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Pottsgrove Fans Celebrated At The October 9, 1971 Homecoming Activities

Homecoming has been a tradition at Pottsgrove for the past thirteen years. This year many students, alumni and parents helped celebrate Homecoming in a very special way. The popular song "I Just Want to Celebrate" was the theme for that long-awaited day. Our lovely Homecoming Queen, Miss Jan Ellen Matthews, was crowned by Janis Supco, last year's Queen.

Homecoming Court

Jan Matthews has contributed much of her time and talent to various activities at Pottsgrove. Jan's enthusiasm is clearly seen in Varsity Cheerleading, Chorus, Future Teachers of America, Varsity Club, and Leader Corps. Her outside interests include snow skiing, playing the piano and relaxing by listening to

music. Jan's future plans include college and a degree in social work. She resides with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gene J. Matthews, a brother and a sister, the former Homecoming Queen of 1969. Jan's escort was Gregg Vermeesch.

April Kolb, the well-dressed daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Kolb, is a talented artist and a capable musician. Varsity Cheerleading, Varsity Club, Leader Corps, Future Teachers of America and Band occupy much of her time. This busy student plans to enter college in September of 1972. April was escorted by Greg Weitzenkorn.

Nancy Ludwick is interested in cooking, sewing, and playing tennis. She devotes much of her time to Varsity Cheerleading, Varsity Club, Future Teachers of America, and

the yearbook. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Ludwick III, Nancy plans to attend college and major in home economics. Nancy's escort was John Kurtz.

Kathy Newman is a Varsity Cheerleader and a member of Leader Corps, Varsity Club, Future Teachers of America, and the Class Play. She is interested in camping and scuba diving. Kathy, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Newman, plans to attend college in Florida and major in elementary education. Kathy was escorted by Rick Martz.

Pat Saylor is our talented head majorette. She is a member of Leader Corps, Future Teachers of America, Pep Club, and Stage Crew. She is interested in swimming, bicycle riding, and twirling. Pat plans to attend business college after graduation. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. Saylor. Pat's

POTTSGROVE WELCOMES A NUMBER OF NEW TEACHERS

Thirteen new teachers have been added to the Pottsgrove faculty this year. They come to us from colleges and universities throughout the United States and teach a variety of subjects. A new home economics teacher is Miss Susan Way, who graduated from the Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Miss Donna Catani, a graduate of West Chester State College, teaches physical education; also she is the director of the band front.

Miss Mary Ann Bodolus, who comes to us from Bloomsburg State College, is teaching business education. A former Pottsgrove student, Miss Peggy Dotterer teaches music on both the elementary and secondary levels; she graduated from Susquehanna University.

Coaching junior high football and track is Mr. William Keeley; a graduate of St. Louis University, he is now teaching physics. Other new

teachers are Mr. Edward

is a Gettysburg College graduate. Mr. Charles Parrish, who graduated from St. Francis College, is teaching in the English department; also he is the cross-country coach and the Falcon advisor. A graduate of Kutztown State College, Mr. John Perella is now teaching Spanish at Pottsgrove. Mr. John Way, who received a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Temple University, is teaching industrial arts.

Mr. Kenneth Biles, a graduate of West Chester State College, is teaching health and physical education and is serving as the senior high wrestling coach. The assistant wrestling coach is Mr. Thomas Brunner, who graduated from Kutztown State College as a math major. Another new math teacher is Mr. Steven Getz; he is a graduate of East Stroudsburg State College.



Homecoming Court of 1971

Student Committees Formed By Pottsgrove Government

Under a newly-written constitution the Student Government, the legislative body of the senior high school, is trying to bring about changes for the students this year.

Student Committees

Student committees have been organized to study reforms and other small improvements. A locker committee was set up to discuss the possibility of using the lockers any time during the school day. Due to the congestion in the halls a traffic committee has been organized

to try to set up an acceptable system. A committee has also been organized to schedule interesting assemblies for the student body.

Student Visitors

Any student is welcome to come to student government meetings to make a request or to voice his opinion. If a student is unable to go to a meeting, he can also talk to his Student Government representative.

Shortened School Day

There has been much controversy over the new scheduling of the school day. A suggestion has been made to shorten the administrative period and lengthen the lunch period. Toward mid-year a committee may be set up to study the school day and scheduling.

For those students who desire not to eat lunch, the Student Government is trying to arrange a study hall for that time period.

Coming Events

- Nov. 2 — Student Photographs
- Nov. 12 — End of First Quarter
- Nov. 24 — Bonfire and Dance
- Nov. 25, 26, 29 — Fall Vacation — School Closed

Homecoming Activities

In the afternoon our Pottsgrove Falcons played the Boyertown Bears. The Falcon Alumni Band, which consisted of marching band members from the classes of 1955 to 1971, participated in pre-game activities. Master of ceremonies was Darwin Kirchhof, student government vice-president.

The queen and her court reigned at the Varsity Club dance later that evening. Music was provided by the Explosion of Sound.

The day's activities were organized by Miss Lapish, Mr. Yohn, Karen Kline, Darwin Kirchhoff, Mike Meka, Annette Reber, Diane Beshewor, David Day, and David Brant.

Millspaw and Mr. Donald Seelbach. Mr. Millspaw graduated from Edinboro State College. Mr. Seelbach

worrying about yesterday. Now you know why."



New Teachers Welcomed

St. Gabe's Is Scene Of New Rec Center

Have you heard the good news yet? Pottsgrove now has its very own youth recreation center located in the basement of St. Gabriel's old school, Fairview and Jefferson Streets, Stowe. It is for students from Pottsgrove and Pius, ages 14 to 18 inclusive. They may visit the center any Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 7:15 to 10 p.m. or Saturday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Mr. Robert Meko has been hired to supervise the center.

The new center was established by the Pottsgrove Recreation Board under the direction of Mr. Richard Wentz. A planning committee of students offered suggestions and helped to draw up the policy of the center. Representatives from all the Pottsgroves and Pius were invited to serve on the committee. Many interested students offered their help to paint, clean, and repair the building.

Many Activities

The new center was designed to appeal to all students. Ping pong tables, pool tables, dart boards, shuffleboard and cards are available for everyone's enjoyment.

One room has been set aside for dancing or sitting and listening to music. The room is painted black and has an aluminum foil ceiling. Strobe lights may be purchased in the future.

The success of Pottsgrove's new recreation center depends upon the support and enthusiasm of the students. Give your support and be involved.

"It is well, when one is judging a friend, that he is judging you with the same godlike and superior impartiality."

— Arnold Bennett

Mrs. Heffner Takes Poll Of Ninth Grade

What does it feel like to have 17,138 pounds of ninth-grade students sitting in front of you during every day of school? Just ask Mrs. Heffner. This year she conducted a poll of her ninth grade students, and the statistics are quite surprising.

Mrs. Heffner is currently teaching 146 pupils, seventy-six girls and seventy boys. The tallest boy is 6'1"; the tallest girl is 5'8". There are 4555 inches of boys and 4880 inches of girls. The most common first name for girls is Sue and the most common for boys is Robert. The most frequent initial of the last name for both boys and girls is S.

German was found to be the predominant nationality of the students. And, surprisingly enough, the best-liked day on the schedule for boys and girls is Friday.

Behind The Scenes Look At PHS HOMECOMING COURT

Each fall for the past 12 years Pottsgrove has held an event termed "homecoming." The purpose of this day, according to Kathy Newman, a member of the 1971 Homecoming Court, is "to instill spirit and pride in the school." Another participant on the Court, Nancy Ludwick, felt "it brings the alumni and students together to see the game." However, April Kolb stated, "I don't know why we have Homecoming!"

An essential aspect of Homecoming is the Homecoming Court, comprised of five senior girls chosen by the students. Why are these girls chosen? "Your friends must like you," replied Pat Saylor. Nancy Ludwick answered, "They pick you to portray the court as it's been in past years."

According to Jan Matthews, this special day "gives five girls a memorable experience for their senior year." (Five girls out of a class of 180 isn't bad!)

A controversial issue in today's society is Women's Liberation, whose goal is to stop men's exploitation of women. One of their prime targets for criticism is beauty pageants. *The Falcon* questioned the Court as to their feelings toward the movement.

April Kolb — "In some cases, I agree with Women's Lib, such as in large beauty pageants. In a way, they are similar to Homecoming. I mean, certain people make it that way; that is, exploit women."

Nancy Ludwick — "I don't read up on Women's Lib and all that stuff — I'm not for Women's Lib."

When asked how she could better

April Kolb — "It would be very amusing — with girl escorts."

Jan Matthews — "Personally, I don't think it would be too conventional."

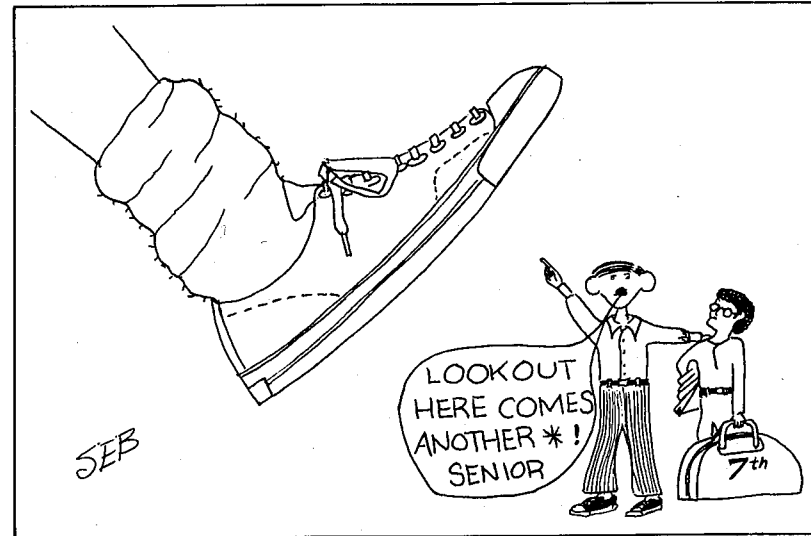
Kathy Newman — "If they really want to be in it, they should be able to — there's a Mr. America."

Importance of Homecoming

The majority of the girls thought that Homecoming is becoming less important, and that it was a greater

honor in the past. Interestingly, Nancy Ludwick felt that Homecoming is "one of the things the students look forward to." Similarly, Pat Saylor stated that the activities "break up routine — some people look forward to it."

Homecoming is a "traditional experience," expressed most of the girls. But in the words of Jan Matthews, "Traditions that don't relate can be by-passed."



Data Uncovered On Bomb Scare Calls

"Students are to report to home-rooms and prepare to board buses to evacuate the school." The puzzled looks, the chaotic jumble of stu-

many times the call is a hoax. However, the pattern of the calls recently reveals that the caller is an "older male."

Seventh Grade Polled; Students Opinions Discovered

Are we a nation destined to be blind athletic enthusiasts? The answer, deduced from *The Falcon's* seventh grade poll, appears to be yes. When *The Falcon* asked what activities at Pottsgrove are most worthwhile, most of the students listed sports. When *The Falcon* asked them who they admired most the majority of the students said the football players with Gary Troyan and Nick Lozorak at the top of the list.

Only one student said that he thought studies are the most important activity at Pottsgrove.

It seems Mr. Radel was given a vote of confidence for the seventh graders listed him among the most popular of the people of Pottsgrove. The cheerleaders are in good hands this year because Wendy Serba was also high on the popularity list. Mr. Diers, here only a short time, has evidently made a good first impression.

The experience of coming to the senior high school has not changed much over the years. The problems which the students experienced are familiar: getting lost (which causes lateness), opening lockers, adjusting

to the different teachers and getting up early (a problem which will plague the students until they graduate).

Should the new middle school be built? This is a question that has been debated by the adults of our community for months. But it is the students who will have to attend the new school; so *The Falcon* asked the seventh graders for their opinions concerning this issue. Most of the students are for the construction of a new school. Some of the reasons given were:

1. less crowding
2. shorter lunch lines
3. ninth graders would be respected as elders
4. smaller classes

The disadvantages of the middle school listed by the students were:

1. added taxes
2. added buses
3. making added adjustments
4. meeting less people

Seventh graders, *The Falcon* is your voice too. Thank you for your opinions.

A Critique of the Grading System

by
Darwin Kirchoff and Sue Grimley

Education serves as a means of positioning people in the hierarchy of society. Generally, students who are highly appraised in the system of secondary education proceed to the system of college; students who

oped in this way." We feel that the "totality of the knowledge" one gains is ineffectively measured by the present grading system.

Misdirected Goal

A means has been confused with

court, Pat Saylor responded that "it doesn't make you a different person." Jan Matthews felt that the students would feel something lacking if Homecoming was banned.

As to the after-effects of Homecoming, Kathy Newman thought that after the week of Homecoming activities, all would be forgotten.

Recently, various colleges have elected male Homecoming courts. The girls' reactions to this new institution are as follows:

P. H. S. PET PEEVES

Ever wonder who purchased the paints (florescent green, plum purple, canary yellow) for the walls in the new wing classrooms?

One day the reason for the wood plaque in the center of the wall in room 207 will be discovered.

Meanwhile "time stands still" for those teachers who are unfortunate enough to have clocks with permanent times in their rooms.

Man is always busy inventing ways to make life easier for himself. How does he put his inventiveness to use? In room 2 just by pushing a button a movie screen can be lowered into place. However, old-fashioned manpower is still needed to open the folding door dividing rooms 2 and 4.

Brave New World

"Chronic remorse, as all the moralists are agreed, is a most undesirable sentiment. If you have behaved badly, repent, make what amends you can and address yourself to the task of behaving better next time. On no account brood over your wrong doing. Rolling in the muck is not the best way of getting clean."

Aldous Huxley

dents and the crescendo of whispers can mean only one thing — a bomb scare at Pottsgrove.

A record is made of each bomb scare call. There have been five this year. This amount is numerous compared to the one-scare-per-year average for the past five years.

School policy dictates the procedure to be followed in the event of a bomb scare call.

1. Treat the call as a potential threat.
2. Evacuate the building.
3. Send students home.
4. Contact police to bring in teams to search the building.

Although in the past the combined efforts of teachers and police were utilized to search the building, police teams are now exclusively used. Visual observation is the tool for detection of a bomb. Every room (including the boiler rooms and the cafeteria), locker and desk is examined. If a "suspicious object" is found, a special Bomb Disposal team is called in to investigate.

While this is going on the call is being traced. As each incoming call is received, an IBM card is punched, giving the date and the time of the call. When a bomb scare is phoned in the telephone office is contacted. They pull the card and give the police chief the number of the telephone from which the call was made.

Motives for such calls are varied. Perhaps the caller feels he wants school to close early (which incidentally will cost the school system from \$3,000 to \$4,000 per day missed). Or maybe the caller had a conflict with the school authorities and feels that he must retaliate.

Greater caution is taken when the call appears to be from an adult. When the voice sounds like a minor

These scares are not treated lightly by the Administration. "We recommend prosecution to the fullest extent," stated Mr. Radel, concerning the attitude to be taken towards callers.

According to Police Chief Chrusch and Assistant District Attorney Nicholas, if apprehended, the caller can expect a serious penalty. A minor (person under 18) is confined to the county juvenile center until his case is heard. One judge, remarked Mr. Nicholas, stated that any minor caught would be committed to an institution. The adult caller can be assured a stiffer punishment — a fine of \$5,000 and/or five years imprisonment.

Anyone desiring to make a bomb scare call should seriously consider the costs before dialing the phone. There are no advantages to this type of action.

Apathy — Who's To Blame?

by
Carter Wasson

Apathy once again plagues the student body at Pottsgrove. It is about time we get to the source of the problem.

Upon returning to school, I was informed that we must now be careful as to how we act for too often younger students acquire bad habits from the seniors. If this is true, could not it also be true that we base many of our ideas around attitudes impressed on us by the actions of our teachers?

Although the students are partially to blame for the existence of apathy, they should not have to carry the full weight of the problem. The faculty must accept some of the responsibility for this present condition for at times even our faculty shows signs of apathy.

are highly appraised in college proceed to higher institutions; and ultimately — if they are so rewarded — these students proceed to a position of high esteem in the pyramidal structure of society. In itself this philosophy of performance and reward by promotion is basically good; however, we feel that there exists a weakness in this philosophy; the weakness lies in the methods of appraising performance.

Since the beginning of mass secondary education, the principle means of appraising performance has been through **standardized** testing and **standardized** grading. This method has limitations.

By definition Education is the "totality of the knowledge, skill, competence, or qualities of character (gained by the) act or process of developing from childhood or of being reared, brought up or devel-

an end. More emphasis has been placed on the grade than on the educational gain. This is evidenced by students' obsession with "what one has to know" instead of "what is significant or relevant to know."

Not only does the present grading system cause a student to pursue the wrong goals, it also detracts from his individuality. An unfortunate convenience of mechanized mass education is the method of categorizing a student according to his grades. Because he does poorly in one subject and well in another, a student becomes stereotyped, and subsequently the possibility of having a total educational experience becomes limited.

An alternative to standardized testing is the written examination. However, application of knowledge to practical situations is not revealed on a written examination. Most often the only evaluative indication a written exam provides is the students' ability to regurgitate information.

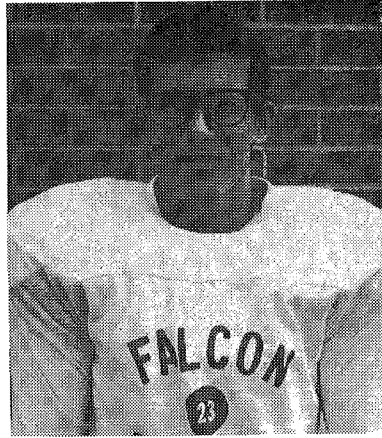
Ineffective System

For these basic reasons grading appears to be pointless, unjust and outrageously ineffective.

The imposition of the ineffective grading system is a result of demands by society and not by secondary schools. Colleges require standardized evaluations of their prospective applicants from the secondary schools, and society demands standardized evaluations of the prospective applicants from the colleges so that these people may be correctly positioned in the hierarchy.

What are the alternatives? To ignore the demands of standardization and categorization of students is desirable. More emphasis should be placed on the individual's knowledge, skill, competence and qualities of character.

EDITOR'S CHOICE



Nick Lozorak

If there's one football player who displays great desire, it's Nick Lozorak. Whether Nick is working on his running or his receiving, he is always trying his best. Although Nick is only 150 pounds and has a height of 5'7", he is not stopped from being an outstanding competitor.

Basic Skills

One of his greatest attributes is his great sense of balance. This has enabled him to stay on his feet for that extra first down yardage. Nick is also a runner with a head on his shoulders. He is able to pick his spots, and when there are no holes, he just puts his head down and digs for yardage.

Many people don't think of a running back as a great blocker, but Nick is exactly that. When not running a pattern himself, he pro-

Sports '71

A Strong Comeback Is Hopeful For The Frustrated Falconettes

Have you ever wondered why there is always a long line of cars at the band entrance each week day at five o'clock? Well, don't worry, it is just that the mothers of our hockey players are waiting for their daughters to faithfully finish their one thousand jump ropes.

The Falconettes have suffered several defeats so far this season. Their first loss came against Governor Mifflin, a non-league game, with a score of 2-0. The junior varsity score was 1-1. Rita Moses scored the goal.

Their first league game against Downingtown ended in a 3-0 loss. It rained throughout the game. Playing in the rain has always been a strong point of our team, but they just couldn't get it together this time. The junior varsity game resulted in a 1-1 tie with Rita Moses scoring the goal.

The Falconettes were victorious in their non-league game against Twin Valley. The score was 1-0 with Rita Moses scoring the only goal of the game. Cindy Barthel scored for the junior varsity for a 1-0 victory.

Pottsgrove's strong defense showed up in their game against Owen J. Roberts with a score of 0-0. How-



Falcon's Aerial Attack Key To Grid Success

The 1971 Pottsgrove Falcons, one of the most aggressive teams of recent years, currently have a record of two wins and three losses over all, with a 1-3 record in the tough Ches-Mont league. The Falcons use mainly an aerial attack with ace

yards while scoring 53 points. The Falcons failed to score, being held in check all night by a tenacious Pottstown defense.

On Homecoming Day the Falcons beat the Boyertown Bears in statis-

Harriers Show Few Lettermen, Lack of Support

This year's cross-country team is greatly ignored. One example to substantiate this statement is the team itself, currently consisting of eight members. Four of these members have already won letters for cross-country. In essence, this means that only four people in grades nine through twelve are willing to try a sport where only one thing is needed desire.

Squad

The four lettermen are: John Pitchford, a senior in his fourth year of cross-country competition; Gary Showers, who is also a senior in his fourth year of competition; Dave Supco, a junior who is a three year man in the sport; and Dave Galloway, a junior in his second year of competition. Rounding out the cross-country roster are John Porter, Ed Alderfer, Jim Taylor and Dave Hollenbach.

New Course

The team is running its home meets on a new course this year. The new course covers about 2.4 miles and is in the vicinity of the high school.

The first meet scheduled was against Spring-Ford at home. However, because of the teachers' strike, the Rams were forced to forfeit the meet. The Harriers lost the next eight meets by discouraging scores. But despite these losses the team practices enthusiastically and goes out to win each meet.

his receivers.

Besides being an excellent football player, Nick's basketball and baseball skills are not to be denied. At both sports he is also an excellent competitor.

CHEERLEADERS STIR SCHOOL ENTHUSIASM

F-A-L-C-O-N-S, YEA FALCONS!

Perhaps you have seen this new cheer performed by this year's Varsity cheerleaders. These talented girls not only cheer at pep rallies and football and basketball games, but they also make up some of their own cheers. Another important job of the cheerleaders is to instill school spirit and to boost the morale of the players.

The 1971-72 Varsity cheerleading squad consists of eleven seniors.

SPORTS CALENDAR

Varsity Football

Oct. 30 Great Valley
Nov. 6 Spring-Ford
Nov. 13 Owen J. Roberts
Nov. 25 St. Pius X

Girls Hockey

Oct. 28 West Chester
Nov. 2 Spring-Ford

Cross Country

Oct. 30 District Championships
(Valley Forge)
Nov. 6. State Championships
(Penn State)

with a 2-1 victory. Judy Mauger scored both goals.

The Bearettes scored two goals against Pottsgrove defeating them 2-0. The junior varsity was victorious again, beating Boyertown 2-1. Tina Shaner scored both of the goals.

They are Wendy Serba (Captain), Sandy Grenewald (Co-Captain), Linda Coscia, Nancy Ludwick, April Kolb, Jan Matthews, Kathy Newman, Karen Catagnus, Linda Radel and Karen Kline.

Junior Varsity and Wrestling

The Junior Varsity cheerleaders, who also cheer at football and basketball games, are headed this year by Ellen Gross. Jane Farrell, Robin Zlowtowski, Lori Miller, Rhonda Mace, and Debbie Catagnus complete the squad.

This year's wrestling cheerleading squad consists of Sue McCleary (Captain), Rochelle Mengel (Co-Captain), Cindy Carroll, Kathy Breslawski, Debbie Plevyak and Cherie Christ. This relatively new squad at Pottsgrove not only cheers at wrestling matches, but also helps out at pep rallies.

Faculty Advisers

Miss Jean Schlegel is again the faculty adviser for the senior high cheerleaders. Miss Susan Way, the new home economics teacher, has agreed to help Miss Schlegel. Miss Schlegel feels that this year's squads are good and that the girls are really working hard. She hopes that junior girls will work harder to maintain an all senior varsity squad.

quarterback Gary Trojan spearheading the attack, complemented by a fine ground attack led by Nick Lozorak, one of the area's leading rushers. But the defense could be the key to the Falcon attack this season.

"Pre-Season"

The season opened for the Falcons on September 11, a fine day for football and an even finer day for the Maroon Maulers. Nick Lozorak grabbed the kick-off and returned it 72 yards, but the play was called back because of a clipping call. Both teams settled down to play an even game of football until the third quarter when Gary Trojan intercepted an Exeter pass. Momentum picked up and the Falcons came up with a 30-16 victory. Nick Lozorak did well with 143 yards rushing and 3 touchdowns.

Ches-Mont League

Then the season opened. Not much can be said for the first league contest except that Jim Polli scored for the Falcons and that the game was played at majestic Farrell Field in West Chester. The guys from the hallowed halls could not get an attack rolling.

The following Saturday, September 25, Pottsgrove's defensive unit shined. The Falcon defense held Downingtown to only one touchdown from the scrimmage line, while the Whippets mustered up only 14 points. Pottsgrove quarterback Gary Trojan went to the air throwing to Rick Mettler, Tom Donahue and Bill Ritner. The Falcons won the game 20-14.

Just as soon as we felt the thrill of victory, Pottstown showed us the agony of defeat. The veteran Pottstown team outclassed the Falcons. Pottstown, led by Steve Verbit and Bob Brown, rushed for over 500

yards but not on the scoreboard. Taking advantage of costly Pottsgrove fumbles, the Bears erupted for 20 points in the third quarter and won the game 20-14.

In summing up the first few games, one thing is certain: each team will know that they have played the Falcons.

MARCHING MANUEVERS SHOW IMPROVEMENT

This year's marching band and band front are well on their way to being considered cavalcade material. The proof of this statement has been seen at pre-game and half-time shows.

Marching Band

Even though the band is the smallest in the area, it's just as versatile as a large band. Practicing only a few hours each week, this unit produces tremendous sound and is still able to add drill maneuvers to its show.

Officers

The band is under the direction of Mr. Ronald Walker. President for this year's band is Karen Knause, who plays tenor saxophone. Other officers are Merry Sands (Vice-President) and Cindy Sears (Secretary-treasurer). Their duties do not only pertain to marching band but also to concert band.

Upcoming songs that will be played by the band are "Joshua," "Fever," and "Does Anybody Really Know What Time It Is?"

The team is coached by Mr. Parrish, who ran cross-country in college.

The cross-country team needs support. This year's team is the smallest team in the league. As is usually the case, there is much more cross-country talent in the school than is exhibited on the team.

Band Front

The head majorette this year is Pat Saylor. Pat leads the marching band through most of their maneuvers.

In the feature twirler position is junior Tracy Tyson. Tracy performs her skills usually as a solo.

Joanne Gilbert and Pat Yergey hold the title of co-captains of the twirling corps. Their job is to correlate ideas into routines for the main twirling corps.

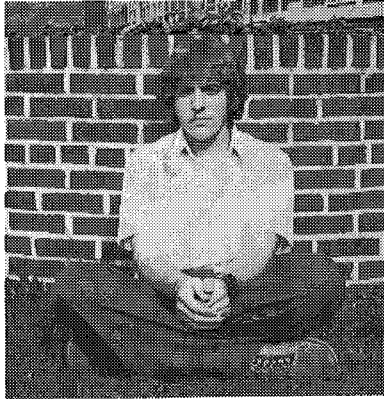
First-year gym teacher Miss Donna Catani instructs the color guard and flag corps in drill maneuvers.

This year's captains of the color guard and flag corps are Denise Hughes and Earlene Miller, respectively. The jobs of these two girls are similar in that they are both responsible for the routines being performed by their groups.

The main guard is under orders from Debbie Reynolds. Debbie's chief aim is to keep the group in line.

Last but not least is our banner carriers. Without Debbie Mengel and Barb Bitler no one would know that the band is from Pottsgrove.

FAMILIAR FACES



Carmen Scanga

Even though he moved last year to Pottsgrove from Montreal, Canada, some people still may not know Canadian-born Carmen Scanga. For those who are unfamiliar with him, Carmen has light brown hair and blue eyes, and he is known to voice his opinion when he finds it necessary.

Carmen resides in Sanatoga with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. Scanga, his sister, Franca (a sixth grade student at Lower Pottsgrove Elementary School) and his four year old brother, Robert.

Ice hockey and football are Carmen's favorite sports. When the neighborhood teams begin their season this winter, he intends to play a lot of ice hockey.

For leisure Carmen enjoys listening to the hard rock sounds of Led Zeppelin, Iron Butterfly and Joe Crocker. He goes to the movies frequently, and he cites *Woodstock* and *MASH* as his favorite films. He loves European foods, especially



Sue Grimley

"Busy" is just one word that describes Sue Grimley. At school she participates in Leader Corps, Maximi, Student Government, Future Teachers of America, and the Earth Day Committee. After school Sue might be found working on one of her hobbies (making jewelry from rocks, playing the kalimba and Jew's harp, writing, and art work), or she might be found at the Y. W. C. A. at Tetsaract, a student coffee shop of which she is the director.

As busy as she is, Sue can still find time to watch television ("All in the Family" is her favorite program) or listen to James Taylor, Carole King, or the Beatles, who are her all-time favorites.

In addition to her mother and father, Sue's family includes a married brother, a younger sister, three cats and a guinea pig.

After graduation Sue would like to major in psychology at Indiana University of Pennsylvania; also, she would like to travel around the United States on a Triumph motorcycle.

Since Sue has always lived in the

From The Editors:

In past years *The Falcon* has striven to keep the faculty, students, and administrators of Pottsgrove informed about the various activities at the school. The paper has covered both individual accomplishments and the achievements of teams or groups of students.

In recent years there has been an increasing demand by the staff of *The Falcon* for a reform in the objectives and standards of the paper. But as always, change takes more time than the people involved deem necessary. Because the process is slow, progress never seems to be made. Nevertheless, change is taking place in the paper.

The Falcon staff members have begun to question and probe into the problems and questions concerning the school and its activities. The paper no longer presents mere "surface" stories restating facts already seen in other school

publications, but it tries to tell the reader the story behind the scenes. The paper is *obligated* to relate the true story and the surrounding circumstances.

Under the standards now set up by the administration, *The Falcon* is limited in its subject matter. A question arises — why does the paper follow rules set up by the administration? The *obvious* answer is that this is a school newspaper, and therefore, it is under the jurisdiction of the school board and the administration.

The Falcon is trying to reform by incorporating new ideas with the old ideas. But it is hard to write about controversial issues within the rules now established. However, the paper continues striving to do its best under the restrictive rules. Patience is all that is needed. Remember: change does not take place over night; it takes time.

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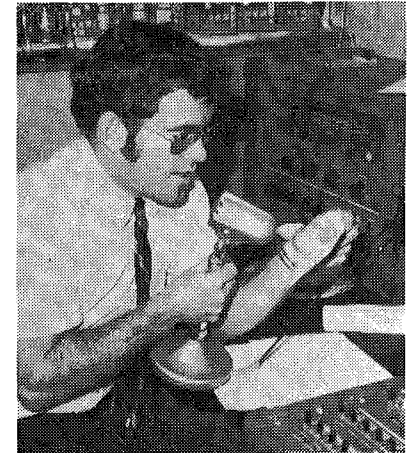
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LEADERS

IN

P. H. S. Faculty



Mr. Diers

Disciplining the entire junior high school, ordering supplies and acting as treasurer for the PTA are some of the many duties of an assistant to the principal. The new holder of this position at Pottsgrove is Mr. Russell Diers. Already he is known for his friendly, open manner and his concern for the students.

After graduating from Springfield High School, Mr. Diers then majored in General Science at West Chester. He obtained his Master's degree at Temple.

In addition to his parents, who reside in New Jersey, Mr. Diers' family includes one married sister and five nephews and nieces. Mr. Diers, himself, expects to marry sometime in April.

An avid sports fan, he earned a letter three times in both baseball and football in high school. He enjoys golf, summer league softball, and bowling, but his new job keeps him too busy to participate in these activities. He does find time to watch the football games on television.

Remember

Today is the day to work and play, the time is now to live. But in order to live, you have to give, but not in a line of war. The LORD forgives the one who lied, and lays to rest the one who died in the wars of yesterday. He remembers the men though far or near, to their families they are

After graduating from Pottsgrove Carmen would like to go to college in Montreal and major in political science. After college he intends to travel, probably in Europe.

When asked his opinion of Pottsgrove High School, Carmen said that he feels that the kids are okay, but the school, itself, is too conservative.

traveled outside of the country, she is looking forward to her trip to Switzerland this winter.

When asked if there was anything she regretted about always living in the Pottstown area, Sue replied that she sometimes wishes she had grown up in a bigger city for there are more opportunities there. Also, she thinks there should be more activities in the community, but with her busy schedule would she have time to participate?



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— Henry Collins

After revealing that he loves to cook, Mr. Diers proceeded to give a recipe for stuffed pork chops, one of his many favorite foods. He hates fish, giving the lingering odors as a possible reason.

He likes all kinds of music, even Lawrence Welk. Even though he still enjoys the old sounds of the rock 'n roll era, he also likes acid rock.

Mr. Diers once taught in Springfield, which is near Philadelphia. He says, "the kids are friendlier here than there; because as you get closer to Philadelphia, they get more hostile."

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