

Results break campaign goal

by Susan Chimene

As a result of the strong student participation, the recently held magazine drive topped the school's goal of \$5,000, grossing \$5,195, of which the school council receives \$2,100.

A breakdown by class reveals that the eighth-graders were the high contributors, contributing 34.9% of the total money collected. The freshman contributions made up 19.3% of the total, while the seniors, juniors, and sophomores contributed 14%, 13.9%, and 10.8% respectively. The remaining 7.1% consisted of late contributions.

Amid much rivalry, homerooms 109 and 111, both from the eighth grade collected \$709 and \$749, respectively, entitling both homerooms to pizza parties.

Six students, each selling over one-hundred dollars, were admitted as members of the 100 club. They are in this order: Mitch Reisberg, Oscar Sistrunk, Edwin Lee, Willy Jasonowski, Vicki Neiner, and Ruth Howell. On the first Friday of the drive designated as the first collection date, Ruth Howell and Oscar Sistrunk were each awarded ten dollars as the boy and girl who collected the most money for that date. In addition, for each \$25 a student contributed he received 1 chance in the mystery student drawing. Ruth Beakus was drawn as the winner of the contest. She chose as her prize a home entertainment center.

The council is now in the process of investigating various possibilities for using the money gained from the successful drive. They enthusiastically support the idea of taking a school trip. Three trip possibilities being considered which are feasible in terms of cost, distance, etc., are Bear Mountain Park, Willow Grove Amusement Park, and The Bronx Zoo. The consensus of opinion within the council seems to favor a trip to Bear Mountain Park. Some juniors and seniors expressed the idea that they were not opposed to returning to Bear Mountain, since the experience as eighth graders and freshman was so enjoyable.

News in Brief

by Merle Witkin

A nine-mile hike through the snow on November 10 attracted a hardy few. The Outing Club expedition to Sunfish Pond was attended by Carl Wolforth, Marty Horowitz and Mr. David Mazza, the adviser.

The Math team finished, with an average rating, out of 27 schools, at the November 7 meet at Hillsborough High School.

The Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, which evaluates schools in order to accredit or re-accredit them, has decided to evaluate itself. Dr. David Heinlein is on the Middle States Study Steering Committee, the committee in charge of delving

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New "critics" course rates good review from Prep participants

by Terry Dunn

"A tough, realistic look at American capitalism and at the revolutionary political doctrines which have been proposed as alternatives to it." This is how Professor William T. Daley describes the college course he is teaching through New Jersey's public television network.

Ten Prep students are enrolled in this course which is called "America and Her Critics in Historical Perspective: The Major Political Doctrines of the 20th Century." The class meets at 12:30 every Tuesday and Thursday in the Conference Room.

The course consists of 26 half-hour lectures running from October 2nd to January 22nd.

Despite the heavy reading requirements, student reaction to this new offering has been very favorable. Professor Daley's teaching approach and his sense of humor are often cited as features which students appreciate. They can also personally discuss their work with Professor Daley by

calling him at his office after each lecture at a toll-free number.

Grades for the course will be based on a mid-term exam which was given in November, and a final exam to be given on January 28.

School policy discussed during series of forums

During the past month, several open meetings have been held to air and discuss questions that have been raised concerning various school policies. One meeting in particular, held on November 18 at Prep, had a large turnout of Upper and Lower School parents, teachers, administrators, and students.

Dr. Heinlein gave an opening address. He then asked those present to split up into groups to discuss several papers handed out to all dealing with the objectives, resources, purposes, and nature of Rutgers Prep. However, many of the discussion groups chose instead to talk about various issues related to the school.

Several groups discussed the "growing gap between the Upper and Lower Schools". Some Lower School teachers stated that the announcement of the leave of absence agreement that was made between the Board of Trustees and Mrs. Dixon, former Lower School Principal, took them completely by surprise. Several teachers felt that the Lower School faculty

Exciting tours planned to Greece or to Spain

by Elizabeth Pickar

Mr. Bianchi, who has in-depth knowledge of ancient and present Greek civilization, will chaperone the Greece trip, and Mrs. Bianchi and Mrs. Herzberg will join if the number of students requires more than one chaperone. In Greece, the group will be staying in Athens, traveling in the city and taking one-day excursions to some of the sights of the country.

Athens offers such valuable insights into history as the Acropolis, the Temple of Olympian Zeus, and the Royal Palace. There will be one day trips to Corinth, Mycenae and Epidaurus, and to Cape Sounion, where the group will see the Temple of Poseidon and go swimming in the Mediterranean, if they have the courage to brave the early season chill. One day will be spent at Delphi, seeing the Temple of Apollo, the Athenian Treasury, an archeological mus-

eum, and, on the way back, the monastery of Ossios Lucas. A Greek Island cruise to Hydra and Aegina is an added attraction to this trip. During one night, the group will see the "Sound and Light" Show, which will give them a beautifully dramatic picture of Athens' history.

Mr. and Mrs. Reed Roberts will be chaperoning the trip to Spain, spending time in Madrid, Seville and Torremolinos. Five days will be spent seeing Madrid and going on one-day excursions. Cervantes Memorial, the Prado Museum, the Royal Palace, the Plaza de la Corte, as well as an optional bull-fight are some of the spectacular sights that Madrid offers. On a one-day excursion to Toledo the group will stop at a museum, built in El Greco's honor, a synagogue, a cathedral, ruins of Alcanzar and Santo Tome. They will also spend one day touring El Escorial and the Valley of the Fallen, where they will see the Basilica, the Capitular Halls, and others.

The two days spent in Seville, will be occupied by tours of the beautiful city, stopping at Giralda Tower, the Cathedral, the Alcazar and other important features of Seville. The last two and one half days will be spent in Torremolinos, where the group will relax in the warm climate and swim in the Mediterranean Sea.

Privileges aren't for all seniors

by Mara Miesniak

It took numerous meetings and several petitions, but the senior class finally acquired senior privileges on Wednesday, Nov. 14. Several members of the class formed a Senior Privileges Committee which worked in close cooperation with the faculty and the administration in working out a suitable plan for carrying out these privileges.

Some rules had to be set up to insure proper use of the privileges. For example, not all seniors are entitled to privileges; only those in "good standing" (achieving a minimum grade of 70 in each academic course) may benefit from them.

Seniors "in good standing" may sign out from regularly scheduled study halls to use the Senior Room, Senior Circle, Library, Fieldhouse, or Baldwin Hall. There are proctors in these study halls (Sharon Stern, Oscar Sistrunk, Nancy Bucca and Jeff Weinstein) who enforce the appropriate rules and regulations involved in signing out.

They, along with the Discipline Committee and other members of the Senior Privileges Committee, may at any time revoke privileges if they feel it is warranted. Hopefully, the seniors will take advantage of their privileges without abusing them. It would be even more fortunate if these privileges provided incentive to work for those students whose academic records are lacking.



Mr. Chamides represents the Concerned Parents at P.A. meeting.

Prep will host two girls from overseas countries

This year great success and enthusiasm has been marked by Prep's participation in the World Youth Forum. In the beginning of 1974 two students from foreign countries will join us and become an important part in the school activities. The girls who have agreed to be hostesses are Joanne Mandell, a freshman and Janet Berkowitz, a sophomore. They requested girls from Switzerland and the Netherlands, which they will most likely receive.

The World Youth Forum has revised their program a bit this year by extending the exchange students' visit to 24 days instead of 21 days as in the past. This will allow an extra weekend for sightseeing and farewell parties. Thursdays of each week of the student's stay will be set aside for seminars with the Forum and Tuesdays are devoted to a group activities in New York City. Other activities include a seminar program. There are five units this year with three sessions each attended by delegates which Dr. Heinlein and Frau Rooda selected. The first topic was an interesting lecture on "World Order: War and Peace." Among other topics to be discussed in the future are "The Search for Ethics in an Imperfect World" and "Implications of Technology for the Future." These discussions expose students to the new growing atmosphere of internationalism.



The annual senior-faculty football game resulted in another victory for the old men, 13-7.

Editorials

Academic emphasis

At a recent Academic Advisory Committee meeting, a major discussion topic was whether or not too little emphasis is placed on academics at Rutgers Prep. This subject was brought up because many people have casually branded Prep a "jock" school for some time. This label, however, is without foundation.

In deciding whether or not Prep is a "jock" school, one must know just what constitutes such a school. The term "jock" does not denote simply the presence of athletic activity. It refers to a specific attitude towards athletics. A "jock" school is one in which the majority of the students consider athletics to be more important than academic studies.

In light of this definition, it is easy to see that Prep is not a "jock" school. Although many students participate in athletics, most "jocks" also care about their academic courses and do study. This is quite evident when athletic prizes are awarded. Some of Prep's finest and most respected athletes are also some of our finest and most respected scholars.

A few in the school community have commented that too much emphasis is placed on rewarding outstanding athletes and too little on rewarding students of high academic achievement. Prep students have enjoyed frequent public citation for athletic achievement because they are more relaxed about receiving it than they are about receiving public citation for scholastic achievement. There is a reserved dignity about academic study. One studies to learn and for one's own satisfaction. Awarding pins or reading aloud the honor roll, as some have suggested, would demean the academic achievement of the students involved.

We must continue to study, not for an award, but for the betterment of ourselves and our world. Prep's present policy of quietly listing honorable achievement by students each quarter and awarding scholastic prizes at the end of each school year preserves the respect that has always been accorded academic achievement.

Vaults, floors, beams and bars highlight gymnastic exhibition

by Vicki Banko

On November 16, the Willmoo School of Gymnastics, from Willingboro, New Jersey, gave an exhibition of gymnastics, a rapidly growing sport at Prep. The coach of the team, Mrs. Lois Musgrave explained that the school was started after the 1968 Olympics. It consists of 18 girls, ranging from eight to sixteen. Some are from the New Jersey State Gymnastic team. They practice fifteen hours each week.

The exhibition began with a warm-up routine set to music. Exercises to stretch and loosen the muscles were combined with ballet movements. Mrs. Musgrave said that her daughter choreographs the dance routines for the team.

The younger members of the team demonstrated some basic vaults, while Mrs. Musgrave explained them. The older girls did some advanced vaults, including handstands and yamashitas.

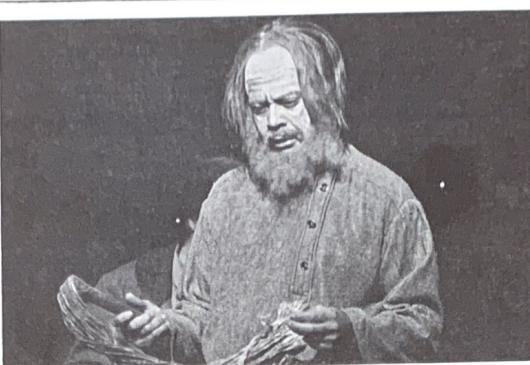
After the vaulting, the girls performed the beginner, intermediate, and advanced compulsory routines on the balance beam, uneven parallel bars, and floor exercise. Compulsory routines, Mrs. Musgrave explained, are mandatory exercises that every gymnastic competitor

must perform, since they constitute 50% of the total score.

The girls then performed optional routines. A routine in floor exercise is always set to music; the music is chosen by each girl, and it usually reflects her personality. An advanced beam routine must contain certain skills, including a jump, a half turn, and a handstand, all on a four-inch piece of wood.

The evening was enjoyable and informative. Hopefully, this exhibition will spark further interest in gymnastics, and help to expand this sport at Prep.

Thomas Booth accompanied Mr. Pierson on piano during his Prep "concert". Mr. Booth is a conductor in the Metropolitan area. The program started with an explanation of the plot of "The Marriage of Figaro".



This is Mr. Pierson as he appears in "Katerina Ismailova." Photo by Beth Bergman.

Ed Pierson performs, brings opera to Prep

by Mark Schwartz

With a sudden rush of music, Mr. Edward Pierson bounded upon the stage, singing a passage from Mozart's opera, "The Marriage of Figaro". Both have the same characters. The roles of Figaro, Dr. Bartolo, and Don Curzio are the male leads all sung by a baritone or what is called a "character singer". Mr. Pierson in narrating the story interested the singing of these roles.

Mr. Pierson, a baritone, sings with the Opera Company seven months a year. He spends the other five months giving concerts, orchestra dates, and doing summer stock. He is also a member of an organization called Affiliate Artists, a New York City-based group designed to circulate the arts around the country.

Originally from Chicago, Mr. Pierson came here eight years ago after twelve-year career teaching art and music in a high school. During those years, he also took vocal lessons in the area.

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Construction stops

by Amy Borrus

Although construction began in September on the new Middle School wing, you may have noticed the absence of builders and a halt in construction in the past few weeks. This is due to new building regulations included in a zoning change in Franklin Township.

About a year ago, a new master plan for Franklin Township was drawn up.

The area in which Prep is situated was previously zoned for industry but became a residential zone in the new master plan.

The township wanted to discourage people from starting private schools in their homes - beauty and ballet schools, for example.

Therefore, the new zoning laws declared all non-public schools to be nonconforming to the law.

This means that a private school in a residential area of Franklin Township must apply for a variance in order to enlarge its building because such a change would be an increase in the nonconformity of the institution.

However, Prep was unaware of these regulations of the new zoning change, until a few weeks ago. In accordance, the school has begun to take the steps necessary to obtain a variance. Dr. Heinlein reports that we have already cleared the Planning Board. On November 29, the school went before the Zoning Board of Adjustment. If the Zoning Board gives its approval, Prep will go before the Township Council on December 13 for final approval. Then, if approved, we will receive a variance and construction will be able to continue. As of now, the foundation and installation of plumbing for the addition are complete.

advisor Mrs. Herzberg, along with Dr. Heinlein believes that the delay will not prevent the new wing from being ready for use during the '74-'75 school year.

"Day for Night" is a French film with English subtitles. Usually, one thinks of ethereal garbage when thinking of foreign films. "Day for Night" isn't along those lines. It is a delightfully entertaining satire on movie making, fast and funny, and also a complex achievement. The film gives insight into the lives of moviemakers, capturing the "craziness" of it.

Jacqueline Bisset is excellent in the emotional, nervous star. Jean-Pierre Leaud is funny as the leading man and Valentine Lortere delivers a strong performance as the fading actress. The supporting cast is excellent.

François Truffaut directed and acted in it as the director. His direction makes this movie a tribute to film-making as an art and a business rather than an acetic satire.

I recommend "Day for Night" to everyone. I especially recommend it to French students, who will find comprehension of spoken French a satisfying reason for all those years of toil towards this goal. Finally, it's great for those interested in film making itself.

Prep curtails

energy usage

by Amy Borrus

In the wake of the recently announced fuel shortage, Dr. Heinlein has reported that several conservation steps are being taken.

The boiler room temperature of the water in Prep's pipes, previously kept at 180 degrees F., has been cut to 160 degrees F.

Most modern heating systems heat the fresh air before it circulates. Prep is now using little outdoor (fresh) air so that the auxiliary system does not run as much as it used to.

Another reduction measure is an earlier switch to nighttime heating. Previously, at 5:30 p.m., when most or all Prep personnel have left the building, the school would go on a nighttime heating system. This meant an 8 degree drop in the temperature of the building. However, the switchover time is now 3:30 p.m. Presently, the school is on daytime heating for nine hours instead of the previous eleven hours each day.

A cutback in lighting is also reported. The school is trying to use half of the lights in the corridors and in the gym. Basketball games scheduled for the evening may be rescheduled for the afternoons in an effort to cut down on energy being used for lighting. Four games would be affected.

All are urged to cooperate with the energy conservation measures being taken at Prep by remembering to turn off the lights in empty classrooms.

Argo apologizes

The Argo apologizes to the following people for misspelling their names in the November 6, 1973 issue: Lisa Gibbs, Peter Namen, Merle Witkin, and Lynda Silverman. Apologies are also extended to Mrs. Antin, Jill Roberts, and the seventh grade. Mrs. Antin is a Lower School history teacher, not an art teacher as was previously reported. Jill Roberts' name was inadvertently omitted from a list of National Merit Letter of Commendation winners. A photograph of seventh grade students was mistakenly reported to be one of fifth graders.

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Sophomores Liz Pickar and Rob Weiss view Mayor Daley and Hugh Hefner on Chicago's Michigan Avenue.

"Junk" art exhibit captivates students

by Andy Golden

Recently, several Prep classes had the interesting experience of visiting "The Ruckus World of Red Grooms", a multi-media exhibit in the Rutgers University Art Gallery.

Red Grooms' works are collages that range from two-dimensional to three-dimensional construction to films and live performance. The construction of these multi-media collages utilizes the art forms of painting and sculpture, with the influence of the theatre, cinema, and circus. The most amazing thing about the Red Grooms works is the materials from which they are constructed. Most are typical "junk" items; odds and ends one could find lying around the house.

The exhibition at the Rutgers University Art Gallery focused primarily on Grooms' large environments. The most notable of these is an enormous painted sculpture creation entitled, "The Astronauts". Competed in 1971, it consists of two figures in full costume for spacial exploration, a lunar rover, and various odds and ends in front of a lunar background. The figures, although out of proportion and extremely large, give a realistic impression of astronauts with their complicated gear exploring the moon.

Another environmental piece is Grooms' depiction of that classic modern-American institution, the discount store. Inside "The Discount Store", which was completed in 1970, one finds displays of merchandise ranging from flower seeds to household appliances to guns. At various places around

the "store", are lifesize figures of shoppers of all ages, salesmen, and check-out girls.

The last environmental composition is several three-dimensional scenes comprising "The City of Chicago", constructed in 1968. The various scenes document Chicago's past and present. One piece that attracted much attention is a three-dimensional construction of Chicago's Michigan Avenue highlighted by the figures of Mayor Richard Daley and Hugh Hefner which are the size of the skyscrapers in the scene.

Besides the large environments, the show also exhibited various smaller pieces. Several deal with theatrical scenes. Others are of street scenes. Along with these, there are paper movie facades. Like Groom's larger creations, they are characterized by splashy coloring, extreme use of detail, and comic distortion of the real.

Most Prep students and faculty enjoyed the exhibit at Rutgers

which was appealing to viewers of all ages. Although the show is no longer housed in the University's Art Gallery, those interested in seeing it may do so at the New York Cultural Center in New York, where it is on display from December 5, 1973 through January 20, 1974.



Sophomore Peter Weprinsky compares heights with a discount store "customer."



A train and track ran above part of the "City of Chicago" display.



Freshman Andy Golden shakes hands with a sculpture of Rembrandt's "Mrs. Rembrandt" looks on.



Above is an oversized figure from Red Grooms' "The Astronauts".

"Sunflower", the new solo album by Jackson, highlights his talents

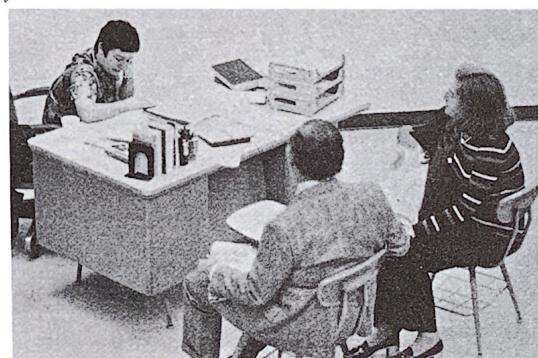
by Mark Schwartz

If you haven't heard Milt Jackson play vibes, then now's the time. His latest solo effort, entitled "Sunflower," highlights this talented player out of his usual environs. Although he has played for fifteen years with the Modern Jazz Quartet, Jackson is in a totally different musical surrounding in this album.

The core of musicians working with him include Herbie Hancock on piano, Ron Carter on bass, Billy Cobham on drums, and Freddie Hubbard playing trumpet. In addition are violins, guitar, percussion, English horn, clarinets, cello, and harp. At times this somewhat orchestral setup tends to lend a note of Mantovani or Muzak with its wistful interludes into an already mellow mood.

The album comprises only four tunes, but all are long. They were arranged and conducted by Don Sebesky, who has been doing a lot of the current jazz orchestration. All the improvs were excellent, especially Freddie Hubbard's solos. Jay Berliner takes a beautiful acoustic solo on the first cut.

Of course, Jackson was excellent, always tasteful and clever. Even the use of echo and tremolo was well-done, something I've never liked on a vibe. There was one drawback, though. Billy Cobham tended to be much too obtrusive and loud. He ought to stick to Mahavishnu instead. However, the record was too good to take notice of this only drawback. If you've never been interested in jazz albums this one will change your mind.



Mrs. Herzberg discusses a student's progress with parents during one of the recent parent-teacher conference nights.

The check was presented to Mrs. Von Der Porten in October, 1973.

For the past few years the school has been able to purchase very few books for the library. Most of the new books received were gifts. Additional books and library equipment, which we were to receive under the state aid program, were paid for by the school because of the court ruling which recognized this aid to pri-

vate schools as unconstitutional.

Books to be purchased with the recently received money have been ordered. About forty books and many pamphlets on art, music, religion and ancient history will be awaited anxiously.

A project such as the one Mrs. Banco took part in is encouraged for everyone. The school certainly appreciates the efforts and thoughtfulness on the part of Mrs. Banco.

Parent's efforts help buy books

by Leva Miesnieks

The library, which has been in great need of new books for the past few years, has recently received two hundred dollars with which it will purchase additional books. The money is the result of an individual project by Mrs. Banco, the mother of Prep sophomore Victoria Banco.

Mrs. Banco has been working in the library once a month for the past two years, and after seeing and realizing the conditions and factors limiting the purchase of new books, she decided that some action must be taken. Consequently, over the summer Mrs. Banco collected money from friends and acquaintances whenever she could. Contributions ranged from fifty cents to ten dollars, and it is estimated that one hundred people took part in the donations.



Buddy Frezza starts students out young to make a good wrestling team.

Wrestling team has look of a winning season

by Rory O'Connell

Both Mr. Frezza and Mr. Iacono agreed that the outlook for the '73-'74 Wrestling Team is extremely promising. Buddy Frezza, in his fourth year of varsity coaching feels, "during my years at Prep, I have not had the quality of wrestlers that I have now. I will be very disappointed if we do not have a winning season..."

One major attribute to the optimism of these two coaches is the addition of Piscataway transfer, Junior Doug "Flash" Jones. Wrestling in the 122 lb. weight class, "Doug should not lose a meet this year." Returning stars from last year are Sophomore Paul Grippo, Junior Duane Kitzis, and Senior Steve Patron.

Paul Grippo, wrestling in the same weight class as last year, 101 lbs., is also expected to win consistently for he received third place honors in the state meet last year. Duane Kitzis, who had a very good personal record last year, is wrestling at 135 lbs. for the third year in a row. Senior Captain Steve Patron, in the 167 lbs., is also in his third year of varsity wrestling.

A probable starter at 115 lbs. is sophomore Robert Weiss. Bobby, in his second year on the varsity

team, has tremendous quickness and agility. At 108 lbs., Freshman Edwin Jones has all the credentials of an eventual all-state. A newcomer, Soph Jay Goldman, is also a possible starter at 108 lbs. depending upon whether Ed James can make weight.

In the heavier classes, Joe Yurcisin at 141 lbs., is a first year man, but he has shown the determination that has made his coaches believe in him. At 148, Freshman Peter Pih is depended upon heavily by Mr. Frezza. Peter placed second in the state last year in junior high school competition.

The 158 lbs. class has been grabbed by freshman Tony Jones, a first year man with great strength. The 178 lb. class is presently vacant, but will be filled by eighth grader, Brandt Nako, who will "give up" close to 20 lbs. to his opponent. Rounding off the squad is Richard Varneski at heavyweight, a new Prepter this year. Mr. Frezza feels, "Rich has the most experience and ability of any heavyweight I've had."

The individual potential of the wrestlers have given Mr. Frezza and Mr. Iacono good reason to anticipate a successful season.

Mark My Words

by Mark Hyman

The Academic and Athletic Communities

In recent years, as I've become increasingly involved in Rutgers Prep athletics, I've also become aware of a feeling of animosity between the athletic and academic communities.

By no means does every teacher have a bone to pick with the athletic department and vice versa. But undoubtedly there are a great many teachers who feel the teaching of their students is being hindered by after school athletic responsibilities.

These teachers have no complaints about student attendance at after school conferences. On the contrary, the athletic department makes sure their schedule does not interfere with that responsibility. What some of the faculty does resent, is the way the fall, winter, and spring schedules have been packed; thus severely limiting the number of trips classes may take.

A graphic illustration of this problem arose recently when the news of the European trips sponsored by the Parents Association broke. As might be expected, the trips, scheduled for Easter Vacation, ran into some rough going when it was discovered that among others, the Varsity Baseball team had three games slated for that week. I became particularly interested in the problem when I realized I'd have to choose between a trip to Spain or a responsibility to a team. It seems to me a student shouldn't have to be subjected to such a choice.

In all fairness, the Athletic Department was never consulted as to the feasibility of such a trip. Absolutely no effort was made by the Parents Association to cooperate in the selection of these dates.

This in essence is what I object to. To me, those individuals who brand Prep as a "jock" school base their criticism on little fact. And by the same token, those who feel we at Prep are overly concerned with academics are also not attuned to the situation.

In my opinion, the real problem between the academic and athletic communities is a lack of cooperation. I don't think it is possible or fair to brand one side or the other as the guilty party, but somewhere along the line, these two groups have got to get together. I've seen it happen too many times. Perhaps the worst part of all is that time and time again, the person who ends up losing in the deal is the student.

Varsity basketball heads for a winning season with valuable experience and some new talent

by Mark Hyman

With a squad which in Mr. O'Connell's words "Has more overall talent than ever before," the Varsity Basketball Team looks to be heading for another winning season.

Although the team has been hurt by the loss of superstar Paul Smith, it figures to be almost as good. Leading the returnees are senior captain Jeff Miklos, Eric Weitzen, and Rand Laden. Miklos who has a chance to go over 1,000 points (606 to date) was termed by O'Connell as an "excellent shooter." O'Connell went on to say "He is a very valuable to us because he is our only player with a substantial amount of varsity experience." In addition, Juniors Rory O'Connell and Bob Vosbrinck who saw limited varsity action last year, will also play key roles.

A tremendous influx of new talent also figures prominently in the team's plays. Junior Dave Rockhill and Sophomores Nate Mullins and Todd Milligan look to be top candidates in the front court while Junior Jim Romano could capture a guard spot. Rounding out this year's squad are Seniors Wayne Passoff, John Smutko, Wal-

ter Deutsch, Junior Al Archer and Sophomore Mark Roskey.

Coach O'Connell feels this year's team is superior to those in past years for two seasons. Number one is the size of the squad. With Mullins, Milligan, Miklos, Roskey, Vosbrinck, and Passoff all well over six foot, it is not only conceivable but likely that four out of five starters will be of the six foot variety. Number two is the number of people on the squad who are capable of doing the job. O'Connell stated "I have nine guys on my team that I would not hesitate in using in any situation." He went

on to say, "In my twenty years at Prep, I've never had that many quality ball players on my squad."

O'Connell sees this year's schedule as a tough one. He stated, "with the exception of Highland Park and Admiral Farragut, we're playing just about the same schedule as last year. But the majority of these teams are improved."

The 1973-74 basketball team looks to be headed for another successful season. Although there will be many new faces on the floor, one characteristic of Rutgers Prep Basketball will be left unchanged. Success.



Rory O'Connell shoots for two at a recent scrimmage against Pingry School.

Promising future

for swimming team

by Marty Horowitz

Although weakened by the graduation of four of last year's top swimmers, The Varsity Swimming Team looks to be one of the most competitive groups in recent years. Directed by their mentor, Coach Bob Fenstermaker, the Swimmers hope to overcome their short-comings with dedication and desire.

This year's Team is led by Senior Marc Baldinger. Baldinger, now entering his fourth year of varsity competition, will team with Sophomore Charlie Daniels in the Freestyle Sprint and other long distance events.

Coach Fenstermaker looks for great improvement from Junior Jeff Schwartz. Jeff, the most improved swimmer from last year's squad will be swimming mostly all

Freestyle Sprints and Relays. Terry Dunn, another Junior, attended a summer camp to improve his skills. He will be swimming the Breast stroke and Individual Medley which consists of all strokes. Matt Chibbaro, Sophomore will be the man Coach Fenstermaker looks to in the Butterfly.

These five swimmers (Baldinger, Schwartz, Chibbaro, Daniels, and Dunn) will make up the backbone of the squad. They will be carrying most of the burden. Other swimmers on the team are: Juniors Jim Kane, Joe Butkus, and John Patt, Sophomores Tom Flynn and Gary Brown, Freshman Robert

Basketballers look to best '72 record

by Mark Hyman

With a group of young and unexperienced boys, the Seventh and Eighth grade basketball team is looking to match last year's 7-4 record.

Coach Rick Iacono feels "The lack of experience will hurt." But he is confident that as the season progresses, the team's performance will improve. The squad, which for the first time will include sixth graders, consists of Eighth graders — Jack Kripsak, Matt Busch, Willie Jasionowski, Danny Danzic, Mark Sherman, James Krauser, Steven Roth, Ed Pierson, and Andy Sesser, Seventh graders Jack Guarino, Chris Harter, Leo Kahn, John Sinuk, Howard Lipp, John Kocsis and Richard Haver and Sixth graders Jeff Kronssaat, Peter Brenner and David Csik.

Iacono feels his starting five are fairly well set with Guarino and Harter at the guards, Busch and Kahn up front and Jack Kripsak in the middle. Kripsak, termed by Coach Iacono as "The best player I've got" has a good attitude and could be a key to the team's success.

Murray, Roman, Bukachevsky, Bruce Baldinger, Ricky Zankel and Don Weiner and Eighth Graders Phil Brenner, Doug Stahl, and Jon Strassberg.

The Team's competition this year will be challenging. The tougher opponents (mainly public schools) are Bridgewater East, West, and Somerville. The first meet, on Dec. 14 against Bridgewater West will be very important. It will be one of the Teams toughest meets.

Gymnast duo places up top

by Meredith Perl

Two Lower School students competed in the fourth annual Gymnastics Novice Meet at the Hartridge School. Tara O'Connell, a fifth grader placed fifteenth in the floor exercises while Seventh grader Kathi Klein placed seventh on the balance beam. The meet, whose participants had never previously won a medal for gymnastics, included 175 girls from throughout the state.

This year's gymnastic program at Prep, coached by Miss Sherry Cardella will be divided into two groups: the Elites for girls whose skills are more advanced and the Novices for beginners. Members of this year's elite team are Meg Bloom, Nina Chanin, Kathi Klein, Sara Merians, Tara O'Connell, Melissa Rodriguez, Debbie Sirkin, Jackie Weitzen, Jill Roberts and Nancy Bucca. The team's schedule consists of a meet in December against Highland Park and the New Jersey State Championship in January.

The Novices do not have a schedule as yet but definitely will compete in the New Jersey Gymnastics Association for Gymnasts age nine and under.