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## Hawaiian fever hits Prep— Council sponsors 1st dance

The Rutgers Prep Student Council, under the able leaderships of Kama Bethel, President; Heather Rotter, Vice-President; Lauren Keller, Secretary; Craig Wacker, Treasurer, and various class representatives, sponsored the "Hawaiian Dance" on Friday, November 21. In addition, Mr. Avella, Ms. Mansfield, Mrs. Dutta, Miss Leroy, and Mr. and Ms. Clarke Von Ville unselfishly dedicated their time and guidance in order to make this dance a reality. Heather, as Vice-President, chaired the Dance Committee.

The dance was the first social gathering of the 1986-87 school year and was a tremendous success. The one hundred and twenty students who purchased tickets received customary leis and had the opportunity to purchase refreshments and food from the junior class. The decorations provided by Council contributed greatly to the atmosphere of a tropical island. Many students, as well as faculty, spent an enormous amount of their time trying to get

the lounge to look just right for the dance.

As the evening progressed, members of the junior class generously gave away their unsold goods to the weary dancers. The only negative remarks the students made about the dance concerned the music the disc jockey was playing. Nevertheless, this year's first dance experienced a turnout which has never been reached before. The hard work, patience, creativity, and time so many put in really paid off in the end.

During the Friday morning assembly that day, the Rutgers Prep student body was fortunate enough to witness a promotional advertisement based on the veteran television program "Gilligan's Island", for the dance. The excellent performers included: Mrs. Alfandre as Mrs. Howell, Brian Cohen as Mr. Thurston Howell III, Mr. Avella as the Skipper, Donna Goodman as Ginger, Nicole Graber as Mary Anne, Mr. Hordijk as the Professor, and Mr. Clark Von Ville as Gilligan.

## News-in-Brief

On December 4, 5, and 6, the Drama Club presented *Ten Little Indians*, a play by Agatha Christie. Both students and faculty were involved in the cast. The play was directed by Mr. Herzberg and Ms. Devine, with Mr. Hickson acting as technical director.

Prep sent thirty juniors and seniors to the Princeton Model Congress, held at the Hyatt Regency-Capitol Hill in Washington D.C., from December 12-14. Advisors for the trip were Mrs. Wacker and Mrs. Dutta. Senior Paul Kuharsky was the delegation leader.

On Monday, December 8, fifteen seniors involved in the Peer Leadership program, along with Mr. Levinson and Mrs. Halpern, travelled to Princeton High School for a conference.



Junior class members proudly display their contribution to the Council Hawaiian Dance.

## Junior class helps brighten holiday

Approximately two weeks ago, a few juniors and some dedicated faculty members decided unanimously upon the idea of providing two, unfortunate, low-income families with Thanksgiving dinners. The idea was carried out, successfully, through the efforts of Beth Miller, Judy Clancy, Leah Salamon, Usha Raghunathan, Mr. Mazsa, and Mrs. Dutta.

This idea was first brought up by the junior class during Spirit Week to be carried out at that time. It was then decided that there was no better time to give than during the Thanksgiving holidays. In order to fund this Thanksgiving dinner, some interested juniors began planning ahead. A bake sale was set up in order to raise the money needed. There was an enormous amount of support and enthusiasm directed towards the bake sale by the entire community at Rutgers Prep. The amount raised from the bake sale was approximately sixty-five dollars. All of it was directed toward buying the dinners which consisted of a turkey and stuffing, vegetables, fruits, pumpkin pie and beverages. Mr. Miller, father of junior Beth Miller, gave up his time to go shopping and buy the necessary items. The two families' names were given by the Franklin Food Bank, who praised Rutgers Prep for the efforts and time she has so generously contributed toward the needy. On Wednesday, November 26, Usha, Leah, and Mr. Mazsa drove to Somerville and Bound Brook to deliver the dinners. The families who received the dinners were grateful.

Although this was only a small effort in finding the solution to the hunger problem in New Jersey, there are still many others who unfortunately have to skip meals. In the words of one woman who received the dinner, "I never thought we were going to have a Thanksgiving dinner."

## Nuclear Arms Petition will be presented by committee

by Tom Conlon

A committee of senior students from the AP US Government class has been formed at our school to increase the general knowledge level of the student body with regards to the current situation of the nuclear arms race. The committee is comprised of Tom Conlon, Kama Bethel, Cindy Nacson and Bert Wang.

The group is presently in the process of contacting possible sources through which two speakers may be invited to Prep to debate about the present state of this issue. Hopefully, both the conservative and liberal elements will be represented. Possible candidates for the rhetoric are the honorable Rep. Matthew Rinaldo (R. Somerset County) and a member of a local liberally-minded, more or less anti-nuclear group such as SANE or another concerned organization.

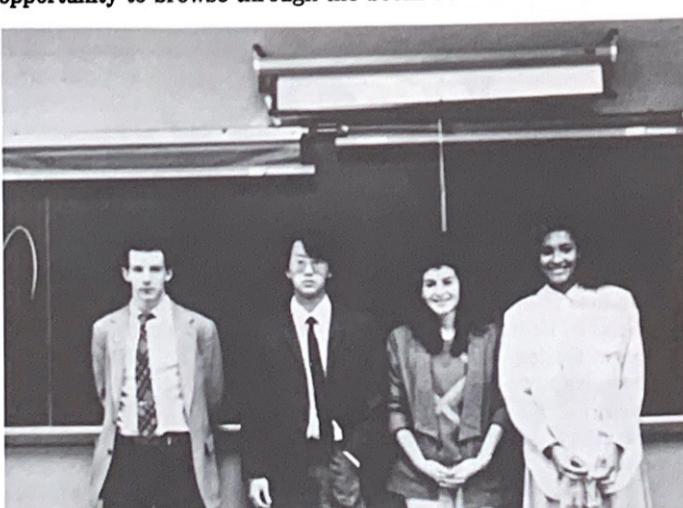
Provided everything goes according to plan, the discussion will be staged in December or January. But more importantly, the organization has a grander design. At or around the time of the discussion a petition, sponsored by National Forum, a national organization, will be made public to the school.

In order to make the public of the United States aware, the group plans to follow the guidelines of National Forum so that, just as in our school itself, the general populace would be enlightened. The petition asks that the federal government fund a television show. The show would be a national forum on the very same questions burning in the minds of so many interested, worldly students. One guest would be Ronald Reagan. President Reagan and the panel of other guests would be asked ques-

tions by nationally selected high-school students. The proposed show would be aired on national television.

The main goal of this crusade, however, is to prove that students, right now, have a chance to say they are truly concerned about the apolitical aspect of the nuclear arms race, an issue which has a great bearing upon everyday life. One cannot be expected to make a rational, well-thought out decision on this issue if one does not have the necessary information, i.e. both sides of the story. It is true that there are so many factions that it is next to impossible to get the whole story, but the 'majority' opinions will be represented in our school and in the proposed television show.

In the November 26 edition of the Argo, the name of Mrs. Carol Howell was omitted as advisor for Ye Dial.



Seniors Tom Conlon, Bert Wang, Cindy Nacson, and Kama Bethel comprise a committee concerned with the Nuclear Arms issue.

# Editorial

by Heather Rotter

Something new and different has been sneaking into Rutgers Prep for the last few years. It goes quietly between events sometimes surging and never really bound to academics or sports. It's a renewed feeling of spirit—of community. I realize that as Prep students we hear a lot of those two words. From the moment the first application is filled out, the Prep student knows that this is a school with a strong sense of community. The new difference is now something being done to see that we not only stay that way, but grow stronger. After the celebrations during the week of November 4th, we all became a bit tired of the word spirit, but that's a wonderful change in itself. For the first time in years Preppers could complain of having too much spirit—and being exhausted because of it.

Spirit week only touches the top of this outbreak in spirit. Everywhere you look another event has been scheduled to bring us all together. Prep is starting to take an active role in student life beyond academics, sports and clubs. We're starting to take an interest in the people. Much of the drive behind us comes from the administration and faculty. The freshman outing is an experience that four years ago was unthought of. Now our freshman class begins each year with an orientation to the school and each other that would be hard to parallel. The Peer Leadership program continues this and bridges the largest gap in the community, between freshmen and senior classes. It also provides a support group for the freshmen once a week.

For the first time the Council addressed a longstanding need. The Burger Blast had traditionally served as a get-together for the entire school early on. Many students had complained that by the time they got to know people it was the end of the year and the seniors were leaving. The newly developed Color Wars were aimed at mixing the classes and making them come together towards a common goal. The hope was to unite a group not by cliques or class but only color.

The clubs aren't new to Prep but the support behind them is a new phenomenon. The second Club Fair brought more support that stayed with the clubs all year, much different from the few members and unknown clubs of just a few years ago. The support goes beyond just joining a club. The support for events like the council dances by all the classes and for SADD events, such as the response to the Drug & Alcohol Awareness month. The support for Oxfam, The Can Drive, Toy Drive, and the El Salvador victims' programs was outstanding even though they came so close together. The student body at Prep is being brought to a higher awareness that is leading to greater support of the efforts of smaller groups.

I believe the spirit from the fire continues but out of it came a stronger spirit that is only just beginning. The new spirit is the hope of making Prep a better community. Instead of complaining, people are really beginning to work for the long sought after Prep spirit.

## Hasenfus incident a bad policy move for Reagan

by Russell Wojtenko

In early December, Eugene Hasenfus was tried and convicted by a Nicaraguan court for supplying weapons and military supplies to anti-government rebels, the Contras. After being captured, when his military cargo plane was shot down by government forces, the Sandinistas, Hasenfus confessed that he was working for the CIA, which ran the operations from Miami and El Salvador. Hasenfus stated that he had flown ten airdrop missions over Nicaragua. Also captured from Hasenfus was a log book showing 400 flights indicating an extensive Contra aid re-supply network. Hasenfus stated his mission was officially supported by Vice-President Bush, the government of El Salvador, and the government of Honduras.

All three governments denied any involvement with Hasenfus. According to the Reagan Administration, Hasenfus was not hired by the CIA, but was an American mercenary privately aiding the Contra operations in Nicaragua. The administration stated that these private air drops happen all the time, but that our government has nothing to do with it. President Reagan has had to "deny" direct substantial military aid to the Contras because of a 1984 Congressional prohibition limiting aid to the Contras only for "humanitarian" purposes.

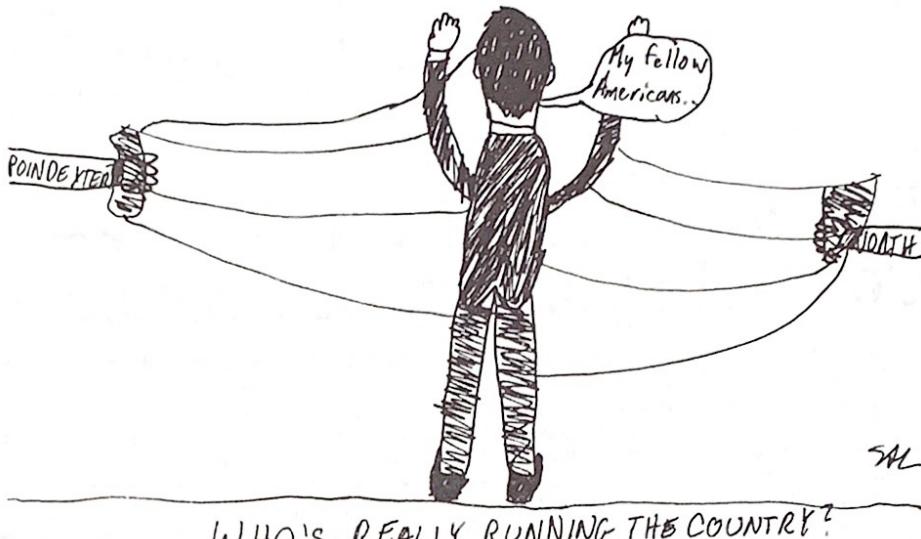
On October 24, 1986, Congress approved \$70 million for military aid that could include use of U.S. advisers for training the Contras. While the Hasenfus trial was going on, it was again "legal" for President Reagan to directly supply the Contras. Recently, it has officially been disclosed that Portugal has been the shipment point and a source of arms for the Contras and the Iranians. Israel has also given the Contras

money from a U.S. to Iranian arms sale.

President Reagan's Nicaraguan policy has been correct. During the past six years, the President has been very successful in not only stopping the spread of Communism, but has also eliminated pro-Soviet regimes in Central America that directly threatened the national security of the United States. In Grenada, the President used U.S. Armed Forces to free medical students and succeeded in eliminating Cuban military advisors from building a strategic air base and a long runway which was intended for use to re-fuel U.S.S.R. military.

The Contras have very successfully reduced the expansion of military power of Daniel Ortega's Marxist government. After the U.S. Congress learned that a great deal of the U.S. humanitarian and economic assistance intended for Nicaragua was being used to buy weapons and supplies for the Contras, Congress voted to officially halt military aid for the Contras. Congress did not want a deepening crisis that would create the need to send military troops which occurred in Vietnam in 1964. However, unlike Vietnam, where the United States had no vital interest to protect, Central America is directly vital to our national interests. President Reagan has had to resort to using the CIA to secretly mine the harbors of Nicaragua, and there has been continuous covert aid to the Contras.

President Reagan knows the bitter lesson of Fidel Castro in Cuba, and does not want to repeat it in Nicaragua. Had the United States supported the Cuban freedom fighters of the Bay of Pigs invasion, perhaps today we would not have Soviet nuclear submarines and U.S.S.R. advisors stationed in Cuba.



WHO'S REALLY RUNNING THE COUNTRY?

## Reagan Administration tied to arms sale to Iran

by Jeremy Hirsch

Recently, Ronald Reagan has suffered the worst setback in his six-year presidency. The shedding of light on what appears to be a widespread covert operation has brought comparisons with Nixon's Watergate. For the first time in his presidency, Reagan has done something that has drawn him criticism from the majority of the people. This major blunder in foreign affairs has brought about doubts of whether Reagan and his administration can rebound successfully and complete the remaining two years in office on a good note.

What is this miscue that has caused a major shakeup in the administration, including the resignation of National Security Adviser John Poindexter and the firing of Marine Lt. Col. Oliver North? It's an operation called

'Project Recovery', which sent millions of dollars worth of weapons to Iran in exchange for 3 hostages being held in Lebanon by terrorist factions. What was so wrong with this covert operation was that it went against President Reagan's promise not to make deals with or give in to terrorists. As of this writing, accusations as to who is responsible for this breach in foreign policy range from White House Chief of Staff Donald Regan to President Reagan himself. What is known, though, is that a senior White House official gave the go-ahead to former National Security Advisor Robert McFarlane to go to Teheran and negotiate the terms of the operation. Lt. Col. North, who is on the National Security Council (NSC) and is trusted with many highly-sensitized operations, aided in the deal and the cover-up. North was fired, although he said that he was only carrying out orders.

This operation, which was partially denied at first, was apparently viewed by the Reagan Administration as an effort to gain better relations with Teheran. The general consensus in Washington is that the Ayatollah is sick (he is 86), and that he doesn't have much longer to go. The idea was to contact the factions in Iran that seem likely to take over. It seemed as though there were people over there who didn't view the U.S. as the 'Great Satan' and wanted to renew relations. The problem is, though, that the plan backfired. Apparently someone in the Iranian parliament reported the negotiations to an Arab newspaper. That's when the whole fiasco erupted. The press

was told to essentially "stay out of it", but they did their job, informing the public of all the facts and the rumors which were spreading quickly. Rumors of involvement by the Israelis soon became fact, and President Reagan was forced into a news conference to try and clear things up.

Then things started to get ugly. For starters, Reagan himself seemed unsure of the facts. He said that there was no third country involved, but ½ hour after the news conference the White House stated that there was one. To most, though, his big mistake was in not saying a mistake had been made. He continued to support the dealings. He went into detail about how few arms had been sent. He also dispelled rumors of George Schultz's resignation. "The responsibility is mine and mine alone," he said. Well, Mr. President, those are words that you may regret. Everyday now it seems as though some new development arises in the search for the truth. The story now is that money from the sale of arms to Iran was put in a Swiss bank account and sent to the contras in Nicaragua. Now, suddenly, the President and most of the chiefs of staff, are denying any knowledge of this covert operation.

If Reagan had admitted to a mistake in the beginning, he might have come out all right. Congressional committees have been set up to investigate goings-on. The best thing for Reagan to do now is to listen to the reports and fire, if necessary, those responsible.

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# Seniors last to witness fire but results go on

On November 3, 1983, every student's wildest fantasy was fulfilled for the Preppies; the school burned down. However, it was not long before everyone realized what a nightmare it really was. Classes were crammed into the gym, separated by sheets of thin yellow cloth. The unburned section of the school reeked from smoke damage. Many priceless momentos of Prep's long history were lost forever.

A common pre-fire complaint had been about the lack of spirit among students, but the fire changed all that. The "HANG IN THERE, PREP" banner symbolized perfectly the pride that Prep showed as every one of its students, freshmen to seniors, banded together to "raise the school from the ashes."

The students who were juniors and seniors at the time of the fire were the unluckiest ones—they had to spend the rest of their high school life in trailers. But after watching the painstaking construction of the new building, the younger students moved into their new school almost two years after the old one burned down. The new building was so beautiful, despite a few architectural mistakes in the staircases, that students soon abandoned their former gripes about attending school in a "trailer park."

Although nobody would claim to have loved trudging through the filthy, miry, often icy paths

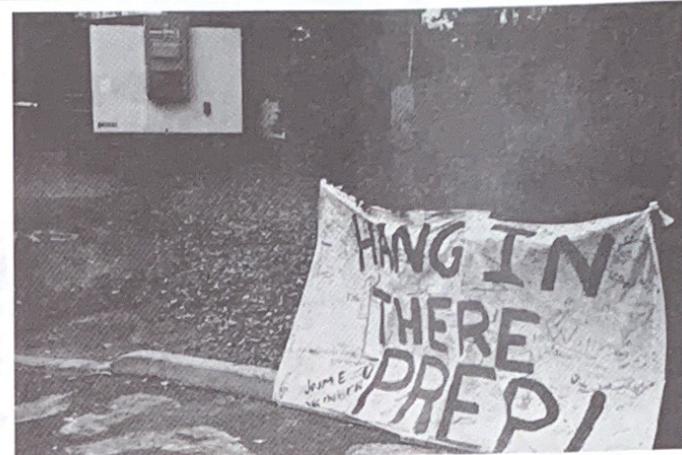
between the trailers, there was one good result of the fire. If not for the 1983 blaze, Prepsters might still be complaining about the lack of spirit in the community. In the face of this crisis, all students, underclassmen and upperclassmen, were put on the same level of helplessness in the situation, and the interclass rivalry that often exists between the grades diminished. The seniors didn't look down on the freshmen as they previously had, but supported their younger peers and helped them deal with the tragedy.

But those freshmen are seniors now. They are the only non-graduated Prep class whose members recall waking up on that seemingly normal November morning, only to learn from the radio that their school had just burned down; they are the only students who remember shouting to be heard in their yellow-walled "classrooms" and spending study halls in the bleachers; they are the only students who recall the carpeted girls' room and colorful 100-wing mural that decorated old Prep.

In fact, starting with the class of 1990, all the hardships of the fire will be slowly forgotten. The freshman class is the first class whose members have never had to get rained on walking from one class to another, and have never had to carry their heavy winter coats around all day. Just like the

fire signified a new beginning, the arrival of the class of 1990 is a new beginning in itself.

We recently celebrated the third anniversary of the fire; but in years to come, only dedicated faculty will remember the "era" of the blaze. But it will always remain an important part of Prep tradition. As the senior lounge walls proclaim, "AFTER THE FIRE . . . THE SPIRIT STILL BURNS!"



For two years after the fire, classes were held in the "temporary" classrooms. One of these trailers is pictured above, behind the banner.

# Forensics League wins at their first tournament

by Lisa Silverman

Forensics, contrary to popular belief, is not the science of dissecting bodies; it is the "science" of elocution. The forensics league at Prep is currently enjoying its second year. Mr. Herzberg founded the league last year because he felt the need for more training in public speaking among the students. "Public speaking brings confidence!" he remarked.

Club members may train for and compete in a variety of categories. One category is original oratory, where students create and present their own speeches. In declamation, a person memorizes and recites a published speech. There's monologue and duet acting, where a scene from a play is performed by either one or two people.

In impromptu speaking, the speaker draws two quotations from a hat, picks one to speak on, has three minutes to prepare the speech, and then gives a five minute presentation; this category can be either analytical or humorous. Interpretation of poetry and prose is a category in which the student chooses a literary work and recites it using his or her own style.

A forensics tournament is always held on a weekend, either lasting one day or the entire two days. There are ten schools who regularly bring their teams to the tournaments.

Next, everyone gathers together at the tournament to hear the rules and regulations, and to go over the day's schedule. "Schematics" are then posted, telling contestants and judges

where to report for the first round. There are three rounds in all, so each speaker has three chances to perform for three different judges.

The rounds take place in classrooms, with one judge and five contestants in each room; there are also non-participants who come to observe. As students walk in, they go to the blackboard and write their code number, name, and the title of the work that they're performing, so the judges can take attendance.

As each participant performs, the audience listens intently and the judge writes down comments. Each student is given a score of 70-100, as well as a ranking, with one being the best and five being the worst. When the round is finished, students find their schematics for round two, and perform again. Round three proceeds the same way.

In round four, three judges are present instead of only one. After finals, everyone gathers to hear the winners announced; trophies go five places deep, and all recipients walk up to receive them. Everybody, including non-winners, receives their comment and ranking sheets from each round. This enables them to learn from their mistakes and improve for future meets.

Amy Hochberg, Leah Solomon, Usha Raghunathan, and Lisa Silverman are the team officers. Mr. Herzberg is the advisor, and coaches students before meets with the help of new assistant advisor Mr. Clark-Vonville.

Forensics has similarities to the Drama Club and past debating clubs, but has the best of both worlds. Like a debating club, the Forensics League goes to competitions and presents opportunities for students to win awards for their hard work, yet provides a much wider range of categories from which students may choose. Like the Drama Club, Forensics members can perform dramatically and improve speaking skills, but aren't limited to the one play chosen by the directors.

The league sent several members to the first tournament, on November 14 at Red Bank Catholic High School, and brought home three trophies. Rebecca Kaizerman and Leah Salomon won fourth place for duet acting, Lisa Silverman took third place in the impromptu humor category, and Usha Raghunathan captured second place in declamation.

# Students support needy with Oxfam, Toy Drive and El Salvador program

by Judy Clancy

During the past three months, Prep has had several fund raising activities that served the community in many different ways. Following the El Salvador earthquake in October, a relief fund was developed which supplied clothing to El Salvador with the help of AT&T. During November, the third annual Oxfam America drive was held, to collect money and canned food for the poor and hungry in Somerset County. In December, Council is having a toy drive to donate toys and gifts for neglected and abused children in Middlesex County.

The El Salvador relief drive was run by Sra. Guillen. She and her husband, who works for AT&T, received permission to send clothing and money to the needy in El Salvador on an AT&T

sponsored plane. With help from Maria Castellon, a native El Salvadorean who works for AT&T and resides in Somerset County, Prep was able to donate \$75 from Council and approximately sixteen bags of clothing directly to the people in El Salvador who need it desperately. The money that was donated was used to buy native foods for the civilians who were previously without food.

Sra. Guillen said "the drive was very successful and there was a good turnout for the clothing. A nice turnout from a small school." She also commented that since there was a time limit, it was hard to raise a large supply of clothing before the AT&T plane left. She said, "It would have been easier if we had helpers from each class, but it still worked well." She also remarked that she'd love to do a

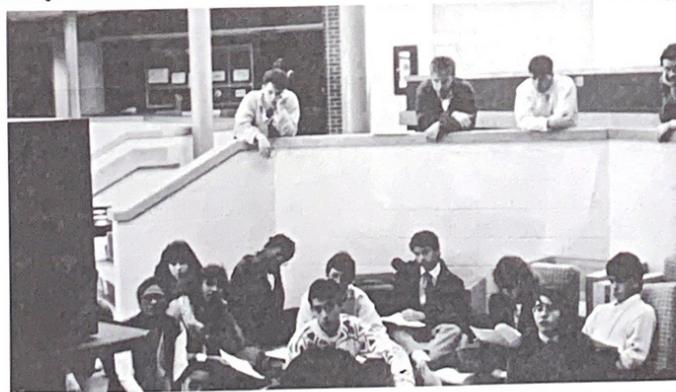
relief fund for the Mexican earthquake that happened last year, but it is too late to organize a drive. Also, it would be hard to get the supplies to Mexico without them getting to the black market instead of to the needy.

In November, the third annual Oxfam America drive was held. During this drive, canned goods for the needy in Somerset County were collected and money was donated to Oxfam, who distributes it to hungry people throughout the world. Until November 20, students were encouraged to bring in cans of food, and on November 24 and 25, students were encouraged to donate money to Oxfam. On November 25, Usha Raghunathan and Mrs. Antin held a meeting in the lounge during both lunch periods, in order to help teach the students about hunger throughout the world, including Africa. During this meeting they showed a film that explained the effects of hunger on the people and focused on the crisis in Africa. The film was very helpful in explaining the hunger problem that now exists, and suggested some ways in which to curtail the famine crisis that plagues many parts of the world.

Immediately following the film, a discussion was held. During this time the students realized how lucky they are here in the United States. They also realized that they take "everyday" things for granted, like meals and even

tissues. Many of them learned that donating money and food is not going to solve the problem; but changing the attitude of our society in order to cut out the feeling that "being poor is some sort of bad disease" will cut the hunger problem down. This year's Oxfam drive was "very successful," commented Usha, "but I wish that more underclassmen would have attended."

In December, Council is having a toy drive. This drive is being run in cooperation with the Division of Youth and Family Services' annual Christmas Toy and Gift Drive for abused and neglected children in Middlesex County. This drive asks the help of all grades at Prep; the middle school is collecting toys, and the lower and upper schools are collecting toys and money. The drive started after Thanksgiving and money could be donated until December 12; new, inexpensive toys and accessories were accepted until December 18. The toys being collected will be given to the neglected and abused children as Christmas or Hanukkah presents. The money that is collected will be used to buy more toys. These gifts are not only for children, but for teenagers too. Council is looking for everybody's support in this drive. Council president Kama Bethel encourages us to donate "as much as one can spare. There is no set amount."



Students and faculty view a tape while fasting during their lunch periods for Oxfam America.



A new addition to the Prep team, junior Chris Miller participates in a drill.

## Boys' basketball looks to a successful season

by Carrie Bondy

The boys' basketball team is back and ready for another winning season. Many returning veterans as well as some great new players are practicing hard in order to prepare for their competitive season. Both new and old members are anxious to follow in the footsteps of the past winning records of Prep's basketball team. Coach O'Connell states, "They work well together, and I am confident that their talent will shine in the upcoming games."

The new additions who are going to be assets to the team are juniors Bill Slackman, Rick Lloyd, and Chris Miller. Bill and Rick will be starting with Jason Tucker, Dave Dixon and Sean Lewis. These five make for a strong starting team offensively and defensively. "We work real-

ly hard in practices, concentrating on ball handling and different shots from various places on the court," comments co-captain Dave Dixon. Other varsity players who will be relied on throughout the season are seniors David Jochnau, Andy Hamelsky, and Greg Poole; juniors, Steve Ciraulo, Tim Cirenza, Karim Farag, Justin Miller, and Larry Hamelsky; and sophomore Matt Lenaghan.

In late November Prep hosted the Coca-Cola Tournament. Three members of the Prep team—David Dixon, Jason Tucker, and Rick Lloyd—participated in it. These three players placed first in the entire tournament and received a trophy and shirts to commemorate their impressive win. The team is playing well and

demonstrates their high level of performance that will undoubtedly continue throughout the season. "I think we have a great chance of surpassing last year's record of 27-4," noted co-captain Jason Tucker.

It seems as though each and every basketball player is truly dedicated. It is not uncommon to see players practicing on their free time. They are really looking forward to both the Holiday Tournament and the winter trip to Florida where they will compete against other teams.

## Working hard

by Becca Phelan

The wrestling team for the 1986-87 winter season at Prep is looking forward to a strong and productive season. Coaches Dougherty and Marotto are sure that the high number of returning wrestlers will be a help. Many of the team members are new at the sport, but they are eager to develop their skills. "I feel the younger guys will come through for us," said co-captain Rob Tuckman.

Because the season has just begun, it is too early to predict how successful the team will be. "I want to see the experienced wrestlers progress to their utmost abilities and create a challenge for the novices," commented Coach Dougherty.

Although last year's record of 8-6-1 was not as good as the team had hoped, the members believe the upcoming season will be a strong one. "This is the first year we have had a complete line up of experienced wrestlers," noted junior Pete Kelman, wrestling at the 138 pound weight class.

The team has made some changes since last year. Tougher practices, including rope climbing in the beginning weeks, have allowed the team to make weight before the start of the matches. Both coaches feel that this team has a lot of dedication and they put forth a great effort. The loss of strong seniors from last year

has made the team develop with the other members.

Great success is expected in all the weight classes, especially with reference to the four captains, Joe Bornheimer at 170, Rob Tuckman at 188, Craig Seligman at 148, and Danny Gura at 134.

## Update

Congratulations to juniors Kristina Pouch and Julie Cunjak, and freshman Jennifer Gussis, who made the all-state girls' soccer team.

The boys' soccer team had many strong players. Mark Nathan and Mike Gatto both made honorable mention for the all-conference team. Craig Barrack made honorable mention for the all-conference and all-state teams. Andy Hamelsky and Greg Poole both made honorable mention for the all-state team and the second team for all-conference. Paul Kuharsky made honorable mention for the all-county and state teams and the second team for all-conference. Danny Gura and Tim Cirenza made honorable mention for the all-county team, the second team for all-state and the first all-conference team. Steve Ciraulo did very well by making the first team for all-state and all-conference.

## Swimmers start strong

Adrienne Towsen

Although the winter teams have only been practicing for a few weeks, the swim team has already shown its strength during practice. Many factors should help to make this season as good as if not better than last year. These factors include many returning swimmers, strong additions to the team, and a new assistant coach, Heidi Nestvogel.

Fortunately, many of last year's valued swimmers have returned to the team. Seniors Andrea Neumaier and Tom Conlon are the co-captains this

year. Other swimmers include seniors Scott Fink, Pete Dahlheimer and Christy Bonner; junior Seth Grumet; and sophomores Paul Weiner, Chris Conlon, Todd Haedrich, Jim Fox, Chris Racich, Paul Konisberg, Mandy Holliday, Caroline Pozzycki, Wyndi Goldberg, and Melanie Dever. Freshmen additions Raissa Wilson, Mary Pozzycki, Courtney Costello and Heather Jensen should also strengthen the team. Senior Dave Schwam is a newcomer who also shows good potential.

Practices have been going well so far, focusing mainly on strokework. The team seems really excited about Coach Nestvogel's presence. Seth Grumet commented, "Coach Nestvogel has really helped the team a lot, especially with strokes and turns." Swimming, unlike tennis and cross country is an individual sport. Because of this, both Coach Forney and Coach Nestvogel must pay close attention to each swimmers' strengths

and weaknesses.

The swim team lends itself well to out of school practice. Several members of the team are actively involved in teams other than Prep's. Seth Grumet, Paul Weiner, Chris Conlon, and Raissa Wilson all participate on other teams. Therefore, many of the swimmers are talented and in condition, which should make for a good season.

One major goal for the team is to achieve at least a .500 record. With four wins and four losses, they had such a record last year.

More meets have been scheduled for this season, and everyone is very optimistic about the team's potential. With a meet already scheduled to be held in New York, there should be a lot of traveling this year. This traveling is not necessarily negative, as it allows for more time for the team members to socialize. There are many friendships among the swimmers and more are bound to be formed.

## V-ball determined

The girls' volleyball team has many things going for them. These assets contribute to a very successful season. The bulk of the team is upperclassmen who have a lot of skill and experience from previous years. Under their new coach, Lisa Bobst, the team will

## Girls optimistic

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Many new talented faces and returning upperclassmen on the girls' basketball team are looking forward to an exciting season. They will work hard to dissolve their weaknesses and strengthen their attributes.

Coach Klinger informed the team that she will not have five permanent starters this season. The line-up will change frequently. "I will be using about ten players throughout the duration of the games," said Coach Klinger. The team is young with many strong underclassmen who will add strength to the team. It is true that the girls lack experience, but within a year or two they should be a powerful team.

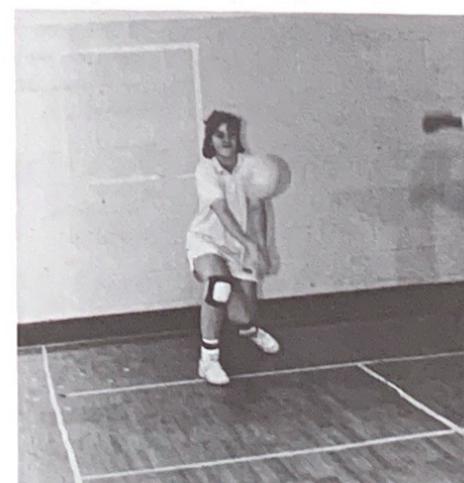
The key forwards are captains Kama Bethel and Julie Cunjak. Kama has always aided the team with her skills and continues to do the same. She and Julie are expected to have many good shots this season, as they will be the leaders and driving force of the team. Coach Klinger points out that Julie has improved tremendously from year to year. Good things are also expected of sophomore Heather Bensko, who will be playing center this season. Becca Phelan, playing the position of guard, is a new addition to the team but has had playing experience as a freshman. Sophomore Sandy Wardlow will be handling the ball as point. Other key players are freshmen Jennifer Gussis, Nancy Sierotko, Nicole Chelel and Adrienne Johnson; and sophomores Carla Gonzalez and Jessica Gopinathan.

In the future Coach Klinger and assistant Mike Delia will work

the girls hard and use more players in the games. More running drills will be planned to put fast break pressure on the other teams. Other drills are also being taught in practice to incorporate good habits in the players. Julie speaks of one specific drill that works on ball handling. "This drill is really difficult, because we are not allowed to look down while dribbling. We even wear special glasses which prevent us from cheating. It seems as if it is helping the team."

The team will be competing against public schools in the upcoming season. This will make the team aware of their weaknesses as these schools are usually very strong.

The girls have had two games so far this season. Though both games were lost, they have been invaluable to the coaches in creating strategy. The team will be playing in a Christmas Tournament in the end of December.



Junior Judy Clancy practices her passing during a recent volleyball practice in preparation for a game.