

Here We Go Again!

*Renew
old friend-
ships,
Make
new ones*

The Falcon



*Attend
P. T. A.
Dance,
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School Builds Class Wing, Second Gym

Over a year ago construction work was started for the purpose of enlarging the school's facilities. Now most of the additions are usable.

There are approximately 13,000 books in the library, which was relocated and enlarged. A drop-chute has been installed along the corridor leading into the cafeteria that will enable students to return their books without entering the library.

Included in the new wing is a language laboratory, an Earth and Space laboratory, a special education classroom, the school store and a few other classrooms. In the language laboratory students will be able to listen to tapes in French, German, Latin, and Spanish.

Cafeteria Expanded

Expansion of the cafeteria has increased seating from 300 to 360. Teachers will be eating their lunches on the stage which has been con-

Various Departments Add New Members



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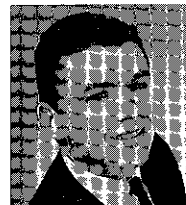
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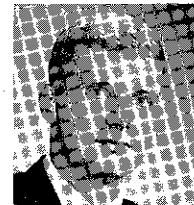
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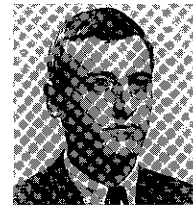
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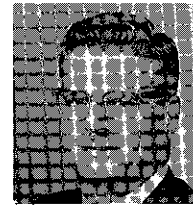
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J. Karsnitz



R. Wentz



J. Molvie

13 Teachers Begin Career At P-grove

Pottsgrove has added 13 new teachers to the faculty. Four of these 13 teachers are replacements.

New to the English Department are Miss Jacqueline Antonio, Miss Phyllis Guest, and Miss Elaine T. Stover. A graduate of Cabrini College, Miss Antonio was an active member of the college's Literary Club. Miss Stover lists writing, horseback riding, and painting as her hobbies; writing is also a favorite pastime of Miss Guest.

Prefer Social Studies

Miss Mary Malpeli, Jack A. Molvie, Harry E. Carson, and Richard Wentz have recently joined the Social Studies Department. Mr. Carson, who is interested in intramural sports, and Miss Malpeli, a college member of the F. T. A., are both graduates of West Chester State College. Mr. Molvie (a former Florida resident), and Mr. Wentz share a common interest in that they are sports enthusiasts.

Two New Scientists

Student Qualifies For Teen Contest

One of Pottsgrove's busiest girls this summer was Karen Nowakowski. On August 1, she journeyed to Hershey Park to compete in the Miss American Teenager contest for central Pennsylvania. Chosen as one of the five finalists, Karen returned the next Tuesday to compete with thirty-nine other winners. Again her lucky number was called and Karen was chosen as

Vocational School Opens Today; Students Show Notable Response

In the past year, Pottsgrove has been expanding to improve its facilities. During this procedure, the plans for a vocational school were in the making.

The new Montgomery Area Vocational Technical School, under the direction of Herbert R. Kerchner, will be comprised of students from

Pottsgrove, Spring-Ford, and Upper Perkiomen districts. This school has shown great response among approximately 102 students, pre-

Welcome Back

On behalf of the high school fa-

structed in the cafeteria. The stage will also be used for after-school activities. Book boxes are installed along the corridor leading to and from the cafeteria.

The library, which was renovated, will become the new location of the Guidance Counselling Offices and an art room. With the addition of another guidance counselor the students will have a better opportunity to consult a guidance counselor for advice.

The addition of a driver-education classroom enables the driver-education car to be brought into the classroom. Students can then learn the different parts of the car by using the car itself.

Refreshment Stand Built

A refreshment stand has been erected on the home-side of the football field. In addition, there is a new electrical scoreboard on the football field. This gift was sponsored to the school by the Pottsgrove Classes of 1964, 1965, 1966 and 1967. A press box was constructed also.

For remedial physical education students a new gym has been installed.

Magazine Moves Forward In 1967

Last spring Pottsgrove High published the second issue of *Maximi*, a literary magazine. This year the editors hope to print two issues of the magazine, in December and June. *Maximi* will be printed by the school's Graphic Arts section.

Any contributions will be welcomed by the staff. Please see your English teacher for further details. If you are interested in obtaining a copy of last spring's *Maximi*, please contact Mr. Schafer.

one of twenty finalists. On August 15, the twenty girls were narrowed to ten with Karen included in the finalists. In the next contest, which determined the winner, Karen was a runner up.

Pageant Format

Each pageant followed a pattern of interviews and stage walks. First each girl was interviewed alone by the judges. Next followed a walk across the stage and a few questions from the master of ceremonies. Among the questions were: What are you doing this summer? What are your future plans? and What do adults think of teenagers?

Karen is now a senior at Pottsgrove. Her activities include *The Falcon*, prom committees, the junior class play, student council, and the Future Teachers of America Club. Enrolled in the academic curriculum, Karen plans to enter the teaching profession.

Falcon Staff Greets New Advisor, Pledges More Complete Coverage

The Falcon is soaring. Pottsgrove is expanding in many ways, both physically and educationally. As the school has grown, so has its newspaper. The *Falcon* is now entering its seventh year of printed publication. In 1967-68 the editors hope to continue the journalistic progress.

The *Falcon* begins this school year with a new advisor, Mrs. Ruth Rheel. Assisting her is Miss Jacqueline Antonio; Ronald K. Schafer returns as Director of Publications.

Stories Old and New

Reappearing in the *Falcon* pages are news articles, *From the Falcon's Nest*, *Classroom Capers*, and the editorial. In coming issues "Letters from Abroad," a series of letters from Sharon Basco and Denny Keene, will be added. The *Falcon* will also initiate a new subscription policy. If you wish to buy a year's subscription, fill out the blank on page 2 and take it with 75c to the ticket booth at announced times.

culty and administration, I welcome this opportunity to greet you upon your return from summer vacation. I hope that it is with enthusiasm and optimism that you approach the numerous opportunities that await you during the coming school year.

This year, in addition to a number of additional staff members, students are privileged to have many new and expanded facilities at their disposal. Your parents and other forwardlooking citizens have made provisions and sacrifices for an excellent educational program. I trust that each of you will appreciate the efforts of these persons and effectively utilize the services made available to you.

Your future will largely depend upon today's learning. May this learning be a happy and rewarding experience throughout the year.

Howard J. Moyer, Vice-Principal

Coming Events

September

- 8—P.T.A. Dance
- 16—Football, West Chester, A
- 21—Hockey, Boyertown, H
- 23—Football, Downingtown, H
- 28—Hockey, Phoenixville, A
- 29—Football, Pottstown, A (Night)

October

- 5—Hockey, Great Valley, H
- 7—Football, Boyertown, H
- Homecoming Dance
- 12—Hockey, Pottstown, A
- 13—Business Education Day

(School closed)

dominantly boys. Students will be bussed to and from the school beginning today, September 5. Located in Limerick, the building is long and low, almost windowless, and completely air conditioned for occupancy the year round.

A popular offering for girls is the course in cosmetology, whereas auto mechanics rates high among the male students. In the coming year, the numerous courses offered by the school should prove advantageous to those students not moving on to higher education.

Students To Start Year In Europe

Pottsgrove's first exchange students, Sharon Basco and Dennis Keene, left by plane in August for their year abroad. Sponsored by the Rotary Club, the two had attended various orientation meetings where they were advised by both foreign and American exchange students.

Sharon was surprised to hear that the need for dresses in Bornholm, Denmark, is almost nil. Danish girls wear slacks everywhere and nearly everyone wears wooden shoes.

Dennis will live in Hassleholm, Sweden, which is near Per-Olof Nystrom's coastal home. Denny has a limited knowledge of Swedish whereas Sharon, because of earlier doubt about her destination, knows only one word of Danish.

Both are looking forward to traveling throughout the continent, and Denny will doubtless receive a visit from Sharon as she will be able to travel from Bornholm to Sweden by ferry for only \$1.50.

Sharon, an active Pottsgrove student, will return to P.H.S. in September, 1968, to complete her senior year while Dennis, a Pottsgrove alumnus, will enter West Chester State College after his year abroad.

The Science Department welcomes Charles Douglass III and Dennis L. Smith to fill the positions in the areas of biology and general science. Mr. Smith's varied hobbies include athletics, reading, and classical music. Mr. Douglass joins the ranks of the sports minded.

As one might expect, Miss Linda Allebach, home economics teacher, enjoys sewing and baking. Miss Allebach was graduated from Juniata College.

While studying at West Chester State College, Thomas Moyer was a member of the Mathematics Honor Society. He also likes to play the trumpet and to bowl.

Miss Joan H. Barth is a graduate of Kutztown State College. Reading and swimming are her favorite pastimes.

A familiar face among the new additions to the faculty is the face of John Karsnitz. Mr. Karsnitz is a graduate of Millersville State and an active member of the Industrial Arts Society. He teaches graphic arts.

Students To Honor P. H. S. Secretary

The Pottsgrove High School Handbook for 1967-68 is dedicated to Mrs. V. Ruth Wambach. Mrs. Wambach, well-known to all Pottsgrove students, has been working as secretary in the Pottsgrove schools for 25 years. She started her secretarial job in the West Pottsgrove High School.

Jacob Dailey, Jr., President of Student Council, presented the Handbook to the dedicatee at the faculty meeting on September 1.

Throughout the school year, the exchange students will send accounts of their activities to the school for publication.

Kimberton Camp Initiates Start Of Hockey Season

Although it is the belief of many that the opening of school signifies the beginning of fall sports, this belief was proved false in the case of girls' hockey. While many were still enjoying their last weeks of summer vacation, hockey candidates were already deeply involved in practice.

From August 21-25, all hockey candidates for the coming year attended Woodridge Hockey Day Camp in Kimberton. Each day of the five-day camp consisted of practicing correct hockey techniques and stickwork, theory sessions, and competitive games. After a tiresome three hours the girls were still not done, however. Weary and hot, they then practiced

Attend Pocono Camp

For the first time in hockey history at Pottsgrove, our team was represented at a camp which was held in the Poconos. This camp ran from August 23-30. A total of twelve girls, who will be the core of this year's varsity squad, were chosen to attend. They were: Ann Bartholomew, Sue Bernhart, Pat Chaback, Martha Davis, Barbara Lynch, Janet Petrilla, Karen Remp, Alice Rutkowski, Jackie Schaeffer, Tina Sovizal, and Dawn Trout. The girls who attended the Pocono camp also traveled to Kimberton for the first two days as a sort of "getting in shape" period.

Looking Ahead

Once again, Mrs. Flamm is looking forward to a successful season. Coach Flamm, who also traveled to the hockey camps, will pilot the girls against all their Ches-Mont opponents. Boyertown, which captured the Ches-Mont hockey championship last year, will probably be the girls' toughest foe.

C. Harclerode Has

Silly Season

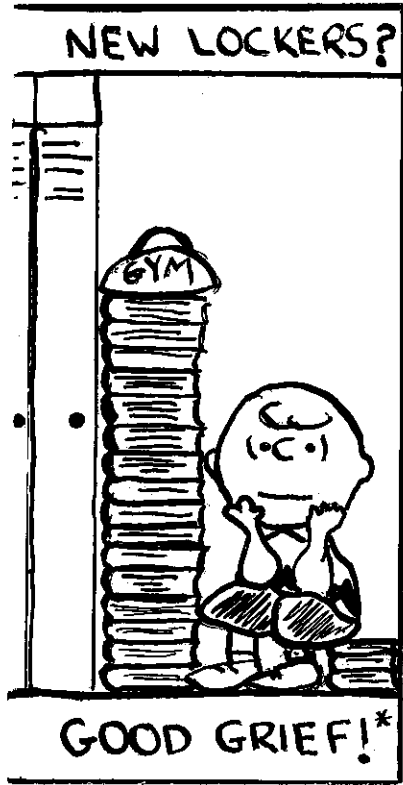
Ed. Note: Definition of silly season — a period (as late summer) when newspapers must resort to minor or fantastic matters for lack of major news stories. Webster's Unabridged Dictionary.

Not everyone has car troubles like Bob Fink. After dining in the elegant cuisine of Hilltop, Bob calmly started the ignition — or tried to. Nothing happened. Positive that the battery was dead (even though the light was on in the car), Mr. Fink jumped the battery. Nothing. Finally, Bob summoned his father from his cozy bed. When the helping hand arrived at Hilltop, Bob discovered that it helps if you put the car in park before trying to start it.

More senior car troubles from Barbara Edleman who succeeded in running out of gas three times in four months.

Mitch Hummel has to be the student most concerned for Pottsgrove's welfare. He made weekly visits to the new addition for progress reports. Personally, we think he was on the construction company's payroll as an engineering consultant.

Seminars are great for religious learning and a few other things like increasing one's repertoire of jokes. Anyone who is in dire need of a good joke contact Cindy Saylor.



14 Lettermen to Bolster Team; Open Season on September 16

Will Batman come to the aid of the Pottsgrove football team? The answer is yet to come. With seven graduating lettermen gone from last year's team, which posted a 5-4-1 record in its first year in the Ches-Mont

A School Year's Resolution

by Richard Pell

Today, we students at Pottsgrove are beginning a new school year with new facilities and many new teachers. Unfortunately, many of us will fall into the same old rut of letting our studies go until the last minute. We will sit back and have a jolly time until a few days before the quarterlies, when everyone will start to cram and worry about his grades.

A much wiser system is to study nightly instead of letting work pile up. We need not spend hours every night studying, but we should direct some attention to school work each night; then when it comes time for quarterlies, most of us will find that we will not have to study as frantically.

A familiar proverb is, "You can lead a horse to water but you cannot make him drink." The same is true of students at Pottsgrove.

The faculty can advise us to study, but they cannot make us do it unless we want to. If we would rather wait until the last minute, knowing that we couldn't possibly learn everything in a few hours, that is our privilege. We, ourselves, are the only ones who can make us study and help us get better grades. Is it worth the extra effort to you?

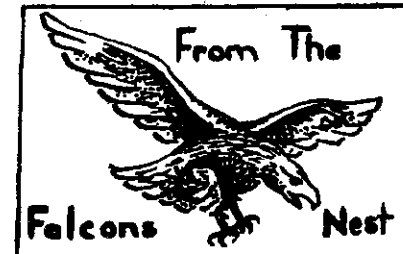
Now is the time to worry about grades, and, for the juniors, this September is the time to worry about college boards and college entrance. Everyone should make a "New School Year's Resolution" to study regularly. However, don't let this be like most of your New Year's Resolutions which always remain just good intentions and never produce concrete results. Make it a point to keep this resolution!

Perplexed Poses Problem Pertaining To Pottsgrove

A hand shoots up from beneath rumpled sheets and groans frantically for the alarm clock. Buzz! "Got it! What is it?" Thus begins the dawn of a new academic annum for Perplexed Pottsgrovia. After the first cold wave of shock passes over Perplexed, the reborn student tumbles from his bed which he now looks upon as a refuge from the grueling gauntlet of school.

Knowing his duty as a full-fledged American high school student, Perplexed patriotically gropes his way into the waiting bathroom. A splash of cold water wakes him so that he is capable of walking slowly to the kitchen for a glass of orange juice.

The return trip to the bedroom is a little more enlightened for Perplexed.



To all Pottsgrovians, a familiar football figure is C. Kenneth Harclerode. But how many Pottsgrovians realize that our distinguished coach is an author? Mr. Harclerode had an article entitled "Teaching Our Monster" published in the spring issue of the *Pennsylvania Football Journal*. In this article, he discussed the Batman defense utilized by Pottsgrove.

NEWS FLASH!!!
 All Pottsgrovians must carry their lunches during the first week of school. This temporary inconvenience is due to the fact that the new dishwasher is not completely installed.
 The new school store, located in the new wing, will be open second and seventh periods of each school day.

Cross Country Lettermen Pose Threat To 1967 Ches-Mont League Opposition

Pottsgrove High School is entering its third consecutive cross country season this year. Pacing the team will be four returning letter winners consisting of Jake Dailey, Craig Strunk, Horace Garlington, and Joe Bielecki. Other participants include John Galloway, Bob Marquet, Bob Fink, Bob Ritter, and Doug Trout. A hopeful and experienced coach, David M. Johnston, will be guiding the Pottsgrove runners again this year. With their debut in the Ches-Mont League last year, the pacers closed out the season by posting a 2 win 6 loss record. Wins were recorded over Downingtown and Phoenixville.

This Season's Outlook
 With many fine runners returning from last year, the Pottsgrove milers will pose an even greater threat to Ches-Mont teams than last season. Pre-Season training for the 1967 cross country team began on August 28, with practices at the high school during the evenings. Although there is a fine nucleus returning from last year's squad, the team is still in need of new members. Because the team is composed entirely of juniors and seniors, more underclassmen are needed to make it an even more successful season and to insure future success.

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Name

Homeroom No. and Section

Suggestions

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aches in this year's team. Looking on the optimistic side of things, there are about 50 boys out for the team, 14 of whom are letter winners from 1966. One berth in the team is that vacated by the departed Joe Migala.

Small But Mighty

This year's team will be light and small with only one person over 200 pounds. Returning from last year are Tom Psota, Dennis Fisher and Gary Norton at end and linemen Tom Theis, Dave Fischer and Glenn Talbot. Mike Kozel will provide the bulk of the passing and calling with Darryl Daisy backing him up. John James, Dave Mentzer, Dick Kern, Steve Ketner, Randy Quigley and Dave McKissic will handle the running chores.

September 16—West Chester

September 16, 1967, is a big day for the entire team. It marks the beginning of the season at West Chester and the end of four weeks of hard practice and work.

sun tans, and back-to-school days. Autumn also means that we will again be greeted by the stirring sounds and colorful flash of a band playing Sousa marches and strutting down the field in neat maroon and white uniforms.

Other proud groups in trim maroon and white will soon take the field and will also provide a flash which is part of that September scene. Clashing hockey sticks, the thud provided by a blocking gridsman, the graceful stride of the cross-country runner—these things indicate Pottsgrove's coming participation on the athletic field.

To Mrs. Flamm, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Harclerode, Mr. Kershner, and Mr. Rheel, *The Falcon* extends the hope for good luck and good competition in the fall sports scene.

Football practice had not even begun when Coach Harclerode was plagued by that old demon, Injuries. It seems that, late in the summer, Captain Tom Theis injured his ankle.

—by definition and experience—immovable. If Perplexed is a girl, the major problem is finding a dress that sufficiently covers her legs. On the other hand, if Perplexed is a boy, he faces the painful problem of shaving off his beard and/or sideburns.

The first battle having been won—or lost as the case may be—Perplexed staggers out the door to the bus stop. Upon arriving at school, Perplexed stares at a sea of blurry faces and finally discovers that a few of his acquaintances have successfully completed the prologue to the oncoming tragedy.

Unbeknownst to Perplexed, there lie ahead the terrifying dangers of a school with brand new treacheries such as a language lab, a new gym, and no cafeteria ramp! Will Perplexed prove to pupils that Pottsgrovian power can prevail? Stay tuned, same time, same channel for the next exciting episode of Perplexed Pottsgrovian.

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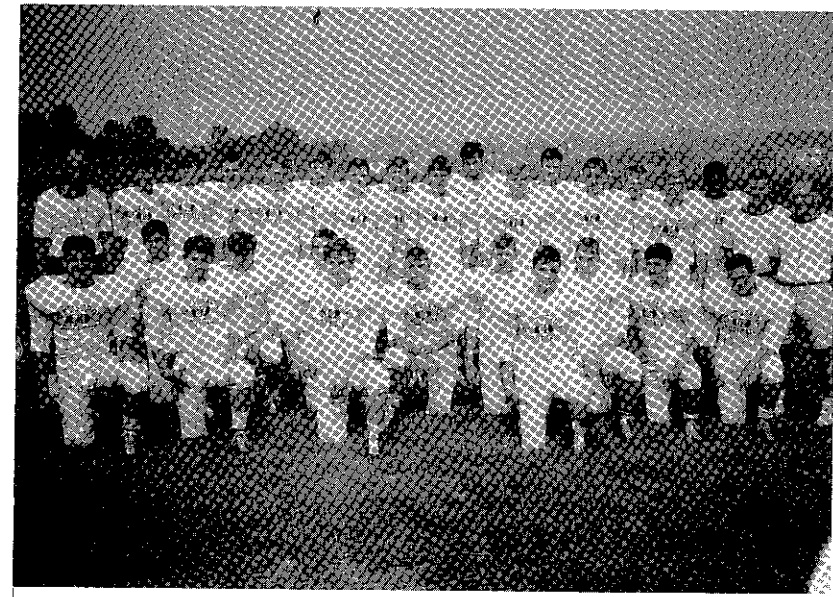
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Upperclassmen take time out from first day of football practice.