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## Community Service: Options

The 1988-89 school year marks the first year in which community service will be a requirement at Prep. For this year's Juniors and Seniors, a minimum of ten hours must be given to a worthy cause. Several weeks ago, an assembly was held to expose some of the possibilities to Prep students.

Among those to speak at the assembly was Janet Van Avery, assistant director of the Voluntary Action Center of Middlesex County. Basically, the Action Center is a clearing house for volunteers. Next was Andrea Alexander, assistant director of the volunteer Jewish Family service of Northern Middlesex County. Ms. Alexander spoke of the need for teenagers in such programs as teen support groups and services for homebound people. Speaking for a program called Middle Earth was Jean Rizzo. Middle Earth is basically a place for kids to talk and hang

out. Another similar program is the Youth Services program in New Brunswick. Represented by Dave Blevens, the Youth Services program has been responsible for such activities as Oktoberfest in New Brunswick, and several after school programs. Speaking for the political faction of volunteerism was Rose Brunetto, a representative of Bill Bradley's office. Brunetto spoke of the many tasks that necessitate volunteer work. Finally, Irene Allen came to speak about the need for community service in the area of senior citizens. Many older people become lonely in later life because they have been isolated from society and in some cases their families.

There is a great need for community service in this society. According to the speakers at the assembly, many facets of society which had previously provided such services have dried up.



## Prep Welcomes A New Principal

by Aki Katayama

Fall has arrived with the beginning of a new school year. As the United States prepares to elect a new leader, RPS introduces Mr. Richard B. Karman as the new principal of the Upper School. Although his friendly smile and sociality resemble the qualities of our former principal, Mr. Michael Levinson, each has a unique style that will add flavor to our school. Mr. Karman has experience as a History teacher in two high schools, one of which was the New Lincoln school in Manhattan, where he was the head of the upper school.

Mr. Karman was born in Michigan and now has a wife and two children. He studied at Albion College in Michigan for his B.A. in European history. He continued his study at Columbia University to receive his M.A. and M.Phil in British history. Furthermore, he received his M.Ed at the Teachers College of Columbia University. Mr. Karman has also done some historical research in England and has

taught at Stanford University.

Mr. Karman chose Rutgers Prep over three other positions at different schools. Having established a community service program of his own, Mr. Karman was impressed by Prep's effort to pursue such a program. He was also impressed that last year the students were able to get involved in selecting their new principal. He is fond of Prep because it is a traditional school in a suburban setting. Mr. Karman believes that the morning assembly is something wonderful and productive because it provides communication between the school, faculty, and students. He would like to further extend this superb communication by including the parents and establishing a unified Prep community.

With the influence of a new principal and new faculty, the students are optimistic about the school year. Mr. Karman's many experiences will hopefully improve the student life at Rutgers Prep.

## Prep Welcomes Three New Faculty Members

by Nicole Chesman

The Prep community extends a warm welcome to Lorissa Daskiewicz. Ms. Daskiewicz joins the science department as a Chemistry and Physics

### News-In-Brief

Recently, class elections were held to name new officers. The positions available to students are: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and council representative. The following is a list of the new officers for the 1988-89 school year. Seniors: President-Melanie Dever, Vice President-Ginger Truan, Secretary-Alissa Hauser, Treasurer-Sarabeth Schwartz, Reps-Aki Katyama and Sherry Lynn Lee. Juniors: President-Dan Oross, Vice President-Karen Robinovitz, Secretary-Vaishali Patel, Treasurer-Steven Finkelstein, Reps-Roger Chen and Alexandra Woitenko. Sophomores: President-Brian Towsen, Vice President-Shivam Mallick, Secretary-Howard Hymowitz, Treasurer-Joseph Locandro, Reps-Geoff Gussis and Marc Poole. Freshman: President-Nicole Weitz, Vice President-Doug Brown, Secretary-Cory Metzger, Treasurer-Scott Mory, Reps-Gracie Alcid and Liz Chin.

teacher. She will be teaching juniors and seniors. Ms. Daskiewicz is a graduate of Vassar College where she majored in Chemistry. Presently, Ms. Daskiewicz is working toward her Master's degree. She is unsure if it will be in Chemistry or Russian. This past summer Ms. Daskiewicz received a Dodge grant to observe science classes at three major pioneer schools in the Soviet Union. Ms. Daskiewicz, who is fluent in Russian, spent a month in the Soviet Union and was able to interview teachers and observe classes.

Prior to coming to Prep, she taught at Jefferson Township high school in New Jersey. In the few weeks Ms. Daskiewicz has been at Prep, both students and faculty have made her feel at home. Ms. Daskiewicz likes the "close knit student body" and feels that Prep students are very motivated.

Ms. Daskiewicz loves the outdoors. She is an avid camper and has an unusual hobby of collecting rare car parts for Corvettes. She is hoping to be on the coaching staff for the girls lacrosse team in the spring.

The second teacher to come to Prep this year is Mr. Brian Stoll. Stoll is a graduate of Stanford University in California. This

year he will be teaching Algebra I, Algebra II, Honors Geometry, and Physical Science. Previous to his arrival at Prep, Stoll was teaching at a private girls school in California. The reason for his move to the East had to do with the location of his fiance. When asked why Rutgers Prep appealed to him as a place of employment, Stoll responded, "It has strong academics and a rich curriculum." Mr. Stoll went on to describe the student body as "friendly" and "very helpful".

The third of the new Faculty this year is Ms. Jessica Vitkus. Vitkus recently graduated from Columbia College in N.Y.C. Ms. Vitkus will be teaching English II and English III this year. Along with teaching her classes, Vitkus will be directing the fall drama production of Antigone. Vitkus, like Stoll, had many compliments for the Prep community. She described the Prep student body as "very supportive and open minded". Ms. Vitkus also had pleasant observations to make about faculty in general. Now, as a teacher herself, she sees educators in an entirely different light. Her appreciation for the teaching profession has greatly increased with her new employment.

## New Art Studio Will Soon Replace Carriage House

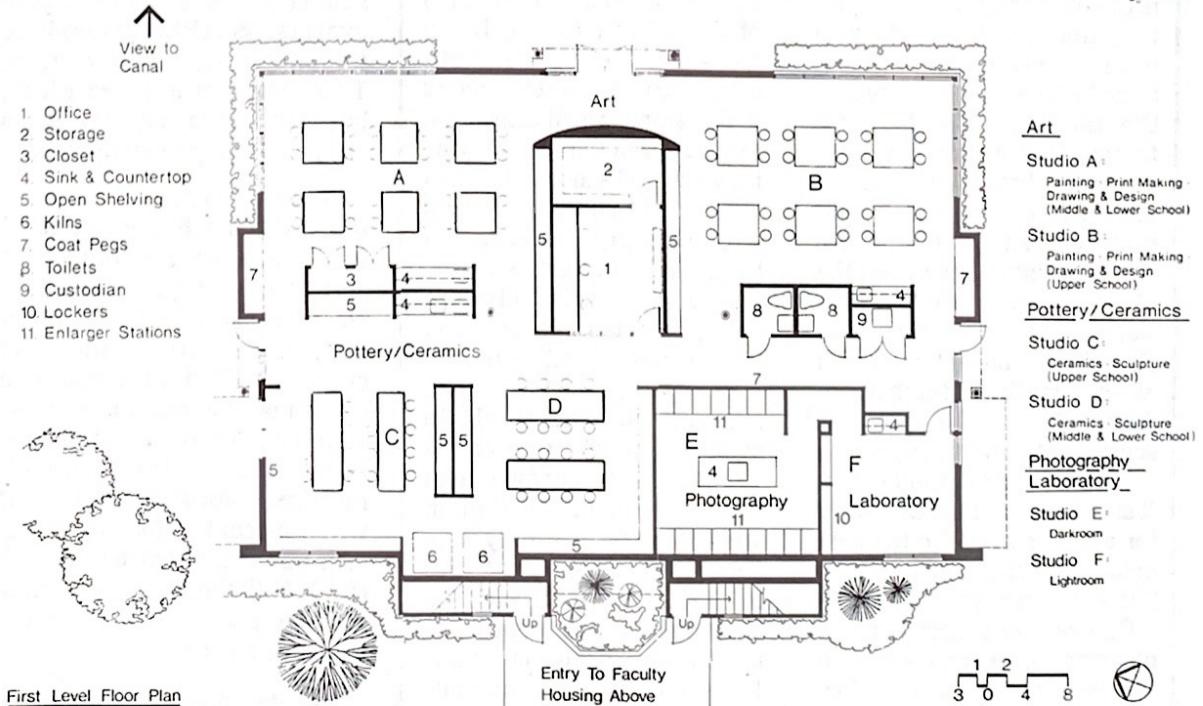
For years Rutgers Prep has been using a building called the "carriage house" to shelter its art courses. Once a stable and also a gym, the carriage house has seen much use throughout its long history. However, today, the building is so old that it is becoming difficult to maintain.

Thus, the decision has been made to build a new art building

directly behind the Elm Farm building. The first floor of this building will consist of studios for ceramics, photography and general Drawing and Design. The top floor, (as in the other building), will be put aside for faculty housing.

Recently, the first ground breaking ceremonies were held to signal the oncoming construc-

tion. Since it was so soon after the building of the upper school, the financial possibility of the building was closely checked. Other options for a new art studio were expressed. However, the new building was finally given the go-ahead, and everyone is very excited about this major improvement. Hopefully it will be completed within the next year.



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# Editorial

by Heather Bensko

Certain additions have been made to the curriculum this year for the betterment of the students, namely the ten hour community service requirement. A successful adaptation to the program from last year, however, has been removed; this being the gym study halls.

The whole purpose of physical education is to give students the opportunity to become physically fit, and also to provide a break in the academic day. To most athletes, this class is unnecessary, and a waste of time. It is safe to assume that athletes, after a two hour practice, are physically fit. It is also safe to assume that in most cases, after a rigorous practice, the energy and concentration levels of the student are virtually nil.

This school seems to be proud in the fact that a successful student can also be a successful athlete, however it does not make any adjustments to help athletes maintain their success in school. Many athletes don't have any

study halls, and with a rigorous schedule, homework is rarely completed until the wee hours of the night. An enormous amount of stress and irritability result from limited amounts of sleep, as well as, a decrease in performance in school. This is something that student/athletes face everyday, and it can be relieved with the simple replacement of the phys. ed. class which is considered unnecessary among athletes, for a productive study.

My main concern is the health of not only myself, but fellow student/athletes. Seniors feel it more this year than any other year. Not only do we have college applications to worry about, but other extracurriculars also take up much of our time. Must we sacrifice our health in this last year of high school to continue in the things that are of importance to us? Or must we quit the sports that we have given four years of our lives to? I hope the answer to both of these questions will be no.

# Summer Movie Reviews

by Jason Walcott

One of the many traditions of summer has been to go to the movies, and this summer has yielded a plethora of good, and some bad, movies. As usual, this year has turned out its eighties remakes. This summer's remake was "The Blob." If one wants a good laugh, then this is the movie to see. If the moviegoer's goal is, however, to be scared then don't get your hopes up! This film was disappointing. Aside from the fact that the acting was terrible, the special effects were of poor quality also. I'm sure the actors could have performed better, if given the right script—yet the script also had a lot to be desired. First, we have an amorphous life form which falls from the sky which we are led to believe is from outer space. Later, we find that the scientists who have quarantined the entire town had, themselves, created the monster. The heroines father, who is also the town reverend, bravely decides to keep a piece of the blob as a keepsake. At the end of the movie his intention is to let the blob loose, so it can destroy the world. This, however, is a ridiculous character switch which ruins the end of the film. Surely the original *Blob* was scary in its own time, but in the 1980s it just doesn't cut it. It seems a shame to pay money for a movie in which the best actor is a five-ton mountain of Smucker's strawberry jelly. C

One of the season's more pleasing films was *Big Top Pee Wee*. For all of those Pee Wee Herman fans out there, there was a satisfactory array

of talking pigs, dorky sets, and silly situations. In this story the circus comes to Pee Wee's town, and he ends up falling for a beautiful Italian trapeze artist. Pee Wee's fiancee, Winnie, is crushed, but fortunately finds consolation, and romance, in the muscle men of the circus. In this movie we see Pee Wee as we have never seen him before, with a sort of dark undertone which adds to his appeal. He loses his virginity to his trapeze girl, and ends up marrying her. The acting is OK, but the script is quite funny. The stereotypical characters and situations are delightful and funny. B

"A Fish Called Wanda" was definitely one of the summer's funniest films. Directed by, and starring, John Cleese, it has the rip of typical English humor. Combining the talents of Jamie Lee Curtis, Kevin Kline, and Michael Palin was a definite plus. The characters in this story are all criminals, except for John Cleese who plays a well-known English lawyer. When the jewel thieves steal some large stones from a bank vault, the antics begin. People are fooled and tricked throughout the movie. John Cleese ends up falling in love with Jamie Lee Curtis, and the two go off (with the jewels) to start a new life. One of the funnier scenes is when John Cleese is caught naked in an apartment by a family who opens the wrong door. Although he is in the buff, he tries to act like nothing is unusual or out of the ordinary. It results in quite a humorous scene. This movie is definitely worth the ticket price. A

# Conventions considered successful by both parties

## Democratic Convention

He's been called the Massachusetts Miracle, stresses bringing the American Dream to all people, and wants to cut military spending to decrease the deficit. But how good a President will (if elected) Mike Dukakis be?

Looking at his accomplishments in Massachusetts, it is easy to see that Mr. Dukakis has pioneered some very successful, progressive programs. The state's unemployment rate is currently a low 3%. It also has the lowest crime rate for an industrialized state, and the amount of state income tax paid in relation to total personal earnings is tenth lowest out of the fifty states. Massachusetts' welfare job-training program has been responsible for getting 50,000 families off of welfare and into the workforce. In addition, the new universal health insurance program has guaranteed medical care to all.

His excellent record in Massachusetts is no doubt an indication of the equally outstanding job he will do as President. His plans to reduce the huge, \$1 trillion deficit accumulated during the last eight years include not only reductions in military spending, but more organized

and efficient tax collection methods to avoid the billions of dollars lost annually by the federal government in tax evasion.

Mike Dukakis has clearly proven his competence for the highest executive office in the nation. He has outlined a concrete plan to trim the deficit, shown his sympathy towards the homeless and the impoverished, and feels strongly that the American Dream belongs to all people, not just an advantaged minority. We should feel confident that this man could very well be our next President.

## Republican Convention

by Tim Herrmann

There were many surprises in the Republican National Convention, which was held in New Orleans. For one, Bush pulled a running mate out of nowhere; he being Senator Dan Quayle from Indiana. He seemed to make this decision by himself, since he ignored his aides by not choosing the likes of Senators Jack Kemp or Bob Dole. More controversy arose through speculations that Quayle's National Guard service was a rich kid's ploy to escape duty in the Vietnam war. This action was, however, an accepted way to serve the country, and also very subtly protest the war.

Although this election has aroused controversy, it will be beneficial in solidifying the Midwest.

Maybe the biggest surprise in the eyes of the liberals was the stirring speech given by George Bush in his acceptance of the nomination. "The Speech", as some are calling it, destroyed Bush's wimpy image, and took him out of the Reagan shadow. "The Speech" portrayed both his aggressiveness and charisma.

Bush will continue his support of strong defense, and will continue to promote patriotism (most likely in the form of permitting teachers to lead classes in the pledge of allegiance).

He will continue his hard line on drugs, and ocean dumping. One ocean he might start with is the one surrounding Boston harbor. He will also continue his hard line on crime, one aspect that his opponent is quite weak in. Bush will continue "Reaganomics", and continue its beneficial trends of low inflation, and minimum unemployment.

The Republican Convention was a do or die situation for George Bush but caused quite an upsurge in Bush's popularity. Whether or not the selection of Quayle will hurt Bush, only time will tell.



# ISSUES

## Handbook Changes Received With Mixed Emotions

by Melanie Dever

There were many changes in this year's handbook, including a detailed description of the school's drug policy and AIDS policy. There is also a new rule stating that students must play gym in school clothes if they have forgotten their gym clothes. There are two changes which, however, stand out: the dress code and the gym study halls.

Praise is in order for the decision to make blazers optional when sweaters are worn. Not only are a large number of blazers being spared the agony of being dragged around, thrown in corners, rolled in balls, and draped over arms, but students who choose to wear heavy sweaters need no longer look like marshmallows with jackets on. It would appear that for once a decision was made that was beneficial to both the students, and the school's image. But all is not bright and beautiful.

The decision to remove the option of a gym study hall for Prep athletes has been poorly

received (to say the least) by the students. Apparently the proctors for these study halls did not perceive that the study halls were being used to their fullest advantage. One student aptly noted, "How do they know if I got my homework done an hour earlier every night?" It seems that the ultimate judges of the value of the extra study time—the athletes—were not even consulted when the program was re-examined. It would seem that

students willing to give up hundreds of hours per season (120 hours of practice per season, not including games) to play on teams that bring prestige and pride to the school should certainly be excused from gym to study. The mere fact that many students first reaction upon hearing of the loss of the gym study halls was, "When am I going to do my homework?" speaks highly in favor of the athlete's motives for wanting the study halls.

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# Retreat to Blairstown sets tone for P.L. program

by Karen Robinovitz

At 6:30 A.M., on August 22, the 16 senior peer leaders got together with Mrs. Halpern, the head of the peer leadership program, Mr. Clark VonVille, and Bill Rowling, for the third peer leadership retreat. The retreat actually started on August 19, with selecting the meal plan, food shopping, and discussing the rules at Mrs. Halpern's house.

Staying in the Spruce Lodge at Camp Mason in Blairstown, New Jersey, the group participated in activities during the day, such as, climbing the ropes course, and playing the Name Game. They also had the chance to open up and learn about each other and themselves by interviewing each other, breaking down each other's boundaries, and allowing each person to gain a better sense of the others. Everyone cooked and prepared the meals together. At night, the group gathered around the camp fire, laughing, talking, and singing, as Mr. Clark Von Ville played his guitar.

The leaders contributed their own ideas about activities and helped structure the interview process. The first time around,

specific, factual questions were asked. With time, the questions became more spontaneous and philosophical.

The sharing and caring activity gave the leaders greater understanding of each other. "Everyone's favorite activity was the balance wire. We all got together, helping one another," said Gabby Labato. Most of the activities from the retreat will be played with each peer leader's group in the classroom.

The peer leadership retreat is organized by the faculty. The retreat has grown in the past two years. The first retreat lasted only 1½ days. In past years, more time was added, more breaks were given, and the ropes course was added.

This year's retreat was different than the previous two years because one peer leader couldn't make it to Camp Mason due to a last minute problem. The group decided to have a mini retreat at Rutgers Prep after they returned from Camp Mason; everyone did the same activities again to give the missing peer leader the same experience!

After the retreat, and after four long hours of debate co-leadership teams were selected. Rich Hanle was paired with Adrienne Towsen; Heather Bensko and Todd Haedrich are a team; Melanie Dever and Mark Parker are co-leaders; Wyndi Goldberg and Claire Barna were paired together; Gabby Labato and Debbie Spitzer will lead a group; Tim Hermann and Jessie Gopinathan were paired up; Jim Fox will lead with George Barood; SherryLynn Lee and Ginger Truean are the final pair.

"This was definitely a helpful way to start the peer leadership program. Spending 2½ days living together gave everyone a chance to share their thoughts and create a bond of friendship," said Mrs. Halpern.

The peer leaders called the retreat "an open, care-free, comfortable, fun environment without any pressures." Gabby Labato added, "I knew everybody, but the retreat helped me get to know them better, becoming close friends." Was the retreat a success? "It always is!" exclaimed Mrs. Halpern.



Peer leaders taking a break from the day's activities.

## Prepsters visit exotic lands

by Krista Stella

Leaving the everyday routine of the classroom last Spring, students from Prep explored new lands and opportunities during the summer. Rima Mian visited Pakistan, staying in its capitol, Islamabad. Adjusting the first week to 100 degree plus heat was difficult and required a nap in the afternoon to survive. Overcoming the weather, she found the people to be friendly and carefree. Spontaneously she and her friends would decide to go somewhere such as a bazaar, for there were no shopping malls. Though she did not know the language and many did not know English, they were able to communicate with sign language.

According to Rima, her best experience was in dealing with a deaf person. After one month she was reluctant to leave, having benefitted greatly from this trip.

Akinyi Ouma also had an interesting summer. Her travels found her in Kenya where she was happy to say she did not get malaria. Akinyi also spent a week in France where she visited many of the famous monuments.

"We studied it so much, it was almost as if I had already been there." Stopping in London for a few days on the way home provided some rest.

Stephen Finkelstein had more of an exotic journey. He and his family went to Irian Jaya, an island in the South Pacific. They stayed in a hospital where Dr. Finkelstein offered his services for one month.

Closer to home, Jennifer Gussis, Jennifer Costanza, and Sharon Paley all went on a bike tour from Fort Lee, New Jersey to Montreal, Canada. Along with eight other people and one leader, they visited places such as Lake George, Lake Placid, and Lake Champlain. Camping out every night in cramped tents proved to be uncomfortable, though not unlivable—at least for the sixteen days of the trip. After 520 miles, Jennifer Gussis's worst experience was eight flat tires within the course of a day. However the three days in Montreal at the end made up for it. These are only a few examples of how Prep students spent this past summer.

Logo programming and read 4½ books.

One cannot forget to ask our vice-principal Mrs. Gooen what she did over the summer. For one thing, she stripped the wax off the kitchen floor. She also attended a seminar at Philips Exeter Academy for computer and mathematics education. She said she basically, "learned about chaos" at the seminar. She also went to Los Angeles to visit her son.

## Academic minds at work during summer vacation

by Vaishali Patel

While some of us were sleeping and relaxing our summer away, some people from Prep were busy pouring over books with other students at academic institutions. One such notable was Melanie Dever, a senior, who was nominated from Prep to the prestigious Governor's School, in New Jersey. As a math and science student there, she took courses, such as; number theory, embryology, pascal programming, carvality, and as a team project, she did geometric constructions. Even though she had a full schedule with her courses, she found plenty of time to make new friends and socialize. The things she liked most about her experience at the Governor's School were the people there, and the fact that everybody there was naturally curious, and cared.

Krista Stella, on the other hand, went to Oxford, England for the summer. Because there

were only seventeen kids there, each class was personalized and similar to a tutoring session. She was the only one in her chemistry class, and there were only three students, including herself, in her literature class. Oxford planned many trips throughout England. She went to York, Brighton, and to Westminster Abbey, and Buckingham Palace, in London. One of the main reasons she liked it was because of the small number of people. She came to know everybody well, and found out that English kids have a lot in common with kids here.

Danny Karen, a junior, found something closer to home. He spent his summer taking courses at Rutgers University. He took a sociology course, and a weight training course there. The sociology course gave him a feeling of responsibility and independence. The weight training course was fun, and also good preparation for wrestling season.

Melanie, Krista, and Danny enjoyed their summer sweating out doing schoolwork, and making new friends. If you want to spend your next summer at a college, as Krista, Melanie, and Danny did see Mrs. Hagin.

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Boys' soccer before a recent home game.

## Boys' Soccer Has High Hopes for New Season

by Steven Finkelstein

Boys' soccer is off to a slow start this year. They have compiled three losses, but the team did beat Neumann Prep in overtime, 5 to 3. Despite their losses, Coach Marotto said, "Our team has the talent to win a lot of ball games, but we just haven't used all that talent yet." Both Mr. Marotto and Mr. Sansone, a new assistant this year, provide excellent coaching and leadership for the team.

Although the team will especially miss both Steve Cirulo and Tim Cirena, both ex-

cellent players, they have three new co-captains ready to take their places, Matt Lenaghan, Rich Hanle, and Tim Hermann. Additional seniors include Tony Foleno, Andy Morrison, Doug Pagan, Ted Liscinski, Dev Lahiri, and Craig Wacker. Next year, leadership will be provided by this year's juniors who include Danny Oross, Josh Greenstein, Mark Levy, and Chris Gioffre. Michael Metzger is the only sophomore playing on the varsity team this year.

Although the team is off to a slow start, the team has much

by Carla Gonzalez

Prep's cross country team, headed by Mark Parker, Chris Conlon and Mandy Holliday, is off to a great start this year. The coed team has already run in the Prep and Newark Conferences. Both teams placed very well. The boys took third place in the Prep Conference with Chris Conlon taking seventh place, Steven Finkelstein twelfth, and Brian Towsen fourteenth. The girls also

ran a strong race. Mandy Holliday took an outstanding first place, Ginger Truan third, and Adrienne Towsen fourth. Chris Conlon, who is boys co-captain along with Mark Parker, said "We should have been able to win it. Everyone ran well and we're now looking forward to winning the States."

The boys record so far in regular competition is 0-1, having lost to Piscataway, a tough team. The girls are 1-0. This year's girls team consists of the veterans Mandy Holliday and Jessica Gopinathan, who has had a tough early season injury, and newcomers Adrienne Towsen, Ginger Truan, Vallerie Abdullah and Sherry-Lynn Lee. Coach Mary Klinger said that the whole team is working very hard and if "they keep up their end and run as well as they have been, they will do very well in states." The long awaited states will be held at the end of the season.

Boys team runners include Chris Conlon, Mark Parker, Steve Finkelstein, Joe Locandro,

Brian Towsen, John Hegedus, Chris Racich, and Sam Finkelstein, who are the top runners, and John Fidelino, Bill Hornbustle, Barret Goodwin, Mike Kukka, Kris Katsulis, Marc Poole, Regis Renard, and Rich Gallini. Coach Bob Daugherty said that he is pleased with the amount of talent that the team has, even though many of the runners are inexperienced. He also said that he believes that the boys have a good chance of winning the states this year. To do this, they would have to "get our top runners into the top ten places and get the fifth, sixth and seventh men closer to the top group. The only way we can do this is if we work hard and improve." He also believes that the key to the girls chances of state championship is whether or not Jessi, Sherry and Valerie continue to improve so that they may take places in the top twenty. He says that they can, with work and confidence.

The two teams are off to an enthusiastic start and are looking forward to the season.

## Girls' Soccer Starting Slowly

Though off to a very disappointing start, girls' soccer is still hanging in there. A committed team and coach remain after some very tough games. Thusfar, girls' soccer has had a perfect record of 0-5, which is the main thing about the team that the girls want to turn around. They are having a good time, but like the Columbia football team, a good time only carries the team's morale so far. Against St. Elizabeth, the team played well and also came close to a win.

Many of the teams that the girls have played have been Division A, but the main problem for the team has been its lack of experience. Sandy Wardlow, the team's captain and one of its only seniors, said, "We have a very young, inexperienced team. We lost a lot of seniors."

Mainstay players for the team include Sandy Wardlow, Jen Gussis, and Megin Coakley, three players who have played on the varsity level extensively and who are looked to as team leaders.

It is still very early in the season, and the team is looking to turn things around immediately. Sandy noted, "We're really starting to pull together." With practice, hard work and team work, it looks as though the team really is ready to get things going in the right direction. A poor end does not necessarily ensue a poor beginning.

## Sports Schedule

V. Boys' Soccer:	10/12 Morristown Beard (A) 10/13 Pingry School (H)
Girls' Soccer:	10/12 Saddle River (A)
Girls' Tennis:	10/11 Pennington School (H) 10/12 Dwight Englewood (A)
Cross Country:	10/12 Montclair Kimberly (A) 10/14 Tri-Meet Dunellen/Pennington (H)
JV Boys' Soccer:	10/12 Morristown Beard (H) 10/13 Pingry School (H)

## SUPPORT PREP TEAMS

## Girls' Tennis Plans to Rebuild and Reload

Girls' tennis is facing a rebuilding year this season, but seems up to the challenge. Though they have started their season with a poor record, they are gaining valuable experience and at the same time having some fun.

The team's record is 1-4. Their only victory was against Ranney. They are headed by a new coach, Coach Ed Snider. He admitted that the girls were experiencing a tough season, but he stresses that the team "has a lot of young talent and some experience." He

feels that the team will definitely improve as the season goes on with more practice and a "chance to get game tough." Coach Snider also noted that a sizable number of the team are freshmen who have come out for the team and can only benefit the program in the years to come.

The girls seem very satisfied with the coaching of Snider. Comments of "good coach" and "really nice guy" were frequently forwarded by the girls.

Sophomore Naledi Khabo has been a standout among the team

this year. Though only a sophomore, she has clinched the first singles position on the team ladder. This means that she is considered the team's strongest player. Six weeks of tennis camp over the summer and all of her hard work on the court must have paid off for this promising prospect.

Other promising players include captain Edana Kartzenel, Jenifer Costanza, Kirsten Driver, and Michelle Korn, who was recently sidelined with a strained muscle in her leg.



Junior Jennifer Gussis practices footwork.