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SADD Programs hit home with Rutgers Prep Students

by Stephanie Leveene

This year, a new organization was formed at Prep: a chapter of SADD, or Students Against Driving Drunk. This group, led by Mrs. Halpern, seeks to inform students about the problems of drunk driving. Last month, to tie in with Drug & Alcohol Awareness Month, SADD presented three assemblies.

On December 6, Mr. Sandy Guritsky, President of the Somerset and Hunterdon chapter of MADD, or Mothers Against Driving Drunk, spoke to the school. His son was killed by a drunk driver, and he and MADD have been going to the courts to

push for severe penalties for those convicted of drunk driving. He talked about how other countries with severe penalties have a low death rate because fewer people drive drunk, and he gave the students a little quiz on how aware they were about alcohol and driving. On December 11, a movie was shown entitled, "Danger Ahead-Marijuana On The Road." This explained the dangers of driving while on drugs.

On December 18, Mr. Steve Booth came to talk with the juniors and seniors. He was involved in an accident where both he and the driver were drunk.

The driver was unhurt, but Booth is now a paraplegic. When he spoke, he stressed his physical condition and the loss of things that meant a lot to him—all because of this one accident. The students seemed moved by him. Senior John Miller said, "It was very meaningful because it showed the physical example. I thought that it was a powerful speech."

SADD hopes that these assemblies helped to educate the students about the problems involving drunk driving.



Mrs. Halpern, pictured above, is serving as the advisor to Prep's chapter of SADD.

Science teams Perform Well

by Rebecca Kaizerman

This year, Rutgers Prep has added two new academic teams to its list of activities: the Physics Team and the Chemistry Team. The members of the Physics team are Garikai Campbell, David Konigsberg, Rob Wolpov, Mike Parker, James Dempsey, Paul Ludwig, and Ryan Lore. The members of the Chemistry Team are Greg Poole, Kama Bethel, Lipen Chang, Andrea Neumaier, and Rebecca Kaizerman. The teams travel to "meets" approximately once a month, where they compete against other schools. Tests in each subject are administered to four members of each team, and the combination of the top two scores constitutes the team's score. At the end of the school year, all participants receive certificates, and special awards are given to students who have scored consistently high.

"It's a chance for those who are strong academically to be recognized," says David Hickson, the organizer of the teams. "I feel that we'll continue to be a strongly performing group, even though it's only our first year."

On January 9, the science teams participated in their first meet at J.P. Stevens High School. Mike Parker tied with one other person for the highest score achieved on the Physics test, and the RPS Physics Team placed second overall. The Chemistry Team also performed well, achieving an unusually high score of 184 out of 200, yet because of the fierce competition in this subject, they tied another team for third place.

Many Plans for Greenhouse

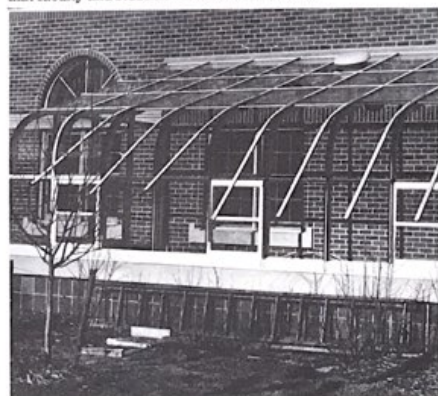
Construction was completed on the Rutgers Prep Greenhouse on January 24, and the final addition to the new building will soon be in active use by Prep students and faculty. Many projects have been planned to occur in the Greenhouse during the 1986-87 school year.

A Horticulture Club is expected to be initiated, in which students will grow their own plants and learn of gardening techniques. Mr. Lewandowski, Director of Buildings and Grounds, has requested that students grow perennial and annual plants in the Greenhouse. These will then be transferred to various locations around the campus. The most exciting project to find its home in the Greenhouse will be one called Project SEEDS, in which a school is sent two samples of tomato seeds from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). One of these samples has orbited the earth, while the other has not. Students will grow both samples,

and then report their observations to NASA.

For the rest of this school year, the Greenhouse will be "experimented with," in the sense that faculty and students will be

learning exactly what can be done in a Greenhouse. Next year, though, it is hoped that all students will partake in projects in Prep's latest addition, the Greenhouse.



Construction is being completed on the Greenhouse. It will serve many purposes, when it becomes operational later this year.

Telecommunications system Located in Media Center

by Dorian Garson

Rutgers Prep has had an electronic bulletin board system (BBS) running since last year, which has logged almost 4,000 calls.

Anyone with a computer and a modem can call the system. Once on, you can read and enter messages or exchange electronic mail with others.

The service is free and open to the public.

Evan Pickus, class of '85, operated the board last year. Dorian Garson, class of '88, is the system operator now.

The telephone number is 545-8668. The system is based on an Apple II/e in one of the library's peripheral rooms, and it's open 24 hrs., except sometimes during the day, on weekdays, when the computer is used for other things.

The public message system is divided into different message

bases, including bases for General posting, For Sale And Wanted, Music, RPS Announcements, RPS Alumni, New Product Reviews, and Debates, the most popular one. On Debates, callers engage in political discussions.

One feature of the BBS lets callers view any files that may be

on the system. Viewing one may print out a calendar, viewing another may produce a news article. There are usually about ten files to choose from.

If there are any questions regarding the system, contact Mr. Walcott in the library or Dorian Garson.

School Council disburses funds

The School Council recently appropriated its budget for the 1985-86 year. The Council is charged with the responsibility of "disbursing annually, Council funds to the various school activities." This year the Council allocated \$1560 among 12 clubs and activities.

The Council income includes its \$1500 annual stipend from the Administration, plus any funds it

raises from the vending machines, Dress Down Days, or other fund raisers. Expenditures include dances, the Burger Blast, Hawaiian Day, Career Day, and the money is distributed to the clubs. The Council has also initiated a long range fund, into which \$500 a year is placed. After 5 years the Council plans to buy a substantial gift for the School.

This year, requests totaled \$3033. Because the total Council income is around \$2500, the Council was unable to meet all of the requests. After extensive debate and discussion, \$1560 was finally allocated among the clubs.

The clubs receiving money were very diverse. They included traditional clubs such as Drama, Chess, Excelsior, The Prom Committee, The Math League, The Academic Team, The Argo, and Model U.N. However, there were a number of new clubs as well. For example The Cycling Club received money, as did the Madrigal/Cliff Notes, a choral group. An interesting innovation this year involved Ye Dial, the school yearbook. Rather than simply allocating money, the Council took out a full page advertisement in the book, costing \$200.

Although not all of the clubs were granted their full requests, most agree that the Council made a valid effort to isolate the real need, and to meet as much of that need as possible. Overall, this year's budgetary process was a successful one.

News-In-Brief

The RPS Media Center has instituted a new policy regarding the returning of borrowed materials. If materials are not returned after a student receives two warning notices, the student will be given a detention, his/her parents will be notified, and the unreturned materials will have to be paid for by the student.

On January 9, a group of Prep students, families, and faculty, led by Mr. Hickson, ventured to the top of the Upper School building in an attempt to spot Comet Halley. The group was lucky enough to get a glimpse of the Comet; for those who missed it, there's always 2062!

Recently, the Prep campus has acquired additions somewhat less glorious than that of the new Upper School building, yet just as necessary. Visitors now have less chance of becoming lost at Prep, thanks to the many new signs directing their way. And students are now able to put their bookbags on newly-installed racks above their lockers.

Editorial

by Craig Goldblatt

I have begun to notice the growth of a very disturbing trend in our school. This is a very delicate issue, and one that must be dealt with carefully. The issue that I am talking about is the selective enforcement of the rules; in particular, of the dress code.

It has become apparent that in our school, there are two types of students; those to whom the rules apply, and those to whom they do not. This is enormously distressing. What is more distressing, in my opinion, is that in determining the "category" into which any given student falls, the primary factor seems to be general academic performance.

This is not to say that the faculty of this school makes a conscious effort to single out the weaker students and punish them; obviously, they do not. Rather, it has simply become a habit to label students as either "good" or "bad". Neither the "good," nor the "bad" are following the dress code any more—but only the "bad" have been subject to any disciplinary action. That scares me.

I see two possible solutions to the problem. The more obvious alternative is to simply enforce the rules more evenly. That's fair to everyone—except the faculty. Put simply, the faculty does not have the time to run around policing the school. Could you imagine how long it would take to give every student who in some way or another is violating the dress code, a demerit? I think the teachers of our school have more important things to do—like teaching, for example.

There is another alternative. I honestly think the time has come to re-examine the dress code. I understand that the issue has been discussed time and time again, all to no avail, but this is a very serious issue, and one with which we must concern ourselves. A law on paper is meaningless, unless it is the consensus of the community that the law is just. The present treatment of the dress code conjures images of prohibition in the 1920's; "Sure it's the rule, but who follows it?" is a remark not uncommonly heard in the halls. Clearly, something needs to be done.

I will not be so bold as to propose any specific modifications in the dress code. I understand that a student's perspective is a limited one, but I nonetheless hold that the student's voice is important. For this reason, I propose that a committee be formed, consisting of representatives from all the segments of the school community that would be affected by a change. That is, I suggest that representatives from the faculty, administration, student body (chosen by the students), parents, and alumni be present, all in equal numbers. This is more than fair, especially when one considers the relative sizes of the groups. The committee would draw up a proposal which would determine the dress code. If the committee concludes that no change is in order—then maybe no change should be made. But if they decide otherwise, their findings should be binding.

Until the time when such a committee is formed, I urge all of the students in our school to follow the existing rules. They are, after all, there for a reason; let's follow them.

I realize that I am asking for a lot, but I do not think it is unreasonable. I firmly hold that this is an idea whose time has come. Action must be taken. The time is now.

A goodbye to privileges

by John Miller and Jennifer Clemente

In the prestigious history of the Rutgers Preparatory School, students have always anticipated becoming an exalted senior. In 1982, the freshman class anticipated the arrival of their senior year; the year that they too would assume the role of school leader, as so many classes had done before them. Now, we, the Class of 1986, are finally seniors. We are the class that has survived the fire, two long years in the trailers, and two moves. Now we are faced with one final challenge: saving the tradition of the senior privilege.

The problem began in September, when we were denied the right to submit a proposal for senior privileges. Rather, the Administration decided to just eradicate a long standing policy, and simply mandate their stale list of privileges. They claimed that this would eliminate confusion and set a standard. What they failed to realize is that each class is unique, and it is therefore impossible to set such a standard.

We were not satisfied, but accepted the fact that the transition to the new building was putting a great deal of stress on the Administration, and thus decided against pursuing the matter. Their proposal consisted of the following privileges: 1) leaving campus for the lunch period, 2) signing out of study hall, and 3) dressing down during exam week. These privileges were to be initiated at the beginning of the year.

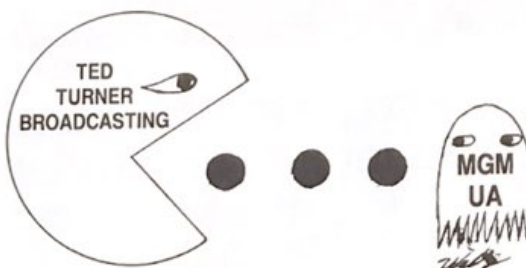
However, it was not until November that we were finally allowed to leave campus. We eagerly awaited the right to go in search of sustenance apart from cardboard pizza and

soggy tater tots, which has always been the main distinction between the senior and the underclassman. The Administration maintained that the unfinished parking lot was the reason for the delay. Meanwhile, the lot was surprisingly sufficient for students and faculty alike to enter into each morning, and to depart from each afternoon. For weeks, explanations for this contradiction consisted of no more than, "Be patient."

As we waited, we relied on the remaining privileges; the ability to sign out of study hall, and to dress down during exam week. However, to our dismay, these previously exclusive rights of the senior class now became rights of the entire student body.

Senior classes before us established the tradition of distinguishing themselves from the rest of the Upper School. Is it fair for this year's senior class to be denied the advantages that previous classes have had? We do not wish to take away the current privileges of the underclassmen, but rather to have recognized identifiable privileges of the senior in order to maintain a necessary division of the classes.

The School Council recently formed a committee to investigate the system. With the cooperation of the Administration, we hope to find a solution that is fair for all students; a solution where a student receives added privileges each successive year, culminating with the senior privileges. Once we submit our proposal, we will be eager to negotiate with the Administration. Our goal is to establish an equitable plan, and to motivate the Administration to take a second look at what a privilege really is.



The new corporate wars: Who bought what in 1985

by Marc McMorris

The year of 1985 will be remembered for many things. Live Aid and USA for Africa were perhaps the most obvious events, but 1985 also brought with it a new era in the business world. Last year will go down in history as the time for takeovers.

It was quite difficult to turn on the nightly news this past year without hearing about who bought out who, or what took over what. Merger mania has gripped the nation. You need not be an economics major to understand "Tyrant Ted" Turner's \$5.4 billion dollar bid for CBS earlier this year. Our favorite cookie company, Nabisco, was eaten alive by R.J. Renolds. At the same time, General Motors was swallowing Hughes Aircraft, Phillip Morris chewed down General Foods, and Union Carbide went after GAF. It all seems like a soap opera. For some reason, the American business community began to believe in the White House philosophy that "bigger is better." As if General Electric wasn't large enough

without RCA.

Wall Streeters were in their true glory during this year of grab and snatch. The Dow Jones Industrial Average reached a new all time high in December of 1985, and again in February 1986. Fueled by the huge profits generated from the many mergers, stocks have soared. Many players of the market speak with a loving grin when they talk about corporate buy outs. I suppose they should. Houston Natural Gas, for example, went from \$46.87 a share to \$67.13 in two days after it publicly announced that it would be acquired by InterNorth Co. Yes, I can imagine that stock holders are quite happy with the new craze, but all of these mergers have a catch. Somebody had to pay for them.

When you talk about corporate mergers, you are talking about billions of dollars. In just 1984 alone, mergers totaled \$125 billion. I don't even want to know what the total for 1985 will be. At any rate, these mega deals are expensive. No company, no matter how large, has a few extra billion floating around. In order to finance these deals, corporations often take on an enormous debt. They usually issue bonds (commonly known as "junk bonds") to investors. Unfortunately, these bonds have to be paid back, all 5 billion dollars worth. Corporate profits had better be high in 1986. The interest on these loans, alone, registers in the millions.

Perhaps these giant corporations believe that similar high corporate profits, which were found in 1985, will also be present in 1986. However, most experts agree that the economy will not

be able to support an increase in corporate profits this year. Although the economy is still improving, the rate of its recuperation is predicted to be slow in the next four quarters. I dare say, that many corporations will be unable to maintain their newly acquired companies. It has happened before, and it will happen again. Gulf & Western and ITT, for example, are now unloading some of their most profitable companies, as they are unable to meet their incredible debt loads.

Immediate finance is probably the largest of the "evils of merging", but there is another aspect of finance which is often overlooked. We tend to think of corporations as abstract entities, but corporations are made up of people. When a company merges and management undergoes a change, employees often feel the brunt of any problems. Different corporations usually have different ideologies. Thus, when a merger is completed, employees often have a difficult time assimilating. Consequently, a majority of mergers start off on a rocky start. With lower corporate profits, a debt is rather hard to pay back. Clearly, carrying a billion-dollar debt overhead makes the job all that much more difficult. I don't know who elects the Board of Directors at some of these companies, but whoever those shareholders are ought to re-examine their portfolios. Economists have long maintained that "bigger is not necessarily better." Unfortunately, many corporations are apparently not able to comprehend the word DEBT. I suppose their finance departments are trying to mimic the Federal Deficit. If so, they are doing a pretty good job.

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The Junior Class' answer to Santa Claus, Steve Ackerman, tends to the infirm.

Juniors spread holiday joy

Throughout the month of November, the junior class was responsible for supporting a "doll drive" for children spending the holidays in the hospital. The class stuffed, sewed, and wrapped various animal patterns for the unfortunate children. Mrs. Rusyn, the class advisor, suggested the successful deed. Upon hearing her proposal, the entire class immediately concurred.

The juniors purchased all the materials needed for the project. In order to raise money for the paraphernalia, the class sponsored a "College Day". On this particular day, students sported attire with the names and emblems of various colleges, and paid as they would for a dress down day. Princeton, Yale, and

Rutgers University were the most common sweatshirts. The proceeds of this event were donated towards the expense of the cause.

The juniors, along with a number of other magnanimous peers, assembled in the cafeteria during a Wednesday activity period. Here, a large majority of the "menial labor" was conquered, as they cut the various Kermit the Frog, Miss Piggy, and other Muppet or critter shaped patterns from the material, sewed them together, and stuffed them with a polyester stuffing. Many students and faculty as well, admitted their joy in creating the dolls. As one junior noted, "Many people, including me, were thrilled to have participated in such a worthy cause."

The following two weeks were spent finishing the dolls. Students and members of the faculty who were willing to sacrifice their free time or study halls arrived at Mrs. Rusyn's computer lab, and helped a great deal in completing the remaining work.

On December 20 selected juniors split into two groups; one visited St. Peter's Medical Center

in Somerset, and the other, the Division of Youth and Family Services, in Franklin Township. Steve Ackerman, getting into the spirit, dressed as Santa Claus to encourage holiday enthusiasm. At the sites, the juniors delivered the presents to the children. The smiles on their faces when they received their gifts made the cause worthwhile.

The "doll drive" was a great success, as well as a lot of fun. Everyone who devoted their time to the cause should be extremely proud. They have helped in making some sick Christmases very merry ones. The junior class is also indebted to Abraham and Strauss of Woodbridge Center for donating 200 boxes for wrapping purposes. The junior class, with the selfless aid of Mrs. Rusyn, deserves a great deal of respect for their benevolent deed. Mrs. Rusyn commented on the overall success of the project, "I was overwhelmed and quite pleased with the enthusiasm of the class in general. Everybody was willing to sacrifice their free time in order to complete the dolls." Hopefully, Rutgers Prep will continue to support the community through other projects.

Prep students represent nation at Model Congress

by Paul Kuharsky

Friday morning, December 13, twenty-eight juniors and seniors, Mrs. Wacker, and Mrs. Dutta left for the Fourth Annual Princeton Model Congress in Washington D.C. The weekend was quite successful, and both advisors were pleased with the achievements and participation of the Prep students.

Mrs. Wacker and Mrs. Dutta have been chaperoning groups to Model Congress since 1982, when the first Princeton Model Congress was held. Since 1983, the conference has been conducted at the Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill. Through the years, the attendance for this meeting has increased considerably, from 200 students to the current 450 students. These students act as senators and representatives throughout the conference. Due to the larger size, three separate relatively small Congresses and committees were created.

The Princeton Model Congress is run exclusively by students from Princeton University. The Executive Director, Marc E. Mehl did an outstanding job in making all the preparations necessary to ensure the weekend's success. The three different Congresses were labeled with patriotic red, white, and blue. Each Congress was, of course, divided into a House of Representatives and Senate; both were split into small committees. Each committee was headed by a chairperson from Princeton.

Model Congress Senators and Representatives were all required to write a bill or resolution for their committee. Fact sheets with relevant or explanatory information related to the bill or resolution often accompanied the legislation. Before the trip, participants were expected to attend meetings, where they were familiarized with the parliamentary procedure used throughout the entire conference. Co-delegation leader senior Judd Hamlin said, "Once you're familiar with these procedures, speaking out is really easy." In order to be ready to vote on "mock" legislation, most people tried to catch up on current events involving their committee.

Students have a very important

role as individuals at Model Congress. Its "counterpart," Model United Nations, does not have this same individualistic approach. For Model UN, groups of students speak as the representative of an assigned country. In Model Congress students speak and vote from their own individual viewpoint.

During the weekend, many Prep Students successfully passed their legislation. Junior Craig Barrack said, "I wasn't really sure what to expect, but by the end of the weekend, I had gained a better understanding of the basic congressional process." At the awards ceremony on Sunday afternoon, twelve of the twenty-eight Prep students won awards. Junior Andrea Neumaier and Senior Judd Hamlin won the gavels which were used by their committees. Gavels were awarded by each committee chairperson, to the Senator or Representative whose contributions came across as most outstanding. Two honorable mentions were also given out by each chairperson. Prep's honorable mention winners were Juniors Yannie ten Broeke and Paul Kuharsky, and Seniors Tracy Medinits, Jaime Weinberg, Craig Goldblatt, David Lee, Erika Barnes, Pat Lapid, James Dempsey and James Crimaldi.

Many Prep students met interesting people from the 27 other schools represented at the Congress. The 450 students came from New York, Georgia, Delaware, Virginia, Washington, D.C., Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Maryland, and South Carolina as well as New Jersey. During the weekend, there was also plenty of free time for sightseeing and browsing in the streets of Washington.

Some other highlights of the weekend included attending meetings in the actual Russell Senate Office Buildings. At one of these meetings Senator Bill Bradley addressed the students. In his friendly style, he spoke of his days at Princeton and Oxford, and the career decisions he later made involving basketball and politics.

On the Monday following the group's return, Mrs. Wacker an-

nounced the overall success of the trip, while those returning tried their best to stay awake. "Although we've won at least one gavel and honorable mention other years, this year's success was overwhelming."

Have a problem and need advice? Someone can help

Dear Someone:

I come from a fairly wealthy family, and I have a great boyfriend. Some people may think I have nothing to be worried about but this simply isn't true. My boyfriend is not that well-off, yet he insists on paying every time we go out, and he always insists on expensive places. He will never let me pay or even go dutch. Why is he being so chauvinistic? How can I get him to swallow some of his pride?—Signed, Quite Willing to Share the Expenses

Dear Quite:

First you must realize that your financial situation as compared to his is a natural wound to his ego. Though we are a more liberal-minded society, when the man isn't as economically secure as the woman, he feels intimidated. Paying himself is a deliberate attempt to prove to you and himself that he can afford to treat you "in the manner to which you are accustomed." If suggesting to him that you are willing to split the check doesn't work, don't push it, and accept the situation since it makes him feel better.—Love, Someone

Dear Someone:

Since my college applications have gone out, I don't seem to care about any of my classes, and I'm terrified of my parent's reaction when they see my quarter grades. I have acute senioritis. What should I do?—Signed, High School Lifer

Dear Lifer:

I don't know what to tell you, other than it's not that bad. Being a senior in high school, you should have enough responsibility to take care of the most important things first. I think school work should be your first priority.

ty. Talking to your parents may help them be more understanding about your grades. Senioritis gets to all of us; until it passes, just try to cope with it.—Love, Someone

Dear Someone:

I am very depressed. People are beginning to get on my case, my locker has been broken into a few times, and my academics have dropped far below my expectations. What should I do?—Signed, Depressed

Dear Depressed:

Since I don't know what the situation with the annoying people is, I can't offer you a suggestion of exactly what you should do. However, I can try to give you some basic advice. If your parents or teachers are giving you problems, try talking calmly and rationally with them. Remember, if you want them to hear you out, you must first open up to them, and second, you must hear them out as well; they just might have some worthwhile advice.

vice. If it's your friends who are on your case, try talking with them too. Assuming they are your true friends, they will listen and try to help you in whatever way they can. If they don't try to help at all, perhaps you should break away from them a little, and find someone who really cares. Keep in mind that even when it seems that no one cares, there's always "someone" who does.

As for your locker, shortly after receiving your letter, all of the locker combinations were changed. If the problem persists, ask to have yours changed again. Never give anyone your combination.

Where your academics are concerned, remember that you can only do your best; it is not fair of your parents or teachers to expect anything more of you. Keep that in mind and don't raise your expectations to an unreasonable level. You are the only person who can determine what your best is.—Love, Someone



Naomi Linder, Julia Laver, Patty Lapid, and Erika Barnes at a Model Congress meeting.

Volleyball and basketball triumph in the winter season

by Heather Rotter

The Girls' Volleyball team continues to have a strong season with a 7-4 record. The team started off the season well, with 3 wins then lost in the Tourney. The girls suffered a setback when they were defeated by rival PDS twice in close matches.

The team has been led by co-captain Sloan Kroop's serving, which is incredibly consistent. Sloan served almost the whole game against both Newark and Wardlaw-Hartridge, leading the team to two 15-0 games. The JV team has also proved to be competitive with a 4-4 record. Both teams are working on refining more basic skills, such as passing, before the State Tournament in February.

Coach Kyle Jackson and Assistant Coach Elizabeth Bobst are working to give the team a new outlook. Ms. Jackson has taught the team a new "setter switch," in which the setter is kept in front and there are three spikers. In the new "switch" the team needs "to learn to communicate on the court," said co-captain Pat Lapid. Ms. Jackson has also implemented a combination of the new and the old formations.

Girls' Basketball, led by Coach Mary Klinger and Assistant Coach Mike Delia, has been plagued with injuries which have been quite damaging. Starting players Kama Bethel and co-captain Erika Barnes have both suffered injuries. Kama broke her finger, but has since returned. Erika suffered a knee injury

and is eager to return before the season ends.

The team: Julia Lenaghan, Christina Harcar, Erika Barnes, Kama Bethel, Julie Cunjak, Heather Bensko, Jessica Gopinathan, and Carla Gonzalez, have been forced to be flexible in the choice of starting players, because of the absent members. This has given freshmen Carla and Jessica exposure to varsity games.

The members of the team have all personally improved this season. Last year Erika and Julia did the majority of the scoring. This year, however, all the players have been contributing. Kama Bethel has gained confidence in her shooting ability, which has resulted in added points from her. "Christina has improved immensely and Julie played a great game against Monroe which I hope will set a trend for her," commented Erika. Julia Lenaghan was awarded The Most Valuable Player award in the recent Christmas Tournament. The team placed second, beating Wardlaw, but then lost to Pingry.

The 8-3 record is an outstanding achievement for the team. One of the most impressive games was the first against Peddie. "They were all trees. One girl was six foot two," said Erika, "but we pulled it together and we won."

"We're doing very well. We miss Erika a lot. With her we have a chance for the states," said Ms. Klinger. Good luck to both of the teams in the State Tournaments.



Senior co-captain Dean Starker displays his "blurring speed" in a recent home game.

Wrestling Team Fares Well

by John Miller

On Wednesday, January 29, the Rutgers Prep Wrestling Team destroyed their arch rivals, the Wardlaw-Hartridge Rams by a score of 39-21. This was Prep's third straight victory, establishing a sound 7-4 record, as they set their sights on the tournaments which they will attend in February.

At the halfway mark, our team was down 21-6. However, the upper weight classes, known to be stronger, pulled through with five pins out of the remaining six matches. Those receiving pins included Marc McMorris, Craig Seligman, Joe Bornheimer, Rob Tuckman, and first year wrestler David Gropper, who pinned 27 seconds into the first period. Garikai Campbell picked up a three point decision, in possibly the toughest match of the evening. Prep's J.V. Wrestlers, Ricky Blitzer, Pete Kelman, John Lipani, Marc Rosner and Ira Senoff, won all five of their matches as well.

Under the leadership of coaches Bob Dougherty and Bob Marotto, the team has progressed greatly. The coaches' knowledge and enthusiasm benefit the team greatly. Tri-captains Pete Alfinio, Garikai Campbell, and Marc McMorris are also "strong" influences, as they provide motivation and experience for the less experienced wrestlers. These strong forces provide an overwhelming spirit, which is evident at every match.

The team traveled to the Hun School in Princeton on Saturday, February 1, to attend the fourth annual Hun Tournament. The team took fourth place out of seven teams. Marc McMorris and Joe Bornheimer gained top honors in the 142 lb. and 170 lb. weight classes, respectively. Both Garikai Campbell at the 149 lb. weight class, and Rob Tuckman at the 190 lb. weight class, placed second. Craig Seligman took a third at the 159 lb. weight class.

The wrestlers plan to take their revenge when they meet many of the same teams in individual matches, and at the Conference and State tournaments. The Conference Tournament will be held on Saturday February 17 at Newark Academy. The State Tournament will be held at Prep on February 21 and February 22. Eighteen teams will be present for the two day event. Prep students and faculty are encouraged to attend. This will be the last chance to see this year's wrestlers in action. The team will end their season at the National Tournament at Lehigh University in early March.

Boys show off in Florida

by Donna Goodman

This year the Varsity Boys' Basketball Team had the opportunity to play at the Meadowlands Arena. They were also given the chance to go down to Boca Raton, Florida, to play in a tournament and two other scheduled games.

The Prep team lost in their exhibition game against Collegiate School of New York at the Meadowlands. "The idea of this game was not to win, but to allow the players to have some 'fun,'" said Coach Dick O'Connell. The coaches of both schools decided that everyone should have a chance to play. The main event of the evening was the half-time excitement. Co-Captain Stacey Adams received a basketball, signed by the New Jersey Nets, congratulating him on his 1000th point. This goal was achieved previously in a game against the Solebury School. Stacey is one of the few players at Prep to ever reach this milestone.

As Christmas vacation arrived, the team grew excited. On Thursday, December 26, 1985, the basketball team flew to Florida to play in a tournament. The first

game of the tournament was played against Pope John Paul High School. "This was a surprise win for us, but a well deserved one," commented O'Connell. The captains Dean Starker and Stacey Adams both played outstanding offensive games. Dean scored 31 points in the contest.

The second game in the tournament was against Coconut Creek High School, who was seeded second. During this game, the starting team—Dean Starker, Stacey Adams, Billy Coyer, Dave Dixon, and Jason Tucker—played exceptionally well, and won. Sophomore Sean Lewis "showed his contribution to the team," said Coach O'Connell. All the players showed their ball handling skills when the foul trouble began. They were able to hold the ball, and allowed the clock to run down. In spite of Prep's great abilities, the team at Twin Lakes High School had a bigger and better team. Our team lost in the third round of the tournament to them. The victories over Spanish River High School and Boca Raton High School, in separate meetings from the tournament,

were unexpected because both of these schools have larger teams.

The boys also took in the sun, and enjoyed relaxing. After one of their long hard practices, the team, managers, and alumni indulged in hotdogs and hamburgers, courtesy of the Maroon and White Club. On New Year's Eve, a party was held at the home of Bobbi and Bob Goodman. The team was appreciative.

Overall, the Varsity Boys' Basketball Team had the chance of a lifetime. Playing a preliminary game for the NJ Nets at the Meadowlands set the spirit of the season, which was one of high excitement and enjoyment. Returning from Florida with two trophies and a great tan gave the boys a great amount of confidence. "Confidence is why the team has been doing so well," stated O'Connell. Good luck to the team in the County Tournament and the rest of their season.

Two school records fall at Prep Conference meet

On January 18, the Rutgers Prep Swim Team travelled to Wardlaw-Hartridge in order to participate in the Prep Conference meet. The teams involved were Wardlaw-Hartridge, Newark Academy, Montclair-Kimberley Academy, Pingry, Pennington, Morristown-Beard, and Prep. At the end of the meet, Prep came in fifth with a total of 110 points, beating Newark by 10 points, and losing to Montclair by only 3 points. Co-captain Chrissy Holliday comments, "I was really pleased with our performance at the Conference meet. Last year we had some stars on the team, but many of them graduated. This year we have depth, and the freshmen have added a great deal." Next year, the team will be hit very hard by the graduation of seven seniors. The team will need help from next year's freshmen class to fill the gap. Tom Conlon, Chris Conlon, Paul Weiner, Paul Ludwig, Dave Konigsberg, Chrissy Holliday, Jim Fox, Caroline Pozyski, and Seth Grumet all gave outstanding performances in the meet.

Two school records have been set this season. The relay team of Paul Ludwig, Dave Konigsberg, Seth Grumet, and Paul Weiner set a record in the 200 yd. medley relay with a time of 1:57.09. Sophomore Seth Grumet also set a record in the 500 yd. freestyle with a time of 5:53.7. Coach Forney is pleased with these results, and hopes to lower the times even more before the season ends.

Coach Forney organized a trip to Newark Academy with the team to have their strokes taped by an underwater camera. By looking at the videotape, swimmers can see their strokes, analyze them, and try to improve their stroke mechanics. This should allow all the participating swimmers to improve their times.

Although the team has only compiled a 3-3 record, all the swimmers are looking forward to their upcoming meets. With continued effort in practice, the swimmers should finish off the season strongly. They are looking forward to swimming well at the Trenton meet on Wednesday February 19.



Senior Liz Paley—I think I can. I think I can. I think I can . . .