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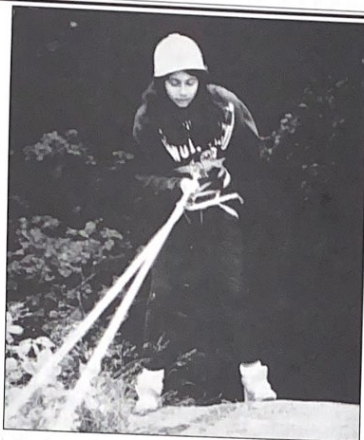
## Marooned in the Wild

Dean Barber

On September 16, the ninth grade left for its annual trip to Wildcat Mountain for 3 days and 2 nights. The Freshmen reported to school Sunday morning at 8:00 A.M. and were immediately driven to the campsite. They were then split into four groups of approximately 12 people each.

After lunch, the Freshmen began their adventure which included campfires and sleeping under tarps. Though it rained heavily for a large part of the trip, most of the activities were not cancelled. The activities included rappelling a rock face, hiking, and climbing. There were also some other activities which focused on interacting by means of a group effort. After the activities concluded, the groups gathered around and discussed the highlights and low points of the trip. Most of the freshmen agreed that it was a good experience and that they were able to make new friends, which was one of the main purposes of the trip.

The faculty chaperones were Mr. Kendall, Mr. Lingenheld, Mr. Karman, Mrs. Farbas, Ms. Helmich, Mr. Nichols, Mr. Stephani, Ms. Leroy, and Mrs. Kraus. Many commented that it was a worthwhile experience for them as well as the students.



Freshman Kiran Kairab rappelling down a cliff.

## Prep Plans to Cross The Atlantic

Bessie Mbadugha

This year a trip to England will take place during the Spring break and will last a total of nine days. The trip will be chaperoned by Mrs. Gooen and Mrs. Herzberg. They are looking forward to the trip and feel that they are qualified to chaperone because they "speak the language".

Mrs. Herzberg who went to college and lived in England for a number of years, is very anxious to return. Her experience in England is a definite asset to the trip.

The base of the nine day trip

will be London. The itinerary of the trip includes visits to Westminster Abbey, Windsor Castle, Bath, Stonehenge, Salisbury, Oxford, and Stratford, hose going on the trip will also be going to three theatre performances, one of which will take place at the Royal Shakespeare Theater. Two other highlights will be a meal at the London Hard Rock Cafe and a medieval banquet.

The cost of the trip has been set at \$1,100 with a \$400 deposit due at the end of October. All meals except lunch are included in this price.

## Student Rights?

Regis Renard

This year marks the 203rd anniversary of the United States Constitution. Each year a different aspect of the Constitution is highlighted, and this year the highlight is on the Judiciary System. As a way of commemorating this, Mrs. Wacker's 4th period Advanced Placement American Class held an assembly on October 3rd.

The assembly featured various student rights issues. Naledi Khabo, who gave an introductory speech, was the Master of Ceremonies. Following her speech, an eight minute excerpt of the television show "Main Street" was shown. The segment showed how students are restricted in various ways across the country.

The issues the government class presented included search and seizure of student property, drug testing for student athletes, the death penalty for juveniles, the right to see personal records, freedom of speech under the ob-

scenity clause, juvenile right to a lawyer, and controls on student newspapers. A question was presented by Joe Locandro on each issue, and was followed up by an approximately one minute speech by a member of the class to explain what rights the students had on the topic. Afterwards, two questions put forth to the audience. They were: "What do you think about the death penalty for juveniles?" and "What do you think about the fact that you can be drafted at 18, vote at 18, but can't have a beer in New Jersey?" In general, there seemed to be a greater response to the death penalty question. The audience responded in various ways to the questions, often conflicting among themselves in their views of the subjects.

Those who participated included Sandy Somers, Amar Makal, Mike Metzger, Sonali Lakhani, Garvin Jesdanun, Shivam Mallick, and Marci Elkes. The video arrangements were taken care of by Geoffrey Gussis.

## Council Corner

Liz Chin

On Friday, September 7, School Council sponsored a "Welcome Back Luncheon." School Council recently organized the Club Fair on Friday, September 28. Elections are now over, Council eagerly awaits its new members.

Since Monday, September 17, the services of a food truck replaced the vending machines. The truck is available for the entire student body from 3:00-3:30 P.M., and again at 5:00-5:30 P.M.

Due to many complaints, it was brought up in the morning meeting of September 25 that the snack truck was not a convenient alternative to the vending machines. Council is at this time trying to bring back the vending machines. They were a source of approximately \$2000 income to council, which made many activities possible to the entire student body. The magazine racks in the lounge were once a council sponsored feature. This program, and many others, are now being put on hold due to lack of funds.

The School Council is in the process of instituting student ID cards for upper school students. The cards will be used to get discounts at selected stores and museums. They will also serve as a source of valid ID.

Council is looking into the cafeteria services once again due to many complaints from the student body. The main concerns are the long lines, high prices, lack of sanitation, and the quality of the food. Both Liz Chin and Andrew Rafalaf will be meeting with Mr. Glackin about these concerns.

Last February Prep hosted a Council Exchange in which neighboring schools came to Prep to discuss many issues. Council will be writing to schools around the area to discuss the possibility of another Council Exchange.

Council is often informed of charitable events and humanitarian causes. In an effort to get the student body aware of some of these causes, Andrew Rafalaf will be making announcements during morning assembly concerning citizen awareness. An example of the humanitarian causes is the donation of \$150 worth of supplies for newly arrived Russian Jewish immigrants.

## Student Government Elections Held

Sonali Lakhani

The Upper School elections took place on the 27th of September for the 10th-12th and the 9th grade elections are on the 3rd of October.

Each class elected a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, two Council Representatives, and a Council Representative alternate.

The Senior Class officers are President Geoff Gussis, Vice President Joseph Locandro, Secretary Aimee Rosenstein, Treasurer Sandy Somers, Council Representatives Shivam Mallick and Jordana Weiner, and Council Representative Alternate Howard Hymowitz. The only

two offices which were contested for the Senior Class were Treasurer and Representatives. All the other officers were voted in by acclamation.

In the Junior Class only the offices of President and Vice President were contested. The winners were Scott Mory for President and Andrea Grumet. All other offices were voted on, though uncontested. The winners were Sam Finklestein for Secretary, Doug Brown for Treasurer, and David Lee and Jason Kaplan for Representative.

In the Sophomore Class, all offices except Vice President were uncontested. The new of-

ficers are Luis Garcia for President, Craig Fallon for Vice President, Sara Catona for Secretary, Jeremy Rotter for Treasurer, and Marni Richman and Danielle Sneider for Representative.

In the Ninth grade, all offices except Secretary were contested. The winners were Jayson Haedrich for President, Daniel Cantor for Vice-President, Kiran Kairab for Secretary and for Treasurer, Andy Geller. There were five nominees running for Student Council Representative. Vijay Makal and Anthony Accardi were elected and Mikal Nasir was voted for alternate.

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## Editorial Page

# School Spirit?

Geoffrey Gussis

Rutgers Prep has a severe lack of school spirit. This is evident to all who have had the pleasure of attending a Prep home sporting event. Sitting in the stands alone and doing a one-person wave is something that no one should have to do. Because of this poor attendance, Prep athletes complain that they have no support. A team with no support from the surrounding community cannot hope to have the confidence to win. Many people say that Prep sports are weak and not worth their time, but how can a team get better without the support of its own school?

The sports arena is not the only arena that demonstrates a lack of Prep spirit. Social events at Prep are also very weak. School dances are attended by a core of essential Prep personnel, usually important Student Council and other die-hard Prep students and faculty. No one

seems to want to go to a Prep function because no one will be there. Some doubt that even with every Prep student attending it still couldn't be called a "social event". The Rutgers Prep Student Council has promised to bring "fun" to Prep with a variety of social events, but nothing has materialized.

It is ironic that Prep has a "Spirit Day" to commemorate the spirit of the past. "Spirit Day" is a great idea; it unifies classes in healthy competition against each other. The freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior classes become cohesive units that work together, but this only lasts a week at most. Spirit Day must be extended in one way or another to foster spirit in Prep throughout the school year, so that students will want to support their teams and go to social events together. It is only in this way that Prep can have a positive identity. There are no limits

to what a cohesive and high-spirited school can accomplish.

One can't blame this lack of spirit on our school size. Nor can one blame it on our sports program (we have a State Championship lacrosse team as well as numerous runner up teams in other sports, not to mention a wrestling National Champion). Other small, private schools with inferior or equal sports programs have umpteen times more school spirit than we do. So, Rutgers Prep, what exactly is the problem? Do you not want to be here? Is Rutgers Prep that unsatisfying? I think not. High school is high school no matter where you go unless that high school has no spirit. One can't go to a school with "built-in" spirit, because that spirit comes from within each one of us. So fellow students let's make the most of it...you can only go to High School once in your lifetime.

## Gym Study Hall...Finally

Sandy Somers

It has been two full years since students received a study hall during Physical Education. These study halls differ from the old Gym Study Hall in the participants and when and why they exist. First of all everyone (with regular schedules) enjoys study halls twice a week, instead of all week long. Before the study halls were to give athletes, who practice after school, time to study. Now they exist because the Phys-Ed teachers had to spend too much time taking attendance.

Yes, you have heard me right, the same people who got very irate at the near mention of the word "Gym" and "Study hall" in the same sentence, are now the ones who agreed to having most students only twice a week. It seems that taking attendance wasted too much time during Gym, not to mention the fact that the administration was not completely pleased with the situation either. Mr. Karman, Mrs. Goosen and Mr. Forney met last year and in the early summer to come up with the system we now have. Student pressure "was certainly part of the puzzle," Mr. Karman informed me, but "did not directly attribute to the change."

Whoever brought the study hall back, there is little doubt that this one differs from others. Students are not permitted to sign out because this is a "time set aside to do homework." According to Mrs. Goosen, students can use this time to meet with teachers or use the newly instituted Math Resources Room. "If that works well, maybe other subject areas will have Resource Rooms during that time," she hinted.

To summarize, in 1987 and 1988 student-athletes had Gym-

Study Hall. Then Mr. Levison took them away before he left. Students soon voiced their displeasure and backed their words with many good arguments. For example, athletes who spent two hours practicing after school earned a 50 minute study hall during the day. Without this, students who wanted to play a sport would worry about (and rightfully so) the lack of time to study. Therefore they ceased to become well-rounded students. But still, Phys-Ed stayed.

Then out of nowhere the administration and the Physical Education teachers decided to cut Gym classes to twice a week, because of problems with taking attendance! You can believe what you want. Here is one person who is happy the Gym Study Halls are at least partially back, and it looks like they are here to stay.

## It Was Actually Fun?!!

Kiran Kairab

If anyone told me before the Freshman Campout that I would have fun, I would have told them they were crazy and needed to visit their doctor soon (very soon). When I heard what was expected of us, it didn't make matters any better. Usually when I think of luxury, I don't exactly envision sleeping on the cold ground under a leaking tarp. I also wasn't thrilled about using the Great Outdoors as my bathroom. As it turned out, I was in for a big surprise.

During those three days, I had a great time. My group was cool and I got to know the people in it

a lot better. We went through a lot together doing things most of us never thought we'd do. Everyone worked together and supported each other through such things as a ropes course and repelling down a mountain. My group got to know each other better the first night as we tried to ignore the fact that we were freezing and it was pouring rain outside of our tarp, which had many holes. In an attempt to keep warm, we sang the "Brady Bunch" as well as any other song we knew. It didn't work but believe me, it was fun.

The feeling of power we got

while supporting the rope which held the lives of our teachers during the mountain repel wasn't bad at all. Although everybody knows that we "innocent" freshmen would never misuse this power, it was pretty exhilarating.

When I think back to the morning we were to embark on this wondrous journey (actually, we didn't even leave New Jersey), I remember waking up and considering to attempt faking a major headache to get out of going. I am glad that I didn't. The trip turned out really well and I'm happy I went.

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The Argo is seeking people with artistic talents who are willing to contribute to the Argo for comic strips for the Editorial Page and the Ogra. Please contact Geoff Gussis, Amar Maktal, Sandy Somers, or Garvin Jesdanun if you have anything to contribute.

### Late Night with Karman





## Features



Hungry students line up for the food truck.

## A Wonderful New Service?

Arthur Brostrom

As you most likely know, the latest addition to student services at Prep is the food truck service. Of course, every change is a trade off, and the downside to this particular change is the removal of the popular vending machines. Whether or not this is a beneficial trade off remains to be seen.

On the first day of the new service, a random sample of Prep students were asked their opinions about the change. Of the many students who responded, 1/3 preferred the service of the food truck while the other 2/3 were in favor of returning to the old system of vending machines.

Some students pointed out that the new food truck serves sodas in glass bottles, not aluminum cans, thus making it more environmentally minded. However, there are no defined trash receptacles on campus for these glass bottles.

Those in favor of the vending machines have many objections concerning the food truck service. Not only are they worried about the long lines that may develop around the truck, and the lack of selection, they are also worried that the truck's prices will be significantly higher than those of the vending machines.

However, the opposition's

primary concern is the food trucks availability. Whereas the vending machines were available all day long, the food truck is only available from 3:00 - 3:30 and 5:00 - 5:30. What about students who like to have a snack during the day, particularly during breaks, activities, and study halls? And what about athletes with away games who won't be returning to campus by 5:30?

Needless to say, those polled found many faults with the food truck and would greatly prefer bringing back the vending machines. Though peoples' opinions may change, the traditional element at Prep is shining through.

## A Promising Start for Drama

Reena Agarwal

The auditions for this year's fall production, *The Imaginary Invalid*, were held on September 17 and 18. The call backs were held on Wednesday, September 19 and Monday, September 24. The freshmen, who were busy camping, auditioned on Wednesday the 19th.

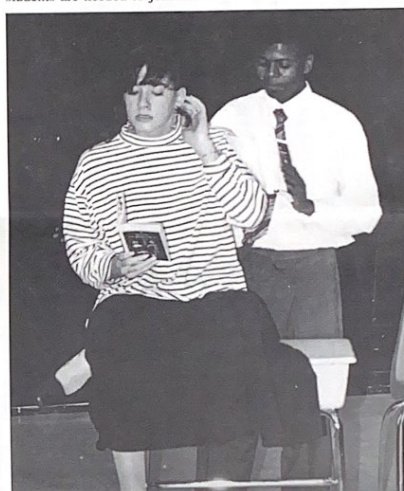
Many experienced actors from previous shows were present at the auditions. Unfortunately, very few freshmen came to audition on Wednesday. This is unfortunate because freshmen are strongly encouraged to become a part of the drama department.

Students are also encouraged to join the drama program in other ways. Besides acting, students are needed to join the

technical crews. Ron Kelly is returning to head the technical crew. Students can join the props, costumes, make-up, and the play promotion crews. They also construct the set, the stage, and control the lights during the shows.

This year the Drama Board picked *The Imaginary Invalid*, a comedy by Moliere, to perform for the fall production. Mrs. Herzberg will be directing the play. She says that the play is universal. "It was written in the 1660's and without changing it, it fits contemporary society."

The play is to be performed in December. The cast list was announced on September 25. Some actors were disappointed, but most of them were content with their well earned parts.



Nicole Weitz and Akin Salawu in Drama try-outs.

## A Day Off For Poets

Alpa Patel

When 19 students, along with Mr. Kendall and Mrs. Herzberg arrived on September 14, at the Dodge Poetry Festival located at the village of Waterloo, New Jersey, they had a minor problem. After Mrs. Herzberg swung open the van door, and everyone scrambled out, we discovered that the door was stuck. One student kicked the door. Realizing that method would not work, we tried to understand the mechanical structure of the door. That did not help either. After Mr. Kendall decided to leave it open, we all left. Julie Ciamporero summed up his thoughts saying, "We're poets, not body builders."

After that peculiar incident, everything went pretty smoothly. By going to the Poetry Festival, many of us realized that many people were actually interested in poetry. Dawdling among those tents and archaic buildings were quite a few 'hippy-wanna-be's' including the long haired bearded guy, pointed out to us by Gracie, who exclaimed, "There's Jesus Christ!" There

were even some punks with hairdos touching the tops of the ceilings.

Not only did we meet fellow poets, but for that one day we became immersed in poetry. Since there were so many things going on, we had to be selective. I chose to listen to Cyrus Cassells, who gave a permanent smile when reading his poetry, while we listeners attempted to look pensive. Next, I went to readings by Bei Dao and Duoduo. Both are gifted and controversial writers from China. They read their works in Chinese, which only one person in the audience understood. Fortunately there was a translator with them. Besides listening to their poetry, I received their autographs.

Students that went wrote an essay about why they were sacrificing such classes as AP Chemistry for the sake of poetry. They were Gracie Alcidi, Jennifer Blyth, Julie Ciamporero, Delano Copprue, Madai Cruz, Chris Davis, Caroline Elo, John Fidelino, Sunali Gupta, Rachel Kahn, Mairan McCue, Scott Mory, Alpa Patel, Sheila Patel,

Marnee Richman, Randi Schwartz, Erik Wasson, and Jordana Weiner. The only thing that I was left wondering about was how Mrs. Herzberg got a maintenance man to fix our van door.

## Artists' Summers

Bobbie Kader

Many of Prep's seniors were busy this summer attending academic programs. Among them, some seniors opted for a more artistically inclined activities. William Hornbostel, Matthew Bernstein, and Jill Thorsen are three seniors who had a variety of unforgettable experiences this past summer.

William Hornbostel attended the Rhode Island School of Design in Providence, Rhode Island. The course lasted six weeks, and he attended four classes five days a week. The classes were art history, basic design, foundation drawing, and painting. He learned through

observing the different styles of the other students. He thought it was great and would highly recommend it.

Matthew Bernstein attended the Tufts Art School in Boston, Massachusetts. The program was three weeks long, his three classes were Introduction to Art, Painting, and Drawing. Unfortunately he felt he didn't learn anything and he disliked the course.

Jill Thorsen, on the other hand, had a fantastic summer dancing with Center Stage, a dance company based in East Brunswick, New Jersey. The company taught different dances including jazz, tap, and ballet. Jill mainly did jazz dancing and

she will be performing at the Merv Griffin resort in Atlantic City this December. She and two other dancers will be doing a show called *Christmas Through a Child's Eyes*. She enjoyed her summer experience a great deal and is eagerly looking forward to performing. Although she's not planning on dancing as a professional, she plans to continue the hobby far into the future.

These are just three of the many seniors who spent their summer improving their artistic techniques. From these programs they not only sharpened their skills, but learned new ones and made friends along the way.



## Sports



Cory Metzger blows past Solebury defender.

## Girls' Soccer Posts Two Wins

Regis Renard

After a slow start in pre-season scrimmages, Girls' Soccer has rebounded and posted wins against St. Peter's and P.D.S. The St. Peter's match was a low scoring, defensive battle in which only one goal was netted. The score was in favor of Prep, with the goal coming from Beth Arseneault. Although Prep was victorious, Coach Nestvogel wasn't very pleased, commenting, "The team was not working as hard as I wanted them to, but a win's a win."

In the second game, Ida Fiumfreddo tallied both Prep goals as the team recorded an-

other shutout, 2-0, against Princeton Day School. Nestvogel noticed the improvement, stating, "I was very pleased with the team's effort this time. Everyone was working extremely hard, and we won because of that." The defense has especially shined, including the goal-tending of Cherie Gallini. Another bright spot is the play of Ida Fiumfreddo, who will be depended upon for much of the team's scoring. Senior co-captains Justine Clemente and Donna Gioffre have also played well, consistently contributing to the team's play.

Since the opening victories,

though, the team as a whole has played less consistently. Their present record is 4-3, with recent losses to Piscataway and Hun.

As the season progresses, the Girls' Soccer team has high hopes for a successful season. The quick start has given confidence to both the veterans and rookie players. The Somerset County Tournament is approaching, and the squad has received the 5th seed. Gioffre has stated, "The high seeding shows the respect other teams have for us." Nestvogel feels that the squad is beginning to gel, and that with hard, consistent play, this year's team can excel.

## GolFling Big Success

Joe Locandro

"[The GolFling was] a fun outing, with a good amount of people involved, and tangible benefits to the school." That quote, from Headmaster Edward C. Lingenheld, is an accurate description of the second annual GolFling. The outing took place on September 10th, a late summer day blessed with sunshine and a light wind. The event was held at the Metuchen Country Club course, which is considered tough but not extremely difficult.

The purpose of this gathering was manifold. First of all, it

was an opportunity for members of the Prep society to meet in a relaxed atmosphere. Alumni, parents, and friends all had the chance to socialize and build relationships. Another objective of the program was to raise funds for scholarships, and in this aspect the GolFling was a major success. The two GolFlings have raised over \$30,000. This year's event gathered 92 players, ten more than last year. Mr. Lingenheld mentioned that the event is growing, and may have over 100 participants next year. There has been a great deal of

interest shown by other schools as well in the program.

Though many of the players were beginners, there were several serious golfers. Members of the faculty were among these competitors, including Ms. Heidi Nestvogel, who won both the putting and longest drive contests. Overall, the group shot well, with several scores in the 70's and 80's. However, the scores didn't really matter; everyone agreed that they had fun, and look forward to GolFling III in the spring.

## Running Confident

Sam Finklestein

Although 9-3 is a good record, this year's Cross-country team is confident that they can do even better. Coaches Dougherty and Klingner have proven that hard work early in the season pays off later, as they continue their intense practices. In the Newark Academy Invitational, the cross-country squad proved to themselves that they could achieve their goals.

At Newark, the boys cross-country team was very successful, tying for second place with Blair behind the victors, St. Benedicts. A total of eight teams entered the Newark Invitational. Some outstanding places were held by Regis Renard (4th), Sam Finklestein (9th) and Brian Townsen (11th). Two newcomers, Dennis Timko and Paul McLaughlin, were successful in the race, placing within the top twenty. Joe Locandro and Delano Copprie also placed well. Two freshmen, Dean Barber and John Young, had exciting debuts by placing in the top five in the junior varsity race.

The second race of the sea-

son, a meet at Morristown-Beard, was also a success. The team won by a large margin, with Renard taking first, Finklestein second, and Townsen third.

Since these meets, however, the team has had two disappointing losses. Piscataway High, a tough public school with a large team, defeated Prep in a home meet. Then, the squad experienced a letdown at Pingry, where they suffered a one-point loss to Peddie in the tri-meet. Delano Copprie states, "Despite the 1-3 start, we're a team of state championship caliber. Coach Dougherty is a little upset with

us, and rightly so. But with the conference and state meets still down the road, we have time to rebound."

The team does have an excellent chance at winning conferences since last year's champion, P.D.S., has lost many prominent runners. Other teams in the Prep conference ran in the Newark Invitational, but the boys team defeated them. According to Brian Townsen, "Pingry is a strong team that will give us a great deal of trouble, but we should be strong competitors." The team is confident that they can fulfill Townsen's prediction.

### Upcoming Home Sports Events

- October 17—Girls' Soccer vs. Villa Walsh Academy
- Girls' Tennis vs. Blair Academy
- October 18—Girls' Tennis vs. Newark Academy
- October 22—Girls' Soccer vs. Gill St. Bernards
- October 23—Girls' Tennis vs. Pennington School
- Cross-Country Tri-Meet vs. Newark Academy and Saddle River Day School
- October 24—Girls' Soccer vs. Montclair Kimberley
- October 29—Girls' Soccer vs. Oakknoll

## Boys' Soccer Stumbles

Jason Kaplan

The Boys' Soccer team has had a disappointing start to their season. Their record is 2-7, with two losses Wardlaw-Hartridge, along with one from Pennington. Coaches Marotto, Kortmann, Nichols, and Sansone feel their team will improve, and are very optimistic about the team's performance.

A major trouble point for the team presently is the lack of communication. "We all go onto the field playing as individuals, rather than one solid team," stated Shaun Barber. The communication problem has caused several mistakes during games, including failures to score on excellent setups and blown defensive coverages. The team will succeed only when they learn to work together.

The squad is also rather young, and will improve with time. The team as a whole has not played very aggressively

during the first half of the games this year. The result has been that the team has had to rally in the second halves to make up for a lackluster first halves.

The Boys' Soccer team will have an uphill battle in the State Tournament, due to their slow start. With losses to Wardlaw-Hartridge and Pennington, the team will be a lower seed in the Tournament and will have to perform exceptionally well to reach the finals. Also, the team has been saddled with other problems. Dejon Hush has been sidelined with a knee injury, and both Metzger and Levy received red cards (carrying two game suspensions). Also, Coach Marotto has removed the team from the Somerset County Tournament, citing the loss of key players. However, the team continues to strive and compete, and feels that they can salvage the season.

## Girls' Tennis Struggling

David Lee

As the season moves on, the Prep Girls' Tennis team has been successful, with a record of 3-2. Under the new leadership of Coach Gary Paul, the team had an excellent showing at the Prep Conference Tournament.

A recent arrival from San Diego, California, Coach Paul has brought intensity and emotion to the team. In past years, the squad's practices had been leisurely and relaxed. This season, the program has changed dramatically and now includes drills, structured match play, target hitting, and conditioning. Coach Paul believes that the team needs pressure, and promises to apply this pressure throughout the season. Naledi Khabo states, "Coach Paul has made all the

difference this season."

The talent base is set for a competitive campaign. Naledi Khabo, the team captain, is the first singles player and will be looked to for strong play. Gracie Alcid and Lynne Schwartz are presently slated as the second and third singles players, respectively. Unfortunately, this trio has started shakily against weak opponents, including Pingry and Wardlaw. The development of the doubles team will be somewhat slow, due to their lack of experience. Alpa Patel and Lisa Rupinski compose the first doubles team, while Nikki Samuels and Amy Halpin make up the second.