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A Void for RPS

by Debbie Spitzer

A great void is facing Prep in the year to come. I'm not only referring to the class of '89, I'm referring to the faculty. Several great assets to this institution are leaving either in retirement, sabbaticals, as temporary replacements, or otherwise. The list includes Mrs. Wacker, Mr. Beronio, Mr. Daviet, Mrs. Dutta, Mr. Stoll, Ms. Vitkus and Ms. Corrigan. There's going to be an incredible turnover. Some view this as positive, while many are distressed by the loss.

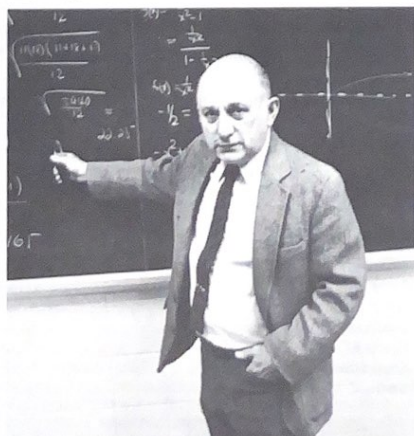
Mr. Beronio is leaving after 24 years of teaching at Prep. He feels it's time to take a break and relax. "At 62 years old, I want to live to be seventy. Many of my friends have been ill, and it's important to me to be physically capable to enjoy myself, so I decided I needed to lessen the load." Mr. Beronio is currently taking courses in computers and hopes to work part-time, 2-3 days a week utilizing his computer skills. "It's been difficult, especially this year, to keep up with the pressures of teaching such as the paperwork and numerous classes." Not only does Mr. Beronio plan on working part-time, he hopes to spend lots of time golfing, traveling across the United States, and possibly even tracing family roots in Italy. Mr. Beronio will definitely miss Prep and many of the students that he has encountered.

Mrs. Dutta has been with Prep since 1963 and feels it's time for her to do something else. She's looking forward to relaxation, the freedom to travel abroad, and a different lifestyle. She hopes to remain strongly involved in community activities, but she's not interested in working anymore. When asked what she would miss the most she replied, "The vibrant community. Prep always offered a challenge, and I've enjoyed it very much." Mrs. Dutta couldn't say enough about how very much the faculty has meant to her. "They've offered me strong support, have always

stood together and trusted one another, and have given me a great sense of security. I've enjoyed their company. Even though I was different in every way, they've always accepted me and offered me encouragement." Mrs. Dutta also feels strongly toward her students. She feels they have built a bridge between her and society and have taught her a lot. "A lot of pleasure has come from the students by watching them learn and grow in separate and flexible patterns." Mrs. Dutta will greatly miss what Prep has given her.

There are many misconceptions as to whether or not Mr. Daviet is also retiring. The facts are that Prep has offered him two alternate jobs instead of his current position as Guidance Counselor and part-time Science teacher. These two jobs include part-time work with the development office or full-time work as a science teacher. Mr. Daviet has been with Prep for 35 years. One more year and he would be eligible for Social Security. He has been aware of his dismissal from his current position since the beginning of the school year, yet has continued to work his hardest at his job. What many don't realize is that Mr. Daviet is a hard-working, dedicated, experienced, and caring individual who usually doesn't get enough credit for his actions. Instead of moving a giant step back in his career, Mr. Daviet has decided to leave Rutgers Prep and is considering a career as an independent counselor in college admissions. His service will be sorely missed, as well as his honest character. To him and all of the faculty leaving Prep, we wish all the luck and happiness possible.

Mrs. Wacker will be on a half year sabbatical and Ms. Corrigan and Ms. Vitkus are leaving because they were one year appointments. In addition, Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Fox of the upper school office will not be returning.



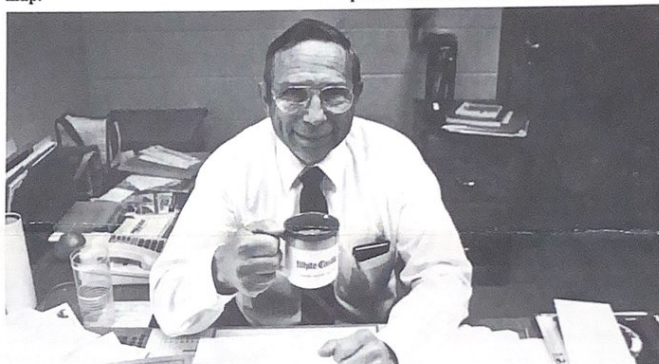
Mr. Beronio unravels the mystery of math.



Mrs. Dutta and her "Modern European" map.



Ron Lahiri and Ezra Weisz—1st and 2nd place winners in State Forensics.



Mr. Daviet at his desk and his "White Castle" cup.

RPS Academic Team—Competitive

by James Talbot

The Academic Team gives Rutgers Prep students a chance to compete against other schools in intellectual tournaments. The team has a history of success which should continue given the dedication of their advisor, Mrs. Goosen. She coaches and prepares the team for tournaments and much of the team's success can be attributed to her.

The tournaments that the team attends are similar to TV-type game shows. In fact, most tournaments are run as a modified Jeopardy. The Academic Team has participated in the Rutgers College Bowl which is a conglomeration of different high schools competing against each other. This meet was televised on local channel fifty-eight. It is quite difficult to prepare for meets and tournaments since a question concerning any topic may be asked. Questions may range from social history to advanced physics. The only difference between the academic team and conventional TV game shows is that the questions asked must have an academic flavor. Rarely are any "trivia" questions asked. Thus each player must have a strong and thorough knowledge of their academic subjects.

Each year the faculty get together and nominate outstanding (in academics) seniors and juniors to be placed on the academic team. This year no juniors are on the team. The primary criteria for placement on the Academic Team is that the nominated students show unusual ability in most of their classes. The list for next year's academic team (class of 1990) will soon be posted outside Mrs. Goosen's window. The current members of the academic team are: Heather Bensko, Melanie Dever, Anthony Folen, Dev Lahiri, Matt Lenaghan, Doug Pagan, Marc Parker, Chris Racich, Adrienne Townsen and Craig Wacker. Tony Folen, Melanie Dever, Adrienne Townsen, and Matthew Lenaghan were also team members as juniors.

The team attends many conference throughout the year. The largest one is the Bridgewater-Raritan tournament. Schools from all over the state attend this conference. There are three or four rounds that can last up to three weeks. Rutgers Prep does consistently well. Our Academic team almost always makes it to the finals; this is excellent considering we are such a small school competing with gargan-

tuan public schools. We have yet to send a Prep student to the finals in Texas but everyone is keeping their fingers crossed! Another big tournament that we attend is the Perth Amboy Decathlon of Knowledge. As everyone can see by the trophy that looms in the award box, we also fare well in this tournament.

The Academic Team is a noteworthy addition to Prep's long list of extracurricular activities. Most people do not know the hard work and dedication that each member of the academic team has put into it. It is a great honor to be chosen for the Academic team; each member upholds this honor by giving the team their unselfish dedication and striving to do their very best.

By the way . . .

Recently, the Rutgers Preparatory School Council finished out a year long administration and four new members were elected to the school council.

The results were: Alex Wojtenko as president, Rima Mian as vice president, Raguni Narotam as secretary, and a run-off for treasurer between Gracie Alcid and Sam Finkelstein which resulted with Gracie as the winner.

EDITORIAL

by Adrienne Townsen

I can't believe my senior year is over. I remember writing an editorial for the last issue of the paper a year ago, but somehow it didn't seem so final. I've spent eight years here at Prep, and during that time I've experienced a lot. I've also witnessed a lot of change and growth in Prep as I moved through the lower, middle and upper schools. In so many ways I will miss Prep and all it's done for me, but in many other ways I couldn't be more excited about what lies ahead.

I don't want this article to relate only to seniors, but as graduation approaches I am so caught up by being a senior that I can't relate to much else. I always thought that senior year was supposed to be a time for fun—wrong! Well, let me clarify myself, senior year is a lot of fun but twice as much work, worry and tension comes along with it. Many a senior is so stressed out by this time of the year, it's a wonder he/she can function at all. A lot of you underclassmen are probably saying "Why not blow off the end of the year—you are already in college". If only it were that easy. Granted by May most of us have made a final college decision, but that doesn't mean we stop working. First of all, many colleges want that final transcript which better not show

a drop in grades. Or what about AP exams—two glorious weeks in May where some are taking as many as 4 or 5 AP's. Slack off—you must be kidding. Then there's the two words most seniors love to hate—community service. How many times have I heard, "Well, if we wake up at 2:00 A.M. on June 11th, there's still time. But really, with everything else that's going on and taking up our time, who can spare 10 hours?"

Enough about the end of senior year, I'm more concerned with the end of my eight years here at Prep. There are several kids in my class that have been here longer than that, and for us, this school has really become a place where we feel secure. I'm sure all of us have our gripes and little things we would like to change about Prep, but overall this place holds many special memories. I don't think anyone who graduates from here can look back on his/her Prep days without at least one thing to smile about. There have been so many good times for me at this school and so many opportunities given me that I will never be able to forget. I will truly miss Prep, particularly all of the people—the faculty, coaches and special friends who have made my years here so memorable. Congratulations and best of luck to my class—The Class of '89.

NO GYM = MORE TIME

by Matt Lenaghan

When Governor Kean suggested that the state law requiring gym in high school be dropped, many people, including gym teachers, who were understandably worried about their jobs, protested. When the situation is looked at carefully, in combination with reports of America's less than perfect educational system, Governor Kean's suggestion seems to be a reasonable and constructive proposal.

Students at Rutgers Prep instantly jump in approval of Governor Kean's suggestion. Students who are serious about their work would like the long study hall, so they can pursue their extracurricular activities more actively after school. The difference in opinion over the necessity of gym also creates harmful hostility between athletic coaches who are gym teachers and their players. Coaches should realize that their players would be in better shape to play (less stressed) if the long nights with books could be cut down by an added hour to study in the school day. But, some say, there is a need for physical education. One must realize, though, that America is very concerned about fitness and is often actively pursued by young adults. Those interested in athletics play sports (this includes most of the student body at RPS.) Those who are not interested in sports, are not going to give gym anything

but taken effort anyway. In conclusion, some Prep students say that bowling with basketballs and playing soccer on one's knees in the wrestling room are hardly examples of physical education.

This, however, does not touch the real target of Governor Kean, the public schools. While they might not participate in the same activities which are criticized by Prep, the argument that those who enjoy sports will pursue their interests, and those who do not will not participate in gym is still a strong one. Furthermore, if large public schools, which are having problems educating their students, could improve in the least bit by adding an academic course or time for study in place of gym, wouldn't it be worth it?

Since Kean's suggestion was that gym be made optional, a school could decide. This is the important point: each school could decide in favor of, or against gym. In all schools, ours included, teachers and students should be allowed to have some say in the decision. If they are interested in academics, they could be rewarded instead of presented with hollow excuses from institutions built for learning. The best excuse Rutgers Prep has come up with has been "you can't have extra time to study so you can play sports after school, because it will hurt the Physical Education program and bowling with basketballs, for instance, is vital."

Class of 1989

Abdullah, Valeria Penn State University, SUNY (Purchase)	Goodwin, Barrett Berklee College of Music	Konigsberg, Paul Tufts University School of the Museum of Fine Arts	Rachis, Christopher Cornell University
Balcan, Adam University of South Florida	Gopinathan, Jessica Lafayette College	Korn, Michelle Monmouth College	Schobel, Deborah Illinois College
Barna, Chirly University of Delaware	Graber, Nicole Syracuse University	Kravetz, Steven Hofstra University	Schwartz, Sara University of Hartford
Barnard, George Rutgers University	Gill, Cary University of Bridgeport	Lahiri, Dev Columbia University	Shawley, Kent Massachusetts Maritime Academy
Bensko, Heather Williams College	Gupta, Shruti Bernard College	Leir, John University of North Carolina (Wilmington)	Singer, Debra Rutgers University
Bosans, Stephanie Gettysburg College	Hendrich, Todd Bowdoin College	Lawner, Kevin Rutgers University (Cook)	Taylor, Adam University of Richmond
Chesman, Nicole Union College	Hendler, Richard Rutgers University	Lee, Sherrylyn University of Vermont	Townes, Adrienne Haverford College
Coleman, Alibha Spelman College	Hartenstein, Stavros Rutgers University	Lenaghan, Matthew Yale University	Truan, Ginger Rutgers University (Cook)
Conlon, Christopher Johns Hopkins University	Hauer, Alissa Oberlin College	Lisinski, Theodore Rhode Island College	Wacker, Craig Cornell College
Cornish, Todd American University	Hermann, Timothy Vanderbilt University	Lehate, Gabrielle Lehigh University	Walcott, Jason University of Maryland
Davidson, Jonathan Ohio State University	Holiday, Amanda University of North Carolina (Wilmington)	Maitman, Scott Yale University	Wardlaw, Sandra Washington University
Dever, Melanie Brown University	Hoskins, Brian University of South Carolina	Miller, Josh Carnegie Mellon University	Weiser, Ezra Sarah Lawrence College
Felton, Anthony Swarthmore College	Juman, Candace California Institute of the Arts	Morrison, Andrew Rider College	Wells, Marc Brandeis University
Fox, James Kutztown University	Karp, Sari SUNY (FIT)	Obid, Roshie Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Wellman, Brooke Northwestern University
Frangan, Nicole American University	Kartelid, Edna Wagner College	Pagan, Doug Princeton University	Wieser, Jennifer Rutgers University
Goldberg, Wyndi University of Delaware	Katayama, Ami Columbia University	Paley, Sharon Pine Manor College	Winer, Paul New York University
Gonzales, Carla Syracuse University	Kirschbaum, Janice Syracuse University	Parker, Mark Boston College	

Spirit Day 1989 A Student's View

by Melanie Dever

During the days preceding "Spirit Week", a strange phenomenon took place at Prep; a great many students and faculty came to realize that Spirit Day had grown from the festive and truly spirited occasion that it was four years ago, to a chore. Those students who can remember the first Spirit Day remember something very different than that which took place on February 15. On the first Spirit Day, the students simply displayed the school colors and cheered. The idea was not, "Let's see how big of a show we can put on" but simply, "Let's have a good time". In general the atmosphere of the original Spirit Day had infinitely more to do with school spirit than did students dressed up as nerds, rocks, Olympic Rings, or Mickey Mouse.

Perhaps it is because only the current seniors were present at this first Spirit Day that the seniors chose to voice their opposition to the current Spirit Day practices. It was with true spirit and an unprecedented unanimity as well as faculty support, that the seniors submitted the following letter to the Spirit Day judges:

"We, the seniors of the seniors of the upper school would like to explain to you our view of spirit. In Spirit Day and these festivities you have asked us to show you our spirit and our pride in this school. In response, we say to you 'We have spirit and enthusiasm, we take pride in our peers, our teachers and our school. And to view this spirit you need only allow yourselves to look.' As with any genuine emotion, our spirit is not subject to scheduling. It is fresh and spontaneous. It rises to the occasion and when we feel this spirit, we show it. We cheer

and yell and laugh. What you see before you is not our true spirit. It is degrading to our true pride in its pretensions and falseness.

We will not try to convince you that a bunch of rocks and sheets convey our school pride; we know these vehicles taint our spirit. But rather we will invite you to see our spirit, to hear it, and to feel it. As you walk down the halls of this school and see a student and a teacher laughing at a joke or enjoying a friendly conversation, or when you see a student congratulate his peer on an accomplishment, or when you hear a team member yell out 'Yeah Prep!' at a big game or match or meet, or even simply when a student brings a friend to Prep—when you see these things you will know our true spirit.

So if you so strongly desire to see our spirit, let yourselves look. Come to the Drama productions, come out for the athletics, or even better—just take a minute to stop and notice our pride in each other and our school. Our Spirit is yours for the taking."

The Senior Class
There was no response from the administration regarding this letter.



Rutgers Preparatory School Final Exams— June, 1989

Friday, June 2
8:45-10:45 For. Languages
12:30- 2:30 Make-Up

Monday, June 5
8:45-10:45 Mathematics
12:30- 2:30 English

Tuesday, June 6
8:45-10:45 Science
12:30- 2:30 Computers,
Art Hist

Wednesday, June 7
8:45-10:45 History
12:30- 2:30 Make-Up Exams

Thursday, June 8
8:45-10:45 Make-Up Exams

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SES—A Success

by Ron Lahiri

While many went skiing, and others went to Florida over Spring break, a group of eleven students from Rutgers Prep lived in Spain for three weeks, as part of the S.E.S. student exchange program. The students who went on the trip were Matthew Lenaghan, Craig Wacker, Christopher Racich, Dev Lahiri, Ron Lahiri, Sonali Lakhani, Raguini Narotam, Kim Mazzu, Donna Gioffre, Jill Thorsen, and Adriana Valdivinos, and Mrs. Hagin as the faculty advisor.

The group spent their first week in Granada, an ancient city of southern Spain. The city is famous for the fact that it was occupied by the Moors in the early centuries of Spain, and many sites still remain, including the famous Alhambra (a castle that the Moors used in their conquests). The group remained in Granada until the end of the week, and on Friday they took the train back to Madrid.

On Friday evening each student met their hosts and host families at the school, and departed for their homes. From Friday until Thursday of the next week, the host students were on

vacation for Holy Week (Easter). On Thursday, the entire group reunited once again at the school, which was called Amanecer. For the first couple of days, the group attended the classes of their choice, and began noting the differences in the educational system of Spain. But the American students were fortunately not required to sit through classes in Spanish every day. Several day trips were planned to take place during the school day, such as the trip to Segovia, the trip to the Museum of Archeology, the trip to the Royal Palace, the trip to Toledo, and the visit to the Museo del Prado, one of the largest art museums in the world.

On Monday morning, April 10, the group said their goodbyes and embarked on the journey back home. They arrived at Rutgers Prep around 6:00 P.M., and, although exhausted, were still expected to attend school the following day. The trip was a huge success: every student who went on it can verify that it was an unforgettable experience. Mrs. Hagin is keeping in touch with the school, and Rutgers Prep hopes to host a group of students from Amanecer next Fall.



Dev Lahiri along with the other SES kids expressing thoughts on the trip before the school.

Acting, Singing, Dancing...

by Joe Davis

Some of the students turned playwrights, some of the usual actors stayed actors, but also turned directors, and lots of new talent was discovered. Prep's winter production called "Student Spotlight" saw lots of people playing lots of different roles, both on and off the stage.

The idea for the Student Spotlight is not new, it resembles the type of program the Drama department does every other winter: a night of student written, student directed one act plays and musical performances. From the very beginning of this production it was made clear that this would be a "scaled down version" of the "Creative Arts Festival" held two years ago. Instead of "plays" these would be "staged readings", meaning the actors would use their scripts on stage, a method some of the directors were not extremely fond of.

Mr. Kendall, bearing the titles of Playwriting Coordinator and self proclaimed "unofficial Drama club kibitzer," had accumulated a group of scripts from the last playwriting workshop he helped organize. Copies of these were given to a group of potential directors, who at that time included Candace Juman, Steve Kravetz, Kent Sheasley, and Joe Davis, but which later grew to include Akin Salawu, James Talbot and Ron Lahiri. The plays to be performed were: Jon Gaskin's "Antique Grill", Nicole Chesman's "Survivors", Akin Salawu's "Freshman Campout", Candace Juman's "An Evening at the Theatre", Garvin Jesdanun's "The Assassination", Alisha Coleman's "Real Men", Nicole Graber's "Subconscious Sin", Marc Weitz's "Statues Made of Match Sticks", and the only play not written by a student, Mr. Kendall's "Voted Most Improved".

One of the biggest obstacles to be overcome in the Student Spotlight was the lack of time. Auditions and casting ran into delays because of the huge number of roles and the comparatively small number of actors. Directors were only able to have one or two rehearsals before the mid-term exam week. After exams were over, there were only two weeks to pull the nine plays together, along with musical performances by John Fidileno, Jason Walcott, Dev and Ron Lahiri, and a dance piece by Michelle Korn. Directors began to beg for rehearsal space, since only one play at a time could rehearse in Holley Hall. They also began to beg other directors for their actors, since many actors were in more than one play.

The other major obstacle which arose primarily the day of the Friday performance was illness. Actors and tech people started dropping like flies during the school day. Several performers were unable to go on stage that night, but other actors and directors filled in the gaps, making the production equally successful all three nights.

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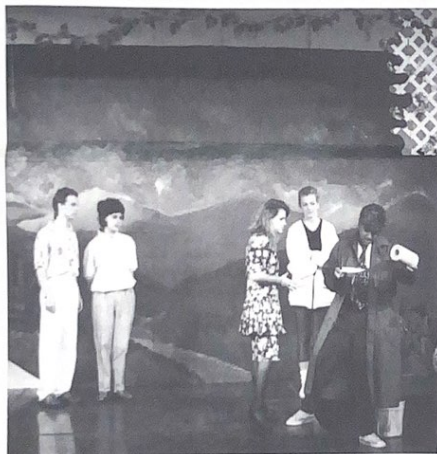
by Krista Stella

The twenty-sixth annual North American Invitational United Nations in Washington, D.C. was held from February 16-19. Twenty-nine students from Prep participated in this conference representing China, Brazil, and Venezuela. Each delegate had a position on the Economic and Social Council, Security Council, or General Assembly. Aki Katayama was the delegation leader to China while Sherry Lynn Lee led the delegates from Venezuela. Craig Wacker and Tony Foleno were the only two representing Brazil.

The four day conference consisted of meetings resembling those of the United Nations. Georgetown University students presided over each committee. These committees varied in size from about fifty to one hundred fifty members depending upon the amount of countries participating. Nations in each separate group were represented by one or two delegates who, either independently or in blocks, drew up resolutions to pertinent problems of the world today and supported them in an attempt to pass them into law. These resolutions could be amended, providing a general solution beneficial to countries other than those who sponsored the document.

At the banquet Saturday evening, the audience of nearly three thousand students and advisors assembled to hear the honorable Javier Perez de Cuellar, secretary general to the United Nations. He discussed the importance of environmental conservation as well as the positive future for children. It was the first time he had spoken at this conference after turning down many invitations.

"Model U.N. was definitely a learning experience, although we were somewhat hindered and eventually frustrated by the excessive use of parliamentary procedure," said Vaishali Patel, a member of the Economic and Social Council representing China. Prep students fared well under the experienced guidance of Mrs. Wacker and Mrs. Dutta, both of whom will be missed next year after eighteen years of dedication.



Members of the cast of "Twelfth Night" L-R: Jon Davidson, Nicole Graber, Candace Juman, Nancy Sierotko and Ron Lahiri.

"Twelfth Night" Drama Masterpiece

by Sharon Gupta

The RPS Drama Club performed William Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" on April 27th, 28th and two shows on the 29th. The spring drama production, directed by Mrs. Herzberg with the assistance of Chris Combust, '78, was an ambitious project, as cited by the diverse audience. This contemporary version, set in Los Angeles, was a difficult play to perform.

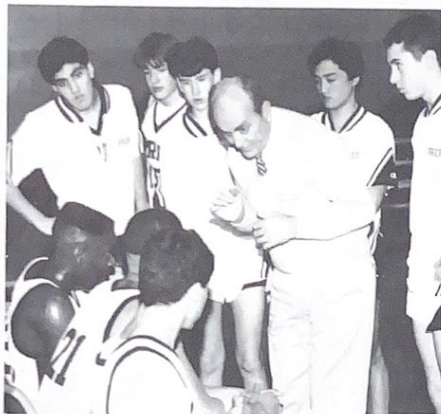
It is the tale of twins, Sebastian and Viola, played by Steven Kravetz and Nicole Graber, who lose each other at sea and after a long, confusing search with mixing identities, they locate each other on the eve of wedlock with Olivia, an aristocratic heiress played by Candace Juman and Orsino, who was

originally infatuated with the former, played by Jon Davison. Malvolio, Feste, Sir Toby and Sir Andrew, played by Ezra Weisz, Ronobir Lahiri, Craig Wacker, and Jason Walcott were wonderful characters as they added humor and enthusiasm to the performance. Heather Jensen, as the maid, was sparkling and excellent performances were given by other members of the cast.

The highly appropriate and functionary set under the guidance of Kent Sheasley, student technical director, along with elaborate, dramatic lighting effects received high acclaim from the audience. Each performance was excellent, making the "Twelfth Night" an absolutely riveting success.



National Prize Winner in French—freshman Lisa Rupinski.



Oke with his team for a half time pep talk.

Oke Reaches 600th Win Mark As Hoops Coach

Coach Richard S. O'Connell came to Rutgers Prep in 1951, as a young graduate student of Rutgers University. He has witnessed the evolution of the school, from its days as an extremely small upper school on College Avenue to what it is today.

Thirty seven years later, O'Connell is regarded as one of the state's most respected basketball coaches. "Oke" (as he is affectionately called) has also seen the game of basketball evolve, from the days of "push" shots, to fast break slam dunks and three point jumpers.

This past winter season, how-

ever, was particularly significant in O'Connell's career. This is the season when he surpassed the 600 win milestone—a lifetime achievement only three coaches in the state have ever attained.

O'Connell's 600+ victories, however, are just the tip of the iceberg in terms of what he has contributed to Prep. He is responsible, as athletic director, for the school's present organized and competitive athletic program. Moreover, O'Connell is a diverse sportsman; he has also coached soccer, cross-country, baseball, lacrosse and swimming. His overall coaching record numbers over 800 wins.

O'Connell has also been a fulcrum of the Prep community; a foundation of experience, competence, and expertise. He has

always emphasized the primary importance of academics, and he has been vocal in his call for the scholar-athlete.

This coach is responsible for Prep's remarkable basketball tradition. He has led his teams to eight Prep state titles. He has honed the talents of such great players as Paul Smith and Walter "Dinky" Proctor. His fast paced game plan and his use of the Princeton weave have been unique factors in his formula for success.

Currently, Dick O'Connell is third in the state for all time basketball wins. He is a definite contender for at least second place in the years to come, but one thing is for sure: With the 600 mark surpassed, Oke has not only brought honor to himself, but honor to Rutgers Prep as well.

Boys Baseball Fails To Retain State Title

When a team has won the state title the previous season, it finds that all of its opponents are gunning for them the next year. Such was the case for Prep's baseball team this year, and the team learned this lesson the hard way.

With a record of 4-9, and a first round loss to Pennington in the state tournament, the team has every right to call this season disappointing. The season, however, was not without its bright spots, such as the individual performances of co-captains Chris

Conlon and Matt Lenaghan, and big team victories over such schools as P.D.S.

Although such stars as Bill Slackman and Steve Ciraulo were lost last year to graduation, this year's team was not lacking in talent. Pitching starters Lenaghan, Wasseem Boraie and John Hegedus all performed admirably. For the most part, the defense was solid, anchored by the defensive stability of such players as center fielder Andrew Morrison and second baseman

Mark Parker. The main problem was the team's inconsistent hitting. Not enough runs were scored to give an offensive punch to opponents.

Overall, this season was one of tough breaks, close games, and a time when every team was out to beat Prep. However, with a large amount of juniors and sophomores returning, it looks as though things will be looking up for next year's ball team.

LaX-men Win Title

by Steve Finkelstein

Rutgers Prep Boys Lacrosse set out with the same goal they had last year—to win the state championship. They were successful in their mission, and the team has won back to back Prep "B" titles. The lacrosse team had a smooth road to victory, defeating Pennington in the quarter finals, 7-3, and Seton Hall in the semi finals, 5-3. They had the

championship victory over Princeton Day School, winning 7-5.

It is obvious that the team has a strong offense from their high scoring games. The leading scorers are captains Todd Cornish and Kevin Lawner. The defense also has played a major role in the team's success. Danny Oross feels that, "We have the best defense in the division." The starting defensive players on the squad are captain Kent Shealy and seniors George Barrod and Rich Hanley. Danny Oross, their star goalie, is also a key force behind many of the team's victories.

They began the year with many tough matches, finishing the season with a 7-7 record. However, they won the right games at the right times and came away with the title.

Now with their championship under their belts, the team must look towards the future. Many key players are seniors and will not be on the squad next year. Mike Metzger and Brian Townsen have already made their impact on the team. These players as well as other sophomores and freshmen provide the chance that the lacrosse team will be able to win its third championship in a row.

Softball Rebuilds And Reloads

The 1989 girls softball jumped out of the gate with a bang but ran out of gas early on. They came back from Hilton Head and started out with victories over Ranney and Hun, but then proceeded to lose their final seven games. The team lacked depth and seemed to have been hurt by the loss of key players to injury. "We had the talent but we just couldn't seem to get it all together," commented senior catcher Carla Gonzalez.

The future does not look bright for softball, either. They are losing a large number of seniors and will have many voids to fill next

year. They will be losing all three of their pitchers in Debbie Spitzer, Wyndi Goldberg, and Sharon Paley, as well as their catcher. Their outfield will lose three seniors, also. Mandy Holliday, Ginger Truan, Nicole Fragano, Jessi Gopinathan played solidly at first base and will also be sorely missed.

Most of the burden of leadership will fall on juniors Jen Costanza and Nicole Chelel, and sophomore Connie Conaway. It will be up to Coach Nestvogel and Coach Klinger to find new talent to turn the team around.

Girls Lacrosse Foiled by Stuart

by Heather Bensko

This past season for the girls' lacrosse team can be commonly defined as a "rebuilding" season. Since last year, the squad has doubled in size from 13 people to 24, 16 of whom are freshmen.

Golfers Endure

Despite the fact that they had a rather disappointing record this year, the golf team had a lot of fun. Team leaders such as Adam Taylor, Sandy Somers, and Matt Bernstein kept the team together during this difficult season.

With a relaxed atmosphere prevailing, nobody on the team really got down on the 1-11 record. For the team, golf was an enjoyable, though not intensely competitive sport. Memorable moments of the season included miniature golf in the library and that one victory. This victory was the 97 stroke vanquishing of Admiral Farragut in States.

Members of the team include Adam Taylor, Todd Haedrich, Jim Fox, Matt Bernstein, Sandy Somers, and Garvin Jesdanun. New members of the team include Jason Kaplan, Scott Mory and Jason Deutch.

When asked what went wrong this season, team members took the disappointments in stride. Jason Kaplan said, "We were up against very tough schools this year. We played teams from bigger schools who had a larger pool of talent to choose from."

Herrmann Leads Tennis Effort

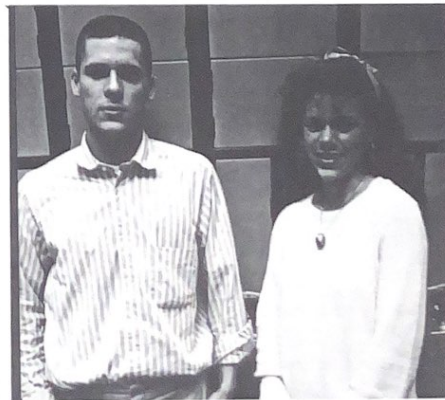
by Bobby Malik

The season is over for the Rutgers Prep tennis team and they had their ups and downs. They finished the season with a record of 4-7 and unfortunately struggled throughout state and county finals. However, this team, led by captain Tim Herrmann, remained optimistic as the season progressed. The team will miss Tim's competitiveness and leadership qualities. However, Stephen Finkelstein, co captain this year, surely will take over where Tim left off.

Major problems also hindered the team. For example, Roger Chen, a key doubles player for

the Prep squad, broke his foot and missed the state games. Nevertheless, the team did have some decisive wins. One was against Neumann Prep, where they won all five of their matches. "Our future looks bright because of the younger and talented players we have," says Stephen Finkelstein.

In the state competition, Tim Herrmann and Marc Weitz fared well in the first round. However, both struggled in the second round due to the top seeded players they faced. The spirit of the players is high and all are confident that they will get back on the winning track next year.



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