

Past Preppers to meet at picnic

The Alumni Association will sponsor its First Annual Alumni Picnic on September 13, at the Elm Farm Campus of Rutgers Preparatory School.

This effort of the Association, which was founded only last year, will represent the first time in many years that the Alumni will have actually met for a school-related project.

The day's activities, which will stretch from noon to 6 p.m., will include a Varsity-Alumni soccer game, softball, volleyball, tennis, canoeing on the canal, and the consumption of innumerable amounts of hot dogs, hamburgers, chicken, sausages, meatballs, corn on the cob, salad, lemonade, punch and beer.

The task of organizing an alumni affair of this size is a difficult and time-consuming one. A key problem is the compiling of a list of the names and addresses of all Prep's living alumni, who change residences without notifying the school, necessitating a tedious search. Also, Prep, which has been unaffiliated with Rutgers University for only 18 years, faced with the more urgent problems of curriculum, enrollment, and the worries that plague a newly independent school, remained unconcerned with an alumni association until last year.

Much of the credit for the organizing of this picnic must go to Mr. John McVeigh. Mr. McVeigh, as the liaison between the Association and Rutgers Prep, shoulders in addition to his teaching commitments, the responsibility of co-ordinating the relationship between Prep and its Alumni Association.

Students of medicine take exams at Prep

On Friday, August 15, Prep hosted ninety students from various community colleges who were taking an exam to qualify for the top level in medical technology.

The test, given to two-year students of pathology, was administered by two doctors, one of whom was trustee Vincent Galdi.

The doctors needed a room large enough to accommodate the ninety students, who reside in various parts of New Jersey. Dr. Galdi's offer of Prep as a central location was accepted.

The school received a small gift for the use of its facilities.

Enrollment Statistics

The following are the enrollment statistics for the Rutgers Preparatory School for 1975-1976:

	1975-76	1974-75
Upper School:	215	230
Middle School:	65	85
Lower School:	130-135	146



Local residents enjoy Bicentennial Ball held on Prep campus this summer. See story on page three.

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1975

Headmaster trapped during Nigerian coup

by Merle Witkin

Dr. David M. Heinlein is relieved to be back at school this year. The headmaster could never be absolutely sure he would be able to while stranded in Nigeria following the July 29 coup.

Dr. Heinlein was in this West African nation for a conference of the International School Association, of which he is vice president. The conference dealt with the future of third world education.

After a week of meetings, the 90 participants in the conference were preparing to go home when the announcement of the coup was made. With it came the news that the airports were closed for all international travel. Surface travel beyond the borders was also prohibited except for citizens of countries belonging to the West African Economic Community.

Brigadier Muritala Rufai Mohammed replaced General Yakubu Gowon in the bloodless take-over. General Gowon was at a meeting of the Organization of African Unity being held in Kampala, Uganda at the time. Gowon had been in charge of the military regime since 1966.

The new government will also be a military regime. Although there was no real threat to the lives or safety of the educators at the conference in Nigeria, since the coup was accepted very calmly, they were still completely trapped in this foreign country. They could do nothing but wait helplessly until the regime decided to reopen the airports and allow them, the only international group in the country at the time, to leave.

To pass the time, Dr. Heinlein and the other organizers of the conference resolved to keep the conference open, holding more meetings, discussions, and workshops each day. They covered the topics they hadn't time for the previous week.

The conference members did their best to try to enjoy themselves during the anxious wait. Dr. Heinlein explored the local university library and had an occasional picnic with some friends.

New library still unready

Anybody taking even a cursory glance around the new library atop the Middle School building will realize immediately that it is basically the same as last year. With the exception of some wall boards that have been installed along the perimeter, appearances would seem to indicate that much is left to be done.

However, this is not necessarily so, according to both Dr. Heinlein and Dr. Sperduto. The only two factors involved in the moving of the old library to the new are some minor jobs and manpower. In fact, says Dr. Heinlein, the move would have been made this summer, but because he was detained in Nigeria, Mrs. Von der Porten was on vacation, and Dr. Sperduto was preparing to go away, they decided that there was too little time for the moving.

Among the minor jobs that need completing are the installation of wooden window sills, the installation of wooden plates along the top of the wall for molding, and the painting of the dull gray cinder-block walls.

The Administration is optimistic that the new library will be in operation by late September or early October.

Several teachers tried to break the ban and get out through the airport, but were roughly stopped by the authorities. Dr. Heinlein sent a cable to his wife, who never received it. No telegrams, telephone calls, or broadcasts got past military security.

Finally, the leader of the conference, a German, contacted the German ambassador, who arranged for an August 4 Lufthansa flight. At midnight, the group flew out of troubled Nigeria and back to

School prepares 210th anniversary celebration

by Janet Borrus

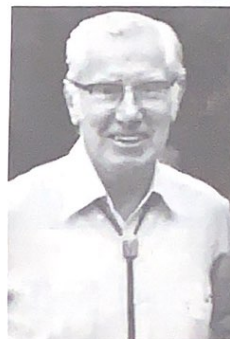
"A search in the past, a commitment for the future" are the words Dr. David Denker, Consultant to the Board of Trustees on Development, chose to describe Saturday, September 20, 1975.

This date marks Rutgers Preparatory School's 210th Anniversary Assembly, a gathering to which all of the school's patrons, students, faculty, alumni, parents, and trustees are invited to do precisely what Dr. Denker said: learn about the past, appraise the present, and set goals for the future of Rutgers Preparatory School.

Dr. Denker first proposed the idea of an assembly celebrating the school's 210th and the nation's 200th birthdays to Mr. Peter Jensen, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees Development Committee.



Nigerians go about their daily business despite the change in government.



Dr. David M. Heinlein

their respective countries.

Talking about the experience, Dr. Heinlein said there was no reason to panic. "It was no more frightening than walking in New York City."

The conference was held at modern Ibadan University, built under British rule 30 years ago as Africa's answer to Oxford. The British maintained control of Nigeria until 1960. The university is a sharp contrast to much of the rest of the country, where many of the 79 million inhabitants (the largest population of any African nation) live in abject poverty and filth.

After the discovery of oil, Nigeria became wealthy. But the old

regime was thought to be corrupt and had failed to distribute this wealth among the people.

Dr. Heinlein pointed out that the average person in Nigeria is not terribly interested in which military regime happens to be in power. The typical Nigerian is more interested in finding enough food to eat and a place to sleep. Even the elite seemed calm about change in government.

General Gowon was unruffled when informed of it, and several of the former leaders, highest officials wished good luck to the new regime, in solving the many problems Nigeria, like many other developing countries, faces.

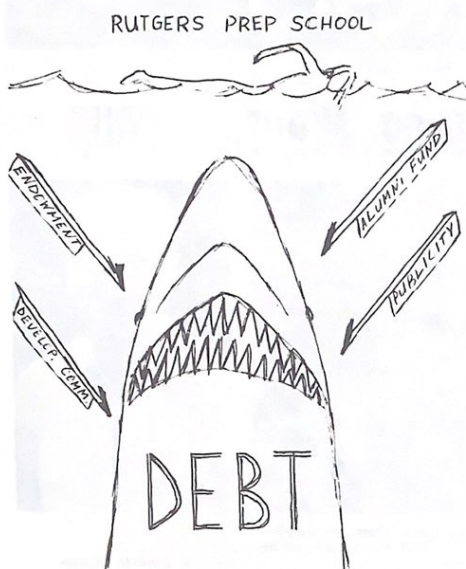
Since early this past summer, these two men, along with Mr. Eugene Bratek, Director of Prep's Development Office, and a small group of students, faculty and parents, have been organizing the event.

The day will begin with a plenary session in the morning. A moderator, yet to be chosen, will deliver the keynote address and preside over the assembly. It is during this morning session that Governor Brendan Byrne will read a proclamation recognizing Rutgers Prep as the state's oldest secondary school. Dr. Sperduto will speak about Prep's colorful history and Dr. Heinlein will also address the audience. The plenary session will end with brief reports from the key groups in the school community.

While lunch is served, guests will be free to enjoy a soccer game, featuring our varsity team and that of Neumann Prep, and may also visit exhibits of Prep's historical items, which will be on display in the new library.

Much of the afternoon will be devoted to discussions of the morning's lectures. Everyone will be heterogeneously divided into workshops, each containing its own moderator and secretary. Mr. Jensen believes that this will be a time when all school factions will "have the free and open right to both compliment and criticize." The comments made in these workshops will be compiled in written form, made available to the public at a later date, and, the Plan-

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New directions... for the school

The recently established Office of Development and Committee on Development already have begun to publicize Rutgers Prep as a prominent center of scholastic, athletic and social activities in the community. Students, parents, faculty, alumni and friends of Prep are being exposed to the many positive aspects of the school. As people's perspectives of the school become increasingly optimistic, so will the chances of stabilizing an Annual Giving Fund and an Endowment Fund.

Mr. Eugene Bratek, a history teacher in the Upper School and consequently someone aware of the school community, has been appointed to the position of Director of the Development Office. Before Mr. Bratek accepted his role, Dr. David Denker worked as Consultant on Development. Dr. Denker helped establish the Office of Development, advised the Board of Trustees on the office and worked with the Trustee's Committee on Development.

The chairman of the Committee on Development is Mr. Peter Jensen, an alumnus of Rutgers Prep. The committee has begun the publication of a news letter organized by Mr. Bratek. It was first released on Prize Day last spring, and will be published every two months. The school has also been working on a new school brochure, which should be finished sometime during the fall.

A 210th Anniversary Planning Committee has been activated by the Committee on Development, in order to organize many of the events which will occur at the assembly on Saturday, September 20.

The alumni, who have been contacted by the re-established Alumni Association have also been invited to attend the assembly.

Such an abundance of positive accomplishments and no complications? Not true. Disagreements, disappointments and many growing pains often rise. However, they are merely minor obstacles along the road, leading to the recognition, overall development and maturity for which Rutgers Prep must strive.

...and the paper

The Argo celebrates its eighty-sixth anniversary this year with new and challenging goals, ideas and additions. The purpose of the Argo is to publish and interpret news events of the school and community, and those of national and international importance relevant to Prep. We aim to further the communication between the students and administration, and to promote high scholarship, sportsmanship and worthwhile school projects.

As one of the most powerful sources of communication at school, the Argo hopes to lead and influence reader opinion, and to provide a forum for various viewpoints, as well. We strongly encourage letters to the editor from students, faculty, parents, alumni and friends of Prep. Anonymous letters will not be accepted, although we will withhold signatures if the writers request. If we feel that a letter to the editor makes a prevalent comment or states an interesting, perhaps controversial, opinion, the letter will be printed on the opinion page of the Argo.

Another opportunity for the reader to express his opinion is in a new column, Viewpoint, which appears on the opinion page, as well. We are anxious to receive opinionated essays about topics ranging from Prep's new library to President Ford's administration. There will be only one or two essays selected for Viewpoint for each issue of the Argo.

Viewpoint and letters to the editor offer the reader powerful channels for his opinion. The Argo hopes to stimulate the reader's mind and evoke these opinions with in-depth reporting; vibrant, humorous columns; action-filled photos; and constructive, analytical editorials which represent the editorial board.

Viewpoint

A new 'Silent Generation'?

Editor's note: As the opinion page should represent various opinions and views on current topics as expressed by students and faculty, the Argo staff has instituted this column, Viewpoint, which shall appear in each issue. It is an opportunity for any member of the school community to express his or her views on any topic, whether it be a subject of national or international importance or simply a matter of community or school affairs.

Therefore, I invite and truly urge anyone interested in expressing a view on a chosen topic to please contact the opinion editor.

Share your knowledge, and speak out, in Viewpoint.

by Susan Chimene

"Although only a small percentage of the students wanted a revolution in American society, a substantial number of the students were concerned about injustices in the world and in the United States. They were concerned about the war in Vietnam, racial tokenism, and the lack of student involvement in the process of American higher education. They did care, and that distinguished them from the Silent Generation of the Fifties."

—Calvin B. T. Lee

(The Campus Scene—1900-1970)
Eleven years have passed since the Berkeley Student Revolt in 1964, the first massive student revolution in America. Five years have passed since the tragedies of Kent State, Jackson State, and the University of Wisconsin. In the years between 1964 and 1970 student revolts took place at hundreds of campuses and thousands

were arrested over disruptive and violent protests. Headlines proclaiming the campus mood of confrontation and protest strode across the pages of every newspaper and magazine across the nation. In the years since 1970, silence and apparent apathy have suddenly replaced the activism and dissent that prevailed on the campuses of the latter decade.

Do we, the generation of the seventies care, or are we destined to be another Silent Generation?

The evidence so far answers the latter question affirmatively. Colleges nationwide report crowded libraries, diligent students, higher grades, career-mindedness, and increasingly more applications to medical, law, and graduate schools. Students of the Seventies seem to be embracing the "establishment values" of work and competition, which their predecessors so loudly denounced. Practically, rather than idealism, is the order of the day.

David L. Warren ("Commonwealth," March 1972) theorizes that "in the midst of economic recession, careerism promises financial stability, the security of a large firm, the plausible predictability of one's advancement with an organization, and the increased ability to plan ahead. In brief, careerism offers a high survival quotient."

Warren attributes the "alienation from the ballot box" exhibited by today's youth to more than apathy: "Much of the Movement's politics has been an attempt to organize one's life in reaction to the traumas of the culture: riot, assassination, national deceit, a brutal and senseless war, unremitting racism and sexism, and the rape of the environment. In short, Movement politics has represented an effort to understand and act on one's total relationship to the culture. This concept of politics is in marked contrast to the passive support of some candidate who has survived the compromises of conventions and primaries."

The question remains: Will our generation in America continue as a silent echo of the Fifties? Will we speak, and if we do, in what manner will we choose to do so?

Art to Heart

With Ieva Miesnieks

Story of French Revolution illustrated in painting exhibit

Ranging from peaceful still life paintings to violent battle scene representations, the French painting exhibit at the Metropolitan Museum of Art adequately covers life and its changes in France during the Age of Revolution.

The exhibit covers a period of over fifty years from 1774 to 1830. A variety of painters have expressed their ideals by way of various styles and types of paintings, all based on the political situation in France during this time. The exhibition largely consists of history paintings, portraits, landscapes and genre-paintings, done by famous masters such as David, Ingres, and Delacroix, as well as numerous other painters unknown to the public.

Instead of being grouped by style and respective period, the collection is arranged chronologically. It represents the four political eras during which the paintings were done. This trend also materializes in the way in which the exhibit is set up. The tour takes the viewer through the reign of Louis XVI, the Revolution, The Consulate and Empire, and the Bourbon Restoration.

Because the exhibit is historically oriented, the museum-goer is not inclined to investigate style and technique to the utmost. For this reason the exhibit may be more fully appreciated by those directly interested in the historical aspect of art rather than by devotees to the stylistic. Although this may be a new technique in exhibiting paintings, a drawback may be sensed in this type of historical presentation. Shifting from Romanticism to Neoclassicism to pre-Impressionism and back again, the collection is deprived of the uniformity found in exhibits which treat only one artistic period.

Especially memorable are David's "Portrait of Lavoisier and his Wife" and "Portrait of Napoleon in his Study," both of which show David's mastery in creating an impression of the actual presence of his subjects. In the portraits of Mme. Leblanc and Napoleon I on His Imperial throne, Ingres employs and contracts brilliant colors to display his mastery of textures and hues. Callet and Delacroix, whose works in this exhibit are not as numerous as other painters', present immense masterpieces of the period in "Portrait of Louis XVI" and "Liberty Leading the People," respectively.

It is indisputable that the exhibit of French Painting 1774-1830 contains numerous masterpieces covering an age of political and artistic changes, but I leave it up to the museum-goer to judge the effectiveness of an art exhibit presented from a historical point of view. The exhibit will be open till September 7, 1975.

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Was it 1775 rather than 1975? The costumes and setting could certainly convince one of that.



Dr. and Mrs. Heinlein, who sewed her own costume, made a stunning couple as Reverend and Mrs. Beach.

Rob Weiss meets cultures of many countries on pilgrimage

by Janet Berkowitz

"By far, the most beautiful and exciting experience of my life!" This is the way Rob Weiss described his six week Jewish study tour through Eastern Europe, the Soviet Union and Israel.

Rob expressed the point that it was not a regular tour of foreign countries. Although he did see all the usual impressive sights of these areas, one of the main purposes of this group was to meet the Jewish people of the countries he visited.

Sponsored by the United Synagogue of America, he and sixteen other students from all over the United States and Canada experienced the life of highly religious Jews, as they sang, danced and prayed their way through Europe. Early in the year Rob began researching the World War II European Holocaust and the history of Russian Jewry. As a result, he received a partial scholarship from his synagogue for the trip.

First stops were Budapest, Hungary and Prague, Czechoslovakia. One of the most moving experiences for Rob was in Katowice, Poland where he visited the site of the largest extermination camp of Europe, Auschwitz Birenu. After a stop in Warsaw, Rob began a two hour train ride to Leningrad. There, the cultures of all European nations came together on the walls of the world famous Hermitage Museum.

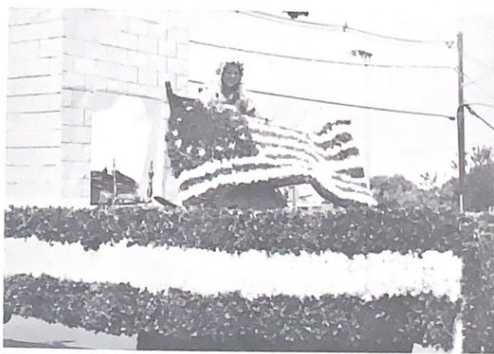
Rob found his five days in Moscow very rewarding, for he met one particular boy, Alexander Vladimirovitch, with whom he shared many thoughts.

The beautiful cities at Kiev, Ukraine and Kishinev, Moldavia were the last stops in the Soviet Union for Rob.

Rob left his opinions in the Soviet Union as he spoke on the radio about his reaction to the Soyuz Apollo Mission and trushba (friendship). On the radio he said, "I have felt that there is a sincere desire for peace among the young people of both nations."

Things looked up in Bucharest, Romania, where Jews have the most freedom. "We were treated like real people, not objects or things as in Russia," Rob explained.

Rob spent his last two weeks in Israel recuperating from the first month of the trip by floating around the Dead Sea.



What would the Franklin Township Fourth of July Parade be without Betsy Ross and the flag?



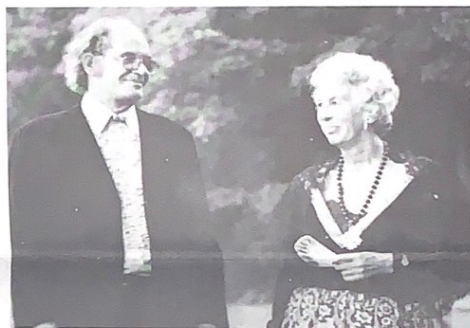
A friendly lawn party got the Bicentennial Ball off to a good start.

Signs appeared throughout Franklin Township saying "Spend your 4th in Franklin," and for those who did, there were many fun events going on. At dawn there was a traditional flag raising at Colonial Park, which was followed by a V. I. P. tour of historical landmarks. Prep, being the oldest school in New Jersey, was among them. An exciting parade, featuring Somerset's own Ben Franklin, marched down Hamilton Street.

The Bicentennial Costume Ball was held July 5th in Prep's new library which was donated for the event. The Elenora Stein Ballet academy performed a program of dances ranging from ballet to minuet. Last year's senior, Linda Silverman, danced a beautiful "peasant frolic." After the colonial supper, there was much dancing, including rock. Dignitaries such as Franklin Township's mayor, Richard Messener, and State Assemblyman, William J. Hamilton, were on hand.

To put it briefly, everyone had a "ball!"

Colonists kick up their heels at Bicentennial Ball and parade



Mr. and Mrs. Rooda: their costumes were early Dutch style but their spirits were early American.



At left, Peter Weprinsky, a tour guide, looks around Lower School cellar. At right, Cindy Berkowitz and Vicky Banks attended as Argo photographers.



Steve Miklos, President of the Franklin Township Bicentennial Committee; Dr. Heinlein; and Dr. Sperduto were among the V.I.P.'s on an early morning tour.

Top runners show needed desire to win

by Roman Bukachevsky

This year's unsung cross country team is supposed to be bigger and stronger than before. With junior Tony Scialaba and captain, senior Peter Weprinsky returning to the squad, Coach Fenstermaker expects them to carry the team. Scialaba, Prep's number one runner finished fourth in the State Cross Country Meet for Private Schools. Weprinsky, Prep's number two runner also finished strongly in the meet. The coach also has high hopes for junior Joe Faraci.

Talking with Scialaba, who has been afflicted by tendonitis and might not be able to run in the beginning of the season, he expressed a winning attitude. Tony said that many runners on the team were getting together for some pre-season training. As a result, the team will be more prepared and improved at the start of the season. Scialaba, Weprinsky and Faraci have practiced together during the summer nights.

Coach Fenstermaker says that his strategy of training will be different. During practices the team will concentrate on constant repetition of shorter distance, along with the normal lengthy ones. This method, called interval training,

VARSITY BOYS' CROSS COUNTRY

Sept. 20—Neumann—Home 11:30
Sept. 23—Dunellen—Away
Sept. 26—Open
Sept. 30—St. Pius—Home
Oct. 4—Pennington—Away 11:00
Oct. 8—Delbarton—Away
Oct. 14—Immaculata—Home
Oct. 15—P.D.S.—Home
Oct. 18—Open—Home 12:00
Oct. 21—Montclair—Away
Oct. 24—Greenbrook—Away
Oct. 30—Montgomery—Away
Nov. 5—Triangular—Home
Immaculata—St. Pius
Nov. 7—Dunellen—Home
Nov. 12—State Meet—Away

will build up strength and stamina. The Coach is convinced that this year's team truly has the talent and desire to become the best ever.

Filling out the rest of the squad are experienced runners like seniors Gary Brown and Eric Johnson, junior Bob Murray and sophomores Kevin "Killer" Kane and Jeff Rutter.

The girls' cross country team is gaining more and more recognition each year. Lead by Senior Debbie Dudas, junior Juliana Ratych, and sophomore Vicki Neiner, they expect a winning season this year. Senior Caron Wolicki and junior Mary Valenti will also contribute to the team's success and improvement.

Girls' tennis teams change competitive play to the fall

Girls will be using jump ropes and bouncing little balls as usual this fall, but on the Richard S. O'Connell Tennis Courts this type of play will not be only for fun. The girls' varsity tennis team will be working very hard to get in shape for its September 19 opening match against 1975 Central Jersey Champs, Watchung Regional High School.

The boys' varsity tennis coach, Mr. Barry Chamberlain, has happily agreed to coach the girls' team. Miss Abate, the girls' coach last year, will be busy coaching the three Prep cheering squads and the girls' junior tennis team.

The varsity team will be playing many tough public high school teams, as most of the private school teams will not change their girls tennis season until next fall. The New Jersey Athletic Association has recommended that schools with both boys' and girls' tennis teams should change the girls team to this fall, and has made it compulsory to change by the fall of 1976.

Last years top three players, Susan Ungerleider, Liz Pickar, and Ieva Miesnieks, are returning, and

the team is expected to be greatly strengthened by a few new players as well as by the improvement of many returning doubles players. Although most of the members are happy about playing in the fall because of the extra court time they do seem to be a little worried about the extremely tough schedule. Coach Chamberlain has already informed the girls in a letter that if they want to be winners, they must do it "through hard work and dedication."

VARSITY GIRLS TENNIS

Sept. 19—Watchung—Away
Sept. 22—Roselle Park—Away
Sept. 23—Bridgewater East—A
Sept. 25—No. Plainfield—Away
Sept. 30—Bridgewater West—H
Oct. 2—So. Plainfield—Away
Oct. 7—Piscataway—Home
Oct. 9—Franklin—Home
Oct. 14—Watchung—Home
Oct. 16—Bridgewater East—H
Oct. 20—Roselle Park—Home
Oct. 21—No. Plainfield—Home
Oct. 23—Bridgewater West—A
Oct. 28—So. Plainfield—Home
Oct. 30—Piscataway—Away
Nov. 4—Franklin—Away



Cross country runner, Joe Faraci, practices his way to success.

Booters' greater balance and experience should compensate for loss of key players

Soccer is a growing sport and a very popular one at Prep. Last year, the team battled to an 11-6-2 record with Rory O'Connell scoring 25 goals, a new Somerset County scoring record. The team also had explosive Rob Weiss, who scored 8 goals, and connected with his fellow teammates for 19 assists.

This year is expected to be a bit different. Although the tough-nosed defense will suffer due to the loss of centerback Alec Chanin, the return of seniors Paul Daviet, Howard Maltz, Paul Grippo and Joe Yurcinis, and juniors Julian Shoiket and Ed James should compensate for this loss. Although Howie missed the latter part of last season, he has worked out this summer as has Paul Daviet and both should be in fine physical condition.

A big plus could be the addition of an experienced goalie to the team. Joel Baker from Edison, who will be a junior might transfer to Prep and a good goalie will just be one more link in the defensive chain.

Co-captain Joe Yurcinis feels, "Last year, we were able to rely on defense, so the offense could really gamble and it became a powerfully explosive machine. But Alec is gone now and he will be missed." Joe feels that the team will need a little bit of rebuilding but it will still be strong. Joe also feels the possible goalie will heal much of the damage left by the loss of Alec Chanin and Scott Rutter.

Rob Weiss, the other co-captain, feels that very few positions as well as the teams formations can be determined at this time. But Rob believes that coach Sperduto, as always, will produce the winning combinations from the personnel this year. Rob said, "the defense will miss Alec a great deal, but a more balanced scoring attack from the squad should make up for the loss of Rory."

Most of this "balanced scoring attack" should come from returning seniors Victor Schwartz and Robert Weiss, as well as from juniors John O'Connell, Tony Jones, and Roman Bukachevsky. Rob Schneir and other players from the 1974 jayvee team should also help this years varsity scoring

VARSITY SOCCER

Sept. 13—Alumni—Home 11:30
Sept. 20—Neumann—Home 11:30
Sept. 23—Metuchen—Away
Sept. 26—Hun—Home
Sept. 27—Gill/St. Bernards—Away 11:30
Oct. 1—Morristown/Beard—Away
Oct. 4—Pennington—Away
Oct. 7—Solebury—Away
Oct. 8—Delbarton—Away
Oct. 10—Montgomery—Home
Oct. 14—Montclair Acad—Away
Oct. 15—Princeton Day—Home
Oct. 18—St. Thomas Aquinas—H
Oct. 21—Montclair Acad—Away
Oct. 23—Morristown/Beard—Away
Oct. 26—Somerset Vo. Tech—Away
Oct. 30—Piscataway—Home
Nov. 3—Peddie—Away
Nov. 7—Somerset Vo. Tech—Home
Nov. 11—South River—Home

punch.

The schedule for this year is tough with the home schedule "one of the most exciting ever," according to Oke. Some of the better soccer schools in the state will

be our opponents at home and they include Hun, PDS, and Montgomery. Also this year we have 3 new teams on our 19 game schedule, i.e. South River, St. Thomas Aquinas and Peddie.



The week-long gymnastic clinic held at the Rutgers Prep gym this summer was one of the many sports activities going on at school.

SPORTSVIEW

By Rob Weiss

Being sports editor of the Argo is becoming increasingly more difficult. With the advent of a new competitive gymnastics team and the switch of girls' tennis from spring to the fall, there are now 9 fall sports which must be covered on page 4.

The athletic department must have noticed how easy our job has been with only one girls' competitive sport in the fall. This "sport" has been 3 to 5 dedicated runners who have strived for two years to be recognized as a girls' cross country team. This sport has not developed much interest, therefore, Prep Athletic Director, Richard S. O'Connell, better known as OKE, decided to give this paper more girls sports to cover.

This near total void of girls athletic competition in the fall has been filled by the addition of a girls' interscholastic gymnastics team, which will be mostly for girls in grades 7-10, and by the switch of the girls tennis teams to the fall.

Drastic effects on Sports Staff

These changes will directly affect the sports page, but there are also many indirect effects of these changes. Many girls who used to cheerlead or engage in no athletic activity may now go out for these teams. This in turn opens up even more opportunity for other girls to cheerlead, thus depleting the number of sportswriters and also lowering the number of Prepsters who say, "Oh good. It's 2:30. Now I can go home and watch TV or do nothing till dinner."

One further result of these changes is that the varsity girls' tennis team will be able to have practice 5 days a week. This never occurred before as the girls had to share the courts with the boys in the spring. This may also take away writers, although a few extra girls just may join my squad after having to go through 5 rigorous practices a week. It's not their fault ("It's society fault"), but these girls are just not used to such demanding action in one week.

In addition to the 4 girls' teams, the paper must also cover 5 boys' teams in the fall. There are varsity and junior varsity teams in cross country, which are both coached by Mr. Robert Fenstermaker; varsity soccer, coached by Dr. Frank Sperduto, who will be assisted by Mr. Spence Willard, jayvee soccer, coached by Mr. Peter Hordijk, and also a 7th and 8th grade soccer team.

Easier job with 28 less teams

Aah. It must have been great 24 years ago when the sports editor only had to keep tabs on how the baseball and basketball teams were doing. Then OKE, as a young, ambitious man in his twenties, began sawing off the front spikes on the old football shoes, blowing up a few black and white, round balls and teaching the Prep athletes the finer skills of playing soccer. Then, the sports editor had to cover one sport during each of the 3 seasons. Since that time the number of teams at Prep has grown to 31 teams. (In a future SPORTSVIEW, there will be a story on Rutgers Prep's athletic history, including an in depth look over the past 25 years and a few glances over the past 100 years at Prep.)

The sports department of this paper will try very hard in its extremely difficult task of covering all thirty teams throughout the year as fairly as possible. Any comments or letters about any sports event or article appearing on this page are welcome. These should be concise and may be given to any one of the ARGO editors.