth.



Bios: flush toilets destroy rivers

by Robert Murray and Andy Golden

Welcome again to BIOS. This issue we will discuss the problems caused by the flush toilet. Can the flush toilet, that abstract sculpture of ceramic, really cause any major problems? Why the mere thought of it is blasphemous.

What exactly these problems are will be discussed, but first we will

mention the many ancestors of the modern flush toilet. Its workings were very simple and crude and need not be discussed here.

But let's talk about the more recent ancestors of the American Standard. In the 18th and 19th centuries in Europe the jerry pot was in the vogue. The jerry pot was very similar to a bed-pan of today. Farmers would come into cities and collect the contents of these jerry pots. This was a source of fertilizer for the farmers. All this worked fine until the 'cities' grew too big to make the journey into town profitable for the farmer.

Residents then began to dump their wastes into communal cesspits or nearby rivers. The invention of the flush toilet by Thomas Crapper (yes, that is his real name) did not change the destination of the waste much only its manner of conveyance. Water substituted for manual transportation. In many areas the waters can no longer tolerate all the waste it is asked to.

And that brings us to problem number one of the present day flush toilet systems. What do we do with all this waste?

Take the waste treatment plant that is being built now for the Washington, D.C. area. Please. While it will "clean up" the area's waste it will also use up to 900,000 kilowatt hours of electricity, 500 tons of chemicals, and 45,000 gallons of precious fuel oil daily. This is certainly a high price to pay. Other more economical solutions are needed.

Another problem is that a wasted water used in the very heart of the flush toilet system—the flush. Each flush of the average toilet uses five gallons of water.

What are the solutions? Solutions to the later problem are the easier to find. They involve simply more efficient toilets. There are models which use less water.

A Japanese company has a novel solution. They have combined a

wash basin with a toilet so that the drainage from the basin is used to flush the toilet. There are many other like systems which effectively cut down on water consumption. But water conserving toilets account for only a small percentage of total sales. They must be bought and used before we can benefit.

The solution to the former problem involves the changing of many of our concepts of waste handling. One solution that is already in the working stages is that of the composting toilet. Human waste is one of the richest in nitrogen making it very good as a fertilizer. The composting toilet uses the waste to create a rich soil which is collected in a large tank and which is emptied about once a year.

Those interested in the details to this and other solutions are advised to read Sam Love's article: "An Idea in need of rethinking: the flush toilet" in the May 1975 issue of the *Smithsonian* magazine. Most of the factual information in this article came from Mr. Love's article.

USSR lends Scythian gold for American showcases

by Janet Berkowitz

There's a history buff's and art lover's paradise at the Metropolitan Museum of Art thanks to a temporary exhibit of Scythian gold pieces from the Eurasian Steppe.

This is the first time Russia has ever released any of her ancient treasures for a display (which opened April 19, in the United States. Two weeks ago 100 paintings from the Metropolitan went on view in the Hermitage Museum in Leningrad and the Scythian show in the meantime will be travelling to the Los Angeles County museum and then to Louvre. Behind this first large-scale fine arts exchange between the United States and the Soviet Union lies a "tortuous trail of negotiations."

"One hundred and eighty objects!" Tom Hoving, the Metropolitan director said recently as he leafed through photographs of Scythian gold. "Here's the great Kiev Pectoral—solid gold! Unbelievable! Look at that dense crunching of animals, conforming perfectly to the space. And here's one of the most heavenly objects ever produced in gold, a six inch cup with four scenes on it. This stuff has never been outside Russia before. Hardly anyone has seen it!" *New York Times*, April 13. Pictures, which are very difficult to obtain, can be found in that issue of *The Times*.

Peter the Great was responsible for the rarity of these pieces.

Struck by the beauty and extraordinary workmanship of a trove of gold objects unearthed in western Siberia—objects sent as a gift to



A large group of Prep's girls showed their female solidarity in a dance review emphasizing the role of women in today's society. On April 23 parents and students watched 3rd to 11th graders in dance routines dance to all types of music from "sugar and spice, and everything nice" to "I Am Woman." Photo, M. Helbig.



Vietnam forum

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corrupt regime against a popular movement."

Jerry Krivitsky, a senior: "Vietnam has a lesson that should guide America's future foreign policy. That is, do not overextend our involvement in foreign affairs, beyond the point of commitment that the people are ready to make.

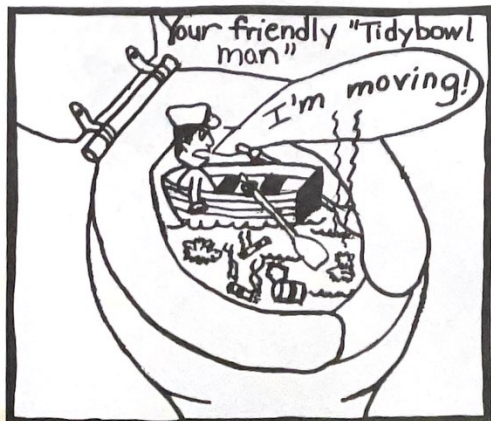
We should keep our diplomatic ties and give aid and assistance where the safety of our nation is affected. We should continue our strive for world peace, but with the realistic attitude that its eventual achievement is doubtful.

Robert Murray, a sophomore: "The recent events in Vietnam as well as others throughout that area of Asia, shed new light on the faults in our foreign policy. First, we have seen our first military loss, in a supposedly unwinnable war, we were beaten. Certainly in the eyes of our allies, that comes as a blow. The "Red Hound" has "swarmed" yet further in their Marxist goal of world domination.

But the most urgent facet of the fall of South Vietnam lies outside and to the west of her. We now need to revise our policy to deal with a phenomenon known as the Domino Theory.

Lastly, in retrospect we should have thought more carefully about making promises for support.

Our world position necessitates more imagination and wisdom so that we never again are trapped into a Vietnam.



"Early start" gives golfers needed edge

by Charlie Daniel

The golf team, under the leadership of Coaches Anderson and Beronio, got off to an early start this season—in the assembly room of the middle school! The golfers literally turned the room into a practice course, driving whiffle-type practice balls off grass mats placed on concrete floors. Coach Anderson feels that this "early start" gave the team a definite edge. One outdoor practice device was the infamous "queen jigger", consisting of a vertically suspended rug into which golfers could shoot their potentially destructive shots.

One of this year's finest achievements is credited to Russel Best, who broke the school record for nine holes: Russell shot a 36 (1 over par) for the front nine at Spooky Brook, the county course where the golfers play their matches. The old record was 37. "It was a fine round," coach Anderson commented, "Russell is much more consistent this year than last year". Russel leads the golfers with 13 points, with Mitch Shriber a close second (9½).

Coach Anderson commented on the progress of certain players. "Danny Danzig and Kevin 'killer' Kane are both ninth graders who have shown promise". Coach Anderson expects players such as these to make up the core of future teams. Artie Wilmont and Danny Howell, late comers to the team, have both added a spark

to the starting line-up. Freshman Jay Greenfield had been a member of the starting line-up until he suffered a broken arm mid way through the season. According to Coach Anderson, Charlie Daniel, Winslow Bronson, and David Whitman have all made fine improvement but will need "lots of practice over the summer."

Mr. Anderson closed with a note of approbation for the team "This team is more willing to practice than past teams. There is a greater sense of dedication than I've seen in the past."

Vosbrinck leads team from mound

by Russell Best

"Ecstatic" was the word used by Coach Frezza to describe this year's Varsity Baseball team. This is Mr. Frezza's finest season as the coach of the baseball team, without even considering that this squad is one that lacks the experience and the talent of other years. Then, how is the team winning? The answer is "confidence", another word used by Coach Frezza. Dave Yurcin, Howies Maltz and the rest of the team have shown it. The entire team feels as though nothing can get in its way. It feels it can make all the plays and hit the ball every time. Coach Frezza explained, "It is very important how you start off the season. Since it is so short, you must



"Safe." Senior co-captain Scott Rutter begins slide under tag at third base in Prep's 7-1 victory over Morristown-Beard. Scott stole third base and was driven home by Howard Maltz's single to left field. Photo by R. Marowitz.

win right away, or you get into the losing habit. We started off real strong and got our confidence up real early."

Right now the team stands at 8-4 (with one forfeit!) and the man responsible for 75% of the wins and 0% of the losses is Bob Vosbrinck, the teams pitching ace. Vos is 6-0 and is a smart pitcher with a good curve and excellent control. Mr. Frezza has depended on Vos. He has come through pitching many games on very short notice, but the relief pitching is

going to have to come through if the team is going to finish up strong. The reason being the team plays 11 games within the next 14 days and that is too much even for Vos. Coach Frezza will rely on Billy Hyman, who pitched 5 solid innings against Green Brook. Also pitching will probably be Scott Rutter (1-2) and Rob Schneir (1-1).

Coach Frezza feels that defense is definitely a strong point with an infield that rarely lets anything go by. "Howie Maltz has done a tremendous job. I thought Smutko was going to be hard to replace, but Howie has just been great. He is a real competitor."

Rob Schneir, although a freshman, is very solid at first, but still has a lot to learn. David Yurcin is a good infielder and plays second like a "vacuum cleaner." Bob Campbell is the most consistent player. Bob went the last seven games last year without committing an error and he has done the same this year. He has an excellent baseball mind. Joe Yurcin has come back well from the injury he sustained last season and he is beginning to throw well again. This entire infield will be back next year.

Coach Frezza is also proud of the way the team has been hitting. The team has clouted 7 homeruns this year and that is more than the last 3 years combined. Along with power, the team has been able to spray the ball to all the fields, thus giving them a good team batting average. Billy Hyman and Scott Butter have been batting around the .440 clip, leading the team in that category.

Girl batters win despite inexperience

by Myra Frisch

A lack of experience is often a problem of team sports, and this year's softball team is no exception. The varsity team consists of nearly all newcomers with only seven returning to the team from last year. Heather Spurduto, the only returning senior, is the team captain and a valuable fielder and batter with a batting average of .473. In addition to the lack of seniors, due mainly to senior projects, there are no juniors on the team and most of the newcomers are younger girls.

One major problem this year is that the girls haven't had much playing experience. The team, as a whole, also lacks fast-pitching batting experience, and needs more strength in the outfield. Coach Tina Leone feels that there is definitely a need for development of skills and concentration in order to improve all aspects of the game.

Another problem of the team is the low practice attendance. According to Mrs. Leone, "It's difficult to achieve team unity if they don't attend practices."

In spite of these problems, most of the girls are willing to get out on the field and work. They work well as a team. Individually, the strongest batters along with Heather are sophomores Juliana Ratych, 642, and Mary Ann Hatala, 411. Mary Ann is also strong in fielding, and she and Colleen Darrell have each hit a homerun. Besides Spurduto and Hatala, returnees Mary Valenti and Vicky Neiner are also strong fielders.

Despite the low number of wins this year, Mrs. Leone has high hopes for the future. She was pleased with the turnout for the sixth, seventh, and eighth grade team as well as that for the varsity team. Coach Leone sees promise in the years ahead but says, "We'll miss Heather Spurduto next year both at first base and at bat. She has given the young team the maturity and leadership it needs."

Unity guides young stickmen

by Andy Golden

Lacrosse Coach Neil Goldstein is not disappointed with the Varsity Lacrosse team's record of 5 wins and 3 losses. Many people might feel that this is a disappointing record when compared to last year's season record of 13 and 2, but Coach Goldstein tends to disagree. He explains that some of the early losses and poor play could be attributed to the team's lack of unity. The lack of unity probably stems from the youth of the team. The average player on the team is a sophomore with only one year's playing experience. It is hard for a player who is just learning individual skills to also learn how to play as part of a team. As the season progresses, however, Coach Goldstein feels that the situation is improving.

"We lacked a high powered offense. We have a lot of individual talent but there wasn't any coordination between the attack and midfielders. Now this cooperation is beginning to form and we're going to play well," says Coach Goldstein. One indication of the improved teamwork is the increased number of assisted rather than unassisted goals.

Defensively, the team has played well all season. Opponents have averaged only three goals per game. Coach Goldstein gives special praise to goalie Alec Chanin. "Alec is the best high school goalie I've ever seen." The loss of Alec for the remainder of the season due to an automobile accident seemed to forecast a dismal outlook for the remaining games, but Coach Goldstein feels his team has become inspired by the tragedy. He also gives credit to Bill Brennan—"a fine defenseman," along with the rest of the defensemen. The defense has shown just how good they really are by blocking many of the shots before they even reach the goalie.

The offensive firepower has come from midfielders Tony Sciallaba, Ed James, Dave Soong, Victor Schwartz, and Frank Clarke, along with attackmen Paul Grippo and Joe Butkis.

Future lacrosse teams will probably not suffer from this year's problem of lack of experience with the advent of the new junior lacrosse team. Coach Spencer Willard feels that the experience the younger players gain on his team will prove valuable to future varsity teams.



Sally Leiner serves ball to her Gill-St. Bernards opponent. Sally along with her partner, Ellen Farber lost 6-4, 6-2. Liz Pickar (background) won her match 6-1, 6-2. Photo by R. Marowitz.

Varsity tennis teams victorious

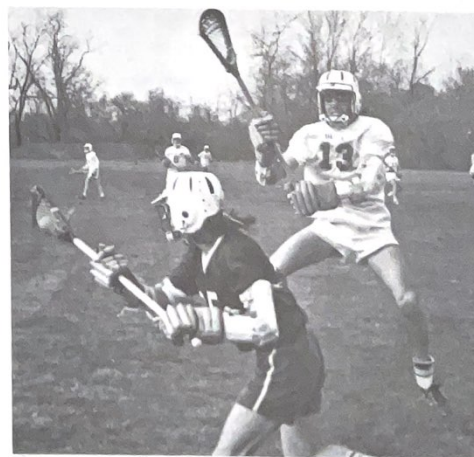
by Mitchell Shriber

As of May 16, the boys' varsity tennis team is ending their season with great success. With junior number-one singles player Neal Shore back at the helm, the tennis team has proved to be a very strong opponent, sporting a winning record. Dave Cohen and Dave Margulies, numbers two and three, respectively, have kept the team in contention throughout the season. Margulies, 11-0 at the halfway point in the season, has a chance to be county champion.

One of the major reasons for the continued success of the tennis team can be attributed to the doubles players. The first doubles team of Jon Patt and Dave Rockhill, and the second team of Ken Freid and Pete Weprinsky, have all exhibited fine play. Larry Kleinman, 7-1 at the halfway point in the season, alternates with Patt and Rockhill at first doubles.

Turning to the girls' tennis scene, it is quite possible that this may be the most successful campaign the girls' tennis team has ever had. At the halfway point of the season, the girls were sporting a 5-1 record, and appeared to be on their way to a very successful finish.

One of the major reasons for their success is consistency. Ieva Miesneiks, Elizabeth Pickar, and Susan Ungerleider, the three singles players, have all achieved success through steady play and playing their own game. The first double's team of Lynn Zarick and Ellen Sandles, and the second double's team of Sally Leiner and Melissa Barnett, have exhibited some fine performance. When asked the attributions to the success of the girls' team, Coach Abate responded, "Desire, interest, enthusiasm, and camaraderie, despite the individuality of the sport, have all contributed to our success."



Eddie James, No. 13, grits his teeth as he prepares to attack Montville's midfielder, R. Brown in Preps 7-5 victory. Photo by R. Marowitz.