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Model Congress Trip: Success in D. C.

By Susan Slim

"I have never seen so many little thirty-year-olds in my whole life," said Senator Allison Albino. This statement gets to the heart of the ideals of Model Congress, held at the Hyatt Regency hotel in Washington D.C. More than 700 students congregated from November 16th through the 19th to participate. During this four day weekend sponsored by Princeton University, high school students traded their blue jeans for three piece suits and their backpacks for brief cases, hoping to legislate better than their stalemated counterparts on Capitol Hill.

Upon arriving in Washington D. C., delegates had to first elect a Model President to oversee the conference's policy agenda. With this task done, students, bill-books in hand, separated into their particular committees, whether they be Judiciary, Labor and Human Resources, Foreign Relations, or any other. Committees debated each of its members' bills or resolutions. With a favorable vote, legislation advanced to the full House of Representa-

tion for her work on the Blue Senate Labor and Human Resource Committee. Matthew Scherb furthered his achievements, winning the Blue Senate Judiciary Committee's gavel. Finally, Susan Slim earned two honorable mentions: one for her work in the Red Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee, and another for the full Red Senate.

Jon Vafai also earned an honorable mention for work in the Model Press Corps, one of several special programs, besides the Model Supreme Court, Cabinet and Presidency, offered to students at the conference. Jon laid-out *The P. M. C. Press*, the program's daily paper, on a Macintosh with Page Maker publishing software.

The students' D. C. adventures spread beyond the confines of the Hyatt Regency. Although the government shutdown hampered sightseeing, Prep students shopped in popular Georgetown and met with politicians. Ali Naqvi, tapping his Washington internship connections, arranged a "behind the



Ali Naqvi and Craig Feinberg pose in front of Bob Dole's photo. They also met Dole in person.

tives or Senate. (Each committee was subordinate to one of six,) and finally to the Model President. He could have signed it into law or vetoed it. Senior Matthew Scherb was the lone Prep delegate to get his legislation, a Constitutional amendment abolishing the Electoral College, signed into law.

Other Prep delegates also earned special recognition for exemplary achievement. In each twenty student committee, two "honorable mention" awards and one "gavel" given to those students who debated with skill and proved knowledgeable in their committee's jurisdiction. Likewise, the same awards were given in the full Houses and Senates. Maureen Benitz received honorable men-

scenes" Capitol tour for several Prep students. A group of students also met and spoke to New Jersey Congressman Bob Franks. (R-NJ, 7th District) Whether it was in the Hyatt Regency Hotel or on the streets of Washington D. C., Prep students walked away with experiences and memories that will stay with them a long time.

Prep's Choirs and Bands Sing In the Winter Season

By Melissa Stass

Some music has no boundaries, and Prep has proved this statement. On Thursday, the 14th of December, the Upper and Middle Schools presented a choral and instrumental Winter Concert at Voorhees Chapel on the Rutgers's New Brunswick campus. Over eight centuries of music, from all over the world, were represented in different forms.

The Men's Chorus, now over thirty members strong, sang three numbers under Mrs. Szeles's direction. First, they sang "Viva Tuti", a fast-paced Latin "ode to women." Next, the men performed "Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening" from the *Forastiana*, musical arrangements of Robert Frost's poetry. "Gloria in Excelsis Deo" came last.

Mrs. Hunt's Women's Chorus also sang three songs: "B'shana Haba-a" a Hebrew melody, "Fire," by Mary Goetzy, and "Carol of the Bells," mentioned below.

Both Upper School choruses joined in "The Lord Bless You and Keep You, a

traditional, sacred piece, to conclude the concert.

The concert featured several other joint performances. The Upper School Women's Chorus and the Middle School choirs performed a Russian carol, "Carol of the Bells." Prep's newest ensemble, the Madrigal Singers, and the Upper and Middle School string ensemble combed to perform Bach's cantata "Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring."

Several instrumental groups also performed at Voorhees. The Upper School Orchestra performed two pieces: "Pavane and Galliarde," by P. Phalese, and "Ya Viene la Vieja," a traditional Spanish carol. Upper School band members joined some Middle School students in a third number, "Plink, Plank, Plunk!" by Leroy Anderson. Mrs. Peterson conducted the Upper School band in "Renaissance Dances," and the Jazz Ensemble in "Brain Sprain," "Birdland," and "Gospel John."

The Madrigal Singers also performed at the concert, shar-

ing several songs from their repertoire of Christmas carols.

At Morning Assemblies in December, the ensemble gave snippets of these and many other carols. On December 8, the Madrigal Singers performed for the Middle School, singing ten songs during a 30 minute concert in Baldwin Hall. The group took its show to Bridgewater Mall on Wednesday, December 13.

Mrs. Szeles and the Madrigal Singers will begin winter break by watching *Fuma Sacra*, a Westminster Choir College ensemble directed by Andrew Megill, perform renaissance music at Bristol Chapel in Princeton on December 15. *Fuma Sacra*, translated "holy smoke," will perform many songs previously sung Prep's group.

As Prep's music program expands, the Administration is striving to provide more practice time, and is frustrated that it can not offer more. Singers appreciate exemptions from assemblies and classes to attend extra rehearsals and a performance.

The Can Drive: Prep Lends a Hand

By Henri Renard

In the month of November, Rutgers Prep's School Council sponsored its annual Can Drive. During the week of November 13, a committee, chaired by Henri Renard and John Kansfield, collected cans from the School Community. To stimulate response, Council offered a dress down day to all students who brought in ten cans and a pizza party for the first class to bring in 500 cans.

This year's Can Drive was successful; however no class

came close to 500 cans. The Freshman class brought in 258 cans, the Sophomores brought in 394 cans, the Juniors brought in 300 cans, and the Seniors brought in 249 cans. Thus, the grand total of cans brought in was 1,201 cans.

All the cans received were divided between the Franklin Food Bank and the New Jersey Aids Foundation. During morning assembly on December 6, Mrs. Halpern read a letter from the Aids Foundation,

expressing their appreciation for the School Community's efforts. Prep again demonstrated its concern for all people, and made an effort to help those in need.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 15	Winter Break begins
Jan. 2	Classes resume
Jan. 15	Martin Luther King Day, school closed
Jan. 16 - Jan. 19	Exams
Jan. 22	School Closed
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U. S. Troops Belong in Bosnia

By Ali Naqvi

Since 1992, over a quarter of a million people have died and two million have been forced from their homes in war torn Yugoslavia. The bloodshed and ethnic-cleansing in Bosnia have been described as the "Second Holocaust." The Serbian aggressors, the faction most blamed for the brutal conflict, have victimized innocent women and children.

World War II's Holocaust survivors warned, "Never again." Unfortunately, the warning has been ignored, contradicted by present human rights violations occurring in Europe and the Balkan peninsula. Delaware Senator Joseph Biden informed the Senate that reports now show Serbian soldiers cutting the stomachs of pregnant Muslim women, while betting with each other on the fetuses' sex. This violence is

not unique; this has been a brutal war.

After four years of these atrocities, President Clinton has finally acted on the situation. On Tuesday, November 26, the President addressed the nation from his Oval office, outlining the United States' plan to comply with NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) in sending 20,000 troops to the disturbed region in Bosnia.

His reasoning behind the decision was based on America's moral obligation to human rights, the cornerstone of our own constitution. "The people of Bosnia finally have a chance to turn from the horror of war to the promise of peace," said Clinton. He then described his conversation with the Pope earlier this year, when Pope John Paul II told him, "This century started with a war in

Sarajevo, you must not let it end with a war in Sarajevo." As closely described in the speech, America's mission would be simple and clear: to maintain peace among Serbs, Croats and Muslims, and to withdraw troops by December 1996. He also went on to say that the U.S. is not the world's "policeman," but it is a superpower, and if America does not take a leadership role in Bosnia, no other nation will.

The notion of sending ground forces to Bosnia came only after a 21-day negotiation marathon with the three major Bosnian parties. The three sides broke down much of the existing strife between them. One part of the agreement finally drew a concrete map giving half of the Bosnian territory to the Serbs, and the other half to the Muslims and Croats.

Despite the President's announcement, Congress and many other Americans remain skeptical of the whole idea. The common contention seems to be "We have no national interest in Bosnia, so why should we go when we have more problems at home in the U.S.?" This is a valid point, since we have no economic incentive in Bosnia. Indeed, funding for troops could easily go to other U.S. programs. Despite all this, the U.S. has a reputation as the world's only leader, and therefore the only reputable peacemaker. Also, if the Bosnian war continues to spread, it will lead into Greece and Turkey, which are members of NATO, and NATO is the United States' vital interest.

Above all reasons, the most significant is the fact that we are witnessing the destruction

of a human race, because some have slightly different ethnic backgrounds than others. As we promote the destruction of racism this proves to the American people that the U.S. government will not tolerate any acts of aggression due to prejudicial attitudes on its own soil.

Americans should take justified pride in America's leading role in pushing a settlement in Bosnia. When Clinton decided earlier this year to commit America's prestige and power to achieving a peace absent for so long, his Administration made very good foreign policy (for a change.) The peace is fragile: it will require the support of not only Bosnia, but America and the rest of the world. Hopefully, given time, the Balkan countries might eventually reunite.

Decrease Toxic Waste Dumping in the Ocean

By Justin Auciello

Should the government decrease the amount of toxic waste going into the world's oceans? Many people in the world want the dumping stopped. At the 1995 Princeton Model Congress, junior David Weitz introduced a bill that would cure the problem of toxic waste dumping. Bills similar to this are introduced in Congress but many hard-core politicians oppose them. Why don't these people care about the oceans? The people that oppose these bills utilize the ocean for food and swimming pleasures. The protection of the oceans is necessary.

Weitz's proposed bill had

many beneficial points that would save the oceans and stop companies from dumping waste into them. The federal government would grant states money to correct the problems. This is a good start. With the government providing money, states would have a better chance to correct the problems than if they had to do it alone. If the states had to comply with the federal government, the problem would be solved much more quickly. Penalties for not following the regulations would deter would-be violators.

Another bonus to states is cleaner beaches and the resulting increase in state revenue. The

Jersey shore is a large tourist attraction. If the shore were to close, New Jersey would lose huge amounts of money. Not too long ago, many beaches closed due to medical waste in the water. If a bill like this were passed before this, the beaches would not have closed. Without attractive beach-front, many states will suffer an economics slump.

Another way to stop toxic waste dumping is to offer a tax incentive to companies that cooperate. A tax incentive would

offer companies a reason to find other methods of disposing of toxic wastes. Companies could get a break in their taxes while our toxic waste problem would slowly end.

In the long run, a bill needs to be passed to save the beaches and oceans. Everyone would benefit. Tourists could go to a clean, safe beach and swim in a clean ocean. Companies would receive a tax break, saving them money. State governments would be happy because if the beaches

are clean, tourists will come and spend their money, boosting the economy. We must preserve our beaches and oceans.

Bosnia: Another Vietnam

By Scott Vafai

The American people have been asked to support Bill Clinton's proposal to send troops to aid the Bosnian peace process. This comes as a result of the agreements made in Dayton, Ohio by the three major players in this conflict: Alija Izetbegovic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Slobodan Milosevic of Serbia, and Franjo Tudjman of Croatia. They have agreed to divide the country with fifty-one percent of the land going to the Bosnians and Croats, and the remaining forty-nine percent going to the Serbs.

Clinton proposes we send 20,000 troops to Bosnia for one year to support the peace agreements. He claims that American troops would not be there to fight a war, and he claims they would be safe, capable of countering any resistance. Clinton and Sec-

retary of State Warren Christopher both make it sound so safe and easy, but they are far from the truth. The peace agreement was not completely accepted by the general public on either side. This leaves the chance for more than just a few little skirmishes. If the combatants do not want peace, there will not be any.

One man commented, "This is not what we have been fighting and suffering for." Sending troops for only the one year suggested won't accomplish anything. The agreement plans to establish a new government and free some cities. It is a mistake to send American troops on such a difficult mission. There is a time limit, but there is no definition of success. What are our goals and how will we know when we have reached them?

If we send our troops there,

we are looking at another Somalia or Vietnam. We sent our troops to Somalia, where they were bombarded with attacks by local warlords that took a major toll on our forces. We made a mistake getting involved then; we should not make the same mistake now. We sent troops to Vietnam, and our intervention was of no help. If we send troops now, we could end up in a similar situation.

We have been rushed. As

the peace-bringing moderators in Bosnia, we should take it slow. Yes, America should make sure the new government doesn't crumble. When this slower, more complete peace process is achieved then it will be safe and wise for us to send troops. More time needs to be spent thinking about what we are getting involved in. Right now the agreement is unstable and our plans are unsafe. By sending our troops now, we are asking for problems.

Roving Reporter

Question: What do you think about Washington's attempt to balance its budget?

It's not right that these tax cuts in the Republican budget are going to benefit the wealthiest Americans, while the program cuts will adversely affect the poorest Americans."

- Neil Patel, '96

I think it's ridiculous that Republicans think they can take money from important programs and funds which are integral parts of making the American society work.

- Bobby Roy '96

Republican are doing an excellent job considering all of the opposition from democrats. They are trying to do what's good for the people, cutting useless program likes medicare and medicaid. I applaud them for not taking too much of a passive role, such as the Democrats.

- Sid Singh '96

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Excelsior Signs In

by Meredith Riley

This year *Excelsior* is running true to form with many intriguing submissions and a first issue that is right on track. Every member of the dedicated staff is working hard to uphold the lofty standards set by previous editions. This year's batch of writers and creators are undergoing something of a "new beginning," given the departure of several extremely talented writers from the class of 1995.

This year's Editor-in-Chief is senior Meredith Riley, who receives much help from her "right hand woman" Managing Editor Meredith Shirley. The Merediths hope to bring their own distinct flavor to their

first issue of *Excelsior*. The staff is largely comprised of Juniors including this year's Governor's School of Writing nominee, Allison Albino. Sophomores, and a healthy serving of new freshman draftees, fills out the ranks of Prep's creative finest. Art Editor Jay Golon summed up his expectations: "I'm very excited about the first issue. Artistically we want to have a 'comic book' type theme. I've already received great work from artists such as Scott Yelity and Chris Correa to border all the writing that will be in the issue. Personally, from the length of the submissions ballot, many writers have improved since last year

and there are plenty of new faces to replace the old. The turnover from year to year is always exciting. I hope everyone will read it."

The success of the magazine is due to the commitment of many fine artists and organizers who make up a good deal of the school's population. Chances are that if you pick up the magazine, you, or someone you know will have contributed in some way. *Excelsior* truly is a community effort. Under the paternalistic guidance of the net surfing, clipboard toting Mr. Kendall, layout of the first issue is due to begin shortly with publication and distribution soon to follow.

Play Writing Workshop Gets Two Thumbs Up

By Jay Golon

"Ask yourself this question: What is it about this particular day that is causing your situation to unfold the way it does? What is motivating your character to behave the way he is behaving? If you can figure this out, you're on the right track." These were the words of visiting playwright Dominique Cieri during her visit to Rutgers Prep on Tuesday, November 28.

Ms. Cieri, joined by Mr. Kendall, Mrs. Herzberg, and Miss Turlish, led a workshop for ten students between grades nine and eleven. Dealing chiefly with the fundamentals of play writing, Cieri not only helped the younger writers in the group, but reminded more experienced ones of simple stratagems they might have forgotten for writing a better script. Cieri proved to be insightful, well spoken, and extremely sharp. She encouraged all the writers present, "not to be afraid to share their work. It will never get better if nobody hears it." By taking away the element of fear, all

students were able to read their own work for the class and receive valuable feedback from Cieri and the other members of the workshop.

Mr. Kendall asserted that, "The success of the workshop can be attributed to the organization that went on beforehand. The gamble we took was making sure everyone who wanted to attend the class had a workable script to be looked at. We figured we'd get more miles for the dollar if we went by this format. This, as opposed to having the playwright come in and starting from ground-zero with nothing for her to read. The presence of completed work made it much easier for her to jump right in and get more done." Not only did students bring in work, as Mr. Kendall stated, but they brought in very good work. All of the scripts, though rough on the edges, were very promising. From a skit about aliens assuming control of a car to a short scene about a blood-thirsty pick-up artist, all of the work was

energetic and unique.

Some feel plays are one of the most difficult genres to write given their dependencies on dialogue and their variable specificities of stage directions. Every detail must be well thought out and nothing can be randomly placed on stage. As Russian writer Anton Chekhov once warned, "If there is a shotgun mounted on a wall on stage it had better go off by the end of the first act." Ms. Cieri's instruction helped the writers choose what details to use and understand why they were put there. She urged the group to tap into what was their characters' biggest "wish and fear" and decide how the character would react to both of them.

The workshop lasted the entire day, and participants considered it to be time well spent. The next step in the process for the writers will be to take Ms. Cieri's advice and revise their respective scripts. With luck, the fruits of this workshop will be seen and heard at the Winter Show sometime this February.

R. P. S. Drama Gives a Gem of a Performance

By Mark Markowski

As the curtains parted, the audience entered the realm of a 1950's reference department. *The Desk Set*, this fall's production, dealt with fact-finders' fears of computerization. Melissa Stass (Bunny Watson) gave a stellar performance as head of the reference department. Her relationship with Jason Kramer (Abe Cutler) kept the audience laughing throughout the entire evening. Director Mrs. Turlish, and Ron Kelly's Tech Crew put together a must-see play for the entire Prep Community.

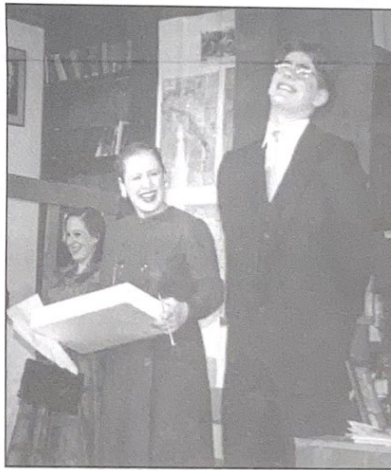
Nicole Finner (Sadie Meyer), Jessica Hedges (Peg Costello), and Jennifer Conrad (Ruthie Saylor) were hilarious as they gossiped about all of the employees in the office building. Complementing their performances, Jay Golon (Richard Sumner)

played the uptight technology expert. As a personality foil for the gabby women, Jay contributed to the humorous plot structure.

Best performance goes to Jeremy Wang-Iverson. Although playing only a minor role, Jeremy kept the audience laughing with his New York accent and affection for the ladies. Erin Leeder (Elsa) and Jane Needleman (Miss Warriner) also did a fine job in their first R. P. S. Production.

The Tech Crew stood behind the actors, supporting them with a tremendous set, complete with a punch-card spitting computer.

Although many individuals played significant roles, it was the entire cast that collaborated on this wonderful fall production.



Jay Golon and Melissa Stass grace the Prep stage in *The Desk Set*

Commentary: Prep Must Confront its Flaws

By Babi Das with Matthew Scherb

On Saturday, November 18th, the final performance of *The Desk Set*, one Tech Crew member engaged in "an alcohol related incident," according to administrators. During Morning Meeting on November 30, Headmaster Dr. Loy informed the School Community, in cryptic terms, that the offending student had been suspended. Dr. Loy persuaded students to learn, by example, that possessing any alcohol on campus was not only illegal, but also in conflict with Prep's Handbook and rules. Dr. Loy "was very disappointed with the

actions of some students" involved.

Curbing rumors and adding students to the disciplinary process are admirable goals; however, Dr. Loy missed the mark on both.

While the Headmaster was speaking, some students had knowing looks on their faces, while other still sat in the dark. Unfortunately, Dr. Loy's remarks clouded the situation further: he failed to either mention a specific offensive act, or to dispel the notion of a non-existent "prank tradition."

More confusion emerged after Dr. Loy addressed seniors at a special meeting. He claimed to address the "alcoholic incident" at the play, but instead asked students to consider non-alcoholic gifts for activity advisors. Dr. Loy never explained the connection: the Tech Crew had planned to give organizer Ron Kelly an alcoholic beverage as a present.

Some students criticized the administration for going public. Junior Nicole Finner believed, "along with many of the other actors, that the School Commu-

nity should not have been told about what happened. The people involved with drama feel that the program is a close knit community. Because the event has now gone public, it might put a damper on the drama program."

However, as junior Frank Cesario, the Drama Board Business Director explained, "The School Community should be aware of anything that happens on campus." When unhappy events transpire, students must confront them and grow from them. Suppressing adverse incidents only creates an illusion of

perfection that furthers the sheltered prep school syndrome to its disastrous conclusion.

Mr. Karman cited two reasons why the incident was called to the Student Body's attention. Karman said, "You need to control rumors and you need to let people know where the lines are. There are two different problems that needed to be dealt with, the prank and the problem of alcohol on campus."

A school capable of admitting failure can mature and grow; a school unwilling to confront its troubles will succumb to them.

Wrestling Team Hits Tough Transition Period

By Barry Hirsch

Although last season was one of the most successful in history for the Prep Wrestling Team, this one figures to be a lot different. The loss of many key seniors will devastate the team. State Champions William Bocca, Scott Skorupsky, and Robin Singh are among the list of graduating stars. Also, the team will miss heavyweights Greg Costello and Adam Simmet.

The one truly bright star on this team is David Papa. Coming off a State Championship season, Papa has his eyes set on the National Title. Unfortunately, his season began with a mild ankle injury. Hopefully he will have a speedy recovery and be ready for competition.

Another adversity the Wrestling Team must overcome this year is little depth within weight classes. Not only will a lack of wrestlers in the heavy-weight categories hurt the team, but the restructuring of the

classes, making a new class every five pounds, will be confusing. Hopefully Coach Robert Dougherty will have no problem adjusting to the new system.

One of this team's successes has been its ability to recruit older Prep students. Junior Sam Schecter will be joining the squad this year as well as Sophomore John Vicari. Their help, as well as the experience of Juniors Craig Feinberg and Co-Captain Henri Renard, will lead the team to some success.

This year will challenge the Wrestling Team. During its transition period, wins will probably not come easily. Hopefully through the help of Dave Papa, Coach Robert Dougherty, and the other assistants the team will persevere and win matches. With practice and patience the team could have some success. If not now, the team's time will come soon.

Upcoming Home Games

12/15- Prep Holiday Basketball Tournament	3:30
12/16 Continued	12:00
1/3 Girl's Basketball	4:00
1/4 Volleyball vs. Morristown	4:00
Boy's Basketball vs. Sol. Schecter	5:30
1/5 Girl's Basketball vs. Peddie	4:15
1/6 Boy's Basketball vs. Somerset	2:00
Wrestling vs. Metuchen	11:00
1/7 Girl's Basketball vs. Akiba Academy	12:30
Boy's Basketball vs. Akiba Academy	2:00
1/9 Volleyball vs. Lawrenceville	4:15
1/11 Girl's Basketball vs. Ranney	4:00
1/12 Boy's Basketball (V) vs. Morristown	7:30
Boy's Basketball (JV) vs. Morristown	4:30
Girl's Basketball vs. Morristown	6:00
1/24 Volleyball vs. Solomon Schecter	5:30
Wrestling vs. Lawrenceville	4:00
1/26 Volleyball vs. Wardlaw Hartridge	4:30
1/27 Girl's Basketball vs. Franklin	1:00
Boy's Basketball vs. Franklin	2:30
11/29 Volleyball vs. P. D. S.	4:00
1/30 Swimming vs. Madison	4:00
Boy's Basketball (Frosh) vs. Blair	4:00

Boy's Basketball

By Jeff Miklos

The 1995-1996 Varsity Boy's Basketball team is anticipating a strong season this year, hoping to improve on last year's record. New players have joined and they hope to make positive contributions. The team hopes these new players will offset the graduation of last year seniors Mike Maccia, Jamie Jimenez, and Scott Sienkiewicz. New players include juniors Scott Fleicher and Scott Yelity, sophomores Will Pabst, Zack Solomon, and Ian Liggett, and freshman Jarret Sutton.

The returning players are seniors John Karsfield and Anthony Edison, and juniors Joe Zizewski, Jason Maikos, Joe Fuocco, Jeremy Kenney, and Mark Markowski. These players will add experience to an

otherwise young team, a team that will grow and improve as the season unfolds. Ian and Will will try to contribute with rebounds, while Jarret and Zack will help in the backcourt along with Scott Fleicher and Scott Yelity. Mark, Joe, Anthony, and John will add scoring punch off the bench.

The starters are Jarret, Joe Z. Jeremy, Jason, and Will. Joe and Jason will give the team solid minutes and production while new starters step up and fill their respective roles. Jason and Jarret will be the starting guards while Joe, Will and Jeremy will make up the starting front court. With this lineup Boy's Basketball looks to a successful season.

Girl's Basketball: Another Great Season

By Scott Vafai

With only a couple of weeks of practice under their belts, the girl's basketball players appear ready to start another fantastic season. The team has optimism because of two factors: the return of many talented players, and the fielding of a bright and talented freshman class.

Although there are no seniors on this year's team, the girls are still confident. They believe they will obtain most of this leadership from returning juniors Elizabeth Alexander, Katie Somers, and Maureen Benitz. Sophomores Jaclyn Sienkiewicz, Priya Radhakrishna, Charlene Davenport and Debbie Gray will support the core. Also, the team will be looking for much support from freshmen Jasmine Orders, Kandace Clarke, Doni Petigrow, Laurie

Tashman, and Denya Chingque.

Junior Liz Alexander will captain the team, replacing the leadership of graduating seniors Tara Auciello, Diana Lascinski, Erin Armstead, and Eireann Corrigan. Hopefully, Liz will show the talent that made her a force to be reckoned with on the court last year. The players must work hard to succeed, but they are willing and able to strive towards victory. If they perform to their potential, this team is almost a guaranteed winner. In any case, given the youth of the girls, the team will likely be successful in the future. The coaches know this, and will be able to tap their young talent towards this end. We wish the team best of luck as it heads into the new basketball season.

Volleyball Has Hope for the Future

By Caroline Chang

This year's volleyball squad has seen some new changes this season. Coach Susan Tidd replaces Heide Kearman as Head Coach, and she brings a plethora of new techniques to this young team. There are a total of 23 members: the largest squad Rutgers Prep has seen in five years.

Returning as Senior Captains for the Varsity team are outside hitter Joyce Reyes and setter Caroline Chang. They lead a promising Varsity team consisting of senior outside hitter Akta Patel, junior outside hitter Susan Slim and junior middle hitters Nicole Albin, sophomore setter Angela Lin and hitters Arienne Carrington and Aarti Patel fill up the rest of the Varsity roster.

The first month of practice seemed confusing for the girls because of new position-

ing and rotations. Clearly, the confusion dissipated the minute the starters stepped out for their first match.

The team started out well, defeating Lacodaire and St. Elizabeth; however, these were not easy wins. Both matches went to three games, and one of them lasted for two hours. The girls, despite having to learn a new rotation pattern, still came out on top.

The team's true potential manifested itself during the Prep Spikers Tournament held on December 2. They placed fourth out of nine teams overall by defeating St. Elizabeth, Montclair, Kimberley, and Morristown Beard. Losing to Collegiate in the semi-finals was an emotional loss for the girls, but defeat only made them stronger. The squad is now ready for anything.

This year's Junior Varsity team has also shown potential.

Assistant Coach Denise Goldman and Captains Camille Melton and Maura Pritchard lead the team. J.V. lost their first two matches, but they still keep faith for a winning season. The J.V. team members include sophomores Khaleelah Coleman, Kris Farley, Kristen Peterson, Misha Prophete, Nicole Smith and freshmen Jessica Belser, Kim Brown, Babi Das, Jaydalia Jones, Janel Leyden-Noels, Sara Preschel, and Allison Schecter.

The team faces Kent Place next. During the Prep Spikers Tournament, the Varsity team faced Kent Place twice, splitting the two games between them. With the girls' performance at the tournament, the volleyball team can find a confidence that it lacked at the beginning of the season. They are now ready to defeat Kent Place and any other team they will face.

Swimmers are Pumped for Upcoming Season

By Barry Hirsch

This year's swimming team is filled with returning talent from last year, as well as new talent from the freshmen class. Swimming is one of only three co-ed teams, the others being golf and cross country.

Swimmers must deal with not having their own facilities: the team has to tread every day to Cook Campus of Rutgers College in order to practice. Their home meets take place at Rutgers as well.

The team is led by a solid core of returning seniors. Co-Captains Matt Needleman and

Meredith Riley are assisted by Sid Singh, Corrie Graham, and Chris Pink. Abby Winant and national champion Winston Chow lead a solid underclassmen core.

The whole team is very excited because Coach Nes Forney has been able to get Rutgers Swimming Coach Rick Simpson to help out during practice. Hopefully, with his tutelage, the Prep swimmers will be ready for a long and tough season.

Another thing to be happy about is the fact that many swim-

mers have recently established new personal best times. Kerry Smith, Winston Chow, Nick Lessard and George Cox all did this. As well as this distinction, the team also has many people who swim outside of school. Both Matt Needleman and Corrie Graham take part in this.

Overall, the team has a lot to be excited about. They have some tough matches against the Ham school and Wardlaw Hartridge, but hopefully they will prevail. We all wish them the best of luck in their 1995-96 campaign.



Girl's Basketball players toast a foul shot.

Winter Scores

Volleyball	2-2
Swimming	1-2
Boy's Basketball	1-3
Girl's Basketball	5-0
Wrestling	1-0