

School store grows under Mr. Hordijk

by Claudia Chae

"Our objective is to provide a necessary service to the school community," states Mr. Carel Hordijk. What he is referring to is Prep's School Store, which he runs in the Field House cafeteria from third to seventh period. "We sell things to students that are in great demand, such as stationary items, gym uniforms and jackets."

In previous years, the School Store had been run by the Parent's Association, but as of last year, they found it too difficult to continue its operation. The school Administration then approached Mr. Hordijk on setting up a program for the store, and assuming the responsibility of its operation. The late Dr. Spertuto also suggested interrelating the store with Mr. Hordijk's Economics class; thus, his Advanced Economics class, which consisted of students who had previously taken Economics, became involved in the running of the School Store.

"I was very pleased with the class's enthusiasm and performance," says Mr. Hordijk. "They also helped in setting it up in its present location, the cafeteria, where students would have easy access to the store." However, this year, it is being run entirely by Mr. Hordijk; the Administration decided it was not feasible, because of the limited class size and scheduling problems, to have the Economics class help operate the store.

Instead, a Store Club has been created; its members will learn about business and assist in running the store, while the store would also benefit by having enough people working there. Seven students are currently in the club and, under Mr. Hordijk's supervision, will become involved in the first stage of operation, selling. Eventually, they will advance to the next level and learn about the actual running of the School Store.

The School Store operates on a marginal profit basis, with an average 40% profit on each item it sells. Mr. Hordijk explains that this "makes it difficult to work, since we have to sell enough of an item, while any error in buying can also result in the loss of possible profit or the inability to pay bills." Planning and anticipation of the school's enrollment are also needed to determine the purchase of certain items.

Nevertheless, great progress has been made in the period of one year. As in any business, it is important to keep accurate records; Mr. Hordijk and his students use "proper accounting methods" in their bookkeeping, and the books show how much improvement is being made. Last September the School Store had sold \$2,588 worth of goods. But this year, \$4,250 in sales has been racked up by only September 20th.

Business, however, will and has declined as students have already purchased the major items they need, such as bookbags and gym uniforms. Now, business consists mostly of the purchase of smaller items and the replacement of lost property. Both years have showed a steady drop in sales after the beginning of school so Mr. Hordijk has occasional promotional to help boost sales.

The School Store does not exist for profit (the profit it does make is shared by the Parents Association and the School Council); rather, it serves the student body of Rutgers Prep by supplying any basic items they may require.

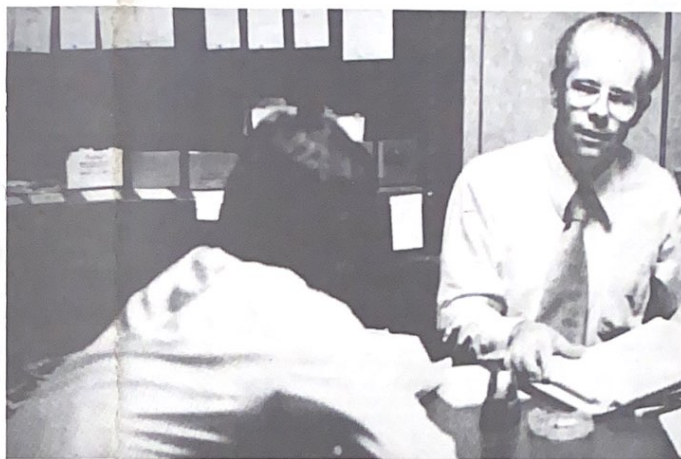
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Mr. Hordijk speaks with student at school store.

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Lasagna and colleges are nightlife for Prep

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Bio Lab moves

by Marshall Becker

A new biology lab has been created this year. The long awaited change has come through the strong urging of biology teacher, Mr. David Mazza and the Science Department.

Plans for the biology lab began back in the early seventies. The original plan was to set up a lab in the old library once construction of the new library was complete and the room emptied. The recession, however, during the 73-74 school year, aborted the plan due to a lack of proper funds.

In 1976 when the new library had been completed and the old one emptied, the plans for the laboratory seemed completely scrapped. The business office and the new Klein Counseling Center moved permanently into the created space and a bio-lab was placed in the middle school. Then Mr. Mazza and science department chairman Mr. August Daviet worked with the planning committee to find new space. Room 109, a large classroom, used primarily for chemistry, seemed to be the ideal place to house the lab. This year it was finally approved.

When asked his opinion on the creation of the new biology lab, Mr. Mazza pointed out its many advantages compared to the old one. The old lab was a classroom with lab tables situated against the walls. This made the classes cramped and the labs awkward because the desks were constantly in the way. In the new laboratory the lab tables will act as the desks for classes so that during lab periods there will be more table space for students as well as more floor space which will help the teacher's mobility from one student or table to another. New lab equipment and a greater number of sinks will also make the situation better.

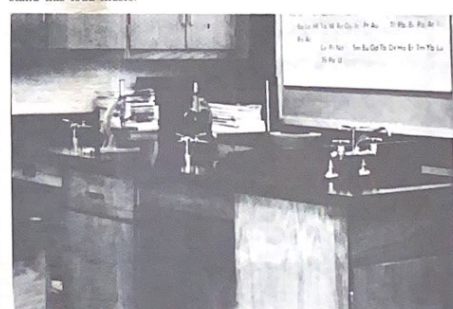
The fact that the new biology lab will be in the Upper School is also very important. "I think the lab being in the high school is a positive aspect," said Mr. Mazza. "This will make it easier to get to and from other classes for students and from the faculty room for teachers during the inter-period migratory frenzy. Its placement in the Upper School also preserves the Middle School's own environment."

Dance held at Prep

The Senior Class sponsored a dance on Friday, October 5. The dance raised money for the senior class trip. The junior class received the concession rights for their fund raising drive toward the prom. The dance, organized by outgoing class of '80 president Jimmy Goldman, was held in Baldwin Hall and featured the band Boss. They took in about \$160.

Boss is a band made up entirely of Prep students. Howie Klein is the guitarist, Kevin Scialabba is the base guitarist, Peter Brenner handles organs and keyboards and Dave Spiegel is the drummer and crowd pleaser. Carolyn Alongi shares vocal chores with Kevin. The band played a mixture of pop and hard rock and featured a guest appearance by another Prep bass guitarist, Phil Wheeler, who drew loud cheers from the crowd.

The dance began with the usual sauntering around but quickly erupted. The dance floor was soon covered with dancers and the dance stayed in high frequency until its end. One person in attendance, however, did not enjoy himself so much. R.P.S. Principal, Mr. Cressey was heard to exclaim: "I can't stand this loud music."



New biology lab is completed in Room 109.

Class Election Results

The class officers of the upper school have been elected along with class representatives to the School Council. The elections took several days to complete in some classes but the outcomes were well anticipated.

In the senior class new officers are: President Steve Lipson, Vice President Jill Roseff, Treasurer Howie Stein, and Harriet Chenkin. The new executives of the junior class are: President Maria Siegal, Vice President Bob Kelman, Treasurer Tracy Bunzel and the new secretary is Sarosh Quereshey. The sophomore class voted in President Betsy Keefe, Vice President Barry Endick, Treasurer Jeff Jonas and Secretary Denise Colaluca. Last but not least the freshman class chose Claudia Chae as their presidnet, Elizabeth Jazonowski as their vice president, Sue Imbriani as treasurer and Anita Kothari got the treasurer's spot.

Each class selected two representatives to the School Council and one alternate. Senior representatives are Jefferson Hunt and Marc Kramer, while Mario Lamola is the alternate. In the junior class the representatives are Eric Combast and Richard Schwartz and the alternate is Stuart Brodsky. Sophomore representatives are Scott Einbinder, Mary Abdalia, and alternate David Zatz. Dawn Hughes, Amile Bethel and alternate Mindy Kramer won the posts in the freshman class.

School Council News

Halloween at Prep

This year there will be a special Halloween Assembly in Baldwin Hall, on October 31. The assembly will be highlighted by the senior class, who will dress up in costumes and compete for door prizes.

It has been a tradition at Prep for the seniors to get dressed up for the Halloween Assembly, but last year this was not allowed. School Council President, Marshall Becker, got Mr. Cressey to approve the special assembly this year and give the seniors an opportunity to ham it up.

Tag Day held

On Friday, October 5, the School Council held tag day for the Upper School. The tags cost fifty cents each and gave the purchaser the opportunity to "dress down." The day was chosen to coincide with a dance held

later that evening. An estimated 90% of the upper school faculty and students participated.

The money made on the day will go to the School Council to help in their budget needs.

Chae replaces

Host on A.A.C.

Sonia Chae has replaced Sherry Host as a member of the Academic Advisory Committee. Sonia was formerly the alternate member. She now joins Lawrence Schulman as a regular member. Sherry and Larry were voted to these posts by the School Council last March.

The function of these representatives is to voice the students' view of the daily academic life to the committee, and indirectly to the administration. Sonia and Larry will retain their positions until March of 1980.

Editorial

Energy—crisis of 80's?

In every generation there has been a great challenge. In the 1930's it was overcoming the depression, in the 40's, it was resolving World War II. In the 50's, it was the threat of communism, and in the 1960's, it was the questions of both civil rights and U.S. intervention overseas. In the 1970's and into the '80's, one of the major challenges will be to find a solution to the energy crisis. (See article below.)

How have Americans responded to our current energy problems? To some degree, they have shown an interest in conservation measures as a means of stemming the tide of the energy crisis. To a larger extent however, Americans show a tendency to blame the oil companies, the Arab nations, and the federal government for our energy problems.

A case in point is presented by the recent decision by the Board of Trustees at Rutgers Preparatory School not to subsidize the cost of bus transportation. The Board wanted to put the School in a better financial position, and to use part of the \$23,000 they would be saving into other school programs. The fee for transportation to Rutgers Prep last year ranged between \$350 and \$600. This year it was increased to between \$500 and \$900, due to an increase in the cost of gas, and a lack of school funding. Certain townships pay for the transportation of approximately 200 Prep students. Last year 172 students paid for their own bus transportation. This year even with increased enrollment, only 137 students are paying for transportation, a 20% decrease. Approximately 200 students will be driving to Prep in separate vehicles, thus consuming more gas.

There are several alternatives that might be implemented in order to cut down on gas consumption. Car pooling has already been started by some Prep families, and should be encouraged by Prep's administration. In addition, the Board of Trustees might reconsider their decision concerning the subsidization of busing. Perhaps, they could also consider having teachers drive students to school. This was done at Harmony Day Camps this summer, with great success. This is not to suggest that there are simple, immediate solutions to the energy crisis. It does however, suggest that the Prep community reassess the situation in light of the part it can play in energy conservation.

Examining generations

Dealing with problems

by Jennifer C. Shore

As far back as one may look into history, each generation has had multiple problems and crises to overcome. Each generation attempts to decrease the severity of their dilemmas. If this were not so, future generations would be restricted, or governed by their problems.

During the 1960's, two major political figures, John and Robert Kennedy, were assassinated. However, our government stood strong and did not change, unlike other countries have in the past.

The Vietnam War also caused many problems. Some violently opposed it while others endorsed it. In either case, the United States was losing many soldiers as well as world prestige.

This decade was a time of many changes. People did not share common viewpoints. However, problems are meant to be dealt with, and we did cope.

Presently, the "Now Generation" is involved in both the Middle East and the Energy Crisis. Sometimes problems can be beyond our control. Many confused people think this is the case of our present energy

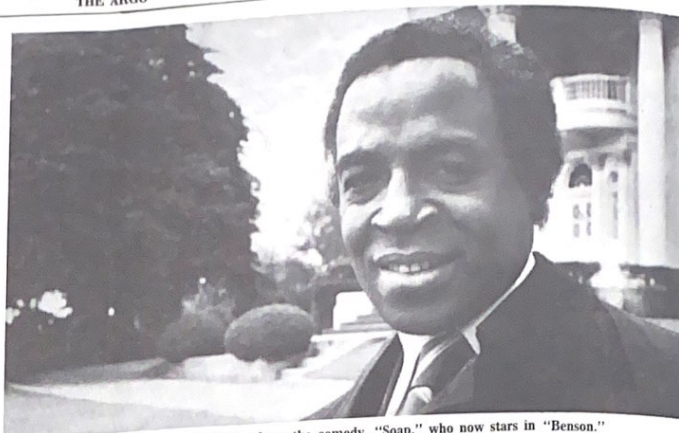
problem. However, this is not true. Now is the time to conserve, and now is the time to find new energy sources, for if we wait to act it will be too late.

On a more personal level, Rutgers Prep provides an outlet of complaints for many students. For those who complain, action can be taken to solve most of their problems. The student-faculty relationship, which unfortunately some students see as non-existent can be improved greatly. This is a two sided action. Students should keep in mind that the faculty, as a group of professionals, has as its major function, the teaching and guiding of students. Once a student forgets this, communication is lost. Students must meet the faculty halfway. Those who only grumble and do not act, will always be confined to grumbling. Therefore, if we all compromise, a lot will be accomplished. All it takes is a little effort from each person to achieve solutions to problems.

Whatever your grievance may be, profit from the past. History has a habit of repeating itself. We, at Rutgers Prep, can prevent repetitious problems by acting now.



The cast of "Benson," including the dogs that Benson obviously loves.



Robert Guillaume, the butler from the comedy, "Soap," who now stars in "Benson."

Guillaume makes 'Benson' a success

by Peter Brenner

In the tradition of many other hit series, Soap is now producing a spin-off. One of its characters is getting a series of his own, just as Maude and The Jefferson's were created after first having appeared on All in the Family. The Soap offspring is Benson. Benson was the somewhat uppity, impossibly sane butler who managed to keep the lunatic Tate household reasonably intact. Whenever Mr. Tate imperiously demanded service, Benson simply replied with a blunt, "Get it yourself!"

For his new series, Benson moves into a governor's mansion, reluctantly agreeing to Jessica Tate's plea that he help her widowed cousin, Governor Gatling (James Noble) has a cute young daughter, Katie (Missy Gold), and a snarling German housekeeper, Gretchen Kraus (Inga Swenson). Confronting his new butler, the somewhat dimwitted Governor exclaims, "I'd know the Reverend Jesse Jackson anywhere!"

Played by Robert Guillaume with a mixture of scornful pride and friendly disobedience, Benson is a cleverly charming creation, and in his first

episode, Susan Harris, creator of Soap, has surrounded him with a very effective mixture of types. As extra insurance, the director is Jay Sandrich, whose outstanding situation-comedies include many episodes of The Mary Tyler Moore Show.

The result is one of the most successful comedy series to be unveiled so far this season. The script is bright, the pacing crisp, and the execution polished. The character of the German housekeeper is greatly inspired. Benson works with a seemingly effortless smoothness that has been a trademark of television's best situation comedies.

This is not to say that danger points aren't clearly visible. Mr. Guillaume has long been outspoken in not wanting to turn Benson into a shufflin', totin' cliché. Benson, however, is certainly not that.

An example that helps to discern the thought that Benson might slip into the stereotype of a mindless, shoe-shining black servant occurred in one of the early episodes of the new series. Katie, the Governor's daughter, was told by her father that she couldn't go to a Kiss concert. However, when the Governor has to

leave the house to talk politics at a governmental meeting, Katie neatly slips out of the house and goes to the concert, thus defying her father's word. The only one who realizes her deception and can figure out where she has gone is Benson.

When Katie finally returns home from the concert, Benson takes her aside and talks with her about her deception, discussing the morals and ethics involved. He states that he wants to be able to trust her, and that contrary to the political environment that surrounds them, honesty is still the best policy. Eventually, this conversation leads to Katie telling her father where she had gone and that she was sorry for having deceived him.

This human side to Benson is something that was rarely shown on Soap. In that show Guillaume was mainly fortified with one liners and wasn't a sympathetic or emotional character. In his own show, however, Guillaume wanted to be more than just a source of sarcastic and hilariously cruel comments. It is this exposition of Benson's other side that should further assist in making this show a true success.

Opinion—Editorial

Rutgers Prep has entered a new era marked by large investments into the school. Thousands of dollars were directed into the school buildings themselves; new plumbing, air conditioning, and paint were provided for the Upper School, the art studio was renovated, and attention has been focused on the general upkeep of all school grounds and buildings. In addition to this, many more thousands of dollars went toward the purchase of a new computer.

These improvements and purchases are undoubtedly needed and have been needed for years. These outward improvements will indeed make the school more attractive to outsiders who are considering Prep as a suitable private school. However, it is inward improvements that more directly affect the educational opportunities of the students. It is this point that requires attention.

A larger portion of the school's available funds should be channeled into improving the quality of education and enriching the extracurricular activities offered by Prep. The best, most recent example of this neglect, is evident in the school coun-

cil. The council submitted a request for a \$3000 budget, a fraction of the amount used in renovation. The granted budget was \$1500, a mere half of that requested. Last year's council also received \$400 from the school store; this amount is not guaranteed this year. The council is expected to finance the various eighth-period clubs, contribute to the junior-senior prom, and run social affairs. The council also contributed money to a foster child program and has been

asked to arrange assembly programs several times this year in which speakers and entertainment must be hired. In this and other areas such as drama, the music department, and school publications like the yearbook, the literary magazine, and the Argo, students have always had to accept minimal funding although a lot is expected from them. It should not be the task of these students to raise funds.

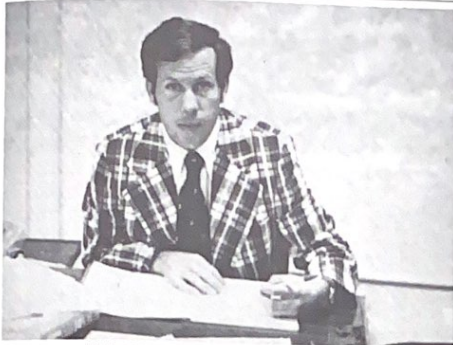
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Richard Geisel, new Director of Development.

Geisel hired in development split

by Barry Endick

This year the development office at Rutgers Prep underwent a major change. During the summer, the Rutgers Preparatory School Board of Trustees and Headmaster J. William Adams decided that due to expanding enrollment, the increasing work load in the Development Department was too much for Director of Development Eugene Bratek to handle alone. The Board also wanted to commit more of the school's resources to financial development. This need for expansion brought about the hiring of Richard Geisel, Rutgers Prep's new Director of Development.

The duties of the Development Office are now divided between Mr. Geisel and Mr. Bratek. Mr. Bratek's new title, Director of Admissions and Public Relations, reflects his duties which include the interviewing of prospective students and promoting the image of the school.

Mr. Richard Geisel says his major duty is to work with trustees and volunteers to help finance the development of the school. He wants to design a financial program for the school that will include annual, capital, and deferred giving.

"By annual giving," Mr. Geisel explained, "I mean the yearly fund rais-

ing effort which is normally the heart of any school's fund raising program. It is an effort to attract gifts from parents, alumni, and friends of the school. The objective of this type of fund raising is to concentrate on building up the school's annual funds."

Mr. Geisel went on to define capital and deferred giving as usually larger gifts, the latter being a commitment made now for a gift in the future, as in bequests.

In 1967 Richard Geisel graduated from Princeton University as a history major. He then achieved a masters degree in business administration at Stanford in 1973. He taught math at Princeton Day School and then coached track and J.V. football in Los Angeles for four years. Last year he worked at Princeton University as an Associate Director for annual giving in their yearly fund raising drive.

Today Mr. Geisel lives with his wife and two children in a solar home in Skillman. It was designed and built last year and he enjoys it very much. His hobby is long distance running; in 1972 he ran in a marathon for the Olympic trials and he still runs everyday.

Mr. Geisel is also teaching an Algebra I class here at Prep. He can be found at a desk in the reception office but he will eventually move into the newly renovated nurse's office.

Iranian studies at Prep

There are many seventeen year old seniors at Rutgers Prep. They all have their particular lives and stories to tell. They are all relatively similar. But this one is different.

Sholeh Varghaizadeh came to Prep last March as a junior and is a senior this year. She comes from another private school, one that is about 7000 miles away in politically unsettled Iran.

Less than a year ago, Sholeh lived in Tehran, Iran, with her father, an employee of the International Oil Company in Iran, her mother, a social studies teacher, and her eleven year old brother. She attended one of the best schools in Iran, Anoushirvan Dadgar, a private school for girls. She took fourteen courses a year plus instruction in the ancient Zoroastrian religion of Iran. The same courses were repeated every year only on a more advanced level. The school year was about nine months and the school day lasted from eight o'clock in the morning to as late as six o'clock at night.

Sholeh had excellent grades in Iran and she believed she was "one of the luckiest girls in my country" because her father was able to send her to a private school. Outside of school, she liked to read and listen to classical music. In her studies she learned to speak Iran's second language, English.

But then strikes in Iran caused the schools to close. Her parents decided to send her to the United States so she could continue her education. She spent a night in the streets to get to the American Embassy in Tehran. The airport was not operating regularly and it took a week before she could get a flight out of Iran. She landed in New York in January. Two days later, the American Embassy in Iran closed.

After the difficult time of getting out, Sholeh came to

languages that were already programmed into the machine. These languages, are BASIC, FORTRAN, and COBOL. A fourth language, called PASCAL, could be added on to it. The school plans to add PASCAL on to the computer sometime next year.

"Alice," the old machine, was obsolete. It was broken down beyond repair and the parts were no longer being produced. It was also very difficult to get service on it. The school had three options. One was to scrap "Alice" and discontinue the computer program at Prep altogether. The trustees didn't like this idea because, without a computer, the school would step back educationally. It is believed that in this day and age it is important, in any field, to have at least a basic understanding of the computer. The second option was to purchase time from a company computer. This is an expensive option and the cost would total over the cost of a new machine. Also, the school would have no control over the computer as when to use it. The third option was to purchase a new computer, which the school chose as the most sensible since the other options proved to be unsatisfactory.

The process of buying the computer was a complicated one. First, the school looked into the computers that other independent schools had. Then they looked into various companies and found that the program that Data General offered best suited the needs of the computer program at Prep. The whole unit cost approximately \$100,000, the software alone costing about \$15,000. It is hard to tell the actual price of the machine because of the complicated arrangements that Prep made with Data General. With the help of alumni who had connections with Data General, the cost of the machine was reduced to half.

The "Eclipse" will be used to teach the students the fundamentals of the computer. This computer is intended to be made available to both the Middle and the Upper Schools, including math classes, science classes, and even the social studies classes. It could also aid the administration in

doing the payroll, accounting and scheduling.

One of the most advantageous aspects of the "Eclipse" is that the service department of Data General is in Franklin Township. This will make it possible for the school to get quick service on the machine.

What is the history behind the purchase of the "Eclipse C150?" About two years ago Mr. Christopher Darrel, Prep's computer science teacher at that time, submitted a report to the Board of Trustees stating the condition of the present computer, "Alice," and suggested that the school buy another one. The computer he suggested was the Digital Equipment PDP 11 model 34. This machine would cost about \$100,000. Mr. Darrel still recommends this computer instead of the "Eclipse" because he feels that "it gives you more for your money." The school told him that there were not sufficient funds to buy it. At that time the school intended to use the money for a new biology lab and art studio. Now that this has been taken care of, the school feels it can afford to purchase a new computer.

A year and a half later, a new report was submitted to the Board by trustee member, Mr. Kenneth Bunzel. Because of the available funds, the proposal was accepted. Although Mr. Darrel's proposal was not accepted, he was still responsible for giving a reason why Prep needed a new computer.

There are still some questions that remain. Why didn't the school lease the computer instead of buying it? Mr. Dan Saragness, Business Administrator, said that since the leasing company has to make a profit, the cost would exceed the price of a machine.

Why would the school buy an expensive machine that would eventually become obsolete? Mr. Eugene A. Bratek, Director of Admissions, said that since it is a new model, it would be a long time before it becomes obsolete. "Either we have a computer that would eventually become obsolete," he said, "or go back to the Stone Age educationally."



Sholeh Varghaizadeh, Iranian transfer student.

North Brunswick to live with her guardian, Mr. Ardasher Dean. Mr. Dean lives next door to Mrs. Rose Ann Howarth, a teacher at Prep. She suggested Prep as a good school for Sholeh.

So Sholeh entered Prep last year in March. She says that the other students, although nice when she approached them, were not as open and friendly as they could have been. "Some of my friends in this school," she said, "in the beginning were looking at me like a strange person."

Sholeh has definite views on the political situation in Iran. She did not support the Shah. "His government wanted to exploit everybody, even me, at the age of 16 or 17, because I hadn't any permit to speak, to say my ideas, to say if this is right or wrong." She supported a liberal Khomeini, the present ruler of Iran, before he came to Iran. Once in office, Khomeini's views changed completely. The Moslem rule is harsh and strict. Sholeh and her family belong to the Bahl religion which is opposite to the Moslems and which believes someone will come after Mohammed. Khomeini told 500,000 non-Moslems to leave Iran or become Moslem. Sholeh's parents did not leave and are in constant danger. Her father could lose his job or his life.

Sholeh would like to see a social democratic government installed in Iran similar to that of its last Prime Minister, Bakhtar. She would support this government.

Sholeh's visa allows her to stay in America as long as she is in school. After graduation this year, she would like to study engineering at Rutgers and become a civil engineer. Then she will return to Iran. "I will go to my country," she said, "because my country needs me to build it."

Soccer team exhibits teamwork

by Audrey Yu

Opening their 1979 season, the varsity soccer team of Rutgers Prep returns with a barrage of both experienced and new players. Returning players include Robbie Gottfried (last year's leading scorer), Ben Angione, Glen Yurcisin, Kevin Scialabba and Tom Watts. Some of the new players this year are Chaz Heitz, a transfer from Franklin H.S., Mark Sloman, Mike Keller, Steve Haas, and George Halivopoulos. Coach Brown had this to say about the players, "The team has a good attitude and they work hard. There is a good mixture of seniors who provide the leadership and gifted underclassmen, and they are beginning to work well together. However, in order to win this year we will have to play a passing game and work as a team."

With hopes of improving last year's record of 10-8-2, we have started our new season with a record of 3-2-1. Commenting on the upcoming season, team player Mark Sloman said that, "If the team plays together we will be able to take the state championships." Last year, they were beaten in the semi-finals of the Independent State Schools.

Seniors on this year's team include Kevin Scialabba—defender, Glen Yurcisin—halfback, Steve Saltiel—halfback, Mark Sloman—lineman, Robbie Gottfried—lineman, David McNutt—lineman, David Harbour—fullback and Ben Angione—goalie. The juniors are David Spiegel, Larry Shulman, Gary Cohen and Jeff Berringer. Tom Watts, Chaz "sweeper" Heitz and Kevin Haver, Billy Cicio and George Halivopoulos are the sophomores. Mike Keller and Steve Haas are the only freshmen on the team.

Coach Brown's playing techniques include the idea of short passing game. He emphasizes the importance of well-balanced mixture of both defensive and offensive play. Kevin Scialabba, one of the finest defensive players on the team, feels that "we have a lot of teamwork and that no one person is really a star. We all have different talents and combining them all together creates a very good defensive unit."

The four team captains are Ben Angione, Glen Yurcisin, Kevin Scialabba, and Robbie Gottfried. Players on the team both respect and regard Coach Brown very highly. Goalie, Ben Angione was noted as saying, "Coach Brown has got to be one of the finest coaches around. He took a team with a losing record and turned it into a team that made it into the semi-finals of the state tournament."

Cross-Country zips through season

by Howie Klein

The cross-country team, under the guidance of their new coach Doug Tompkins, got off to a very slow start. Mr. Tompkins feels that the biggest problem this year is that the only two runners trained over the summer, Steve Potter and Richy Hollander. Mr. Tompkins says, "it's unfortunate that Steve Potter had an operation at the end of the summer. He was running an average of 4-5 miles a day."

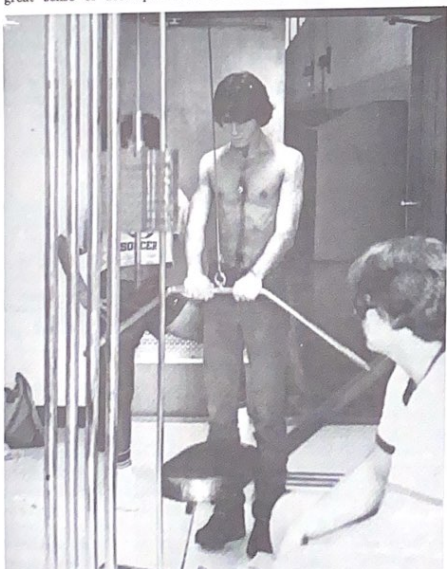
The most promising and most improved runner on the team is Richy Hollander. He usually leads the Prep squad across the finish line. In last week's race against Gill St. Bernards, though the team lost, Richy came in 1st place. Mr. Tompkins is pleased with Richy's performance and says, "in order to reach this level of competition, he has put a tremendous amount of time and effort into his training program. During the summer, he ran an average of 55 miles a week." "This effort has given me a great sense of accomplishment as

well as a feeling of confidence. I am able to maintain a positive attitude about my ability," says Rich Hollander.

Mr. Tompkins explains that there is a huge gap between his number one runner and his number two runner, Marshall Becker. Coach Tompkins hopes that Marshall will improve his time as he recovers from an injury suffered last year.

David Medinets who had a slow start but is starting to improve, is our number three runner and says Mr. Tompkins, "I also see much improvement in Bob Tam. I predict that he will become a very successful runner in the years to come. Potter is also impressive. He has cut his time by seven minutes."

Mr. Tompkins would like the cross-country team to meet in June and start building a running program for the summer to aid next year's runners. He feels this will lead to an even more successful season next year.



Howie Klein working on his triceps.



Tara O'Connell's display of high-beam perfection.

Gymnast's hard work pays off

by Dana Stahl

The girls' Gymnastics team is holding its own again this year. One of the youngest sports at Prep, the team has also always been one of the smallest. This year finds no exception. The girls, however, work hard and dedicate themselves to this rarely acknowledged and highly individualized sport.

Besides lack of support, this year a new problem has arisen; the loss of one senior as a result of last year's graduation. The team puts in many long hours trying to overcome this problem, with many new team members (and the older, more experienced competitors) working hard to perfect their skills and routines. So far, these efforts have shown positive results with a first meet victory over Pingry on September 25th. However, a loss to Somerville High School (one of the best in the state) on September 27th, will not lessen their confidence, it will only add to their experience.

The three strongest competitors, those who will see the most competitive action, are senior co-captains Dana Stahl and Dolly Sirkin and junior Tara O'Connell. Other important team members are juniors Mary Deiner, Linda Withum and Lenore Lyons. Sophomores Barb Massie, Suanne Schulman and freshmen Susan Myles

complete the roster.

Coach Linda Mueller is certain that the season will be as good, if not better than last year's. The girls too are looking to improve their record. Attention is being focused on the underclassmen for this improvement because they have great skills and potential. It is necessary though that they improve their caliber of competition because they will face some tough adversity during the coming meets. Among the teams they will compete against are larger schools like Montgomery High School, Franklin, St. Peter's, and South Plainfield.

Coach Mueller hopes to see the girls win the Annual Independent School State competition as they did last year, the inaugural year of this competition. This incidentally is the only tournament for private school gymnasts. Also in the Somerset County Tournament, when the team will face top county schools like Bridgewater East and West and Watchung, they hope to make more of an impression than last year.

The gymnastics team has a future indeed! They keep plugging away unnoticed by the rest of the school, improving slowly and impressing a lot of people along the way. One day they may even turn a few heads!

Prep's newest sport

In the last month's issue of The Argo it was reported that the athletic department had received a generous donation; physical-fitness and weight-training equipment. Well, it wasn't long before the athletes and fitness freaks started using it . . .

Under the supervision of Coach Brown, a newly formed weight-lifting club has become an enormous success. Though the club only meets 2-3 times per week during eight period, people can be found lifting each day, both during free periods and after classes (and more recently during gym periods). The jocks and jockettes are seen and heard straining under the heavy poundages, all with one purpose in mind: the develop-

ment of a fat-free, physically-fit bod.

It is surprising to find so many females involved with the use of weights and exercises which involve muscular hypertrophy. You men have nothing to fear however. According to Coach Brown, women have the ability to gain strength, but not a so-called physique; you ladies, it seems, have an unusually high level of female hormones which prohibits the formation of muscular bulk and definition . . . Thank God for that!

Participants range from sophomore Elena Della Pello to senior Kevin Scialabba. Kevin Scialabba? Well anyway, you can imagine the diverse group of people involved in this new sport at Prep.

Hordijk pleased

by Audrey Yu

Under the leadership of Coach Peter Hordijk, the Junior Varsity Soccer Team has gotten off to a moderate start. Their present record is 2-3. The success can be in part attributed to the fact that participation has grown tremendously and there are more dedicated players than last year.

The players' enthusiasm has caused them to develop very nicely. As Coach Hordijk suggested, "we are looking forward to a very successful season not only in terms of winning but also in terms of being able to teach our young people to play as a team and to appreciate the sport itself."

Tennis team progresses well

by Claudia Chae

On any given day of the week, between three and five o'clock in the afternoon, fourteen girls can be found serving, volleying and lobbing all over Rutgers Prep's four tennis courts. They are this year's girls' tennis team and, according to Coach Walter Rockhill, "with each match, they will get better and better."

Practicing between match days, the girls occasionally do drills and may run ½ a mile or more around the school grounds. More often, however, the afternoons are spent working on the court, both with each other and the ball-machine. Periodically, practice sets are played.

Having played six matches so far, out of a nineteen match schedule consisting of private and public schools, the tennis team has compiled a record of 1-2, with an impressive win over Piscataway, and losses to Hunterdon Central and Voorhees High School. (Two matches have been rained out.) Eight girls have seen Varsity action

thus far; Captain Stacy Weinstein, a junior, plays the first singles position while sophomore Corrine Rubin is in the second singles sport. Corinne's classmate Joan Imbriani is filling the third singles position. A proven team from last year, seniors Robin Kornegay and Tere Noguera play first doubles, and the second doubles spot is being filled by three freshmen, Claudia Chae, Susan Imbriani and Valerie Panson. Anita Kothari, Lisa Rosenbaum, Herma Rosenberg and Audrey Yu, all freshmen, are also on the team; sophomore Laura Blake and senior Eva Chirinos make up the remainder of the roster.

Having lost many girls from last year's team, the team's numbers have been augmented by the joining of many new players. Commenting on the especially large turnout of freshmen this year, Coach Rockhill stated that they are "a group of hard-working, athletic freshmen, and even though they haven't played a lot of tennis, they are improving tremen-

dously."

On the return of several veteran players, Coach Rockhill says that "Stacy Weinstein is our outstanding player, last year and this year." Last season Stacy had a personal record of 12-2 in the first singles position. "We also have a couple of good sophomores back, Joan Imbriani and Laura Blake, along with Robin and Tere (seniors), who played Varsity last year." And although the team will lose the talents of seniors Kornegay and Noguera next season, the return of the rest of this year's team makes "the outlook for the next couple of years look good."

Finally, Coach Rockhill summed up the team and its chances by saying, "We're pretty good now, but we can keep on improving and become a lot better." Thus, the outlook for the girls' tennis team is generally optimistic; with a strong future lying ahead in the words of one member of the team, "We have good possibilities."