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Rutgers Prep's New Teachers. From the Top Row: Mr. Nichols, Mrs. Doryumu, Ms. Lacroix, Mrs. Edmonson Bottom Row: Mr. Stefani, Mrs. Littlewood, Ms. Helmich, Mrs. Glennon

Improved Arts Facilities Mr. Nichols was an electrical engineer at A T&T before On The Way

For years Prep has been in need of a decent auditorium, in which students may demonstrate their singing and acting abilities. Now, a plan is underway which will pave the way for the establishment of a Performing Arts the building, and secondly be-Center Both faculty and administration are cooperating on this venture, which is being coordinated by the Development Of-

was the feasibility study. This the amount of funds raised. Curstudy's goal was to find out the rently, there are many different desired features of the Center and to gather cost estimates for proposed versions of a building with these features. The Development Office listened to input from faculty members involved with drama and music, and sent the criteria to architects to find cost estimates.

The rough figure estimated by the Development Office for be that a Performing Arts Center the cost is two million dollars. Mr. Sharrits is a member of the Development Office, and, according to him, one million dollars has already been raised from gifts and endowments. However, another million dollars is still needed, and Mr. Sharrits has said that "selected alumni and

the parent body who have yet to be contacted" are being counted on for donations to reach the cost estimate goal. The need for immediate gathering of funds is urgent for two reasons. First of all, the longer it takes to gather the money, the higher the cost of cause 1991 is Prep's 225th anniversary and it is hoped that the campaign can be finished as part of the anniversary celebration.

The building's site, appear-A major step in this process ance, and facilities all depend on proposed plans with the estimated number of seats ranging between three hundred and five hundred, a vast improvement over the current facilities. Other important parts desired in the center would be music classrooms, a large backstage area, and a stage. Another benefit, according to Mr. Sharrits, would would "open up the campus to the community-at-large". Performing Arts Center would indeed be a welcome addition to our school, but it is crucial that enough funds are recieved in time so that Prep can have a building to be proud of

Prep Welcomes New Teachers

Bobbie Kader

This year Rutgers Preparatory School welcomes many new teachers to its faculty.

The new staff replaces Mr. Clark Von-Ville, Mrs. Hagin, Mr. Herzberg, Miss Leader, Miss Steinmetz, Mr. Wojick, and Mrs.

The new teachers are: Mrs. Lacroix, Mr. Vincent Minniti, Mr. Walter Nichols, Mr. Robert Peterson, Mrs. Audrey Mrs. Doryumu, Beth Edmondson, Mrs. Anne Glennon, Ms. Tamara Helmich, and Mr. Joseph Stefani.

Mrs. Lisa Lacroix used to teach at North Virginia Commu-nity College. At Prep, she will be teaching Biology and Chemistry. She's looking forward to

learning about the student body.

Mr. Nichols was an electrideciding to become a teacher His very first experience as one was here at Prep this summer where he taught Geometry during summer school. He will also be the assistant soccer coach and

of golf. He is going to teach Geometry and Algebra II.

Mr. Minniti, who replaced Mrs. Hagin last year, will continue to teach Spanish. He is a graduate of the Argentinian Naval Academy and a graduate of Rutgers University. Even though he is a teacher, he is also a diplomatic courier for Argentina.

Mr. Peterson will be working here part time as the Instrumental Music teacher. He has a broad understanding of music and he will be at Prep on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Mrs. Edmondson has to get acclimated with the "northern way of doing things" since she is from Memphis, Tennessee. She will teach Geometry, Pre-Calculus, and Calculus.

Mrs. Glennon will be teach-ing Western Civilization and Modern European History A.P. She's looking forward to working with students in smaller classes and would like to partici- at the Katharine Gibbs School pate in the Ye Dial and drama as where she taught last year.

Mr. Stefani has gotten his

second Bachelor's degree at Rutgers University and this will be his first year of teaching. At Prep, he will teach American History, Modern European History, and U.S. Government. He'd like to learn the art of teaching and what young people are interested in today.

Mrs. Helmich graduated from Hamilton College and grew up in New York. She will be teaching Computer I, Algebra IB, and Psychology. For her first year as an educator, she wants to "facilitate enthusiasm" among her students.

Mrs. Doryumu, who is from Ghana in West Africa, will be teaching a variety of English courses. She says that she loves English and is looking forward to installing that love in her students. Mrs. Doryumu would like to participate in Drama, Forensics, Excelsior, and the Yearbook, having had prior experience as Yearbook Coordinator

Council Plans Elections

Liz Chin

The Rutgers Prep School Council has planned election procedures for the 1990-91 school year. The first Council meeting set deadlines for nomi-

President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Each class will also represent two representatives to the Student Council, who will attend along with their respective on the same election schedule.

nations and elections. All classes Vice-Presidents. The Freshman will be electing a President, Vice- Class will be returning from the annual Freshman Camping Trip, and will have a modified election schedule. Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors will all run

> Nominations are due for Grades 10-12 on September 25, and the subsequent elections will be held on September 27. Freshman will have nominations due on September 28 and their elections will be held on Friday, September 28.



Mrs. Farkas, the new Upper School secretary is ready to assist you in any school matter

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Editorial Page

The First Editorial: A Cursory Study

Geoffrey Gussis

There are freshman in the sophomore and junior lounges, the same old cafeteria food is still around, the food machines are no longer, and the music rooms are in our building. These are just a few of the things going on at RPS. The lower lounges have become the Right and Left side (no need to divide underclassmen along political lines). Why can't the freshman stand along the wall like they used to? After all, that's part of their job. Ninth graders in other schools are never quite so privileged. Soon they will take "their" lounge for granted as well as their classes and will be cutting juniors and seniors (w/o priveleges) in the lunch lines.

gang of ladies, and the same cornucopia of food. It is evident that the adminstration made a positive and effective effort to fix the food service. Lunch for underclassmen will prove to be another experience in the artificial and "believe it or nots".

If you don't think you can stomach the cuisine, think again, because food machines will be taken out of Prep in the near future. These machines were, or supplemented, the diets of hundreds of Rutgers Prep students. The Prep response to the removal of the machines was the organization of a food truck to come at 3:00 and 5:00. Alas, the students who need brain food during their study halls will need to brown bag it.

And speaking of lunch, negative, you say? There are a

few new positives as well that Prep students welcome in this year. For example, freshman will never need to forget their assignments with their handydandy assignment pads, which can be bought at the Rutgers Prep Bookstore for a few hundred dollars.

The entire gym situation has been overhauled, and underclassmen will only have to "attend" twice a week. The argument can be made that this is still two more than necessary, but the gym faculty need a warmup for their annual blowout of the Senior Class in the Rutgers Preparatory School Annual Gym Faculty-Senior Football Game. Seniors, who need no practice for this mauling, can enjoy a doubleperiod lunch for the whole year, Always dwelling on the at the expense of one day's worth of embarrassment.

will remain constant: accurate Argo. We expect nine issues to we will cover it... Trust Us.

While all of these wonder- come out this year covering all ful things are going on, one thing of the topics mentioned above, and many more. Whenever an and up to date coverage by the issue arises that concerns Prep,

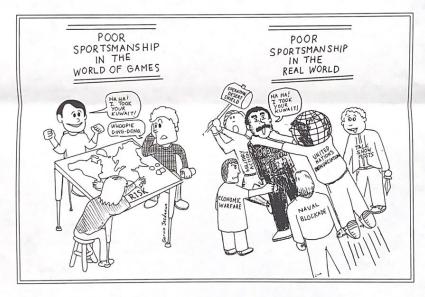
My Little Red Book

Vijay Maktal

The handy dandy student assignment pad; this is a remarkable and technological breakthrough being that it is a RE-QUIREMENT for all incoming Freshmen. I don't have it - so sue me. I can understand that we are Freshmen and should be mocked on, but this is ridiculous. We can't be trusted to do our homework, so we have to write it in our own SPECIAL assignment pad. Nobody can have it, only Freshmen. What a privilege!!!! The fact that I can walk up and down my block and carry my assignment pad, have everybody look at me and envy me is just a feeling that nothing could match. "Oh my Gosh! Mom, I need one of those!"

When I graduated from the eigth grade I felt that I was on my way to a higher level of intellectual maturity. In the eigth grade I trusted my memory to remember the assignments. Now that I am in ninth grade, can I no longer trust my memory? Have I gotten so much older that my memory has become faulty?

If this is such a good idea, why not give this to the whole school? (Don't take it literally.) Or is this just a punishment for all Freshmen? Maybe some people are forgetful, but don't underestimate my memory.



"We Don't Need No Thought Control.

Bill Hornbostel

This past summer, I became more aware than ever of censorship. Sure, I knew about Mapplethorpe and The 2 Live Crew being labeled as "obscene", and I was angry. But during the time I spent at RISD (Rhode Island School of Design) this summer, the issue became a stronger one for me - especially because I am an artist. If the National Endowment for the Arts, which is under attack fo supporting "obscene" art, loses support then the decisions will be left up to the courts, which have strong ties to the pro-cen-

The problem arises from moral zealots trying to enforce upon society their views of what

is "obscene" or "innappropriate," and have wide support, from the schools to the courts. The zealots, fearing that they themselves may become a minority, are thus obsessed with policing the boundaries of what is permissible, and during the 80's, it looked as if their views would prevail. But they lost their Ronnie, and people won't easily forget the sex scandals of their Jims (Swaggart and Bakker). Now, they regroup around another enemy; since there are no more "heathen Communists", their new target is the art world.

artists are deconstructionalists, pounce upon the blasphemous those artists who question the basics of society, like what it and the Gang grows even larger means to be a "man" or a and more genteel when "art" is "woman." In the past, modern- at stake. The NEA isn't the

now there's all of this content in art, and all of these "dangerous" messages - that you can be a different sort of man or woman They say sexuality is for grown men to decide, judge, and control, as shown by theordering ofall women and adolescent pages out of the Senate chamber when Jesse Helms showed those "disgusting" Mapplethorpe photos. What is at stake is the sexual order, and every artist attacked thus far challenged it.

Ultimately, what the "Gang of Fear" wants is to control what The main group of targeted is presented. The Gang will and obscene wherever they are,

ism attacked formal boundaries; issue, it's just one of the first targets. In the art world, crippling the NEA would destroy much of what is developing on the fringe of the art world. Also, the Gang wants to control what is heard, and not just seen.

To me the problem is, I don't recall any limitations in the First Amendment. If people paid more attention to the Constitution and less to their petty power games and dominance fetishes, the issue of censorship would never have come up. Those who want to control society don't care who or what they have to trample to get their way, and when they don't they cry like babies. The real reason Liberty is depicted as a woman is because Libery can

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Features

RPSEA: Prep's Brand New Environmental Club

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Geoffrey Gussis

This year two Rutgers Prep poctations, especially consider—cause we once gave some money Seniors, Alpa Patel and Geoffrey ing the general apathy of the stu-Gussis, will found the Rutgers dent body. Quite a few students become a permanent part of the Preparatory School Environ- were ignorant of the environ- Prep community. Their main mental Association (RPSEA). mental problems facing the na- goal is to increase awareness of Both students have heavy inter- tion. The committee wanted to current environmental issues. ests in the environment that stem change that through morning Patel and Gussis hope to accomfrom their involvement in the announcements and posters, plish this by organizing outside Rutgers Prep Earth Day 1990 Though students did not become environmental specialists to celebration. Geoffrey studied completely dedicated to the speak at Prep, instituting a comenvironmental issues at the New "Save the Earth" cause, at least prehensive recycling program, Jersey Governor's School on the they became aware of it during and publishing an environmental Environment this past summer, the week of Earth Day. Many along with Rutgers Prep teacher contributed their pocket money,

ganized an Earth Day concert saved the earth. and raised enough money to pur-

The Earth Day Committee

chase about ten acres of rain could not change that attitude

forest in the Children's Rain For- over such a limited period of time.

Club Fair September 28, 1990

Find out about new and old clubs by visiting them during the Club Fair.

The Last First Day of High School

Amar Maktal

seemed like I had never left.

When the alarm rang at 7:10 me realize that being a senior in the morning I knew that one of the most important days of my and that I really was going to be a "dull boy".

life was about to begin. I would be a true senior for the first time in my life. I would be able to being a senior is not what your walk into school, look at the senior lounge, and know that it was mine for the taking. I had done my time as an underclassman, and I was ready to reap the benefits of my seniority.

The walk from my car to the school doors was one of the longest walks of my life, even though the distance was relatively short. I was expecting to feel different somehow, but when I arrived I was in for a shocking realization. Being a senior is not all that it is made out to be.

The halls looked the same, the teachers looked the same, and my friends looked the same. Nothing had changed but my do my work and revel in it, because I know that I'll be gone and courses. The summer was already a distant memory, and it off to college soon.

Going to my classes made

would be more work than play

I came to a realization that surroundings dictate, but what you feel inside. If you wallow in the past, your senior experience will never be whole. One must try to take advantage of all of the opportunities that school has to offer, and always try to help

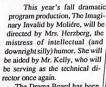
The first day continued, and I'm glad to say, it only got better. With my renewed optimism I realized that I'd be allowed to leave for lunch, sit in my unshared senior lounge, and sit on my laurels when ever I chose. The workload will be hard, but I'm a senior now and in a year high school will be over. So I'll

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Drama Corner

John Fidelino



The Drama Board has been restructured and streamlined in order to function more efficiently. They have already created the calendar of events leading up to the show's opening on December 5th. Auditions and casting will occurr much earlier in order to maintain all drama participant's sanity throughout the dramatic

Prep Seniors Spend Summer Time Academically

Alpa Patel

Instead of lying in bed all day or going to the mall, several upperclassmen decided this mer to try something a little more "academically inclined." For instance, Geoffrey Gussis attended the Governor's School of Environment for four weeks. He said, "At first, I was apprehensive, but everyone was so friendly and concerned with the environment, that I became comfortable very quickly." He also said that there were different levels of concern. For example, some individuals took the standpoint of "Big Business," while on the other hand several were "hard-core" environmentalists. Geoff will be eager to shock you with environmental stories, as co-founder of the RPSEA (Rutgers Preparatory School Environmental Associa-

Robert John Fidelino attended the Governor's School on Public Policy for four intense weeks. He specifically dealt with ethnicity and cultural pluralism. He investigated the nature of cultures and the goal to maintain a pluralistic society, in which each culture keeps its own personality. John said, "The Governor;s School was utopia: a society run by people like you and a place where everyone could be themselves."

Also attending a summer program in New Jersey was Shivam Mallick, at the Lawrenceville Scholars program. She went to Lawrence ville to take four classes, all in the Political Philosophy. In her po-Humanities. What was unique etry class, she enjoyed reading to this program was that there were no grades given, a system

that relieved competitive presforty-two students were from different counties within New Jersey. Shivam learned for learning's sake alone, and had lots of fun developing friend-

ships at the same time. Adam Lore did not do one, but several things this summer. He took Free Lance Writing at the University of Virginia and American Government at American University. He said, "I enjoyed my college experiences away from home and became a better writer. I'm going to love college." Adam also had an internship in New Jersey with

Senator Ewing. Joe Locandro took Sociology and Political Science at Duke University. He commented, "The classes were pretty hard and the teachers were really ally. All agree that the tastes of knowledgeable." Joe made college life have changed them friends from around the world: Canada, Jordan, and Egypt to name a few. I asked him if he discovered anything about Duke the structure of high school life that he didn't know before. He

replied, "The library facilities." Sonali Lakhani and Raguini Narotam studied at the Lysen American School in Switzerland. Raguini said, "Switzerland is really beautiful. The school is located in the Alps." They also spent a week each in France and Italy. They visited many places and made many friends on the

Alpa Patel studied at Yale University this summer. She took poetry Workshop and Foundations of Contemporary poems from John Ashbery and Elizabeth Bishop, as well as oth-

sure among students. Also, all poetry at the same time. Her political science class was challenging, consisting of some senior Yalies, but because of its seminar structure, discussions were quite interesting. She learned much, inside and outside

> Another student who studied over the summer was Robert Chwatko. He took a course on Macroeconomics at Brookdale Community College. The course was "tough but enjoyable". For Robert, its benefits will reach far into the future because he is planning to go into business when older.

Getting a taste of how college will be like, these students have grown more confident and independent. They have been enriched mentally and emotionand given them a hunger for more. As Joe Locandro put it, "It is going to be hard to adjust to once again.

This article is part one of a continuing series on summer experiences of Prep students. Look forward to upcoming articles on academic as well as recreational activites. If you have done something interesting drop a note in the Argo mailbox and you will be interviewed by an Argo

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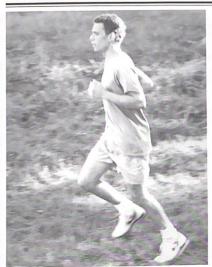
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theory among students and facb dulty alike that the summer read a ling program is one that needs

understand all of the aspects of the book. Many students took or benefitted from it. But for some they have now eliminated

Sports



Rich Gallini In Full Stride

Boys Lose in Wardlaw Finals

hoping to improve on last year's

record of 6-8-1 through hard

practices and dedicated players. After losing key players Danny Oross and Chris Gioffre to

graduation, the team is looking

towards seniors Michael

Metzger and Larry Santowasso

to provide the leadership and

skill to move the team. A strong

performance is also expected

from junior Shaun Barber. The

team is rounded out by a strong

core of sophomores and fresh-

men, who will be relied on this

year for both varsity and junior

Kortmann, and Nichols are very

optimistic about the team's per-

formance this year. Coach

Sansone has been sidelined with

Marotto,

-varsity squads.

Jason Kaplan

The Boys' Soccer team started their season on a sour note as they fell in the finals of the Wardlaw-Hartridge Tournament by a score of 3-2. The team also recently lost another close decision to Wardlaw-Hartridge by the same score. Goals were contributed by Dejon Hush, Shaun Barber, Chuck Somers, and Jeremy Stoler. Unfortunatey, Stoler was lost for the season after breaking his leg.

Captain Michael Metzger felt that there is great room for improvement, commenting on the "lack of communication between players. We have a lot of nice setups, but we aren't fin-ishing them up." Metzger feels that scoring is key to team success.

Varsity Boys' Soccer is

Girls' Tennis Team Has New Leadership

Samuels.

David Lee

The Girls' Tennis team is rebuilding after a disappointing season last year, and is looking toward veteran players and a new coach to re-energize the team. The recent arrival of Coach Gary Paul, who has previous experience coaching tennis, will provide the guidance to move the team towards a winning season.

This year's tennis team has a core of veteran players. The team is led by senior Naledi Khabo at first singles, and she is expected to play a prominent role in the team's success this year. Junior Gracie Alcid, and sophomore Lynne Schwartz will also be relied upon at second and third singles.

Doubles play will be formed

from a nucleus of veterans from last year including senior Alpa Patel, junior Jennifer Geller, and sophomore Amanda Heron. Newcomers include junior Lisa Rupinski, Amy Smith, Nicole Wasson and freshman Nikki

The squad opens up its season with two home games against Ranney and Wardlaw-Hartridge September 12 and 13. These perennial powers have proven to be formidable foes and will be challenges for the Prep team this year. Captain Naledi Khabo feels that the Prep squad will improve by playing against these tough competitors. The team's season will culminate with the New Jersey State Tennis Tournaments.

Cross-Country Prepares For Winning Season

Both Boys' and Girls' Cross-Country hope to have another successful season of running. Boys' Cross-Country, coached by Mr. Dougherty, will strive to improve upon last year's record of 9-3. Last year's girls' team didn't have enough runners to officially compete, but this year they hope to meet the requirement. Through vigorous practices and race experience, both the Girls' and Boys' Cross-Country teams will be able to meet their goals.

Despite the loss of Steve Finklestein, the state champion and Prep Conference Champ, and Sri Tangirila, one of the top five runners, the Boys' Cross-Country

Brian Towsen, Sam Finklestein, and Joe Locandro, all on last year's varsity team, will be re-turning for this year's season. Junior Regis Renard and senior Brian Towsen consistently had strong showings and placed within the top 20 in the State competition. Junior Paul McLaughlin, a former runner from Montgomery High School, and senior Mish Jaggi, who ran for Bridgewater during his freshman year, will contribute greatly to the team. Juniors Dennis Timko and Doug Brown, both inexperienced runners, have performed well in practices and will be probable varsity starters. The Boys' Cross-Country team has a lot of depth, and is anxious please contact them.

high standards. Regis Renard, about competing in the upcoming New Jersey Prep Conference meet.

The girls' cross-country team, coached by Mrs. Klinger, lacks depth, but will depend on a few strong individuals to show well in competitions. Sopho-more Amy Holliday, last year's number one runner, won the girls' freshman race in the counties. Kiera Westphal plans on having a great season after attending cross-country camp this past summer. Freshman Gia Bocra and sophomore Andrea McLaughlin will also contribute to the team.

Mr. Dougherty and Mrs. Klinger are still looking for new recruits, so if you are interested

Girls' Soccer Has Slow Start

Regis Renard

The Girls' Soccer team, in their first outing of the season, lost in a scrimmage. Competing with Prep were two public school teams - Hillsboro and Ridge High School. The Rutgers Prep squad was unable to score in either of the two games.

Last year, the Girls' Soccer team finished with nine wins and seven losses, falling in the state final to Pennington. Propelled by such key seniors as Megan Coakley, Jen Gussis, Krista Stella, and Nicole Chelel, the team enjoyed an excellent season. This year's squad faces the prospect of continuing this winning tradition without these contributors. Coaches Glantzow and Nestvogel

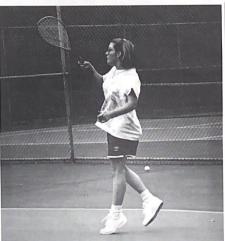
share of both new and veteran players, is up to the challenge.

Returning players Justine Clemente, Donna Gioffre, Amy Rosenstein, Lindsay Bensko, Ida Fiumefreddo, Cory Metzger, Elizabeth Chin, Jennifer Blyth, Bethel Arsenault, and Cherie Gallini welcome freshmen Jamie Schumer, Caroline Heffron, Laura Wiener, and Stacy Nulman to the team this year. Senior captains Clemente and Gioffre are confident of the team's abilities. Gioffre states, "Although we have only had a few practices, everyone is working hard. The dedication is really

Coach Nestvogel has positive aspirations for the squad.

feel that this year's team, with its "The team has some younger and less experienced players, but hopefully the older ones can instill a little guidance to the others. Coach Glantzow and I are aiming the team's goals toward a winning season. And, of course, it's any team's goal to get into the states."

The team opens its season on September 11 home against Dwight Englewood. A rough schedule that includes Pennington and Montclair-Kimberly climaxes with the Somerset County and State tournaments. Players that may be under consideration for honors include Ida Fiumefreddo, Justine Clemente, Jamie Schumer, Amy Rosenstein, and Donna Gioffre.



Meredith Maxwell showing off her groundstrokes

Upcoming Ргер Ноте Games

Varsity Boys Soccer Sept. 18 Pennington

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Varsity Girls Soccer Sept. 15 St. Peters H.S.

Varsity Girls Tennis Sept. 24 Mo-Beard.

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