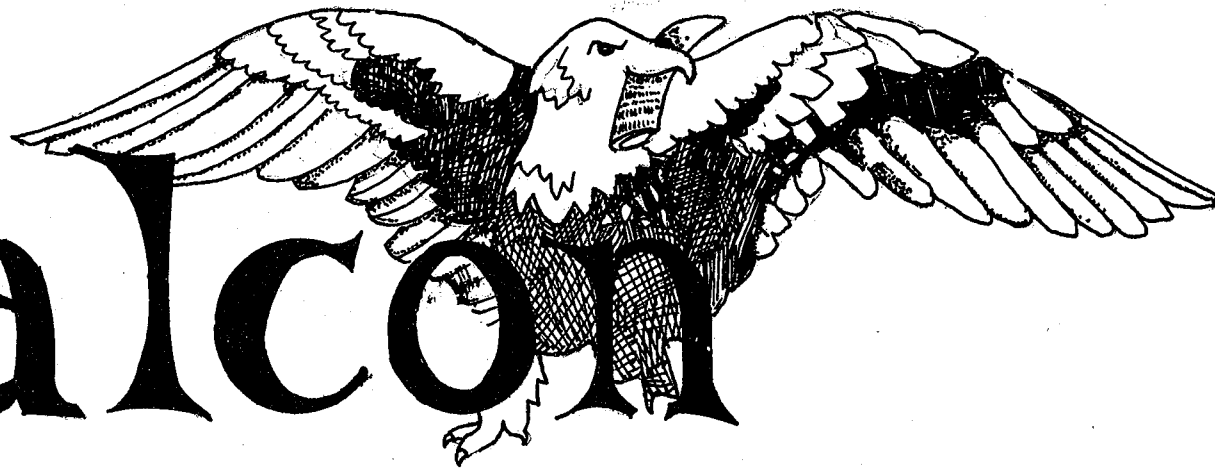


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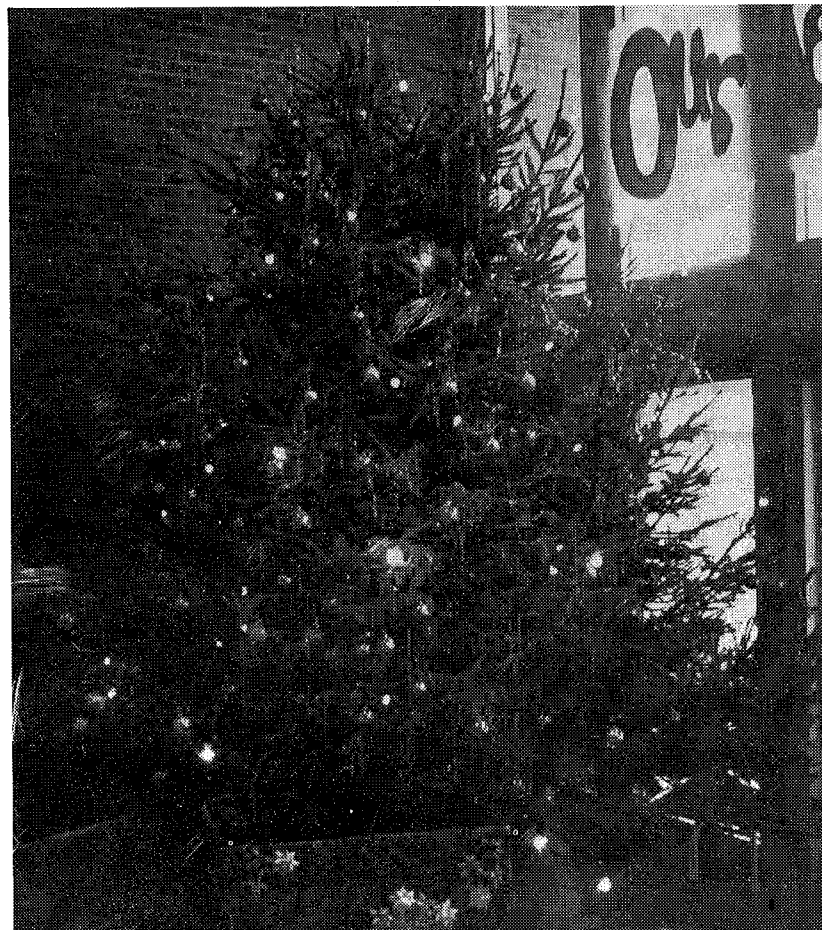
P. H. S. Shows Christmas Spirit

Were there any Christmas preparations this year at Pottsgrove? Did any of the teachers experiment with new ideas and try to associate Christmas with the daily classroom work? The answer to these questions was a surprising—YES!

This year each of Miss Grieb's 11th grade chemistry classes made a Christmas tree during lab. This feat was very easily accomplished by cutting a tree (in the traditional shape) from a copper sheet and then pouring silver nitrate over the copper. This resulted in a silver plated Christmas tree.

Mr. Guarino's Spanish classes made pinatas. They were made by the students at home, filled with candies and then brought to school. Each student tried to break the pinata while blindfolded. When the pinata was finally broken all the students made a mad scramble for the candy.

Mrs. Baltusavich had her Vo-Tech English sections write images based on remembrances of child-



Students Provide Music For Christmas Concert

The annual Christmas Concert at Pottsgrove was presented on Monday, December 21, at 8 p.m. The program began with the processional "Adeste Fidelis" with Marilyn Zeigler playing the organ.

Junior High Chorus

The junior high chorus, under the direction of Mrs. Nancy Bixler, sang several Christmas carols including "Roundeloy Noel," "Ring Those Christmas Bells," and "It's Christmas." Theresa Kienle, Terri Peterman, Barbara Bitler, Karen Fallon, and Sue Shelley were soloists.

The junior high chorus was followed by an organ selection by Earlene Miller.

Junior-Senior Orchestra

The junior and senior orchestras, directed by Miss Beatrice Setler, joined together to perform two selections. These were "Yuletide Fantasy" by Muller and Warrington's "Holiday Festival." Marilyn

sophomore and junior years and is a member of the chorus.

The concert ended with "Angels We Have Heard on High."

Mrs. Barbara Hartenbauer

Mrs. Hartenbauer recently became the director of the Senior High chorus. She graduated from a Canadian music school and now resides in Schwenksville. She is the director of music at Jerusalem Lutheran Church and sometimes performs as a guest organist at other churches. December 23 will be Mrs. Hartenbauer's last day at Pottsgrove.

P. H. S. Active In The Districts

In the past few years, Pottsgrove has taken an active part in District Band and District Chorus. Only a

hood Christmas. The results were then put on display on the bulletin board in room 207.

English Students Write to Vietnam

The seniors in Mr. Dori's English classes voluntarily wrote letters to Ton Doc Thong, premier of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam urging the release of U. S. servicemen held prisoner in North Vietnam. The students did not have to agree or disagree with the war. This was done as a purely humanitarian gesture. The students were concerned about the prisoners' welfare and the treatment they have received as prisoners.

Tree Lighting Ceremony

One of the traditions of Pottsgrove, the annual lighting of the Christmas tree in the school lobby, was first begun by Mr. Schnider in 1964. This year the ceremony was held Wednesday, December 16 during Junior High activity period. The service was attended by the seventh grade class. Officers of the Junior High Student Council made speeches dealing with Christmas and its

meaning. Carols were sung during the ceremony and afterwards students returned to homerooms. The tree was decorated by the Senior High Student Council.

Previews of the Christmas Concert were given on December 18th. The Senior Chorus was directed by Mrs. Hartenbauer. This year the "O Holy Night" solo was sung by tenor, Keith Sharp.

Zeigler followed with a selection on the organ.

Senior High Chorus

The Senior High chorus performed several carols including "When By Our Sleeping Flock," "Good King Wenceslas," "Carol of the Bells," "Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine," and "Drummer Boy." They also sang a German carol entitled "Still Still Still."

"O Holy Night"

"O Holy Night" was sung by tenor soloist Keith Sharp. Keith was one of six who competed for this solo performance. He has also appeared in class musicals in his

District Chorus

Three Pottsgrove students were chosen to participate in the District Chorus; Debbie Fallon, John Lippert, and Beverly Nuzzo. This will take place February 4, 5, and 6, at Upper Dublin High School. Students were picked from 36 schools in upper Southeast Pennsylvania, to make the total of 210 in the chorus. Members of the chorus will be staying with families in the Upper Dublin region.

A Friday and Saturday evening concert will be presented. Mr. Robert Page will be the guest conductor from Temple University.

District Band

Eight members of Pottsgrove's talented band tried out for District Band on December 19, at Plymouth Whitemarsh: Gary Cohean, Elliot Williams, Karen Knause, April Kolb, Vicki Roberts, Bill Richards, Steve Lewis, and Greg Curry.

State Chorus

On December 3, 4, and 5, Nancy McClurken went to Harrisburg to perform along with 143 other students, in the Pennsylvania State Chorus. She has been the only student chosen from Pottsgrove in several years and she has greatly enjoyed the opportunity to represent her school in State Chorus.

A double record was made of the concert in which the chorus performed under the direction of Mr. Donald Craig.

Faculty Advisory Committee

This suggestion was taken before the Faculty Advisory Committee who decided that the suggestion should not be adopted. The members of the Student Council feel that a rule should be changed if it cannot be strictly enforced; they, however, accepted the decision.

Juniors Plan Trip To Washington D. C.

For the first time at Pottsgrove High School the juniors are organizing a class trip. According to Steve Freedman, the junior class president, the trip is in its final stages of approval and will become definite once accepted by the school board.

Washington, D.C., is the destination for this trip and it is scheduled for Friday, April 30. The students will depart from the high school at 6 A.M. and will return to Pottstown around midnight.

The approximate cost for each student will be five dollars. This will cover everything including the bus fare. The juniors plan to visit many of the famous monuments and buildings in and around the city, which include the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, the FBI building, the White House, Arlington Cemetery, the Washington Monument, the Smithsonian Institute, the National Archives, the Lincoln Memorial, and the capitol of the United States.

President Steve Freedman, Vice President Gary Troyan, Secretary Jan Matthews, Treasurer Karen Kline, Assistant Treasurer Cindy Sears are the officers of this year's junior class.

Top Honors Taken By Three Seniors

Deborah K. Pell, Stephen B. Lewis, and John M. Lippert received letters of commendation honoring them for high performance on the 1970 National Scholarship Qualifying Test this past week.

These three seniors are among 35,000 students in the United States who scored in the upper two per cent of those expected to graduate from high school in 1971.

After graduation from high school, all three students plan to go to college. Debi Pell hopes to go to Cedar Crest College in Allen-

PREVIEWS ENTERTAIN PENNHURST PATIENTS

In the past weeks much has been accomplished by the Pottsgrove High School Student Council. They, along with the Pottsgrove students and faculty, have succeeded in making the Christmas season a little more cheerful for patients from Pennhurst. These patients were guests at Pottsgrove for the Christmas program held on December 18

during the afternoon activity period. Student Council representatives who assisted were Steve Freedman, Garry Ludwig, Darwin Kirchhof, and Candy Evans.

Use of Lockers

Another project on which the Senior High School Student Council had been working was getting permission for students to use lockers at any time throughout the day. They thought that this would be a convenience to the students, especially those with A or D lunches who have five classes before or after lunch. They also felt that free use of the lockers would help stop congestion in the halls because the number of students at any particular time would not be as great. The Student Council observed that students would not have to carry musical instruments or gym bags with them for half a day. They recommended that the excuse of being late for class because of going to a locker would have the status of an unexcused lateness.

Coming Events

December

24 - Jan. 1—Winter Vacation
(School Closed)

January

6, 7, 8—Semester Exams
22—Color Day, Report Cards Issued

town and major in foreign languages. Steve Lewis is making plans to go to Temple University and major in Journalism. John Lippert hopes to major in English composition at Oberlin College.

Coed Graphic Arts Stirs Enthusiastic Students To Produce Meaningful Constructive Projects

Room 403, Graphic Arts, is a most animated room as students operate fantastic machines under the direction of Mr. Karsnitz. The offset press spits out stationery, and a revved up typewriter (the composer) clicks out perfectly justified lines. In the darkroom, a pen and ink drawing is photographed, and its negative appears in the developer solution. Pottsgrove students are using these modern techniques to study the intriguing printing industry.

Mr. Karsnitz, Pottsgrove's first and only Graphic Arts teacher, be-

gan the program four years ago. He tailored the program to the field of visual communications as it exists today. The result is the best equipped course in the area, complete with darkroom, screen process materials, and block press. The set-up was expensive—\$20,000 worth of machinery—but it enables Mr. Karsnitz to run a very satisfying course.

The class is an elective and, therefore, Academic, Commercial, and Vo-Tech students are attracted to Mr. Karsnitz's corner. Emphasis is on involvement and learning

through experience; independent study is encouraged. One semester of study provides the student with a working knowledge of the most interesting parts of printing. When the course is elected for three years, Mr. Karsnitz guarantees a thorough knowledge of the printing industry.

A recent transformation in the course has been the increasing enrollment of girls. From last year's two brave girls, female enthusiasm has gained momentum until there are now eight girls.

Looking to the future, Mr. Karsnitz anticipates more cooperation between departments. Various endeavors, such as Maximi, play programs, posters, and tickets could be jointly produced by the English, Art, and Graphic Arts Departments.

Graphic Arts is an isle in a sea of frustration. A student who spends all day studying nonsensical theorems, isolated dates in history, and the venae cava of a frog finds rolling up his shirt sleeves in Graphic Arts a refreshing experience. In Room 403, messes are permitted if the student is working toward a constructive goal and cleans up afterward. A tangible product, not a superficial test grade, is what the student has to display after a Graphic Arts class.

POTTSGROVE PUT - ONS

Anyone who is interested in perfecting the graceful steps of modern dance—see Sally Drumheller,

Letters To The Editors

To All It May Concern:

Thank you. We were overwhelmed with your generosity, and the cleverness used in concealing the presents. We were delighted with the variety of gifts, ranging from food wrappers to kleenex tissues found in the Falcon letter box.

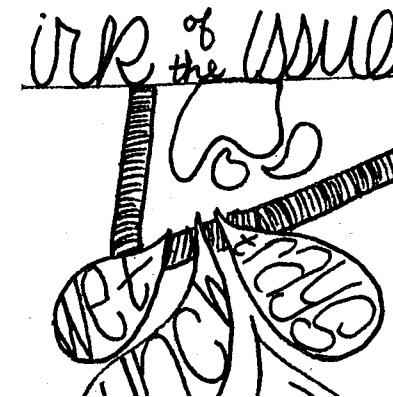
It never ceases to amaze us how perceptive some students are. It's hard to believe that there are people who can't distinguish between a box placed for the benefit of student expression and a basket designed to hold trash.

Maybe some students are trying to say something derogatory about our newspaper and feel that the paper is only good for covering books. But remember, the letters box is there for you to voice your opinion or make suggestions. Help us help you. The pen is mightier than trash.

THE EDITORS

To The Editors:

Although I'm sure the school has a heating system, there seems to be a malfunction somewhere. As we walk from room to room, we find a temperature range from 60 to 82 degrees.



After being a human ice cube for 45 minutes, it's time to switch to a room where even the walls are sweating. This temperature change does not seem in the best interests of the students' health.

Couldn't we please have a comfortable, uniform temperature for all rooms?

HOT AND COLD

Respect And / Or The Red, White, And Blue

Each morning—bright and early—as everyone is trying to wake themselves up during the morning homeroom period, at approximately 8:03, a voice can be heard over and above all the bustling noise of deciding who's absent and who's not. It "commands" that all stand for morning devotions, which include pledging to the flag.

Looking around the room is sickening. It seems like it is a 'big joke' to show one's "love" and "pride" for the U. S.—excuse, please, the dramatic approach. I am not of the opinion that everyone must love or even like our country; surely many other convictions are different from mine.

O.K., one might have decided he hates "Amerika," but I do not think he should stand there and mumble a paragraph by habit. Instead he should have the courtesy to respect the others who would like to. (This, by the way, works reciprocally. Mutual respect should be shown.)

I do realize—to quell all of you Amerikans who are about ready to pounce on me for my conservative-

May Nonsubscribers go to Heck



Noel, Noel, Noel, Noek

Just Walking Down the Street

Just the other day—yesterday to be exact—I was walking down the street, watching the chicks walk by and listening to "the sounds" on my

was now on the way to Pottstown. We had already tried the ABM's but they were all out of gas. Funny thing about that! Anyway, five miles away I saw it drop. Right around the A & P. The noise broke my eardrums. When I looked again a mile was gone. Destruction was getting closer. About one second later the flames were a mile high. I thought that maybe this was just a bummer. But . . . Well another two seconds and I was gone . . . I mean really gone. No time to repent. Not even time to die. So today I wrote this—to maybe stop tomorrow.

D. J.

Teaching In Room 11

By Mr. Bartholemew

What room is that? Are you sure this school is numbered correctly? There's no Room 11. What's taught in the room with all the books, papers, and maps?

People have no doubt asked questions similar to these. First of all, the room numbers are correct, including #11. The subject taught is not one but many, under the comprehensive name of Special Education. If asked what do students do in the course, I'd answer, "a lot of hard work and effort." The small class size of 18 enables many in-

So Far — From Fairy-land

Don't look to my face,
Look in my eyes,
So far from my control,
And stop the race
That ends in sighs,
And ashes of burned coal.

Later when I turn,
away from you,
Don't stop me. Let me go.
I've got a lot to learn,
Maybe I'll come back to you,
In time this we will know.

So if it rains,
In my fairyland,
Of which you are a part.
The place where I was slain,
Upon the sand,
Could be for you a start.

D. J.

dividual programs to go on at once. In one section, three students may be preparing a report on a special topic; another group will be working on math and English assignments; while yet another will be going over a reading assignment. In short, the approach is individual with each group attacking the subjects from different angles. So far it has been successful—no, tremendous. Since September, more has been accomplished than I thought could be done before spring.

An individual approach to learning like this is possible at Pottsgrove for two reasons. First, most students are keenly interested in learning if they are not bored or outdistanced; secondly, Pottsgrove students are mature and well disciplined. They clown around like all teenagers and have a good time, but they don't take advantage or disrespect the other person, whether it be a fellow student or teacher.

This fall I saw some pretty tough football players. The winter sports candidates look plenty tough too. But the point is, they know it counts on the field, on the court, and on the mats, not in the classroom. We learn, improve, move forward and have a good time doing it.

I'm new to the Pottsgrove area, yet I would say that the young men and women of my class and this school are as fine a group of young people as you will find anywhere.

New method of education invented by PHS student. A shock of electricity, believes John Kurtz, will increase the learning capacity of the human mind. While working on his science project, John was charged with 50 volts of electricity and now feels intellectually superior to the world.

Who has the loudest teeth? The showdown took place in the main lobby last week. The result of the long-fought battle of clicking teeth was a victory for Janis Supco. Watch out, though, April Kolb seeks revenge.

WANTED: One talented sophomore or junior to work on art staff of the Falcon. Excellent fringe benefits. Apply to Priscilla Smith.

Nixon's POW Raid

By Philip Auerbach

To quote Father Hesburg of Notre Dame, after the recent POW raid on North Vietnam, "There comes a time when moral rights come before empty victory." In shifting its priorities once more, the United States by invading a foreign nation has added wood to a fire it is trying to extinguish. If Vietnam were a declared war instead of a large "policing action," this U. S. violation might have had moral recourse to the Geneva accords which establish rules for "civilized" warfare, if that has ever existed at all. Yet, despite its illegality, U. S. leaders have repeatedly said that similar raids would continue.

I, as well as other people, deplore North Vietnam's treatment of American POW's and deeply sympathize with their families. It seems ironic that the same government leaders who keep saying that one should work through peaceful

Students Arrive At Pottsgrove; Find Need For Various Changes

Several new students are adjusting to Pottsgrove this year. Among these are Carmen Scanga who has lived in Montreal all his life, where he attended Laurier MacDonald High School. Carmen noted that Pottsgrove is more strict than his

former high school, has more activities, and has the same workload. He is glad to see less of a drug problem here and the dress code finally abolished. Carmen stated that his school abolished their dress code two years ago and allows smoking, open dances, and a fifteen minute morning recess. He finds the students here more secluded and he misses his Montreal friends. Carmen feels the adjustment of changing classes has been slightly difficult for him. Carmen wishes the student-teacher relationship here would be as casual as in Montreal.

Also new to Pottsgrove is Gregg Vermeesch. In the city of St. Louis, Missouri, Gregg attended McClure High School. It has 1400 students, five different buildings, a lot more freedom, more activities, and easier work. Some of the things Gregg misses are the six minute breaks between classes; the snack bar which could be visited during any study hall; the split sessions where juniors and seniors arrive and leave an hour early; and the "commons." "Commons" are cards given to students allowing them to go anywhere on campus. Gregg frequently visited one of the school's three cafeterias where a jukebox was permitted to be played at any time. At one time, students went on strike because of the dismissal of a favorite teacher.

means to achieve one's goals are now resorting to violence to achieve theirs quicker. While the majority of students can certainly attest that going through proper channels is a slow process, they have forced changes through peaceful means and most of those who do resort to violence do so when all else has failed. The government's options have not been so exhausted. If Hanoi is as responsive to American public opinion, as we are told, then the United States should put national and world pressure on North Vietnam by exposing its inhuman treatment of prisoners. Russia also wields considerable influence on Hanoi and the Paris Peace Talks could be emphasized on a more serious level.

It is again Christmas. As the theme of peace on earth is echoed, the war continues. If the President genuinely feels that this war must be fought, then let his actions reflect his desire for world peace.

WRESTLING

Jan. 6—West Chester
 13—Great Valley
 20—Pottstown
 23—Wyomissing
 27—Downingtown
 Feb. 3—Boyertown
 10—Spring-Ford
 13—Phoenixville

Sports '70

BASKETBALL

Dec. 28—Daniel Boone Tournament
 Jan. 5—Spring-Ford
 8—Boyertown
 12—Coatesville
 15—West Chester
 19—Owen J. Roberts
 22—Great Valley
 26—Pottstown
 29—Phoenixville

Falcons Rip N.C.C. For Win In First Grappling Match

This year's wrestling team is stacked with a star-studded cast. There are eight returning lettermen with enough talent to give any team a run for its money.

The team started practicing the first week in November. There were a lot of new men on the team this year and it took guts to stick it out.

This year the team elected Tom Kochel as captain. Tom has been on the varsity team since tenth grade and this year he is wrestling at 133. He has spent a lot of time bettering himself in this rough sport of man to man combat.

Dale Gresh is wrestling at 154. Coming back this year after breaking a leg, which he broke in the O. J. Roberts match last year, Dale has shown himself to be a definite asset to this year's grapplers.

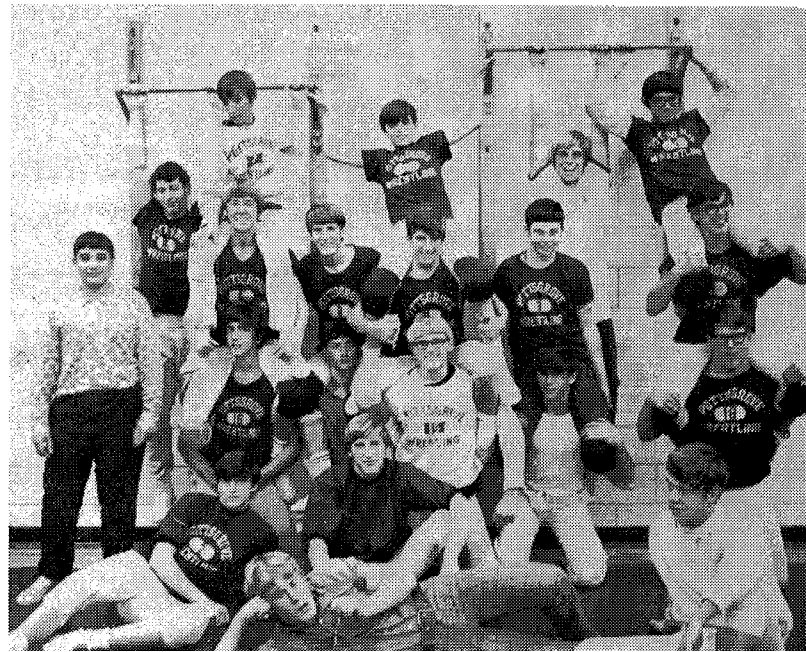
Craig Brendlinger, at 145, is one of the most improved wrestlers on the team. He has a year of varsity experience under his belt and should have a good season.

Dean Sutton, half of the Sutton brother combination, wrestles in the 112 pound class. Dean is stronger than most of his men and two years experience should give him the edge this year.

Robin Brunner is a first year man and he is holding down the 165 pound class. He learns quickly and, as he gains experience, he will be able to improve his record.

Bob Sherman is taking the heavy-weight class for his third straight year. Bob is an exciting wrestler and the fans love his aggressive style.

Rick Miller is presently on the disabled list due to an earlier in-



Winning Attitude A Must For Varsity Basketball

Head Coach Mr. Burkert and his assistants try to develop in the junior high and J.V. programs, players who will be able to represent our school on the varsity level. On the senior high level we are trying to win 22 basketball games each season. We also hope to accomplish a winning attitude, sportsmanship, pride, self-discipline and leadership.

Mr. Burkert and the Falcons plan to use a variety of defenses: man to man, press, and zone will be used depending on the way we play, the score, and the opponents in the game at any given time.

The Falcons have four experienced players returning on the squad. Seniors Bob Gingrich, who made all Ches-Mont last year, Drew Jacob, Bill VanBuskirk, and Keith Garlington are back. Drew, Bill, and Keith were all part-time starters last year. Other seniors on the team are Gregg Curry, Ken Raspen, Ken Buchert, Barry Garlington, Dave Hughes, and Bill Binczak. Juniors Skip Neville, Jeff Lindall, and Rick Martz make up the remainder of the team. Mr.

Rick Martz looked like a promising prospect. "I was not pleased with our defense," said Coach Burkert. "We fell down on fundamentals like giving away the baseline. We had a lot of mental mistakes."

The Falcons bounced back into the win column with a victory over St. Pius. After a shaky first half, the Falcons smashed the Winged Lions 79-53. Here again Bob Gingrich canned 9 field goals and 10 free throws for a total of 28 points. Bill Van Buskirk and Drew Jacob had 14 and 9 points respectively. The Falcons pulled down 55 rebounds. Bob Gingrich and Greg Curry looked good on the boards. Also Ken Raspen handled the ball well and drove well against Pius's zone defense.

Mr. Burkert feels the league will be tougher this year. As usual, Coatesville, West Chester, and possibly Phoenixville will be strong. We are a class B school playing in a predominantly class A league. However, this year Owen J. Roberts is also classified as a B school. In order to enter the playoffs, we must have a better league record than Owen J. If both teams end the season with identical records there would have to be a playoff to

Lee Levensgood, wrestling at 138, are also out due to injuries. They should be back soon.

The Pottsgrove grapplers opened up against Northern Chester County Vo-Tech School in their gym. The Falcons met the Knights on December 4, 1970, at 7:30 p.m. and at 8:35 p.m.; the Knights were found on the short end of the lop-sided score. The Falcons were victors, 43-13. The co-captain, along with Tom Kochel, was Craig Brendlinger.

The victors for the team were Mike Brilla, Don Sutton, Jack Baird, Greg Vermeesch, Tom Kochel, Craig Brendlinger, Dale Gresh, Robin Brunner, and Bob Sherman. The team would like to thank the Falcon belles for their support at the match.

The Girls' Basketball Team Completely Switches Strategy

This year the girls' basketball team has switched from a six-player to a five-player game. Commenting on the change, Mrs. Flamm says, "The challenge of the new five player game is exciting and demanding. However, the real challenge begins when we develop our team style and begin putting the individuals into play patterns. We have much to accomplish in our short weeks of preparation but we're not going to settle for anything less than excellence. I am hesitant to mention style play for these are our secret weapons, but I'm sure if you will come to watch the games you will develop the same pride in accomplishment that these girls will exhibit."

Captains

The Captains for the 1970-71 basketball team are Senior Captain Jean Yarnall and Junior Cap-

THE 1970-71 WRESTLING TEAM

Coaches Express A Strong Desire For Spectators at Jr. High Events

The Pottsgrove Jr. High School Varsity and Jr. Varsity basketball teams began practicing on Wednesday, December 2. The Varsity is coached by Mr. Favinger, a teacher at West Pottsgrove, where the team practices. The Jr. Varsity is coached by Mr. Rightnour, also a teacher at West Pottsgrove.

Mr. Favinger says that the Varsity has the height, speed, and good shooters to take the league. He also states that the team has two men from last year's Varsity squad, Tom Brile and Glenn Kuszyk. This team will be a well-disciplined team and will play with a major emphasis on defense says the coach. The Falcons' first game was at home on December 16, with Perkiomen Valley. Mr. Favinger would like to see a little more Jr. High School spirit for this year's Falcons.

The gold sweat suits seen in the cafeteria are those worn by our Jr. High wrestling team. The team is very hungry; the Jr. High hasn't won a wrestling match in three years. It's last victory was against Boyertown in 1968.

The head coach is Mr. Swann and assistant coach is Mr. Knoll. In their daily practices, the team uses the new weight machine. There are sixteen weight classes and with fifty boys out for the squad they should be able to fill them all. Their first match is January 8, at Northern. The wrestlers that are expected to do a fine job are: Mike Meko, George Dierolf, Bob Francis, Tom Kirkner, Fritz Kern, Bill Thomas, Don Mentzer, Dave Ludwig, Ron Dye, Bob Shultz, Charlie Hopkins, and Bob Stultz. Both coaches would like to see more spectators at their matches.

Managers

The Varsity managers this year are Sheryl Hasselhan and Barb Weaver. Sheryl will be doing the records and Barb will work the clock. Barb Supplee will run the clock, while Diane Dulisse will be in charge of the records for the

Burkert looks for players who have natural ability, desire to learn, height, and a winning attitude.

The Falcons opened up their season with a loss to a strong Plymouth-Whitemarsh team 82-48. High man for the Falcons was Bob Gingrich with 19 points and 11 rebounds. Drew Jacob had 11 points.

decide who would represent the Ches-Mont in the class B district I playoffs.

This year's J.V. team, coached by Mr. Carson, lost to Plymouth-Whitemarsh 51-24, but they beat St. Pius 62-33. Drew Fagley and Jim Flood looked good in this victory.

SPORTS WRAP UP

This year's football team has been the best since 1967. Their over all record was 4 wins and 5 losses. They beat Boyertown, Coatesville, Great Valley, and, finally, West Chester by forfeit. Their most impressive victory was probably with Coatesville. Bill Binczak caught 3 scoring passes, 2 for Td's and 1 for a 2-point conversion. Nick Lozorak and Rocco Liott each added a touchdown. Our

defense was also excellent. They only allowed 1 touchdown and 2 extra points. This game, more than anything, displayed Pottsgrove's potential.

The 1970 Harriers displayed a 2-9 record this year. They won their 1st race by beating St. Pius and their last race by beating Northern Chester County Vo-Tech School. Ken Stauffer, a senior, led the team this year. He placed 1st against St. Pius and 21st in the District Championship. Coach Edwards looks forward to a promising season in 1971. He is counting on John Mauger, Dave Supco, Dave Galloway, and John Pitchford to lead the team. Coach Edwards also hopes that other harriers will strive for this.

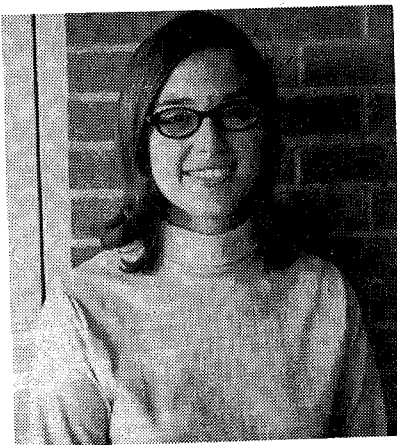
Winter Track Begins

The Pottsgrove winter track team will begin their second season under the direction of Coach John Jorgensen. The first meet will be held at West Chester State College on December 19.

The mighty weight men will open up with powerful Tom Panfile and the invincible Keith Sharp. Making a comeback later this season will be Rocco Liott in the pole vault. Representing Pottsgrove's 880 relay team will be speedsters Steve Chiyka, Randy Kozel, John Kurtz, and Jeff Pierce. Finally, we come to the grueling distance runners paced by Ken Stauffer, John Mauger, and Dave Supco. Running middle distance will be Gordon P. Lindahl and Jimmy Taylor.

It seems that this year the girls' hockey team just couldn't get rolling. Their record this season was 2-3-4. Those 4 ties could have gone either way, but they just weren't lucky enough. The only decisive loss was with Great Valley where they lost 6-0. The rest of the games were 1 goal differences. Mrs. Flamm has the same backfield returning next year. The juniors coming up have a lot of experience. For the past 2 years they have been burdened with ties and will try to turn the tables around next year.

P. H. S. Faculty



MRS. CAROLE IREY

Mrs. Irely, a busy, active, and involved physical education teacher at Pottsgrove, is head of the band front, head of the Leader Corps with Mr. Friedman, has the Junior and Senior High dance groups, and was chairman of the Homecoming Committee. She is usually so busy at school that she has little time for some of her hobbies, which include swimming and sewing.

Education and Homelife

Mrs. Irely graduated from West Chester State College. Now she is working for her master's degree in guidance and counselling, although she doubts if she will enter that field.

She and her husband, Dennis, live in the Hanover Garden Apartments, but they plan to move to their own home in January. Their unusual dog, Dani, is a mixture of a poodle and a springer spaniel, called a "spoodle."

Future Plans

Mrs. Irely plans to continue teaching here at Pottsgrove. She says that her fellow teachers are

Guest Editorial

THOSE FAMOUS STUDY HALL BLUES

They have goofed again. The students have been given an hour during the average school work day called study hall. It was organized for students to "use their time wisely." But most students would rather socialize, sleep, or flirt. Thus the administration and teachers have devised a convenient set of study hall rules. You now become so disturbed with the complete boredom, that you feel like running out into the world—without a hall pass.

Study halls and activity periods should be totally omitted during school time. They are a waste of time for both the student and teachers. True dedication to an activity shouldn't be limited to school time. Unfortunately, many students cannot stay after schools because of jobs or other commitments.

Perhaps in the future, smaller study halls can be devised to enable students to work in groups and help one another without creating an uproar. Also, teachers could spend more time helping students in their study halls instead of policing them.

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Preparations Begun For Sr. Class Play

Yes. The Senior Class will be presenting a class play. After careful consideration a committee selected the play "Our Town" by Thornton Wilder. It is a three-act drama about two families and their lives in a small New Hampshire town. The play studies the typical fashion in which families intermingle and makes a powerful comment when one of the characters realizes that, by following this fashion, she wasted her life.

Rehearsals will begin soon after the winter vacation at which time the cast will be chosen. Miss Grieb will be faculty advisor and Miss Heaton will help cast the parts.

The Falcon Staff would like to wish the Seniors the best of luck for a successful production.

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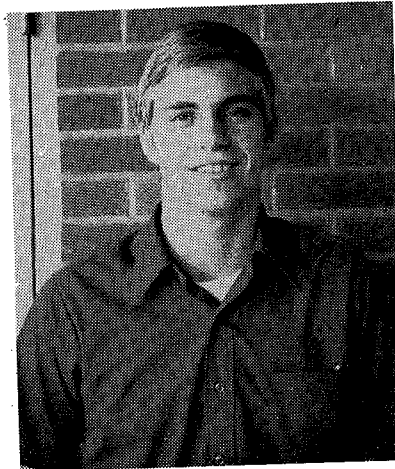
Once again it's that time of the year when sleigh bells ring and tree tops glisten. It's that time of the year which everyone calls Christmas. How does the Vo-Tech school celebrate this festive occasion? With a party! How else?!

Seniors For Sale

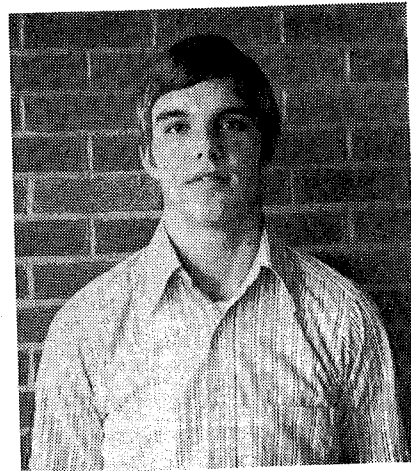
Now-a-days seniors at the Vo-Tech School are learning to sell themselves. This may sound odd to some people. Actually, it is a new program devised to help seniors when applying for a job. The instructors are Mrs. Diane Landes and Mr. Edward White. Both are distributive education teachers at the school.

Each week Mrs. Landes or Mr. White meets with several seniors from various shops. A session is approximately one hour long. Such things as how to fill out an application and how to go about

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GARY TROYAN



CORKY TROYAN

CORKY AND GARY TROYAN

While talking with Corky and Gary Troyan, you can't help but notice the numerous similarities between them. These two brothers list, in and out of school, many of the same activities, likes, and plans for the future. Yet, they are two unique individuals differing in other respects.

Brown-haired, brown-eyed Corky is a 17-year-old senior while blonde-haired, blue-eyed Gary is 16 and a junior. The Troyan household at 702 West Race Street, Stowe, consists of, in addition to Gary and Corky, their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Troyan, Sr., two brothers, Chris, 13, and Andy, 7, and a sister, Susan, 3.

School Activities

In school, they are involved in many of the same extra-curricular activities. Corky and Gary are active members of Varsity Club, Leader Corps, and the golf and football teams. On the latter, they were both quarterbacks, displaying great skill and agility. Unfortunately, Corky was only able to play in the first few games because of a fractured arm suffered in the Pottstown game. Gary, however, went on to have a record-breaking season setting new records for Pottsgrove in passes attempted and completed by one man in a season. In addition to these activities, Gary is vice-president of the junior class. Corky also finds time to help tutor fellow students in math and social studies.

Pastimes

Out of school they can be found scuba diving, golfing, or listening to music, especially if it's by one of their favorite groups, Chicago or Blood, Sweat and Tears. They were both contestants in the Ideal Teenager Contest, sponsored by the Mercury, for which they are both newscasters. In addition, Corky and Gary are altar boys at St. John's Byzantine Catholic Church.

But when it comes to food, the Troyans differ. Uppermost on Corky's list of favorite foods are french fries and strawberries. Gary, however,

enthusiastic, and she enjoys her work a great deal.

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They do differ in other things besides food. Corky enjoys playing handball while Gary is currently spending his time trying to master the difficult art of yo-yoing.

Future Plans

Both enrolled in the academic course. Corky and Gary plan to further their education by attending college. Corky intends to major in history and government.

Corky and Gary are rare examples of the great similarity, yet great difference that can exist between two brothers.

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