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Upper School Holds Class Elections

By Sid Singh

In late September and early October of this year, class elections for grades nine through twelve were held. Each class, according to the Upper School Constitution, elected four class officers and its representatives to School Council. The freshman class conducted its elections later than the other three classes in order to put the information learned at the Freshman Camping Trip to good use.

For the freshman class Nick Lessard was elected president and had this to say, "As president I will do what the rest of the students want. I will not guarantee anything, but I will try my best to get things done." Nick ran against Allison Moskowitz and Priya Radhakrishna. Ali Naqvi was elected vice-president and ran against Jane Needleman and Camille Melton. Beth Mesazaros was elected without competition as secretary, and Sarud-din Nasir was elected as treasurer. The Council representatives are Justin Auciello and Scott Vafai. They ran

against Whitney Case and Angela Lin, who are now the alternates.

Nick Lessard felt that he won because he didn't make any promises in his speech, but he told the class he would do whatever he could to help them out. He also felt that the freshman camping trip played an important role in peoples' voting decisions. He thought that everyone got to know each other better, which made the elections a race for the best candidate and not just a popularity contest.

For the sophomores, Evan Siegel was elected president, he ran against Allison Albino and Paul Sossman. The race was so close that a run-off was needed between Evan and Paul; eventually Evan won. He felt that "the Sophomores have a promising year up ahead." Henri Renard was elected vice-president, but not before there was a run-off between he and Maureen Benitz. Susan Slim was chosen as treasurer, and Amanda Lin as secretary.

In the junior class, Akta Patel was elected president, Becca Caldwell as vice-president, Caroline Chang as treasurer, Jessica Hedges as secretary, and John Vafai, and Chris Pink as representatives. In all races, the winners faced no opposing candidates.

The seniors elected Kavita Patel as president who said, "After pulling off the prom last year [as junior class vice-president], our senior class trip will be a piece of cake." Bill Passoratti was elected vice-president, he ran against Scott Skorupsky and Diana Liscinski. Nick Shah was elected secretary, and Malini Sangha as treasurer. Abby Michaels and Kristine Coco were selected as representatives to Council.

As the new class governments take shape, each is eager to get to work. The freshman and sophomores are planning a bake sale, juniors have begun their sale of Birn's Chocolates, and seniors are selling Mrs. Szabo's pies.

Students Take Newly Recentered PSAT

By Dave Bilinker

The acronym PSAT stands for Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test. Although just a practice test, many students depend on their scores in order to qualify for a National Merit Scholarship. In order to receive such a scholarship, students must have an exceptional score. This puts a lot of pressure on students to do well.

On October 11, 1994, the sophomores and juniors were administered the PSAT. Sophomores took the exam in Baldwin Hall while juniors took it in the Middle/Upper School library. At the beginning of the test, students were nervous, but at the end of two hours, they all sighed with relief.

During the five minute recess between sections, some students went for a walk while other students complained about the test. One of the common reactions heard was "the Math section wasn't too bad, but the Verbal section was impossible!" This explains why the average score on the Verbal section is usually lower than the average Math score.

This particular administration of the PSAT

was unique because it marked the first time that scoring will be based on the recentered scale announced this summer by the College Board, the organization that produces the test. The new system seeks to make the score of 500 the average for both Math and Verbal sections. In the end, this translates into combined scores that will jump an average of ninety-eight points.

The juniors seemed more concerned about their scores than the sophomores did. Juniors will have to endure the real SAT in months to come, and only juniors are eligible for scholarships related to the test. Out of concern for their SAT scores, many students are joining SAT review courses such as Princeton Review, Kaplan, and many others. Some students have even hired a private tutor.

The PSAT was a learning experience for the sophomores and juniors. It enabled them to know what to expect on the SAT. For many students, the PSAT helped them realize the time and devotion needed to achieve a desirable score.

Recentered Scores: What will my new score be?

Source: The College Board

VERBAL		MATH	
Old Score	New Score	Old Score	New Score
200	230	200	200
250	330	250	260
300	380	300	340
350	430	350	400
400	480	400	440
450	530	450	480
500	580	500	520
550	620	550	560
600	670	600	600
650	710	650	650
700	760	700	690
725	795	725	725
750	800	750	760
775	800	775	795
800	800	800	800

Upcoming Events

Nov 16-19	US Drama, <i>Happy Ever Once Upon</i>
Nov 17-20	Model Congress, Washington D.C.
Nov 17	Parent conferences
Nov 18	No School
Nov 22	Parent conferences
Nov 23-25	No School
Dec 15	US Concert, Voorhees Chapel
Dec 16	Winter Break begins
Jan 3	Winter Break ends

Second Wheelchair Basketball Game a Success

By Alana Karen

On November 4th, the Rutgers Prep community joined together to raise money for the New Jersey Wheelchair Athletic Association and have an evening of fun. Approximately two hundred people came to support the association which provides services for the physically challenged. Their team competed against our faculty and students in a basketball game.

For the first quarter, only faculty and coaches played. The trick for our team was learning to shoot, maneu-

ver and block in wheelchairs. The crowd found those attempts hysterical, especially when certain participants fell out of their chairs.

However, spectators were rapidly impressed by the opposing team who, even having spotted fifteen point each quarter to the home team, still maintained a lead throughout the game. Students, many who were basketball players in the winter season, found new difficulties in losing three feet of height by playing while sitting.

The Community Service Board provided refreshments for the visitors after the game. Students were able to have discussions with the players and learn more about their motivations. One participant related how he loved to play especially when there was a large crowd to cheer the teams on.

There were differences between the two years this event has occurred. This year, the participation was larger with more people playing and attending. Since a lower school teacher played, more young children came with their parents. Tara Auciello, president of the Community Service Board, commented, "We're happy that it worked even better than last year. It's nice to form a relationship with the players."

With the overwhelming support for this activity, the Wheelchair Basketball game is sure to become a tradition, especially since the money earned is donated to a good cause. Nearly \$500 was earned this year thanks to the participation of the students and their families.

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The Haitian Crisis

By Frank Cesario

Now that the United States has succeeded in the democratic way to return Reverend Jean - Bertrand Aristide to power, the United States faces a large problem. Haiti is a country in which the treasury is depleted, more than three thousand people are dead and most of the social institutions have collapsed. With all these problems, can we really expect Aristide to be a miracle worker?

For the past month now, the Haitian people have depended upon the United States as a crutch. Our armed forces have done everything from protecting the people to taking out the garbage. Do we really believe now that one person, Aristide, can take the place of an entire armed force? An old parental adage goes, "through hard work, not charity, we learn the value of a dollar." This can be applied to the Haitian situation. The United States government found it necessary to pledge over one billion dollars to Haiti.

Haiti and the United States both have high hopes for the reformation of Haiti, but so did the builders of the Titanic. It is about time that the spend-

happy United States government learn a new word: reality. No matter how much money you give to a rock, it is still going to be a rock. We have to accept the fact that we are unable to instill nationalism and dignity into the Haitians. Without these two facets, Haiti will only be a turbulent geographic concept.

If the United States gradually stops sending money to Haiti, maybe the new government can improve. Stopping the flow of money to Haiti would be like pulling a rug from under their feet. Slowly removing the rug would be much more productive.

The United States shouldn't act as elitists and isolate themselves from the problems of the world, but we need to take a better look when we do intervene. We have to analyze every single situation before we start sending money to these places. As Haiti has illustrated for us, a more realistic analysis and communication should be made before we intervene. This would be a welcome alternative to our government jumping from place to place around the world, like a big game of Risk.

Roving Reporter

By Maureen Benitz

What are you looking forward to most this year?

<i>School athletics</i>	<i>Spring break</i>
Scott Fleisher '97	Josh Rosen '97
<i>The ski trip</i>	<i>The day after finals</i>
Natalie Mantell '98	Aisha Griffith '97
<i>Summer</i>	<i>Playing lacrosse</i>
Stephanie Verb '96	Priya Rahakrishna '98
<i>Leaving for college</i>	<i>Playing basketball</i>
Erin Armstead '95	Charlene Davenport '98

Drowning In Waste

By Amanda Lin

It would be safe to assume that there are no stars, because they apparently are not visible at night any more. This, of course, can be credited to the air pollution that lingers in the air. We generate approximately 1.5 billion pounds of carcinogens per year. In addition to taking in foreign chemicals every time we inhale, people are also threatened by the chemicals that pollute the land and waters. There are some companies that are environmentally responsible; however, the majority of chemical companies are not conscientious or concerned about the environmental impact that their waste products have on society. Several companies spend around 4 million dollars on legislative candidates and lobbyists. This money should be used in fixing the chemical problems created by these companies.

Many companies discharge toxins and wastes into the water supply that we use. Over 70% of the rivers and streams in New Jersey don't meet the standards for allowing people to fish or swim. These waters are classified as "threatened" waters. Of course, when stepping into the shower or while washing clothes, who actually thinks about this? It's true that the water filters accomplish the job of removing many chemicals, but years from now when toxic wastes make up most of the water, New Jersey better have some pretty good filters. In 1992, 22% of New Jersey's population was served by water systems that had violated the safe drinking act (yummy), the second worst in the country.

Despite all of the threats to the environment, companies

want to relax the rules on toxic chemicals. If this happens, more illegal water pollution violations will be committed. Statistics show that The American National Can Co. in Edison is seventh among New Jersey's top ten polluters. For those people who live in North Brunswick, they might be ecstatic to know that Permacel comes in fifth with a nice 472,666 pounds worth of chemicals that are bound to be deadly in great quantities. Pollution is heavy everywhere, not just in the places mentioned.

The New Jersey Pollution Prevention Act is the only state law that has effectively gotten the chemical industry to reduce their use of toxins by at least 50%. It requires large companies to take a look at how they run their factories, and to develop plans that would reduce the use of chemicals by substituting them with safer materials. They are not required to carry out these plans, though they must make regular progress reports. People assume that these companies will act on the plans that they have formed for reducing toxic wastes. The plans are most likely to be disregarded unless the plans allow their production to become more efficient. There is also the fact that most of the major chemical companies are just itching to get rid of this act.

Improving the environment relies heavily on the participation and involvement of people. There are many unpublishized solutions to the unnecessary wastes produced. Many goods come with too much packaging, which creates a large amount of trash. In 1991, a restriction limited how much packaging could be used.

Dyes and bleaches are excess wastes. When paper is recycled, it has a light gray color. Dyes must be added to the paper to make it white and smooth. Who cares if paper has a gray color to it? Gray paper would still serve its purpose. Although not commonly used, undyed paper is available in nature stores.

Many cotton growers are experimenting with ways to grow cotton of many colors. If the cotton didn't have to be dyed, it would cut back on wastes. It is hard to identify which colored cottons were grown this way, though.

There are so many ways to correct the problems of the environment but only if people choose to do so. If no one cares, nothing will ever get done. It would be nice to see the stars out again one day.

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Community Service: Just Do It

By Amanda Cruz

Community service is a valuable experience in which everybody should want to take part. Many students go above and beyond the required 10 hours to reach the honors level, which is 50 hours or more. The school is hoping to have many more students reach the honors level this year.

With all the opportunities available for students, there is no problem coming up with ways to reach the 10 hour minimum. Such opportunities include wheelchair basketball with the New Jersey Wheelchair Athletic Association, JFK Wheelchair Games in the spring, Tour de Cure for the American Diabetes Association, beach clean-ups and gym care to name a few. Freshmen and

peer-leaders take part in helping the Franklin Food Bank through the Peer Leadership Program. Prep also helps Habitat for Humanity, which is a group that builds houses for the less fortunate. Recently, a large number of students went to Paterson to help Habitat for Humanity. This is a sampling of the ample opportunities that students can take part in through school.

Many students also volunteer to help out outside of school. There are plenty of other opportunities available to students outside of school. Volunteering at a local church is also a popular idea. Other students help out at hospitals or nursing homes. Some students do yard work for elderly neighbors. This shows how

students want to make the community a better place.

Many high schools are encouraging students to do community service. Some are making it a requirement for students to complete. Usually the amount of time required is minimal for students.

Community service at Prep is a mandatory requirement. It is similar to an academic class. If the 10 hours aren't met by the end of the year, a failing grade is put on your transcript. Any senior that doesn't complete 10 hours won't be able to graduate. With all the opportunities available, 10 hours of community service is easy to accomplish.

Many students at Prep feel that community service is a respectable thing to do.

Helping others out is a very nice thing to do. Everyone benefits from community service. Most think that 10 hours is a reasonable number of hours to complete.

The Community Service Executive Board is continually working on ideas for community service projects. The Community Service Board tries to come up with ideas for students. With all the available opportunities, there is no reason why a student shouldn't have 10 hours completed.

Community service is a positive thing that students participate in. It improves the community and students. Hopefully, the tradition of community service will continue for years to come.

Cross Country Cyclist Visits Prep

By Kristine Coco

Thursday, October 6, at 7:30 p.m. the Rutgers Prep community had the pleasure of watching John Siegel Boettner's slide show. While Upper School students saw a glimpse of his trip at an assembly earlier that day, Thursday's audience experienced the ride from "Sea to Shining Sea." Although watching the entire slide show filled in many blanks, there were still many unanswered questions for Mr. Boettner to answer himself.

In 1986, John went to then Headmaster of his school, Dr. Steve Loy, to ask permission to take students across the country on bikes. Whereas not all members of his community were so supportive, Dr. Loy not only gave his permission, but he also asked how he could make the trip happen. Some teachers tried to talk him out of it saying the kids were too young and small, and missing school would be harmful to their academic development. They thought taking twelve year olds was questionable at the very least. His answer was quite simple; they are the easiest and most enjoyable group to bring. John and his wife have been travelling all over the world with kids since 1983. They enjoyed it because the kids helped them see things in a different light. The five children who went with them across country all brought their favorite stuffed animals with them, something that would never happen with licensed drivers. Their innocence and energy made it



all worthwhile. Taking a group of teens would have been much more difficult; they had grades and college to worry about.

The kids' ability to bounce back and to look on the bright side helped keep everyone's spirits up. There were no gaps between the two girls and three boys. John said that if tiny Heather had had a bike proper for her size, she would have beaten everyone home. Instead of being the girls and boys, they were a family, even when one had to go to the bathroom. All of them used the roadside.

When asked if the trip went like he expected, John answered, "It was better than I thought, worse than I thought, and harder than I thought." Most of the events John could not have planned or prepared for even if he tried. The tornado, the Amish family, the weather, and even the people

they met could not have been predicted, yet that is what made the experience memorable. Even though John had no idea what would happen on the ride, he set a date for their arrival at the Dunn School. They were only 10 minutes late.

The trip across the country impacted the kids in ways they are just now realizing. It taught them to make a goal and strive to reach it. John saw the kids through his eyes; he watched them mature and grow up, and he wrote this all in his book. He gave each kid a copy to read, but Joy did not read her copy until three years later. She wanted to remember the trip her own way and was afraid reading the book would change her memories. Now almost 20 years old, she can read the book and see how the trip formed her into the person she is today. The seven riders all still keep in

School Council Trip

By Becca Caldwell

On October 24, Mr. Avella, Ms. Mansfield, and Mrs. Pink accompanied twelve Student Council members to the New Jersey Board of Student Councils conference at Rider University. The day began with an opening session explaining the goals of the programs. Mr. Norm Hull, the Keynote Speaker, gave a motivational speech about fighting racism, encouraging school spirit, and teamwork. He involved the entire audience in his presentation through participation. Everyone quickly warmed up to his style.

In the following sessions, students were free to choose from six workshops. Aids Awareness, Running for State Officer, and a multimedia film entitled "Point of View" were among the offerings. The film explored important student issues such as violence, racism, intolerance, and hatred in the world. A special Advisors' Workshop by Mr. Hull focused on what makes student activities suc-

cessful.

Second Session
Workshops attended by Tara Auciello and Ria Rasalan focused on the most successful projects run by each school last year. Another workshop run by Susan Wilson, the Executive Director of the Network for Family Life Education, discussed and shared the goal of the Network. She asked for input from the students for her "A Newsletter by Students, for Students." Topics such as sex education, teenage stress, and AIDS were all discussed. This workshop concluded with an HIV infected speaker discussing prevention of the virus and the important facts that could save lives.

Everyone who attended the conference learned something new and will hopefully be able to integrate it into our school life. It was a beneficial trip. Council will continue to participate with the New Jersey Board of Student Councils.

touch, even though they have spread across the country. Their 10 year reunion will take place in 1996 on the Blue Ridge Highway. John's favorite part of the entire trip was the time spent with the Amish family, and he knew the rest of the group would agree with him. John and his wife keep in touch with the family and have gone to visit.

The trip had expenses, as all trips do. The total cost of this trip was \$1 a mile,

including airfare from California to Washington D.C., food, and hotels. That seem to be a bargain until the length of the trip comes into play - 4,500 miles. \$4,500 could be considered a lot of money for a vacation, until you think about what Joy, Heather, Ethan, Jimmy, and Carl really got. They did not lie on a beach for two weeks, they explored the country, they met new people and they discovered what they could really do.

Habitat For Humanity

By Jay Golon

At eight o'clock in the morning on Friday, October 7 about 40 weary-eyed Upper School students left the campus on three buses for Paterson, New Jersey. On a morning when most opted to stay in bed and catch up on much needed sleep, these students decided to devote their time off to hard, manual labor.

The buses headed for the Paterson division of Habitat for Humanity. Habitat is a completely volunteer organization aimed at providing homes for low income families. In fact, the organization has been so successful that they have built fifty new homes using only volunteer work for the last ten years. Prep's visit to Habitat was arranged and organized by Mr. Danielson-Francois.

As soon as the buses arrived, students were transformed into plumbers, sanders, and painters. The work was challenging, and the pitfalls of

construction revealed themselves. Many found their hair, noses, or lungs clouded with dust from sanding walls and ceilings. Others, who weren't as inclined to sand, managed to paint more on their own bodies than they did on the houses.

One student summed up the trip as, "a very different way to help out other people while still managing to have fun. It may sound corny, but it's the truth."

The mood of the group was, for the most part, enthusiastic. The experience turned out to be very rewarding, and the students were praised by the Habitat organization, who had never had a high school group that was so large, or worked so hard. The buses departed for Prep at about four o'clock in the afternoon. Though the majority of the volunteers were exhausted and aching, no one seemed to mind sacrificing a day to lend those less fortunate a hand.

Fall Play Preview

Wednesday, November 16 through Saturday, November 19, beginning at 8:00, the Upper School Drama Board presents *Happily Ever Once Upon*, directed by Ms. Turlish. Melissa Stass plays the part of Cinderella and Josh Eckhaus plays Prince Charming. Also featured in the cast are Jen Hassenberg, Jessica Hedges, and Jay Golon. The show is a new and interesting rendition of the fairy tales we all know. Tickets are being sold by all cast members.

Student Trip to See Mexican Dancers

By Archana Kansagra

On October 24 approximately ninety Upper and Middle School students, accompanied by four faculty members went on the second annual field trip to see Mexican dances. The entertainment was provided by the Ballet Folklórico Mexicano at Union Court Arts Center in Rahway. The Ballet Folklórico Mexicano is an outstanding interpretation of its rich and colorful heritage. This authentic panorama of the music and dance was a magical journey through Mexico. All these influences, European, Oriental, Indian, even American, have combined to create an art form that has become unique and distinctive.

The Ballet Folklórico Mexicano's dancers were a treat for the eyes as well as the ears. The performer's tradi-

tional costumes for women were vibrantly decorated dresses with voluminous skirts while men dressed in elegant shirts and trousers with characteristic straw hats.

The program started at 10:30 a.m. and took viewers through the music and dances of "Azteca," "Los Concheros," "Chiapas," "Norte," "El Venado," "El Jarabe Jalisco," and ended with the famous La Bamba dance in the "Jaracho."

The performance of the Ballet Folklórico Mexicano was presented brilliantly in this unique production of the National Theater of the Performance Arts, Ltd. Students and faculty concluded the day with a buffet at a nearby restaurant, where students could relax and socialize about the performance.

Girls' Tennis

By Becca Caldwell

Despite a season of ups and downs, the girls' tennis team managed to survive. Though the team ended up with a losing record of 3-7, everyone was supportive and the general attitude was positive.

The team began with a strong win against Pennington. Freshman Natalie Mantell's victory gave Prep the win. In the match versus Wardlaw, Becca Caldwell's double tie-break match victory claimed the second win. The following weeks were difficult and filled with frustration for the singles players. The only other win for Prep came at Ranney.

Doubles players Caroline Chang, Akta Patel, Abby Santamaria, Heather Driver, and Aarti Patel were a little more successful. Second doubles had the best record for the team, recording 5 wins

against 4 losses. They defeated tough opponents from Saddle River and Morristown-Beard.

The girls finished the season on a high note however. The second and third singles players, and both doubles teams advanced to the quarter-finals of the State Tournament. The second doubles team of Abby Santamaria and Heather Driver continued on to the semifinals.

This year's team is the strongest Prep has seen in a few years. The team was led by captains Becca Caldwell, Amanda Cruz and Caroline Chang. First singles player Amanda Cruz handled her position with great sportsmanship, facing tough opposition this season. She is already psyched up to go at it again next season. The entire team is looking forward to a productive season next year.

Girls' Soccer

By Nidhi Kumar

As the days get longer and fall draws to its end, the sound of soccer players will slowly fade away. In retrospect, this soccer season for Prep's girls will be looked at as a disappointment. Two big wins in the beginning of the season reflected the team's potential. Hopes of winning states often crossed the minds of the players. Yet after the tragic loss of goalie Priya Radhakrishna, the team was plagued with a trend of misfortunes. Leading goal scorer Daniel Metzger was sidelined with a broken foot, and many other key players suffered minor injuries which induced a

sense of weakness and instability on the field.

Despite the unfortunate luck, the team persevered, always nurturing a positive attitude. Towards the latter part of the season, the team learned to compensate for its weakness by working together. A sense of unity was always prevalent on the field. While the team's record was not impressive, its morale was. Team captains Nidhi Kumar, Hiam Boraie, and Nicole Carlo will look back on this soccer season with fond memories and thoughts of what might have been.

Boys' Soccer

By Rohin Singh

The boys' soccer team faced a difficult season due to the lack of experience on the field. Through the strong guidance of Coaches Marotto and Szeles, however, the team was able to register four victories on the season and suffered tough losses in several clogged games. The season began with a second place finish in the Wardlaw-Hartidge Tournament and things looked bright for the future. Several games later the team suffered a tremendous blow when senior captain Ryan Neely, the team's goalkeeper, broke his arm in a game against Saddle River and was lost for the season. Filling in for Neely was junior Bryan Rose who had a tough time in goal, but stepped up in wins over Ranney and Lakewood Prep, turning aside many point blank shots. The team had a

tough time putting the ball in the back of the net, scoring only fourteen goals on the season. Captain Mike Rose led the team with four goals, followed by junior Bobby Roy and sophomore Frank Cesario with three each. Next year's soccer team will be led by an experienced and talented group which includes juniors Bobby Roy, Robby Szeles and Manak Ahluwalia, and sophomores Henri Renard and Frank Cesario.

Fall Record

Boys' Soccer	4-13
Girls' Soccer	7-8-1
Girls' Tennis	3-7
Cross Country	7-9

Cross Country has Impressive Season

By Joe Fuoco

This year's group brought a blend of great new additions to the team and seasoned veterans who provided team leadership. While the team was very competitive this season, head coach Bob Dougherty points out that the team must continue their pursuit of higher ground, and says that the squad may be only one season away from a major showing at the state tournament.

The team was led by their two most consistent runners, senior Scott Skorupsky and sophomore Scott Yelity. At the state championship meet on November 2, Scott

Yelity placed seventh in the Prep "B" division race. Junior Matt Scherb, sophomores Simon Messing, Josh Rosen and Leland Cogliani, and freshman Dan Chelel round out the team's top seven individual runners. Their progression over the off-season, according to Coach Dougherty, is critical to the team's chances at a state championship next season. The team also included senior Bill Bocra, juniors Dave Papa, Sid Singh and Gerard Joe, sophomore Dave Schueler, and freshmen Nick Lesard and Ganesh Ramanarayanan.

While youth is the

team's major strength, it could also prove to be their weakness. With the core of the squad returning next season, the runners should have a great team chemistry. However, their inexperience could prove costly, as some team members may not be aware of how to properly prepare themselves for the upcoming season. Coach Dougherty cites building the runners' physical strength as the key to the team's continued improvement. If the runners continue to work hard, they will surely form a dominant team for the 1995 season.

Winter Sports Previews

By Sara Papa

Girls' Volleyball Preview

The volleyball season is here again, and so are plenty of new players. This year has already shown an increase in participation, if not experience. Coach Kiernan and assistant Coach Goldman will have to deal with the loss of four starters from last year's team. This transition should be made easier with the return of veteran starters Caroline Chang, Susan Slim, Aliya Walker, and Ria Rasalan, who will continue their hard work for the team. Once again volleyball will have one of the few JV teams competing for Prep.

Swimming Preview

With the loss of two crucial members of the team to graduation last year, this year's team must look to a new group of leaders. Senior captain Ryan Neely, who suffered a broken arm during the soccer season and may be sidelined for several weeks, will have to pick up the pace upon his return and mold the numerous new recruits into a team. Neely has the support of returning seniors Kavita Patel, Phil Kennard and Sara Papa, juniors Matt Needleman and Meredith Riley, and sophomore George Cox, among others. But for the swim

team, this winter will be yet another season on which to build, with hopes of a strong team in the near future.

Girls' Basketball Preview

The '94-'95 girls basketball team is looking to conquer its opponents this season, especially in the important season concluding state tournament.

Packed with height from freshman Jaclyn Sienkiewicz, sophomore Katie Somers, and senior Erin Armstead, the team will be one of the tallest in the Preps, which will help immensely with blocks and rebounds. The team is led by a backcourt of seniors Diana Liscinski and captain Tara Auciello, who looks forward to controlling the perimeter game, both shooting and passing the ball into the paint to capable hands, including sophomore Maureen Benitz.

Coaches Klinger and Shifman are excited about this year's team, and have ordered new shooting shirts with the girls' last names and numbers on the back. The team will be taking a pre-season "bonding trip" to see the Rutgers Lady Knights on November 15 and is anxiously awaiting the Gill St. Bernards Tip-Off Tournament on December 2.

Boys' Basketball Preview

The basketball season is right around the corner, and Coach O'Connell and his team appear to be turning the corner to success. With the team working out all fall, the season is a much anticipated one. Returning starters are senior captain and All-State selections Mike Maccia, Scott Sienkiewicz, and Jaime Jimenez. With this nucleus, the team figures to be headed in the right direction. Joe Zimewski will fill one of the remaining starting spots, and the remaining position is still up for grabs. Those battling for the starting job are sophomore transfer Jeremy Kenny, senior Bill Passarotti, and sophomore Mark Markowski. Looking for minutes off the bench are seniors Will Gentile, Scott Gwiazda and Edell Antonio. Sophomores Joe Fuoco, Evan Siegal, and David Weitz are also contenders.

With the team's strong nucleus and enthusiastic contributors, this year's boys' basketball season looks to be remarkably successful.

Wrestling Preview

After two consecutive successful seasons in which the team won state and conference championships for the first time, the members of the wrestling team have their sights set high once again, both as a team and as individuals. Three members of last seasons' "fearsome foursome", seniors Scott Skorupsky and Bill Bocra, and junior Dave Papa, return as tri-captains and face high expectations for the upcoming season. With their leadership and the help of returning seniors Rohin Singh, Greg Costello and Adam Simnett, and sophomores Henri Renard, Herb Roberts, Craig Feinberg and Ken Tashman, the wrestling team should supply an impressive season. With new members Brian Rose, Ed Soroka, Dipak De Biswas and Dave Thompson rounding out the weight classes, this year's team could make a run at state and conference championships.

Upcoming Games

Home Games

12/1	Var. & JV Volleyball v. St. Elizabeth	4:00
12/2	Var. Swimming v. Madison/Sayreville	3:45
12/3	Var. Volleyball RPS Spikers Tournament	2:00
12/6	Var. Boys Basketball v. Princeton Day	4:00
	JV Boys Basketball v. Princeton Day	5:30
12/10	Var. Girls Basketball v. Solebury	1:30
12/12	Var. & JV Volleyball v. Princeton Day	4:15
12/13	Var. Boys Basketball v. Gill-St. Bernard's	3:45
	JV Boys Basketball v. Gill-St. Bernard's	5:15
12/14	Var. Boys Basketball v. Ranney	3:45
	Fresh Boys Basketball v. Ranney	5:30
12/15	Varsity Wrestling v. Peddie	4:15

Holiday Tournaments

12/17-18	RPS Boys & Girls Basketball Tournament
12/27-28	West Windsor Boys Basketball Tournament
12/28-29	Somerset County Wrestling Tournament