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Over 300 people attend new building dedication

by Russell Wojtenko

The dedication of the new Upper School was held on March 1 in the student lounge area. Headmaster Edward Lingenheld praised and paid tribute to all of the generous people who persisted behind the scenes to make the original concept of the new building a reality. All of Prep can now enjoy the product of those who contributed their time and energy to see the new building through to completion.

The dedication ceremony began in the Upper School building at 6:00 p.m. with the serving of hors d'oeuvres and cocktails, prepared by Oasis II of Somerset, in the lower student locker area. Approximately three hundred twenty-five people attended the ceremony, including members of the Board of Trustees, members of the school's administration, parents, students, former trustees, and alumni. The dedication ceremony provided an

opportunity for teachers, parents, and students to socialize in a nonacademic atmosphere.

One of the many highlights of the evening occurred when Mr. Lingenheld unveiled plaques, located on both sides of the student lounge, to acknowledge the contributions of Prep's major benefactors. These plaques will always remind Prep students of the school's faculty, student body, and parents who rallied to turn disaster into an opportunity to improve the life of the school, and to expand and modernize the school building's facilities.

Following the dedication, a dinner and dance were held at the Somerset Hilton. Mr. Lingenheld, Dr. Paul Hirsch, President of the Board of Trustees, and CBS news reporter Roseanne Coletti addressed the gathering. Roseanne Coletti noted in her speech that Rutgers Prep's image reflects that of New Jersey: one of rapid growth and development. Mr. Lingenheld made known the

presence of several alumni who came from other states to attend the ceremony and thanked them for their contributions. Dr. Paul Hirsch praised everyone for their loyal support in making the dedication ceremony an unforgettable event.

The evening ended on a very happy note with universal expressions of high expectations for Rutgers Prep and its teachers, parents, and students.



Leelila Strogov and John Miller performed a charming duet at the March 1 building dedication ceremony.

Prep students and teachers discover Italy over Break

by Dorian Garson

On Friday, March 21, at 3:30 p.m., seven people boarded a van in front of the Rutgers Prep Field House. Mr. Marotto was in the driver's seat, waiting to take 7 Prep members to Kennedy Air-

port for their flight to Milan, Italy. The flight, Al Italia 601, took off at 7:45 that evening. The seven people were Aki Katayama, Tom Conlon, Steven Kong, Dorian Garson, Dorothy Lange and her husband, Stanley, and Mrs. Rabinowitz, who was known during her Prep Spanish-teaching years as Ms. Wolfe.

After landing in Milan at 9 p.m., the group joined Mr. Gaggini, who had been visiting relatives in Italy, at the airport.

They had a seven hour bus ride before arriving at Venice. They got off the bus and onto a Venetian public boat-bus bound for St. Mark's Square. At 40°F, it was an unusually cold day. After sightseeing and shopping, the group headed for their hotel, La Meridiana.

The next day was filled with sightseeing and shopping. Some of the sights included the Doge's Palace, St. Mark's Square, and St. Mark's Church.

On Monday, the Rutgers Prep tour group embarked on an all day journey to Firenze (Florence). After stopping in

Ravenna that day to eat lunch, they continued on to see the Tomb of Gallapladia, some mosaics, and Dante's tomb. That night, they were able to do a little sightseeing in Florence. The next day, they got a better look at the previous night's sights and more: the Ponte Vecchio, some museums, including the one housing Michelangelo's sculpture of David, St. Mark's Church, and the Pitti Palace, which houses a collection of paintings.

The next day, they were on the bus again, headed for Rome. After stopping in Assisi for lunch, and enjoying a tour of St. Francis' church, they arrived in Rome around 7 p.m. The Rutgers Prep tourists spent two days in Rome. There, they visited the Colosseum, the Vatican Museum, St. Peter's Church, the Pantheon, the Forum, the Spanish Steps, the Circus Maximus, Trevi Fountain, and more. On the last day of their stay in Rome, they took a 45 minute bus ride to Tivoli Gardens, famous for its fountains. This ended a most enjoyable stay in Italy.

Rap sessions let students talk it out

by Usha Raghunathan

Recently, Mrs. Halpern and a number of interested students met in the Lower School and started to plan a program which would be similar to a "rap session," where students would be able to express their feelings on various subjects. This was a good time to begin such a program, especially since students were perturbed by certain happenings at Rutgers Prep. It was obvious that students felt a desperate need to express their concerns on these particular subjects, and this program proved to be the right place for students to relieve their tensions. Fortunately, the program was underway in a few days, and its first session was held during one of the activity periods and was open to the entire student body.

The major goals of the "rap session" are for students to develop a trust and confidence in each other, and to bring out whatever problems they feel are most affecting them. The first session, held on March 12, went very well, and a significant number of students was present. The ironic aspect of this is that even the most reserved of students couldn't help but get involved in the discussions. The subjects talked about ranged from simple to complex issues. Some of the solutions could not be found, but the important thing was that these issues were brought out in the open.

The students who participate in these "rap sessions" are expected to follow a strict code of secrecy. They are not able to divulge any topic that is discussed within the group. This enables other students to understand that they can depend on and trust one another, without having their personal problems exposed to the entire student body.



Usha Raghunathan and Rachel Borah take time out from their rap session to pose.

News-In-Brief

During the week of March 2, ninth-grade students "hosted" many different eighth-graders as part of the Freshman Orientation Program. The eighth-graders were paired off with ninth-graders, and then proceeded to go to classes and spend an average Upper School day with a ninth-grade student.

On Saturday, March 8, five members of the RPS Chess Club competed for the first time ever in a statewide tournament. The team finished the tournament in about the middle of the pack. Outstanding performances came from Steve Kong, who had three wins and two stalemates, and Lipen Chang, who had four wins and one loss.

College Night helps to prep underclassmen for future

by Stephanie Leveene

On Wednesday, March 5, Prep had its annual College Night for juniors and sophomores. Traditionally, College Night has successfully aided prospective college students by telling these students much of what they need to know about applying and getting accepted at the school of their choice. College Night helps to inform and teach students about the college application, admission, and testing process. The turnout was good this year, with most juniors and a few sophomores attending.

This year, College Night was led by Ms. Stewart, who was an assistant at the admissions office at Princeton University, and by Mr. Lingenheld. One of the main topics they talked about was the changing of the senior college advisor system. Previously, at the end of their junior year, students would pick who they wanted as their senior advisor out of a choice of about six or seven faculty and administrators. Starting next year, there will be two college advisors for the whole senior class, Mr.

Daviet and Mrs. Hagin, one full-time and one part-time, and students again will have a choice of either one. Mr. Lingenheld and Ms. Stewart also explained how and when to take the S.A.T.s and Achievement Tests, how to fill out applications, and the whole admissions process, including early decision at colleges. In early decision, a student who has done well will apply a few months earlier than usual (usually in November or December) to a college. After a student applies, he or she is either accepted, rejected, or deferred. Deferral occurs when a student is not accepted under early decision, but can be accepted during the usual admissions period. Pamphlets were given out to students regarding financial aid. Each junior was given a folder with all the necessary information about college applications. At the end of the evening there was an open question session. Once again, College Night helped to better prepare sophomores and juniors for their college experiences.

Editorial Greater Stability

It appears as if a major overhaul of the international economic system is about to take place. Not since 1973, when the Bretton Woods plan was scrapped, have such fundamental changes received such widespread support.

Presently, currency exchange rates are in a free floating system. That is, the value of the dollar (or any other currency, for that matter) is determined simply by supply and demand. This has led to a very unstable situation, which facilitates roller-coaster rises and falls in exchange rates.

In order to end this, and bring about stability in the international economic world, Treasury Secretary James Baker and the finance ministers of France, Great Britain, Japan and West Germany (collectively known as the Group of Five) have begun work to develop a more stable economic system.

This Group of Five is a very powerful bunch. Since their September 22 meeting in New York, where they agreed that the value of the dollar should fall, its value has fallen almost 15%. If this group is resolved to implement a change in the international economic system, change will not be long forthcoming.

The decision to abandon its laissez-faire policy (which led to the dramatic rises and falls in exchange rates), in order to institute a program which will require a greater amount of governmental involvement represents a turn around on behalf of the Reagan administration. It is, however, a change for the better. Any change that will bring about a greater measure of stability is a welcome one.

As is shown by the Group of Five, international economic cooperation can benefit everyone. This initiative deserves our unqualified support.

A Good Idea

The physical education department is instituting a new and innovative program. In response to the multitudes of students who are unable to participate in gym class, the physical education department is taking a new approach.

There are many times when students are unable to participate in gym class. Such occasions vary from the "unprepared for gym" excuse ("Oops, I forgot my sneakers") to the long term medical type ("My doctor says I can't take gym until I'm ninety-seven"). Some of these excuses are valid, others are not. Yet until now, in either case, the student received no substitute for the class participation. The short term excuse student would sit in the gym, while the long term student would be relegated to study hall. Neither scenario provided any physical education at all.

Enter Sportsfolio. Sportsfolio is an athletic related teaching program that provides physical education instruction to non-participating students. It is comprised of a series of newspaper articles and other informational material on any one of a number of topics. These topics are issues of contemporary importance in the athletic world.

Included with each set of articles is a quiz on the material. Rather than wasting fifty minutes, students who are unable to participate in gym class will be required to read the material and answer the questions during the class period.

Mr. Forney, head of the physical education department, spent a great deal of time researching ways to make gym class more productive for those unable to participate—and his efforts have paid off.

Contras deserve support

by Craig Goldblatt

The Congress soon has a very important decision to make. It will soon be voting on whether or not it wants to send \$100 million in aid to the "contras"—the freedom fighters who are rebelling against the Communist rule in Nicaragua.

Nicaragua's history is a very complicated one. It was ruled by the Somoza family from early this century until July 1979, when they were overthrown by the leftist Sandinista National Liberation Front. From the overthrow of Somoza, until November 4, 1984, Nicaragua was ruled by a 3-member Junta. On this date however, "elections" were held, and Daniel Ortega Saavedra, the junta leader, became president.

Because this government is a communist one, and receives support (to an arguable degree) from Cuba and the Soviet Union, the United States supports the contras, who are fighting against the Sandinista rule. United States aid has been in the form of overt economic aid (often earmarked for humanitarian purposes) as well as covert aid. The latter form includes the CIA operation to mine the Managua harbor, an action which earned the U.S. the scorn of the World Court.

Presently, President Reagan is asking Congress for \$100 million in aid to the contras. Seventy million dollars of this would be military aid, and \$30 million would be in humanitarian aid. However, it seems unlikely that Congress will pass such a bill. This is unfortunate.

It is unfortunate that Congress does not understand how important it is that we support the contras. From an historical model (i.e. the Far East) we should have learned that the Domino Theory is a valid one. If we allow communism to survive in Nicaragua, it won't be long before it reaches our own doorstep.

Nicaragua is presently limping through the sixth year of its revolution. Clearly, while the rebel war exists, there is little hope for a solution to the nation's problems. Faced with deteriorating conditions, the Nicaraguan people have lost their fervor for the "revolutionary process." The United States should recognize this opportunity, and not fail to take advantage of it.

The fact is that there exists a determined group of people fighting for democracy in Nicaragua. We should back the contra rebels, and continue to keep the world, and especially our own hemisphere, "safe for democracy."

"NOW IT'S TIME TO SAY
GOODBYE TO ALL THE FAMILY"



Don't worry, he isn't retiring his uniform yet

by Marc Morris

"The only sure things in life are death and taxes." Perhaps that phrase was true once upon a time, but in the 1980's, the old phrase needs a little revision. Nowadays, the only sure things in life are death, taxes, and terrorists.

We as Americans have, for the most part, viewed terrorist actions as an outside party. As of yet, the long arm of international terrorism has remained "somewhere overseas." As Americans, we are exposed to the bombings and kidnappings on the seven o'clock news, not in our backyard. But our perception of terrorism is changing. After witnessing the massacres in Rome and Vienna during the Christmas vacation, we finally realized the true horror of international terrorism. We also saw the face of one man who seems to be the pinnacle of organized terror: Mr. Muammar Qaddafi.

Colonel Qaddafi, or "The Colonel" for short, succeeded in infuriating most of the human race when he deemed the Rome and Vienna airport attacks heroic. The U.S. media had a field day with his outbursts. In no time,

The Colonel became a household menace, always on the T.V. Not to be forgotten in the post holiday blues, Qaddafi reemphasized the potential danger that the U.S. Navy would meet if any of its ships in the Mediterranean Sea happened to stray near his "Line of Death." That phrase does, indeed, have a flavor to it. It sounds like something from Dungeons and Dragons. At any rate, the Colonel set the stage for a U.S.-Libyan confrontation through his own doing.

Ever since 1981, when Libyan fighters attacked U.S. Naval jets off the Gulf of Sidra, President Reagan has put Muammar at the top of his list of "most annoying dictators." The Reagan administration has been really aching to slap Qaddafi in the face. Pentagon officials, likewise, were praying for Qaddafi to throw the first punch, so to speak. As it turned out, Libya did indeed throw the first punch by condoning the Christmas airport attacks. The U.S. Sixth Fleet was sent into the Gulf of Sidra to test Muammar's "Line of Death." Why did the U.S. government wait so long to tangle with Qaddafi? That is a question which even Reagan cannot answer. But most political analysts believe that Qaddafi weakened his position in the American public's eye after he babbled on about Rome and Vienna. As public opinion was already stacked up against Qaddafi, the administration had

little to lose in the political spectrum.

On Sunday, March 23, the U.S. Sixth Fleet began exercises off the Gulf of Sidra. One day later on March 24, three U.S. cruisers crossed the "line" in what the administration has called, "a demonstration of our right to sail in international waters." Two hours after the cruisers ran the line, two SA-5 anti-aircraft missiles were launched at American planes. The battle of Sidra had begun. Three days later, it ended.

In all, the U.S. Navy sunk at least two Libyan patrol boats and temporarily put the Surt missile site out of commission. The administration was ecstatic. There were no American casualties and it seemed that U.S. citizens loved the idea of going a few rounds with Mr. Qaddafi. Winning is always pleasant. Reagan seems to have a knack for winning little wars. Unfortunately, while embarrassing Muammar may feel great, it by no means puts him back in his place. He has since vowed to carry on the war where the Sixth Fleet cannot sail: America. Although he may seem half-cocked, he is too intelligent of a man to simply disregard after one wrist-slapping. On the contrary, he'll be back just as sure as the IRS.

Editors' Note: This now ironic article was written before the April 15 confrontation. Good foresight, Marc!

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Council president Kama Bethel and vice-president Heather Rotter busily plan for the April 30 Career Day.

Council plans Career Day

This February, the School Council elected new officers. The new administration, Kama Bethel, Heather Rotter, Lauren Keller, and Craig Wacker, has adopted a very ambitious program, and is working hard to ensure its success.

One of the major challenges facing this administration is Career Day, which will be held on Wednesday, April 30. The Council faces the monumental task of polling the student body to determine the fields in which it is interested, contacting speakers from these fields, and scheduling all of the students, faculty, and speakers for the entire day. Leading the way is Career Day committee chairperson Jennifer Clemente. "Taking on all this responsibility has been quite a challenge, but I think it's worth it. People don't realize all the work a Career Day entails." She's had help though. Kama Bethel has done a great deal of work in contacting speakers, and Lauren Keller is chairing the subcommittee which is responsible for running the luncheon.

Scheduling for Career Day has also been a major concern. To make this enormous job more manageable, the Council has enlisted the help of the computer. Craig Goldblatt, who heads the Scheduling Subcommittee, has had the good fortune of receiving the aid of this powerful tool. After students indicated their speaker preferences, Mrs. Braunhardt and her computer classes entered these choices into a data base, which allowed the generation of schedules by student or by speaker. This has made the Council's job immeasurably easier.

Also on Council's agenda is Rutgers Prep's participation in Hands Across America. This event, which will be held on May 25, involves some 7 million people, holding hands from coast to coast. This is all done in order to raise money for America's poor. Here at Prep, more than \$400 was raised, and a number of Prep students and faculty members will be involved in the event. "I'm really excited about it," commented Council president Kama Bethel. "It's a great opportunity for us to help others. I think it will be a great success." Vice president Heather Rotter shares Kama's enthusiasm. "I'm very impressed by the number of people who want to get involved."

Other Council events include the annual Western/Beach/

Hawaiian Day. This year, the event will be held on May 23. Led by Heather Rotter, this committee is hard at work on choosing a theme. On this day, the Council holds a barbecue and hires a D.J. to play music.

Another event on the Council agenda is the updating of its archives. Currently in a state of disrepair, the job of sorting, filing, and organizing the archives falls on archivist Craig Goldblatt. Elected to this post by the Council, he now faces the task of taking the volumes of old Council minutes and other documents, and trying to codify them in some reasonable fashion. "It's amazing what you can learn about the history of the school, just by looking through the old Council minutes," noted Craig Goldblatt. "There are some very interesting things in there, including the

original Council Constitution, and the plans for a dance in March 1972. If they can be well organized, I think the Council will find the archives a very valuable resource."

The final challenge that the Council faces in the 1985-86 school year is the drawing up of the 1986-87 Council budget. This is a difficult process, because projecting the amount of money that will be received, as well as determining expenditures, is always uncertain. This year, treasurer Craig Wacker is hard at work on this and the Council will certainly be able to present a proposed budget to the administration before the year's end.

Although the challenges are difficult ones, the new Council is very excited about its upcoming program, and it will clearly be very successful.

Ski Club journeys to scenic Wyoming

by Paul Kuharsky

During the second week of Spring Break, members of the Rutgers Prep Ski Club, chaperoned by Mrs. Lair, headed for Jackson Hole, Wyoming. On Saturday, March 22, the entire entourage left early in the morning for Newark airport. Their day of travel included a stopover in Chicago before landing in Denver, and then a charter flight from Denver to Idaho Falls, Idaho. The last leg of the trip to Jackson Hole was made by bus. Many people felt much better about their travel arrangements after meeting members of the Ohio State University Ski Club who traveled forty hours by bus to Jackson Hole.

Skiers were blessed with fantastic weather, with temperatures ranging into the high 50's and low 60's. Dave Dixon, Mark Nathan, Brad Costello, and friends often skied in shorts, and even spent a few hours lying in the hot afternoon sun. They stayed in a condominium development, and were at the slopes within ten minutes by means of a shuttle bus. Junior Michelle Bressler commented that, "the condominium set-up was ideal, although the Prep skiers were dispersed throughout the development." Mrs. Lair appreciated the wide variety of trails which gave expert skiers a challenge and enabled newer, less experienced skiers a great opportunity to improve. Steve Freedman said he "improved his skiing tremendously." Everyone seemed to agree that the skiing conditions were among the best they had seen. However, the snow was a bit slushy due to the high temperatures. Craig Seligman commented, "Jackson Hole is far superior to any ski site in the East." Aside from the slopes, students flocked to the small cowboy town where they mingled with skiers from all over the country.

Late one evening, many ski club members ventured to a local hot spot—The Shady Lady. Prep students informed the band of Greg Poole's hidden talent; they then invited him on stage to perform his "human beat box" in front of nearly 300 people. "It was wild. Some people didn't know what it was at first, but after a while everybody got into it. Before I knew it, people were dancing and chanting my name," said Greg.

The group returned on Saturday, March 29, giving them two days to recover before returning to school. Plans are already underway for next year's trip, which will most likely be to either Utah or Spain. This trip was a definite success, and many people agreed that they would gladly return to Jackson Hole.

SES program exchanges students, culture, and fun

by Jennifer Clemente

On Thursday, February 13, ten Prep students and Assistant Principal Helen Spratford piled into a van headed for Kennedy Airport, where they would depart to France for the next three weeks. Comprising the group were seniors Jennifer Clemente, Mark Engelman, Mollie Salamon and Michelle DeBlasi; juniors Scott Licht, Donna Goodman, Jennifer Shein, Eileen Cookley and Yannie ten Broeke; and sophomore Karim Farag.

Following the plane's arrival

was a two hour train ride from Paris to Lyon, where French families met the American students late in the afternoon. Most of the weekend was spent sleeping and becoming acquainted with the French families, but at 8:00 a.m. Monday morning, school began at Lycee Lacassagne in Lyon. The day began with a greeting by Monsieur Gourmelen, the Director of Lacassagne, at a welcoming party. This year was a very special one for both the students and the program, as it marked the fifth successful year of exchanges between the sister schools.

Aside from school, the first week included excursions to the nougat factory, a wine university, and a silk factory for which Lyon is famous. One day was set aside for a visit to Hotel de Ville, the town hall, where Prep students and other SES groups from high schools in Virginia and New York were greeted by the mayor.

The second week was vacation for the French, and each family traveled outside of Lyon. Jennifer Clemente, Mark Engelman, Donna Goodman, Karim Farag and Scott Licht skied in the French Alps. Temperatures were in the mid 60's, and the mountain was covered with several feet of fresh powder—all while friends at home sat in algebra and precalculus. Michelle DeBlasi, Yannie ten Broeke and Jennifer Shein went to the French Riviera, and Mollie Salamon visited Italy, Switzerland, and Cannes and Nice in Southern France.

Everyone then returned for a final weekend in Lyon, when many visited St. John's Cathedral atop a hill overlooking all of the city, or the two famous rivers running through Lyon; the Saone and the Rhone. Monday, after a farewell reception from Lycee Lacassagne, families brought students to the train station where teary departures ensued.

The five days following in Paris began at the end of a dark alley in Montmartre—not exactly the "uptown" part of Paris—at their hotel. The stay encompassed tours of Notre Dame, Versailles, the Louvre, Place de Cite, the Eiffel Tower, and Marie Antoinette's playhouse. "The sites in Paris were things we'll never forget," noted Mark Engelman. "The only drawback was that

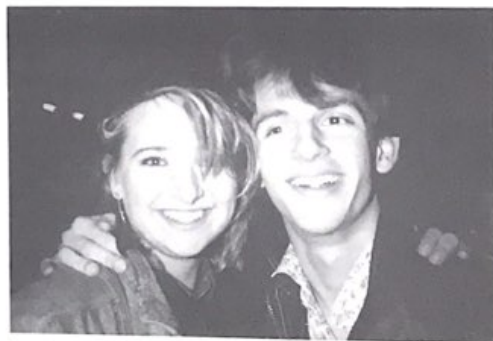
by the time we reached Paris, our money had basically dissipated into the pockets of French storeowners. We found ourselves eating French Burger King on more than one occasion."

Rather reluctantly, the group returned on Friday, March 7 in the early evening. The general consensus was that everyone loved their foreign families and correspondants, and felt that the bonds they made would continue to grow long after their departure. Donna Goodman will spend a month with her French family in Lyon this summer, and Karim Farag is returning to stay with his host family at their summer home in St. Tropez.

On April 22, French students arrived in America accompanied by Madam Barat, the English teacher at Lacassagne. Just about everyone who went to France hosted his correspondent in return, but due to the large size of the French group, many Prep students who did not go to France also served as hosts. This year there were a total of 14 American and French partnerships; a significantly greater amount than that of previous years.

Among their activities was a Circle Line tour of New York City, a weekend in Washington, D.C., and attendance in a lot of American classes. Mr. Gaggini's French literature class was a popular choice until they were assigned homework, and interest was soon diverted elsewhere.

Friday, April 11 was a fifth anniversary party at Prep for both the French and the Americans, to honor the close of the fifth successful SES exchange. Mr. Lingenheld, Mrs. Spratford, Mr. Levinson and Madam Barat expressed their enthusiasm towards the program and noted that they hoped the future posed many more positive experiences. The French departed from Prep on Sunday, May 13. Donna Goodman commented that, "this goodbye was a lot harder than the one in Lyon. Then, we knew we'd see each other again in a few weeks. This time, it's more permanent." Upon the close of another year of SES, the general consensus amongst the students was that what they had gained from the introduction to a new way of life was incomparable to anything they could ever have learned from hearsay or from class.



Yannie ten Broeke poses with son ami, who are both obviously enjoying the Prep-Lyce Lacassagne exchange.



Michael Pincus, a member of the Rutgers Prep boys' baseball team, displays his fine batting technique.

B-Ball optimistic

The Prep boys' baseball team starts off its season with a healthy outlook. "We should do well in all our games this year," says one coach of the team, Mr. Ralph Avella. "We're looking good in practice." Also coaching the team are Mr. Marotto and Mr. Dougherty.

The starting positions on the team will be filled by junior Dave Dixon at first base, junior Paul Kuharsky at second base, sophomore Tim Cirenza at third base, and sophomore Steve Ciraullo at shortstop. Switching off at pitcher will be senior co-captains Walter Szymanski and Billy Coyer. Rotating in at catcher will be senior Scott Berenyi and sophomore Petey Kelman, and in the outfield will be seniors Billy Coyer, Walter Szymanski, Paul Ludwig and Scott Silverman.

The strength of the team this year is in its underclassmen. Over thirty boys came out for the team. The JV team will provide a forum for the young

team to gain experience that will be needed in the future.

In their first game of the season, Prep beat Ranney 11-3. Walter Szymanski pitched the entire game, and had 17 strikeouts. Also playing exceptionally well were senior Scott Silverman, who went 3 for 5 with a triple and 3 RBIs, and sophomore Steve Ciraullo, who also had a triple. There were no errors committed. The players worked together exceptionally well for a first game, and are all psyched to keep winning in their upcoming games.

Other players expecting to see time on the varsity field are juniors Andy Hamelsky, Greg Poole, Mike Pincus, and Josh Grill, sophomore Larry Hamelsky, and freshman Matt Lenaghan.

The team lost a valuable player in Jeff Hennessey, but Walter Szymanski is leading the team with a great performance as pitcher. With his talent, the team should be even more successful than they have been in the past.

Girls' softball gets JV team

The girls' softball team looked forward to their opening game against PDS on Wednesday, April 9. The girls were all very excited about the game and the season in general. Senior tri-captain Lara Gonzales says, "We have a really good chance to do well this season." Through the coaching of Mrs. Mary Klinger and Mr. Dave McNutt, the girls are prepared to play. They've been doing extra running this year and are in better condition than ever before.

There are between 20 and 25 players on the team this year. The majority of these members are freshmen and sophomores. This gives the team a great advantage. There are at least two players practicing at each position. Because of the large number of girls, there will be a JV team for the underclassmen. "These games will give the younger girls a lot more experience needed when they reach the varsity level," comments senior tri-captain Liz Paley. This is the first JV team in 3 years.

The starting positions for Wednesday's game were as follows: Freshman Sandy Wardlow was at first base; senior Liz Paley was pitching; the catcher was junior Michelle Bressler; third base was covered by freshman Wyndi Goldberg; the shortstop was senior tri-captain Julia Lenaghan; senior Shari Schneider was playing second base. In the outfield was senior Lara Gonzalez at left, sophomore Becca Phelan at center, and junior Meredith Sapiro at right.

Rounding out the team are senior Erika Barnes, juniors Kristen Saltzman and Phoebe Lair, sophomores Deanna Brinker and Shirley Chwatko, and freshmen Mandy Holliday, Jessie Gopinathan, Sharon Paley, Carla Gonzalez, and Sherrie Lynn.

Last year the team made it past the first round in the state tournament. It is expected that they will surpass that mark this year.

Boys' and Girls' lacrosse begin seasons successfully

by Heather Rotter

With a win over Wardlaw-Hartridge, the Girls' Varsity Lacrosse Team looks forward to a promising season. Under the leadership of coaches Kyle Jackson and Carol Glantzow, the team defeated Wardlaw-Hartridge 19-3. Scoring was led by attackmen Andrea Neumaier and Michele McGuire, with assists by Lisa Rosenblatt. For defense the team relies on Sloan Kroop, Kama Bethel, and the speed of Jennifer Clemente. Filling out the team are attackmen Lynn Bonczek, Michele Tong, Debby Goldberg, Caroline Santowasso, Yannie ten Broeke, Heather Bensko, Caroline Poszcki and defensemen Kara Dunnigan, Judy Clancy, Beth Miller, Denise Goldman, Adrienne Townsen, with goalies Pat Lapid and Eileen Coakley. "It helps the team knowing that we have two goalies," said Ms. Jackson.

Ms. Jackson is very optimistic towards this season. "We should do better than last year. We're a relatively young team but we have

most of our attack back from last year. The freshmen all add strength," she commented.

Boys' Varsity Lacrosse is working for a winning season. Coach Mike Delia and Assistant Shiftman are looking forward to the season. "The team is a big improvement from last year," said Coach Delia. "We don't have a lot of depth so we've been stressing conditioning and aggressiveness in practice," continued the coach.

The team's key players are attackman Jared Kingsley, goalie Dan Gura, midfielders captain Marc Morris, Eric Schwartz, Chris Santi, and defensemen Scot Wittmar, David Konigsberg, Joe Bornheimer, Rob Tuckman, and Mike Rosen.

In their first game of the season the boys lost 4-3 to Edison in an impressive game. Marc Morris scored three goals and Dan Gura came up with some big saves holding Edison under six points with help from the special defense teams.

Boys' Golf team gains necessary depth and skill

by Andrea Neumaier

Not many people are aware that there is a golf team here at Prep. And when they find out, many just laugh. But the players on the team are serious. They are a talented group of guys. The members of the team are senior James Crimaldi, juniors Mark Nathan, Brad Costello, Steve Ackerman, Larry Weiss, Dave Gropper, and Jason Munitz, and freshman Marc Rosner. Mr. Nes Forney coaches the team. James Crimaldi is the team statistician.

The boys practice at the Quailbrook golf course. Many play golf all year around. Three players—Brad Costello, Steve Ackerman, and

Mark Nathan—went to golf camp in Florida to improve their strokes and skills. Their first test of these new skills came on Thursday, April 10 at Morristown-Beard. Steve anticipates "a year in which we will be very successful. We are very much improved from last year. We lost our best player, but have gained a team with better overall playing ability."

A golf match is started with six official players from each team. The top five scores from each team count towards a team total. The team with the lowest number of strokes for the nine hole course wins. The team played well at the Prep Conference on Saturday, April 13.

Tennis team starts strong

by Craig Barrack

With Spring comes tennis season for the boys, and the entire squad is looking forward to an exciting winning season. Last year's team ended the season with a record of eleven wins and three losses. They also finished third in the county tournament and fourth in the state tournament. This year's team is hoping to do even better than last year's winning team. The team has a new coach this year—Jack Fee. Coach Fee is also a teacher in the middle school.

Most of the winning team from last year has returned. This gives the coach a large pool of talent to work with. Only three varsity players from last year were lost. Between the varsity and junior varsity teams there are fourteen positions available. There are about twenty students ranging from freshmen to seniors fighting for these spots on the team.

In order to determine who plays what position on the team, Coach Fee set up a temporary tennis ladder. With this system, each player could challenge the person above them in order to work their way up the ladder. This ultimately decided who played the top three singles spots and on one of the two doubles teams. Choosing the doubles teams was one of Coach Fee's largest problems. Not only is it important to have two good players in a doubles team, but it is equally important that the two

players communicate well together on the tennis court. Senior Andy Klein explains, "If you and your partner do not have good communication on the court, it does not matter how well you play."

The team's first scrimmage was to be played against Somerset on Friday, April 4, but this was cancelled due to rain. The tennis ladder provided the starting players for the opening match against Wardlaw on Tues-

day, April 8. Senior captain Blake Russ played first singles, and junior Steve Kong played second singles. At third singles was junior David Jochneau. The first doubles team was comprised of senior Andy Klein and sophomore Jordan Friedman, and the second doubles team was freshman Marc Weitz and sophomore Justin Miller. Both the first and second singles and doubles teams were victorious, beating Wardlaw 4-1. Best wishes to the team.



Caroline Santowasso, of Prep's girls' lacrosse team, prepares for a shot at goal.