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Pottsgrove High Principal To Leave For One School Year On Sabbatical

Mr. Richard Radel, high school principal, departed February 1 for a year of study. Receiving his Bachelor's degree and his Master's degree from Temple University, Mr. Radel will return to Temple to study for his doctorate. Mr. Radel completed the necessary graduate work and passed his preliminary tests.

After passing the necessary requirements, the successful candidates are given three years for the proposal and the dissertation. This study involves developing and writing a theme concerning some aspect of education. The proposal states what you are attempting to prove. After the acceptance of the proposal by a group of professors, he will begin the dissertation which is the analysis of the



MR. RADEL: beginning a one year sabbatical to work on the dissertation needed for a Doctorate Degree in Education.

NEW POSITION ACCEPTED BY ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Another familiar face at Pottsgrove is leaving. Mr. Russell Diers, who served as the assistant to the principal for approximately six months, accepted a new position in Bucks County. There he will be concerned with testing students from various schools in Bucks County in the field of science.

Although he had only been at Pottsgrove for a short time, Mr. Diers managed to develop a rapport with both students and faculty members, and he thought the working conditions and cooperation were excellent.

The decision by Mr. Diers was far from an easy one. After looking at the proposition and seeing no real future for himself at Pottsgrove, he decided to accept the new position. Mr. Diers says that he doesn't particularly like having to

leave Pottsgrove, but he feels more of a challenge in his new job.

Both the students and faculty wish to extend wishes for the best of luck and happiness to Mr. Diers in his new position.

Another farewell was said to Mr. Anthony Giangiacomo, who on January 28, began a period of study. After one year of sabbatical study, Mr. Giangiacomo will return to our school. In the intermediate time, Mr. Johnston will replace the vacated guidance position.

Ecology Looms As Grave Issue

Ecology is said to be the study of interrelations between living

give a clear statement of the nature of the problem investigated, of the procedure involved in compiling the data, of the most important findings, and of the conclusions. The candidate for the doctorate is questioned about each step of the study. The end result will be the attainment of the doctorate. Mr. Radel will then hold the title of Doctor of Education.

Poor Conduct Shown At Basketball Games

School spirit is an attitude shared by students, teachers, and the community. School spirit suggests that the school is worthy of the greatest respect and has undivided loyalty and the finest cooperation in all situations. The students at Pottsgrove High School have often been commended for their sportsmanlike conduct at athletic events. This is a compliment which many schools would be proud to have bestowed upon them.

Recently, a few students have been abusing their rights at basketball games, which may lead to future punishment. Perhaps, these students do not understand the rules of conduct at these games.

Rules of Conduct

The rules for how one should conduct himself at a basketball game are as follows: (1) the practice of "booing" and whistling are regarded as discourteous and unsportsmanlike; (2) do not stamp feet on bleachers; (3) do not bring banners, noise makers, or food into the gymnasium; (4) do cheer and support your team and give proper recognition to good points displayed by any player.

A few schools in the area have received a bad name simply because certain students attend games only to cause trouble and not to support their team. This is not only unsportsmanlike but dangerous as well. If this problem continues to exist, the games may have to be played at 3:15 in the afternoon.

Acting Principal

Mr. Radel will be returning to work at the high school during the summer, but then he will resume studies in September. He won't return to Pottsgrove until January 1973. Mr. Terrence Kacik, Lower Pottsgrove Elementary School Principal, will be acting high school principal during Mr. Radel's absence.

VISITORS AMAZED BY SWISS SCENERY

Several teachers and students from Pottsgrove were fortunate enough to travel to Switzerland during the Christmas vacation and return to Pottstown with a wealth of memories. The two members of the faculty who were able to enjoy this experience were Mrs. Flamm and Miss Hesser.

Mrs. Flamm was especially impressed with the attitude of the people, who seemed to be very relaxed, polite, and, in general, free from undue frustrations and tensions. She noticed the contrast of the different landscapes. The valleys, which enjoy a spring-like climate, were surrounded by the beautiful, glacier-covered Alps. One of the experiences which Mrs.

Flamm found most interesting was observing students who were assuming the responsibility for their own behavior.

Miss Hesser was impressed with the beautiful scenery and the extreme orderliness of the people, which was expressed in the layout of their gardens and farms. She admired their ability to speak several different languages and their patience in trying to understand her attempts to communicate with them.

Miss Hesser also found the pace of living much slower. The people relaxed at mealtime, and even the shops closed from 12:00 to 1:30 each afternoon so that everyone could enjoy an unhurried meal.

Jane Kertes was one of the students who also returned to the U. S. feeling that she was leaving a country where people lived at a slower pace. However, she was a little bewildered about what they did for a living; it seemed to her as though everyone skied all day.

Pat Dugger and Debbie Oister, two sophomores who spent their vacation in Switzerland, have mixed emotions about learning how to ski. It seems as though they both learned the same technique—sliding down a mountainside on their backs.

Even though each individual returned to the U. S. with different emotions, thoughts, and ideas, all were united on their feeling of sharing an exciting experience—spending nine days in a completely foreign country and communicating in another language with people from an entirely different background.

Love Is Real: Theme Chosen By Sophomores For Valentine Dance

"Love is Real" served as an appropriate theme for the annual Valentine's Dance sponsored by the Class of 1974. The dance was held in the high school cafeteria on Saturday, February 12.

Red, pink, and white streamers provided a festive atmosphere, and balloons were arranged to create a floral display. Tables were decorated with red and white tablecloths and centerpieces made of angel hair, red felt hearts, and sparkling red glitter. Silhouettes, an old fashioned candy counter, and a love seat on a pavilion for the king and queen added to the decor.

Couples danced to the music of

Vacuum Pack. The entire scene provided a romantic atmosphere for the evening.

Candidates for Queen

This year two girls from each sophomore homeroom were nominated for queen. They were: Diane Beshewor, Kathy Breslawski, Amy DeBone, Kathy Edmonds, Kim Gilbert, Rosemary Grenewald, Cecelia Kaas, Charlotte Levengood, Rhonda Mace, Tina Morris, Wendy Schaeffer, LeAnn Streett, Cindy Stroble, and Diane Yusko. From this list of candidates, the three finalists chosen were Charlotte Levengood, Kathy Edmonds, and Rosemary Grenewald.

defined area called an ecosystem. An ecology committee has been organized at Pottsgrove to increase awareness of this growing concern.

As one of its major objectives, the committee is warning students about air pollution and encouraging them to ride to school on bicycles, if possible. A bike rack will be installed to make this possible.

Other projects that are now tentatively scheduled are the purchasing of new books on ecology for our school library and securing a place for depositing bottles and glass to be recycled. The committee is also planning to hold a "litter campaign" to clean up nearby areas.

Color Day Features Awards Presentation

Color Day activities began with a morning assembly program to announce the winners of the Color Day Awards. Finalists this year were Gwen Ketner, Jan Matthews, Cindy Sears, Nick Lozorak, Jim Polli, and Gary Troyan. Dr. Dailey, Mr. Roberts, and Mr. Kacik were present to congratulate the winners.

Mr. Robert Reber, a member of the Pottsgrove Boosters Club, spoke on "Views on Pottsgrove." Master of Ceremonies for the assembly program was Steve Freedman. Jim Polli served as coordinator of the Varsity Club Show and sports events.

A reception was held preceding the program. Other events for the day included a Varsity Club Variety Show and scooterball and volleyball games.

Coming Events

February 21—Washington's Birthday — School closed

Sour Apples

By DARWIN KIRCHHOF

Remember the satisfied overtones that pervaded Pottsgrove High at one time in the far-away, nostalgic past when cherubic, rosy-cheeked, short-haired, neatly-attired, half-crowned students chitter-chattered their way from class to class in a state that was a perfect blend of blissful naivete and overall contentment? Remember when these same ideal, lovely, and cuddlesome students exhibited a commendable, ready, and proper compliance to the will of their revered teachers, a compliance bordering on obsequy and deference and even, if you can remember, a shocking humility. Oh, remember when the exemplary and well-behaved student body filed two-by-two, silently and steadily, like a smooth and majestic lava flow, right into the auditorium and into their seats.

"Time it was, and what a time it was, it was a time of innocence, a time of confidence. . . . Preserve your memories; they're all that's left you."—Simon and Garfunkle.

Today, it is an understatement to even mention one's observance of a change at P. H. S. Testimony is available to all in both subtle and not-so-subtle ways. Notice the discontented and dissatisfied overtones that pervade Pottsgrove High in this difficult, trying present with devilish, smite-dealing, long-haired, raggedly-dressed students, apathetically transporting themselves from class to class in a state which borders on the nadirs of lackadaisy, lethargy, and little loyalty. Notice the brazen students defiantly sleeping in classes, remaining silent at pep rallies, and decorating lavatory walls. Yes, indeed, something is rotten in the state of Pottsgrove!

If Pottsgrove High is to become a bearable daytime dwelling, change must come. If change is to come, we must all—students, teachers, and administration—suspend our simple codes of pride for the betterment of the school as a whole and ourselves as a result.

Caps and Gowns--A Necessity!?!?

By DEB PRINCENTHAL

Seven hundred dollars—what will it buy? For seven hundred dollars the school board rents caps and gowns for the graduating class. The caps and gowns are worn for a few hours and then returned to the rental company. If the school board is so

SWITZERLAND ON FIVE FRANCS A DAY

By SUE GRIMLEY, Swiss Correspondent

The day had finally come. I was actually leaving the good old U. S. of A. to risk life and limb (or limbs) on the ski slopes of Neuchatel, Switzerland.

We arrived in Geneva on the 27th of December. It was a typical December day, scattered showers mixed with fog. After the three hour bus ride from the airport to our hotel, we barely had enough strength to drag ourselves out of the buses, much less drag our luggage to the dorms.

We then encountered a slight difficulty in the arrangements made with the hotel, overcrowded dorms containing nothing less than rows and rows of bunk beds with living conditions much more simple than expected. But we survived and spent our first night in Switzerland.

There was a girl's dorm and a boy's dorm. A rule was adopted at the very beginning that the girl's dorm would be strictly off-limits to the guys. But by the third day, the girls were being thrown out of the guy's dorm at 1:00 in the morning. As Sophocles once said, "Who is the slayer, who is the victim?"

There was a wide choice of activities offered on this trip. If you were a skier, you could go to such places as Gstaad, Grindlewald, and

Murren. Then, of course, you could always shop and go sightseeing in Neuchatel, Geneva, and Lucerne. I found shopping and sightseeing more suitable for myself.

Shopping was fantastic. The variety of shops was unbelievable; prices were tremendously cheap, and the people were very friendly and tolerant.

I couldn't write enough to begin to tell anyone how wonderful the people were. They took the time to help you, to talk to you, and to laugh with you. It was a feeling that one rarely experiences in our fast-moving society.

However, there was a language barrier that we all faced. It wasn't too difficult in Neuchatel, since French was the primary language. We were able to express basic ideas and understand basic ideas because we were utilizing our superior

training in the French language. However, in some cities, Lucerne in particular, we had some difficulty. There was some English spoken, but for the most part, the people spoke German and German and more German. Even though there was a language barrier, there wasn't a communication barrier. Eventually, you devised one way or another for expressing a thought.

It had been a really different type of learning experience that was shared with so many others. We had our difficult times, mostly financial, but they were readily overlooked. However, the trip was over much too soon. Long faces and tear-filled eyes were characteristic of the day we left Switzerland. It became very difficult to say goodbye to the places we had been and the people we had met. It was truly one fantastic trip.

Teacher Talks To Begin

An end to the stalemate between the American Federation of Teachers and the school board has finally come. A meeting was held with three members of the AFT, PEA, and non-affiliated teachers. A decision was reached to begin informal negotiations within a week. Teachers from all groups are being represented on the team that negotiates with the school board, and a lawyer from the Pottsgrove Federation of Teachers is the spokesman for faculty members.

The negotiations will be informal until a court decides who the official bargaining agent is. When this decision is reached, the legal bargaining agent will officially accept all the prior decisions and proposals, and from this point, it will continue negotiations on a formal basis.

On the day the proposal was accepted to hold these negotiations, many of the teachers were hesitant to discuss the issue. They preferred to wait a few weeks until

NO OPEN LOCKERS--WHY?

By CARTER WASSON

The question of open lockers has been the topic of many recent discussions at Pottsgrove. Last fall Student Government presented a proposal of open lockers to Mr.

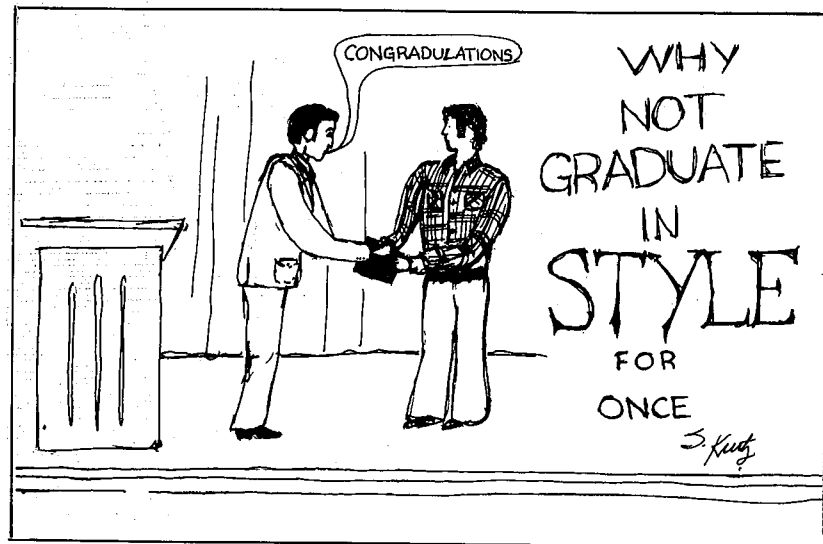
But the students won't forget about it. We don't feel that a trial period is too much to ask for. This idea has worked in the past in situations such as this, and it has a great deal of merit. A trial period

few more worthwhile projects to spend it on other than the renting of caps and gowns. I would think that the updating of books or the purchase of new plastic cafeteria chairs or a new sound system for the auditorium or the addition of records to the collection in our library are much more worthwhile ways to spend taxpayers' money. The cry today is that there are too many taxes and that the money is being spent foolishly. I think that the renting of caps and gowns is a total unnecessary waste of money.

What purpose do the caps and gowns serve? When the tradition started in the early 1900's, the purpose was to create a simple economical way to dress for graduation. The expenditure of seven hundred dollars of taxpayers' money is not by any means economical. Yes, wearing caps and gowns is a tradition. But why keep a tradition for tradition's sake? It is completely irrelevant in today's society.

Also, the wearing of caps and gowns was meant to make the seniors a uniformed body. United? Our class has never really been united. I think that graduation is too late to start uniting the class. The class of '72 is a very diversified group. It is made up of academic, business, vo-tech, and industrial art students—not a very unified group. We are individuals and should dress as individuals.

If we could accomplish a worthwhile objective by wearing caps and gowns, I would be completely in favor of it. But as I view it now, it is an outdated tradition and a frivolous waste of money.



proposal was presented to the faculty for a vote. The proposal was turned down. A committee was then set up to establish a list of reasons stating why the proposal was rejected. The committee disbanded when the teacher negotiations problem arose, forcing many of the teachers to resign the committee. Needless to say, the list of reasons was never submitted. Thus, we, the students, have no official reasons why our plea was rejected.

Although no official answers were given, some teachers have expressed their views on open lockers. A few of these teachers feel that open lockers would create a traffic and noise problem and could cause repeated latenesses and the disruption of classes already in session.

On the other hand, many students feel that an open locker policy could prove to be a great convenience, especially for those students who have the majority of their classes in the morning. We fail to see what possible difference the noise of closing lockers would make in our already noisy corridors. As for lateness, there is no reason why the lateness policy at Pottsgrove should be changed because of an alteration in the locker policy. This lateness policy could even act as a method for preventing the abuse of open lockers.

We have adopted a new solution to such problems. It is best described by the following stratagem: "Keep putting it off and everybody will forget about it."

would prove beneficial for students and teachers. We can't judge the feasibility of open lockers here by a comparison with the open locker policies in other schools. The only fair way to judge is to try it for ourselves.

the negotiations were well under way and definite decisions had been made. But one thing was made clear: the teachers seemed happy with the long-awaited compromise and looked to the future meeting with optimism.

COMMON COMPLAINTS

Have you been hearing those same old complaints about Pottsgrove High School? Well, The Falcon staff has newly originated the common complaint department. Here are some of the gripes we've come up with:

Mr. Boehmer is getting very upset at the students, 7th graders especially, because his room is constantly being used as a playground. Note: The typewriters are for typing only!

Everyone has been inquiring about the lockers without locks. They have no number or lock, and no one uses them. They're spaced in particular places around the school. The big issue here is that people are wondering what mystery

lies behind these doors.

The masking tape doesn't hold! It seems that no matter how much tape is put on a sign, it just won't stay up. What's the sense of having half a sign up? That's like only half-supporting an athletic team. So, something's got to be done about the masking tape. Anybody for employing a new masking tape company?

Has anyone been to the pond lately? At a basketball game one Tuesday night, we could have provided ice skating, had it been colder. It seems that one of the water fountains outside the gymnasium overflowed.

Any complaints? Send them to The Falcon staff in Room 207.



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Winter Trackmen Reveal Talents

In December all the people going out for Winter Track gathered in the gym. Nearly seventeen prospective runners and field event men attended. However, on the first day of practice, only six showed. Other members attended practice sporadically, and then they quit, leaving only eight athletes out for the sport.

Leading the weight men is sophomore Norm Hill, who has thrown the shot forty-four feet—good enough for a fifth place in the first meet of the season. The team's other shot putters are Sam Hause, a senior, and Jim Bracaglia, a sophomore.

The sprinters are Steve Chiyka, who has placed in the top ten nearly every meet this season; John Kurtz, who is only a few seconds behind Chiyka; and Ryan Connell, a sophomore who first ran track in the spring of his freshman year, but who is showing much improvement as he gains more experience.

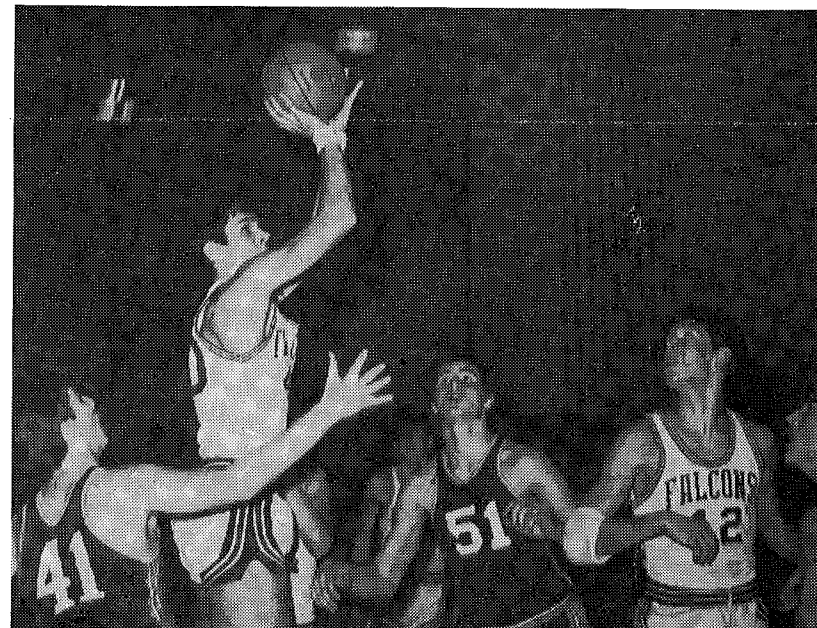
The middle distance runners are John Mauger and Jim Taylor. John, who is the number one middle distance runner, has shown proficiency in the sprints and the long distance runs. John runs almost everything well. Jim, the number two middle distance man, is a sophomore who will run anything from a 440 to a two-mile run as well as high jump. However, presently, Jim is concentrating on the one thousand yard run.

Jr. High Basketball: Hopeful Second Half

Although the Junior High Fal-

Sports '72

Falcon Hoop Squad Begins Second Half With Upset Over West Chester



FALCONS FLY OVER PHANTOMS: Scott Kurtz leaps high to score a field goal as teammates Mike Shulby and Don Means watch the action in the third period of Pottsgrove's 46-45 victory.

SR. HIGH WRESTLERS BEAT ST. PIUS FOR SECOND WIN

As the 1971-1972 wrestling season draws to a close, the Falcon grapplers have produced a 2-8 dual meet record. Although not victorious in league action with an 0-6 slate, the squad has defeated two

After the tournament, the Falcons lost league encounters to West Chester (49-9), Great Valley (50-6), and Pottstown (43-5). Other losses were to Downingtown (57-2) and Warminster (42-12).

After ending the first half of the season with a 4-5 record, the Falcons started off the second half with a big upset over West Chester. But, first a little must be said about the superb foul shooting which won no less than 3 (count them) games in the first half and also won the big game against West Chester. Most of the fouls were shot under great pressure during the last seconds of the game. This proves why the Falcons are the best foul shooting team in the league.

The Birds ended the first half with a stunning upset over Phoenixville. The Falcons romped in the first half and led 24-13 at half-time. The Phantoms roared back in the second half and took the lead with 30 seconds left in the game. With the score 45-44, the Birds called time out with seven seconds left. Fagley inbounded to Means who passed to Dick Martz. Martz shot at the buzzer and the ball tickled the twine. The Falcons won 46-45. The crowd went wild.

And then came the biggest upset. It was against the West Chester Warriors. The 'Grove boys slowed

Falconettes Show Strength

"Okay, what are we going to say?"
"How about 'Go, Fight, Win'?"
"No, we always say that. Let's say, 'We want a victory.'"

League Openers

In the opening league games, frustration had weighed heavily on the shoulders of the girl's team. Their confidence was built up in the pre-season games, but it was drastically reduced when they were met by Great Valley and Phoenixville.

Unable to stop the attack of the Patriot's outside shooting, the girl's team was dealt their first loss with a score of 49-27. Gwen Ketner, the captain, was high scorer, and as it looks now, she will be high scorer in all the games this year.

When the girls traveled to Phoenixville to play the Phantoms, they were met with an unexpected surprise. Unknown to them, men officials were now qualified to officiate girls' games. And this they did do, and very fairly as a matter of fact. But this didn't help the Falconettes overcome their opponents. Downed by a slim margin of 41-38, they decided that this was to be their last loss.

Wish Comes True

It seems their decision was all they needed. In the second home game, the team was up against the Spring-Ford Ramettes. Everything was Pottsgrove in this game, which is proven by the score, 53-27. This game was a total team effort, the same effort which will be needed for the rest of the season.

con basketball team did not have an impressive record for the first half of the season, they hope to improve in the second half. Coach Ron Favinger already feels that the team has shown much improvement in their past three games against Central, Perkiomen, and the Hill School. The game with Central resulted in a 36-27 victory for Central. The Falcons fell to Perkiomen in an exciting game ending with a score of 31-30. They dropped another close game to the Hill School; the final score for this game was 32-30. Showing a lot of hustle and a great improvement in the game with the Hill School were Scott Lance, Mike Wolf, and Bill Melnyk.

Coach Favinger is making an appeal to all Junior High and Senior High students to show support for the team. He wants to see more fans out, cheering the Falcons on to victory.

Jr. High Grapplers Show Great Effort

The Junior High Wrestling Team has a record of 1-4. Mr. Robert Meko is head coach, and Mr. Roger Brobst assists him. There are thirty boys out this year. Most of them are eighth and ninth graders. The team's captain is Don Mentzer, who wrestles in the 130-lb. weight class.

Their most impressive match was against Boyertown. The Junior High grapplers defeated Boyertown 48-18. During this match, winners were Ken Chabin, Tom Grace, George Rose, Bill Sherman, Bob Francis, Cliff Heller, Don Mentzer, Tom Kirkner, Randy Matthews, Bob Olock, and Harold Puttalino. Harold Puttalino set a record of pinning his man in fifteen seconds.

Until their match with Owen J. Roberts, two Pottsgrove Junior

non-league opponents, including the biggest Pottsgrove wrestling victory ever.

The team followed their opening loss to Coatesville with consecutive defeats dealt to Lancaster Catholic, a non-league match (42-12), and Owen J. Roberts (49-9). The next match was at home against St. Pius. The matmen flattened the Lions 57-6. They won seven matches by pins, three by decisions, and one by forfeit. Mike Meko, Dave Matthews, Fritz Kern, Bob Stultz, Ron Dye, Ken Spacht, and Matt Conklin all recorded falls in the rout.

Pottsgrove finished eighth in the Spring-Ford Holiday Tournament, where Mike Meko and Dave Matthews were consolation winners.

WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO OUR PEP RALLIES?

Some people were wondering why we haven't had many pep rallies lately. Well, the most evident reason is a lack of enthusiasm. After a while students just get tired of pep rallies, and they become a big bore. They are exciting in junior high while it's still new to them, but after a couple of years, students get sick of them and lose enthusiasm.

A lack of leadership is the greatest problem at senior high pep rallies. Leadership from the boys is especially needed. What ever happened to boy cheerleaders? The boys must take the initiative to rejuvenate the once well known Pottsgrove spirit.

Also, it might be a good idea to

High wrestlers were undefeated. They were Ken Chabin and Bob Olock. Bob leads the team in points scored.

other non-league match.

A few wrestlers have performed exceptionally well this season. Mike Meko, a sophomore 95 pounder, has produced the best record, a 7-3 dual meet log. Racking up five falls, Mike starts the meets on a winning note. Other matmen chalking up fine records are Don Sutton, senior at 112 pounds; Matt Conklin, a sophomore heavyweight, who both have posted 4-6 slates; and Dave Matthews, a sophomore 103 pounder, with a 4-4-1 record.

In some meets, the team has forfeited two or more matches due to injuries. Since most matches have been decided by pin, Pottsgrove's wrestlers have been an exciting team to watch despite their disappointing record.

scatter the few remaining faithful leaders throughout the gym to inspire the others. Cheering is sometimes referred to as a contagious disease. All we need is a few interested students to spread it around.

The coaches are cancelling pep rallies because they feel that the lack of enthusiasm will make the team feel as though it isn't supported. Pep rallies are supposed to psyche the players for the game, but they might hurt their spirit if no support is shown. On the other hand, to some people pep rallies are considered a waste of time. They are too short to really psyche the players, and the team members feel that as long as they are supported during the games, that's all that counts.

But whatever position is taken, something drastically must be done to raise school spirit at Pottsgrove.

took only good shots. But this was not enough. Drew Fagley did the rest with his foul shooting. After keeping the score close for the last two minutes with his free throws, Fagley put us ahead 50-48 with 24 seconds left. The Warriors failed to score, and, instead, they fouled Marc Nettles. Nettles insured the win by making a foul shot. The Falcons won, 51-48.

After two big wins in a row, the Birds were trounced by a quick Pottstown team. The score told the story. Pottstown romped over Pottsgrove, 74-45.

Although many Falcon victories are decided in the final seconds by one person, each win is the result of a combined team effort. The Birds must continue this to remain a contender in the tough Ches-Mont League.

Their next opponent, the Downingtown Whippets, only possessed one real scorer. Realizing their obstacle, the Falconettes pressured this girl every time she was in control of the ball. This maneuver resulted in another win, which evened up the Falconettes' Ches-Mont league record at 2-2. The final score was 43-31.

Last Huddle

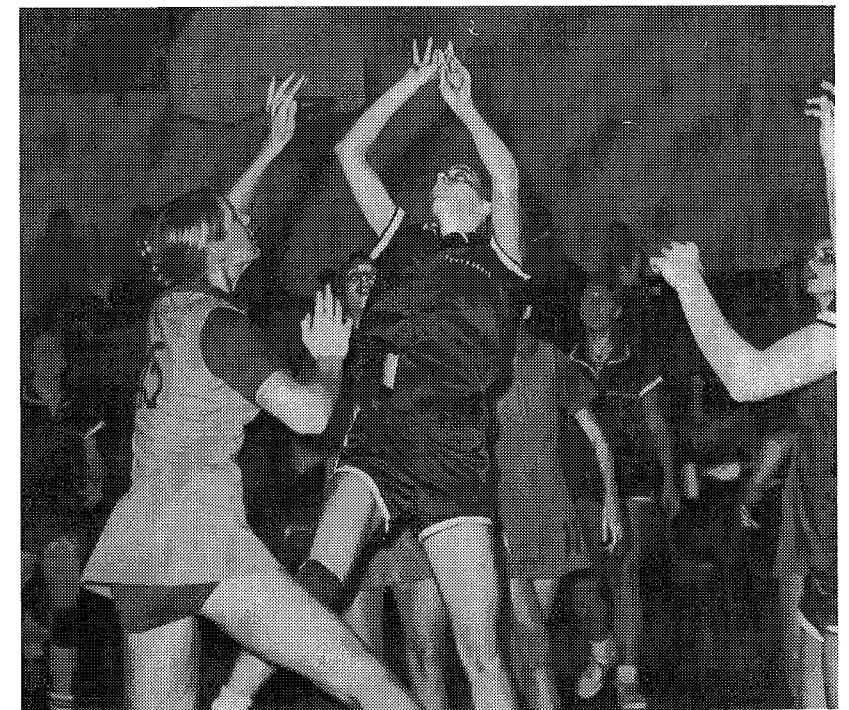
The seconds tick away until the final buzzer rings.

"Boy, what a great game. Nice game, team. You played a real good game."

"What are we going to say?"

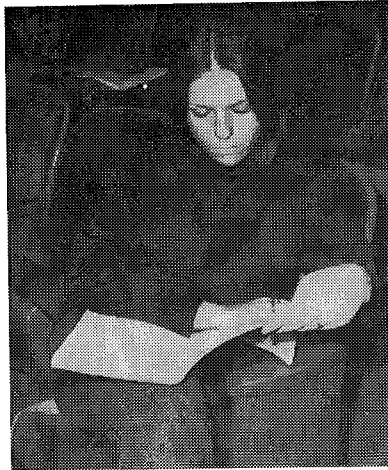
"How about 'Nice game, Pottsgrove'?"

"Yea, it was, but how about 'Nice game Downingtown'?"



A POTTS GROVE ROMP: Gwen Ketner adds another basket as the 'Grove girls gallop to their first win of the year. The Falconettes trounced over Spring-Ford, 53-23.

FAMILIAR FACES



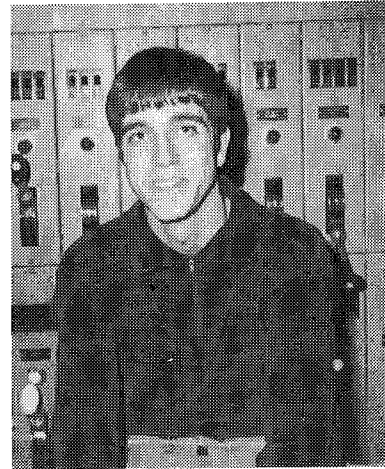
CAROL RAINIS

"Debbie and I have our differences, but basically we really get along great together. The only problem might be my yearning for individualism. People tend to treat us as one and expect the same of us. I'm getting tired of this," said Carol Rainis summing up her feelings about being a twin.

Carol also stated that she is sometimes identified as Connie's sister in that people expect her to have a voice equal to Connie's. She loves singing but says she sings mostly for herself.

Another of Carol's interests is skiing. Recently, she went to Killington, Vermont, and she describes the skiing there as fantastic. After she feels she has become a better skier, her goal is "to ski Aspen. That's the ultimate."

In school Carol is involved in Maximi, FTA, Executive Council and Varsity Club. This year she will play the part of Maria in The



JIM SHELLEY

Another interview! Due today? In forty minutes? HELP! Where do I start? What can I say?

Well, let's see . . . For starters I know that Jim's in Varsity Club (for tennis), marching band and concert band, and, of course, stage crew. What would we do without Jim to guide us through opening exercises? Come to think of it, a lot of people probably don't know how hard Jim works backstage at assemblies and plays. But it seems Jim really prefers working backstage because he says, "I don't mind being on stage, but I think being able to move around backstage is preferable to being on stage." Gosh, he must like it more than I thought because if he could be anywhere now, he'd like to be working lights at a Broadway musical. Well, that's certainly interesting, and there's more.

During tennis last spring, Jim and his friends ran up and down the high school driveway singing songs from Jesus Christ Superstar. Just this fall, he had trouble at-

"Pep" Rallies?

On occasional Friday afternoons, one may see the gymnasium at PHS packed to the brim with screaming, vivacious students. (Or can one?) These students have come to this activity for one reason. (Or have they?) These students wish to show their support to our athletic teams. (Or do they?)

At one time there were no questions behind each one of those statements. But because of a change in students' attitudes, we must analyze each statement and, if it is not true find a workable substitute for each.

At the few pep rallies we have had this year, how many students have gone to the gym to cheer our teams? I propose that relatively few do. If one glances around the gym during the rally, one sees students talking to one another, observing others cheer and laughing at them, or watching the whole event as spectators and not as participants.

I suggest that most students attend these pep rallies merely to escape their regular classes and the watchful eye of their teachers. Some come to have a fun time with their friends. But granted, these motives are permissible as long as one keeps in mind the main purpose of the rally—to cheer the team.

Pep rallies seem to have lost their effect on the student body and the teams involved. The teams do not get "psyched" for a game, and the students leave the gym as indifferently as they entered. Then, why do we have pep rallies?

The reason for the continuance of the rallies could lie solely in the lack of a replacement for the activity. I propose that the students in conjunction with the Pep Club initiate new ways to show support for our teams. A good start could be another "silent day" to show support for our basketball team. From this point, the number or types of ideas we may come up with are unlimited.

—Gwen Ketner

P. H. S. Faculty



MR. CARSON

"Students have assumed a tremendous amount of responsibility, not all of it good. They are more interested in what's going on around them than in their academic pursuit," Mr. Carson recently stated. He also feels that students' attitudes have changed in the respect that they are much more concerned with relevant studies.

In the ten years he has been teaching, Mr. Carson has found that teaching offers a variety of experiences that very few other careers have. One of these experiences is coaching, which he enjoys along with the many other things involved in teaching. "Involve-ment makes it all worthwhile," expressed Mr. Carson in an attempt to sum up his feelings towards teaching.

When not at school, Mr. Carson enjoys going to sports events—both professional and on a college level. Because he was born in the Philadelphia area, the Philadelphia



one remembers how great Carol was in Auntie Mame. About her role as Mame's Dr. Pepper-gulping secretary, Agnes Gootch, she says, "I loved it. I had my doubts about playing it because I had to look like a 'schlump.' But if you want to act, you have to do everything. Soon, I felt very natural as Agnes. It was a challenging part. I'd love to do it again."

Asked about her opinion of Pottsgrove, Carol replied, "Pottsgrove is seeking changes. But the changes are all trivia. I think we should strive for changes in the educational system itself and have student-teacher meetings to see how each group might think better together."

Carol is not sure of her future plans, but they will probably include art and drama. This summer she hopes to make summer stock.

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says, "We poured eight gallons of kerosene and two of gasoline on that fire in the middle of the rain and sleet, and it still wouldn't light." Once, when he was helping take down the PA system at the football field, his car sank down to the axles.

After all that he still thinks Pottsgrove is a very good school, although there are some minor faults. Jim feels that "some rules, such as traffic patterns (stairs, etc.) and which door you can enter the cafe by, are of no real value."

After leaving Pottsgrove, he wants to attend either Bloomsburg or Penn State and major in business administration.

Oh, no! Only twenty minutes to go! That's all the information I have! Where do I go from here?

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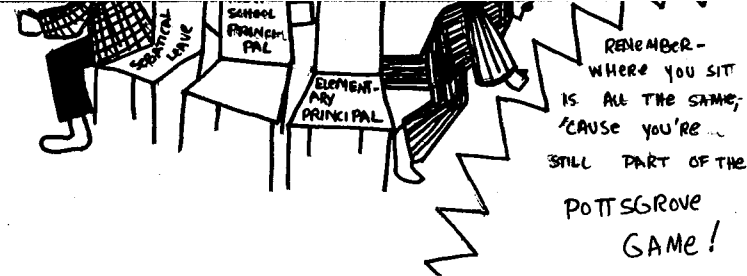
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teams are his favorites. He also enjoys plays and musicals; this is revealed in the statement: "I've never seen a musical I didn't like."

How do teachers spend their time in the summer? For seven years, Mr. Carson went to school and enjoyed it. He feels some teachers tend to forget what it's like to be on the other side of the desk, and school helps keep everything in the right perspective. After working one summer in a bread factory, Mr. Carson enjoyed spending the past two summers at the shore with his wife and their four children. He also helped at the summer playground program and enjoyed golfing.

All in all, Mr. Carson enjoys teaching, and it wouldn't bother him if school was all year around, an interesting idea.