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Preparations Begun For Holiday Activities

At last the long-awaited Christmas vacation is nearly upon us, and all Pottsgrove students will have the opportunity to participate in winter sports, visit friends and relax until Monday, January 3.

Many students may still be unsure of their holiday activities, except, of course, those lucky enough to be traveling to Switzerland. These students will be able to enjoy the skiing and night life in the city of Lucerne.

Pottstown Activities

Don't be discouraged though; there are plenty of exciting things to do in the Pottstown area. For example, prospective skiers can use of the slopes at Pine Forge, and future Olympic skaters can brush up at the Hill School skating rink which will be open for public use.

After Christmas a completely new range of activities is introduced. Most people will partici-

is also a time of making and breaking resolutions.

As usual, the library will most likely be a favorite "hangout" for those students who are unfortunate enough to have a long-term assignment that is due January 3.

Contest

If these activities seem to be getting worn out, now is the time to plan newer and better ones. For example, a family recently built a replica of an antique car out of snow. It is expected to last for the remainder of the winter. Someone from the Pottstown area could organize some form of contest requiring objects to be built from snow. The winning snow "statues" could then be displayed to the public.

However, if all else fails, has anyone thought of sledding down the bumps in the Pottsgrove drive-

C. WASSON and K. NEWMAN STAR IN SENIOR CLASS PRODUCTION



The stars of the Senior class play (from left to right) are Gary Troyan, Scott Rodgers, Kathy Newman, Carter Wasson, Jim Henricks.

The senior class will present the comedy "Room Service" by John Murray and Allen Boretz on Thursday, January 20, and Saturday, January 22. The play is being produced under the direction of Mr. Charles Natoli and student director Karen Kline.

Plot

The major action of the play centers around Gordon Miller (Carter Wasson), a struggling producer determined to stage a successful play, *Godspeed*. Along with his accomplices Harry Binion (Scott Rogers) and Faker Englund (Barry Williams), Miller has been staying in New York City at the White Way Hotel which is owned by his brother-in-law, Joseph Gribble (Jim Henricks).

During their stay at the hotel, Miller and his friends have neglected to pay their bills. This fact is discovered by Gregory Wagner

pate in some way in the huge rush to exchange Christmas presents that are either unsuitable, unusable, or unwanted.

Guy Lombardo

Another holiday tradition is ushering in the new year with Guy Lombardo and friends. In addition to this exciting activity, New Years

Coming Events

December 24 - 31—

Winter Vacation

January 28—

End of Second Quarter

Field Trip Planned By Adv. Math Class

A field trip is being planned by Mr. Yohn's twelfth-grade Advanced Math II class. A tentative date is set for January 13, for the class to visit the General Electric Computer Center near King of Prussia. A tour of the center is planned.

The purpose of the trip is to help to make the students aware of recent technological advancements in the field of mathematics.

Christmas Concert Sets Holiday Mood

The annual Christmas concert at Pottsgrove was presented on Thursday, December 16, at 8 p.m. The Junior High Chorus under the direction of Mrs. Nancy Bixler sang several Christmas carols, among which were "Old Saint Nick Takes a Rockin' Trip," by Jack Laurett; "Christmas Time is Coming Again"; "Behold That Star," a spiritual arranged by John Richardson; and the French carol "Et Les Cloches Sonnaient" by Lerr Hale. The concert began with the professional "Angels We Have Heard on High."

Junior-Senior Orchestra

The Junior-Senior Orchestra under the direction of Miss Beatrice Sittler performed four selections. They were "White Christmas" by Irving Berlin, "Two English Christmas Carols," "Christmas Suite" and "Israeli Folk Song."

Senior High Chorus

The Senior High Chorus under the direction of Miss Peggy Dotterer performed several carols including "Wolcum Yole" by Benjamin Britton; "Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light" by Bach; "Adoration of the Magi" by Miklos Rozsa; "De Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy," a West Indian spiritual; and "Christmas Day."

"O Holy Night" was sung by a soprano soloist, Joanne Schofield. Other soloists included Mindy Andes, soprano soloist; Kevin Kifer, bass soloist singing "Good King Wenceslas"; and David Brant, bass soloist singing "Last Month of the Year."

The concert was concluded with the recessional "Silent Night" sung by the combined choruses with Valerie VanDyke accompanying on the guitar.

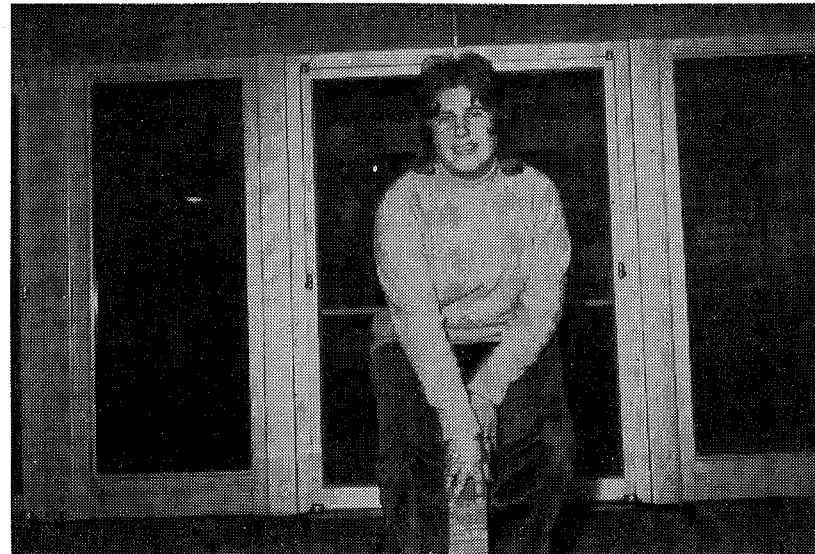
Maximi Plans Issue

The Maximi staff had originally planned to have two issues this year—one with themes and one with a collection of work similar to that found in past issues, but plans were thwarted when both Maximi advisors resigned. However, one Maximi issue will be published, hopefully, at the end of the school year.

Pottsgrove Exchange Student Prepares For Return To Republic Of South Africa

"I think that the U.S.A. is a fantastic country, and I have every intention of returning soon." This is how Gail Coll, Pottsgrove's exchange student, summed up her ideas about the United States as she prepares for her departure on January 8, 1972. Before returning to Durban, South Africa, she will spend a month overseas in Spain, Italy, England, and France. Gail has been a student at Pottsgrove since January 17, 1971 and has been staying with Dr. and Mrs. Daniel Gross since March.

Gail enjoyed her year as a student and the many different activities that Pottsgrove offered. Basketball and football were especially exciting for her. She was also impressed by the band and cheerleaders, and jokingly added that she may even start her own cheering squad.



Gail Coll says farewell to P. H. S.

Graphic Arts and typing proved to be interesting classes for Gail. Her newly-learned ability to type will be very helpful as she continues her education at the University of Capetown. At Capetown she will major in languages and eventually work in the field of public relations.

Rotary Exchange

Gail is grateful to the Rotary Exchange for making her visit to America possible. She said, "I think the Rotary Exchange student program is excellent as it teaches one about other people and other countries, which is a whole education in itself."

[Gary Troyan] who is investigating the financial books of the hotel. Miller's problems multiply as Wagner tries to force him to leave. The play covers the last few days before *Godspeed* is to debut. The tension needed to hold a playgoer's attention, in Room Service centers around the possibility of Miller's play not opening.

Supporting Characters

Other characters in the play include Gregg Weitzenkorn as Sasha Smirnoff, the leading actor in *Godspeed*, and Kathy Newman as Christine Marlowe, the leading actress. The writer of the play, Leo Davis, is portrayed by Darwin Kirchhoff.

Student Gov't Holds Tree Lighting Service

On December 17, 1971, Pottsgrove High School held its annual tree lighting ceremonies. The Senior High Chorus was present to sing as Student Government officers gave a presentation dealing with Christmas. The officers this year are Barb Bicksler, president; Pat Winterbottom, vice-president; Karen Wittenmeyer, secretary; and Linda Stahl, treasurer.

This year the Junior High School Student Government is collecting toys, books, and other gifts for the patients at Pennhurst.

Talent Show

As part of the Christmas ceremonies, a talent show, sponsored by the Senior High School Student Government, was presented on December 23, 1971. Senior high students performed at two assemblies: one in the morning for the junior high and one in the afternoon for the senior high. At the performance entertainment ranged from songs sung by individuals to a puppet show. Several piano duets and a polka group were part of the performance schedule.

A Faltering Tower

(Situation — Bleak)

By BECKY CARNAHAN

Confrontation. An issue is at stake: Human dignity vs. legal technicality. But what are the facts behind this problem? From the various sources of information available to us, we were able to establish some basic facts.

Last spring an election was held to determine which teachers' union (the AFT or the PEA) would be the official bargaining agent. The election was held under the supervision of the Pennsylvania Labor Relations Board, and the AFT emerged as the representative supported by the majority of teachers. However, this election was considered invalid by the Pottsgrove School Board who found that not all the rules of Act 195 had been followed. The dispute was taken to court which ruled in the union's favor. The decision was appealed to a higher court by the School Board; and, as of now, the case has not been entered on the court's schedule of hearings. The result is a stalemate. The teachers are without a means to negotiate, and the School Board is feeling the tension from an irritated faculty.

In order to display their strong feelings, several teachers resigned from the extra-curricular, non-contracted positions. Organizations affected included: **Maximi**, National Honor Society and Pep Club. This is the teacher's action. The question is "what will the student body do?"

Do students consider these activities menial and unimportant, something that can be easily "swept under the rug"? The participants in these organizations will agree that we cannot let them dwindle and die. It is our responsibility to get united as students and keep alive our creative outlet **Maximi**, our incentive Honor Society and our Pep Club. If you feel there is anything educational or beneficial in these activities, help them survive through the present storm at Pottsgrove.

A Town Meeting?

By RICK MARTZ

With my knowledge of the facts of the resignation of a few teachers as advisors to several school activities and clubs,

WHAT ARE WE DOING?

How has the teachers' boycott of certain activities affected the students involved? Sally Drumheller, president of the Pep Club, answered this question by saying, "Pep Club has been affected in that they no longer have a sponsor and that no teacher will be one."

Sue Grimley, a member of the **Maximi** staff, said, "**Maximi** hasn't been affected yet—but in the final stages it will be."

Priscilla Smith, also in **Maximi**, told **The Falcon**, "The magazine

can't be printed until we have a sponsor."

Most of the activities have been functioning on a limited basis. Sally Drumheller stated, "We (Pep Club) have still been able to do our work." **Maximi** has been receiving contributions, but they have no idea if the magazine will be published. The staff agrees that it is impossible to print **Maximi** without a technical advisor, and an English teacher is needed to consult about the literary aspects of the magazine.

Students have been wondering whether the teachers' action will help put pressure on the school board. According to Priscilla Smith, "The community will only become involved if more significant activities were affected. If the coaches of the athletic teams would refuse to coach, the community would be in an uproar. They always cut the art and extra-activities, never the sports."

Sue Grimley thinks "**Maximi** is an important part of Pottsgrove and should be continued but the community doesn't seem to think so."

School Board Speaks Out

In an attempt to present all sides of the present teacher-School Board strife, **The Falcon** asked the School Board the following question:

What is the School Board's position on the present "tense" situation with the Pottsgrove teachers in regard to the A.F.T. or P.E.A. negotiations and teacher refusal to handle non-contracted positions?

The School Board replied in the following manner:

First, I don't think that the situation is as "tense" as some people suggest. We have more than 150 certificated employees and I understand that fewer than half of them belong to our two teacher unions. Also, out of 60-75 positions, supplemental and other, only five positions were resigned that directly affect students (**Maximi**, National Honor Society, Spelling Bee, Pep Club, and Color Day Committee).

The School Board could assign teachers to the positions that are conducted during the school day, but would prefer that teachers han-

signed because the School Board has refused to negotiate. That statement indicates that resignation of positions is "using students" to pressure the Board. The Board thinks it is unfair to involve kids by depriving them of normally expected school activities, especially when everyone knows the Board will negotiate with the teachers.

Act 195 mandates negotiations. Therefore, the Board intends to do just that as soon as the legal problems are solved. There are several questions concerning the legality of certain Pennsylvania State Labor Board actions in the Pottsgrove situation and the proper certification of a bargaining unit. What some people seem to forget is that the School Board is a legislative body entrusted with the public good and, as such, it must interpret the law strictly and not just to the advantage of one group.

The Pottsgrove School Board has shown always good faith. It nego-

A House Divided

By MR. RICHARD RADEL

"A house divided against itself cannot stand." A speech delivered by Abraham Lincoln on the state of his country at a time when the slavery issue threatened the unity of a young country might be considered appropriate to the Pottsgrove situation at the present time.

Dissension is defined as strife; quarreling; wrangling. Dissension will not cause an organization to move as far along toward its stated objectives as an organization that is harmonious in its operation. Dissension breeds contempt for one's fellowman. Criticism for the sake of criticism has a negative effect on morale, motivation and success. Abdication from one's position to fulfill himself completely may temporarily salve hurt feelings but eventually can only have deteriorative results.

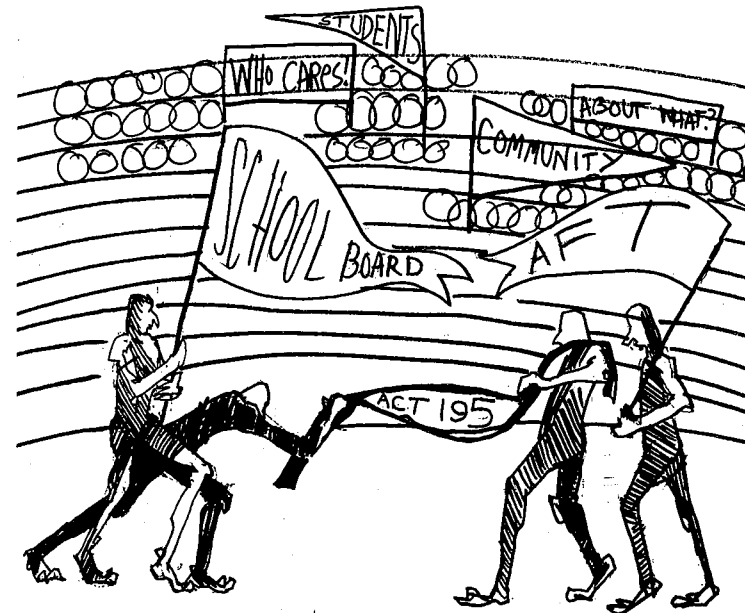
Only through unity of purpose on the part of all members of an organization can pride develop. Pride at all levels is necessary for

the teachers seem to be in the right. But maybe all the facts are not being told to the public. If the dress code issue was important enough to call for an open discussion between the community residents, surely this issue is just as important. Are teachers being treated with dignity? Is the administration being consistent in their actions? Is the school board putting off negotiations? Are the teachers being taken advantage of? These are some of the questions which should be asked.

Who can answer these questions truthfully? Surely the teachers' and the school board's answers to these questions would be directly opposite of each other. Why not let the community be the determining factor along with teachers, administration and school board? As you already know, the residents played an important role in the abolishment of the dress code. It obviously wouldn't hinder the situation if the community were given a say in this baffling issue.

It has been said that the community will only become involved if more significant activities are affected. If the coaches of the athletic teams would refuse to coach, the community would be in an uproar. Isn't National Honor Society or Maximi considered important anymore? It is a sad commentary on our community if the only thing that will get them to put pressure on the school is when sports are affected.

The community has to get involved. They can no longer sit back and watch. Action is needed immediately.



die these responsibilities voluntarily as in the past. Mandating doesn't achieve the same results as cooperative endeavor.

Second, the A.F.T. has announced that positions were re-

tiated with the recognized teacher bargaining unit for many years and on a formal basis for the two year period before the passage of a law even required negotiations.

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a healthy system. Pride in the manner in which one approaches and does his work is vital for a chance of success. An individual's success will result in success for the organization.

Behind The Scenes Look At TEACHERS' ATTITUDES

The school board's recent failure to recognize the AFT as the bargaining agent for Pottsgrove school district teachers has caused a variety of reactions among the faculty. One explanation for the friction between some members of the faculty and the administration was given by Mr. Yohn, vice-president of the AFT: "I feel I am not being treated with professional dignity and that my dedication to my job is being taken advantage of."

The president of the AFT, Mr. Pascucci, feels that "if the administration is going to set rules and regulations, they should pertain to everybody. There should be more consistency in what is said and done. If the school board is going to ask teachers to do extra services, they should show respect to the individual."

As a means of showing their concern for this situation, many members of the faculty have resigned from their non-paying jobs. Mr. Dry, who has resigned as the junior class advisor, wants the school board to realize how upset he is. "I will work within school hours. I also feel that the school board is putting off negotiations with teachers," Mr. Dry recently commented.

Another member of the AFT, Mr. Karsnitz, recently resigned as technical advisor to Maximi and school plays. "I feel the school board should start feeling some

pressure for their actions," he said, and he further commented, "We have made some reasonable requests to negotiate. The only people who appreciate the extra work done by the teachers are the students."

Mr. Rheel, president of the PEA, states his feelings on the action of teachers resigning from non-paying jobs by saying that "unless there is 100% cooperation among the faculty, it will not be effective."

Mrs. Heffner, a member of PEA, is on four committees and will continue her services. "I feel we need

to continue our lines of communication with teachers and students," she stated.

Also, a member of PEA, Mr. Greulich, stated that "far too many years we have been taken advantage of, but, really, we have done this on our own because we freely volunteered our services."

Although there are differences among the teachers, they all agree that a quick settlement is needed. One way this may be accomplished, according to Mr. Natoli, is "if more community pressure was concerted and directed at the school board."

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Team Ready; Starts Season

With another basketball season coming up, the Falconettes have started practices early. They have added a new member to their staff, Miss Catani. She is in charge of the offensive patterns while Mrs. Flamm is involved with the defense.

Just announced recently was the name of the captain of the 1971-1972 basketball team. Gwen Ketter will be filling this spot. Commenting on the team as a whole, she feels, "We are enthusiastic about the upcoming season. With the coaching staff and the different approach to the sport, the season will be a better one than last year."

Varsity

Along with Gwen, the other varsity starters are Denise Hughes, Val Homan, Merry Sands, and Rhonda Eveland. Each of the other senior girls add their feelings on the team. "I think we are all working hard and as a team, not as individuals," suggests Denise.

Val has a different slant when she points out the quality of practices. "Sure the practices are harder, but they're building up our endurance," she said.

Summing it all up, Merry adds, "There's only one way we can go, and that's to get better."

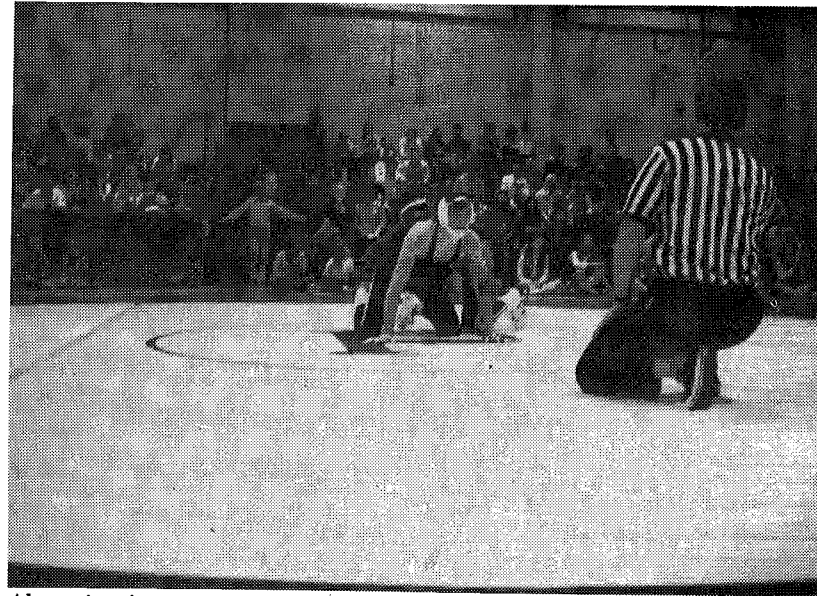
Filling the spots are Pat Dugger, Ceal Kass, Jill Johnson, Theresa Kienle, and Pat Hollenback.

Upcoming Games

The Falconettes started the first of the exhibition games on Tuesday, December fourteenth, against Governor Mifflin. Following this

Sports '71

Grapplers Open Season With Victory Senior Captains Lead 43-18 Triumph



Above is pictured Gregg Vermeesch awaiting the start of second period. He later pinned his man in the third period.

Pottsgrove's 1971 wrestling team, led by two new coaches, started their new season with a 43-18 triumph over their first opponent, Northern Chester County Vo-Tech School. The young squad contains many underclassmen and a few outstanding lettermen who lead the team as tri-captains. These returners to varsity action are seniors Don Sutton, Gregg Vermeesch, and Bob Zlotowski. Although many of the grapplers are experiencing their first taste of senior high competition, the team and their fans are confident of a winning season.

The new coach is Mr. Kenneth Biles, a former wrestler at West Chester State College. Assisting Mr. Biles is Mr. Thomas Brunner.

Pacing the Falcon victory against NCC Vo-Tech were Mike Meko, Don Sutton, Gregg Vermeesch, and Ken Spacht who all recorded pins. Winning by decision were Dave Matthews, Dave Ludwick, Bob Zlotowski and Bob Stultz. Matt Conklin won by forfeit. Meko, Sutton, and Vermeesch pinned their opponent in the first period of their match.

The varsity team includes Mike Meko at 95 pounds, Dave Matthews at 103 pounds, Dave Ludwick at

Falconbelles Boast Team

Many girls from both Junior and Senior High School have volunteered to help out at the wrestling matches this year. They are under the direction of the wrestling coaches, Mr. Kenneth Biles and Mr. Thomas Brunner.

This year's Falconbelles have engaged in the task of making their own uniforms. The uniforms will consist of maroon hotpants and a maroon shift with a split on the side, with a white blouse underneath it.

The girls go to all of the matches, both home and away, and there are at least ten Falconbelles assigned to each match. They make and hand out the wrestling programs which contain wrestling points and names of the participants. They are also in charge of taking care of the display case in the lobby.

At the match they sell tickets, keep score, and keep the riding time.

Karen Catagnus and April Kolb are the co-captains this year and are in charge of approximately forty Falconbelles.

Girls Dominate Karate Classes

Karate lessons are being held every Thursday night in the gym from seven to nine. There are approximately eighteen students enrolled in the female dominated class.

Inexperienced Hoop Squad Starts Season

The 1971-72 Falcon basketball team, exhibiting their aggressive zone press along with their flashy Puma sneakers, have one major problem this season, a lack of players with Varsity experience. Only two players, Captain Rick Martz

on tight for the win. The win was a result of a balanced scoring attack in which four players were in double figures, Drew Fagley and Skip Neville each had 16 big ones while Mike Shulby and Rick Martz settled for 12 each.

was Saturday afternoon against Daniel Boone.

The only complaint the girls team has is that they receive no support from the students. In fact, the only ones cheering at our games are the girls who aren't playing.

There is also a third squad on the basketball team. This team must report to all practices. These ninth and tenth graders come mostly for instructional purposes. They will learn certain skills for their future years on the team.

One thing the team is in need of is managers. This year there are four managers. Being the only senior, Barb Weaver is assisted by Cindy Ensminger, Debbie Kenney, and Donna Mackelroy.

Varsity Club To Have New Image

On December 15, approximately twenty athletes were inducted into the 1971-72 Varsity Club. President Jim Polli officially inducted the new members. In the past the Varsity Club has taken on many challenges and will continue to participate in many more activities.

This fall the club participated in the Naturalization Day ceremony, football games, and sponsored the "standing room only" Donkey Basketball Game. Members also take care of the new scoreboard and meet officials before basketball games. Presently, the Varsity Club is planning to have a fun night and a picnic in the spring for its members.

Dues are now going to be collected monthly. President Jim Polli, Vice-President Nick Lozorak, and their sponsor, Mr. Winterbottom, will be checking on the acquisition of Ches-Mont team plaques. These plaques will be do-

varsity experience. The other seniors include Drew Fagley, Nick Lozorak, Kevin Kifer, Mike Shulby and Jim Flood. The juniors include Marc Nettles, Don Means, Scott Kurtz, Tim Yerger and Rusty Kurtz. Once again Mr. Burkert will coach the varsity and Mr. Carson will assist him. The managing crew will be led by Willy Benner.

Coach Burkert will again use his man-to-man defense as he has done in past years, but he will also introduce a new system of foul shooting. Everyone on the team will use the same style. The style was copied from Donnie Nelson of the Boston Celtics.

The Falcons opened their hoopla campaign for 1971-72 at home with the annual contest against Plymouth Whitmarsh. Whitmarsh surprised the Falcons by throwing up a zone defense instead of the expected man-to-man. This caused 23 Falcon turnovers which along with the fouls hurt Pottsgrove. Three Falcon players fouled out of the game. High scorers for the Birds were Drew Fagley with 14 and Scott Kurtz with 11.

Then, on December 3, revenge from Thanksgiving Day came at the hands of the St. Pius Lions. The teams seemed rather equal until late in the fourth period when the Falcons outhustled the Lions. Playing inspired basketball, Dickie Martz stole a Pius inbounds pass and called time out with 30 seconds left. The Battling Birds in-bounded the ball to Martz who then passed to dangerous Drew Fagley. Fagley sank a driving layup with 15 seconds left. The Falcons hung

nated to the school.

Varsity Club is slowly gaining recognition by the students, teachers and administration because of the hard work it has put into these activities.

heartbreaking defeats. Good defense will be a must for a successful season for Mr. Carson's junior varsity team.

By the time this article appears, the Falcons will have played four tough teams in the first half, but it is certain that the Falcons will surprise a lot of people.

Winter Track Begins Work

In the eyes of most people, Winter Track is an odd sport, especially at Pottsgrove. The members of the team are always trying to adapt the usable facilities to simulate the events on the indoor tracks. In some events, such as the pole vault, this is very hard. Vaulters find themselves running down the hall to the lobby, pole in hand, trying to imagine standards and a cross bar (they don't actually vault in the lobby).

Last year's team made a good showing at the Winter Track meets, collecting medals in three events, the shot put, the 1000 yard run, and the 8-lap relay. However, the only returning medal winners will be the members of the 8-lap relay team, John Kurtz, Jeff Pierce, John Mauger and Steve Chyka.

This year the team will be coached by Mr. Parrish who will be replacing Mr. Jorgenson, the former coach.

The team will be much larger than it has been in past years with a squad of sixteen.

An especially odd aspect of Winter Track meets is the fact that schools don't "win a meet." Because of the size of the meet, schools are allowed only one entry in each event. To get a medal in his event a runner must beat more than forty other contestants.

Don Sutton while Bob Stultz is at 133, Ron Dye at 138, and Gregg Vermeesch at 145 pounds. Chuck Saylor wrestles at 154 pounds, Kevin Bender at 165, and Ken Spacht at 180. Contending in the unlimited weight class is Matt Conklin. The team manager is Joe Yocom. This team, depending on many sophomores, will attempt to improve last year's 1-10 record.

Pottsgrove opened their Ches-Mont competition with a match against Coatesville. Mike Meko opened the match with his second pin of the season. The only other Falcon victory was Gregg Vermeesch's pin in the third period. Dave Matthews scored a tie at 145 pound weight. The final score was 53-14.

Assisting the wrestlers again this year are the Falconbelles and the wrestling cheerleaders. In addition to cheering and inspiring the team, these girls also perform many other duties; some of these duties are handing out programs, working the clock and scoreboard, cutting oranges, and making signs.

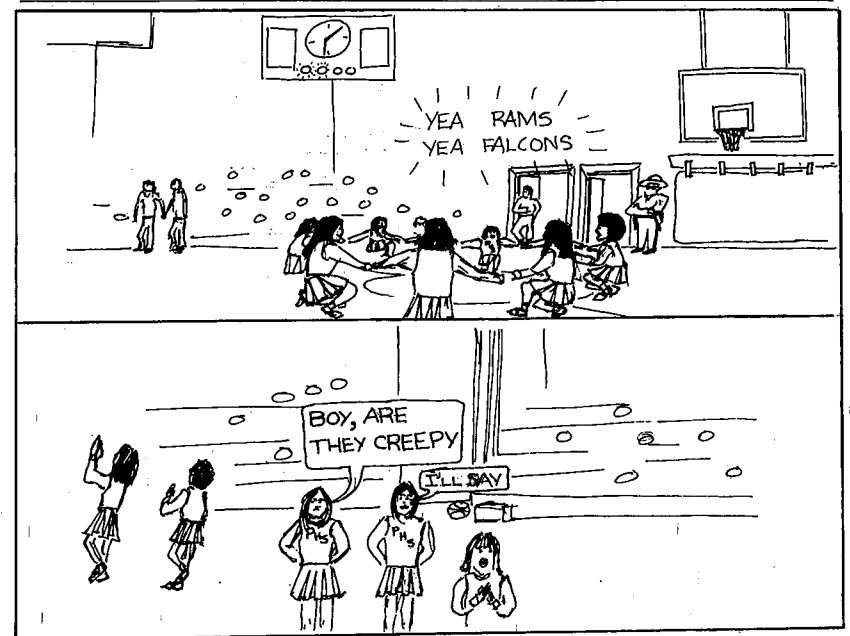
skills for defense. This free six week program is an introduction to Karate. Those students who are interested in furthering their knowledge are welcome to attend classes at the Tae Kwan-do school.

Jr. High B-ball Coaches Hopeful

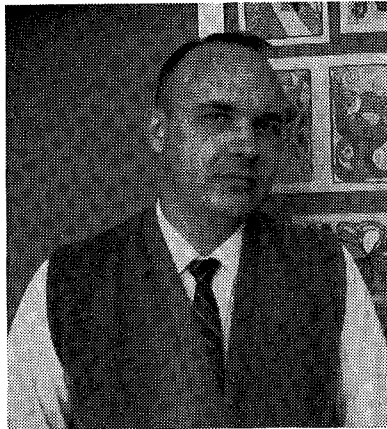
The Junior High basketball team is being coached this year by Mr. Favinger and Mr. Reitnauer, two teachers from West Pottsgrove. They are both hopeful for a good season. The coaches feel that the boys are working hard at practice on the fundamental skills of the game.

The ninth grade will be counting heavily on the boys returning from last year's eighth grade team. So far Bill Melnyk, Tom Miller and Scott Lance have shown the desire and hustle needed to play the game.

Their first game is on January 7th. Both coaches hope the Junior High spirit behind its team will show improvement over last year.



P. H. S. Faculty



MR. WILLIAM TAYLOR

"I have reduced drawing and painting to the kinds of marks an artist makes on paper. When you draw or paint, you merely make marks on paper; there are only so many marks you can make. Everything in the universe can be reduced to the terms of these marks and drawn."

This interesting theory on art was related by Mr. Taylor, an art teacher in his third year at Pottsgrove. A graduate of Carnegie Tech and John Herron Art School, he originally majored in Industrial Design. Entering the ministry is a goal Mr. Taylor has set for the future.

In Mr. Taylor's classroom stress is placed on personal discipline of the student himself. Sources for drawings come not only from life but also from the artist's imagination.

A seemingly simple philosophy of teaching was expressed by Mr. Taylor who states that he is guided by a "Christian Philosophy." When asked if this philosophy interferes with the teaching process, Mr. Taylor replied, "No, I believe

The Christmas Caper

'Twas the day before vacation
When all through the school

Students were so excited they
broke every rule.

The teachers were screaming and
tearing their hair

And secretly wondering why
they were there.

Laughing and joking the students
were glad

'Til they learned of another
bomb scare they'd had.

What joker would call at this
joyous time?

Didn't they know wrecking
vacation was a terrible crime?

Soon the students were outside
but there arose such a fuss

Because none of the students
would get on their bus.

"We won't make this day up,"
They screamed in a fury,

And teachers came running
outside in a hurry.

There was nothing they could do
except to say

That the students wouldn't
have to make up this day.

Soon all were at home having
fun.

That is, all were at home except
one.

At school the principal
sat alone

Wondering who had been on
the telephone.

He sat there and thought and
thought some more.

And soon he jumped up and
began to roar,

"I know who it was! I do, I do!

Oh, thank heavens for that

He began to think of the criminal
in mind—

A jolly old man, so sweet and
so kind.

He couldn't have done such
a terrible thing.

And at that moment he heard
the phone ring.

The voice that spoke was
familiar. Of course!

It was the bomb scare caller
filled with remorse.

"I'm sorry I did it!" and there
was a pause.

"You see, I'm really Santa Claus!"
But the high school principal

wasn't surprised.

It was exactly the person he
had surmised.

"I thought it was Santa all along
And now I know that I

wasn't wrong!

If I hadn't recognized the
'Ho, ho, ho'

I would never have guessed
that you could have done so!

Oh, why did you call? Please
explain.

Your reason for doing it isn't
too plain."

"An extra long holiday was the
only way I could

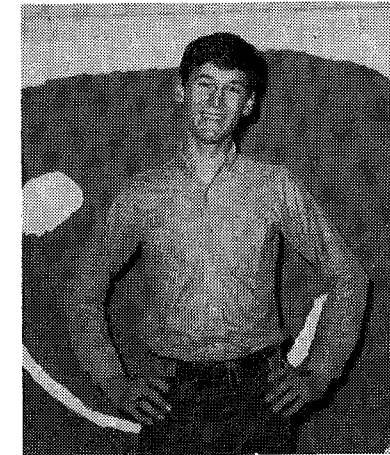
Reward the students for being so
good.

This phone call's long distance;
I've run out of time.

Besides that, there's nothing else
that will rhyme!"

by Cathy Cook

FAMILIAR FACES



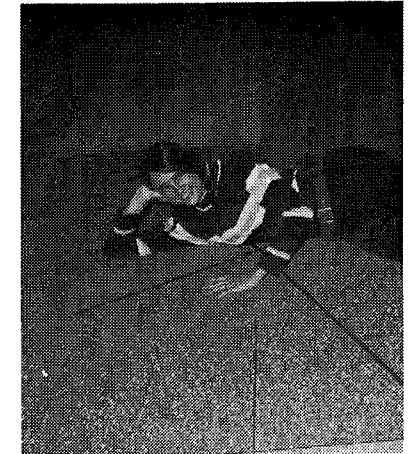
MIKE SHULBY

Brown-haired, brown-eyed Mike Shulby is a shy 6'1" Varsity basketball player. Besides participating on the basketball team, he is also a member of the marching band and concert band—in both of which he plays the tuba. In the spring, as a golf enthusiast, he participates on the high school golf team. Mike is also a member of the National Honor Society, and he has just recently been elected treasurer of the senior class.

Mike lives with his parents, two brothers, and a sister at 2443 East High Street, Sanatoga. His older brother, Douglas, is working to be a computer technician at Gardner, Massachusetts. His younger brother, Paul, is in seventh grade at Pottsgrove, while his sister, Judy, is in ninth grade. Keeping as busy as their children, Mr. Shulby is an electrician and Mrs. Shulby is a housewife.

Future Chef

Mike's hobbies are camping, hiking, and cooking. His interest in cooking reflects the fact that his future plans include attending Cul-



DEBBIE PIEPMEYER

Of course you know who Debbie Piepmeyer is. Didn't you see a talent show today? Sure, you did! Don't you remember a black-haired, brown-eyed girl's rendition of "Turn Around, Look at Me?" That girl was Debbie pursuing one of her many interests.

In school you may have seen her at Student Government meetings, for she is a member of that organization; or perhaps you've seen her in one of her other activities: Chorus, Leader Corps or Business Club.

Her after school hours are spent with her boyfriend, Dennis Slaybaugh, or one of her hobbies which include swimming, horseback-riding, dancing, and singing. She enjoys meeting new people and making friends. She also likes babysitting because it gives her a chance to be with children. When she's not doing any of those things, she might be listening to records by the Beatles, John Lennon,

LEADERS

that what I am teaching in my classroom is reasonable and professionally justified. I have long considered my philosophy and am committed to it."

Mr. Taylor's basic interest is not art. Most of his time outside the classroom is spent reading. He resides in Pennsburg with his wife and three children.

Letter to the Editors:

To all the students and faculty of Pottsgrove High School, thank you for the many cards I received while I was sick. The innumerable messages were very gratifying and made me feel better just to know everybody was thinking of me. I doubt if I will be able to thank each one individually, but I do extend my appreciation for your concern.

Robert Petrilla

"Dear Diary . . ."

Dear Diary:

Today was my first day of "on the job" teaching. I was met by 132 blank stares, 5 cases of bubble gum chewers, and 1 lost gym bag which was the big crisis of the day.

My first class was sheer panic on my part. From the start I was labeled as a "student teacher" and immediately some students began to harass me. Some students sat indifferently listening to my opening speech while a few less-attentive people fell asleep.

Though things were shaky, on the whole, the period went well. I had the class take notes which turned out to be an experience! I thought I was dictating very slowly, but I was met by a wave of complaints about speaking too quickly.

The rest of the day's classes

I should have guessed this before . . ."

Then he said nothing more.

SCHOOL BOARD

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Also, even though there were no negotiations last year because of unresolved legal problems, the Board approved a new salary scale for teachers with a beginning salary of \$7200 to a maximum of \$13,400 based on education and experience, and increased the supplemental position scale considerably. This shows the demonstrated good faith of the Board. Teachers for many years have also shown good faith. It is the hope of the Board that the few persons who resigned certain responsibilities might reconsider, at least until the court decision is rendered, for the good of the students involved.

went similarly with the number of attentive, lackadaisical, and sleepy people remaining approximately the same. But as the old saying goes, "Don't give up the ship!" Tomorrow I will fearlessly charge into the classroom again!

Dear Diary:

It has now been three weeks since I began my teaching experience. Both the students and I have changed. They have become slightly more interested, and I have dropped my high expectations to gratefulness when the students merely respond to questions!

Dear Diary:

Today was my last day at school. I was met by 32 blank stares, 3 bubble gum chewers, and 100 smiling faces wishing me the best in the future. I feel that I have contributed to their lives. I feel I am a teacher.

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necticut, to become a chef. When asked why he wanted to become a chef, he replied that there was no special reason. He has wanted to be a chef ever since he can remember. After completing his two years at the Culinary Institute, he hopes to open a restaurant in Boston, Massachusetts.

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Chicago, and Rare Earth. Debbie may be seen shopping for the little non-occasion surprise presents she likes to give.

After working as a nurse's aide at the Charles Johnson Home and as a volunteer last summer with the retarded, Debbie has decided on a career as a social worker. From her experiences she has found that she enjoys "helping people and teaching them things."

Debbie resides with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Piepmeyer, at 390 North Pleasantview Road, Sanatoga, along with her two brothers, six sisters and a dog named Grumpy.

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