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Have a Burger, Have a Blast

By Susan Slim

With the gentle breeze bringing in the transition to fall, the two-hundred plus Prep students were confronted with summer joys falling like the leaves from trees. However, these students all looked forward to socializing with people that they haven't seen in a couple of months. This chance was given by the annual tradition of the School Council-sponsored Burger Blast.

After morning classes, School Council put on their aprons, and gave the Prep Community a chance to relax. Those in the faculty who worked the grills and served the food included Council advisors Mr. Avella, Madame Mansfield, and Mrs. Pink. The helpers on School Council were Ria Rasalan, John



Students at the fall Burger Blast await their Price Club stock hamburgers while dodging ambitious bees on the portico.

Kansfield, Jay Golon, Whitney Case, Henry Renard, Ali Naqvi, Archana Kansagra, Becca Caldwell, John Vafai, Scott Vafai, Justin Auciello, and Ken Tashman. Although the line stretched for an eternity, the "gourmet" hamburgers, sandwiches, chips, and soda, which awaited, were well received.

The Burger Blast relaxed students and gave them the chance to meet each other on the first day of school. The weather, which was sunny with a refreshing breeze, will hopefully be an omen for the good fortunes of the year. As the burgers were finished, though, all the students knew it was time to open their books and begin another school year.

The Desk Set Gets Started

By Amanda Lin

The fall play, *The Desk Set*, is about a group of women who are afraid of losing their jobs because of new technology. Amidst this fear, though, there are a lot of laughs. Although it takes place in the 50's, the theme is still a very pertinent issue of today.

Ms. Cora Turlish, the director, sees this play as a challenge for the tech crew. "If we built Kansas, we can build a computer," comments Ron Kelly, the technical director. Furthermore, he knows what the job at hand is, and feels certain that his technicians will get the job done.

In the play's cast, there are some old faces, including: Melissa Stass, Jay Golon, Jessica Hedges, Jennifer Conrad, Nicole Finner, and Jeremy Wang-Iverson. However, Jason Kramer,

Erin Leeder, Jane Needleman, Babi Das, Jyoti Dasika, and Isaac Chahal are some new and welcomed talent. This mixing of old and new faces has brought a lot of excitement about what will bloom on stage.

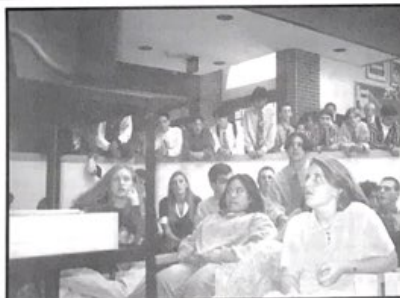
The technical crew has already started constructing the set for the production. Fortunately, a few new people have joined tech this year, who are all excited to learn. The Student Technical Director, Anita Choubey, a mainstay on the technical crew, said, "All the new members to the crew and the new actors are a great bunch of people. We're lucky to have this great abundance of talent, especially to replace the talent that we've lost."

There is a lot more to a play than just the technical crew and the actors. Two important parts of a production

are the costumes and the props. Props will be headed by Elizabeth Smaldone and Misha Prophete, who have to deal with the long list of props that are needed for the play. Furthermore, costumes will be handled by Ms. Miklos and Hana Rhee. Although this job takes a lot of responsibility, both Ms. Miklos and Hana have done excellently in past production, and have already started to work on this one.

Everyone involved in drama is very excited about what this production, and what the whole year, might bring. When this production goes up on November 15th through the 18th, the cast and crew hope that the entire School Community will see what this new year has brought. Now, there is only one thing left to say, "Play on!"

The Arggo congratulates winners and participants in class elections. An involved and concerned student body will improve the Prep experience for everyone.



The O.J. Simpson trial mesmerized Prep students as they watched the verdict delivered at 1:00 P.M. on October 3. The Administration juggled the schedule so students could see the dramatic conclusion to the heavily publicized double-murder trial. Nearly every student did.

Honors Convocation Fall '95

By Mark Markowski

This fall's Convocation, held annually in Baldwin Hall, brought together the entire Upper School Community to acknowledge the accomplishments of students during the previous school year. After a peaceful summer, Honors Convocation quickly reminded students that school was again in session.

The awards were preceded by a word from the Headmaster, Dr. Loy. He opened the ceremony by saying how proud he was of all the students for the

wonderful 1994-1995 school year. He predicted that this coming year would be just as successful as the previous one. Dr. Loy concluded by congratulating all the students who were to be honored and those that had accomplished their own personal goals.

Each student who achieved Honors, no grades below "B-," or Honors with Distinction, no grades below "A-," for the entire year received a certificate of accomplishment. Students serving over 50 hours of Community Service also won Honors level awards.

Freshman Abby Winant was honored for receiving the Austin W. Scott Merit Scholarship, covering the four-year cost of Upper School tuition. Each year, one new student entering the freshman class receives this award.

Rutgers Prep bestows the Highest Honors award to the single student with the highest academic achievement during

each academic year. This year's recipient was sophomore Ganesh Ramanarayanan.

Furthermore, special recognition was given to those students for accomplishments outside of school. The American Choral Honors Choir, Eastern Division, accepted Robert Szeles as a tenor, and The Greater Princeton Youth Orchestra selected Kyle Szabo to join as a violinist. Matt Scherb attended the New Jersey Scholars Program at Lawrenceville; and Frank Cesario, partook in the Partners in Science Program at the Liberty Science Center. (see article on Page 3)

Frank Cesario as well as Suhlas Radhakrishna both won recognition for high scores on the Merck Science Day Biology exam. These two Biology scholars, plus Mark Markowski, Josh Rosen, and Susan Slim, will conduct research at the Wachsman Institute during the school year in a program allowing students from many schools

to investigate current biological topics.

After being wished good luck for a successful year by Mrs. Gooen and Mr. Karman, the ceremony concluded. The

exceptional talent and effort demonstrated by these students will hopefully challenge others to set goals for this year.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 14	Garage Sale	Nov 16	Parent Conferences
Oct 24	PSAT's	Nov 17	No School
Oct 27	Lasagna Dinner	Nov 21	Parent Conferences
Nov 3	Qtr Ends Wheelchair Basketball		

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E - Period

By Maureen Benitz

Most of the students knew that this year's E-period was doomed from the beginning. People had been curious about it, until they actually had to sit through the study hall. It's only October, and this period has already been revised.

In the beginning, about 100 students had to sit together in Baldwin Hall. The first time we arrived there, we were assigned to seats. Not only were we to sit by class, but we had to sit in alphabetical order. In addition to that, we had to sit two or three seats away from each other. We should have been able to sit wherever we wanted to. It would have been fine if we had to sit in those assigned seats to take attendance, but then we should have been able to sit by our friends.

Baldwin Hall was a poor choice to have such a large study hall for the simple fact of it being too cold or too hot. In the beginning of September it

was rather warm sitting there. It would have been much worse in the spring. On the other hand, in the winter it would have been very cold. Granted, it is the only place that all of us could fit, but the climate control should have been taken into account.

This arrangement obviously didn't work. Now that we are in classrooms, this study time seems to work better. Being in small groups is more beneficial to the students. The teacher to student ratio is much better now. In Baldwin Hall there was one teacher to watch all the students.

The small study hall groups, however, have their drawbacks. With this new arrangement, teachers who had been free may now have to cover a study hall. Getting extra help may now be a problem. It is going to be hard for a teacher to give help if they have to supervise a class simultaneously.

Does the Administra-

tion really think that a lot can be accomplished in 30 minutes? Well, not a whole lot can be done. After coming back from lunch, not many want to start their homework, however, some people may use this time to finish work due later that day. Who wants to start their work and then have to stop? Just when someone could really get going, class is dismissed. If this study hall was to be really effective, it would have to be longer by another 20 to 25 minutes.

No student will complain about having an extra 30 minutes of free time, but it should not be limited and have restraints put on it. Hopefully, we can look forward to more improvements. Being in classrooms is one step. Maybe next year a better schedule will be developed that can accommodate most of the students demands and desires.

Population Growth at Prep

By Catie Somers

The well loved television show, *Cheers*, was about a place where "everybody knows your name." The characters went there because they knew that's where they belonged. No matter what was going on outside of those doors, the bar's atmosphere made everyone feel welcome. Once inside of the establishment, anybody could kick back, relax, share a joke, express a problem or just have a drink.

Prep has always been similar to this establishment. It is here that we come to learn, this school is our society, our own "Cheers." Within its boundaries there is a certain closeness and unity. Everyone knows your name and most feel that this is where they belong. This familiarity is the heart of our school and it is what sets us apart from many other institutions.

New faces have always been welcomed, for with them bring fresh ideas and new scenery. However, when too many new students are thrown into our small commu-

nity, it may have adverse effects on everyone. This is what happened in the 1995-1996 school year here at Prep.

True, only the first month of school has passed, and with time faces will match names better, but knowing everyone will be an impossible task. With over sixty pupils in each class, save the seniors who have 43, our school must be slowly reaching its maximum capacity. During morning assembly, the student lounges are overflowing with students. In between classes it is very difficult to maneuver through the halls, as they are as crowded as Grand Central Station.

With a crowded school, it is expected that the cafeteria will also be crowded. Granted, waiting in lines to get food isn't very important, but it is bothersome with such a short lunch. Students shouldn't have to wait ten to fifteen minutes to get their food. Once students get their food, they only have a few minutes to eat their food.

An effect that is much more felt is the class size. With more students, classes have to be larger. This size increase leads to less student/teacher contact. This contact has always been a quality that Prep has taken pride in. The large classes mean that teachers will have to work even harder to get everyone to participate in discussions. Students may feel repressed to ask a question or express their opinions. This isn't fair to the students.

What would "Cheers" have been like had it been the most popular bar in Boston? It is safe to presume that everyone wouldn't have known each other and the sense of belonging would not have been felt. Do we want this here at Prep? The truth is with our increase in population, we are spreading our resources thin, which makes it much tougher to be as close and tight of a community as we have been in the past.

Scheduling Disasters

By Susan Slim

The Rutgers Prep Administration has altered our schedules for the third consecutive year, adding this time an extra period twice a week, 5-E period. Thus far, this added period has been met with mixed reactions.

To some, this is a divine arrangement. All teachers are free, except for the music teachers. Students not in choir can get extra help during this time. Music teachers get students an hour per week, albeit split into two periods. If a student isn't getting help or in choir, they can get homework done, study for a test, or relax. However, music students do not have this advantage.

Choir students are deprived of this extra hour each week. Many of these students would love to have this extra time to meet with teachers or get homework done. Many students are involved in sports or extracurricular activities, and are also a part of the Music Department, so they could use this extra time.

Once students get home, there isn't a lot of time to study and get work done. Activity Periods are used by clubs, meetings, and athletics, so using this time for work is out of the question. Lunch isn't an option as it is too short. Breaks aren't long enough to do anything, let alone get extra help or do work. It appears as if the Administration has forgotten about the needs of the students in the Music Department.

With every year, the Administration gets a few steps closer to perfecting the schedule, but this attempt just doesn't cut it. Mondays and Thursdays are jam packed with extra periods, those which do not contain sufficient time to do much of anything.

Roving Reporter

What do you think of all the new students in our school?

Having more students is a good thing.

You don't know everything about everyone.

Allison Moskowitz - '98

With more kids, there are better athletic teams.

Better teams can have better competition.

Jeremy Wang Iverson - '98

It is nice to meet new people. I really don't even see the difference.

Paul Sosman - '97

The school is too small. We should have more people.

Ken Tashman - '97

It is cool to have all of these new people.

Kristen Peterson - '98

It is okay. It is a nice change to have new faces.

Kerry Smith - '98

It is great to see all the diversity the new students bring here.

Josh Rosen - '97

Freshman Camping Trip

By Maura Pritchard

Rain was the one word dreaded by all sixty-five members of this year's freshman class. Although encouraged by previous classes' success in the wilderness, the class of '99 was still a bit anxious as the day of departure approached. Rain seemed inevitable, since this had almost become the yearly tradition.

As the class gathered at school on Wednesday, September 13, they were ready to begin the first of many journeys that would bind them together for the next four years. Leaving on two buses that morning, all seemed ready for adventure at Wildcat Mountain. The class was accompanied by Mr. Karman, Mr. Mazza, Mrs. Sullivan, the freshman advisors and various other teachers.

When the freshmen arrived at base camp, they split up into their different homerooms, met with their guides, and began their trip. For three days, the groups worked together to solve various problems and challenges. Students repelled down a mountain side, took long hikes, and attempted the ropes courses.

Freshmen assumed some responsibility for their own well being. Homeroom members within each group took turns cooking meals and cleaning. They were also given a chance to set up tents, to get the full value of the experience.

The final day concluded with "the wall," which each member of the class was required to climb over before the day was done.

With Brian Benitz and Gregory Verb as boosters, and the rest of the class as spotters, the job was done quickly and efficiently. The freshman class completed their stay and felt much closer to each other as a result.

During the bus ride home, freshmen students could be heard saying that they believed they had "bonded" with their classmates because of the trip. New students, who had at first felt a bit left out, now felt a part of the class of '99. The camping trip of 1995 was an obvious success. Although sad to see the experience end, freshmen were glad to be back to the comforts of home.

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Giving HOPE to South Africa

By Meredith Shirley

This summer, I had the privilege of traveling to Johannesburg, South Africa with a group of 150 teenagers from all around the world to be a part of the H.O.P.E. Youth Corps. HOPE stands for Helping Other People Everywhere, and it is the benevolent arm of the International Churches of Christ, which I attend.

For two weeks, we took part in many benevolent activities helping the people in the ghettos surrounding Johannesburg. We began in Soweto, one of the largest slums in South Africa, where blacks were forced to live in poverty during apartheid. It is an extremely dangerous area of the world, (South Africa has the highest murder rate in the world) and we went into some perilous areas to work. We helped to build a clinic in a slum where entire families lived in tin shacks measuring about six feet square.

People got their water from a community pump, they wore rags, and most of the children were incredibly thin and malnourished. A group of children from a preschool (or *creche*) in the Ghetto sang and danced for us, and we played with them. They did not speak English, but we managed to entertain them with our hats and sticks of gum. The gum wrappers

fascinated these children who had nothing to play with.

We went to a deserted lot and began to prepare the soil for a garden that people in the community would be able to eat from. It was amazingly hard work: the South African winter wind whipped dust in our faces fiercely. We also visited a clinic for abandoned children with AIDS. Africa has an AIDS population that is growing exponentially, and these children are looked upon as a burden to society with few people viewing them as a priority, including their parents. Most of these children were abandoned or orphaned as babies and died at a very young age. A home for AIDS babies was a new concept, and the women that ran it were tireless, devoted workers. We held the babies and played games with the toddlers, and then fed them their lunch. This was an amazing experience not easily forgotten.

It was not all work though. We didn't get a break from lack of sleep, but we did get to go on a safari in Kruger National Park, the largest wild game preserve in the world, covering millions of acres. It was a seven hour ride north of Johannesburg in the Transvaal area. We stayed in modernized huts and went out on early morning

safaris, catching glimpses of giraffes, monkeys, wild dogs, crocodiles, elephants, wildebeests and exotic birds, but no lions. We didn't see any lions until we went to a Lion Park outside Johannesburg. There we could drive through four prides of adult lions and hold baby lions. They were just like kittens and they had the most beautiful green eyes.

Despite the danger in Johannesburg, and the police escorts we needed simply to cross the street and exchange dollars for rands at the bank, it was an amazing experience. Before I went to South Africa, I visited Oklahoma City, and got to see the remains of the Murrah Federal Building, where a terrorist bomb killed 168 people earlier this year. The mass destruction there was widespread, but a sense of hope and renewal was present there, as it was in South Africa, a country ravaged by hate, racism, violence, and poverty, but renewing itself gradually. The cultures were of course completely different, but each served as a powerful reminder of the evil that mankind can do, and also of the indefatigable human spirit which can rebuild itself. That's a lot to think about, but I am so grateful that I was able to see a very different part of the world.

Theatre in a Barn

By Jay Golon

On the first day of school my friends and I gathered in a small circle in the Junior lounge to compare and contrast each other's summers. The responses were typical to say the least: "I went to the shore," "I got a job," "I went to camp." Then the torch was passed to me. What had I done in the three months since the last school year had ended? "I pranced around in colorful, obnoxious seventeenth century French clothing, talking in verse, and making a complete fool of myself in front of hundreds of strangers in a small Pennsylvania farming community." Strangely enough, this is not very far from the truth.

This summer I attended the Ensemble Theater Community School in Eagles Mere, Pennsylvania as part of a 26 member ensemble. For six weeks, classes and workshops were offered in such areas as improvisation, movement, textual analysis, lighting design, clown, music and voice. These classes proved to be a wonderful addition to the instruction I received at Prep because I was able to focus fully on these classes for six weeks without having to write an English or history paper, or cram for a math test.

We were an extremely self-sufficient ensemble with an equally high amount of responsibility placed on all of us. Sometimes into the early hours of the morning we sewed our own costumes, built and painted our own sets, and literally transformed a barn into a theater in only three days. In addition to having theater responsibilities, we also had to take on household responsibilities. We did not live in a college dorm type setting, but rather in an old blue house which needed maintaining. Washing endless piles of dishes, preparing meals, scrubbing bathrooms, and watering flowers were all tasks which we were expected to perform. It was performing these tasks which enabled all of us to build an appreciation and trust for each other which not only carried over onto the stage, but helped to form many strong friendships amongst us.

We put on two major shows: *Blood Wedding* by Federico Garcia Lorca, and *The Learned Ladies* by the French comedic play-

wright, Moliere. Each of us were cast in one show and given a technical assignment in the other. For *Blood Wedding*, I had the opportunity to operate the lighting board for a show done in a beautiful surrealist style which incorporated many lighting changes coinciding with the rising suspense of the show.

I was cast in *The Learned Ladies* as Citandre, a young man whose only wish is to marry the woman he has been courting, only to have this woman's overly-enlightened mother stand in his way. She wants her daughter to marry her favorite philosopher. The role was especially challenging because the play was written in rhyming iambic pentameter, meaning that I had to learn how to say the lines correctly before I could even begin rehearsing them. Also, the script contained very few stage directions, so all of the action on stage was either thought up independently during rehearsal or simply improvised on the spot. This was a very exciting proposition for me, because it meant that every performance would be different and challenging because each night a new variable would be thrown into the performance. Thankfully, the audience seemed to enjoy watching the show as much as we enjoyed performing it.

Artistically, it was a very satisfying six weeks. I tried and accomplished many things on my own that I never thought I would be able to do. Sometimes they were small things, like climbing a ladder to hang lighting and overcoming an extreme fear of heights. Other times they were big things, like when a much-loved member of the ensemble was forced to leave early because her ill mother had passed away. We all pulled together and spent the day preparing another actor to take her place in the show that night.

Aside from having a wonderful theater experience, I had the opportunity to live in the same house with people who share many of the same hopes as I do in a setting which made the suburbs look like a thriving metropolis. I hope to return next summer to build further on the education I received this past summer.



Jay Golon at a summer theatre workshop in Pennsylvania

Summer on the Hill

By Ali Naqvi

I spent my summer working in a United States Congressional office. My internship with U.S. Congressman Christopher Smith of New Jersey lasted for two-and-a-half months. As an intern, I was responsible for immigration casework, computer inquiries, research, referrals.

I had an opportunity to visit Capitol Hill and work in Congressman Chris Smith's office there. During my stay in the nation's capitol, I went to Senate hearings and attended regular sessions of the U.S. House of Representatives. In addition, I saw the International Relations Committee meeting on Bosnia-Herzegovina, where key Republican members presented a united front for lifting the arms embargo.

I also got the chance to meet with several Congressmen and Senators from all over the country, including Dick Zimmer, Chris Smith, Donald Payne, Bob Franks, Dan Burton, Peter King, Bill Bradley and Frank Lautenberg.

In my meeting with Congressman Bob Franks, I discussed many issues. Franks said that in

order to be successful one should get involved locally and be prepared for rejection along the way. Franks was President of the Young Republicans and recommended to me to become a member of the Somerset County chapter. He went on to say that there are no "set accomplishments" one has to make in order to get to Capitol Hill. The Congressman also stated that, "Human nature, like in any other profession, is required in this business."

During my meeting with Christopher Smith, key foreign policy issues were closely talked about. Among them were legislation concerning war-torn Yugoslavia and the Kashmir battle. Congressman Smith visited the former Yugoslavia in 1991, and spoke of his experiences to me. He told me that the United Nations is playing a large role in slowing the peace process in Bosnia.

In addition to hearings and meetings, I saw Korean President Kim-Young Sam address Congress. Sam discussed economic trade reforms with the United States

and mentioned the terror of another North Korea nuclear arms scandal.

I also attended a luncheon with Democratic Congressman Donald Payne, who is the head of the Congressional Black Caucus. The luncheon was a briefing on the relationship between U.S. Government and the media with the Russian parliament.

While on the Hill, I also met the Prime Minister of Bosnia, Radman Siljic, who was visiting D.C. for diplomatic talks with Republicans hoping to lift the arms embargo.

The Congressman I interned for, Chris Smith, is the leading pro-life advocate in the House. He currently serves as a ranking member on the Veterans Affairs Committee and International Relations Committee. He's been in office for eight terms, 16 years, and is a strong supporter of humanitarian causes. Currently, I am a research intern for "Dick Zimmer for Senate," a campaign for 1996. Overall, my internship was deemed successful and I have been asked to intern next year also.

Summer Research at EOHSI

By Frank Cesario

my job was to take another look at the data.

My first job was to correct the errors that were made. These errors included a bias against left-handed people. By manipulating several statistical programming languages, I was able to determine the mean, standard deviation, standard error, and the coefficients of variation. Then, I had to plot these numbers. By the end of the summer, I had seen enough numbers to last me a lifetime.

neuropsychologically tested by physicians.

Five years ago, EOHSI was given funding to undertake a study aimed to evaluate the effects of pesticides on farmers. Until recently, the clinic has been continually collecting data by giving farmers a battery of neuropsychological tests. These tests measured reaction times to assess visuomotor skills, concentration, memory, and moods. Because the preliminary calculations proved inconclusive,

Occasionally though, I was fortunate enough to work in the clinic and participate in their study of people who are chemically sensitive. These people live their lives in a "bubble," because they claim to stop breathing or go into seizures because of even the slightest chemical, like hair spray.

In my study, although I was not able to directly correlate neuropsychological function to pesticide exposure, the institute found some of the readings very intriguing

and quite promising for future study. I will not be joining the ranks of Watson and Crick for my work this summer, but I did learn a lot about "real" science. Science is not just a glorious cycle of magnificent discovery, but a trail of failure, too. I also learned that being a researcher is probably not something I would want to pursue in the future. It was interesting for one summer, but it can get quite monotonous. This summer, however, was a great learning experience to say the least.

This summer I was fortunate enough to be one of 14 students enrolled in the Partners in Science program sponsored by the Liberty Science Center. This program paired students with scientists to investigate a problem in a professional environment. I was assigned to the Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences Institute (EOHSI) on Busch Campus at Rutgers University. The floor I was on was an actual practicing clinic, and patients came to be

Boy's Soccer

By Manak Ahluwalia

After losing key-seniors from last year's squad, Rutgers Prep soccer was looking at another season filled with harsh losses, and close games that fell apart in the last few minutes. The graduation of all-state player Mike Rose, Rohin Singh, and Ryan Neely looked to break apart the feeble infrastructure of a young team that had to fill in the holes left by their absence.

However, after new additions to the school, and the reemergence of players from the past, the Argonauts are back and stronger than they ever have been in the past few years, looking to compete for the state title. Metuchen transfer Jason Maikos has added his speed, feints, and ability to launch shots from both feet to the front line, where he has already been able to dent the net. Freshman sensation Ben Feldman has held his ground as a future Rutgers Prep star, already scoring in his first Varsity game. Keith Forney has also returned to Prep, after leaving Spotswood, as a fearless kamikaze who shows prowess with his feet and fists on the front line. Damon Wong also has provided Prep with a utility player whose lightning speed has left tracks on opposing players backs when he takes flight. Sophomore Andy Schultz and Junior Evan Siegel have solidified the defense with their tackles, leaving players on their back wondering what the license number of the truck that just ran them over was. Henri Renard and Chris Pink have also returned

frustrating opposing teams' defenses with their quick "ups" to the ball, and no-fear attitude when taking on bigger-faster forwards. Returning in the mid-field were Frank Cesario, Rob Szeles, and Manak Ahluwalia who have worked on their skills over the summer, and look to provide support to the defense, while adding as complements to the offense, where they have all ready been able to provide goals as well as assists. Returning captain Bobby Roy has come back faster, bigger, more aggressive, and a little more in control already leading the team in goals and balls lost in the canal. Finally the addition of Alon Tabak has given the Argos an all-star caliber goalie, whose cat-like reflexes, jumping prowess, aggressiveness, and animal instincts have left some of the best forwards in Prep scoreless.

The team has also had good luck with players off the bench, who are just as capable as the starters, notably Senior Brian Rose, Junior Sam Schechter, Sophomores Ian Japinga, Ian Liggett, Tom Bonanni, and John Vicari, and Freshman Victor Salygin.

The season is already off and running to a good start. Prep beat Wardlaw-Hartridge to open the season in their own tournament 2-1, when Ben Feldman netted a header from a far-post cross. However, Prep lost in the finals to Morristown-Beard 1-0.

To start the regular season, Prep played St. Mary's Hall who had beaten them last year.

Prep came off and running to start the game, and Bobby Roy was finally able to break through the defense taking a ball out of the air, and heading it into the upper-90. From then on, Prep went on a rout and goals by Jason Maikos, Manak Ahluwalia, Damon Wong, Ben Feldman, and two by Evan Siegel capped off the first win of the season 7-0.

Next, Prep took on Pennington, considered one of the best teams in the Prep Conferences. After Prep pressured the Pennington goal for the majority of the game, Pennington scored late in the second-half, and again in the closing to give a 2-0 loss.

Putting the loss behind them, Prep traveled to Ranney for their homecoming. After being run through for the first 15 minutes, Prep shook off the jitters, and Bobby "the tiger of Bengal" Roy scored a rocket that left the goalies hand stinging. Later additions by Frank Cesario, and another goal by Roy left Prep with a 3-1 win, and afterward Bobby Roy was awarded MVP honors by Ranney and presented a trophy for his achievements.

At the middle of the season, Prep is considered a dangerous threat to many teams in the conference. Currently 4-2, Prep has many key games coming up, and is confident in making a run through the Prep Conference ranks.

Girl's Soccer

By David Papa

Perhaps the end of last season is the most telling sign of the success of this year's girl's soccer team. Towards the end of last year, the team switched through a transition of being led by three senior captains, to being led by three strong underclassmen. Now that two of those athletes are mature seniors: Alison Siegel and Stephanie Verb, and Junior Daniella Metzger is becoming older and wiser, the team is enjoying a great success. Unfortunately, Stephanie Verb had to undergo surgery on her knee over the summer. Although she is able to play this year, it is not easy for her. Her strength is not at its usual level, although her skills are still finely tuned.

Due to Stephanie's injury, as well as the departure of many key players, the rest of the team must pick up a lot of the slack. Although it is truly a team effort, much of this is being done by Alison Siegel and Daniella Metzger. Metzger has 14 goals, and Siegel has 12. Their play is leading the team, and if it continues, they are both sure to be contenders for a spot on the All-State Prep team.

The girl's soccer team is not flawless though. As Coach Walter Nichols will explain, you never know which team you are going to get with these girl's. Some days they will come out and play well above their potential, while others they will barely be able to keep up with teams not nearly as good as they are. The coach hopes to add consistency to their well-powered team.

The team's overall record is 6-2-1. They have recorded victories over Lacordaire, Ranney (twice), Villa Victoria, and St. Mary's Hall, but have lost to PDS and Hun. Also, in a very competitive game, they tied Pennington.

One thing that should be noted about the girl's soccer team is their immense spirit. In a school where athletics are not always the strongest, and support for most games is minimal, it is great to see a team with so much heart. Even though little things such as painting each other's faces occur, it encourages the team as well as school cohesiveness. We all encourage the girls to keep this up. Hopefully, it will lead to greater attendance at games as well as stronger school spirit.

Girl's Tennis

By Barry Hirsch

Although the girls on the tennis team expected to do well this year, none of them expected they would do quite as well as they have. Their season, although still early, has been filled with both team and personal success.

The team is led by seniors Amanda Cruz, Rebecca Caldwell, Caroline Chang, Abby Santamaria and Akta Patel as well as juniors Natalie Mantell and Heather Driver. Unfortunately, Amanda Cruz, who was playing first singles, had a very bad ankle injury very early on in the season. Becca and Natalie will rotate at first singles for the time being to try to pick up the slack. Hopefully, Amanda will be able to return for the end of her final season at Prep.

Right now, the team has a 1-3 record. It includes a win against Pennington and defeats against Morristown-Beard, Peddie, and Purnell. One

of the best surprises of the season has been the first doubles pairing of Akta Patel and Caroline Chang. They have a dominating record of 5-2. Their best success came in the Somerset County Tennis Tournament. There they were able to knock off the third seed on their way to advancing to the Semifinals. Also, the second doubles pairing of Abby Santamaria and Heather Driver is currently undefeated with a record of 4-0. Although Coach Ackerman expected this year's team to be competitive, he would have never thought they would be doing as well as they are. Hopefully, Amanda will be able to recover quickly from her injury, and the team will continue to progress. If they are able to, and all goes well, Coach Ackerman will find himself with a team that should be definite contenders for the Girl's Prep B Tennis State Tournament.

Fall Scores

Boy's Soccer	3-5-1
Girl's Soccer	6-3-1
Girl's Tennis	2-4
Cross Country	4-1

Upcoming Home Games

10/13	Girls Tennis v. Saddle River	4:00
10/17	Boys Soccer v. Princeton Day	4:00
10/17	Girls Soccer v. Saddle River	4:00
10/20	Boys Soccer v. Ranney	4:00
10/25	Boys Soccer v. Lakewood	4:00

Cross Country

By Justin Auciello

will show strong performances.

The newcomers on the team will hopefully prove to be strong and consistent throughout the season. They consist of juniors Lauren Peters and Liz Alexander, sophomores Justin Auciello, Debbie Gray, Beth Meszaros, Ravi Patel, Andrea Lewandowski, Jeremy Hollander, Winston Chow, and Jackie Siekiewicz, as well as freshmen David Rosenstrauss and Marvin Quesada. Senior Dave Papa is currently injured with shin splints and unable to run.

The team's pre-season practices consisted of two hours of strenuous running drills of 3.1 miles which will hopefully improve each runner for the meets. The drills include

sprints, hill work, and L.S.D. (long slow distance runs) Coach Dougherty has also used progressive relaxation techniques to help each runner relax and think about his primary and secondary goals which will help him both physically and mentally in the meets. He is also confident in the teams success this year, and hopes for a state championship.

As of October 9, Cross Country has accumulated an impressive record of 5-1 in its first meets against Staten Island Academy, Allentown, and Solebury. The team proves to be able contenders for the Prep B State Tournament this season.

Senior Gerard Joe, junior Dave Schueler, and sophomores Ganesh Ramanarayanan and Nick Lessard all are veterans who