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Cum Laude Society travels to Maryland for conference

by Judy Clancy

On April 16, a group of four students, Ryan Lore, Rebecca Kaizerman, Anick Jesdanun, and Mark Eisenberg, with Mrs. Lange attended a two day Tri-centennial Cum Laude Conference held in Baltimore, Maryland.

The group left from Metro Park at 7 a.m. on Thursday, April 16, and arrived in Baltimore at 10 a.m. The conference started off with lunch and after the meal the

students and faculty advisors from 47 chapters of Cum Laude from all across the US listened to a speaker who discussed "Excellence in Education". Following that speaker, the President of Notre Dame spoke about "Having faith in yourself". After dinner yet another speech was heard.

Following the speeches, the faculty advisors and students broke up into different groups, while the students divided further

into two other groups. One of the two groups discussed what the members should do after being elected, and the other discussed the requirements of the Cum Laude Society.

The first event on Friday morning was a series of speeches to be given by a few students from each of the groups, they had to speak about their ideas and suggestions on the topic of their individual groups. Rebecca and Mark both agreed to participate by speaking primarily about what they felt the requirements of Cum Laude should be for future members. This was a great honor because only four students from each of the two groups were selected. The final event on Friday, the last day of the conference, was a speech given on "Human Destiny".

Only 47 out of 320 chapters throughout the US attended this conference. Since it takes place only every three years, the students were delighted to be able to attend. The trip itself was financed by contributions from the administration, the Parents Association and the School Council.



The 1987 Cum Laude Society

'Exile' wins Battle of the Bands

by Melanie Dever

On Friday, May 22, the sophomore class put on Rutgers Prep's first "Battle of the Bands". The idea for this was first brought up at a sophomore class meeting. Despite some initial skepticism on the part of some members of the class, it was decided that this extraordinary event should take place. Enthusiasm soon built up as preparations began at once. In just two weeks, committee members Brian Hostinski, Jim Fox (in charge of Tech), Drew Rosenzweig, Sara Schwartz, Caroline Pozycski, Melanie Dever, Russ Schoening, Debbi Balsam, Alissa Hauser and Jon Davidson managed to pull together the lighting, sound and other technical aspects of the event.

On the day of the performance, each band was allotted 4-5 minutes to set up and play. The bands were judged on a scale of 1 to 10 in 5 categories: audience response, skill, stage presence, organization, and originality. The judges included members of each of the classes, as well as members of the faculty.

Though originally four bands were scheduled to play, due to illness, one band was forced to drop out of the competition. The three remaining bands were Debbi Balsam's band - Toddler

Box, Brian Hostinski's and Russell Schoening's band - Exile, and Jon Davidson's band - A Clockwork Orange, a group already known by Prepsters because of the performance given at the Creative Arts Festival.

Aloha, Prep!

by Tony Foleno

On Friday, May 15, Prep celebrated Hawaiian Day. This gala event was sponsored and planned by the School Council. Students dressed down and donned tropical fashions, as many tacky, flowered Hawaiian shirts could be seen in the hallways. The first half of the day was devoted to the regular class schedule, with the exception of period one which was replaced by period seven.

However, the fun soon began around 1:30. At that time, everyone went down to the field house and lower fields to attend a cookout and other activities. Most students shed their jeans to put on shorts because though the day was overcast, it was humid.

Both faculty and students worked the grills to make hotdogs and hamburgers, with sodas being served on the side.

Council hired a disc jockey to play some tunes to add to the fun. Playing a wide variety of popular rock and roll, the DJ received the compliments of the picnickers, though the music was diverse. Many students exhibited their appreciation for the music by dancing.

Almost all of the students were involved in some activity. Among the more popular games were volleyball, frisbee throwing, and wild water fights that resulted in the drenching of many students. But, that soon changed as a sudden rain shower left everyone running helter-skelter for shelter. As the rain began at 2:30, a hasty clean-up was made even as the downpour continued.

Despite the rain, the Hawaiian Day activities had been fun - a welcome break to the school day routine. The people who put the entire event together deserve praise for the effort and time they put into this day to make it a success.

AIDS program

The AIDS virus has affected so many people, especially in the United States, that health authorities are attempting to educate young students in order to control this dreaded disease. Recently, some of the members of the Rutgers Prep administration have formed a committee. This committee's intention is to set up a program which will not only educate students about the disease through speakers, but also through visual aids, such as posters and movies. This special committee includes Mr. Forney, Mrs. Lair, Mrs. Halpern and Mr. Levinson.

Mrs. Lair and Mr. Levinson are both attempting to contact some expert speakers on AIDS who travel to schools and businesses around the community to give their professional advice and expose some myths about the disease. This program is called the AIDS Outreach Program, and it is in such demand that it is very difficult to get advance reservations for speakers to come. However, Mr. Levinson and Mrs. Lair are still trying to set up a firm program which will definitely get started in this coming September.

Despite the administration's efforts to educate the students, Mr. Levinson added that he also wanted parents to get involved and be informed about AIDS because this dangerous disease has been affecting a tremendous number of people in the U.S. Early prevention is a definite key to controlling this disease and the administration has taken the responsibility of urging certain precautions through the hanging of posters which depict the danger of sharing needles. In addition, in the Physical Education classes, a day was set aside where boys and girls, separately, discussed the facts and myths concerning AIDS. This provided an exchange of important ideas and concerns, and exposed a fear of contracting the virus. Because of these discussion groups, the Phys Ed teachers were able to clear up the many false illusions that students had, establishing important facts that otherwise would not have been conveyed.

As mentioned before, the AIDS program will be underway this coming September. Mr. Levinson agrees that an early start in the educational aspect of AIDS will mean early prevention, while students will realize the extensive damage this disease is creating in the lives of all.

Model U.N. Trip to N.Y.

by Russell Wojtenko

On April 14, 1987, the Model United Nations Club took part in

the National High School Model United Nations in New York City. This year, the students represented two countries, Niger and the Philippines. They attended committee meetings where they were to solve several world problems, such as foreign intervention in sovereign nations, apartheid, chemical weapons, terrorism, and weapons in outer space.

Upon arrival in New York City, the students attended the Opening Sessions in the United Nations General Assembly Meeting. In the first of six long committee meetings, delegates broke up into blocs of countries, so that groups of countries with similar policies could work together to prepare resolutions that would attempt to solve world problems.

On the second day, the students attended a meeting at the Philippine embassy to learn about the

United Nations and Philippine policy. Students asked questions so they could properly represent the Philippine policies in committee sessions.

On the final day, the delegates met in the United Nations in a general session. Here, the delegates voted on several of the resolutions passed in the committees. After general session, closing ceremony and awards were held in the United Nations General Assembly Hall. All of the students who participated in Model UN agree that this was a valuable experience for trying to understand world problems today.

Advisors to the Model United Nations Club, Mrs. Dutta and Mrs. Wacker both found the behavior of the group exemplary and wait to find out the results of a poll taken of the participating students.



Editorial

by Heather Rotter

In the beginning of the year a friend of mine headed to the Middle School after lunch and I asked where she was going. She said "band" and disappeared into a room I hadn't seen the inside of since freshman year Western Civ. Months later Mrs. Engel stood in front of our morning assembly and introduced herself as a music teacher at Prep—then she went on to explain the music offerings that would be available during course selection. Until the Creative Arts Festival many Upper Schoolers had never seen Mr. Niederle. Why this ignorance towards the music department?

When the now graduating seniors were freshmen, Chorus was a course everyone took. Quiet study hall in Baldwin Hall was next to impossible because of the singing from Mr. Picken's room next door. The Chorus competed and traveled to Washington D.C. Since then it seems the number of people involved has declined.

I spoke to Ms. Engel and she offered the Middle School as an example of how she and Mr. Niederle hope the program will expand in the Upper School. Three years ago when she arrived one quarter of the Middle School was involved in chorus. This year EVERY student has at least a quarter of music: there are five performing singing groups, and two performing instrumentals.

This year chorus was offered to the Upper School, the sign-up was a healthy twenty-five, but because of many scheduling problems it was cancelled. The instrumental group from the Upper School involved approximately thirteen people. This group should stay strong, with only one graduating senior. Ms. Engel is hopeful about next year's music theory course which had about twenty people sign-up - much more than she expected.

With teachers willing to give up their free periods to small choral groups of three or more to keep Prep's musically inclined population going, why is the department receiving so little attention. The Creative Arts Festival brought music to the Upper School with solo performances and the "Battle of the Bands" as well as the more recent 'Battle'. With the Fine Arts requirement it seems that the visual arts classes are growing in size, but the music classes are not. Perhaps some of this is due to the increasing size of Drama which also fills the requirement, and has met with great success this year. Or maybe it's because the Upper School just doesn't get down to the Middle School located music rooms. Performing groups can only build on themselves. To have a Chorus that can compete and travel, you first need the strong enrollment and dedication. If the Upper School can follow the path set by the Middle School maybe we can regain a music program that can start to tap the enthusiasm of the Music Department.

Goetz was wrong to defend himself

by Tony Foleno

The issues surrounding the actions and trial of Bernard Goetz should be, by modern media standards, "old news"; yet coverage of Goetz that started last year has not let up. The reason that Goetz's situation has reappeared again in the news is that it is very important and controversial around the New York area. People are taking different stands on the Goetz situation, and will continue to, after the jury's decision. Some feel that Goetz is a trigger-happy vigilante and a menace to society, while the others believe that he acted as a protector of the common person against crime whose actions should be followed by others.

Personally, I believe that Goetz may have acted prematurely and without just cause. Goetz was very defensive while in the subway. He had been mugged before, and as with most victims, it probably was a traumatic experience. He was pushed to the point where he carried an unlicensed, concealed weapon on his person. I believe that he was on edge and very ready for action. The tension from several tough-looking youths asking for five dollars proved to be too much. Goetz was pushed beyond his limits and launched a surprise attack. The fact that he let loose a second bullet on one of the injured youths proves the point that Goetz had not just taken action, but had overreacted. I admit that these young men must have appeared tough and frightening to Goetz, but there are many young New Yorkers, white and black, who appear very tough but do not kill people on subways. The fact that the young men had a record of violence is not a factor, since Goetz acted without the knowledge and gave them no opportunity to start any violent action towards him. Goetz's actions against the youths were based solely on their appearance, manner towards him, and the way they said some unthreatening words. To me, his claim of "self-defense" was a overreaction to the situation he was in, a premature decision that was reached from an exaggeration of his own fears.

The point behind this issue is one which reflects our urban society, whose foundations are built on fear of crime and over-protection of oneself. It sheds a frightening light on the nature of the interrelationships of city dwellers and the violence that can erupt from them. It is a sad statement on a society to say that it contains people willing to sacrifice their freedom for the sake of safety. What will this do to urban crime, if people begin to take their protection into their own hands? Goetz has not been convicted as yet, but the decision of this case will have a continuing affect on those who live in the cities.



I CAN'T DRIVE 55!

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Speed limit must be raised

by Russell Wojtenko

Congress has passed a law that will permit states to increase the speed limit to 65 m.p.h. on rural interstates. Many people have been debating between 55 m.p.h. vs. 65 m.p.h. I'm personally in favor of a 65 m.p.h. speed limit in New Jersey.

The 55 m.p.h. speed limit was initiated because of the oil shortage after the 1973 Arab oil embargo. This measure was one of several measures taken to cope with the oil shortage. Now that the oil shortage has stopped, and people are driving fuel efficient cars, there is no need for the 55 m.p.h. speed limit. Many say that by raising the limit, highway fatalities will increase. Although highway fatalities have decreased since the 55 m.p.h. speed limit went into effect, many other factors may have caused fatality statistic to decrease. One factor was less miles traveled since the oil embargo, especially the number of miles of recreational travel, which is the most dangerous type of travel. Since 1973, safety technology in cars has vastly improved. Most cars today are equipped with power disc brakes, power steering and improved suspensions. All cars since 1973 have improved their seat belts. Extra equip-

ment such as air conditioning and cruise control increase driver comfort and aid in decreasing driver fatigue, which contributes to accidents in long distance driving. Not only are the cars getting better, but so are the roads. Out interstates are designed for 80 m.p.h. travel. We should at least utilize this system by driving legally at 65 m.p.h.

The 65 m.p.h. speed limit will reduce the time spent on the road, which will be more convenient for drivers. Taxpayer's money is wasted on speed enforcement, when the police could better concentrate on catching more drunk drivers, drug pushers, murderers, and other dangerous criminals. The majority of drivers on the road do not travel 55 m.p.h. Personally, when I drive on the Parkway, the Turnpike, or interstates, I drive 55 m.p.h. However, I am always being passed by every car and truck on the road. This causes an unsafe traffic situation.

Nationally statistics show that 75% of drivers on interstates exceed the speed limit. These statistics show that people are not satisfied with the speed limit, and that they want to travel faster.

Reagan has exceeded his limits in the Iran-Contra affair

by Heather Bensko

In the past few months, the government has taken on the air of a three-ring circus in the Iran-Contra affair. It seems to me that government officials take us for ignoramus. The snowball effect is definitely prevalent where lies are concerned. Let's retrace and see how it all started.

testimony displayed the fact that everyone except the President knew. However, recent testimonies show that the President did know but "wasn't violating any laws". It was all legal. According to the Boland amendment, all funds to the Contras should have been cut off between October 1984 and December 1985. Isn't that a law? According to the government system our founding fathers set up, there are three equal balances of power between the legislature, executive, and judiciary. This is so the executive doesn't take power into his own hands. It doesn't seem to be that

the President contacted the other two branches for approval.

This is similar to a situation about fifteen years ago—Watergate. Everyone denied the fact that the President was involved, and soon it was found that he had been involved. He resigned. Is that going to be the case again? We are supposed to learn from our mistakes.

The Contra affair is similar to Vietnam. Then, the U.S. sent millions of dollars to the South Vietnamese to prevent Communist expansion. It was all part of the Cold War. Now that seems to be still going on.

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Abramson, Russell - Northeastern University
 Ackerman, Steven - Tulane University
 Barrack, Craig - Lafayette College
 Berger, Jeffrey - Syracuse University
 Bethel, Kama - Georgetown University
 Bonczek, Lynn - New York University
 Bonner, Christina - University of Arizona
 Bornheimer, Joseph - Swarthmore College
 Braimbridge Dione - Douglass College
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 Costello, Bradford - University of Colorado (Boulder)
 Dahlheimer, Peter - University of Arizona
 Dixon, David - Lafayette College
 Dunigan, Kara - Ursinus College
 Eisenberg, Marc - Columbia College
 Fink, Scott - Tufts University
 Freedman, Stephen - Emory University
 Fuchs, Michael - Wagner College
 Gatto, Michael - University of Michigan
 Goodman, Donna - Philadelphia College of Textiles & Science
 Gottesman, Shari - George Washington University
 Grill, Joshua - undecided
 Gropper, David - University of Hartford
 Group, Matthew - University of Colorado (Boulder)
 Gura, Daniel - Swarthmore College
 Hamelsky, Andrew - Washington University
 Hegedus, Nancy - Muhlenberg College
 Jesdanun, Anick - Swarthmore College
 Jochnau, David - Washington University
 Kaizerman, Rebecca - Rutgers University
 Kong, Steven - Williams College
 Kroop, Sloan - Tufts University

First Senior Class Trip In Years - To Tamiment

For the first time in many years, the Senior class trip finally became a reality. Thanks to the hard work of the class officers and Mrs. Rusyn, on the morning of May 26, sixty-odd seniors and advisors loaded up the busses to head for Tamiment in the Poconos. After an hour and a half long bus ride, the troops arrived, went to their rooms, and had free time until dinner at six. Though the weather was overcast, one group of sporting senior males went off to try their luck at a round of golf. Others went to go size up the indoor tennis courts. Others were seen taking paddle boats out on the lake. A group of girls headed for the sauna, where they shed pounds, and exchanged secrets.

Dinner was sedate, until a

Kuharsky, Paul - Columbia University
 Lager, Julia - University of Wisconsin
 Lair, Phoebe - York College
 Levine, Greg - University of Hartford
 Licht, Scott - Syracuse University
 Lipani, John - Tulane University
 Lore, Ryan - University of Pennsylvania
 Lu, Joanne - Albright College
 Mailman, Melissa - University of Hartford
 Munitz, Jason - University of Rhode Island
 McGuire, Michele - Mt. Holyoke College
 Nacson, Cynthia - Tufts University
 Nathan, Mark - Rutgers University
 Neumaier, Andrea - Williams College
 Patel, Tarak - Rutgers University
 Pincus, Michael - Trenton State College
 Poole, Gregory - Drexel University
 Protopapadakis, Elaine - Rutgers University
 Rosenzweig, Drew - Berklee School of Music
 Roth, Amy - American University
 Rotter, Heather - College of William & Mary
 Salomon, Jean - undecided
 Saltzman, Kristen - Washington University
 Sapiro, Meredith - University of Arizona
 Schoonover, Lauren - College of Boca Raton
 Schwam, David - University of Wisconsin
 Seligman Craig - University of Hartford
 Senoff, Ira - Ithaca College
 Shein, Jennifer - Washington University
 Shore, Heidi - Hartwick College
 Silverman, Lisa - Syracuse University
 ten Broeke, Yannie - Barnard College
 Tse, Richard - Boston University
 Tucker, Jason - Southern Connecticut State University
 Tuckman, Robert - Syracuse University
 Updike, Michael - Boston University
 Wang, Bertrand - Rutgers University
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 Wolff, Adam - Fairleigh Dickinson University



Dinner Honors Scholar Athletes

Two seniors at Prep have been selected to represent Prep at the annual Somerset County Scholar-Athlete awards dinner. Those two students are Kama Bethel and Joe Bornheimer. These students were chosen after votes were taken from both the coaching staff and academic teachers. This honor is to be given to students who have excelled in schoolwork and athletic endeavors.

Kama is the only lifer in this year's senior class. She is a member of the varsity soccer, basketball, and lacrosse teams. Kama plays defense in soccer. Starting since her freshman year, she has always been one of the strongest deterrents for the other team. This year, she was a captain of the team also. Kama also showed her leadership during basketball season. Although she had to sit out most of the season with an ankle injury, she remained a source of inspiration for the girls who continued to play. And though that same injury threatened to keep her out during lacrosse season, Kama rallied back, and went on to be named to the all-star lacrosse team. She was also captain of that team. Kama's academic achievements have been just as impressive. She has been on the honor roll all four years in the Upper School. She has attended the Governor's School, taking a psychology course at Monmouth College.

Joe has shown that he too is able to combine the best of both worlds. Joe was a member of the soccer team, until this year when he decided to start thinking about wrestling earlier in the season. Joe was a captain of the wrestling team this year. Last year, he finished with the highest points on the team. This year, he became the Prep Conference champ in his weight class. He also had an outstanding finish at Nationals. Joe was the outstanding player on this year's team. He also lent a hand to the lacrosse team this Spring, playing defense. Joe has also been on the honor roll at Prep since his freshman year, with many honors and advanced placement classes to his credit. His is a philosophy of getting a job done right, and giving one hundred percent of yourself.

New Peer Leaders Chosen

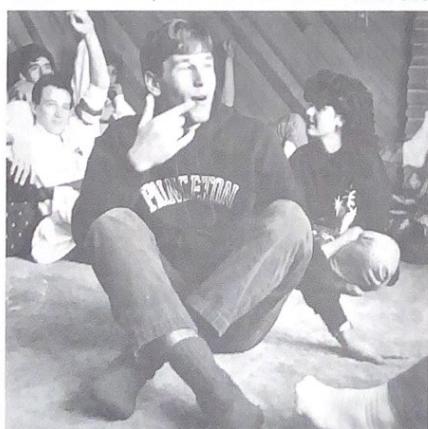
Peer Leadership enters its second year in September with a newly selected group of Peer Leaders. These seniors are selected in the spring of their junior year through a vigorous application process. The candidates this year had to fill out a long application, obtain two recommendations from Prep Staff and go through an informal interview with a current Peer Leader. This was done in hopes of gaining input from every possible source that might be of value to the applicant. The Peer Leadership Selection Committee is a cross section of the entire Prep community, including members of the; Upper, Middle, and Lower School staff, Administration, Coaching Staff, and the Development Office. This committee of ten gets feedback from people not on the committee through two recommendations written by teachers and the one written by the interviewing Peer Leader. The interview by a current Peer Leader was an added requirement this year. The Peer Leaders chosen for the '87-'88 year are: Jeremy Deju, Jordan Friedman, Chris Santi, Larry Hamelsky, Brian Cohen, Bill Slackman, Tim Cirenza, Seth Grumet, Rachel Borah, Judy Clancy, Beth Miller, Justine DeSantis, Elizabeth Schwartz, Missy Betron, Caroline Santowasso, and Denise Goldman.

This year the number of Peer Leaders was to be decreased from 16 to 14. Due to an additional program the eighth pair of co-leaders was needed and the number was set back to 16. The original reason for the decrease was the smaller size of the

upcoming freshman class. Like last year there was to be a group of "new" sophomores. In evaluations of the program done by the freshmen after a year of peer leadership many showed an interest in staying involved in the program. Because of this the program was opened up to them as a voluntary class for "old" sophomores (Peer Leadership is mandatory for all freshmen and "new" sophomores). These sophomores will meet in (old and new) senior led groups once a week. This new aspect enlarged number of sophomores considerably - and created the need for the 16 seniors. This enthusiasm on the part of the freshmen to continue reflects very well on the first year of peer leadership.

The newly chosen seniors had their first meeting with Mr. Levinson and Mrs. Halpern. They were informed about the retreat to Blairstown in August. Another improvement in the program is the retreat has been expanded to two nights, last year was only one and the peer leaders suggested that in the future it be longer to dispel time pressures. The peer leaders were also asked at the meeting to sign a contract agreeing they would not have parties with alcohol during their time as peer leaders because of the example it sets.

To end off the first year of peer leadership the Goodman family has established a Peer Leadership plaque on which the names of the senior peer leaders each year will be engraved and certificates awarded at honors.





GOOD LUCK TO THE CLASS OF '87

The prom - a guy's dilemma

by Keith Hancock

June. The time of the end of school, beautiful weather, birds singing, flowers blooming, everything perfect. Everybody's in a good mood; everyone that is, except those boys who don't have a date for the prom. They're not happy. They're the ones who want to spend hundreds of dollars on tuxedos, shoes, limos, flowers, and pictures of them acting in a generally idiotic manner. They've asked every girl in the Upper School, every girl of reasonable age in their hometown, and still gotten nowhere. I even saw one of them talking to that girl from "The Cosby Show" last week, but I don't think he got up the nerve to ask her. I've also heard that some are going looking out of state, specifically into New York City and downtown Philadelphia. However I don't think that a girl from one of those places would generally be the type you would want to take home to Mom and Dad (well, maybe Dad). But seriously,

if you're not a specific male type, it is extremely difficult to find a date for the prom. Of course, if you really had your heart set on going to the prom, you could probably call one of those dating service places whose numbers are always easily found in such places as New York City restaurants, the inside of NYC phone booths, and some of the more classy places on 42nd Street. But again, you're talking big bucks, and unless you've got something like a willing cousin who obviously doesn't have your last name (wouldn't that be hard to explain to the guys!) you can either A) go to yourself (understandably an unpopular choice), or B) you can spend the night of the prom doing something productive, like studying (so what if school's over, get a jump on next year). Best of luck to you "studs" who are doing some last minute prom date shopping, and I've got one question for any girls reading this article - are you free Monday (June 8th) night?

Senior '87 - Looking Back

by Paul Kuharsky

I was only a student in the upper school for three months when it burned down. Along with the trailers came a year-long debate about wearing sneakers on rainy days. Finally we reached a compromise—on rainy days we would wear rubbers over our shoes. Once this great controversy was resolved, I felt I could move on with my upper school life.

How, looking back after four years of high school and eight years at Prep, I still wonder why such minor issues often turn into extended debates here. Small things like this have always bothered me about Prep's system. The politics of who gets caught with their tie down and who can get away with anything, or the rationales behind teachers stopping a large scale waterfight on Hawaiian day, confuse me as a graduating senior just as much as they did when I was a freshman.

But these things are not the most important aspects of school life at Prep. Academics come first and foremost here, and while I've often been frustrated by the pressure and workload, I honestly feel I'm leaving Prep as well prepared for college as possible.

I can remember nights I got college mail.

Senior Year 1986-87 Many Firsts . . . and Lasts

As a senior, looking back over the past four years is unavoidable, but for the class of '87 looking back at changes doesn't have to go back any further than this last September. The firsts that have piled up this year are things that will always stand out in a history as long as Prep's.

This is the first year we've been in the new building for an entire year. It may not be the year marked down on the records as the year "of the new upper school" but it marks the end of a very special time. The freshmen this year were never given the Prep "101" version of "how to move furniture." At Prep I've learned so much, but one skill I didn't expect to acquire was how to carry a desk from the old 100

wing to the gym/wrestling room, or from the gym to the trailers, or from the trailers to the new building. The freshmen this year mark to me what is a sad beginning. They've never moved the school. I'm sure they won't miss that very much but it goes with the memories of going to a school that is constantly changing, and in a situation that will never be repeated. The classes from this year's freshman class on won't forget the fire, but they won't remember what it was like. A few days ago while looking through old pictures I found a picture of the trailers. To most of us that has some significance. The freshmen with me said "what trailers?" They've been told but they just don't know about it, like turning off the lights and leaving the other classroom, in the other half of the trailer, in the dark, or peeking through the yellow sheets to say hello to Mr. Gaggini's French class, or having the fuse box on the wall of the trailer catch fire. The best of all, the day the administration handed us a map of the trailers complete with their numbers and tried to explain to us where we were supposed to be.

But the fire isn't the only thing ending this year. Mr. Gaggini and

Mrs. Spratford leaving won't only affect those of us graduating last year, just watch the faces of visiting alumni when they're told that Mrs. Spratford and Mr. Gaggini have left. Prep will be losing many members of the faculty this year, but with Mr. Gaggini and Mrs. Spratford a part of Prep as so many people remember it is going.

This year had its share of firsts though...the Colour War, a new tradition at a school where tradition lives and the new Spirit Week—out of the fire something new. Peer Leadership had an effect not only on the first Peer Leaders but will continue to touch every class of freshmen and sophomores. It strikes me that although so much has ended, things to bring the school together have multiplied at an incredible speed this year. The first Festival of the Arts, many "firsts" that are working hard to turn into "the annual."

Looking back is hard, especially when you have friends that are freshmen, and it is plain that their memories will be completely different, but it's easier knowing that our class has had an effect on what some of those memories will be about.



For four years in high school I've always had my doubts about the system. But each year things have improved, and in the long run everything has worked out well for me. It makes me think that during all those times I was unhappy and complaining, the faculty and administration knew what was the best for me after all. Mrs. Spratford must know how I feel. A while back, after an AP exam, I walked through the lounge, right past her in my shorts. She didn't say a word.



Karen Miller



Sports Dinner successful again

by Ryan Lore

As the 1986-87 school year draws to a close, so does Prep's athletic year. After a long period of preparation, the Annual Sports Dinner took place on May 21 at 6:30 P.M. It took place at its usual site, the Pines Manor restaurant on Route 27 in Edison Township.

Every year, many athletes and parents attend this dinner. An annual event for twenty-four years, the dinner consists of a meal followed by awards ceremony.

During the awards presentation, the coaches and captains of each varsity and junior varsity team present letters to each member of the team. Special individual prizes are then awarded, including all-conference and all-county honors. A total of more than twenty-five varsity and junior varsity teams are honored during the dinner, which lasts for several hours.

This year, the golf team took the Somerset County title for the first time in recent Prep history. The victory was keyed by seniors Mark Nathan, Brad Costello, and Steve Ackerman, as well as junior Mark Rosner. Boys' basketball team had the best year in its history, bettering last year's 27-4 mark and one title with a 26-3 record and two championships. Besides winning the Prep Conference title, which has practically become an annual event for the team, the hoopsters also won the Somerset County "B" division crown with a victory over Bernards Township in Bridgewater.

Girls' and Boys' Lacrosse both took hard losses in the finals, coming in second.

Special awards were given at the end of the evening, including The Coaches Cup to Chris Santi, Steve Ciralo, Julie Cunjak and Denise Goldman; The Christiansen Award to Chris Miller, and a special award, given only three times before, to Michelle McGuire.

The Most-Valuable Players were given to the following: Cross Country - Chris Santi and Mandy Holliday, Boys' Soccer - Greg Poole, Girls' Soccer, Kristina Pouch, Girls' Tennis - Sloan Kroop, Boys' Basketball - Dave Dixon and Jason Tucker, Girls' Basketball - Julie Cunjak, Wrestling - Joe Bornheimer, Swimming - Seth Grumet, Volleyball - Beth Miller, Boys' Tennis - Steve Kong, Boys' Lacrosse - Rob Tuckman and Dan Gura, Girls' Lacrosse - Andrea Neumaier and Michele McGuire, Boys' Baseball - David Dixon, and Girls' Softball - Michelle Bressler and Phoebe Lair.

Drama ends its great year

by Beth Miller

On the evenings of Thursday, April 30th through Saturday, May 2nd, the drama club presented its final production of the year. It encompassed the presentation of two one act plays: This is the Rill Speaking, and Chamber Music. The spring production marked the end of a very successful year for the performing arts at Prep.

"The Rill," directed by Peter Herzberg, was the first play presented. This unconventional play presented a look into the lives of several people in the rural South. It was particularly fascinating to watch because each actor portrayed two or more characters, and the actors had to present different personalities to the audience without the benefit of major costume changes. In one case, an actor had to change from a teenager to a seventy year old person in a matter of seconds. The play was very complex and it required intense concentration and hard work by the actors. The "Rill" cast included Crystal Cannella, Marc Eisenberg, Steve Kravetz, Leah Salamon, Yannie ten Broeke, and Ezra Weisz.

After a fifteen minute intermission, Chamber Music, directed by Maureen Devine, was presented. This play tells the story of eight women in an insane asylum, each one believing that she's a famous historical character. They make up a council that hears the grievances of the other women in the ward. The ladies fear an attack from the men's ward, and they begin to think of a plan to prevent it. The cast included Rebecca

Kaizerman, Ronke Olabisi, Lisa Silverman, Christy Bonner, Jean Salomon, Elaine Protopapadakis, Stephanie Leveene, and Amy Hochberg as the council of women and Ron Lahiri and Joe Davis, who portrayed the orderlies patrolling the ward. The cast of Chamber Music also performed scenes from their play at the May Teen Arts Festival.

The success of both performances is attributed to hard work, and a team effort by the actors and the crew. The organization of each play was a job managed by the stage managers Anick Jesdanun and Althea Miller. Props were handled by Glen Gola, costumes by Beth Miller and Carla Gonzalez, make-up by Debi Schochet, and promotion by Steve Lee. The tech crew was headed by Mr. Hickson, with members Jenneson French, Tom Conlon, and Rich Tse.

The Spring performance was not only the final performance of the year, it also included the farewell performances of several of the members involved. Crew members Jenneson French, Tom Conlon, Rich Tse, and Anick Jesdanun will be graduating in June, as will actors Crystal Cannella, Rebecca Kaizerman, Yannie ten Broeke, Marc Eisenberg, Lisa Silverman, Christy Bonner, Elaine Protopapadakis, and Jean Salomon. Ms. Devine will be leaving at the end of this year as well. For all of those involved, it was the culmination of a very successful year for the performing arts at RPS.

Prep's SADD Carnival

by Jennifer Shein and Eileen Coakley

On Thursday, May 21, the Rutgers Prep Students Against Driving Drunk sponsored its second annual fund raising carnival. Preparation for this event began many months earlier, when most Prepsters were planning their spring vacations. S.A.D.D. members sacrificed their time during study halls, breaks and activity periods, and spent many after school hours organizing this year's festivities.

Due to the fact that S.A.D.D. has opened membership to all upper and middle school students who wish to join, many new ideas have come up for this year's carnival. This year's additions included: Sunshine, a professional clown; a Coca-Cola robot; a balloon launch; the Sponge throw, with students acting as targets; a Sabrette Stand, with New York style hotdogs; and many other activities as well. The middle school S.A.D.D. program, recently founded, is sponsoring two booths of its own: the Marriage booth and the Peanut Butter Crackers booth. Of course, the carnival would not be complete without the encore performances of last year's biggest events, the Dunking Booth and the Faculty Baby Picture Contest.

"The fun of the carnival is in the involvement of the entire school community!" exclaimed one enthusiastic carnival participant, Janet Halpern, S.A.D.D.'s founder and faculty advisor, feels that the carnival helps unite the school because it's one of the few events which includes everyone. "The little kids really enjoyed our booth last year, and to our surprise, so did a lot of upper-schoolers," said Meredith Sapiro and Kristen Saltzman, the carnival's "Face Painters Extraordinaire." Both seniors look forward to painting faces again this year.

While some S.A.D.D. members like to be "out in front", running a booth, many still prefer the behind-the-scenes planning work. A hard working group of volunteers designed and built several new booths for S.A.D.D.'s 1987 carnival. Now all

students, faculty, administration, and parents can participate in the day's fun-filled activities. Many friends have donated much of their valuable time, materials, and services to help the officers organize and supervise the event. Other funds include revenues from ticket sales and food vendors.

As grandiose and difficult-to-plan the S.A.D.D. carnival may seem, it is hardly the only important thing that S.A.D.D. does during the year. Rather, it is the culmination of a very successful year, during which the group never stops sending out the message about the dangers of substance abuse and driving while intoxicated. When Mrs. Halpern first came to Prep two years ago, one of the first things she did was start a S.A.D.D. chapter in the school. The first few meetings were attended by a few dedicated students, but as the organization gained momentum, more and more students from all the grades joined up.

Today, it's not uncommon to see Mrs. Halpern's room crowded with students during designated activity periods, planning the club's next moves. The students engage in a year-round war against driving drunk. For instance, the many speakers who came to Prep in December, the informative "drug warning" posters all over the school, and the red ribbons placed on Prepsters' cars were all S.A.D.D. sponsored events.

All contributions collected during S.A.D.D. fundraisers are used for educational purposes. Speakers, films, and special programs are presented each year to the Prep community during December, which is Drug and Alcohol Awareness Month, as well as throughout the school year. As graduation and summer vacation approach quickly, it is S.A.D.D.'s goal to remind everyone that a good time can be had by all without the use of drugs and alcohol. S.A.D.D. hopes the program here at Prep will grow in future years. It is a very beneficial program that may help a friend, a relative, or you. So remember: "Friends Don't Let Friends Drive Drunk."

Annual creative arts dinner displays Prep student talent

On Wednesday, May 6, MacAttears restaurant was the scene of the tenth annual Creative Arts Dinner. Over two hundred Prepsters and family members attended the dinner, where awards were given to all members in Prep's fine arts clubs. The large turnout was due to this year's highly successful fine arts program, in which over

twenty-five percent of all upper school members participated.

The event began with a cocktail hour, during which attendants were entertained by a video made by Jason Walcott, Rebecca Kaizerman's harp playing, and a display of artwork by Prep students. While dinner was being served, Madeline Tiger, a poet, spoke words of encouragement to the many budding artists in the audience. After dinner, several musically inclined Prepsters performed some songs in a band formed for the occasion.

Then the awards ceremony began. First, Arlene Wacker presented certificates to the Argos staff members, page editors, and finally the editors-in-chief. Next, Harrison Burns handed out awards to all students involved in visual arts, by far the largest group at the dinner. Peter Herzberg, Maureen Devine, and

David Hickson handed out the drama awards, each one describing either the fall, winter, or spring drama season; special "gold star" awards were given to the highly dedicated members who participated in all three productions. Helena Clarke-VonVille presented awards for the moving arts dance program, which just completed its first year at Prep. John Kendall presented the Excelsior awards, with special workers and contributors receiving T-shirts. Peter Clark-VonVille and Peter Herzberg gave out the forensics awards, and the club's trophy winners got special recognition. Maximilian Niederle and Barbara Engel gave out the music awards, Andrew Walcott gave out the Video Club Awards, and Mrs. Howell, first year advisor of Yearbook, handed out the awards for all yearbook staff, editors, and editors-in-chief.



Boys' tennis rallies to win

Although one does not hear much of the boys' tennis team, the boys have worked hard to have a winning record of 7-4. Under the leadership of senior co-captains Steve Kong and Dave Jochnau and new Head Coach Joe McDermott, the team set goals for the season that they did accomplish. "We wanted to finish fourth out of the thirteen teams in the conference and fare well in the state tournament. It is a great feeling to have lived up to our expectations of ourselves," commented Coach McDermott.

All the individual players had

winning records this season. Senior Steve Kong played first singles, junior Jordan Freedman played second singles, and Dave Jochnau rallied hard at third singles. Dave had an exciting season making it to the semifinals of the State Tournament. Junior Justin Miller and sophomore Marc Weitz topped the two doubles teams. Craig Barrack moved out from second to first doubles mid-season when Marc Weitz tore ligaments in his leg. "I was very pleased to see Craig make the adjustment so easily. He and Justin wound up

playing very well together," noted the coach. Seniors Scott Fink and Steve Freedman rounded out the team by playing second doubles. As a team the boys beat Pennington, Hun, Wardlaw, Neumann Prep, Blair, Sadle River, and Gill St. Bernard.

Coach McDermott was a positive influence on the team and was well received by the boys. He coached the champion girls' tennis team in Rumson before coming to Prep. "Coaching at Prep is a much more pleasant experience. The kids are really eager to learn and to practice hard in order to win," says Coach McDermott. The Coach and players agree that the team won many close matches, because their desire to win was greater than that of their opponents.

The team is expected to fare just as well or even better next season. Coach McDermott will then have a years experience of coaching with the boys at Prep. Good things are also expected of J.V. players: Jeremy Hirsh, Steven Finkenstein, and Taber Loree. They all have had varsity experience throughout this past season.

Lax ends 8-2

The girl's lacrosse team ended a great season in a disappointing way. After beating Newark Academy 15-4 in the semi-finals of the State Tournament, the girls looked to defend their 1986 title against Stuart Country Day School. It was a tough game, and the girls lost 8-6. But Head Coach Carole Glantow commented, "It's hard to win State two years in a row because people expect you to win. Losing that one game can't take away from our fantastic season." That fantastic season included ending their regular season with an 8-2 record. They outscored their opponents 169-67.. Coach Glantow was "pleased with the girls' aggression and their determination."

The Prep baseball team was one of quality. Key players include seniors Dave Dixon at first base, Greg Poole in left field, Andy Hamelsky in center field, Mike Pincus in right field, and Paul Kuharsky at second base; juniors Steve Ciraulo at short stop, Tim Cirenza at third base, Pete Kelman as catcher and Bill Slackman as the team's pitcher. Junior Larry Hamelsky, sophomores Matt Lenahan and Chris Conlon as well as seniors Josh Grill, Jeff Berger, Scott Licht, and Pat Conlon were other varsity players.



Lacrosse folds

The boys' lacrosse team's season was a commendable one. The team started off on shaky ground, but gradually built upon an increasingly solid foundation. The boys won when it counted to ultimately advance to the finals of the State Tournament. The boys went into this game with an air of confidence and the desire to win. Their intensity level was enormous, yet in the back of their minds they knew they had traveled this path not long ago when they played a tough game in the finals last year. Prep jumped to an early lead over Hun 3-0 which they held until the fourth quarter. Hun tied the game sending it into a triple overtime until Hun ultimately scored the winning goal. Although the boys lost a heartbreaker of a game, they still must be commended for a tremendous season of working together as a team. Coach Delia commented, "I was very proud of the way the boys played in the finals, but I was especially pleased at the way they had to pull together in order to get that far."

The girls credit their success to the dedication and experience of the players. They got a head start on the season in Bermuda, and will be returning there again next year. Most of the starters have been playing together for at least four years and they type of cooperation can only be gained through experience. Next years team will have to try to rebuild and replaced the vacancies left by the six graduating seniors.

State Champions

by Brad Costello

The Prep golf team has never been regarded as one of the more successful teams at Prep. They have always kept a low profile and honestly hasn't been the team with the most athletic support. This probably says something about the nature of the game; in essence, only the individual golfer can help himself. The golf team has definitely helped themselves this season, when they captured the State "B" Division Champs title. This is the first golf team at Prep that has taken the States as far back as Mr. O'Connell can remember.

The State Championship victory was led by the clutch performance by senior Steve Ackerman with the impressive score of 80, eight strokes over par. The rest of the team also performed quite well, with Marc Rosner golfing an 83, Mark Nathan with an 85, and Brad Costello with a 96. The team's stroke total was second overall in both the "A" and "B" divisions. In light of the team's effort, Steve Ackerman's performance can't be looked upon as just good, it was a great round of golf in the truest sense.

Throughout the season, the team has been led by their number one golfer, Mark Nathan. He has shot consistently in the high thirties, and shot a 79 in the county tournament which in all was nothing short of great. Mark's desire to do well and play to the best of his ability prove that golf is a game of intense mental alertness and toughness. Coach Forney sums up Mark's golf career at Prep, "Mark joined the team in the tenth grade as a hacker with a sound ground swing. Now he has a shot at playing college golf which illustrates Mark's rapid growth as a golfer."

This year's crop of experienced senior players including Mark Nathan, Steve Ackerman, Brad Costello, Larry Weiss, and Dave Gropper will obviously be missed next year, and their contributions to the golf program will always be remembered. The team finished the season with a winning record and just recently beat Immaculata High School by twenty-two strokes. The team has come a long way, and Coach Forney must be credited with their success. After the 1987 season, one will not wonder about the golf team and what they stand for. They are now State Champs which certainly has a nice ring to it, ask any member of the team how sweet it really feels.

