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Pottsgrove Is Scene Of Teaching Venture

Miss Mary Thompson completed her student teaching at Pottsgrove on March 24, 1972 and returned to Lock Haven State College where she is majoring in Secondary Education and English. Her future plans include teaching English (preferably journalism) in a senior high school.

Cooperative Classes

Miss Thompson enjoyed working with Pottsgrove students and stated that on the whole, her classes were very cooperative. Another reason for Miss Thompson's enjoyable stay was Mrs. Miller, her cop. The two worked well together, and this helped to make her stay more rewarding.

In addition to journalism, Miss Thompson enjoys sewing, and she makes many of her own clothes. Also, gymnastics and dance, particularly ballet, rank high on her list of interests.



STUDENT TEACHER: Miss Mary Thompson left P.H.S. March 24 after her first teaching experience.

At Lock Haven Miss Thompson is involved with the Alpha Sigma Tau Social Sorority and the Pi Delta Epsilon Journalism Honor So-

ciety. She is also columns editor of the college newspaper, *Eagle Eye*, and she is active in intramural volleyball and basketball.

Stokesay Will Host Junior - Senior Prom

Stokesay Castle in Reading will be the scene of the Junior Prom and Post Prom Party on the 12th of May.

After the couples arrive at 8:30, a full course dinner will be served. During the meal, the couples will be able to have their pictures taken. Music for the Prom will be provided by the Original Crow Band.

Post Prom

At 1:00 a.m. there will be a buffet. Following this will be entertainment featuring David Michael, an impersonator and singer now performing at Polombo's in Philadelphia. There will be an audience participation program and for additional entertainment a two-sister act similar to the Goldiggers. A versatile duo will supply the music following the entertainment un-

til the conclusion of the post-prom at 5:00 a.m.

The tickets for the prom and post-prom will cost six dollars per couple. The attire for the boys will be tuxes or dress suits. Girls will wear gowns.

Fund Raising

Junior class members have completed many fund-raising projects to cover the costs of this annual affair. Several of these projects were Christmas and Easter candy sales, a hoagie sale, a paper drive, a junior high dance, and the showing of a horror movie. Possible future fund raisers are a Mrs. Smith pie sale and an outdoor bake sale.

Mrs. Hollenbach heads the parents prom committee, and Nancy Baumann is the chairman for the student's committee.

Weary Seniors Return With Exciting Memories

On Thursday, April 20, 1972, at 6:00 a.m. the seniors left Pottsgrove High School for their two day class trip to New York City. This year they had an exciting and very busy trip planned.

In previous years, the seniors went directly into the city by bus. This year, however, they entered New York on the Staten Island Ferry. First on the itinerary was a visit to the Statue of Liberty. A short bus tour of Wall Street, Broadway, and Greenwich Village and a visit to the United Nations came next. In the afternoon the seniors had a few hours of free time during which they checked into the Hotel Taft, where they stayed during the trip.

Thursday evening everyone dined at the beautiful Tavern on the Green in Central Park. After dinner they attended the successful Broadway production *No No Nannette* and visited the RCA Observation Tower. At the Tower a picture of the entire group was taken.

Friday's schedule included a tour of Lincoln Center. This massive complex consists of the Metropolitan Opera House, Philharmonic Hall, the New York State Theater, and the Vivian Beaumont Theater. The seniors also saw the famous Julliard School of Music. Lunch was served at the Footlights Cafeteria where each person could make his own selection of foods from the enormous variety available. After lunch everyone attended a movie, *What's Up Doc?* starring Barbra Streisand and Ryan O'Neal, at Radio City Music Hall. While there, they also viewed *The Glory of Easter* and saw the famous Rockettes perform.

Friday afternoon, the seniors had approximately four hours of free time. Several of the places they visited were Chinatown, the Empire State Building, St. Patrick's Cathedral, and many other fascinating places in the city.

Chaperones

Chaperones for the trip this year were Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Horn, Miss Hesser, Mr. Greulich, Mrs. Davidheiser, Mr. Buckwalter, Mr. Davidson, Mr. Harclerode, Mr. Boehmer, Mr. Dori, and Mr. Natoli.

SPRING MUSICALE TO DISPLAY P. H. S. TALENT

The annual spring concert at Pottsgrove will be presented on Thursday, May 4, at 8 p.m. with selections from the senior high concert band, stage band, and chorus. Under the direction of Miss Peggy Dotterer the chorus will sing several selections including "What the World Needs Now is Love" arranged by Lou Hayward; "The Echo Song" by Orlando di Lasso; "Alleluia" by Randall Thompson; "Gloria in Excelsis Deo;" "Cum Sancto Spiritu;" selections from the Broadway musical "West Side Story;" and "Kyrie," which is an

Coming Events

May 4—Senior High Concert
May 12—Junior-Senior Prom
May 18—Junior High Concert
May 19—Ninth Grade Trip
May 22—Varsity Club Dinner
May 29—Memorial Day Vacation - School closed

JUNIOR PLAY LABELED TREMENDOUS SUCCESS

On Friday, April 14, and Saturday, April 15, the Junior class hosted one of the finest musicals ever held at Pottsgrove High School. The auditorium was filled for the *Sound of Music* as a cast of ninety performed for the enjoyment of those who attended.

Outstanding Performers

One of the outstanding performers was Carol Rainis who played the role of Maria. Carol is the daughter of Mrs. Eleanore Rainis of 109 Anthony Wayne Drive, Stowe. Carol participates in Varsity Club, Maximi, FTA, and she

enjoys singing, playing the guitar, and drawing. Carol desires to enter the field of art or drama.

Joanne Schofield, also a senior, acted out the part of the Mother Abbess. She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. R. A. Schofield, of 1025 Briar Lane. Joanne is a member of District Chorus, Chorus, FTA, and Color Guard. Joanne's interests include collecting coins and studying voice and organ. This fall she plans to major in music.

The role of Captain Georg von Trapp was portrayed by a junior, David Brant. Dave lives at R. D. #4, Evans Road with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Gerald C. Brant. He is a member of Chorus, church choir, bellechoir, folk group, and he is president of a youth group. Dave is planning on entering the ministry.

Because of the combined efforts and cooperation of the ninety members of the cast, the play was titled as a great success by all those who attended.



SOUND OF MUSIC: Cooperation and effort made the junior class play a great success.

F.H.A. Travels To Ken-Crest Center

On Monday, April 17, the Senior High FHA travelled to the Ken-Crest Center located on Route 29, Phoenixville. The center is a residential treatment area for retarded children. The FHA group made this a service project by presenting a puppet show, giving refreshments, and playing and conversing with the residents.

Members of the FHA also attended a three-day conference on April 7, 8, and 9 at the Bellevue Stratford Hotel in Philadelphia. During the conference, the new state representatives took office. Delegates from Pottsgrove were Diane Bliem, Rosemary Chiyka, Dorothy Swoyer, Stacy Serba, and Elizabeth Gerhard.

Officers of the Pottsgrove FHA are Barb Supplee, President; Linda Krovitski, Vice-President; Sharon Rhoads, Secretary; Diane Bliem, Treasurer; and Wendy Fisher, Historian.

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United We Stand

By CARTER WASSON

The famous saying, "United we stand, divided we fall" applies quite readily to our senior class at Pottsgrove. The senior class has suffered numerous setbacks brought about by our own inability to get along with each other. A perfect example of this is the situation that existed last year concerning the prom. For months nothing was accomplished as we argued and fought over the insignificant trivial points. The vo-tech students fought with the academics, the academics quarreled with the business students, and so on. It resulted in a split of the class into three distinct groups.

This division only increased the animosity between groups. Members of one group refused to speak to the members of any other group. This progressed until the entire situation was completely out of hand.

The problem remained throughout our junior year with little or no improvement. By the time our senior year had arrived, we had taken small steps towards reconciliation. Now the barriers that previously existed have all but vanished. We have finally realized how immature and childish the entire episode was and regret the months that we wasted.

Where we have learned through experience, others have not. The present junior class is following in our footsteps. When will we ever learn?

Wanted: An Education

By SUE GRIMLEY

Inside every public school, one can detect signs of discontent and the noises of monotony: fingers drumming, pencils tapping, and pages idly turning. Students maintain blind stares, scribble obscenities on desks, decide whether or not to attend their next class, and, literally, count the seconds.

From the time one enters school until he receives a high school diploma, the student is subjected to subjective grading, useless busy work, and tremendous pressures to get good grades. The current grading system imposes "unquestioning acceptance" of established authority, organization, and the priority of products over people. Grades fail to value independent, evaluatively critical thinking and cooperation between students, and they tend to produce competitive behavior. In the public schools

CAPSULE OF CANDIDATES

So far in this presidential election year, we have been bombarded by a long list of candidates. With so many candidates, each one has to develop a gimmick, a style, or a certain flair with which people can identify. This style of the individual candidate is crucial. Each of the top contenders is marked by a cadence all of his own. Here are some brief profiles:

Hubert Humphrey — He has shortened his speeches this year and gives his opinions on all issues. He is reminding the voters, especially older people, blacks and union members, how much he has done for them. They seem to be acknowledging the debt. Humphrey's campaign is run with efficiency and experience.

Edmund Muskie — If he has any new approaches to the issues, he is keeping them to himself. Asking the voters to have confidence in him, he projected confidence until his defeats in Florida and Wisconsin. He also has a way of losing his temper, which was demonstrated in New Hampshire. Muskie has demonstrated a fondness for puns,

and this has added spice to his speeches.

George McGovern — He is forthright on the issues of the Vietnam War, and tax reform, but he does not dramatize them well. He is a quiet, low-keyed politician and his campaign is run that way. Though he is supported by some of the youth who followed Robert Kennedy in 1968, he does not arouse the

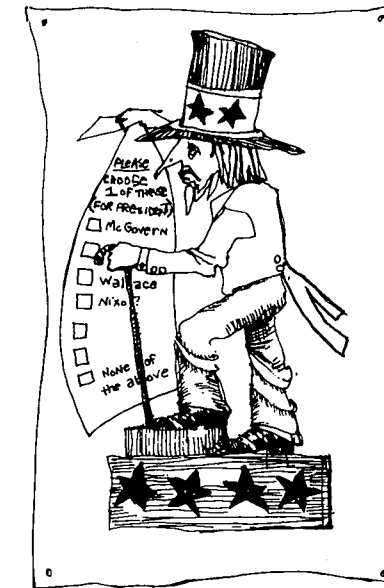
same enthusiasm. His organization tries to make up for what he lacks in personal appeal.

Shirley Chisholm — She is oblivious to the fact that she has no chance of winning the Democratic nomination. She delivers moving appeals to blacks and women and doesn't hesitate to bruise the male ego.

George Wallace — He has a knack of communicating with a certain kind of people. He talks about "welfare loafers," "foreign hotten-tots," and "busing to kingdom come." There is nothing fancy about this politician. He campaigns wherever he feels the "pick-in's" are good.

Richard Nixon — President Nixon has not done any official campaigning, but then some say, "What was his trip to China?" He has dominated the Republican primaries in every state.

Paul McCloskey — Mr. McCloskey, who opposed Nixon on the Republican ticket, dropped out of the race after the New Hampshire primary. McCloskey's name remains on the ballot in several states as a "symbolic protest."



Ecology Club And Student Government Active In Planning Community Projects

In recent weeks students at Pottsgrove have started to get involved in many worthwhile activities. The Student Government is again sponsoring a Walk for Mankind on April 29. It will be 20 miles long, and first aid and refreshments will be provided at checkpoints along the way.

After the first ten miles, walkers will break for lunch. During the break, live music will be furnished for entertainment.

Sponsor sheets and other information have been distributed to encourage walkers and rouse enthusiasm. Assemblies have been pre-

Walk Spurs Varied Conversation

"Glad you could come over for they would know better"

In the field of relevance, many courses offered in present-day high schools do not meet the needs and wants of present-day students.

The typical schedule is the same, day after day, with no allowance for the student to either pursue individual interests, take extra courses, or do independent study that he might want to do. The inflexibility of the system to accommodate a student's needs, thus produces boredom, resentment, and depression. We are using 1932 methods in 1972 classrooms. It is time for us all to study and re-evaluate our present system of education. It is time for us to think out and develop a new system of education.

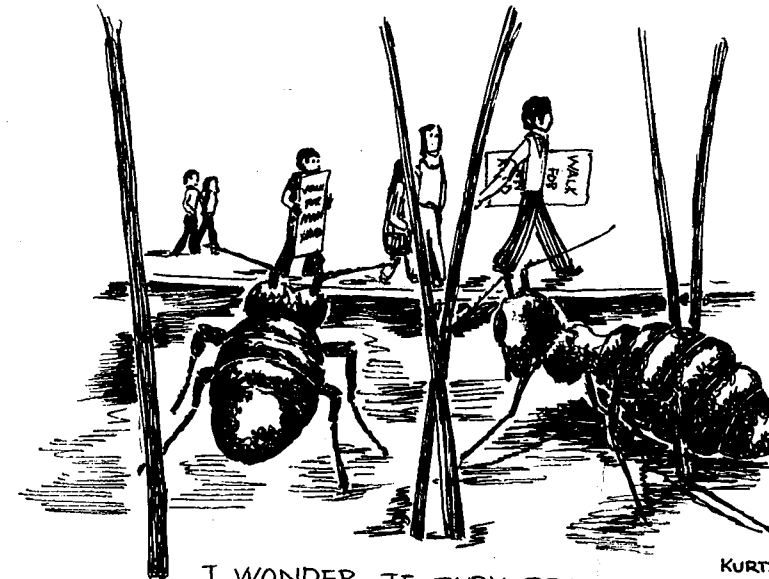
Seminar Student Describes Lively Tour Of Historic City

Getting up at five in the morning is for birds, roosters, and other fowl creatures, including the American History Seminar. At that time on April 7, twelve people rolled out of their beds and met at the high school to travel to the Philadelphia airport where they boarded a plane and flew to Boston. Many of the students had never flown before and were quite excited about their first flight.

The trip had started out well, but then Sue Ryan left her ticket on the plane. Later, a movie camera was lost on a Boston subway platform. After resting and unpacking, the energetic seminarians dragged off to hit the Freedom Trail. At the State House, it was discovered that one member was missing. Jeff Winterbottom quickly dashed back to McDonald's to fetch Pat Hollenbach who had been left in the lavatory. Along the trail the group stopped at an open air market where a man threw a fresh flounder in Laurie Weitzenkorn's face!

After the long walk in twenty-six degree weather, the group returned to the hotel to defrost. That evening the group went to see God-

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I WONDER IF THEY REALLY KNOW
WHY THEY ARE WALKING ?

sented to help get students involved.

The purpose of the walk is to raise money for charitable organizations by actually working for the money pledged by sponsors, not merely asking for a contribution.

Ecology Interest Renewed

Under the new leadership of Cindy Carrol and Joe Weniger, the Ecology Committee is planning many projects such as Earth Day assembly, which is still in the planning, and bottle and can collections.

During the last weekend in March, two representatives from the committee, Joe Weniger and Debbie Hawk, went to a meeting at Owen J. Roberts High School for all area ecology clubs. As a result of this meeting, a committee was formed to meet once a week to plan other activities. They have a tentative plan for a general litter pick-up. All the money raised by this committee will be sent to a group of Indians in Mexico who are trying to fight the building of power plants on their land.

coffee, Mabel."

"Well, Gertie, I got my housework done early—I only had some sweeping to do—and with the nice weather, we can just chase the kids outside for the whole day."

"Did you hear the latest? The Millers from down the street moved out, and a new family with twenty kids is moving in. Honestly, what's this neighborhood coming to?"

"Sounds like there's a disturbance of sorts down the street. I can't see anything from here—let's go outside."

"It doesn't look like there's anything out of the ordinary happening. The sun's so bright today, I can't see past those trees."

"The street and the sidewalks are all clear, but what's that noise?"

"It sounds like an army, but, what on earth!"

"Unless the army's new uniform consists of jeans and sneakers, that must be some sort of youth group demonstrating or something."

"What a mob—but look, there's some older people, too. You'd think

"They're way behind, though, Mabel. Maybe they're trying to catch up to those kids and stop them."

"That sign they're carrying might tell us something—'Walk for Mankind—Sponsor a Walker.' Does that mean someone is paying them to walk? What on earth for?"

"I've got it, Mabel. It's a plot. They've outlawed DDT, so they sponsor people to stomp us out of existence!"

"Oh, Gertie, we better run into the house—and don't forget the kids. Wish we could stage our own walk—'Stay off your feet—save an ant.'"

SPRING MUSICAL

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M. Von Weber.

Stage Band

Also under the direction of Mr. Walker, the stage band will perform three selections. They are "Theme from Shaft" by Isaac Hayes; "Get It On" by Bill Chase; and "Mac Arthur Park" arranged by Stan Kenton.



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Net Team Wins Season Opener

April eleventh marked the start of the girls' tennis team's determined drive to ascend to the plateau attained last year—a championship team.

Preceded by a lot of experience and a large amount of practice, the girls stormed over Coatesville in the season opener with a score of 5-0. The Falcon Junior Varsity and exhibition teams swept their matches with scores of 5-0 and 4-1. If anything, this early season match with its decisive score added the confidence which the girls will need for the remainder of the season.

Team Members

A brief run down of the members of this year's varsity squad follows: first singles, Cindy Born; second singles, Denise Hughes; third singles, Barb Shelly; first doubles, Pat Supplee and Gwen Ketner; second doubles, Barb Supplee and Camille Negroni.

Setback

Stiff competition and a disappointment were met at Great Valley by the Falcon netwomen. Although Pottsgrove lost by a slim margin, the defeat was a frustrating one. In this second contest of the season, only Cindy Born and Barb Shelly won for the Falcon team.

From this point on, the rest of the season will be a toss-up. No team in the league will easily win the championship. Most likely,

Sports '72

Baseball Squad Suffers From Defeats; Falcon Team Lacks Balanced Hitting

The Pottsgrove Varsity baseball team's first few games have been both dismal and disappointing. The squad dropped contests to Owen J. Roberts, Spring-Ford, and Boyertown. The only victory for the Falcons so far has been a non-league triumph over St. Pius.

The season opened at Owen J. on April 4. The Falcons opened the scoring when Don Shadler drove

Nick Lozorak across the plate with a single. Owen J. retaliated in their half of the inning with two runs and never relinquished the lead. The final score was 8-3. The leading hitters for Pottsgrove were Rick Martz, Don Shadler, and Greg Vermeesch. Going the distance for the fallen Falcons, Mark Thompson was the losing pitcher.

In the non-league contest against

St. Pius, the Falcon bats came alive, knocking out a total of 9 hits. Getting the big hits for Pottsgrove were Greg Vermeesch and Steve Piloni; each rapped a double and a triple. Greg Vermeesch was also the winning pitcher, going all seven innings for Pottsgrove. The final score was 8-5.

Getting three hits against Rick Pennypacker, the Falcon bats quieted down again at Spring-Ford. Two of the three hits were by Don Shadler and the other was by Nick Lozorak. Mark Thompson, the Falcons' pitcher, hurled an excellent game and scattered Spring-Ford's nine hits. The only scoring in the game came in the bottom of the sixth inning when Mike Holoka smacked a double, knocking in two runs for Spring-Ford. The final score was a disgusting 2-0 loss.

The Boyertown game was an utter disappointment. The bats were once again silent, but the pitching of Dennis Melnyk held the Bears batters. The Falcons took a 1-0 lead, but due to unearned runs, Boyertown came away with a 2-1 decision. The Falcons managed only five hits with Nick Lozorak getting two of them. Needless to say, the Falcons' hitting must pick up.

Netmen Lose Opening Match

Stroking their way into another Ches-Mont season, the Pottsgrove tennis team was defeated in their initial league match of the season. The Falcons came out on the short end of a 3-2 score at the Coatesville courts.

The successful netmen were Rick Szilagyi and Jim Henricks who both came from behind in their matches to record victories. Playing in the first singles slot, Rick defeated Coatesville's top player John Dipietrantonio by a score of 4-6, 6-4, 6-1. In the second singles position, Jim Henricks also lost his first set 4-6 before he rallied to win 6-3, 6-3 over Mark Schantzer of Coatesville. The third singles match was a duel between the Falcons' Jim Shelly and Pete Orth of the Raiders. Jim was defeated in straight sets 6-3, 6-1. At this point in the team match, Pottsgrove held a 2-1 lead.

However, in doubles competition the Falcons fared a little worse. Both Falcon doubles teams lost without winning a set. The first team of Steve Freedman and Gary Romich lost to Dave Robinson and Bob Sieracki of Coatesville by the score of 6-3, 6-2. The second team, Kevin Levengood and Harold Patalino, was blanked 6-0, 6-0 by Raiders Don Lamborn and Chris Walus.

In exhibition matches Pottsgrove's three doubles teams were beaten by Red Raider teams and their individual match scores were 8-3, 8-1, and 8-0. The next match on the schedule is May 2 at home versus Phoenixville.



SENIOR HIGH BASEBALL TEAM: These members of the 1972 baseball team are in the midst of a tremendous drive toward the Ches-Mont league crown.

there will be more than one team in first place at the end of the season. From the determination and will to win shown in the opening matches, it is sure that the Falcon team will be in there contending until the end.

For those who do not know what tennis is or how it is played and would like to see the team at its best, make it a point to spend one of your afternoons supporting the Falcon squad.

Jr. High Begins Track Season

This year's Junior High track team opened their season on April 8, with a home meet against Central. Although it did not result in a victory for Pottsgrove, the score was extremely close, 68-64.

Don Mentzer led the Junior Falcons, winning all three of the events in which he was entered. He won the 100 and 220 yard dashes, and he also ran in the 440 yard relay. Other first place winners for Pottsgrove included Jim Carlisle, who ran in the low hurdles; Bob Webster in the 880 yard run; Bob Olock in the shot put; and Ron Moore in the broad jump. Dave Clay, a seventh grade student, showed great promise by winning the 75 yard dash and running in the 440 yard relay.

The head coach this year is Mr. William Keeley. Acting as assistant coach is Mr. Charles Parrish. Mr. Keeley was impressed by the team's first meet. Of the team, he says, "They are all winners."

Their next meet is with Owen J. Roberts on May first. The coaches and the team hope to see more student supporters out at the meet for their first victory.

Linksmen Successful Season

The Falcon golfers won their first match of the season this year against host Perkiomen Valley at the Limerick Golf Club with a score of 282-300. Gregg Weitzenkorn and Gary Troyan were the low medalists for Pottsgrove, going seven over par and nine over par respectively. Following Coach Dori's co-captains in the lineup were Drew Fagley, Dave Ludwick, Willard Bennar, Mike Shulby, Jim Flood, and Jeff Pierce.

The Falcons opened their Ches-Mont season with a 447-452 upset over Downingtown at Brookside Country Club. Downingtown won the championship last year and has excellent outlooks for this year. Sophomore David Ludwick led the Falcons to their victory with an 85. Drew Fagley placed second with an 86, and Gregg Weitzenkorn scored an 88.

The following day Pottsgrove defeated its host Owen J. Roberts, 424-443 at the Kimberton Golf Course. Gary Troyan paced the Falcons with a three over par 74 to be the low medalist of the day. Jim Flood had the second lowest score of the day, an 85, and Jeff Pierce and Gregg Weitzenkorn tied for third place, with an 87.

So far the team has recorded three tens on individual holes. With the new medal play, one hole can ruin the whole score. Many have been playing well, but when a player messes up on one hole, his entire score is jacked up.

The Trojans nosed out a 450-451 victory over the Falcons for the closest match of the year. The

medalist for the Trojans was Bill Apple with an 82, and for the Falcons the medalist was Gregg Weitzenkorn with an 85. Pottstown is also expected to do very well in the Ches-Mont league.

The Falcons' third league victory came with a home match against Phoenixville. The final score was 448-468, and the low medalist for the match was Gregg Weitzenkorn with an 86. The second best score was turned in by Gary Troyan who had a misleading 89. Gary was hitting the ball well but his putting was failing him. Jim Ludwick and Bob Frances came through with scores of 92 and 90 respectively. Rounding out the 5th score was Dave Ludwick with a 92.

SEMINAR STUDENT

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spell, a musical based upon the Gospel according to St. Matthew. After returning to the hotel, Bob Brant enjoyed himself by yelling out the windows to staggering drunks while Becky Lewis and Ellen Gross sat on the fire escape.

On Saturday the group took a bus to Salem where they spent the day, visiting the Witch House, the Customs House, and the House of Seven Gables. That evening part of the group saw the movie *Bangla Desh*. Kathy Cook and Fay Brunner chose to remain in the hotel racing through the halls. And Kevin Bender played an interesting game of pin ball.

Sunday was spent visiting the U. S. Constitution and the Museum of Fine Arts. A most enjoyable trip came to an end that afternoon when the plane took off for Philadelphia a half hour late.

To 86½ - 63½ Win Over Pius

In their first two track meets the members of the track team have shown much talent.

The first meet which was against St. Pius was won by Falcon trackmen 86½ to 63½. This victory was the result of many outstanding performances. Rick Mettler, a senior sprinter, started off on a winning note as he won three events: the 100 yard dash, the 220 yard dash and the 440 yard run. Pottsgrove runners Dave Supco, Dave Galloway, and John Porter swept the 880 yard run. John Porter also won the mile run. Scott Kurtz, a junior hurdler, won the 180 yard low hurdles with teammate Ralph Basile a close second. Pottsgrove's 2 mile relay, consisting of Dave Supco, Dave Galloway, Bob Ritner, and Tim Yerger, won their race by about 200 yards. The surprise of the day was provided by Rick Solazzo who, never having run the 2 mile before, beat Pius' best 2 milers to place first by at least 100 yards.

Field Events Weak

Although Coach Harclerode said

that the team was stronger on the track than in the field, the field men had some good showings. The pole vault was won by senior Denny Harp. The High Jump was won by Tim Yerger with Bob Ritner and Denny Harp taking second and third respectively to tally Pottsgrove's second sweep of the day. Norman Hill, the sophomore shot put sensation who won the Junior High Ches-Mont shot put last year picked up where he left off by winning the shot event.

Pottsgrove opened its Ches-Mont season with a loss to visiting Downingtown with a score of 105 to 43½. Mettler, who had won three events against Pius, pulled a muscle in the 100 yard dash and could not finish the race. With Mettler out indefinitely, the sprinting duties fall on Dave Weller, a sophomore. Other winners in the meet were Norman Hill in the shot, Tim Yerger in the high jump, Denny Harp in the pole vault, Jim Polli in the discus, Scott Kurtz in the 120 yard high hurdles, and Ralph Basile in the 180 yard low hurdles.

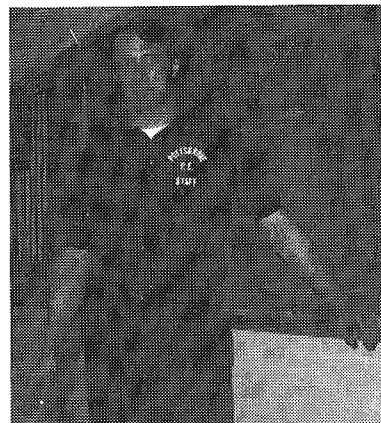
Teams Need Student Help

As always, athletic competition at Pottsgrove needs support from the student body. Very few students have been seen at the matches, meets, and games played at home this spring. To say the least, the sound of cheering fans has often been all that it took to bolster a team on to a victory. And after some of the close scores turned in so far this season, to have had a few Pottsgrovians on the sidelines might have changed the tide of events.

Perhaps, too many students have

been letting school interfere with their education. The aim of each individual should be at least a minimal awareness of all that is happening around him. Life at Pottsgrove is more than an 8:10 to 2:45 class day, and it should be the goal of every student to become aware of all the activities available to him to further his awareness. One way to bring this awareness about and at the same time give the teams the support they deserve is to try to attend as many of the remaining home sports events as possible.

P. H. S. Faculty



MR. KENNETH BILES

Mr. Biles has only been at Pottsgrove one year, but he has already met a challenge: improving the wrestling team. As many of you may already know, Mr. Biles feels that so much potential is ignored at Pottsgrove, not only in sports but in all school activities. It seems to him that involvement in school activities is going out of style, and he would like to see this changed.

An interest in participation in sports and a desire to help others participate influenced Mr. Biles's decision to become a physical education teacher. He prefers working with junior high students. He feels "teachers can do a lot of good with this age group because they're more of an influence on the students."

When not at school, Mr. Biles likes to fool around in a woodshop and participate in sports. Wrestling is his favorite sport, and in college he won 4th place in the National Collegiate Wrestling Association.

GUEST EDITORIAL:

"Senioritis" Strikes Again

Teachers, beware! A disease has bounded from the dark corners of P.H.S.; a disease to which no senior is immune. It has struck the unsuspecting student and has spread to epidemic proportions. SENIORITIS HAS STRUCK!!

Senioritis has recognizable symptoms. These symptoms include apathy in school, boredom, an increase in absenteeism, and more socializing on school nights. Many of these symptoms can be seen in most seniors. The cure for these symptoms is time. We seniors must simply wait until 6:30 p.m. on June 12, 1972.

Underclassmen, beware! Avoid contact with seniors as much as possible. Senioritis is a very contagious disease. You must wait your turn for pure senioritis. It attacks seniors annually around February or March. It is unavoidable.

The causes of this disease seem obvious to us seniors. We have spent twelve years in school. Most of us who plan to continue our education have been accepted at one or more colleges. The faculty tries to tell us that the colleges really look at our senior year.

Those of us not planning to go to college already have some sort of skill which will help us more than any of the grades we get for the rest of the year. Those of us who are undecided about our future can't wait for free time to find ourselves.

Because of senioritis for the senior ear, the bells of Pottsgrove are growing silent. To the senior eye, the blackboards are erasing themselves. To the senior mind, the much needed changes of this world are coming. World, beware! We will CARRY ON!!!

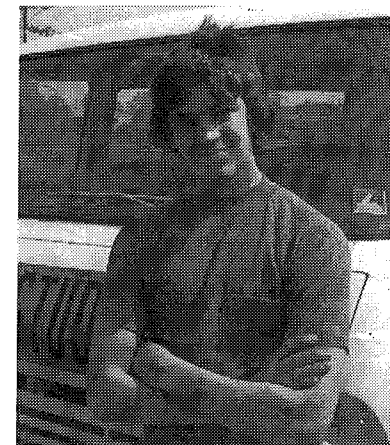
—Ralph Basile

How To Be Popular At PHS

Popularity has played a huge role in teenage life since the beginning of time. Most people strive to be well-liked and have numerous friends. For those who are having

The next way is a very simple one. Be the first one into the cafeteria line during the lunch period and let all your friends up behind you.

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MARK SANTANGELO

Meet an undecided senior: Mark Santangelo. You are sure Mark is one of the many in that category; however, it is quite unusual for such a person as Mark, as he has many interests.

Although he is in the academic course and plans to attend Ursinus College in the fall, Mark does not know in what he is going to major.

Licensed Pilot

This year at Pottsgrove, Mark participated in the senior high chorus. His outside activities include flying and playing ice hockey. He has a private pilot's license which he obtained last summer at Limerick Airport. Mark's flying experiences have taken him to Maryland and as far as the Grand Canyon. His interest in ice hockey can be seen in the fact that he plays it almost every weekend at a colosseum in New Jersey. He thinks that "it is the greatest



NANCY MAACK

Nancy Maack is a familiar face around Pottsgrove. In school she is a member of Future Teachers of America. Her main interest is children; this is evident by her active participation in the original elementary tutoring program and the newly-founded cadet teaching program at Ringing Rocks. In cadet teaching the senior tutor spends each Wednesday morning teaching along with the teacher. Nancy feels this is a valuable aid in helping the students get to know what teaching is like so that they can decide if they wish to become a teacher.

Nancy is in favor of the middle school. She says, "the middle school will be a change for the better for the students at Pottsgrove. It will provide greater opportunities and less restrictions for senior high students."

Away from school, Nancy can be found golfing or listening to the music of George Harrison, John Mayall, or Dylan.

Nancy plans to spend part of

the spring, he enjoys fishing and canoeing because he loves the outdoors, and in the future he would like to travel, especially in the North and West.

To inform the female population, Mr. Biles is no longer a bachelor. He has been married for 1½ years. When asked his favorite foods, he replied, "I like my wife's cooking!"

Mr. Biles has a philosophy on life that helps him with his teaching career. He feels that there's a lot of prejudice in the world and he tries to control his actions with other people. Before making a decision, he tries to look at all the circumstances. To sum up his philosophy he said, "Treat and respect everyone else as an equal."

Maybe this sounds idealistic, but it is a good approach to life, both at home and at school.

a difficult time attaining their goal, there are a few helpful hints.

One may become popular by using gym class as a means. Buy one can of deodorant. When the rest of the members of the class cry, "Who's got the spray?" calmly take it out of your locker and apply it. Suddenly you will find yourself surrounded by a group of babbling friends.

Another method is by owning a car and driving it to school. All of your neighbors who never spoke to you before will call you for a ride to school.

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sport." Mark also plays the organ. He has been playing for about nine years, and on it he plays "just about everything."

Home Life

His home surroundings provide for such activities as basketball and football. There are also a pond and a barn. Mark lives with his parents and a younger brother and sister, Lukie and Caroline, on Kepler Road in Lower Pottsgrove Township. His father is a lawyer, and he is former president of the Montgomery County Bar Association.

Mark feels that there is a definite need for a middle school, but he doesn't know how the money situation will work out. His only comment on his high school years is that they were very boring.

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this summer in Palma de Mallorca, an island off the coast of Spain. Later on she will be staying for three weeks near Lille, France, with a French family. Nancy should have little trouble adjusting to French ways since last summer a Rotary Exchange student from France stayed with the Maacks.

Next fall will find her in Washington, D. C., a change of scenery welcomed by Nancy. She will be attending Marjorie Webster Junior College, and she will be majoring in Early Childhood Education. Nancy plans to eventually be involved in a program at a day care center or a nursery school.

Nancy resides in Lower Pottsgrove with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Maack, and her younger sister Susan. She has an older sister, Debbie, who is a second-grade teacher at Edgewood.

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