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Changes in faculty and staff

by Connie Conaway

At the end of this school year a total of seven faculty or administrative people will be leaving Prep. As a result of this exodus, Prep will be left with a vacuum difficult to fill.

First and foremost of the people leaving is Michael Levinson, principal of our upper school. Mr. Levinson will be leaving in July to be the head of another upper school in Bangkok, Thailand. We all know that Mr. Levinson has been an excellent and compassionate principal, and that his position will be very difficult if

not impossible to fill.

The second person who is leaving permanently is David Hickson. Mr. Hickson has been teaching science for three years at Prep. To many parents and young children he is perhaps best known as the technical director for the drama department. Mr. Hickson will be leaving after this year to become the Science department chairman at the Solebury school in Newton, Pennsylvania.

Peter Herzberg, chairman of the English department, will also

be absent from Rutgers Prep next year. Mr. Herzberg was one of the winners of Columbia's Klingenstein fellowship. He will spend the next year studying the humanities in New York City.

Another English teacher will also be gone for the next academic year. Carol Howell has been granted a sabbatical to pursue studies relevant to her job. Mrs. Howell stated that she would use the year to travel and to generally donate time to analyzing works of literature. She specifically emphasized a trip to England in order to see the correlations between English culture and literature.

Also leaving is Prep's business director, Jane Faulkner. Mrs. Faulkner is leaving to fill a spot at St. Elizabeth's College. Poly Mitchell, the present admissions head, will be departing Prep at the end of this year. David McNutt will also be leaving this year to become the director of athletics at the Far Hills Country Day.



Mrs. Pozcik: Invaluable Prep Veteran Retires

Ruth Pozcik has been working at Rutgers Prep since June of 1962. During the period of twenty-six years, Mrs. Pozcik has seen many changes at Prep. She is one of the only people left who worked in the New Brunswick campus. From the building of the field house to the fire, Mrs. Pozcik has seen it all.

One of the biggest enjoyments that Mrs. Pozcik stressed in her job was working with students. It can be easily determined that

Mrs. Pozcik was tailor made for this capacity. Whenever one enters the main office, they are greeted with a hello and a smile. Mrs. Pozcik has been more or less a grandmother to many students at Prep. All of us know her to be one of the sweeter people around.

Over the years, Mrs. Pozcik has gained a lot of knowledge about Prep and its functions. There are few people who know the school so well. For many

years, Mrs. Pozcik has been the unofficial principal of Prep. She has clearly gone beyond the original definition of her job.

There will clearly be no replacement for Mrs. Pozcik. She has known twenty-six different classes of Rutgers Prep students. Whether through bus passes or encounters in the office, everyone has known Mrs. Pozcik. She is one of Rutgers Prep's finer assets. Her presence will be deeply missed.

School prepared with AIDS policy

by Tony Foleno

In the last edition of the *Argo*, the issue of AIDS at Rutgers Prep was written about, discussing the issue from the students' perspective. It was found that the opinions on the topic of letting AIDS victims go to Prep were varied and, at many times, directly opposing. It was also evident that some students did not know all of the important facts about AIDS. This is not an article that will teach you the facts, for the school is making an admirable effort to educate its students on AIDS, and countless other sources of information can be easily attained. Instead, this article is concerned with describing Rutgers Prep's policy on the AIDS issue.

Mr. Lingenheld described Prep's policy on the decision of whether or not to allow a student with AIDS to attend the school as a "case by case policy". By this he means that any case of an AIDS victim, or a victim of any other dangerous communicable disease for that matter, who wants to attend Prep will be treated separately. The headmaster stated, "We are not going

to have a blanket policy."

If a student who has AIDS wanted to attend Prep, the headmaster would convene a committee, which would in part contain several doctors from the board of trustees. This committee would gather all of the facts about AIDS from the most current, certified medical knowledge and would make a recommendation. The probable recommendation of a hypothetical case was not forwarded by Mr. Lingenheld; he said that "you cross certain bridges when you come to them."

It is certainly laudable of the school to take steps toward preparedness for dealing with an AIDS case. At least Prep can't be taken wholly by surprise by such a case. There could be a lot of turmoil possibly brought about by an AIDS situation, but an organized, set policy will help to ease this. An important facet to all of this is AIDS awareness. It is urged that you get the facts before forming your personal opinions. Getting all of the facts also keeps one out of danger of acquiring AIDS out of ignorance of its causes.



Senior Reception celebration

College Placement for the Class of 1988

Blum, Melissa—Monmouth College
Blum, Robert—Tufts University
Bondy, Carolynne—George Washington University
Brinker, Rachel—Muhlenberg College
Brinker, Deanna—Syracuse University
Chen, Peter—Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Chwatko, Shirley—Emory University
Ciraulo, Stephen—Lafayette College
Cirenza, Timothy—undecided
Clancy, Judith—Gettysburg College
Cohen, Brian—George Washington University
Conjak, Julie—Tufts University
D'Auria, David—Eckerd College
DeSantis, Justine—Washington College
Djue, Jeremy—University of Rhode Island
Elfant, David—University of Rochester
Engelman, Mitchell—CA State Long Beach
Farag, Karim—Washington University
Faulkner, Jonathan—Castleton State
Fay, Josiah—Fashion Institute of Technology
Friedman, Jordan—Lafayette College
Garson, Dorian—Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, University of Rochester
Glick, Jayson—George Washington University
Gold, Glen—University of Chicago
Goldberg, Deborah—Brandeis University
Goldman, Denise—Ohio Wesleyan University
Goldsmith, Michelle—Rutgers, Columbia
Grumet, Seth—Glassboro State College
Hamelsky, Lawrence—Duke University
Hancox, Keith—Rider College
Hirsch, Jeremy—Muhlenberg College
Hochberg, Amy—Sarah Lawrence College
Katko, Natalie—Rider College

Keller, Lauren—Harvard College
Kelman, Peter—University of Rhode Island
Kerstein, Jennifer—Carnegie Mellon University
Knepper, Jonathan—University of Wisconsin
Lerner, Andrew—Muhlenberg College
Leveane, Stephanie—University of Delaware
Lewis, Sean—Howard University
Lloyd, Richard—Brown University
Lowell, Kimberly—Goucher College
Mayerman, Adam—Brandeis
Metzger, Susan—Washington University
Miller, Althea—Cook College
Miller, Chris—Susquehanna University
Miller, Elizabeth—Harvard College
Miller, Jillian—University of Mississippi
Miller, Justin—Rutgers University
Oross, Darrin—Randolph Macon College
Phelan, Rebecca—Tulane University
Pouch, Kristina—Lynchburg College
Raghuathan, Usha—Douglass College
Rosen, Michael—Randolph Macon College
Rosenblatt, Lisa—Temple University
Rosner, Marc—Cornell University
Salamon, Leah—New York University
Santi, Christopher—Clark University
Santowasso, Caroline—Skidmore College
Schwam, David—University of North Carolina
Schwartz, Elizabeth—State University of New York
Silverman, Elyssa—American University
Slackman, William—Tufts University
Sternberg, Kimberly—University of Maine
Tan, David—Emerson College
Udomsaph, Todd—University of Hartford
Wojtenko, Russell—Rutgers, Columbia

Editorial

by Adrienne Townsen

As the year draws to a close, I think many have the same feeling: where did the time go? Even many seniors who eagerly await graduation still end the year with mixed feelings. They are certainly filled with happiness and anticipation as they complete high school and move on to college, but the transition is not an easy one. There's a certain amount of security in high school, especially one as small as Prep, and that same feeling with be hard to find as a freshman in college. On the other hand, the excitement and curiosity associated with this new phase of life is undoubtedly overwhelming. I think, perhaps, the hardest part about leaving Prep is leaving the people—the special friends, teachers and coaches who have been so important over the years.

For some, Prep has been like a second home. This is because so many people are involved in so many activities. Everyone finds a niche here, whether it be in athletics, the arts, or some kind of academic-related program. Because of that, many find themselves on campus extra hours every day for some kind of practice, rehearsal, game or performance. Of course the seniors will find these offerings and much more at college, but it's hard to break away from routines you've become accustomed to.

It's definitely hard to part with friends who have been so impor-

tant and so much fun to be with. I know that just because people go in different directions, that doesn't mean they can't remain friends, but it's still very different. When two of your closest friends are in Virginia and another one is in Ohio, it's not very easy to give them a call and get together for dinner. Yet, many friendships survive the distance and only become stronger because of it. I've seen it happen before, and I'm sure it will continue to happen in the same way. Letters and even phone calls and visits help maintain the relationships of those who are close enough to work at it. Along with college comes new people and new friends to be made as well. The seniors will find some sort of balance, and while all the new people will be exciting and different they will always have a place for those who meant so much in high school.

As the seniors move on, I hope they will be able to look back with fond memories of Prep. Whether it be succeeding in a particular course, starring in a drama production, or winning a state championship title, something will trigger good thoughts of this place where many have been since the Lower or Middle School. It's always hard to say goodbye, but as long as it's not farewell, everyone can part with only positive thoughts on what lies ahead. Congratulations to the Class of '88!

The Argo vs. The Home News

The all-too-famous 'Father's Anguish' article in the *Home News* concerning a former Prep student with a drug problem, and her father's description of Rutgers Prep was met with a frenzy of protest from the administration, the faculty, and the student body. Numerous letters from these groups were sent to the *Home News* which protested the misrepresentation of the school made in the article. These letters were very appropriate responses to such a slanderous piece of journalism.

We all know that there is a drug problem to some extent in every school, Prep being no exception. The reporter of the aforementioned article, however, didn't work to help the situation with her gross, sensationalistic, exaggerations of its presence at Prep. This article may have done serious damage to the public opinion of Rutgers Prep, and it is a shame that a reputable news source, such as the *Home News*, printed an article which did not present both sides of the story. The reporter unfortunately took the word of the former student's father that Prep students have hours of free time in which to spend by the canal doing drugs. We know that this is, of course, a ridiculous assertion. If the reporter had taken the time to visit the school before writing the article, she may have understood

the credibility of the father's statement.

Fortunately this misjudgement of the reporter was responded to appropriately by the Prep community through the numerous articles which were sent to the editor of the *Home News*. Many of these letters of protest were actually printed by the paper, but one must note that these letters were never printed in the Sunday edition of the paper. This is significant because many subscribers only receive the Sunday paper, meaning that many readers didn't have the opportunity to understand Prep's side of the story.

Finally the reporter who wrote the infamous article decided to visit Prep in order to obtain an unbiased, objective impression of Prep which she had overlooked in her previous article. Although this was a 'nice' gesture on the part of the *Home News*, it was, alas, only a token gesture which was meant only to improve the tarnished image of the *Home News* in the Prep community. There was no follow up article from this visit, and, according to Mrs. Goen, the reporter didn't even come with a pencil and paper—the *Home News* never intended to publish a follow up story which told the truth. We have only one message for our fellow newspaper people at the *Home News*—nice gesture, but you didn't trick us.



The U.S. run by the Stars?

by Russell Wojtenko

Once again the press is making President Reagan look like a fool. They have taken a little insignificant piece of information and twisted it in order to disgrace this poor man. What is it this time? It's the fact that the President consulted with astrologers. So what?! Do you read your horoscopes? Do you have good luck charms? Are you superstitious? Well if you answered yes to any of these questions, should we call the media and ridicule you? This man is the ruler of the greatest nation in the world. So I think this man needs all the help he can get be it from his advisors, Congress, or the stars.

The real question is how much of this advice really shaped the President's policy. There has been the fear that the nation has been weakened. Mrs. Reagan and her astrologers are sup-

posedly running the country. Well it's hard for me to say, but I'll say it. This woman is doing a damn good job in running the nation. Perhaps a woman could be President? Yes Mrs. Wacker, I said a woman could be President. Many of President Reagan's policies have been effective, such as, putting a stop to the inflation caused by the Carter administration, strengthening this nation's defenses, and improving relations with the Soviets. I wonder how much of the policy came from the stars. Gee I wish I had this astrologer's number. Maybe I could be half as successful as President Reagan.

Then there's always Donald Regan's new book. That's one poor sport. He had to go down, so he's tried to bring the President down with him. Why didn't Regan write the book when he was in office? Because he didn't

want to bite the hand that fed him! Wait, I feel my psychic abilities coming on...a vision...Yes...I see that Donald Regan was Benedict Arnold in a past life.

I think the press should move on to better things. I'm tired of this astrologer business. Why doesn't the press report its happy news, like the daily murders, fires, and other types of destruction. Sometimes I think the press is owned by a bunch of liberals or subversives. They have to dig up some ammunition for Mr. Dukakis because the last 8 years have been damn good ones. You don't see the press criticizing Dukakis. That's because they can't find anything because he's so boring!!! If it makes the President happy, let him consult with an astrologer. I doubt it could cause any harm. But then again, I could be wrong.

A Laugh-Out-Loud Story

by Ron Lahiri

"Beetlejuice" is a wild, silly comedy about the antics of the afterlife. It is a laugh-out-loud story, which has the renowned Michael Keaton as its main character. Keaton is hilarious as he portrays the character of Beetlejuice, or "the ghost with the most". Keaton's wonderful comedy is the heart and soul of this film.

The movie is about a young couple who has just moved in to a house in the country. Soon after they move in, however, the two dive off a bridge in their car and drown. But don't worry, the couple soon returns from the dead as new and inexperienced ghosts who are confined to their house.

Not long afterwards, a rather loud and annoying family moves into the house, disturbing the peaceful existence of the inexperienced ghosts. The family includes an eccentric architect who tries to make drastic changes to the house, making the beautiful country home into a modern monster. The ghost couple try in vain to scare away the obnoxious family through a series of antics spiced with some unusual special effects which are truly hilarious.

Alas, the young ghost couple cannot scare the family despite their many efforts. Their escapades only lead to making friends with the morbid daughter in the family who is, rather appropriately, always dressed in black.

The young, and now frustrated, ghost couple finally go to see the guidance counselor of the afterlife to ask for help in scaring away the obtrusive family. The guidance counselor, who is also dead, advises them to keep trying

to scare away the family themselves. The counselor also warns them about a mischievous ghost who advertises his haunting business on ghost-television and goes under the name "Beetlejuice."

Those of you who have not already seen this movie yet, do get out and see it. It has the perfect combination of great special effects, silliness, good acting, and an interesting story line.

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Mainstreet—A Program to Learn From and Enjoy

by Akinyi Ouma

During the week of April 25th, sophomores and juniors participated in an educational program called "Mainstreet." It was presented by two professional educators from the New Jersey Department of Human Services. The educators used role play, theatre, and film to display positive attitudes about people with disabilities and give facts on the causes and effects of disabling conditions.

On the first day, the educators talked about discrimination against other people who are different and they also talked about "labels" that certain people are given. Before the teachers ex-

plained a topic, they would do skits to demonstrate the message that they wished to get across.

The students then participated in "The Label Game." This game is played by having a label on one's forehead then walking around the room and reacting to other labels which say such things as, "Exclude me from the group" or "Treat me like a celebrity" or "Wink at me." Sophomore Rima Mian stated, "It made us look at ourselves."

On one day, students received information about epilepsy. Epilepsy is a nervous disorder that is marked typically by convulsive attacks and loss of consciousness. These attacks are known as seizures. Students were taught what to do if someone is having a seizure.

A major part of the program was centered around learning disabilities, such as dyslexia and hyperactivity, cerebral palsy, and mental retardation. The last day was a recap on all the disabilities discussed. Another

game was played (much like "Family Feud") that asked questions on what was discussed during the week. Then another film was presented about the different kinds of machines made available that help disabled people adjust more easily to the environment.

The information that the program offered was very interesting, however, the students response to the program was quite negative. Many felt that the program was not geared for the tenth and eleventh grade level, but rather for the middle school grade levels. Others also felt that the skits were over-exaggerated.

Mainstreet was developed by the New York State Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities in 1980 and was brought to New Jersey in the Spring of 1985. The Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) Office of Community Education sponsors the states program. Mrs. Halpern, Director of Student Counseling, brought Mainstreet to Rutgers Prep.



SADD Carnival enjoyed by all

The SADD Carnival—Fun for the Whole School

by Monesia Stephenson

It's that time of year again, time for the third annual SADD (Students Against Driving Drunk) carnival. The carnival is scheduled to take place on Thursday, May 26, 1988, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. All of the SADD officers, representatives, general members, and of course, the ringleader, Mrs. Halpern are busily preparing for the big event.

This year's carnival will feature the infamous dunking booth, which SADD was unable to get for last year's carnival, and a senior baby picture contest,

which was formerly a faculty baby picture contest. Other games will include: golf goldfish/ping-pong, coin toss, sponge throw, soccer kick-off, kiss-o-gram, football toss, clown bean bag toss, lollipop game, water balloons, face painting, bingo, horseshoes, apple crates, milk bottles, 10 cent toss, and the middle school marriage booth. There will also be clowns, a cotton candy machine, and plenty of refreshments and prizes. The SADD carnival is not only for the Upper School, but also for the Middle and Lower Schools, and parents and alumni were also in-

cluded to attend the day's festivities. Mrs. Halpern said, "This is a community effort to bring everyone together."

Throughout the year SADD held many fund raisers, which included bagel sales and the selling of SADD keychains, pencils, and bumper stickers, in order to pay for the carnival. The SADD officers have put a lot of time and effort into planning this year's activities and the carnival is a great way to end the year. There have been many generous donations and numerous contributions, and SADD would like to thank everyone who has participated.

A Night to Remember . . . The Prom Draws Near

As we all know the Junior-Senior prom is coming up. The prom will be held on Thursday, June 9 at the Grand Marquis in Old Bridge, which is where last year's prom was also held. This year's prom theme is "Walk Forever By My Side" and the color scheme is dusty rose and silver gray. There are to be an estimated 196 students and 50 faculty members attending this year's prom.

The prom will begin at 7:00 pm with the cocktail hour. Served during the cocktail hour will be a hot and cold buffet which will in-

clude assorted fruits and raw vegetables, chicken with cashews, steak teriyaki, various types of pasta, and tempura. Dinner will be a choice of prime rib or nouvelle chicken served with a potato stuffed with cheese, snow pea pods, and zucchini and carrots. For dessert, hot apple crepes with ice cream will be served along with trays of chocolate covered fruits and homemade cookies on each table. There will also be an unlimited soda and tropical bar.

The entertainment is being provided by a band called Teachers

Plus Three, which is composed of teachers from Franklin. The band, which also played at last year's prom, was such a big hit that there was no question that they would be asked back again this year.

There has been an innumerable amount of time and effort put into planning the prom. None of it would have been possible if it weren't for the dedication of class advisor Kathie Rusyn and prom committee chairman Sandy Wardlow, who were responsible for the coordination of the entire prom.

A Night to Honor the Arts

by Alisha Coleman

Rutgers Prep held its 11th annual Creative Arts Dinner on Wednesday, May 18, at the Mc Ateers restaurant in Somerset. The attendance was less than last year's, but the banquet room was still packed and full of excitement. Cocktails began at 6:00 and were accompanied with music provided by the music department. There were many pieces of art on display, providing the guests with a glimpse of the creative work done at the art studio.

Mr. Lingenheld delivered the Welcome Address, and Dr. Leonard Bethel followed with the Grace. The speaker of the evening was John Stella '84. John will

be graduating from Yale University this month with a degree in architecture. He delivered a speech entitled "Memories and Notes of an Alumnus" which talked about his memories of Rutgers Prep.

After dinner, the RPS chorus sang several songs from their repertoire. Their last song was a special dedication to the graduating seniors. Usha Raghunathan followed with a moving interpretation of "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God", a famous sermon by Jonathan Edwards. The drama department acted out a part of their successful spring production, "A Midsummer Night's Dream".

The exciting entertainment was just one element of the delightful evening. Certificates were presented by the following departments to those students who worked very hard during the year to make the school activities a success: The Argo, Art, Drama, Excelsior, Forensics, Music, Video, and Ye Dial. Several students were called up more than once to receive awards.

A Benediction by Dr. Bethel closed the evening. The affair was a great success and enjoyed by all. For those who were there, it was an inspiration to see the performances and that so many people were involved in the Prep community.

A Dream Come True For Drama

by Debbie Spitzer

Magical, majestic, mystical—A Midsummer Night's Dream. The Drama Club has outdone itself with its spring performance of one of Shakespeare's most enjoyable creations.

Rehearsing for nearly three months, the actors, actresses, dancers, and directors of all departments (teachers and actors alike) pushed themselves to the limit to bring out the best performance possible—and that's exactly what they did.

This intriguing play was a mixture of a love story, a comedy, a drama, and a fairy tale. A Midsummer Night's Dream involves three stories going on at once: the complex love affairs of Demetrius, played by Peter Clark-Von Ville, Lysander, played by Dave D'Auria, Hermia, played by Jen Kerstein, and Helena, played by Nicole Graber; the casting, rehearsal, and performance of the comical tragedy of Pyramus and Thisby

by the men of Athens, including Steve Kravetz as Quince, Ron Lahiri as Bottom, Alex Wojtenko as Snug, Joe Davis as Flute, Jason Grey as Snout, and Stavros Hartenais as Starveling; and the problems in fairyland between Oberon, portrayed by Ezra Weisz and Usha Raghunathan as Titania. Candace Juman displayed great talent and enthusiasm in her role as Puck. The Fairies consisted of Ronke Olabisi, Debbie Schochet, Amy Hochberg, and Justine DeSantis. Candace Carr, a Middle Schooler, played the part of the changeling child. Each of these stories with their distinct plots are connected with the others, and they all center around the wedding of Theseus, performed by Mr. Herzberg, and Hippolyta, played by Beth Miller.

Special praise should be given to Mrs. Herzberg, who pulled the whole performance together with zeal as the director, Mr. Hickson and his tech crew, and Leah Salamon who was the Stage Manager.



Mr. Kendall reacts to yearbook dedication.



Waiting to leave—Senior Trip is over

Boys Lacrosse Triumphs In State Tournament

by Steven Finkelstein

This year's boys lacrosse team, one of the finest in Prep's history, won the State Championship and finished with an impressive 9-5 record. Patrick Tevin and assistant Dave MacNutt coached, and toughened them up for upcoming games. Their four captains, Karim Farag, Darrin Oross, Chris Santi, and Adam Mayerson also gave support to the rest of the team. Other seniors who pro-

vided leadership were Brian Cohen, Mike Rosen, and Jeremy Djeu. Juniors included Kevin Lawner, Kent Sheasley, George Barrood, Paul Konigsberg, Chris Racich, Noah Miller, Rich Hanle, and Todd Cornish, who amassed the most points on the team. There were only two sophomores on the team, goalie Danny Oross and Seth Rosenbaum. Freshman players include Brian Townsen, Bill Hornbustle, Geoff Gussis,

Ryan Hoffman, Glenn Levy, Marc Poole, Guillermo Garcia, David Rosner, and Mike Metzger.

It is hoped that all of these freshmen will continue with the sport, for they show much promise.

Although several seniors will be leaving, there are many underclassmen who will be able to fill the ranks. Danny Oross played excellently in goal with a saving average of 75% of all shots. Todd Cornish, the team's MVP, will be returning, as well as Kevin Lawner, who made it to All County. Other juniors also will spur the team on as next year's seniors. Several freshmen, such as Mike Metzger, will also strengthen the team in upcoming years. The team of 1989 will hope to repeat the accomplishments that 1988's team has achieved.

seniors, most of whom will be long-time veterans, will be Mandy Holliday, Wyndi Goldberg, Sharon Paley, Carla Gonzalez, Sandy Wardlow, Ginger Truan, Valerie Abdollah, Nicole Fragano, and Debbie Spitzer. Other returning players include Jennifer Costanza, Nicole Chelel, Connie Conaway, Fara Komito, Nancy Sierotko, Denise Sullivan, and Ronke Olabisi. They will be invaluable both in playing and in team support.

Though the team record was not as good as in past years, due to various injuries, captain Becca Phelan says that she hopes the best for the team next year and that they win the State Tournament for her as well as for 1989's seniors.

The Plight of the Boys Tennis Team

by Marc Alexander Weitz

This year's boys' tennis team is an example of the fact that a team's record is not always an indication of a team's ability. Part of the reason is the team's extremely tough schedule, with 3 of the top 20 teams of the state, and 9 out of the top 10 prep schools being on it.

At the counties this year the team placed ninth out of 16 teams. Highlights included Tim Hermann's win over Dave McCan and Jordan Friedman's upset over the number two seed from North Plainfield.

Prep's tennis came in eighth in the state championship with 3 of their losses occurring in the quarterfinals to the top seeded players. Co-captains Jordan Friedman and Justin Miller oc-

cupied the second and third singles spots respectively this year and both will be sorely missed. Also leaving is coach Joe McDermott, who is regarded by many as the best coach the team has ever had. His presence will also be missed by next year's squad.

Weather conditions were also a problem; unfortunately for the team's record, almost definite wins against Pennington, Ranney, and Saddle River were cancelled. Matches against such powerhouses as Newark Academy, and Montclair Kimberly were played. Perhaps this wasn't the winningest year in boys' tennis history, but as Coach McDermott commented, "hopefully everybody learned something and at least we had some fun."

by Karen Robinovitz

With Miss Glantzow as the head coach, and Miss Nestvogel as the assistant coach, the girl's lacrosse team had 6 victories out of 12 games, an astonishing record for a team of only 13 players. For a lacrosse game to be complete, 12 players are necessary! Denise Goldman and Kristina Pouch, the captains, were a big asset to the team's victories. Other members included: seniors Debi Goldberg and Lisa Rosenblatt, juniors Heather Benko and Adrienne Townsen, sophomores Courtenay Costello, Heather Jensen, Megan Coakely, Erica Rafalaf, Krista Stella, and Vaishali Patel, and freshman Justine Clemente.

The season started in early March and ended with the state game on May 25. The beginning of the season went slow, and the practices were vigorous and tiring. Throughout the course of the season, each player improved their skills and their ability to work well together as a team. As the number of goals and victories increased, so did the spirits of the team and the coaches. The hardest part of the season was when one or more players weren't present for games, leav-

perennial power (meaning they usually make us look bad), Peddie. The season also included a couple of the aforementioned "tough losses": 4-2 to a highly ranked team with two major league draftees, 5-4 to Barnards in the County Tournament, and only two divisional losses. Having lost only two games in our conference, the team finished strong and approached the State Tournament ranked second.

Oh yes, the State Tournament. Prep champions, and it was by no means the basketball team. After winning their first two games, 13-5 vs. Wardlaw-Hartridge, and 2-1 against Newark Academy

behind the clutch hitting of Steve Ciraulo and the pitching of Bill Slackman, the Argonaut baseball squad reached the finals against Saddle River. Once again, behind the Slackman's pitching, and a decisive steal of home by Ciraulo, the Argos won, beating some big deal pitcher who had even been on T.V.

Although Ciraulo's strong bat and fielding will be lacking next spring, as well as Bill Slackman's fine pitching, the free swinging Tim Cirenza (the team's home run leader), Larry Hamelsky and Pete Kelman, next year's squad hopes to repeat. The returning players are strong; the team won't be a pushover.

Golf Team Gains Needed Experience

by Todd Haedrich

After winning the states last year and then losing most of the team to graduating seniors, this year's golf team had a hard act to follow. The team had a tough season this year.

Returning members to the team consist of seniors Marc Rosner, Todd Udomsoph, Russel Wojtenko, and Todd Haedrich. New to the team were juniors Adam Taylor and Jim Fox, sophomores Dana Deutsch and Jennifer Gussis, and freshmen Matt Bernstein and Sandy Somers.

A majority of the team was relatively new to the game and had a difficult time getting adjusted. After a poor start, Prep golf made an impressive show-

ing. A disappointing aspect during the season was the weather. Almost all of the matches were played in the rain. The moisture changed a lot of the courses, making them more difficult than what they would normally be.

States proved to be the reverse of all of the preceding matches. It was played on Peddie's eighteen hole golf course, and was very hot and humid, but Prep made it through and played well.

This year's season was a rebuilding one. Though the loss of number one player Marc Rosner, number three Todd Udomsoph, and number four Russel Wojtenko will hurt, the team is now reloaded. Next year will be the test and the Prep golf team should be ready to fire away.

Girls Lacrosse Excels Against Very High Odds

ing the team with no alternate players or even not enough players. The team worked hard and gave it their all, and it definitely showed throughout.

On May 26, the Rutgers Prep girl's lacrosse team lost the states to Stuart, 9-20. Although they lost, it was a great achieve-

ment to even make it to the states. It was a long, sweaty, tough challenge for our team. It was an unforgettable season for both the coaches and the players. The team really pulled through during the harder games and practices. Maybe next year we'll win the states.



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