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The Holocaust

By : Anne Ackerman

On May 25, the upper school joined the eighth grade for an amazing and moving experience. Sol Urbach, a living survivor of the holocaust, came to speak about his life and experiences. Spared from death by his work in Oscar Schindler's factories, he is the only remaining member of his family that lived to see the end of World War II.

Jewish families in any of the occupied nations, such as Austria, during World War II experienced the Nazi terror known today as the Holocaust. At first families were only restricted in their activities and possessions, still able to live moderately normal lives in the community.

As the Nazi war machine trampled over Europe, however, the Jews were rounded up and taken away. Without warning all Jews were either slaughtered in the streets of this ghetto or taken to newly built concentration camps: forced labor camps where the Jews were beaten, starved and abused to aid the growing Nazi army.

The camps were sites for deaths of over six million Jews as well as six million others including gypsies, prisoners of conscience and captured soldiers from the Allied forces. Over a thousand, however, were saved by a Nazi named Oscar Schindler.

At first possessed only by money and power, Schindler used the Jews as a cheap and reliable work force in his factory. Yet as the war dragged on and Schindler saw the atrocities of the Nazi government towards the Jewish people, he began his secret plot to help save as many as he could from the concentration camps.

Mr. Sol Urbach was one of the people saved in this campaign. As a boy of fifteen, he was picked out by the SS guards, the Nazi special military forces, to work at Mr. Schindler's factory. Because of his work at the factory, he was spared from the massacre of the Jews in the ghetto and from the fate of millions in the concentration camps.

The rest of his family was not so lucky. Mr. Urbach related the fate of his older brother. Standing in line waiting to board trucks for the camps, his older brother made a dash for another line so that he could remain with the rest of his family. Without a word or a thought, the SS guards gunned him down and left him on the street. Mr. Urbach did not quaver or falter once in telling this story, shocking the audience with the extent of the horror that this man had experienced.

The students listened without a sound as Mr. Urbach described the harsh treatment of the Nazis in the concentration camps of Czechoslovakia. He described the daily hangings and mass shootings that every man, woman and child was forced to attend as a lesson. He related the smell of burning bodies as the Nazis tried to dispose of those that they had murdered. The daily beatings, the random deaths, the disease, the lack of nourishment; the effect of these horrors on the student audience was evident in the utter silence in Baldwin Hall. Yet the most moving emotion related to the students that day was the fear: Mr. Urbach's everyday fear in the camps, the fear of despair, the fear of losing what he has now, and most of all, the fear that this horror could happen again.

His final words expressed his reason for coming to the school, that he hoped his words would help prevent anything similar from taking place in the world again, that through information and education, future generations could be spared the death and destruction of another Holocaust.

"I really can't call this assembly 'good'" said one student. "Nothing good can describe the Holocaust. It was moving, powerful, depressing, and emotionally numbing. I find it so horrible that this ever could have happened. I hope that the students got the point."

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New Council Tries To Better School

By: Sara Papa

Though the school regretted to see the term of past president Uma Ayyala end, The newly elected Tara Auciello gave students hope that she would be just as effective as the leader of the school Council. Because of her dedication to Rutgers Prep, Tara has lived up to all those expectations, and has proved that she is someone the school can count on. Also chosen as Council officers for the 1994-1995 Council were: Nicole Wasson as Vice-President, Ria Rasalan as Secretary, and Frank Cesario as Treasurer.

Since February, School Council has been active both in and out of school. There have been natural disasters during the first half of her term, and through dress down days, the Council raised a total of \$450 dollars for the American Red Cross to help those who suffered during the Los Angeles earthquake and Edison gas explosion.

Council sponsored the second annual "spirit week,"

which consisted of theme dress down days, to help students and faculty become more involved in school events. It was a success with almost one hundred percent participation by all classes.

Just recently, in May, School Council ran the final burger blast of the year as a farewell to the graduating seniors. This event, held on May 27, ran very smoothly, and was another success to the credit of Council. Hamburgers and hot-dogs were cooked and served by Council members, basketball and soccer games were played throughout the day, and music was provided by freshmen Jay Golon and Frank Cesario.

Two new officers have also been elected to Tara's administration since February. In an election opened to the entire school, sophomore Jon Vafai ran unopposed and succeeded senior Ana Moral in the office of Archivist. A new Vice-President, Sara Papa, was sworn in due to the graduation of the prior office

holder, Nicole Wasson. Sara also ran unopposed in an election open to Juniors, and will assume the duties for the remainder of the term.

As president, Tara and the Council will plan to accomplish one last thing before adjourning for the summer. The Council will present, at Honors Convocation next fall, a plaque to the school that will include all the names of Council officers and Faculty Advisors since the '85-'86 Council, the year the new building was opened. It should be finished by the opening of school next year.

Tara Auciello has been active in the School Council since her Freshman year, and she continues to give it the same amount of time and effort. Rutgers Prep has already benefited from the first half of her term, and is ready for what will come in the second half.

Prep Shows a Love for Writing

By: Amanda Cruz

On Friday, February 25, all three divisions of the school joined together to take part in Writing Day. The snow, however, caused complications in the schedule, forcing the activities and the workshops with the visiting poet to be split up over Friday and Monday, February 28. In preparation for this momentous event, both students and teachers were seen running around the school frantically with banners, posterboards, markers, handouts, and index cards. Baldwin Hall was filled with students and teachers until minutes before the festivities were to begin, adjusting all the final details so that every aspect of the day would be perfect.

The Upper School Lounge was decorated brilliantly with spiral mobiles hanging from the ceiling with declarations from authors such as Shakespeare on

their love of words and writing. Baldwin Hall was filled with posterboards and banners advertising each student's workshop or activity having to do with writing. Almost every member of the student body was involved, helping Mr. Kendall set up Baldwin Hall, teaching a small workshop or even attending the workshop given by the visiting poet. Students from the Lower and Middle Schools flocked to Baldwin Hall and other classrooms to play word games with Upper School students, learn about poetry, or make up outrageous tales by shuffling a story book. One senior remarked, "I had a great time with the [Lower and Middle School] students. They were so open and willing to participate that we all forgot that we were supposed to be learning and just had fun with the writing."

Mr. Kendall com-

mented that it was indeed amazing that the school was again able to get together students from all parts of the school to take part in this day. But he found it most remarkable that this year, there were certain students such as Debbie Rothberg, Amy Smith, Amy Halpin and Eireann Corrigan who not only attended the workshops but were to teach them as well. "It puts the teaching aspect of writing into the hands of the students peers and makes writing that much more accessible to everyone," Mr. Kendall explained as he displayed a ten page handout prepared by some students for their workshop.

Writing Day was a great success, not only in teaching the student body about literature, writing, and the beauty of words, but also as an activity in which the entire school united in the love of these literary arts.

Privacy Invaded? : Locker Searches

I finally got around to talking with my father about my life. It was the first time in a while that we had spoken so I was filling him in on the activities that had happened at school. I talked about the play, how my AP classes had to rush now, my plans to go see a movie, and, oh yeah, my locker was searched at school. My dad has dealt with the Prep community for sixteen years with my brother and I, but even he was rattled by this latest breach of the school into private lives.

In truth, Prep faculty has delved many times into the privacy of students. From calls

to parents about parties to just plain gossip about who was dating whom, students have gotten accustomed to teachers knowing more than they should about our lives. I blush to remember conversations I had with teachers about who the "cute boys" were. I have even gotten dating advice.

Last month, though, I was shocked at the new turn that administration politics took. For a long time there has been a stealing problem at Prep. No amount of "shame, shame" speeches can eliminate the definite disappearance of people's belongings. So unfortunately, I can understand how bag and lockers searches

must have appeared to be the answer. Here was a drastic reform in policy. Action was actually being taken to recover the item stolen.

The expensive object was not found which does not surprise me. It should not be taken for granted that this is a Prep school, and students are exceptionally smart. Even as I was holding my locker open for my advisor to check, I knew that whatever she was looking for was already in a car or at someone's home. Stealing at Prep is used as a tactic to get back at somebody and it is often planned. Theives do not go into

these escapades blind.

I object to the message given to students the next day at morning assembly. A speech was given that seemed to imply that though nothing had been found, that was okay because the searches might deter further stealing. Way to fuel the fire. If nothing else, these statements showed the thief how easy it was to get away with robbery. That person must have laughed to watch all his/her classmates rip

open their bags for inspection.

I wondered whether all my criticism was just due to my teenage angst, but my father actually agreed with me. Certain rights should not be taken away, such as our right to privacy. Though I can see why such searches occurred, I wonder how much further the administration would go. Pretty soon, our teachers will know more about us than our parents.

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What Do They Think Of Us?

By : Amy Smith

Why is it whenever public school kids see private school kids they automatically think we're rich, snobby, obnoxious, etc. Everyone who goes to a private school is a PREPPIE, their daddies are doctors. People seem to think we can't live in the real world because we're all so "privileged." But is that really the case? I hope not, and I really don't think so.

Private schools are schools where kids go to get better education than their public school can give them. Most of us are here because our parents care about our future, and they want us to have a good education. They don't put us here so they can flaunt their wealth.

Someone once said to me, "I have working man's values, and you have none." They were kidding at the time, but I took it seriously. Of course then I was appalled someone would say this to me, but were they right. Is that how I come off to people who don't know me? Have many of us gotten so comfortable with what we have, we think everyone is like us. Your school is supposed to prepare you for college life and also life beyond. I know Prep does its academic part, but what about in other ways? We can't forget there are a hell of a lot of people out there nothing like us, and many of us will come in contact with them during our lives. Will we be prepared to handle them (and ourselves)? Or will we come

off as flippant and snobbish as many say we are.

We have to let people know we're not all of the same mold. There are a lot of people here who won't be getting cars for their seventeenth birthdays (as many people think all private school students do), at least not unless they pay for it themselves. There a lot of smart kids who are here to get a better education and have a better chance to get into a good college, but they may not be able to afford \$22,000 a year. Some of these people may deserve it more than others some who can afford it.

People have to realize private schools aren't just a meeting place for the privileged to show their wealth; it's an environment geared for all to get the best education they can (whether their parents have letters after their names or not), no matter race, religion, personal beliefs, or most importantly family income.

There are no right or wrong answers to this. We all have our own feelings and values, and nothing anyone else or I can ever say will make you change them if you don't want to, but we do have to change the way people think about us. For all our sakes.

What are Students Eating Now?

By : Maureen Benitz

"Healthy Transitions," the new cafeteria service has been here for two months. In that time period, much has been said about the company. Many of the comments are the typical cafeteria remarks. Unfortunately, most of them are true.

Most frequently heard is criticism about the choice of food. Or, as many would say, lack of. Some students don't mind the new food, but when asked about the cafeteria, many peers respond with "Who wants to drink celery spritzer or rice milk?" Can you blame them? Maybe it will take some getting used to, but people still miss the soda and other Hostess goodies that used to be available. Now we have to choose between vegetable drinks and granola bars.

Some of the entrees aren't all that bad, but there are the exceptions that make you long for the old service. Many students have now started to bring their own food. If a student doesn't like what is for lunch in the cafeteria, there is always the vending machine downstairs. The machine tends to be on the empty side due to the extra traffic with the now healthy cafeteria. This would indicate that students are not happy with the service. Instead of eating broccoli pizza students are opting for Twix and Butterfingers. This would seem to be the opposite reaction that the school was looking for.

Many of these problems can

be easily fixed. Why not offer some of the old choices? That way, students can pick what they want to eat. The real aim of "Conscious Eating" should be to teach students and teachers how to pick their own food and still eat reasonably healthy. Perhaps if food that the majority of the people liked was offered, more students would buy from the cafeteria.

Recently, I've noticed that fries are available everyday. This is a definite improvement being something that the kids are used to while being baked not fried. I've also seen a better selection of drinks now. Snapple is now being offered which strangely tastes different from the old Snapple, maybe because of the aluminum can. Even though this shows improvements, the new service still has a long way to go. Some are happy with the new service, but I would hope the cafeteria would make more strides to make everyone happy. After all, it is the student's choice to buy what they want. The vending machine is always there.

Even the vending machine is changing. It is stocked with different types of food, which pleases students. There is always some type of chocolate or sweet available. Healthier selections, such as crackers are also available. As more hungry are not satisfied, the vending machine is becoming the choice of lunch for students.

New Cafeteria Service?

By: Benitz Roving

selection than the previous service."

-John Kansfield, class of 1996
"I miss the chipwiches."
- Daniella Metzger, class of 1997
"I want the old sweets available. Most importantly, I want powdered donuts." - Erin Leeder, class of 1997

"I like the people who work in the cafeteria."
- Danny Gonzales, class of 1995
"I like the bagels."
- Mark Markowski, class of 1997
"I think there should be a choice between the healthy and not so healthy food. People should be able to choose what they want to eat." - Joe Fuoco, class of 1997

* Note: At this time we are aware of the steps that are being taken to improve the Cafeteria Service for next year.

Model UN

By: Sumitra Balachandran

This year's Model UN ran smoothly and successfully. Led by Mrs. Wacker, thirty students actively participated. Rutgers Prep was represented in the General Assembly as Senegal

by Kristine Coco, Sumitra Balachandran, Dean Barber, Andrew Geller, Sunitosh Murthy, Rajiv Singh, Paul Constantinides, Jwan Allen, Bryan Rose, John Kansfield, Chris Pink, Henri Renard, Andowah Newton, Stephanie Verb, Violette Renard, Joanne Miller, and Nicole Wasson. Nepal was represented by Bill Passarotti, Paul Sosman, Joyce Reyes, Atka Patel, Bhanu

Yerramelli, Meredith Riley, Josh Rosen, Ken Tasman, and Craig Feinberg. Eric Kelner and Anne Ackerman had the privilege of representing Prep as Djibouti in the Security Council.

Many hours of preparation were put into making this a profitable experience. Once there, students explored the nation's capitol during free time from the extensive meetings. The

group met interesting people from all over the United States, and many came away with lasting friendships. On the first night, students heard Casper Weinberg, Secretary of Defense during the Reagan administration, speak of the world situation. The meetings took place in the Washington D.C. Hilton from the mornings until the afternoons.

A banquet was held to close UN. It was followed by a dance, and a variety of ethnically diverse people came together, and the true purpose of the UN occurred. Peace was brought forth.

Our President's Trip to DC

By: Eireann Corrigan

From January 29th to February 5, Prep had the misfortune of missing Uma Ayyala's smiling face at the podium during morning assembly. Uma, however, was fortunate enough to be spending the week in Washington DC for the week at the United States Youth Convention. In reality, fortune had little to do with it.

After submitting essays and an application, Uma was one of only two students selected to attend the program at the Mayflower Hotel in the Capitol. Along with the trip, she was awarded a \$2000 college scholarship. While being

pampered in Washington, the students, representing each of the fifty states, were provided with numerous speakers, including several Senators, House Representatives, and the Chairman of the Joint Chief of Staff Mr. Kasillo. Uma also toured the Pentagon, and did some general sight-seeing around the city.

Although she enjoyed all aspects of her trip, Uma said the best part of experience was "meeting other state representatives and seeing how much [they] had in common". She was also impressed with many of the speakers, especially

Diane Feinstein, whose feminist views provided the women in the audience with a positive, successful role model. Uma found, the Attorney General, Janet Reno to be a quiet presence whose direct answers made her a powerful and affecting speaker.

As Uma graduates, Prep can look back on all the time and energy she had silently and consistently dedicated to our school. She should be admired for the same qualities that she has found in national leaders, and Prep wishes her the same success.

Once again Rutgers Prep Drama transformed the utility closet that we call Holly Hall into an impressive set, complete with a young, but competent cast, and an actual curtain fell at the end of the production. Tech, headed by Ron Kelly and Aix Salomon, made good use of both its limited space and the vast skills of a veteran team of seniors; Anthony Accardi, Keath Winter, Dan Schenk, Dan Koncur, George Cortelyou, Nicole Wasson. There were actually two sets for the production of *A Gown for His Mistress* by Georges Feydeau; the apartment which Yvonne (played by Alana Karen) and her less-than-faithful husband, Balthasar Moulineaux (played by Josh Eckhaus) shared, and the "love nest" that Josh's Balthasar Moulineaux rented for his extra-curricular activities. The audience found Yvonne's outrage at her husband's infidelities almost as hysterical as Alana's pink bathrobe, and Josh was adept at playing the slimy, hormonal husband.

Erin Armstead's portrayal of Yvonne's mother added quite a few laughs, especially her entrance in the high feathered hat. Freshman fatale Allison Albino (Suzanne) was superb as Moulineaux's mistress. We were almost as excited as she was about her "very first time". Suzanne's husband Dartagnan, played by Frank Cesario, was hilariously blind in more ways than one, and Meredith Riley as Madame D'Herblay added to the confusion, to the glee of the audience.

The highlight of the play was either Mrs. Herzberg's guest appearance as a woman drowning in her dickey, or the resounding slap of Jessica Hedges' (or rather Mimi's) gloved hand to Doug Mayle's (Bassinet) doting cheek. The cast, crew, director Mrs. Herzberg, and Stage Manager Debbie Rothberg should be commended for an extremely entertaining show.

Ethnic Pride

By: Nidhi Kumar

The 22nd of February marked the annual Ethnic Pride celebration. Ethnic Pride has been a tradition to honor different cultures in the Lower School for Ethnic Pride Day, students and their families come together to celebrate. To prepare, students and their families come together and participate in different ac-

tivities. Highlights of the day include: music, food, and various artwork.

This year the Upper School wanted to get involved through their Multicultural club. The members were keen on an event, and received unconditional support from the fourth grade teachers. However, the plans for a

fashion show were never implemented due to excessive snow days, delayed exams, and scheduling. MECA hopes to get involved in Ethnic Pride next year.

Thanks should go to all the parents, students, and faculty that were involved and willing to lend a helping hand, especially Mrs. Glace and Mrs. Kazal.



Student and Faculty Art Show

By: Ria Rasalan

The Arts Faculty of Rutgers Prep presented a recent works art exhibit in the Media Center during the month of February. It exhibited the art of Ms. Madeline Fair-Polymeropoulos, Ms. Nancy Roselli, Mr. Paul Mordetsky, and Ms. Dina Berger.

The art exhibit showcased some recent projects which included drawings, mixed media and collage from Mrs. Fair-Polymeropoulos and paintings from Mr. Mordetsky. Ms. Berger displayed some

of her photography while paintings and monoprints by Ms. Roselli were also part of the show. One of her paintings showed shadows of branches falling on pastel-colored eggs. This untitled work was a favorite of many art students and enthusiasts.

Sophomore art student David Papa said, "The exhibit was a great chance to see our own teachers' talents. We already know what they can teach, and after seeing the seeing the show, we also know that they are really great artists."

Class of 1994 College Choices

Accardi	Anthony	Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Ackerman	Anne	Yale University
Allen	Jwan	Rochester Institute of Technology
Ayyala	Uma	Stevens Institute of Technology
Barber	Dean	Lehigh University
Billard	Jocelyn	Quinnipiac College
Bocra	Gia	South Alabama, U. of
Brown	Joseph	Morgan State University
Bubnis	Kelly	Monmouth College
Cantor	Daniel	George Washington University
Chhabria	Anmol	Pennsylvania State University
Chu	Peter	Rider College
Constantinides	Paul	Carnegie Mellon University
Cortelyou	George H.	Massachusetts Institute of Technology
DiPano	Patricia	Bucknell University
Dukes	Tamika	Drew University
Forney	Greg	Middlesex CCC
Geller	Andrew	Ithaca College
Halpin	Amy	New York University
Heimberg	Cory	Syracuse University
Heyman	Allen	Pennsylvania State University
Hobbs	Matt	Ohio Wesleyan University
Jagannathan	Vikram	Louisiana State University
Kansfield	Ann	Columbia University
Klotz	Dana	Skidmore College
Koncur	Daniel	Rutgers-Livingston
Lenard	Steven	Chicago, U. of
Lessing	Brian	Rutgers-Engineering
Lineback	Lauren	Skidmore College
Maxwell	Meredith	Northeastern University
Miller	Joanne	Gettysburg College
Moral	Ana	Rutgers-Pharmacy
Murthy	Suntosh	Villanova University
Nasir	Mikal	Rutgers-Engineering
Nastus	Mark	Boston College
Renard	Violette	Johns Hopkins University
Rosenstein	Stephanie	Muhlenberg College
Rothberg	Deborah	George Washington University
Salamon	Eugene	New York University
Salzberger	Jeffrey	Bard College
Samuels	Nicole	Emory University
Schenck	Daniel	Rochester Institute of Technology
Schumer	Jamie	Pittsburgh, U. of
Siegel	Brian	Brookdale College
Singh	Padmakshi	Boston University
Singh	Rajiv	Pennsylvania, U. of
Smith	Amy	Smith College
Trainer	Regina	Richmond, U. of
Wasson	Nicole	Undecided
Wiener	Laura	Vermont, U. of
Winter	Keath	Franklin & Marshall College
Young	John	American University

Boys Lacrosse

By: Tara Auciello

If teams were assessed by their records, many would overlook the Rutgers Prep boys lacrosse team, which had a 2-9 record and was eliminated in the first round of states. But numbers don't represent the hard work and talent this team possessed. Seniors Dean Barber, John Young, and Matt Hobbs all contributed greatly and Henri Renard was a new acquired asset from the freshman class. John Kansfield, another new player to this team, summed it up best when he said, "Although we had tremendous talent on our team, we couldn't utilize it at times. Luckily, we made it through the season without any major injuries, and are looking forward to next season."

Softball

By: Sara Papa

Through hard work and dedication, this year's softball team made a difficult season a rewarding one. With no returning Seniors, and only four returning starters, the team did not have much to work with. But the Freshmen class stepped in, providing the bulk of the team and five starters to supplement

the two Sophomores, and three Juniors, two of which were Co-Captains Tara Auciello and Sara Papa. Even the "little" obstacle of pregnant head coach Heidi Kearnen could not deter the team. Though eliminated in their second round of states, the 1994 softball team's determination to do well resulted in a respectable record of 6-8.

Tennis

By : Eric Kelner

The Rutgers Prep tennis team, under new coach Jim Ackerman, had a greatly improved season. The team doubled its wins from the previous year. The team included singles players Co-Captain Suntosh Murthy, Paul Sosman, Rehan Murad, Cory Heimberg, and doubles players Co-Captain Bill Passarotti, Suhas Radhakrishna, Aaron Silverstein, Eric Kelner, Rohin Singh and Scott Skorupsky . In the Prep tournament, the Prep team finished strong. Bill and Suhas advanced to the finals, and Senior Cory Heimberg made it to the semi-finals. Most of the team will be returning for next season, but Suntosh Murthy and Cory Heimberg will be missed.

Winter Sports Round Up

By: Mark Nastus

Boy's Basketball

Led by captain Mark Nastus, the boys finished with a record of 9-11. The main reason for the team's hard year was the injuries of Mike Maccia, Scott Sienkiewicz, and Jaime Jiminez who were three of the starters. Fortunately, the injuries were not all at once, and the boys were able to maintain a high level of experience out on the court. Next year holds high hopes with the return of a strong team.

Wrestling

The team enjoyed a successful season performing their best in tournaments. They won the Prep Conferences and placed well throughout the Hun, Hillsborough, and Newark Invitational Tournaments. Senior Co-Captain Steve Lenard and Matt Hobbs will be graduating this year taking along with them a strong part of the team. The unbeatable combination of Scott Skorupsky (103), Bill Bocra (119), and David Papa (125) will remain to conquer next year as well. Freshman Henri Renard (135) had a promising season. This team is one to watch for the upcoming season.

Girl's Basketball

The season was full of ups and downs for the 13-7 team. Though an injury to Erin Armstead's ankle early in the season took the starting Junior out of play, the season still ended strongly with leadership from Captain Gia Bocra and off guard Tara Auciello. The large group

of freshman who joined the team this year also added to the season, as well as the return of experienced juniors. The girls lost to Stuart Country Day School in the States, but the season was still a success. Event to note: Gia Bocra scored her 1,000 point. She is the first girl basketball player to do so at Prep.

Volleyball

This year has been an incredible year for Prep's Volleyball team with an overall record of 10-10-5. The team showed progress over the season in teamwork, cooperation, and skill. They finished fifth place at the Prep Spikes Tournament and second place in Morristown-Beard's Christmas Tournament. They succeeded in reaching second place in State's as well. Seniors Violette Renard, Gina Trainer, Nicole Wasson, and Anne Ackerman will be missed.

The Swim Team

Overall, the team did well this year with a third place finish in conferences. An impressive showing in the mostly public school meet. Both the boys and the girls placed highly at states with the girls finishing third, and the boys finishing fifth. Unfortunately, two of the fastest swimmers, Gerg Forney and Joanne Miller will be graduating this year. They will be missed, but next year looks hopeful with the return of Matt Needleman, Meredith Riley, and George Cox.

Golf

By Billy Bocra

Even with a 1-10 record, the Rutgers Prep golf team showed tremendous improvement throughout the season. Their only win was the first in the last two years. Prep's tremendous efforts came through vs. Franklin Township High School. The lead golfers were Gia Bocra and freshman stand-out Mark Markowski.

Lead by captain Gia Bocra, this young team stayed tough against some very difficult opponents. The Rutgers Prep golf team looks forward to next season, as Billy Bocra, Scott Gwiazda, Josh Rosen, David Weitz, Lee Demaree, and Matt Scherb return.

Girls Lacrosse

By : Sara Papa

The 4-4 record of the girls lacrosse team misrepresents the skill and the determination this year's team possessed. An extremely young team with only six experienced players would lead one to believe that this season would be a rebuilding year, and in a sense it was. Yet captain Nidhi Kumar and her fellow teammates played on a team that became veterans very quickly. It even produced two players, sophomores Becca Caldwell and Julie Rockoff, for the NJISWAA Prep "B" All Star Team. The Rutgers Prep girls lacrosse team is looking forward to a large number of incoming freshman, but should be commended on the progress it made this year.