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New Year Brings New Faculty

by Matt Scherb

The commencement of classes this fall marked the beginning of the 227th academic school year at Rutgers Preparatory School. During each of these 227 years the school has provided its students with a top quality education, preparing them for the challenges of college and beyond. However, these successes could not have occurred without the dedication to teaching that the faculty of the School has possessed. This year, the School has retained the services of several new faculty members who seem eager to share their knowledge with students.

The Mathematics department is gaining Ms. Berrien, a graduate of Colgate University. She is teaching Algebra I, Algebra II, Algebra II Honors, Math IV, and Statistics. For two years prior to her arrival at Rutgers Prep, Ms. Berrien taught in Japan at the YMCA International Center and the U.S.A. English Center. After coming to Prep, she finds the students at Prep to be very enthusiastic. She is currently attending Rutgers University in pursuit of a Masters degree in language education.

Joining the foreign language department are two new teachers; Mrs. Hernandez and

Mr. Francois. Mrs. Hernandez was born in Honduras and moved to the United States when she was 16. She graduated from Rutgers University, and is planning to return there to get a Ph.D. in Spanish literature. Her goals as a Spanish teacher are to make Spanish fun and to involve as many people as possible in the classroom activities. Mr. Francois was born in Canada and grew up speaking both English and French. He graduated from Swarthmore College. Mr. Francois teaches Spanish I in the Upper School, as well as a multitude of other language courses in the Middle School.

This year, the computer department is undergoing a complete change of faculty. The new acting chair of the department is Mr. Ryner who completed his undergraduate work at Brown University and received his Masters in business from Columbia University. He is joined by Mrs. Grivalsky; a graduate of Fairfield University. Mr. Ryner teaches Introduction to Computers, as well as Middle School computer classes. Mrs. Grivalsky also

teaches Introduction to Computers and AP Computer Science.

The art department also received a new member, Mr. Mordetsky. He graduated from the Philadelphia College of Art. He teaches at the Princeton Latin Academy, Mercer County College, and summer school at Peddie.

While Mrs. Klinger, a physical education teacher, has taken maternity leave, Miss Goldman has been covering Mrs. Klinger's classes. She also coaches the Middle School lacross, varsity volleyball, and varsity cross country. She graduated from Rutgers Prep in 1988 and continued on to graduate from Ohio Wesleyan. Once Mrs. Klinger returns, Miss Goldman will work in the admissions office.

Finally, there is a new member of the Development Office, Mrs. Rosenberg. She graduated from Rutgers University after graduating from Rutgers Prep in 1984. Her responsibilities include the coordination of the alumni program and fundraising.

It appears that all of the new faculty members have easily adjusted to the school community, and are ready to start teaching for this 227th academic year.

A Head Start on Community Service

by Amy Smith

Rutgers Prep has always been greatly involved with community service, and this year looks to equal or even surpass the range of activities and number of people involved in community service last year.

Already in the past week were a well-attended beach clean-up and a charity run for Muhlenberg Hospital. On the horizon is the American Diabetes Walktoberfest (October 3). Prep was the top team money-earner last year and would like to get even more people involved and outdo itself again this year.

The new community service requirements are being implemented this year, and the community service committee, led by faculty advisors Mrs. Edmondson and Mr. Francois, will try to make the transition as

painless as possible.

Prep has made a concerted effort in the past year to make Prep as accomplished in community service, as they are in academics and sports. Dr. Loy has been the leader in this movement and says, "Chick Street Man has often mentioned in his performances that 'the ability to communicate in an effective way is based upon confidence and self-expression.' These qualities are gained through a number of involvements, and I believe that service to one's community is one of the most significant. Through the act of helping others, one learns about oneself. And the result of that learning experience is an increased sense of confidence and new ways of expression."

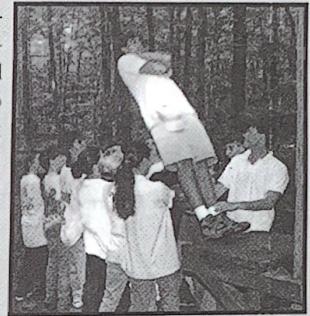
Peer Leadership

by Laurn Lineback

On August 30, fourteen anxious and excited pre-selected peer-leaders arrived at Rutgers Prep at 7:00 am to embark on a three-day retreat to Aldersgate Camp in Swartswood, New Jersey. The peer leaders were accompanied by Mrs. Halpern, Mrs. Sullivan and Mr. Nichols.

Upon arriving at the camp, the peer-leaders unpacked vast quantities of food which they had purchased. The group was then divided into four smaller groups, and each group was responsible for preparing different meals. Many were very impressed with their peer's culinary abilities. That night, each member of the group shared a significant memory or item which they had brought with them.

The next morning, the peer-leaders were joined by Dave Jones, who led them in physical trust exercises and a ropes course to inspire group problem solving. From the group problem solving drills, they learned what works and does not work in group communication. This knowledge was applied to both mental and



Matt Hobbs learns to trust his friends

physical problems. The slow-process of getting to know sixteen other people had begun. This was done by listening to each other and allowing everyone in the group to speak.

The rest of the day was spent in getting to know each other better through recreational activities like swimming and eating. That night, the entire group was in bed and asleep by 4:00 A.M. and Mrs. Sullivan woke up to a heavily toilet-papered and shaving-creamed car.

The group returned to Rutgers Rep, the next morning, a tired but synchronized group.

The Class of 1997 Comes Together

by Alison Albino

On September 13, the Freshman class of 1997 went on the famous three-day camping trip at Wildcat Mountain. The Freshman class, despite the fact that there would be no showers, bathrooms, or civilization in the wilderness, was excited to be away from school and to get to know each other.

The group of fifty-nine students and five advisors along with Upper School Principal, Mr. Richard Karman, separated into groups of twelve and headed into the mountains for a myriad of activities. The groups faced challenges like "the wall" and a rope course that were not chosen to test physical strength but were chosen to inspire teamwork and cooperation among the students. Each group did a specific activity, such as rock climbing or hiking along the mountains, and as they worked,



The Class of '97 on the Freshman Camping trip

they were able to become familiar with each other.

The trip progressed smoothly with occasional surprises such as the sighting of a live bear. The Freshman class returned safe and sound and came back with a sense of unity and

cohesiveness. Says one freshman, "Although at times the camping trip could feel quite unbearable, it helped us to grow a little closer as a class and encouraged us to get to know the people behind the faces."

Who Pays for Clinton's Health Plan?

by Paul Constantinides

In the month of September, President Clinton released a plan that, if passed by Congress, would affect the way that Americans receive medical care. Under this plan, the 37 million who lack medical coverage would begin to receive benefits. The question that must be asked is as follows: Who will pay for these benefits and those of others receiving expanded benefits? The plan has several coherent answers to the problem, all well thought through in theory, but may have harmful effects on the delicate American economy in the future.

Under the current disorganization, all employers offer different alternatives for health insurance coverage of their employees. Many employers, such as large corporations currently provide Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) plans which offer medical coverage at different levels for different costs. The costs for such plans are usually split between

employer and employee, the actual percentages vary sharply. All employers, under the Clinton plan, would have to guarantee a certain number of minimal benefits to their employees. Many companies do offer such coverage now. Employers would pay 80% of the cost of insurance, while employees would pay 20%. This could end up costing businesses more money per employee, precipitating a cut in the number of new jobs being created.

The capping of costs for services or products rendered

to patients could also have negative effects. Patients might end up being cheated out of fair health care at their doctor's office when they go for a checkup, because the doctor must visit more patients per hour to earn the same amount that he was earning before the plan was instated. Pharmaceutical companies will end up down-sizing in order to sustain profits when their products are sold at a fraction of their old prices. Funding will come not only from cost cutbacks, but from sin taxes, which would have unlimited potential to become a

integral part of a new health plan; unfortunately, changes to Medicare and Medicaid have not been well thought through. The redistribution of Medicare and Medicaid funds will be a foolish move as the baby boom population moves into retirement age.

Those who stand to benefit the most from this plan are those who currently receive little or no medical coverage, or incomplete coverage (mainly those in small businesses or who are self employed); those on the losing side would be America's small and moderately sized businesses, and all those involved in medical professions. In order to cover the 37 million Americans without health insurance, is it prudent that we put the entire medical and pharmaceutical field in jeopardy? While the American system of health care needs to be reformed, this newly proposed plan might be a hasty attempt at patching a system that may take years of gradual change

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Roving Reporter

This month, the Roving Reporter asked the very original question: **Did you do anything exciting this summer?**

"I moved from Rochester, N.Y. to New Brunswick. The move was excitement filled and took days to complete. After all the commotion, school is somewhat a relief!"

John Kansfield

"I went to my cousin's wedding in Michigan. The wedding was OK, but while I was there, I also learned how tattoos are done and a lot about drag racing."

Ann Kansfield

"I worked at a resort this summer for eight weeks. I was a waiter for the breakfast and dinner shifts. In between working, I hung out with my friends. It was

an enjoyable learning experience, and I made money too!"

Barry Hirsch

"During the final weeks of the summer, I was a washer at the Aberdeen Car Wash. I was lucky to be hired because I applied late. My responsibility was to dry off the cars after the machines were done cleaning them. It was hard work, but when it got really hot, I was always cool. Plus, I got paid."

Gregg Costello

I, your faithful Roving Reporter, spent three weeks at the University of Pennsylvania and spent the rest of the summer at the Jersey Shore. The first student who comes up to me and identifies me as the Argo's roving reporter will win a much coveted prize.



Larger Classes Mean Less Education

by Nidhi Kumar

We all awaited September 8, a new school year, a more strict routine. Some of us were more excited than others but nonetheless, even those who didn't want to go back to school were anxious to see what Prep had in store for them.

So the first day came and went, and we all agreed that the most prominent change at Prep was its increase in student

population. So many unfamiliar faces, so many new friends to make, and so many additions to Prep's various clubs and teams got returning students enthused about the new school year.

Yet when we began to focus on the more academic aspect of school, we noticed that our classrooms had more students. While in some classes a classroom of eighteen students

is not a threat, other classes, such as AP and honors, need to be small. Students in these more difficult classes need personal attention that is scarce in large classes. Many individual problems are bound to be ignored.

Rutgers Prep's administration has basically two options. They can lower enrollment, which is unlikely because

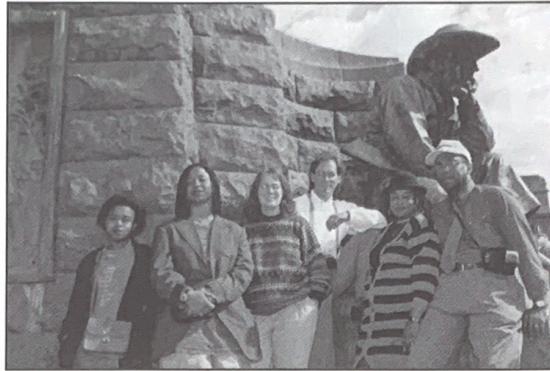
more students mean more money, or they can change their format so that classes are smaller; another unlikely possibility since it would involve radical schedule changes.

After reevaluating the situation, school must change the student/faculty ratio to properly account for the increase in student population.

Summer Abroad

by Violette Renard

Some students like to spend their summers relaxing at home. For seniors Amy Halpin and Ann Kansfield, however, their vacations were spent overseas experiencing valuable internship and work experiences. Ann Kansfield, a new student to Prep, worked as a photographer for the South African Business Task Force, a business group that was invited by the African National Congress. Ann found this experience both an informative and rewarding one as she tried to capture the true essence of South Africa in her pictures. "While I was there, I would speak with people and get to know about their lives, and tried to reflect that in the photos I was taking." Ann saw a variety of lifestyles, ranging from immense wealth to the absolute depths of poverty. "People were forced to live in conditions where they walk through three inches of rain without shoes, and lived in shacks of 10 people," Ann



Anne Kansfield in Pretoria, South Africa

commented.

Amy Halpin also spent her summer abroad with the American Association of Overseas Study. For the first three weeks that she was there, she worked as an intern for Joseph Gallivan, a writer for one of the top three major newspapers, *The Independent*. Gallivan was one of the music reporters who made lists of upcoming concerts and shows, and Amy called tour managers to discuss the groups and

upcoming publicity events. She received free concert tickets and backstage passes to concerts including INXS and Pearl Jam. After three weeks, she worked at Tower Records stocking tapes, and taking inventory at a local store in London which enabled her to meet people and work with them on a one-on-one basis. Amy explained, "This was a really great experience. I got to see lots of great bands and go backstage to meet them personally."

Both Ann and Amy found their experiences to be both educational and enriching, as they were able to take on the responsibility of working abroad.

Chic Streetman Comes to Prep

by Anne Ackerman

On Wednesday, September 22, Rutgers Preparatory School experienced a whole new sensation in the form of Chic Streetman. Originally born Charles Streetman, this exceedingly talented and versatile musician and composer performed in classes in the Upper, Middle and Lower schools, in addition to giving a free evening concert.

Chic has traveled extensively and performed all over the world. His music is optimistic, focusing on opportunities in life, yet it is also very spirited and entertaining. Overcoming all biases and other cultural barriers, Chic carries his message to all through acoustic bluesy ballads, driving rhythms and jazzy originals. Dr. Loy saw Chic perform at the Dunn School near Santa Barbara, California and was so impressed with him that he invited Chic to perform at Rutgers Prep.

Chic composed the music and starred in the Off-Broadway hit "Spunk", and received a NAACP Theater Arts Award for this show in 1992. He has performed at the New York Shakespeare Festival, the Crossroads Theatre, the Mark Taper Forum and the Royal Court in London. Permuta-

tions, a segment of PBS's "Great Performances", was also composed by Chic. He has appeared in films and was a featured performer at the 1991 Paleo Festival, the 1992 Montreux Jazz Festival and the 1993 Berne Festival in Switzerland.

A true ambassador with music as his form of diplomacy, Chic has performed all around the world supporting peace and human rights. He was a featured performer at the United Nations at the General Assembly for the International Day of Peace. In 1992, he gave a benefit to bring relief to Somalia and has also performed for the United Nations Human Rights Center in Geneva. Chic served as the Artistic Director of the international play, "Peace Child," touring with the company in Russia and Poland.

A celebration of humanity and peace, Chic has recorded an album, "Growing Up." Bringing his message to the world in many different ways, Chic has also established the Chic Street Man School of Performing Arts in Santa Barbara, California. Mrs. Hunt commented, "It is so great to have someone whose life is so energized by music."

Summer Science and Fun

by Rajiv Singh

This summer, Prep students took part in a variety of programs in the field of science. They not only learned factual information, but acquired experience, responsibility and new areas of interest. Among the various experiences was the Partners in Science program at the Liberty Science Center. Denarra Nevels, Andowah Newton, Scott Skorupsky, Edsel Antonio, Erin Armstead, and George Cortelyou all took advantage of this opportunity. While performing scientific experiments, such as testing variables affecting pore radii of ceramic filters, and slicing cadavers, they were awarded a view of the real world applications of science. Also this summer, Ana Moral took part in a research opportunity at Rutgers University where she traced elements in gametes.

"The Governor's School was another program experienced by Prep students this summer. Anthony Accardi and Rajiv Singh attended the Governor's School of the Sciences and the Governor's School of Environment respectively. In the School of Sciences at Drew University, Anthony attended classes on number theory, 20th century

Nature walks through the nearby Pinelands, canoeing, a visit by Governor Jim Florio, trips to power plants, the beach, and the quickly formed close friendships made it an extremely enjoyable one as well." Both schools were highly selective in accepting students from all over New Jersey. Anthony spent his four weeks among only 89 other scholars, while Rajiv spent July with 89 others as well.

The Argo encourages responses to editorials and any letters to the Editors. If you have an opinion, express it!

Beach Sweep

by Debbie Rothberg

On Saturday, September 18, Prep participated in a beach sweep at Sandy Hook. The sweep is sponsored by Clean Ocean Action, takes place twice a year and is an easy way that anyone who is interested can help clean up our beaches. People of all ages are bussed out to different areas of the beach to hand-pick up trash that has washed up onto the shore. All trash picked up is sorted for recycling, and participants mark down the type and amount of garbage found on cards they carry with them. Clean Ocean Action, with the help from beach captains, tallies up all the cards, and uses the information to take direct action against com-

panies and businesses dumping in the ocean.

Though the weather was cold and damp, Prep along with many other schools had a great turnout and miles of beach were noticeably cleaner. A big thanks goes to Diana Liscinski and Mr. Masza for organizing. Prep students who participated; Sid Singh, Debbie Rothberg, Sara Papa, Dave Papa, Kavita Patel, Jay Golon, Gerard Joe, Caroline Chang, Malini Sangha, Joyce Reyes, Ria Rasalan, Alana Karen, Stephanie Verb, Neil Patel, and Denarra Nevels. They all will receive community service hours for their work.

Council Corner

by Uma Ayyala

This year, Council began on a rainy note. The traditional Burger Blast held on the first day of school was held in the rain but was just as successful. Council hopes to have an exciting and productive year. With the cooperation and support of the student body, Council plans to distribute laminated identification cards to each student. Also, Council will hold a Dress Down Day in October, where all proceeds will go to the Red Cross for flood relief to the Midwest states hit hard this summer. In December, vice-president Matt Hobbs has arranged for Prep to hold a Blood Drive in Baldwin Hall. As if those activities won't keep Council busy, a raffle will be held in late October where prizes such as a Sega Genesis and a VCR will be auctioned off with proceeds going to a school scholarship fund.

Boys Soccer Is Ready

by Melissa Stass

This year's team is willing to put up a fight for the 1993 season. With Senior captains Dean Barber, Matt Hobbs and Junior captain Mike Rose, boys soccer should be a powerful team. On the roster there are ten new members, Senior Alan Heyman, Juniors Joe Lawrence, Scott Skorupsky and Joe Loverde, Sophomore Kerry Scott and Freshmen Frank Cesario, Keith Forney, Henri Renard, Evan Siegel and Ken Tashman.

Many don't realize all the team goes through to be in top shape. First, they jog around the entire middle school field area twice, then a number of passing and shooting drills take place to make sure each player knows how to be in control of the ball. Finally, for most of the practice, they have

a strong scrimmage against each other to find the key elements to work on in the next day's practice. This is hard work!

The team is off to an 0-5 start. Their initial losses came in surprising fashion versus Morristown-Beard and Wardlaw-Hartridge with scores of 2-0 and 4-2 respectively. Their fourth place finish was out of character for the same team who had finished no worse than second in four previous Wardlaw tournaments. Other distracting losses were to Newark Academy, MKA and Pennington. But it is still early in the season and Prep could make up ground on their opponents. We expect a great deal from this team, so keep score!

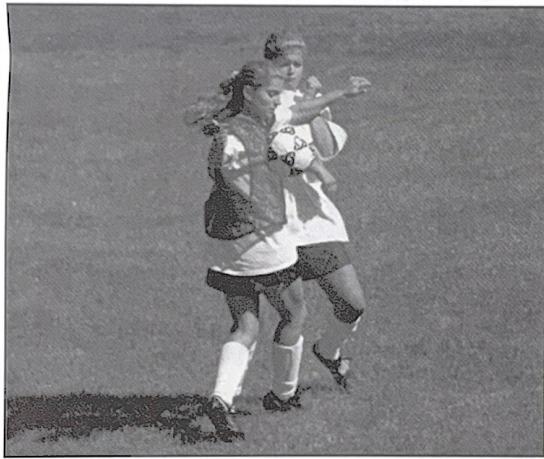
Big Turnout for Girls Soccer

by Nicole Wasson

After a disappointing 1992 fall season, the Rutgers Prep Varsity Girls Soccer team shows promise and determination. Positions vacated by graduation will easily be filled by eager and experienced players, ready to challenge other schools. On September 11, Rutgers Prep displayed its soccer talent for the first time in a scrimmage against Ridge. After a quiet and slow start, the team began to work as a unit, creating openings and aggressive drives against Ridge's defense.

With 22 players on the bench, substitutions are never ending. Not only are energetic legs a major offensive weapon, but with "almost enough for two full teams during practice," game situations can be reenacted "which really helps out," says Assistant Coach Glantzow who is excited about the coming season. Coach Nichols predicts, "there will not be a game where we are not in the running." The Freshman turnout is one reason for Nichols' enthusiasm. Freshmen Nicole Fiumefredo, Liz Alexander, and Daniella Metzger will add offensive speed while Kate Somers will hold the defense in the sweeper's position. Other contributing Freshmen will be Linda Condon, Lauren Peters, Anne Cohen, and Archana Kansagra.

Senior and co-captain



Alana Karen on the offensive

Jamie Schumer has returned to add her incredible speed to the offense. She will see help from the mid-field by Allison Siegel, a new student to Prep. Siegel has joined the soccer team as a Sophomore with her three classmates Stephanie Verb, Meredith Shirley, and Melissa Stass.

Defensively, Nichols will rely on the strong play of Nicole Carlo, Laura Wiener and Stephanie Rosenstein (the latter two share the co-captain position with Schumer). A combination of Senior Anne Ackerman and Freshman Maureen Benitz will defend the Rutgers Prep goal.

This team found leadership in Juniors Hiam Boraie, Nidhi Kumar, Kristine Coco, and Alana Karen in the season openers September 21

and 22 at PDS and Villanova respectively. The team is currently 1-1 having had a game rained out against Newark Academy but that game is being rescheduled. Their initial victory was a 3-0 blast of Villa Victoria. Jamie Schumer tallied two goals for the Lady Argos with support from Hiam Boraie's goal and Daniella Metzger's assists. The team then dropped a 10-2 decision to PDS, which saw goals by Schumer and Metzger. However, Coach Nichols was optimistic after the defeat; "PDS was a great team. I told them they probably got more out of that game because I was able to play all 22 players." Regardless of the opponent, Nichols is positive Rutgers' Girls Soccer will make an impact.

Cross Country

by Maureen Benitz

The boys Cross Country team is looking for a strong showing this fall. Mr. Dougherty is preparing the team by practicing daily drills including long distance running, sprinting workouts, and weight lifting. Mr. Dougherty has joined forces with Miss Denise Goldman to create an unstoppable team. Coach Goldman is contributing to the team series of plyometric exercises that will give the team unstoppable explosive power.

The coach wants to stress the fact that the team can't take any opponent for granted. Some teams that look strong are Pingry and Princeton Day School. To

date, the team hasn't been in any meets.

Look for the team to improve greatly as the season progresses. The team is young and will gain experience for future years. Expect a competitive team.

Members of the

team are Seniors Paul Constantinides and John Young, Junior Bill Bocra and Doug Mayle, Sophomores Dave Belinker, Tom McNally and Dave Papa, and Freshmen Leland Gogliani, Simon Messing, Josh Rogen, Scott Yelity.

Girls Tennis

by Cory Graham

The girls tennis team is back and ready to play. The tennis team had an early start this year because practices began a week earlier than school. New head coach, Jim Ackerman, is looking forward to his first season at the helm of the Lady Argos. "They have a lot of potential," remarked Ackerman about the upcoming campaigns, "but they have to want to win."

Some popular faces from last year's team are back plus many new additions. The freshmen are showing what they have to offer and things look promising.

Some new, but familiar faces this season include the return of Junior

Nicole Wasson after sitting out last year due to a debilitating injury. Nicole is ready to play this year and figures to be placed at first singles. Sophomore Rebecca Caldwell comes to Rutgers Prep from North Hunterdon High and will enhance the stability of the team. Other returning students include Sophomore Julie Rockoff, and Seniors Nicole Samuels, Amy Smith, and Meredith Maxwell.

The team had warm up matches at the Somerset County Tournament. Each player, however, was eliminated early. They also confronted Morristown Beard but were again turned away in a shut-out.

As of 9/29 team records are:

1-5	<i>Boys Soccer</i>
1-2	<i>Girls Soccer</i>
0-1	<i>Tennis</i>
0-0	<i>Cross Country</i>

What's New With Prep Sports

by Mark Nastus

As another exciting sports season begins at Prep, *The Argo's* roving sports reporters are out to capture every goal, ace and first person to cross the finish line! Prep so continues the school's paper.

This year, *The Argo* Sports Page is striving for new possibilities for seasonal coverage. Making its initial appearance in upcoming editions will be a feature section. It will showcase budding stars and reveal interesting stories about Prep

athletes. We also will try to give more in-depth news about teams rather than summations of seasonal play. Schedules and records will also keep readers informed.

The Sports page staff hopes to always report the truth and to accurately explain situations clearly, as well as give the opinions of players and coaches.

We wish a great year to all athletes and hope that the year is filled with victories.