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Scholar Athletes Honored

Joseph Foleno

On May 3, two students each from about fifteen schools received Scholar Athlete awards. Representing Rutgers Prep were Steven Finkelstein and Nicole Chelel. Students were chosen to receive awards on the basis of both their academic and athletic achievements. As any of their peers will tell you, Steve and Nicole were certainly well-suited to receive their awards.

Nicole has been participating in varsity sports since she was a freshman. However, it seems the word "participate" does not quite do justice to her accomplishments. Always a valued member of the soccer, basketball, and softball teams, Nicole was named captain of the basketball and softball teams in her senior year. She has proven to be a leading scorer in basketball, a consistent, well-rounded soccer player, and a more than apt hitter and fielder in softball. These abilities led to the naming of Nicole to the All-State team of softball in her sophomore and senior years and to the All-County team of softball in her sophomore year and softball and basketball in her senior year. Academically, Ni-

cole works hard as well. She has maintained a high grade average while taking challenging courses. This combined record of strength on the field and in the classroom led to Nicole's acceptance at Villanova University, where she plans to put into further use the skills she has learned here at Prep.

Steve, like Nicole, is unusual in that he is known for his academic as well as athletic prowess. Academically, Steve scored well above average on his SAT and Achievement tests. In addition, Steve was able to stay on the Honor Roll throughout his years at Prep in spite of a tough course load. Athletically, Steve has been nicknamed "Superman" because of his performance on the cross-country track and on the tennis courts. He was named captain of the tennis team as a junior while playing in the second singles spot. As a senior, Steve remained captain but moved up to first singles. In cross-country, Steve is somewhat of a Prep legend. He placed first in both the state and county tournaments this year, an unprecedented feat in Rutgers Prep history. As captain of the team, Steve was looked up to by his

teammates. "He was like an example for us to follow", proclaimed fellow cross country team member Regis Renard. Steve plans to continue his running career next fall at Yale and is eagerly awaiting the start of the season there next fall.

The Scholar-Athlete Award is no small honor. It represents the culmination of

many hours of grueling work by its recipients. It is difficult to juggle academics with athletics while excelling in both, yet Steve and Nicole have succeeded in just that. When receiving the award, their attitude was as much pride as "relief that all our hard work finally paid off", according to Steve. These two seniors both plan to

continue their academic and athletic work at college next year. However, their high school careers have ended, and, as 'Superman' Finkelstein puts it, "We deserve a long, relaxing break". Let us hope that this break occurs for them over a peaceful summer, for they have truly earned it.



Nicole Chelel and Steve Finkelstein: Rutgers Prep's Scholar Athletes.

A Fond Farewell

Sam Finkelstein

A tragic loss will strike Rutgers Prep School next year as three beloved teachers will have left: Mr. Clark Von-Ville, Ms. Steinmetz and Mr. Mazza. These outstanding teachers or should I say friends will be difficult to replace. Mr. Mazza will go on sabbatical for the first semester while Ms. Steinmetz and Mr. Clark Von-Ville will both be enrolled in courses.

Mr. Mazza, the Science Department chairman, will not spend his time on sabbatical trekking through rain forests, traveling around the world, or studying in a foreign country, but rather he will spend most of his time at home with his wife who is in need of a kidney and pancreas transplant. Already enrolled on a list, his wife still awaits for a donor. In Mr. Mazza's spare time, he will write a lab manual, for all the labs that are done at Prep. He also plans on writing a tropical rain forest curriculum that will be available for use by all schools.

Ms. Steinmetz will be attending a part time class on clinical psychology. She will spend her free time applying to various graduate schools. After completing graduate school Ms.

Steinmetz plans on setting up her own practice. If possible, Ms. Steinmetz plans on visiting of substituting for Rutgers Prep.

Mr. Clark Von-Ville, who has taught at Rutgers Prep for four years, will work at attaining a PhD. He will be attending a computer science graduate program at Rutgers College. Because the course is only part-time, he will be teaching at Rutgers College or working as a programmer for a computer

company. He is interested in the field of artificial intelligence, the study of creating a program that stimulates intelligence and emotion. Mr. Clark Von-Ville also plans on visiting us when he has free time.

It will be difficult for most members of the Prep Community to say goodbye to these three teachers. We would like to wish all three of them good luck in whatever endeavors they pursue.

Middle States' Visit

Ronobir Lahiri

Mark April 10-12, 1991 on your calendars! On those days, a team of approximately thirteen teachers will be on the Prep campus conducting a Middle States visit. Rutgers Prep is accredited by the Middle States Association. One step in the accrediting process is an on-site evaluation which is conducted once every ten years. In preparation for the visit, Prep faculty work on committees which review all aspects of Prep - from philosophy to student activities to buildings and ground curriculum. This committee work and reporting is what is known as the "self study." Faculty members began working on the "self study" last October. The end result will be a narrative report which will be ready for the visit next April. This is the first time Prep will be evaluated as a PreK-12 school. Previously, separate self studies and visits were conducted for K-8 and 9-12. Students will be asked to participate in various ways. Three Upper School students have already been asked to participate. The three

students are Alex Wojtenko, Josh Greenstein, and Robert Fidefino, and they were involved in a discussion with parents, teachers, and Board of Trustee members regarding school philosophy.

Senior Prefects

Dan Karen

The Senior Prefects, whom are responsible for helping out teachers and administration have been selected for next year. They are Arthur Brostrom, Connie Conaway, Robert Fidefino, Donna Gioffre, Geoff Gussis, Garvin Jesdanum, Naledi Khabo, Sonali Lakhani, Joe Locandro, Adam Lore, Shivam Mallick, Michael Metzger, Raguni Narotam, and Alpa Patel. They will monitor classes, give make-up tests, raise the flag, and help in certain school functions.

Creative Arts Dinner

Scott Mory

On the evening of Wednesday, May 16, 1990, patrons of the Creative Arts at Prep gathered at the MacAteers Restaurant in Somerset to celebrate another year of accomplishments by Prep students in the arts. Participating groups included the Argo, Excelsior, Ye Dial, Drama Club, Art Department, Chorus, Instrumental Music, Forensics, and the Video Club. They were honored for their performance and commitment.

The Dinner started with an

introductory video prepared by Joe Davis featuring the faculty lip synching one of his original songs. Akin Salawu presented two of his original videos, one based on the horror film *A Nightmare on Elm Street* and the other, *A Marriage in Trouble*. The Upper School Chorus performed a lullaby entitled "All Through the Night," and Joe Davis and Ron Lahiri performed their rendition of "Closer to Fine." There were several art exhibits being shown throughout the night. The evening turned out to be a very entertaining success.

My Last Editorial

Robobir Lahiri

Okay. So maybe the food in the cafeteria isn't too good. And maybe we don't have a gym study hall for athletes. And maybe the headmaster does bring a dog to school each day to the great dismay of the students. But there are a great deal of things at Rutgers Prep that we do take for granted. For instance, our problems deals with things such as dress code and demerits, which seem silly in comparison to those of many public schools, which include racial violence and serious drug problems.

After four years at Prep, I've discovered that there is plenty to bitch about. There's a lot of stuff

that I could get angry and cynical about. But in retrospect, many of those things seem very trivial in comparison to the number of things about Prep that I am content with. For example: the teachers. Believe it or not, I love all of my teachers at Prep. As I've matured, I've found that they really treat you not only as a student, but as a friend as well. However if one sets out with a bad attitude, then the student-teacher relationship is undoubtedly going to be rough. But I ask you, why even have a negative attitude towards teachers? As Mrs. Wacker is so fond of saying, "You can't win." So why not try and function positively, instead of destructively. I've

found that you get a lot more accomplished that way and you have a lot more fun.

Don't get me wrong. I don't consider myself a sychophant. But there are ways to truly have a good time at Prep and still stay within the system. Believe me, the last thing that I like are systems, but after four years I've found that the one at Prep really isn't that harsh.

I admit it. I have never received a demerit in my life. And yet, I do not own a blazer. I have worn a blazer to school once this whole year, and still I haven't received a demerit. (I can say this, I'm graduating.) But what is the point? you ask. It's simple. If Prep is approached with a

positive attitude, then the administration finds it simple to overlook those small infractions of the rules, such as minor dress code violations. If however, you have been suspended three times since September and violently threaten the lacrosse coaches, well then they may not be so lenient. And don't tell me that I don't have a good time. I enjoy Prep, yet I'm not suspended until further notice.

So I ask you, why walk around Prep and make cynical comments about the administration? I say enjoy the benefits that Prep can offer you. I've found that with that attitude, high school has been incredible.

The Day After

Alpa Patel

What happened to Earth Day? All that remains to remind us of our duty to clean up the environment are a couple of fliers with the slogan "Save the Earth" and a poster with the motto "Don't Put Oil In Our Water." Soon they will be gone. These signs seem to be of little use because a majority of the students just don't care.

A lot of students do not realize what they can do to change our environment. We assume because we are in no real position of power that we cannot do anything, but that is a complete fallacy. Are we all stupid, irresponsible, and immature? A slight change in our lifestyles can make all the difference. Each of us can use a little less water to take a shower and keep the water off when we brush our teeth. Each of us can turn off the lights when we are not using them. Each of us can pick up garbage that we see on the ground and put it where it belongs. These are just a few of the everyday things we can do. Are we not given the right to vote when we are eighteen? We can use this privilege and power to elect those who really care about the environment and will do something about it.

Maybe you don't see the point in all this hype about Earth Day. Who cares about the Earth? We are not going to be around when the earth turns to Playdough, right? Wrong. The gradual destruction of the ozone layer is hurting us right now, and the problems are only going to get worse. The earth may not blow up in our faces, but its destruction will affect our lives.

As chairperson of the Earth Day committee I have tried my best to arouse the school from its indifferent attitude towards the environment. With the money from Dress Down Day, the Earth Day Concert and donations, we will be able to save four acres of the Children's Rainforest in Costa Rica from destruction. But that is not enough. Our work is not over. It has just begun. I cannot decide for you what to do. What it comes down to is this: do you value your life enough to care about the place where you live? If you do, help save the earth. As Shen Te says in Brecht's *The Good Woman of Setzuan*, "There must, there must, there has got to be a way."

Tribute to Jim Henson

Alpa Patel

His funeral was not an ordinary, sad event. Big Bird and his Sesame Street friends were there for him. Mr. Henson had told his family that he wanted it that way. When Mr. Kendall used him for the Quote of the Day at the Creative Arts Dinner, I first thought, where have I heard that name? It seemed so familiar, right in my grasp. Then, it came to me. "The Muppets!" I exclaimed, realizing at the same time, what the implications of what Mr. Kendall had said: Jim Henson is dead. My feelings were a mix of disbelief and despair.

Could the great puppeteer/puppeteer be gone? He is the one who has made my childhood memories special, as I look back in nostalgia. Jim Henson created the Sesame Street characters. The first time I turned on the TV set (perhaps, my mom did), my eyes were glued to *Sesame Street*. I was singing and swaying to the Sesame Street song (Come away/it's A-O.K.) I'm gonna find my way to Sesame Street... Of course, I felt sorry for Big Bird because he was too tall to get through the doors without bending.

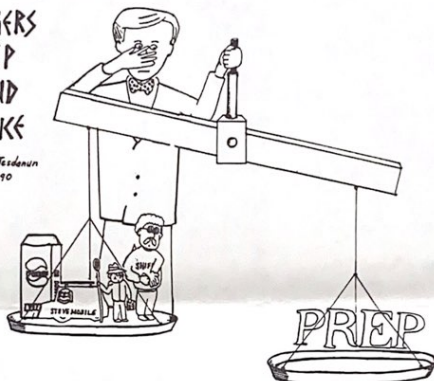
Then, came the *Muppet Show*, and my eyes were glued to that. Along with it, was the *Muppet Movie* and *Muppets Take Over Manhattan*. Now, they have the *Muppet Babies* and *Nanny*, who will forever remain a question mark in our minds, but I think the originals were the best. Kermit was the "Everyman" (or Everyfrog), in that we could all relate to his emotions during triumphs and troubles. I was especially worried about the fact that Miss Piggy was all over him, and Miss Piggy is after all,

a pig. Still, I even grew to like her. I believe her to be a feminist (or championing equal rights for female pigs) because she was not the naive, weak princess, waiting to be saved by Prince Charming ("Kermie," as she called him.) She was a karate expert; I recall her "HY-YAA!!!" Who could forget Animal and his Reign of Terror, Gonzo with his funny nose and crazy acrobatics, and Fozzie (Waccawaccawacca!), who got bombarded with tomatoes when he told his jokes?

I know that I never will; nor, will you. The images from the Muppet Movie: the swamp, Kermit on a bicycle, Fried Frog Legs, Gonzo in the sky holding a bunch of balloons, an enlarged Animal bursting out of the building, and the Rainbow Connection will stay with me forever. Jim Henson's characters are more real to me in my mind than most of the people around me. His influence can even be seen in our school, from the freshmen using the Muppets as their theme for Spirit Day to Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle fans, young and old. People of all ages are grateful to him. As long as his creations remain in our hearts, Jim Henson's spirit will live.

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Suspension/Expulsion Ha!

Jen Gussis

In this school year many people have gotten suspended and in one instance expelled. Is there a written document stating what the punishment will be if you commit a certain crime? Does parental interference, or possibly, monetary circumstances influence you gets in trouble and the degree of the punishment? These ethical questions are raised by some and for the most part are left diplomatically unanswered. The school says it maintains a strict policy, yet would appear to cater to the wishes of particular families. This is done through Prep's "elastic clause" of each case must be treated individually and differently. Oh, and it depends on the number of people who find out. If you have rules and laws, enforce them uniformly.

In the beginning of the school year there was an incident involving the distribution and or selling of marijuana, or it could have been conspiracy to sell or distribute marijuana. One

girl was expelled, the other got a tormenting five day out-of-school vacation, uh, I mean suspension. Why? Both girls were equally involved, neither girl was caught with the marijuana on campus, but one got off, the other had to get out. The school simply said there were other factors to consider. I say that there are no levels of honesty, some administration members must agree!

If one were to commit a crime that would result in a suspension, one would have many options to choose from. One could smoke a cigarette, or if that sounds to risqué, stealing a prime automobile will get two days off. Bailing out faculty members or ridiculing them and selling drugs are good choices too. What's the difference, it's a one to five free days to catch up on sleep or your favorite soaps. If you are really lucky you can get suspended indefinitely. A good piece of advice is to plan ahead drastic misbehavior and try to schedule around other extended holidays. You decide.

Remember:
Everyday is
Earthday

Graduation

will be on
Sunday, June 10, 1990
at 3:30 PM



The following people have been selected to represent Rutgers Prep and Somerset County in the New Jersey Teen Arts Festival

Daniel Karen
Garvin Jesdanun
Robert Fidelino
Ron Lahiri

SADD But Social

Scott Mory

On Thursday, May 24, 1990, the Upper School Chapter of Students Against Drunk Driving will host their annual SADD carnival. The carnival will consist of booths, games, and prizes for all students from Lower School through the Upper School! There will be refreshments, a Dunk Your Teacher Tank, and a Moonwalk, a new

addition to the SADD carnival. A surprise appearance by Sober Sam and Samantha is rumored to occur. If all goes well, there should be some good sun and great times. Dan Karen was heard to say about the SADD carnival, "It is an example of how one can have an absolutely intoxicating experience without alcohol, but knowing is half the battle."

Burger Big Blast

Raguini Narotam

On Friday, May 18th, the School Council held a Burger Blast. The event began at one o'clock, and lunch was served to the students. There were hamburgers, hot dogs, subs, soda, and chips, and everyone ate while music played. Many people played sports while others chose to "just hang around" and listen to the music.

The Council members and other volunteers worked really hard to make the event a success.

Especially thanked are: Scott Mory, Erica Rafalaf, Andrew Rafalaf, Liz Chin, Robert Fidelino, Danielle Schneider, Mamee Richman, Mr. Avella, Rima Mian, Shivam Mallick, Sonali Lakhani, and many others.

The event would have been a more enjoyable one, had the weather been more pleasant. Otherwise, the effects of all helpers were extreme, and the Burger Blast was a success.

Hopefully, the next Burger Blast will bring us better weather and every more success.

Journalism Workshop

On the New Students' Day
September 6, 1990
ARGO Staff Required

Open to all interested in writing, photography, and desktop publishing

For more information contact
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A Senior's Reflections

Nancy Sierotko

"There she stands in all her beauty," as we slowly turn away, leaving all the thoughts of yesterdays behind, to haunt the halls of maroon and white. The Class of '90 has made it. We have forged ahead through this Prep community, making waves along the way, and we now emerge from the sleepless nights before SATs, the endless hours of typing applications, the one to one talks with Ms. Kraus, and the monotonous voices of morning assemblies as victors in our final year as Argonauts.

Most of us have decided our fates and all together we have compiled a most diverse and rather impressive list of colleges. Yale seems to be the hot spot among a few in the senior class, but those Yalies will soon find that the true "hot" spots are with fellow seniors at U. of Miami and Arizona State. If you are ever in upstate New York or Rhode Island you will find many alumni wandering around as aimless Freshmen.

So, are we ready to leave the walls of McDonald's bricks behind? Will the world out there really be so cruel? Can we sur-

vive without a dress code and "Senior" privileges? I think it can happen. So, good luck fellow classmates and let the spirit of the Class of '90 live on!

Senior College Selections

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| Maria Bondoc | Franklin & Marshall |
| Naseem Bouale | Wisconsin or New York Univ. |
| Damon Briggs | Lehigh Univ. |
| Nicole Chelil | Villanova |
| Roger Chen | Univ. of Massachusetts - Amherst |
| Megan Coakley | New England College |
| Jennifer Costanza | Univ. of Miami |
| Courtenay Costello | West Virginia Univ. |
| Joseph Davis | Syracuse Univ. |
| Dana Deutch | Tulane Univ. |
| Rishon Driver | Univ. of New Hampshire |
| Steven Finkelstein | Yale Univ. |
| Jon Gaskin | Univ. of Chicago |
| Christopher Giotfre | Marist College |
| Greg Golo | Rider College |
| Jonhna Greenstein | Univ. of Vermont |
| Jennifer Gussis | Univ. of Rhode Island |
| Heather Jensen | Skidmore College |
| Adrienne Johnson | Simmons College |
| Scott Johnson | Roger Williams College |
| Daniel Karen | Univ. of North Carolina Chapel Hill |
| Theodore Karol | Rutgers Univ. Rutgers College |
| Audrey Kirschenbaum | New Jersey Inst. of Technology |
| Pera Komito | Univ. of Rhode Island |
| Jalaa Kuldinov | Univ. of Pittsburgh |
| Ronohi Lahiri | Rutgers College of Engineering |
| Steven Lee | Yale Univ. |
| Emile Lemoigne | Lehigh Univ. |
| David Lerner | Rutgers Univ. Rutgers College |
| Steven Levitt | Brandeis Univ. |
| Mark Levy | Columbia Univ. |
| Sobhy Malik | Catholic Univ. |
| Rima Mian | Franklin & Marshall |
| Eytan Moked | Rutgers Univ. Bouglass College |
| Jay Muccifiori | Rutgers Univ. Rutgers College |
| Samantha Mountoulakis | SUNY - Binghamton |
| Jeffrey Oehler | Boston Univ. |
| Daniel Orsso | Berklee College of Music |
| Akinyi Ouma | Rutgers College of Engineering |
| Vaishali Patel | Pennsylvania State Univ. |
| Erica Rafalaf | Yale Univ. |
| Lawrence Rascio | SUNY - Binghamton |
| Karen Robinson | Syracuse Univ. |
| Seth Rosenbaum | Emory Univ. |
| Eric Rubin | Muhlenberg College |
| April Schwartz | Cornell Univ. |
| Susan Schwartz | Ohio State Univ. |
| Dmitri Segarich | New York University |
| Nancy Sierotko | Villanova Univ. |
| Krista Stella | Arizona State Univ. |
| James Talbot | American University |
| Alexandra Wojtenko | Skidmore College |
| Kevin Yen | Rutgers Univ. Rutgers College |
| Jonathan Zhang | Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute |
| | Undecided |

*Current list as of 5/15/90. Several students are still awaiting final decisions from waiting lists.

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BOYS' LAX: THREE-PEAT IN STATE TOURNNEY

David Rosner

The Rutgers Prep Boy's Lacrosse team did what no other Prep team could do this year, they won the State Championship. They also finished the season with an incredible 11-2 record winning seven straight. This is the third year in a row that the Boys Lacrosse team won the State Championship. In this year's tournament Prep was the first seed. They beat Saddle River Day in the semi-finals 6-2 at home. Then they went on to play Seton Hall Prep in the finals. Seton Hall gave Prep its second loss a week earlier and they were the second seed in the tournament. In the finals Prep took an early 3-1 lead, but Seton Hall came back and tied it. Then the score was up and down until Seton Hall scored four in a row to make the score 7-5. Yet the "Asian Connection" Misha Jaggi and Amar Maktal scored three in a row to put Prep back on top. Brian Townsen scored the last

goal on an acrobatic shot in front of the crease. Superstar midfielder Mike Metzger had three goals and two assists. Glenn Levy and Jeff Brinker also scored goals in the game.

The boy's lacrosse team also had an incredible regular season. After losing its season opener to P.D.S. 6-4, Prep rebounded by winning its next seven straight, knocking off West Essex 8-4, Pennington 7-5, Newark 8-7, Saddle River 6-3, Millburn 13-4, Mo/Beard 4-1, Hillsboro 7-5, Admiral Farragut 13-0, and Peddie 8-2. Co-Captain Mike Metzger led the team in points with 45. Amar Maktal led the team with most goals (28), including an incredible six in one game. Misha Jaggi led in assists (19). Midfielder Brian Townsen has been a major factor in Prep's offensive scoring, defense, and face-offs. Sophomore midfielder Jeff Brinker, who recently came alive with 11 goals in five games including a hat trick at Millburn, has proven

to be an offensive threat. Glenn Levy made the switch to crease attack and has been helping out with solid games. Hard hitting Scott Goldberg, an instrumental defensive midfielder, was looked upon to help defensemen Marc Poole, Dejon Hush, and senior Seth Rosenbaum. In goal Co-Captain Dan Oross dominated letting up only 54 goals and saving 180 shots.

At the Sports Dinner the Prep stickmen were awarded with many honors. Dan Oross, Mike Metzger, Misha Jaggi, and Amar Maktal made the First All-State Team. Glenn Levy, Shaun Barber, and Brian Townsen made the Second All-State Team, while Jeff Brinker made the Honorable Mention Team. Defenseman, Dejon Hush, received the Unsung Hero Award.

Next year Prep looks to take the State Title once again. With the graduation of only two seniors, and the advent of new talent, this goal seems very believable.



Megan Coakley on her way to the goal.

Girls Lacrosse

Krista Stella

At the beginning of the season the girls lacrosse team looked doomed. They lost the first five games and only tied in the sixth. Gradually however, the team pulled together. Spirits rose, dedication and heart showed through and every member reached down within themselves to see what more she could give. Senior Vaishali Patel stated that, "at the start of the season, Senioritis had affected not only my schoolwork, but my playing as well. As soon as the State Tournament came around, I began to realize that these are my last three games, and increased my intensity giving all that I had."

Seeded last in the tournament the team was undoubtedly the underdog. After a tough loss to Hun in the last eighteen sec-

onds the week before, the team was ready to take on the same opponent in the first round. Prep gained their third victory of the season in that game and became a catalyst for another victory over Stuart, the team's arch-rival in the semifinals. Disappointment came when Prep met Blair in the State Finals. In a close match Prep lost a heartbreaking game 13 to 9. The loss represents the third time in four years that the girls have made it to the finals.

On a more encouraging note, the team is young with nine Sophomores and four Freshmen. Sophomores Andrea Grumet and Gracie Alcidi achieved All-State honors along with Senior Megan Coakley. The team looks forward to their continued success for the next two years contributing to the strong chances of a tournament victory for the team.

Going for Par

Joe Locandro

This year's golf team has been struggling, but don't count them out for the season. With only four players having played previously, and no seniors on the team, this year's squad definitely lacks experience. "But what we lack in experience," says captain Sandy Somers, "we make up for in enthusiasm."

Coach Nes Forney has been pleased with his team though it has yet to win a match. Somers, Matt Bernstein, Tim Coakley and Jason Kaplan are the team's strongest players, and have accomplished many goals so far this season. For the rest of the team, Coach Forney wants them to realize that they should be worrying only about getting the

basics down, and worrying about the victory totals later. "We're really seeing improvement as the season progresses. It's not easy to lose, but the players see they're getting better. Winning will come, but right now we have to pay our dues."

The team's high point of the season was a recent close match against Hun. The team, according to Somers, "is peaking at the right time." The team is hoping they can ride this momentum into the upcoming conference and state tournaments. Coach Forney definitely feels that they have a good chance. He does remain realistic, however. "We need for all the players to play their best. It's very difficult to do, but it can happen."

Swinging Through Spring

Joe Locandro

This year the Rutgers Prep baseball team has had a successful season. Led by senior co-captains Waseem Boraie and John Hegedus the team finished up with an 8-8 record and a strong showing in the Prep B State Tournament. The team advanced to the semi-finals against Morristown Beard, one game away from the Championship game, and lost 9-5. Prep had, two weeks before, beat Morristown 4-3. A combination of errors and mental lapses led to this most unlikely defeat.

The Argonauts had several bright spots this season. Junior Co-Captain Larry Santowasso led the team in runs batted in and

played steady defense at short stop. Junior catcher Rob Wines led the Prep Conference in homeruns with four and threw runners out on the basepaths consistently. Senior first baseman Scott Johnson has improved greatly at the bat and played better defense than ever to finish up his senior year with a bang. Senior Emile Lemoigne played great defense in centerfield and hit well and consistently from the leadoff spot. John Hegedus won three games on the mound and hit over .400 and fellow senior co-captain Waseem Boraie led the team in batting averages and has a 5-2 win/loss pitching record. There were several other important contributors to this year's team, Eric Tavel, a

sophomore, played second base and is looking to gain experience for next year. Sophomore Patrick Sylvester played left field and was steady at the bat and good things are expected from him next year. Junior Delano Copprue was a utility infielder who hit well when given the opportunity and will prosper next year with more playing time. Head Coach Bob Marotto expected a lot from this team and rightfully so, he and assistant coaches Bob Dougherty and Coach Kortman worked very hard with the team this year to bring home a winner. The team was collectively upset not to bring the State Championship home for these helpful coaches. It's the only thing the team couldn't accomplish that it truly strived for.

Softball Hit Hard

Naledi Kahbo

The Girls' Softball season has come to an end. They finished the season with a 3-11 record. The team was led by senior captain Nikki Chelel, who played shortstop. Junior Connie Conaway also contributed to the team in center field. The other junior, Naledi Kahbo, contributed from the bench after an injury put her out for the last 6 games. Sophomores Charissa Grill and Ida Fiumefredo demonstrated determination by successfully playing outfield. There is also evident promise in the Freshman Cherie Gallini, who

did an excellent job behind the plate. Amy Holliday handled the pitching responsibility with grace. Lynne Schwartz proved to be quite a versatile player, playing second base, third base, and even short stop. Andrea McGlaughlin rounded out the team, doing a great job at 1st base.

The team is very young, one can only expect them to improve in the coming years. There were players who stood out. Connie Conaway took All-State Honors for outfield and Nikki Chelel received an honorable mention for her place at shortstop.

Fall Sports

Boys' Soccer
Girls' Soccer
Co-Ed X-Country
Girls' Tennis

They will begin
practice
before school
opens
Be Prepared!

Seatbelt Save Lives, Don't Drink And Drive