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Mission Statement

Our dedicated staff will strive to create a publication that highlights the talent and diversity of our school community.

To our supporters:

The distinctive goal of the newspaper club is to restore County Prep's newspaper, Hurricane News. We are a diverse, open-minded staff collaborating with a creativity and determination that we hope to project into our publication. As you can see from the associated article, the club attended the 28th Annual Student Press Day sponsored by GSSPA. The objective of these workshops was to aid both students and advisers in generating a superior newspaper using creative ideas and articles. Attending this workshop has provided us with insight and we look forward to using this knowledge in producing a new and fresh Hurricane News. We hope as a member of the County Prep community you will support us in doing so.

Thank you,

Gail Job

For the Hurricane News Staff

STUDENTS SEEK EXPERTS' GUIDANCE IN REVIVING SCHOOL NEWSPAPER

Martina Ralatt '08

On Monday October 29, 2007, eighteen members of the County Prep Newspaper Club along with adviser, Mrs. Dinicola, attended the 28th Annual Student Press Day sponsored by the Garden State Scholastic Press Association. Attendees gathered at the Fall Conference held at the Busch Campus Student Center at Rutgers in Piscataway.

This annual event consists of a series of workshops conducted by top notch experts in the field of journalism. It is designed to help students who are publishing high school newspapers and/or yearbooks. Workshops include topics such as layout/design, headline writing, cartoons, copy editing, photojournalism and just about



Members of the newspaper club who attended the GSSPA Fall Conference.

any related topic. Even staff management, advertising and marketing are addressed. Presenters are professional reporters, editors, graphic artists and photojournalists. The newspaper staff considered the attending

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County Prep students go green!
Review of *An Inconvenient Truth*
Tips from The Environmental Club for "going green" .

Stories include:
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NHS news
Fashion program
Mr. and Ms. County Prep

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Girls' soccer
Girls' tennis

COSMETOLOGY HAS A NEW "DO"

Kathy Perez '10, Jasmine Laput '10, and Jane Malasiq '10

It looks like a modern salon, spacious and colorful. But this salon is located in County Prep High School, and as you enter you feel the energy of students involved in learning while they work in the beautifully renovated classroom.

According to Miss Donofrio, cosmetology instructor, there are quite a few new changes in the classroom this year besides the construction completed this past summer. The room now consists of new computers and software that will assist the students' study in preparation for taking the State Board written exam.

Students learn the basics of cosmetology and with the completion of 1,000 hours of study and practice they are eligible to take the State Board exam and receive a New Jersey Cosmetology/ Hairstyling license if they pass. Cosmetology is a program of



study that requires students to attend part-time for three years. Tenth grade students begin with an introductory class; the eleventh and twelfth grade students have class for three periods. The class is an active learning environment. The students not only have theory study, but also learn to interact with the public by providing their services, which prepares them for job placement.

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FASHION PROMENADE

Elisa Maricich, '08 and Alyssa Vogt, '08

The Fashion Apparel Program is a new addition to our high school technical program offering. The instructor, Ms. Patten is a new addition to our school as well. Mrs. Patten teaches freshman, sophomore, junior and senior classes. She brings over 25 years of experience in the fashion industry. During that time Ms. Patten traveled to China, Korea, Pakistan, Nepal, Greece, Turkey, Brazil and many other locations visiting factories along with her design staff working on orders for all major retailers in the USA.

Fashion has been making a statement in every culture throughout civilization. In the fashion program at County Prep students are learning that statement translates to a multi-billion dollar business. This program will teach students about the fashion business from concept to consumer. Design, merchandising, production, buying and retail are the five major areas of study.

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COUNTY PREP STUDENTS GO GREEN!!

Tushar Patel '11

Global warming is a concern that has been frequently discussed about in the news and between students in our school. Respected sources such as National Geographic and prominent individuals such as Al Gore as well as students in our very own County Prep High School have strong feelings about global warming.

According to the National Geographic, warmer temperatures are allowing glaciers to melt, affecting the earth's landscape and wildlife. In Glacier National Park in Montana, Grinnell Glacier has changed from 440 acres in size in 1910 to 180 acres in size in 1998. This change has allowed a new lake to be formed in the park. Grizzly bears are roaming farther to find food as their normal sources shift.

Many students such as Maha Kazmi believe that global warming needs to be stopped. "I think global warming is a serious problem that we have to take care of now. If we don't do anything today the future will be even worse than it is today." Kazmi stated. Sammy Cruz, a sophomore, also has strong feelings about global warming. "In my opinion global warming is not a very good thing. I believe that it will get worse" "We need to do something now to protect our grandchildren", concluded Sammy Cruz.

According to Al Gore from his introduction to *An Inconvenient Truth* the issue of global warming is not just about science or politics; it is a moral challenge. He feels we are heading for a "climate crisis" that could result in a rising of the sea level by as much as twenty feet.

County Prep students are encouraged to get involved in "going green". Consider joining the new Environmental Club whose purpose is to make people aware of global warming; its effect on our lives, and to find new ways that it can be stopped. It is hoped that the reviews of *An Inconvenient Truth* will inspire others to view the documentary.

For more information regarding this issue see <http://www.npr.org> and <http://www.nationalgeographic.com>.

AN INCONVENIENT TRUTH REVIEW

Stephen Gerena : *I thought that the movie was a great inspiration and that people should really watch it. It tells us what is really going to happen with the world if we don't stop all this pollution. It helps us to think how to try and stop it so we can live in a better world for ourselves, our children and their children.*

Kim Piot: *It was a thought-provoking movie that raised a lot of questions about how we are relating to the environment. It powerfully stated the environmentalists' perspective - that we are overusing and abusing our environment and living out of balance with nature to the extent that we risk destroying the very source of our sustenance and wealth.*

TIPS FOR GOING GREEN FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB!

- Use compact fluorescent lamps.
- Recycle paper, newspapers, aluminum cans, cardboard, plastic and glass.
- Reuse paper and plastic bags.
- Use rechargeable batteries.
- Carpool and take the bus to school.
- Plant trees and grow a garden.
- Stay involved and spread the word!

NHS SHOWS GENEROSITY AND SUPPORT

Frank Bobadilla '08

This year the National Honor Society (NHS) has been sponsoring many events, assisting those in need of help. Throughout the month of December, NHS sponsored a "Toys for Tots" toy drive to benefit needy and underprivileged children. They collected monetary and toy donations from students, teachers; anyone willing to show support.

During the County Prep Open House on November 20th, NHS began a raffle to fund the toy drive, presenting two gift certificates: one for Applebee's and one for J.C. Penney. In addition, NHS set up an empty crate, covered to look like a giant present, and asked parents to donate an unwrapped toy for a young child. The entire night was a success, with students, teachers, and parents generously donating beyond our expectations.

Earlier in the school year, NHS sponsored many contests and fundraisers for breast cancer awareness. In October, NHS raised a total of \$1900 to contribute to the Susan G. Komen foundation. A competition was held throughout the month of October to collect donations from each homeroom. Mr. Carey's homeroom class won the contest and was rewarded with a continental breakfast to thank them for their generous support.

On October 16th to 17th, NHS collaborated with the cosmetology class to paint nails pink for three dollars and created a "Think Pink Day," on October 18th, asking students to wear pink. Pink ribbons were also sold to students and informational pamphlets were given to teachers for a five dollar donation. Thanks to the continuous help and support from the teachers and students many organizations can depend on our help.

MR. AND MS. COUNTY PREP- A CREATIVE DUO!

Aliza Naqvi '10

The 2007 Mr. and Ms. County Prep, David Acosta and Vanessa Contreras were crowned at the annual event in December. David's performance, a stand-up comedy routine about stereotypes, was loved by the crowd. He brought the audience to tears from laughing so hard.

Vanessa's dance was a graceful freestyle. She portrayed such beauty in her dance that the audience was mesmerized and couldn't take their eyes off her. The judges were our principal, Ms. Mendolla, Mrs. Kahse, Ms. Granato, Mr. Carey and Mr. Greco.

Judge Carey commented, "Both students were chosen because of their outstanding creativity; embodying the spirit of County Prep High School." Amee Chovatiya, sophomore, provided the audience perspective, "Wow! It seems like David is a natural born comedian. ...He had so much confidence. Vanessa truly danced from her soul. She didn't let the cafeteria filled with 150 people scare her or [cause her to] miss a single beat."



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<p>Conference from page 1</p> <p>of this conference to be “the first step in achieving a successful newspaper”. Students were inspired by talking to professionals in the field such as Robert Greenman from <i>The New York Times</i>, who gave tips on making your school newspaper more interesting to read.</p>	<p>Cosmetology from page 2</p> <p>“Students enjoy Service Day on Fridays,” says Ms. Donofrio, the students have fun with acting as a salon, whether they serve other students or staff members our cosmetology services; while receiving hours toward their practice requirements.</p> <p>Attending the cosmetology program at County Prep is a wonderful opportunity since a comparable cosmetology program in a private school would cost about \$12,000. The updates to the room have had a positive impact on both the cosmetology students and the entire school. The cosmetology class always appreciates constructive tips and welcomes them. If you are interested in visiting the cosmetology class, whether during a Service Day, or to check out the beautiful new classroom, you can find it in room 106 with a very happy Ms. Donofrio and her dedicated students.</p>
<p>Mr. and Ms. County Prep from page 4</p> <p>The show was sponsored by the student government and hosted by seniors Neha Kapadia, Parth Gandhi, Shreya Patel and Amit Jani, who did a wonderful job keeping the audience entertained while a few technical issues were worked out. All contestants did a fabulous job throughout the entire evening performances.</p> <p>Vice principal, Mr. Giammarella and the student government would like to thank Chef Turro and his culinary students for the delicious full course meal that was served to all.</p>	<p>Fashion from page 2</p> <p>The class will provide insight into how the various facets of the textile and apparel industry fit together and interact with each other.</p> <p>Students studying fashion in Mrs. Patten’s classes are learning about famous designers’ own distinct styles and about the eras in which they designed.</p> <p>Besides research projects, Ms. Patten has many interesting activities and enrichment experiences planned for this year designed to enhance the classroom experience.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">CP NEWS WIRE</p> <p>Have you seen these stories on our district website? Check it out at http://www.hcstonline.org/district/. (Choose “District News” from the “Information” tab.)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">County Prep Among America’s Best High Schools According to U.S. News & World Reports</p> <p>(Washington, DC—November 30, 2007) <i>U.S. News & World Report’s</i> online news service includes County Prep among <i>America’s Best High Schools</i>, not only for its academic excellence, but for its ability to “prepare students [of all kinds] to achieve their post graduation goals”</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Goldman Sachs Praises County Prep Students for Jobs Well Done</p> <p>(Jersey City, NJ – August 15, 2007) Two County Prep student interns received letters of recognition from Goldman Sachs.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">County Prep Wins 4 Bloustein Awards</p> <p>(Trenton—December 17, 2007) Four County Prep students have been named Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholars this year, announced Principal Barbara Mendolla.</p>	

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FUN FEED

Freshman Interview by Karen Le '10

STUDENT: Allyza Umali

Why did you choose County Prep?

I chose to go to County Prep because this school offers electives I'm interested in.

How is your freshman year by far?

It's fun!.

Do you like it here at County Prep?

Very much. No doubt about it.

How do the kids treat you? Is it the stereotypical treatment of freshmen?

Everyone's nice, the school's diverse. It's not the stereotypical high school where you have your jocks, geeks, etc. Everyone gets along with each other.

A lot of people say their freshman year is either hard or easy, how do you feel?

In my opinion freshman year not too hard or not too easy; it's just right since there's not that much pressure against you.

How's the lunch at County Prep?

Lunch is definitely better than grammar school's lunch.

Do you like your teachers? Be honest.

Yeah. I honestly do like them.

What are your plans and goals for this new marking period?

My goals for my freshman year are to figure out what elective I am interested in so I can have a clue about what I want to be and to continue to make freshman year a fun year.

Are you looking forward to your sophomore year?

Yeah. People say it's their best year here.

What's On Your iPod?

1. "Sweetest Girl"- Wyclef Jean feat. Akon
2. "The Impact of Reason"- Underoath
3. "No One"- Alicia Keys
4. "Rock Star"- Nickelback
5. "Stronger" - Kanye West

WINTER FUN

M. Ralatt '08 & S. Amanonce '11

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CHESTNUTS, COLD, FAMILY, FRIENDS,
 HOT CHOCOLATE, MARSHMALLOW,
 NEW YEARS, SKIING, SLEDDING
 SNOWBALL FIGHTS, SNOWBOARDING
 SNOWMAN , WINTER

SAT WORD TO LEARN- hedonist

What do you think hedonist means: A) a lazy person B) high and mighty C) a religion D) something else?

Good try guys, but a hedonist means a pleasure seeker. One who is simply devoted to seeking the pursuit of pleasure.

SCORING GOALS LEADS TO PLAYOFFS

Gail Job '08

“No one expected for us to be here.”, Coach Bordenabe stated at a final soccer meeting for the girls’ varsity team before they began their first round of Hudson County and State Tournaments. The girls’ soccer program has come a long way since its roots. Head coach Bordenabe and assistant coach Hartman fused their interests in wanting to launch a girls’ soccer program in 2003. The first year was just a club for girls interested in playing soccer. By the following year they became a junior varsity team. The third year consisted of independent games, and just last year was the team’s first official season in the Coviello division as a varsity team. Each year, both new girls and former players came back for the season collaborating in their love for the sport. When asked if she felt the team had come a long way, Coach Hartman commented that the team was much more focused and dedicated. “Just by looking at all our season records over the years, you can see how quickly we’ve improved.”

“I’m very proud of my girls for the season they have had, but making it to the playoffs is a direct testament to their dedication.” Coach Bordenabe notes. “Five years ago, I was told there was no interest in girls’ soccer and today we have a jv and varsity team that made it to the state and county playoffs.”

When asked if they were concerned about the loss of key senior players, assistant coach Hartman replied, “We’re counting on solid freshman players to carry the team to an even better season.”

Postscript: At the counties, the team’s first playoff game ever—in spite of their best efforts—they did not move on. During state playoffs, also a first appearance, the team was defeated by Glen Ridge.

TENNIS TEAM TOPS

Norrey Benito '08

Congratulations are in order. The C.P. girls’ tennis team continued their success by winning their first North 2 Group 1 Section Championship and its second consecutive HCIAA championship. According to Assistant Coach Wallace, “Every starting member of the tennis team was recognized by the All County Selection Committee”. Senior Alexa Dabu, sophomore Angelica Dabu, sophomore Marielle Suazo, and junior Jaime DeLeon were acknowledged as First Team All County. While sophomore Agnes Bangayan took the second team position and Seidron Snipes and Marian Rosado received Honorable Mention.

The team was lead by senior and team captain, Alexa Dabu, 2nd a singles position player with a 25-2 record this season. Since her freshman year Alexa showed great potential. She became the first freshman to win the HCIAA tournament in history. She closed her high school tennis career with an 80-3 record and it’s her third consecutive season unbeaten in HCIAA. Not wasting her talents away Alexa has many plans for college, as well as for college level tennis.

Following in her older sister’s path sophomore Angelica Dabu 1st, singles position player with a 26-1 record, looks forward to continuing the family tradition with her championship teammates next season.

CP CANES!

Frank Bobadilla '08

The sports teams at County Prep are hard at work, and as some sports seasons draw to an end, new ones begin. Indoor track, basketball, and bowling are finishing up their seasons with outstanding success. The spring sports are boys' volleyball, outdoor track, girls' softball, boys' tennis, and baseball. Hopefully, these teams will do well in their seasons too.

Spring sports:

Boys' volleyball, coached by Mr. LaVolpe and assisted by Mr. D'Andrea begins its season in late March. Both jv and varsity team members from last year are beginning their in-season training to prepare for the season ahead. Deonne Francisco, a senior and member of the team for three years, has commented on the team by saying, "I'm excited for the upcoming season. Since it is my last year, I hope to make the most of the sport."

Outdoor track is also beginning its season in March. Track, which consists of cross country in the fall and indoor track in the winter, is coached by Mr. Downes. The members of track meet everyday and practice running in the Jersey City Armory or the track field in Lincoln Park, depending on the season and weather conditions. Track meets are held during the seasons and racers compete for medals. With the success of the earlier track seasons, Mr. Downes hopes for a continuously successful outdoor track team.

Softball, another sport beginning in the spring, is coached by Mr. O'Donnell and assisted by Mr. Bordenabe. Last year's record for the team was twenty-one wins and two losses and with their persistence and teamwork, they are expecting a great year for the girls.

Boys' tennis, unlike the girls' tennis team, begins its season later in the year. This spring sport, coached by Mr. Pelipada and assisted by Mr. Wallace spends most of its practices in the tennis courts of Lincoln Park.

Winter sports:

Girls' basketball, consisting of fourteen players, is ending its season with a strong finish. Mr. Muscarnero is the team's coach and Ms. Castagna is the assistant coach. When asked what she will miss most about the team, senior Priscilla Camacho commented by saying, "I would miss the team itself the most... We all loved being on that court together." **Boys' basketball**, coached by Mr. D'Andrea, assisted by Mr. Rotondo, and managed by senior Maggie Leahy is also ending the season on a positive note. **Boys' bowling**, coached by Mr. Pasinski recently finished its season with team showing a great effort. Just as this paper was "going to press", Coach Bryant announced that the **girls' bowling** team, both varsity and jv have won the Group 1 North State Sectionals. They came in second in the state and they are also county champs.

Fall sports:

The **boys' soccer team** coached by Mr. D'Andrea and assisted by Mr. Pasinski, finished up a great season, playing twelve games against other schools in our area. The **girls' soccer team** also played an exceptional season. Coached by Mr. Bordenabe and Ms. Hartman, the girls were able to win eight games (see pg. 7). The **girls' tennis team** also had outstanding play. The team, which is coached by Mr. Pelipada and assisted by Mr. Wallace, won all fifteen games and remains undefeated for this year (see pg. 7). **Girls' volleyball** finished their season 17-9 and have showcased its skill in each game; the team is coached by Mr. LaVolpe and assisted by Mr. Pizzuto.