



Mrs. Hilda-Barr Dixon, first row second from left, posed with Lower School faculty in 1971.

Mrs. Dixon Takes Leave of Absence

During the summer, Mrs. Hilda-Barr Dixon, Principal of the Lower School, and the Board of Trustees worked out an arrangement by which she would take a leave of absence. Mrs. Dixon has had many memorable years in the Lower School as both a teacher and principal. She will surely be missed by many Lower and Upper School students and alumni.

Mrs. Dixon taught at Prep twice. The first time was before she was married. After she married, she moved to New York and taught there. Later, she returned to Prep's Lower School. During her years here Mrs. Dixon's area of concentration was the seventh grade. Her specialties included English and Social Studies. Seven years ago she succeeded Mrs. Ella Kehoe as principal, but continued teaching as well until two years ago.

To carry on Mrs. Dixon's friendly and sensitive leadership, the Lower School will be led by a Lower School Council and Dr. Heinlein. Council members are: Mrs. Lois Galpern, representing grades kindergarten through second; Mrs. Marian Marshall, grade three through five; Mrs. Evelyn Daniels, grades six and seven; and Mrs. Anne Weinstein, coordinator.

Parents wishing to discuss matters pertaining to their child's schooling during the course of the school year, should talk directly to the teacher in charge of the child's grade, to the appropriate Lower School Council member, or to Dr. Heinlein.

The Board of Trustees believes that coordination of the work of the new Lower School Council with the Middle School and Administrative Councils has already improved the cohesiveness of the entire faculty and has added to the feeling that the school is a continuum through which young people grow and develop.

And Now, The News

Mrs. Dixon has retired as principal of the Lower School. Prep welcomes two new teachers this fall — Mr. David Masza, replacing Mr. Bannon in the science department, and Ms. Sherry Cardella, replacing Miss Eveland as a physical education teacher. Mrs. Spratford and Mrs. James attended the International Schools Association 1973 conference at the College Cevenol in Haute-Loire, France from July 27-August 2. Rand Laden was in the State Golf Tournament, and, as ARGO goes to press, he may qualify for the regional tournament. "American Government" is a new course for Prep's curriculum. It will be taught by Mr. Bratek. Mr. Pierce taught advanced credit English IV this summer. Mr. Chamberlain supervised a tennis clinic for women and will conduct an intramural tennis program at school this fall. Mr. Burns is teaching a special art course. "Russian History" will be taught again this year. As ARGO goes to press, ground-breaking for the new middle school and a library wing of the Upper School is

scheduled for mid-August. Mrs. von der Porten is scouting up volunteers to serve as library-aids senior Meredith Perl and junior Jo Lasker attended Phillips Academy summer school at Andover, Massachusetts. Seniors Joanne Schiffer and Laurie Phillips spent their vacation in a summer program at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois. Senior Mark Schwartz attended the Boston University Young Artists program at Tanglewood, Massachusetts as a percussionist and alumnus Barbara (Haze) Stadden spent some time in Florida at a percussion festival. She will be attending Eckert College this fall. The Roberts family travelled and took some courses of study while in Mexico. Along with planning and teaching this summer, Mr. Pierce took an advanced seminar with Gene Frankel, director of numerous plays, including the N. Y. production of "Indians." For his workshop, Mr. Pierce directed "The Lover," a play by Harold Pinter. He literally brought the house down — two days later, the theatre collapsed.

New Faculty Members Include Masza, Cardella, and Arnowitz

By Janet Berkowitz

Mr. David Masza, Miss Sherry Cardella, and Mrs. Joan Arnowitz are among the new faces on Prep's faculty this year.

Mr. David Masza will be joining the Rutgers Prep staff this fall as a replacement for Mr. John Bannon. Mr. Bannon is presently attending medical school in Guadalajara, Mexico.

Mr. Masza has shown a steady interest in biological science since his childhood. He spent these last two years teaching biology at McDonough School, which is located just outside of Baltimore, Md. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree when he attended Lehigh University in Pennsylvania. Deciding not to go for a Ph.D., he went to Cornell on a scholarship for his M. D. in aquatic ecology. He will receive it at the end of this month. While he was there, he led discussions, supervised lab sessions, and did some assistant teaching. For his thesis he did a study of fish in a lake in the White Mountains of New Hampshire. During the summer he collected many fish specimens and spent the winter analyzing the foods they eat. One summer he worked on a project on the Delaware River for the Fish and Wildlife Service.

Mr. Masza seems to show a great concern for ecology. He was born in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, which partially brought on his interests in environmental problems. "Bethlehem is a city of steel. As

children, we would go down to the canal and watch the brown, polluted water flow by." Then, in high school he decided to major in biology.

Mr. Masza enjoys most sports but he especially emphasizes his interest in hiking, backpacking, and camping out. Working on his thesis in the mountains gave him a good opportunity to do this, but now he rarely has the time. He was married in June and is now living in South Brunswick. "I'm looking very much forward to working here. I really enjoy teaching," he explained.

ARGO welcomes Mr. Masza to Prep and wishes him a successful and enjoyable career here.

Another new face will be seen at Prep this year. Mrs. Joan Arnowitz has joined the faculty as a part-time teacher in the science department. She graduated Queens College with a B.S. in biology and is presently working towards her Master's in teaching at Fairleigh Dickinson University. Toward this end, she is interning this year at Prep. She will be teaching two eighth grade science sections, one section of biology and lab, plus a few study halls.

Mrs. Arnowitz has had teaching experience at Ridgewood (N.J.) High School as well as advanced studies in biology and education. She got married this summer and now lives on Staten Island. When she has time away from studying or teaching, she enjoys camping, boating, skiing and golf.

The ARGO welcomes Mrs. Arnowitz and wishes her an enjoyable and successful year here.

Miss Sherry Cardella

Miss Sherry Cardella will be joining the physical education department. She will be sharing teaching assignments with Mrs. Tina Leone in both the Upper and Lower Schools.

Miss Cardella received her B.S. degree from Trenton State College this past June. She was a dean's list student and was very active in gymnastics activities. She was selected to the New Jersey All-State Gymnastics Team, elected Captain of the Trenton State Gymnastics Team, was a member of the Southern Tour Gymnastics Team.

Some of her other interests include dance and field hockey. In addition to her teaching duties, Miss Cardella will be the advisor to the cheerleaders, coach girls' tennis, and initiate a competitive gymnastics program for girls.

The English department welcomes Mrs. Carol Luce Howell to its ranks. Mrs. Howell recently graduated Rutgers University with a degree in English education.

She comes to us with a strong scholastic background. Besides making the Dean's List while at Rutgers, she also did an honors project on F. Scott Fitzgerald.

Mrs. Howell resides in Franklin Township. She has volunteered at Middlesex County Hospital, is a member of the Urban Works committee, and has worked with the disadvantaged in New Brunswick.

She also devotes part of her time to teaching Sunday school and being an Assistant Leader in a Girl Scout troop.

Some of her hobbies include tennis, bridge, sewing, crawling and reading. When she has the time, Mrs. Howell also likes to travel.



Mr. David Masza is Prep's new biology teacher.

T. V. Courses Come to Prep

A new history course is being offered at Prep this year, but it will not be taught by any member of the faculty. The course is "America and Her Critics in Historical Perspective: The Major Political Doctrines of the Twentieth Century." It will not be taught in a classroom, but on television. It will be presented by Stockton State College throughout New Jersey in twenty-six half-hour segments on New Jersey Public Broadcasting on four channels.

The course will deal with American society and modern industrial societies in general, and revolutionary doctrines affecting them. It will be taught by William T. Daly, an Associate Professor of Political Science and Coordinator of the Political Science Program at Stockton. He has written a book, *The Revolutionary*, and is in the process of writing a volume to be called *Modern Society and Its Critics*.

The producer of the course is Richard Ozersky, Assistant Professor of Film and Media Coordinator of Stockton's studies in the art. He has been Technical Director for over two hundred stage plays and has directed over a hundred television shows.

Televised courses are a new innovation at Prep. As yet, Dr. Sperduto and Mr. Bratek are deciding just how, and where, the program will be given. The first segment will be aired October 2 at 12:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Mid-term and final exams will be given and credit can be obtained. All those interested should see Dr. Sperduto or Mr. Bratek.

New School Wing Under Construction

By the time you are reading this, construction will probably be underway for a new wing to the upper school building. Upon completion, it will consist of classrooms for a middle school (grades 7 and 8) for Prep, a spacious multi-purpose room, some offices, and a new, circular library.

Scheduled for completion by September 1974, this new addition has been in planning for several years. It is one phase of improvements recommended by an evaluation committee which evaluated the Lower and Upper Schools and facilities of Prep a few years ago.

The concept of a middle school is one that is being adopted by many school systems across the country. At Prep, it would mean taking the seventh grade out of the Lower School and taking the eighth grade out of the Upper School. Many educators believe that most

seventh and eighth grades have outgrown the Lower School atmosphere but should not be abruptly catapulted into the competitive atmosphere of the upper school. A middle school is a halfway point; a time for one to determine one's interests, and abilities without the pressure of having to appear older or "cool," which is so often apparent in high schools today.

Above the middle school classrooms will be a library for use by all in the Prep community. The space left vacant by the present library may be converted into a large new chemistry laboratory.

Anyone interested in viewing the plans submitted by the evaluation committee for the campus may do so in the conference room. They are hanging on the wall with detailed plans for the new wing now under construction.

Action, Not Apathy

From time to time, schools are infected with a certain disease which often seems as contagious as the common cold in winter. This illness usually runs rampant on campus until it is ousted by the shock and moral outrage at its symptoms. In other cases, the epidemic just lies down, waiting for a more opportune time to appear again. I am speaking, of course, of apathy, an over-used cliché to be sure, but, sadly enough often a valid name for the atmosphere which exists in many high schools.

Apathy has not bypassed Prep. Anyone doubting this has only to look to the recent past for evidence confirming its presence on campus. Last year's Sophomore Class voted to give its President and Vice-President complete power to make all decisions pertaining to class affairs. Why? Perhaps the class just wasn't interested in taking the time to govern themselves. The recently-graduated Class of 1973 annually displayed a lack of unity and interest in its own affairs. The class never went on a class trip because it could never agree on where to go and there was no motivation to go to any particular place.

However, these things are now all in the past. There is no reason why this year cannot be one of action and involvement at Prep. If you disagree with certain school policies, organize others who feel the same way, formulate a new policy and take your ideas to the School Council, to the faculty, to the administration, and to the Parents Association. Students ought to stop sitting around idly complaining about the way things are. If its worth complaining about, it worth taking positive action to do something about your complaints.

Many students here feel that the School Council has little power to do anything beyond scheduling dances. If students organize and press for change, chances are likely that changes will take place. Perhaps the real reason that Prep's dress policy for boys hasn't been modernized is that the students and parents (most of whom are in favor of such a change) haven't pushed hard enough to bring about this kind of improvement.

Whatever your feelings are on school policies or programs, if you disagree with something, don't sit back grumbling to yourself that "you can't change the way things are here." Find out what can be done. Changes can be made—but they require a sincere effort and the backing of many people.

Campus atmosphere is strongly influenced by the senior class which sets the pace of school life by its actions and attitudes. In the past the Class of 1974 has been one of the best organized and most active classes. Let us hope that the seniors will continue to take the responsibility of leadership seriously—to lead Prep in action, instead of apathy.

Prep's Doors are Open Throughout the Summer

By Janet Berkowitz

When students leave Prep at the end of the school year, most have the idea that the building sits in stagnation for three months. However, the opposite is true. The campus kept busy with a summer school program, athletic camp, and day camp for children.

Many students who attend Prep during the regular school year return in the summer, either to make up a course they missed or failed, or take a course for extra or advanced credit. Some students use the summer session as a preparation for a forthcoming class in the fall. Yet, this year, the majority of summer pupils came from schools other than Prep.

Review courses lasted two hours each day. Students taking courses for full credit stayed for four hours with several short breaks during that time.

The summer school program included most major courses offered in high school during the regular school year plus special advanced credit and enrichment classes. The advanced credit science courses included Chemistry, Biology, and Physics. Chemistry undertakes a thorough study of the major elements and compounds with particular emphasis on fundamental

chemical laws and the modern atomic theory. Students learn how to apply mathematics to the solution of chemical problems. Biology surveys the world of plant and animal life with special emphasis on the relationship of man to other living things. Students learn how to utilize the laboratory with experimentation, dissection, and microscopy. Physics involves a study of the universe, optics and waves, mechanics and electricity, and atomic structure. The fundamental laws of matter and physical principles are also taught.

Among the enrichment programs were College Readings, Politics 1973, and Computer Programming. College Readings was a course for juniors and seniors who desired a reading experience on the college freshman level. Politics 1973 gave students an opportunity to study specific contemporary political issues as well as the conservative and liberal traditions in the history of American politics. Computer Programming centers on the mastery of the Basic and Extended Basic Language along with programming techniques, many of a nonmathematical nature.

The 1973 summer session offered a course in dramatics. This class focused on analysis and prac-

tice in the attitudes necessary for acting, directing and playwrighting. Plays were read and discussed for interpretation, evaluation, and dramatic value. The class prepared a production and presented it before an audience at the school. Class trips to the New York and summer stock professional theaters were scheduled.

An intermediate program was started for children in grades 3, 4, 5 and 6. It was designed to help students retain and improve their basic skills in reading, English, and math. The afternoon activities included instruction in arts & crafts and swimming. This program combined academic enrichment work with the recreational activities of a day camp.

The summer school provided a great variety of fun and interesting courses. Many of the students enjoyed it this year. But, as you might expect, some of them found it uncomfortable to sit in a hot classroom for so many hours each day. One student commented on the difficulty of adjusting to homework in the summer. As a whole, though, the students and teachers found it a useful and generally pleasurable experience.

Muggy Weather Didn't Dampen Spirits at 207th Commencement

By Amy Borrus

The air was hot and muggy the morning of June 13, as the Class of 1973, faculty, alumni, students, parents, and friends gathered for Prep's 207th Annual Commencement. Fearing rain from the overcast skies, the ceremony was held inside the Field House.

Graduation began with the entering of the faculty and Senior Class dressed in cap and gown, to the "Grand March from 'Aida' by Verdi. The invocation was given by Father J. Nevin Kennedy of St. Matthias Church in Somerset. Following the invocations was the traditional singing of "America the Beautiful" by all assembled.

The first presentation of commencement was the assemblage of the members-in-course of the Cum Laude Society and initiation of members-elect. Cum Laude is an honor society recognizing high scholastic achievement by high school seniors in the top fifth of their class and second semester juniors in the top tenth of their class. It has hundreds of chapters throughout the country. Prep belongs to the Rutgers Chapter of which Mr. Gaggini is president.

This year, the members-in-course (elected in their junior year) were Michael Borrus, Louis Gevirtzman, Roger Pazamant, and Jeanne Si-

korski. Members initiated into Cum Laude Society at Commencement were seniors Howard Hirsch, David Kanach, Denise Luftman, and Joseph Smutko; and juniors Amy Borrus, Jane Hines, Joan Joselson, Mary Juhasz, Mara Miesnieks, Mary Morrison, Juan Nogueras, and Jerry Salomone. The new members received a booklet, sash, and pin for their achievement. One alumnus remarked that this was the largest number of juniors elected to Cum Laude in several years.

Presentation of Prizes and Awards

Next, Dr. Heinlein spoke and awarded prizes to certain seniors. The Theodore Strong Memorial Prize for highest scholarship in the Senior Class was awarded to Michael Borrus. Mr. Pierce awarded the Joyce Kilmer Prize for excellence in English also to Michael. The Alexander Johnston History Prize for excellence in History was awarded to Denise Luftman by Dr. Sperduto. Mr. Beronio awarded both the Dorr Prize in Science and the C'ass of 1876 Prize in Mathematics to Louis Gevirtzman. The Class of 1961 Prize in Biological Science was awarded by Mr. Daviet to Jeanne Sikorski.

Michael Borrus received the Humanities Prize awarded by Mr. Gaggini for excellence in the Humanities courses. Both Cynthia Johnson and George Grabowich were awarded the Art Prize by Mrs. Sturkie for their study, creative work, and contributions to the school in the Arts. The Drama Award was presented to Thomas Pfaffle by Mr. Pierce for outstanding achievement in Dramatic Arts.

Jeanne Sikorski also received the French Prize for highest attainment in French awarded to her by Mr. Gaggini. The Spanish Prize, awarded to Beth Bourbon and Michael Matyas for highest attainment in Spanish, was presented by Mrs. Roberts. Both the German Prize, presented by Mrs. Rhoda, and the Raymond Hayes McGovern Prize for the best scholastic winning his athletic letter, presented by Mr. O'Connell, were awarded to Michael Borrus.

Recipients of the Headmaster's Prize were Merryl Colburn and Mitchell Mutnick. They received this prize from Dr. Heinlein for the time and effort they contributed for the benefit of the school, especially the Senior Class.

The last prize awarded was the 1942 School Prize for the senior who best exemplifies the ideals of the school as voted by the students and faculty. This year, the Prize went to Paul Smith.

Speeches Made

Following the awarding of prizes, Mitchell Mutnick, president of the Class of 1973, presented the Class of 1970 Award to Mr. Bianchi and Mr. Daviet for the help and guidance they gave the Senior Class. Mitch also announced the Senior Class Gift which was the building of the senior room.

Following Mitch's speech, Dr. Sperduto presented diplomas to the sixty-one members of the Class of 1973. Eight of these seniors were awarded their diplomas Cum Laude. Dr. Sperduto also spoke of the diversity, spirit, and disunity of the Class, mixing praise with some criticism. Perhaps the best-remembered quote of the speech was his comment on the Seniors' penchant for going out for breakfast during first period: "Well, if Nixon had Watergate, the Class of 1973 had the Travel Lodge".

The singing of "Alma Mater, Rutgers Prep", a benediction by Father Kennedy, and recessional brought the 207th Annual Commencement ceremonies to a close. Despite the sweltering heat, the graduates faced reflected exuberance spiced with sadness. Many were beginning to speculate on what the next year and next senior class would bring. Generally speaking, campus atmosphere depends largely on the attitudes, gifts and shortcomings of the senior class, which usually holds the reins of leadership in any school. On June 13, 1973 this responsibility was passed from the Class of '73 to the Class of '74. Signs of relief were audible as seniors and underclassmen alike began summer vacation with parties to celebrate and relax.

Prep Again Considers Upper School Day Trips

Shortly after the first semester begins, each class will elect its officers. One topic will surely come up for discussion early in class-meetings is that of a class trip. This year, the topic might be a school trip instead.

A few years ago, the Upper School did just that. The school chartered a sight-seeing boat that went up and down the Hudson River. Students and faculty went up the Hudson and spent the day at Bear Mountain, N. Y. Although among those who went there were

mixed feelings, many professed that the trip was enjoyable.

Last semester at a School Council meeting, the topic of a whole-school trip as opposed to separate class trips came up again. If approved by both council and administration, it is most likely that the place chosen at which to spend the day would be a place other than Bear Mountain.

There are several merits to going on a whole-school trip instead of separate class trips. First of all, many faculty members have complained that every time different classes go on trips, several members of a class he or she is teaching are absent. This means that the material taught in class that day to the students present will have to be retaught the next day to those who were absent the day before because of a class trip.

A second reason for preferring school trips to class trips is that often times class members disagree on where the class should go. However, although many students enjoyed the Bear Mountain trip, there are also some who would prefer a smaller class trip.

The matter will soon be taken up at forthcoming School Council meetings. Those who would like to know about it or suggest a place for Prep to go, should plan to attend. If you are in favor of such a trip, voice your approval at your class meeting soon.



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Prep's Junior - Senior Prom Has Biggest Turnout Ever

By Liz Pickar

The air was charged with excitement and anticipation on the night of June 8th, as thirty-eight couples began arriving at the Somerville Inn for Prep's annual Junior-Senior Prom. For the past few years Prep's proms have become tradition. The general comment following the prom was unenthusiastic and critical. This year it was different. Not one person or thing can possibly make such a drastic change—it takes many.

The prom committee began making optimistic plans early in the '72-'73 school year. As the time passed on the committee narrowed down to Meredith Perl, Lenny Hort, Oscar Sistrunk. Chairmen were Sandi Schwartz, Joan Schiffer and Jody Weiner, with Mr. Bratek as the advisor. The committee was in the process of making the vital arrangements, when many began to wonder if they were working for a lost cause. However, they continued working (and praying) for a successful prom.

During this period, the main obstacle was selling the prom bids. The already-lacking enthusiasm of the juniors and seniors toward the prom was lowered even more by the rise of prom bids over last year. This year they sold for \$20.00, a marked increase over last year's \$12.00. The constant reminders in assemblies, on the bul-

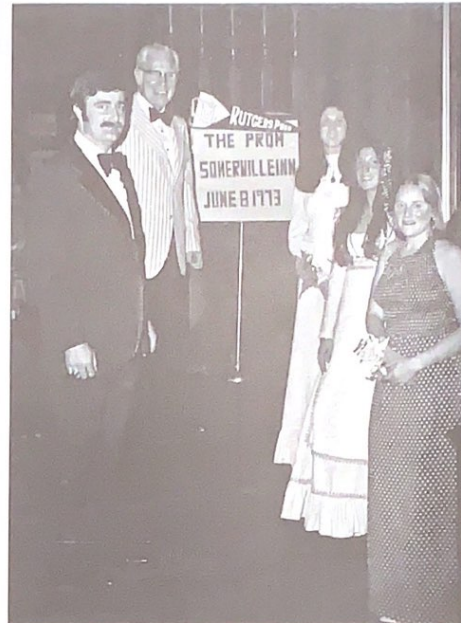


Nancy Bucca and Jeff Miklos leave dance floor for a breath of fresh air.

letin board, and throughout the hallways helped the selling of the bids. When the prom was only days away, the committee had sold seventy-eight bids—an unexpectedly good turnout.

The day of the prom finally arrived. It was to begin at 8:00 P.M. However, many people attended small pre-prom gatherings, com-

monly with those sitting at their table, earlier in the evening. Entering the Somerville Inn in "gay spirits", the thirty-eight couples quickly filled the reserved room. After the prom pictures were taken, the food, which many considered delicious throughout the entire evening, was served. The tension within the room was not broken until the music of "The Last Exit", the band hired for the evening, persuaded several couples to dance. From then on there were people on the dance floor whenever there was music. However, some of the credit must be given to the dancers. The faculty—Dr. and Mrs. Heinlein, Dr. and Mrs. Sperduto, Mr. and Mrs. Bratek, Mr. and Mrs. Spraford, Mr. Gaggini, Mr. and Mrs. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Daviet, Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlain and Mr. Anderson and his date—were enthusiastic dancers. The boys were the outstanding student dancers, notably Juan Noguera, Mark Schwartz, and Bruce Bernstein.

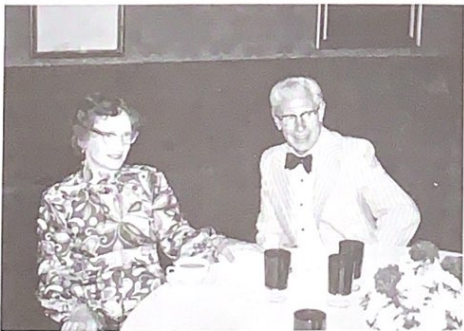


Prom organizers included (from left to right) Mr. Bratek, Prom advisor; Dr. Heinlein, headmaster; and committee members Joan Schiffer, Sandi Schwartz, and Jody Weiner.



Later in the evening, Mark Schwartz, who had known the band previously, was asked to sit in on the drums for the song "Brown Sugar"—one of the best songs of the evenings. At 12:01 the band announced Jody Weiner's birthday, and played, accompanied by the prom attendants, "Happy Birthday" to her. As the prom was coming to an end, Tom Raba an-

nounced that he was having a party directly after the prom. People began to leave the prom at 12:30. By 1:00 A.M., when the band left, the room was deserted. Everyone had left for various parties. The following day, at Sandi Schwartz's and Joann Lasker's shore party, people were still talking about the prom and how surprising-ly good it had been.



When they weren't dancing, the Heinleins enjoyed watching others do so.



Dancing, fast and slow, went on until 1 a.m.

Hopes Are High For Varsity Soccer Team

By Mark Hyman

The 1973 Varsity soccer program appears to be headed for one of its more successful campaigns. Under the direction of Dr. Spertuto and Mr. Iacono, the team should be one of the more competitive squads in recent memory.

Offense

Offense should prove to be the team's greatest asset. The front line looks to be well balanced. Rory O'Connell has all the tools to serve as the team's playmaker; in other words, setting up scoring opportunities for his linemates. But he is also capable of putting the ball in the net himself. Junior Al Archer will be the strong man of the line. His physical strength should enable him to pick up many scramble goals during the course of the season.

Rob Weiss, a sophomore, should see considerable action as a forward. His outstanding speed and ball handling ability make him a constant scoring threat. Weiss, with three years of Varsity play ahead of him, is one of Prep's brightest soccer stars of the future.

Juan Noguera

Other possibilities for starting jobs up front are seniors Jerry Salomone (who has the ability to grab a starting wing spot) and much-improved John Smutko. Smutko is a senior entering his second year on the Varsity squad. Of course, no summary of the offense would be complete without mention of super player and this season's team cap-

tain, senior Juan Noguera. Juan could play up front, but his talents might also be utilized at the middle half position.

The front line appears to be fairly well endowed with quality players. The only problem foreseen could be at the inside right position. Noguera and Smutko are both possible candidates to fill this position.

Defense

Although the team will need an all out performance by the front line to be successful, there is no doubt that the team needs a super effort from a largely untied defense. The defensive halfbacks and fullbacks will need a lot of work, but if they come through, things will be much easier for the offense. Candidates for halfback positions are Noguera (at middlehalf), and seniors Eric Stahl, John Smutko, and Jeff Miklos. Miklos, who has shown some fine playing in the past, may be the pivotal man at the halfback position. If he plays effectively, this should solidify the defense considerably.

At the fullback position, seniors Rick Weitzen, Walt Deutsch, and junior Alec Chanin will be counted upon heavily.

Perhaps more of the burden of winning rests upon the shoulders of the goalie, senior Mitch Reissberg, than any other team member. It is hoped that the experience Mitch picked up in the net last season will make him an even better goalie this season.

RUTGERS PREPATORY SCHOOL

Varsity Soccer 1973

Sept. 19—Pennington	Away
Sept. 22—Neuman Prep	Away
Sept. 25—Metuchen	Away
Sept. 28—St. Bernard-Gill	Home
Oct. 3—Morristown-Beard	Away
Oct. 5—Princeton Day	Home
Oct. 10—Lawrenceville	Away
Oct. 12—Montgomery	Home
Oct. 15—Delaware Valley	Home
Oct. 17—Montclair Academy	Away
Oct. 20—Wardlaw	Away
Oct. 23—Montclair Academy	Home
Oct. 25—Morristown-Beard	Home
Oct. 29—Croyden Hall	Home
Nov. 2—Solebury	Away
Nov. 5—Wardlaw	Home
Nov. 6—10—State Tournament	

Tougher Schedule

Another determining factor in the success of this year's team will be the schedule. The competition will be better than ever. The squad will clash with such private school powers as Lawrenceville and Princeton Day School. In addition, a few more public schools have been added to the schedule. All in all, it looks like Prep's soccer team is ready for a big, big season. Let's get out to those games and give them the fan support they deserve.

Cross Country Looks Strong For '73 Season

Coming from its most successful season ever, the cross-country team has its sights set on another big year. Returnees to this year's squad include seniors Gary Levine and Carl Wohlforth, juniors Don Eng and Doug van Pelt, and freshman Tony Scialabba. The squad's perennial returnee, Coach Fenstermaker, is optimistic about his team's chances. He feels that not only does he have a very talented group of runners, but an extremely balanced one. He also points out, however, that there is room for many newcomers and all Preparators are invited to try out.

In Scialabba and Van Pelt, Coach Fenstermaker has two runners who have taken the course in less than 13:45. In addition, Scialabba placed an impressive fourth in last year's Junior Varsity state meet. The trio of Levine, Wohlforth, and Eng all have benefitted from a years experience and should make substantial contributions.

Due to a change in the New Jersey cross-country course standards, the course has been lengthened from its previous 2.3 miles to 2.8 miles. This move should prove to be one of the most unpopular in the history of the sport. Not by the fans necessarily, but undoubtedly by the runners.

Once again this year, Coach Fenstermaker plans to conduct a Junior Varsity program. He feels that last year's J.V. members (Eng, Levine, and Scialabba included) benefitted greatly from the team and will therefore be of greater value on this year's Varsity squad.

So, with a talented team and a positive attitude, the cross-country season promises to be an exciting and successful one.

Publications

And Productions

Monday, September 10, there will be a meeting in Room 202 for anyone interested in joining the Ye Dial staff. Advisor Mr. Higgin will discuss ideas for a new format. Everyone-including writers, photographers, and typists—is welcome to come.

Mr. Pierce is now in the process of choosing a play to be performed by Prep students during the annual Bazaar, October 19 and 20. The play will likely be a comedy to add to the festive mood. All are urged to try out.

Mr. Pierce has also planned several trips to the N. Y. theatre. These trips, open to all in Prep, will be to Saturday matinees of major productions. The acclaimed "Pippin" is the first play scheduled.

What Goes On Around Here?

This year Prep welcomes many new, first-year students as well as the old Preppies. If new students are wondering (and old ones have forgotten) just what goes on here and what the student activities are, this article will tell you about some of them.

Boys Sports

As the 208th school year begins, so does the fall sports season. For boys, there are two soccer teams, a Jay Vee team coached by Mr. Hordijk and a Varsity team, coached by Dr. Spertuto, both of which have had successful seasons in recent years. The cross-country team, coached by Mr. Fenstermaker, is looking for new recruits, male or female. Tennis boys will be happy to hear that Mr. Chamberlain is sponsoring an intramural fall tennis program (also Coed).

Girls Sports

The Varsity and J.V. cheerleading squads will soon be practicing for the coming soccer season and the basketball season that will follow. Tryouts for the Varsity squad are open to girls in the 10th-12th grades. Tryouts for the J.V. squad are open to girls in the 7th-9th grades. The Girls' Athletic Association (GAA) is going into its second year of being. Any girl interested in joining should talk to GAA President Randy Roberts. The organization's aim is to encourage female Preppies to be involved in athletics and to broaden the athletic spectrum for women at Prep.

Publications

Along the literary and artistic lines, Prep's publications are always looking for talent, competence, and efficiency. ARGOMAG, our literary magazine of original creative work by students will be edited by senior John Connehey this year. All those interested in writing or designing for, or coordinating ARGOMAG should contact him. Prep's yearbook, YE DIAL, has virtually no staff whatsoever. Advisor Mr. Higgin desperately needs interested students to work in all areas: writing, layout, typing, photography. The ARGOMAG always has places open for new staff members. Don't shirk away because you think you can't write. The newspaper needs typists, copy-readers, proofreaders, and writers. If interested, talk to Managing Editor Sharon Song or Editor-in-Chief Amy Borrus.

School Council

Other areas of involvement include the school council, which holds meetings open to all on Mondays after school. Also, Mrs. von der Porten always welcomes students interested in volunteering some time as a library aid.

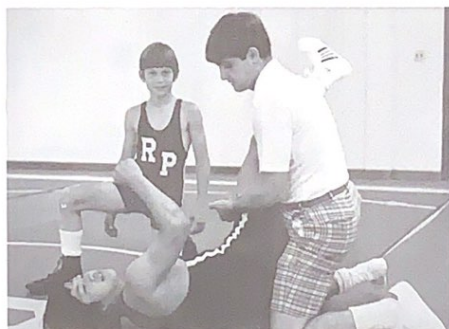
Scialabba and Pih Compete In National Wrestling Tournament

By Amy Borrus

Kevin Scialabba, a sixth grade student in the Lower School, was a silver medal winner at 75 pounds in this summer's National AAU Junior Olympic Tournament in Dayton, Ohio. In the second round, Kevin defeated the returning national champion enroute to the finals. Kevin lost in the final round by decision to Tom Gible of Flemington, N. J.

Peter Pih, a ninth grader, also qualified for the tournament and competed in the 158 pound class. Facing stiff opposition, Peter was eliminated after the second round.

The wrestlers were accompanied on the trip by Coach Rick Iacono who is in charge of the elementary physical education and athletic programs for boys.



Kevin Scialabba looks on as Coach Rick Iacono demonstrates hold on Peter Pih.

Mark My Words

by Mark Hyman

The student body has reacted to Varsity sports in a unique way. For the most part, students ignore all fall and spring sports (i.e., soccer, cross-country, softball, baseball, golf, lacrosse, and tennis), and most winter sports (wrestling, swimming, and volleyball). However, there is one team that "picks 'em in": basketball. With the type of basketball team that Prep has had in recent years, this is to be expected. What bothers me is that even when the "other" teams are having good, or reasonably good years, they can't come close to matching the crowds at the basketball games. Let's face it, it's not exactly awe-inspiring to

play in front of a home crowd of three.

Now, I'm for big crowds at basketball games. I just feel the other successful teams deserve the same. This year, many Prep sports are on the way up. Soccer (see article this page), wrestling, lacrosse, etc., are all expected to have much improved teams. It will be interesting to see if this resurgence on the playing field will be accompanied by a resurgence in attendance. If it is, great. If not, there can be no excuse. The basketball team has proven that a top notch team draws a top notch crowd. There is no reason why this axiom should not apply to the rest of the sports program.

New Tennis Program

This fall, Prep students will have a chance to play competitive tennis on an intramural basis. The program, supervised by Mr. Chamberlain and Mrs. Leone will be coed. Matches will be played during free periods, gym classes, and after school hours. An overall winner will be decided in each category by means of a ladder system.

A similar program will be set up for Lower School students.

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School Year Calendar

208th SCHOOL YEAR

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Thursday, September 6—208th School Year begins Upper School classes.
Monday, September 10—Lower School Opens.
Thursday, September 27—Rosh Hashanah
Monday, October 8—Columbus Day
Monday, October 22—Veterans Day
Wednesday, November 21—Thanksgiving recess begins at noon.
Monday, November 26—Classes resume.
Friday, December 21—Christmas recess begins after last class.
Monday, January 7—Classes resume.
Thursday, January 17 through Wednesday, January 23—First Semester Examination Period.
Monday, February 18—Washington's Birthday.
Friday, April 5—Spring recess begins after last class.
Monday, April 15—Classes resume.
Monday, May 27—Memorial Day.
Wednesday, May 22 through Wednesday, May 29—Final Examinations.
Friday, May 31—Lower School Closing Exercises.
Tuesday, June 4—Final Day classes for Upper School. Prize Day Exercises.
Wednesday, June 5—208th Annual Commencement.
Monday, July 1—Summer Session Begins.
Thursday, September 5—209th School Year Begins.