

Sperduto succeeds Heinlein

by Merle Witkin

Assistant Headmaster of Rutgers Preparatory School for ten years, Dr. Frank V. Sperduto assumed the job of Acting Headmaster August 1.

Dr. Sperduto is the first headmaster appointed since the school became independent of Rutgers University in the 1950's. Replacing the resigning Dr. David M. Heinlein, Dr. Sperduto will serve pending the report of the trustees' Headmaster Search Committee.

In 1952, Dr. Sperduto joined the school's faculty as a seventh grade teacher, a position he held for five years. He and Mr. Richard O'Connell, who came to Rutgers Prep the same year, coached all three school teams. Dr. Sperduto began teaching Upper School United States history in 1957.

Gradually, he took over the running of the summer school program, until in 1966 he was named Assistant Headmaster in charge of the Upper School. The following year he published *A History of Rutgers Preparatory School*.

Still responsible for the daily life of the Upper School, Dr. Sperduto must now coordinate it with the Lower and Middle Schools.

He feels that "Prep is a good school in its basic academic program and also in its extracurricular activities, for example the growing art curriculum, the expanding girls' sports program, and the strong publications."

So he plans no "sweeping or dramatic" changes, just "day by day and year by year vigilance."

This is the first year Dr. Sperduto will not be teaching U.S. History, and he says he still cannot quite get used to that.

The school's finances are his "greatest concern." He admits he is less experienced in financial matters than in academics, but is confident of support from the business office and the trustees' Financial Committee.

Citing the "growing financial problems of parents, leading to lower enrollment," Dr. Sperduto is calling on the entire school to "make a conscious effort to help in student recruitment," such as helping out at Open Houses. The most recent was held on August 28.

Mrs. Ruth Poczek will continue as Dr. Sperduto's secretary. She has moved over to the desk nearest the headmaster's office.

Daviet moves up

Mr. August Daviet has been named Acting Assistant Headmaster. On the Rutgers Prep faculty since 1954, Mr. Daviet has for years been the guidance coordinator and the chemistry teacher.

He holds a bachelors degree and a masters degree from Rutgers University.

Continuing with his work in guidance and scheduling, Mr. Daviet has taken on the additional task of totally revising the bus schedule. For greater economy, this year he says there will be "more kids on fewer buses."

Because the price of buses is

steadily increasing, he is considering switching entirely to vans in future years. A van is being used for the first time from Hillside. Previously, these students had to take a train to New Brunswick and then catch the shuttle bus to Prep.

To develop the bus routes, Mr. Daviet hung a map of this area on a wall in the Development Office (formerly Mrs. Von der Porten's office), stuck in a pin at each stop, and stretched different colored threads along the pins to indicate routes. Then he and Mr. Dominick Beronio drove along the routes several times to make sure they were not too long.

Search goes on

The Board of Trustees has yet to decide on a permanent headmaster. Under the chairmanship of Mr. Terrill Brenner, its Search Committee is still actively discussing possibilities.

For almost a year the committee, in two groups, has been studying the school. One group, headed by Dr. Leonard Bethel, is studying the goals and philosophy of the school. The other, co-chaired by Mr. Mark Weitzen and Mr. Roy O'Brien, is analyzing the structure of the administration.

Other trustees on the committee are Mrs. Eleanor Paulus, Dr. Joseph Borrus, and Mrs. Jane Jasionowski.

Mr. Brenner said the committee will have "faculty, administration, and student input." The School Council will be able to select a student

representative for each of the two Search Committee groups.

The groups, after completing their study, will decide on any changes to be made in the school's goals or administrative structure. After the first group determines the qualifications the headmaster should have, the Search Committee will advertise for candidates and begin interviewing.

According to Mr. Brenner, the groups meet whenever their chairman call a meeting, "though perhaps they're not meeting as often as they should."

However, he is confident that the choice of a permanent headmaster "should be all firm up and done by the next academic year."

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International school leaders gather to discuss problems

by Christopher Combest

The 25th Annual Conference of the International Schools Association (ISA) was held July 22 through July 30 on the Rutgers Preparatory School campus.

At the opening meeting Mr. Paul Scheid of Germany, who is this year's chairman of the ISA (officers are voted for once a year) stated the general goal of the ISA: "to promote international and cultural understanding."

But the highlight of that day was an address by the United Nations Japanese mission minister Mrs. Sadako Ogata.

Mrs. Ogata, the highest ranking woman ever to serve in the Japanese Foreign Service, stressed the importance of international education in forming "national citizens committed to what is important in the world." Mrs. Ogata also mentioned, as did Dr. Heinlein, the close ties between Rutgers Preparatory School and Japan ever since the first Japanese exchange students in America came to study at Prep in 1866.

By lunch of that day, most delegates to the conference were enthusiastic about the ability of these ISA meetings to achieve important goals in education. For instance, Mr. Roland Duberg, head of a school district in Sweden, said he was pleased at the "opportunity to meet other educators" and to "create new contacts." Duberg, who attended with his wife and three daughters, joined the ISA in 1971. He looked forward to benefiting from other delegates' ideas on "educational theories and practices."

Mr. Jonathan Ilyumade, a 13-year veteran of the ISA from Nigeria, concurred with Duberg and added that the ISA's attempts "to find solutions to international education" would aid in the achievement of "peace and interdependence for all nations."

Though Ilyumade's statement was a recurring one regarding the ISA's general purpose, this theme did not seem to extend to the contingents of young athletes that some of the participating schools (Nigeria, for one) were sending to take part in competitions here with contestants from other nations. The Kenyan government refused to allow their group to appear if teams of schools from four different

countries, among them Israel, New Zealand and Rhodesia, were also to attend. Kenya was notified that none of these countries had signed up in this first place. Thus placated, they sent their young people, who played in various sports such as tennis and target shooting.

Several special events were planned for the representative. These included trips to the Educational Testing Service in Princeton and the United Nations' International School in New York, and a special drama workshop featuring seminars on Chinese, Israeli, Soviet and Philippine theatre followed by an evening excursion to New York's SoHo District, where the delegates saw an avant-garde presentation.

The International Schools Association Preparatory School's association with the organization began in 1967. Dr. Heinlein has represented the school since that time as a member and, since 5 years ago, as Vice-President. It is Dr. Heinlein's desire to continue to

represent Rutgers Preparatory School for as long as the school wishes it, and he hopes to be present next year, when the ISA will hold their 26th Annual Conference in England.



Delegates to the International Schools Association conference take a lunch break on the Elm Farm campus. photos by Christopher Combest

Court-imposed public school funding crisis causes record Prep summer school enrollment

by Christopher Combest

The eight-day State Supreme Court shutdown of public schools, occurring in the wake of the New Jersey Legislature's failure to devise a more equitable method of financing them than the property tax, has actually blessed Rutgers Preparatory School with its largest summer enrollment and curriculum since 1964.

This year the school's summer session saw 336 students, an increase of approximately 110 over last year's group. Most of these students registered four or five days before and during the first week of the summer school. Worried that the leap in registration "could have been chaos," the summer session's director, Dr. Frank Sperduto, admitted that the day-by-day pickup did run smoothly.

Dr. Sperduto emphasized that the school funding crisis was a "tragedy for those students caught in the middle," some of whom were unable to acquire credits they needed to graduate.

One point to be considered when adding up the enrollment of Prep's summer session is that this enrollment is not static. Because of some late arrivals, and because several juniors and seniors (this year as many as 20) stay only three weeks of the total six-week program in order to make up just one semester's work in English or history, a flow of students is set up. Nevertheless, the rise in registration was enough to warrant an increase in the number of classes taught in both these subjects.

Prep's increased summer class rolls also led to increased amounts of money entering the school. Though final figures were not available, Dr. Sperduto gauged the monetary effect at thousands of extra dollars. This money was derived not only from summer school enrollment, but also from attendance at the athletic and day camps, and from the special reading programs provided by Prep. All of these have felt the impact of the close-down.

And neither was Prep the only private school to experience that impact. The

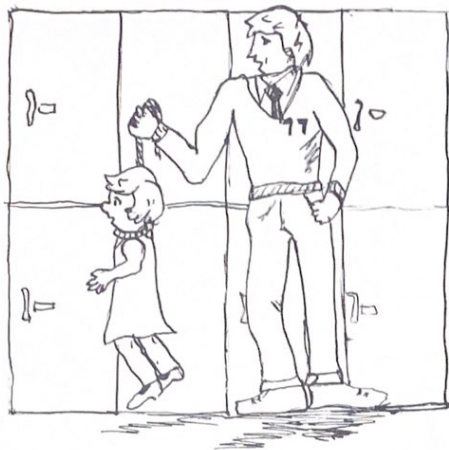
Wardlaw-Hartridge School in Edison, for example, had its largest summer turnout ever this year. Mr. Robert Vietor, the head of their summer school, said that Wardlaw experienced a sudden upsurge that increased their enrollment by between 60 and 75 per cent. Morristown-Beard, another example, saw enrollment growth of as much as 50 per cent. (Other private schools, however, like Gill St. Bernards, which opened their summer schools earlier in June, when a close-down was still only a dim possibility, realized almost no benefits from the court order.)

The summer's exceptionally large enrollment called for a staff of 20 teachers, ten of whom are full-time Prep instructors during the regular school year. Many of the rest came to the school's summer session from outlying areas like Middlesex and Bridgewater East. Some, like Metuchen High School's Math Department chairman Vincent Grachi, are "regulars" who have come to teach during the summer for many years.

The closing of New Jersey's public schools was actually the culmination of events that have been under way since 1973. In that year the New Jersey Supreme Court ruled that financing public schools through property taxes discriminated against poorer districts. The New Jersey Legislature went so long without finding a new source for the school budget's needed \$378 million that the court imposed a July deadline, on which date schools would be closed unless the Legislature passed a funding plan.

They didn't, the schools closed. Finally on July 9, an income tax was adopted and the public schools were re-opened.

Despite the re-opening, Prep lost very few students. Only 3 or 6 left, due for the most part to transportation difficulties. And those few lost were perhaps more than compensated for by the five or six students who have expressed an interest in attending Rutgers Preparatory School in the fall.



"Hang in there freshmen, you only have four more years."

Editorials farewell . . .

Those who devote their lives to the teaching of children rarely become wealthy or famous. In a rush-hour society, they must be patient. Amidst automation, standardization, and by-the-book bureaucracy, they must deal with individuals.

Those who enable dedicated teachers to continue doing their best are equally praiseworthy. Thus it is with a little sadness and a great deal of gratitude that we wish Dr. David M. Heinlein luck and happiness now that he has resigned as Headmaster of Rutgers Preparatory School.

A school cut adrift from its parent institution, without a solid financial base or even a campus, needs wise and spirited leadership if it is to survive. This leadership was provided by Dr. Heinlein when Rutgers Prep separated from Rutgers University in the 1950's.

Once established as an independent school, Rutgers Prep needed Dr. Heinlein's leadership to maintain its standard for education.

Thirty-four years is a long time to care about one school, twenty-three years a long time to bear the responsibility of running it. Dr. Heinlein has cared since he joined the faculty as a science teacher, has borne that responsibility since his becoming headmaster.

The door to his glass office has always been open to any student who needed help or wanted to talk. He could often be found cheering on the athletic teams at home games or driving students to New Brunswick in the van at 4:40.

Dr. Heinlein hopes to still play an active role in the school, and is maintaining an office in the field house.

Guiding the lives of the next generation, as teachers do, is a sort of immortality. The same is true for guiding the life of a school. Policies and practice Dr. Heinlein instituted will be with us even as we miss him.

. . . welcome back

This newspaper was named after the "Argo," the mythological ship that transported Jason and his crew (the "Argonauts") on a daring expedition to retrieve the magical Golden Fleece. Also on board was the famous strongman Hercules.

Hercules is not on our staff, though he would come in handy when we have to carry around typewriters. Still, we try to live up to our namesake's standard of excellence by printing the best articles, photographs, cartoons, and editorials we can, presented on the most appealing page we can design.

Our page editors are all new to the job this year, so readers may expect fresh ideas. More modern equipment just acquired by our printer will allow us to improve the paper's appearance. Headquarters for *The Argo* is now where the old library used to be, an area we will be sharing with the Development Office and the Business Office.

The Rutgers Prep student body has such diverse interests that reading *The Argo* is one of the few things we all have in common. *The Argo* can be a great unifier by keeping students and faculty members aware of activities outside their own little groups and by serving as a forum for their opinions.

Our goal is to present a balanced picture of the school to all readers, present and future, from within and without the school community.

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Students advise peers

by Amy Krivitzky

A good way to successfully get through each year at Rutgers Prep is to listen to those who have already experienced it.

Jerry Krivitzky, a member of the class of 1975, and entering his sophomore year at Brandeis University, suggested that this year's seniors "try to learn to allot their time between work and play." Most seniors tend to slow down their working pace after January, when all the college credentials are in. Jerry suggested "keeping some kind of continuity because after eight months of non-studying it will be hard to start as a

college freshman in September."

For this year's juniors I suggest not letting the rumors about the junior year affect them. "Most people will say how difficult it will be, in particular the chemistry course, and everyone comes in convinced that it is impossible, before they have even tried. Try to keep an open mind and do not hesitate to go in for extra help before it becomes too late and nothing makes sense." Another senior feels that in the junior year it is important to become involved in activities but "don't overextend because the work does become more difficult. It gets hard to see the conflicts that become involved."

Last year's freshmen and sophomores thought that personal maturity plays an important role in a student's success with each grade ad-

vancement. Joanne Juhasz, a junior, feels that "by getting older, a student has to be able to handle more pressure and be more responsible for his actions. The sophomore year is more difficult than the freshman year and should be taken with a more serious attitude. Now is the time to start to calm down or you ruin it for yourself later on."

Wendy Krivitzky, entering her sophomore year, has similar feelings on the subject. She has this advice for the incoming freshman class: "Now that you are in high school there is a standard of maturity that people expect from you. You are not eighth graders anymore, but there is still time for enough fun and play."

Hopefully all of this advice will be of help academically and socially in the 1976-1977 school year.

NEIL

DIAMOND: recorded



Picture courtesy Columbia Records.

BEAUTIFUL NOISE

by Neil Diamond

What a beautiful noise, coming up from the street.
It's gotta beautiful sound, it's gotta beautiful beat.

It's a beautiful noise going on everywhere,
Like the click-a-dee clack of a train on a track.
It's got rhythm to spare . . .

by Joanne Juhasz

Neil Diamond, a songwriter and performer, began his career in the mid sixties. Today his contribution to the music world is responsible for his long universal appeal. His popularity is caused by his ability to relate to his listeners through his music.

"Beautiful Noise," his newest release, is a collection of songs illustrating his life during the days of Tin Pan Alley. Tin Pan Alley is to the music world what Broadway is to the theatre. Here is where musicians, young and old, famous and unknown, constantly strive to have their music recognized, accepted and finally published. The album does revolve around this central theme, yet each song has the ability to stand alone on the strength of its own independent theme. Few songwriters have been able to accomplish this as Neil Diamond.

The above is clearly demonstrated in these songs. The title song "Beautiful Noise" illustrates this feeling and explains the origin of the sounds and what they represent to him. The song, "If You Know What I

What a beautiful noise, coming up from the park.
It's the sound of the kids and it plays until dark.
It's a song of the cars on their furious flight.
But there's even romance in the way that they dance
To the beat of the lights . . .

It's a beautiful noise comin' into my room
And it's begging me just to give it a tune.

Mean," describes the night hours. He recalls his past, asking if anyone truly understands what he feels. In the song "Lady-Oh" Neil Diamond sings of his need and devotion for a woman he has lost.

With the release of "Beautiful Noise," Neil Diamond held three concerts at the Forest Hills Tennis Stadium. On these hot August nights, he blended all time favorites such as "Kentucky Woman," "Song Sung Blue," "Holly Holy," with material from the new album. For two hours and three encores, Neil Diamond proved his versatility to the 15,000 spectators. He is not only a musician but also an outstanding performer. Before the first hour he had the entire audience standing, swaying, and singing to "Song Sung Blue." Performing with him on stage was a member from *The Band*, Robbie Robertson, who also produced the album "Beautiful Noise." This gave the concert a special added attraction.

"Beautiful Noise," one of Neil Diamond's stronger efforts, is easy listening music that can be enjoyed by almost anyone. After hearing "Beautiful Noise" it is easy to understand the way Neil Diamond has been able to maintain his popularity for over a decade.



Picture courtesy of MCA Records.

AND LIVE IN CONCERT

Avivt Katz: Israeli studies at Prep

by Merle Witkin

"I want to know what it's like to live in America," says new senior Avivt Katz, who already knows what it's like to live in Israel and West Germany.

Avivt was born in Tel Aviv, where she lived for five years before moving with her family to Hamburg, West Germany. She lived there for eleven years, then went back to Israel for two years. Now she is spending a year with her father's twin brother and his family in Edison, N. J.

She's interested in art and photography. For two years in Germany she studied tennis, but she doesn't play as well as she'd like to, so she wants to start taking more lessons.

Since her father, who owns several restaurants in Germany, is originally from Ecuador, and her mother from Chile, Avivt speaks Spanish as well as Hebrew, English, German and a little French.

During the last two years she spent in Israel, Avivt attended the American International School. Most of the students there are the children of foreign diplomats, par-

ticularly American. The others, like Avivt, are Israelis who have lived abroad and thus do not know enough Hebrew to do well in the rigorous Israeli schools.

Avivt received her Israeli driver's license when she turned 18 last May, and before coming to the United States got an international driver's license. She has spent a good deal of her time here shopping for a used car, tentatively settling on a Nova.

Winter clothes are also on her shopping list, having brought only the summer clothes worn year-round in Israel. She was a little disappointed to hear that she couldn't wear jeans to school ("You mean you have to get dressed up?").

Schools in Germany, she says, are very tough. If a student fails one course, he has to repeat the whole year. It is common to graduate high school at 19.

And her future plans? "I wish I knew," she answered. In Israel, every 18-year-old, male and female, must serve two years in the army. If Avivt is to remain an Israeli, she must go back and serve after this year. This would postpone or even eliminate college, which she would like to attend.



Avivt relaxes at home in Edison.

photo by Glenn Israel



Students involved in the school's summer school and day camp programs enjoy a summer day.

New teachers: Three join faculty and staff

Two new teachers and a secretary have been added to the school's faculty and staff.

Joining the athletic department is Mr. Walter Rockhill. Mrs. Carol Groner is working in the office. And Mrs. Charlotte Arnald will be teaching French in the Lower School.

A 1972 graduate of Rutgers Prep, Mr. Rockhill will be assisting the soccer and basketball coaches. He will

also work with the Lower School students, now that Mrs. Kristina Leone's departure has left Ms. Arlene Copolino with the older girls' gym classes.

Mr. Rockhill graduated from the University of Delaware this past spring. While at Prep he was the captain of the varsity basketball team and the president of the president of the Varsity "R" Club. He is living with his family in Somerset.

The woman sitting at what used to be Mrs. Ruth Poczik's desk is Mrs. Groner. Mrs. Groner will be the secretary of Acting Assistant Headmaster Mr. August Daviet. She began her job at Prep, the first school she has ever worked in, August 9. Prior to this she worked for a lawyer and for the Goodyear Company. The mother of three children, she lives in Somerset.

Mrs. Arnald was born in Versailles, France. Fluent in Spanish and English as well as French, she took her teacher training at the Alliance Française of Guatemala, where she did archeological field work and taught French.

She has taught at Guatemala's National University of San Carlos and at American University. Mrs. Arnald took courses at the Musée de l'Homme (Museum of Man) in Paris and is a candidate for a doctorate in archeology at the Sorbonne in Paris.



photos by Cindy Berkowitz

Republicans gather in Kansas City: Student finds it anything but conventional

by Christopher Combest

Christopher Combest accompanied his father to the Republican National Convention August 16-19. Mr. Combest covered it for CBS News radio and Chris served as a page.

Above all, a political convention is a temporary phenomenon.

On television, much of the convention is seen through Walter's (or John's or Harry's, depending on the network you prefer) anchor booth. These personal havens, seen from those far outside camera shots as well as from the inside, seem to be set into the walls of the convention arena as if they were part of the blueprints.

Watching it being taken apart, however, shattered these illusions. A single door, set in a plywood wall, opened into a room the size of a small kitchen. The anchorman's omnipresent studio monitor broadcasted nothing but flickering snow. All wires and electrical fixtures had been disconnected; many were strewn about the floor. The desk was bare and partially dismantled. Sawdust, pieces of board, tools, and furniture were scattered around in no particular order.

And, remember, no anchor booth is an island, entire of itself. Each one is just a small part of those multi-million dollar complexes that the three networks haul across the country twice every four years. What is a key component of these vast compounds is nothing more or less than the trailer.

It's amazing what can be done with trailers. Outdoors, in the parking lot of Kemper Arena (the convention site), dozens were connected by raised walkways. Each network had set up its "Support" offices there. The departments therein included executive offices, security, special events, logistics (the section in charge of hotel accommodations and transportation), and food.

Getting in

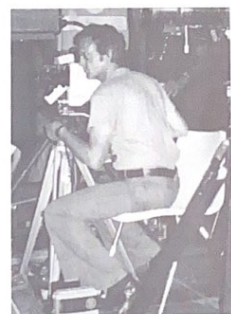
The Security office issued the all-important passes. One such was the "Limited Access" pass, which admitted "bearer to all areas of Convention Center Complex except Kemper Arena." Actually, this consisted of the trailer area and nothing more. The purpose of the "Limited Access" pass was principally to get you through the gate.

By far the most important card was the network I.D., issued by each of the three networks to its personnel. This pass allowed freedom to move throughout the network trailers, the Republican National Convention Press Center, the various press conferences, and the network offices set up outside of Kemper Arena. These, except for the convention floor itself, were the most interesting and the busiest parts of the whole convention set-up. These were also the areas of the most immediate concern to we who worked as pages.

The Kansas City Municipal Auditorium is divided into three sectors: the Little Theatre, the Arena (not Kemper), and the Music Hall. The Little Theatre is just that, a tiny stage in a small hall.

What Chris did

As a page in the CBS Office in the Auditorium, this reporter was removed from the principal action during the four days of the convention. The duties of the pages assigned there were rather the same from day to day. The teletype copy had to be



CBS News cameraman finds smaller equipment just as effective.

photo by Chris Combest

read and the political stories sorted out, press releases had to be secured and delivered, an occasional delivery might have to be made.

The job was not totally mundane, however. Many different radio and television correspondents dropped in. Rolling Stone reporter John W. Dean III (yes, the John W. Dean III) came by for some photographs. And, of course, there were the press conferences, where, in the space of one hour, the population of the Little Theatre rose from a few to a few hundred and down to a few again: momentary oases of activity.

Over inside Kemper Arena, an impression of almost paranoid security pervades. Each pass into the arena is studied carefully by one guard in normal light and by another in infrared, while a third searches anything bigger than a wallet.

Once in, one pass does not give free reign. Separate tickets are needed to enter the radio booths, the balcony, the spectator seats, and the floor. You may be sure, too, that at least one, often two, guards would be posted at the entrances to each of these areas.

The convention floor was, physically, as it appears on television. But the reality of being there and looking at it without the intervening T.V. screens has an exhilaration that transcends personal politics.

Logistics

The amount of work that goes into

the planning and the execution of a political convention and its news coverage is unbelievable. All varieties of electronic equipment must be brought in and connected by miles of electrical wiring. The telephone system could outfit a large town. Then, of course, the convention hall itself needed to be prepared. Work there proceeded right up to August 16.

Finally, the costs incurred are staggering. While it is difficult, perhaps, to conceive of ten or twenty million dollars, consider that one executive producer of network convention coverage ordered, in one day, twenty-five thousand dollars in changes in the telephone layout.

And by Friday, August 20, it was gone. Kemper Arena was being gutted. The chairs were stacked and carried out, wood was lying about amid piles of crepe paper, stickers, balloons, and sawdust. The podium, the camera platform, and the press booths all stood with their metal-wood frames exposed through holes left after velvet, plywood or paper had been pried off.

No one was around to check your pass any more; as long as you could walk you had unlimited access. Of course, unlimited access to roomfuls of people and machines that are dismantling all sorts of structures is not very exclusive.

Above all, a political convention is a temporary phenomenon.

Athletic director previews boys' fall sports teams

This fall, athletic director Mr. Richard O'Connell expects to be proud of the performance of both the boys' cross country team and the soccer team. First of all, Mr. O'Connell feels that this year's cross country team is in its best shape ever. Also, Mr. O'Connell will be this year's varsity soccer coach. This will mark the first time that he has held the position for fifteen years.

This year's cross country squad, which will be coached by Mr. Robert Fenstermaker, will be led by senior Tony Scialabba who for the past two years has won the cross country's Outstanding Player Award. Senior Joe Faraci and junior Kevin Kane along with Tony form a trio which should make this year's team very successful. The team's weakness could be a lack of depth.

This year's soccer team's new coach, Mr. O'Connell, will be assisted by Prep alumnus Walter Rockhill. Both will find that the team is solid in the goal with senior Joel Baker. The coaches will also see that the team is strong at two of the half back positions with senior Ed James and junior Art Wilmot.

However, the team's obvious weakness is the absence of a high scorer. Senior Roman Bukachevsky, in his third year on the team, will try to lead the offensive line into mustering up an attack.

This year's junior varsity soccer team will once again be coached by Mr. Peter Hordijk. The seventh and eighth grade team will have Walter Rockhill as their coach.



Joel Baker and David Soong brush up their skills for the coming soccer season. photo by Glenn Israel

Girl athletes will rely on natural ability and skills

This fall's girls' sports teams, despite their lack of experience, should all be successful anyway, due to their great raw talent.

Mr. Barry Chamberlain will coach the tennis team. The most likely choice for the top player at this point is junior Elin Sandles. Senior Ellen Farben is also a strong possibility for a singles position. The younger players on the team include three sophomores: Arlene Ungerleider, Jackie Weitzen, and Chris Bettex. All are expected to vie for the singles and top doubles positions.

This fall's girls' gymnastics team will attempt to even outdo last year's highly successful season. The team's

new coach is Caryl Stricker, a junior at Douglass College, who has had experience in instructing gymnastics from Prep's summer gymnastics clinic. Younger students such as sophomore Kathi Klein, eighth grader Tara O'Connell, and freshmen Dana Stahl and Debbie Sirkin, who were last year's mainstays, are expected to lead the team again.

The girls' cross country team, coached by Mr. Robert Fenstermaker, will also try to better last year's season. Leading the team will be seniors Mary Valenti and Juliana Ratych and junior Vicky Neiner. Beyond these three, though, the team has little experience.

Clinics buzz with activity this summer

On June 28, Rutgers Preparatory School opened the first of a series of athletic clinics designed primarily to increase the skills of an individual in one sport or in a number of sports.

The 19th annual basketball camp began on June 28. This camp, which lasted for two weeks, involved thirty-five boys all of whom were age fourteen to eighteen. The daily sessions were five hours long. Senior Tony Scialabba aided in coaching the clinic.

On July 12, the soccer camp started its two-week session. The clinic's program consisted of two main parts: (1) seven days of playing soccer for five hours per day, on the Rutgers

Prep campus, and (2) a four-day trip to the Olympics in Montreal. Of the twenty-eight members of the clinic, twenty-five went to Montreal. Alumni Rory O'Connell and Rob Weiss assisted in instructing the clinic's members.

Also opening on July 12 was the Junior Athletic Camp. This camp, for boys age ten to fourteen, was four weeks long. Fifty-five boys participated in the variety of sports offered in the program.

A tennis clinic was also in progress during the same time as the Junior Athletic Camp was. In this, Mr. Barry Chamberlain taught a handful of beginners about important tennis basics.

Starting August 9, fifty-five to sixty girls participated in Rutgers Prep's second annual gymnastic camp. Eileen Wans, who is the head women's gym coach at East Brunswick High School, was the program director. This clinic lasted for five hours a day for one week.

During the course of the summer, Rutgers Prep's entire camp staff was busy with twenty summer school students who had to either repeat or make up physical education for graduation. This three-week course was two hours long each day.

Soccer clinic visits Montreal Olympics

by Richmond Cohen

Part of the program for Rutgers Prep's two-week summer soccer clinic was a trip to the Olympics in Montreal. On July 17, athletic director Mr. Richard O'Connell led twenty-five boys onto the bus bound for Montreal.

The first stop for the group was the Sherbrook University dormitories in Montreal. Here, the boys played soccer against other teams from visiting soccer camps.

On July 18, the members of the soccer clinic watched two Olympic handball games. The first contest pitted Poland against Hungary, and the second paired West Germany versus Canada. According to Mr. O'Connell, team handball, which is an indoor sport, is an intriguing combination of basketball and hockey. Six men play on each team. The object of the game is to throw a ball into a hockey goal net.

The next day, the campers and the counselors saw a soccer game between Russia and Canada. The game was played in the new Olympic stadium. According to sophomore John Grazul, one of the eighteen Rutgers Prep students in the soccer clinic, the highly partisan Canadian crowd exploded with applause when Canada scored their lone goal in a 2-1 defeat. John went on to say that the game was very exciting.

African athletes compete in Prep Mini Olympics

by Anne Picker

Rutgers Prep girls took their first venture into international competition this summer at the Rutgers Prep tennis courts, in honor of the International Scholastic Association.

When the ISA headquarters met in the fall of 1975, they decided to invite boys and girls from each of the sixty schools who belonged to the Association to participate in a mini Olympics. However, the economic situations

O'Connell to coach soccer

Athletic director Mr. Richard O'Connell will be coaching the Varsity soccer team this fall. However, it will not be the first time that Mr. O'Connell has coached soccer here.

Both Mr. O'Connell and Dr. Frank Sperduto were hired twenty-four years ago. Mr. O'Connell was chosen to be head coach of the soccer team and Dr. Sperduto would be his assistant. The coaches retained their positions for nine years. Then, Dr. Sperduto was named head coach while Mr. O'Connell began instructing cross country and lower level soccer.

That night Mr. O'Connell persevered until four o'clock in the morning in order to obtain enough tickets for his campers for Monday's women's basketball doubleheader. A capacity crowd gathered to watch Canada play against Japan. Unfortunately, the scheduled second game between Egypt and Italy was cancelled due to Egypt's departure from the Olympics.

Following the game, the group was treated to a scenic bus tour of all of Montreal's government district. Then the group saw, according to John Grazul, the most awe-inspiring spectacle of this guided tour: the Notre Dame church. Notre Dame, which took forty years to construct, and which is Canada's oldest church, seats seven thousand people. The bus travelled on to Westmount, the classiest district in Montreal. The tour guide pointed out that in Westmount, no two houses are ever identical. From here, the bus stopped at a lookout point which overlooked the St. Lawrence River and downtown Montreal.

After the tour, the clinic members watched another soccer game. This one matched Brazil against Spain. Senior Roman Bukachevsky, who also went on the trip, said, "Both teams played with great skill and finesse. It was the most exciting game I saw at the Olympics."

plaguing many of the nations prevented many schools from sending their athletes.

The Kenyan girls did come, though, and played our girls' tennis team.

The girls from Prep who played were Arlene Ungerleider, Tammie Roundtree, Cathy Anderson, Ellen Farben, and Leslie Russ. Arlene lost a close three-set match to Patrizia Mengozzi. Ellen Farben, after taking over for Cathy Anderson's singles match, defeated Carol Jones in two sets. Ellen entered the match when Cathy became ill after the first set. Tammie Roundtree was victorious in her match. Leslie Russ and our doubles team lost their matches.

Kenya won the match 3-2.

In addition to arranging a tennis match for the Kenyans, Dr. David Heinlein and Mr. Richard O'Connell also set up a rifle-shooting contest between the Junior Division of the Somerset County Fish and Game Protection Association and eight Kenyan boys, on July 31. The Somerset County Fish and Game Protection Association scored the most points overall.

All sorts of sports

by Richmond Cohen

Richards serves up battle of sexes

Despite this being the year of the Bicentennial and the year for a Presidential election, the mass media and the American public have devoted much of their attention to sports and controversial issues in sports. At the moment, the most controversial figure in sports is Dr. Renee Richards, who was a mediocre men's professional tennis player, and underwent a sex change. Now, Dr. Richards wants to play in women's competition.

Dr. Richards wants to play in the women's division in the U.S. Open Tennis Tournament, one of the largest tennis classics in the world. However, almost all of the women players have promised to boycott the tournament if the "man-woman" enters it.

In order to play in women's tennis, it would seem logical that each contestant must pass as a woman in a chromosome test. Dr. Richards would probably not pass such a test and should therefore be disqualified automatically.

However, the owner of a tennis tournament recently allowed Dr. Richards to participate in the women's competition. The owner is an intimate friend of Dr. Richards and claimed that he had deep compassion for Dr. Richards, who resorted to the sex change due to the great psychological trauma. Furthermore, the owner felt that women who were boycotting tournaments because of Dr. Richards were setting back the women's lib movement. This owner is obviously both biased and ignorant, but he did set a precedent by allowing Richards to play, giving himself a share of the limelight.

Dr. Richards has won the sympathy of many others and did lose in the women's tournament in South Orange, New Jersey. After all, it is unfortunate that many people who are not one hundred per cent male or female are discriminated against. But Dr. Richards should not impose "her" problem on others. Dr. Richards is obviously stronger than the average woman, thus making it unfair for her to compete against women.

Dr. Richards is also impeding the progress that women have managed to make in professional tennis. Hopefully, Dr. Richards will not set a precedent that could conceivably ruin women's professional athletics.

Nevertheless, Dr. Richards has staged a highly successful publicity stunt which has already brought her fame and will doubtlessly bring her much wealth. She may even win a championship.

The boy-girl sports problem

The equality in boys' and girls' athletics in some public schools to this date has not been reached. This lack of action reflects either enormous apathy or sexual prejudice. Many public high schools, such as Somerville, have one tennis team which allows both boys and girls to compete. A girl who is able to make such a team may indeed be proud of her ability. However, she might be the only girl in the whole school who has a chance to play on the school tennis team.

At a local high school which has both boys' and girls' tennis team, an interesting problem developed. The best female player on the team claimed that she was not getting enough competition and therefore wanted to play on the boys' team. The girl definitely has the ability to make the boys' team, but she will not be permitted to be on the team. A state law says that if the school has a girls' team, then a girl cannot play on the boys' team. The state law should stand. Although it is doubtful that one girl who is on the team could start a trend that would wound boys as a whole, it still would not be fair that a girl would be preventing a boy from making the team.

