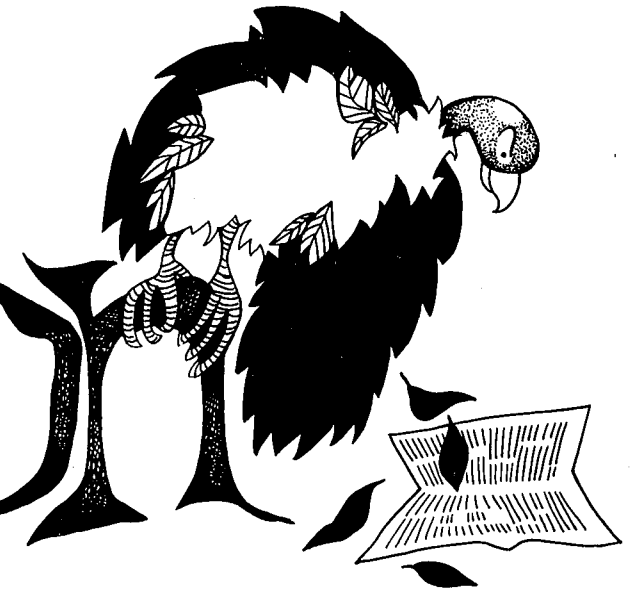


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Pottsgrove High Stages Thanksgiving Activities

On Thanksgiving Day our Pottsgrove High School Falcons will host the St. Pius Lions on our home football field at 1:30 p.m. This is a day when fans and alumni gather to discuss past occurrences, talk of future plans, and cheer our team on to victory.

On November 24 the Student Government will sponsor a bonfire with a dance immediately following. The dance will be held in the high school cafeteria with music provided by the Dried Fish.

In previous years the bonfire took place on the junior high baseball field at 7:30 p.m. During this time the players threw their most prized possessions into the fire and the cheerleaders led the crowd in a few cheers.

The purpose of a bonfire is to instill faith and pride in the fans and to boost the morale of the players before the big game.

The Bird

At the beginning of this year, Pottsgrove High School was able to obtain a maroon and white falcon to act as mascot. The Thanksgiving game will be the last time this year that our mascot will per-



Karen Kline Receives DAR Citizens Award

Each year a senior girl from our school is chosen as one of the winners of the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizens Contest. Pottsgrove's good citizen this year is Karen Kline.

Karen was chosen as the girl in the senior class possessing to an "outstanding degree" the qualities of dependability, which includes truthfulness, loyalty and punctuality; service, which means cooperation, courtesy and consideration; leadership, in which personality, self-control and responsibility are essential; and patriotism, or loyalty to family, church, school, community and nation.

Chosen by Class

The members of the senior class selected three girls whom they thought best exemplified these qualities. From these three girls the faculty chose Karen as the winner.

the Constitution and National and State Government, which will be given the week of January 27th.

Activities

This year Karen is serving as Senior Class President, president of National Honor Society and vice-president of Chorus. She is also active in Varsity cheerleading, Future Teachers of America, and Maximi.

When asked how she felt about receiving the award, she responded, "Naturally, I'm honored, but there are many others who are just as deserving. It's unfortunate that the school, and consequently the students, are asked to choose one person as the most representative of certain qualities."

VO-TECH NEWS

Certain Pottsgrove students and alumni have volunteered to wear the costume during the 1971 football season. To these people we extend a sincere thanks, and to other students interested in wearing the bird during future sports seasons, please contact Linda Levengood.

Auditorium Is Court; Citizenships Awarded

On Thursday, November 18, a ceremony held at Pottsgrove High School made it possible for a few foreign born people to become citizens of the United States of America. At this time the auditorium became an official courtroom where the Honorable William W. Vogel presided as judge. In order to qualify as American citizens, these people had to learn about the U. S. Government and take an exam.

Oath of Allegiance

At the ceremony the oath of allegiance to the United States of America was administered by Honorable Andrew Y. Michie, III, prothonotary of Montgomery County. After the oath certificates were awarded to each new citizen.

Speakers at the ceremony included Bertram M. Bernard, District Director of the U. S. Immigration Service, and William H. Yohn, Jr., Pennsylvania Representative of the 146th district. An address was given by Matthew S. Santangelo, President of the Montgomery County Bar Association.

Coming Events

November 25, 26, 29—

Fall Vacation — School Closed

December 16—Holiday Concert

STUDENT TEACHERS BEGIN THEIR FIRST TEACHING EXPERIENCE AT POTTS GROVE

Six student teachers have come to Pottsgrove High School this year. Five of them are from Ursinus College, and one is from Lock Haven State College. During their first teaching experience, their jobs include taking over their assigned classes and learning to accept the responsibilities of a teacher.

Assigned to help Mrs. Davidheiser is Miss Bettie Martinez. Miss Martinez, a German major, resides in Graterford. She is fond of music and plays the clarinet, piano, organ and saxophone. Last summer she traveled to Germany and is planning a return trip there next summer.



Student teachers from left to right are Miss Martinez, Miss Petro, Miss Harbison, Miss Rauer, Miss Seel.

Student Gov't Report

Committees have been formed in Student Government to investigate and reform rules at Pottsgrove. The cafeteria committee, headed by Sue Grimley, has the objective of revising and bettering the cafeteria rules. Cindy Carroll and Debbie Plevyak are in charge of the traffic committee which will

look into the crowded conditions in the halls. A locker committee has already submitted a proposal that the administration compare our system to that of other schools. Candy Evans is the head of the committee to schedule assemblies that are interesting for both the students and the faculty.

the Good Citizens Pin and a certificate from the Pottstown Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Karen is now eligible to compete on the state level and must take a test dealing with

Have you ever seen a banana tree? You can see one in the Horticulture Department at the Vocational-Technical School. The students who work in this department learn tips on nursery care and landscaping. On special occasions, flower arrangements and corsages are also made.

Data Processing

Students in the Data Processing Department are concerned with keypunching. These students will be taking care of all the report cards from the Pottsgrove, Springfield, St. Pius and Upper Perkiomen school districts. In addition, this department will be handling the attendance cards that are taken in several departments at the Vo-Tech School.

Cosmetology

The Cosmetology Department is open to the public two days each week, Thursday and Friday. During these two days juniors and seniors gain practical experience in hair styling.

Auto Mechanics

The Auto Mechanics Shop is available for anyone who wishes to have his car repaired. This can be done by application only. The gas station is open during school hours.

Baratta is majoring in English. He enjoys reading, music and watching football. Mr. Baratta also serves as editor of the yearbook at Lock Haven. His plans for the future include working for his Master's degree in English.

From their statements concerning their opinions of Pottsgrove, it can be concluded that all of the student teachers like the school very much. Several commented on the good attitude and friendliness of the students and teachers. In general, they agree that their experience at Pottsgrove has been enjoyable.

Miss Rosemary Petro, who is from Phoenixville, is teaching biology with Mr. Dry. Reading, crocheting and embroidering are among her hobbies. This summer she plans to travel in Europe.

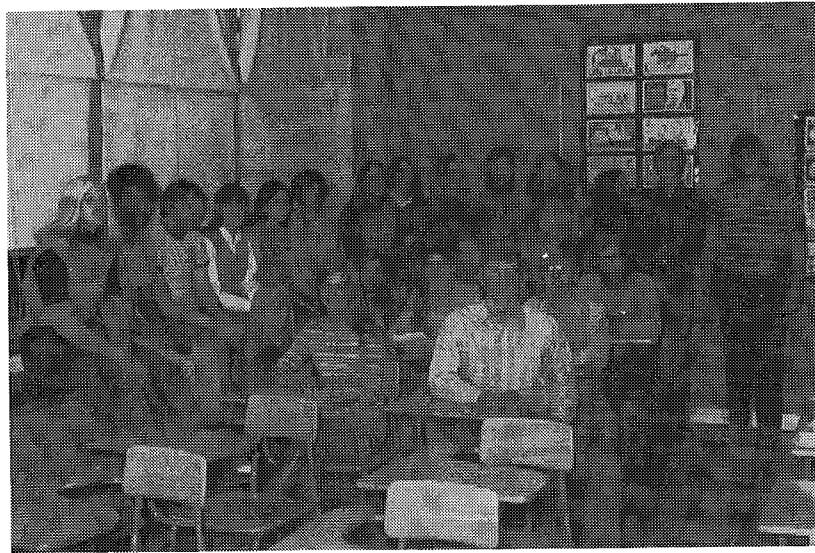
Assisting Mrs. Flamm and Mrs. Lindenmuth is Miss Janice Rauer. A health and physical education major, Miss Rauer enjoys all sports. She is from Stratford, New Jersey and would like to travel out West in the future.

Miss Margaret Harbison, an English major, is teaching Mr. Dori's classes. Snow skiing, reading good literature, music, writing short stories and observing people are among her hobbies. A native of Sewell, New Jersey, Miss Harbison's plans for the future include teaching, traveling and marriage.

Majoring in political science is Miss Susan Seel, who is teaching Mr. Greulich's classes. Miss Seel is a resident of Chester Springs. She enjoys swimming, horseback riding, drama and singing in a folk group. This summer she plans to travel to either Europe or the Soviet Union.

Lock Haven College

Mr. Joseph Baratta taught Mr. Natoli's classes during the first quarter. A resident of Renova, Mr.



Above are the representatives and executives of the Pottsgrove High School Student Government.

Teacher Picket Board To Begin Negotiations

About forty Pottsgrove teachers established a picket line outside the cafeteria entrance on Tuesday, November 9, one hour prior to the scheduled school board meeting. The teachers carried signs which read WE WANT NEGOTIATIONS NOW, POTTS GROVE BOARD FREEZES NEGOTIATIONS TWO YEARS WITH NO CONTRACT, and BETTER WORKING CONDITIONS WITH BETTER PAY. The teachers charge that the school board has refused to recognize the American Federation of Teachers as the bargaining unit in negotiations with the board for contracts.

Last year the teachers held an election to determine what organization would represent them—the established Pennsylvania Education Association or the challenging American Federation of Teachers.

disagrees and has put the decision through a series of legal maneuvers which AFT members consider stalls. By majority vote, the Pottsgrove teachers elected to stage the picket to dramatize their impatience with the board's refusal to resume negotiations, which they consider to be two years late already.

At 8:00 the teachers disbanded their picket to attend the school board meeting. The meeting, called to order by President Steve Stavrou, proceeded normally until he asked for visitors' comments. At this time Mr. Pascucci asked the board if it would rescind its appeal of the Labor Relations Board's decision and begin negotiations. He demanded an immediate answer. Stavrou referred the question to Solicitor Hardiman, whom he felt was more qualified to answer. Dis-

Behind The Scenes Look At STUDENT GOVERNMENT

One of the most important student organizations at Pottsgrove is Student Government. This organization provides students with a chance to view democracy in action. Because the success or failure of Student Government depends upon the attitude of the whole student body, *The Falcon* interviewed students and Mr. Radel to find out how they feel about this organization.

The following is one of the questions that *The Falcon* asked several students: "In your opinion, how effective is student government?" David Weller, a sophomore representative, answered this question by saying that "in some instances it serves as a go-between for the students and the administration." An eleventh grade representative, Laurie Weitzenkorn, replied, "It can be effective at times, like when the administration wants it to be effective."

Steve Freedman, Student Government President, told *The Falcon*, "Student Government is minimally effective because of apathy

on the part of students, and many of the proposals are rejected by the administration, which often causes apathy."

These students agree that apathy is a problem with which Student Government must contend. If students want an effective governing body they must become involved by making constructive suggestions, using judgment in electing representatives and by demanding complete reports by these representatives. Also, students must learn to blame themselves at times, not always the administration.

Many students feel the administration is to blame for ineffective government. To this charge Mr. Radel replied, "No, I don't feel the complaint is valid because the complaints are not always made by qualified people. If they have served a term on Student Government, then their complaint would be more valid. First, read the constitution. Student Government uses this as its guidelines. My only guidelines are that consideration be used towards all people involved in the operation of the school. You have the students, faculty and community represented by the school

board. What is good for one is not always good for the others."

Mr. Radel's last statement is very true. Many students want what will benefit themselves, and in the long run, these preferences may be detrimental to others. This must be considered before making suggestions to Student Government representatives.

Steve Freedman told *The Falcon*, "Ideally, Student Government should be a release for the students. It should serve in a capacity of relaying the feelings of students to the administration. But because of lack of interest on the part of the student body, it doesn't serve this purpose."

Students must either take a more active role in student government or stop complaining. Everyone must start pulling together, or our only means of formal communication with the administration will fall apart. If our communication is broken, the only place the blame can fall is upon the student body. Will the students of Pottsgrove continue to be apathetic, or are they big enough to say, "Let's all help and work together"?

IN EXPLANATION . . .

"Tradition" is a commonplace word in the vocabulary of every Pottsgrovian. However, in today's world, many ideas and practices which were once held in high es-

coming activities, and therefore questioned the girls about their feelings toward the movement.

However, their answers show

P.H.S. Pet Peeves

Pottsgrove has long been waiting for an undefeated football team. The Junior High J.V. team

...sylvania Labor Relation Board maintain that the election named the AFT as the Pottsgrove teachers' bargaining unit. The school board

A Curriculum Fable

One time the animals had a school. The curriculum consisted of running, climbing, flying and swimming; and all the animals took all of the subjects.

The duck was good in swimming, better in fact than his instructor and he made passing grades in flying, but he was practically hopeless in running. He kept this up until he was only average in swimming, but average is acceptable; so nobody worried about that except the duck.

The eagle was considered a problem pupil and was disciplined severely. He beat all the others to the top of the trees in the flying class, but he had used his own way of getting there.

The rabbit started out at the top of his class in running, but he had a nervous breakdown and had to drop out of school because of so much make-up work in swimming.

The squirrel led the climbing class, but his teacher made him start his flying lessons from the ground up instead of the top of the trees down and he developed charley horses from over-exertion at the take-off and began to get C's in climbing and D's in running.

The practical prairie dogs apprenticed their offspring to a Badger when the school authorities refused to add digging to the curriculum. At the end of the year, the abnormal eel, that could swim well, run, climb and fly a little was made valedictorian.

One time the children had a school. . . .

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...handed the question, Pascucci walked out, followed by other angry teachers. He complained that he wasn't interested in hearing the legal reasons that the solicitor would have given.

The school board does not feel it is stalling. It simply wants the court's interpretation of Public Law 195, a new state law, which it believes teachers could abuse. The board will abide by the court's decision and claims it is ready to negotiate.

The meeting ended with the issue unsolved.

Opinions Brought Out On Mandatory Science Fair

Editor's Note — Each year there is much controversy among students and teachers about mandatory science fair projects for all students in grades 8-12 enrolled in science courses. *The Falcon* decided to ask several students and teachers their views on obligatory science projects.

Greg Hayer: "Most people end up doing it in the last two weeks and don't learn anything. Half the time, parents end up doing it."

Jeff Pierce: "Mandatory science fair projects were created because there were very few projects done. This looked bad for the science department when people came to view the projects and saw only 30 or 40 projects, all of which were worthwhile. The department then created mandatory projects to have the cafeteria full and make a good showing for the public, but most of the projects were repeats and worthless. The science department is substituting quantity for quality."

Priscilla Smith: "Such a project is completely ridiculous. Do we

to their worth and relevance. This analysis needs to be made for without constructive criticism, there is no change; society is stagnant.

With the idea of evaluating traditions, *The Falcon* sought the opinions of each participant in this year's Homecoming Court in the October issue. The purpose of these interviews was not to embarrass or provoke the girls of the court, but to search out the real significance of Homecoming. The staff also felt the Women's Lib issue could be related to the Home-

have mandatory music studies? Mandatory art projects? Mandatory writing projects of such scope and grade emphasis?"

Mr. Dry: "I would like to have them not be mandatory, but when we made them optional the fair depleted to very few projects. If the projects were eliminated, I would have my students do one anyway. Students should have to do one major endeavor in each course in one year. I don't think that is too much to ask."

Becky Harclerode and Jim Ludwick: "It counts too much and there is a lot of money involved sometimes. If you don't want to do it, you don't do a good job."

John Kurtz: "I would do a science fair project whether it is mandatory or not, simply because I like science and I learn a lot from my project. It wouldn't bother me either way."

From the opinions derived, it is apparent that the majority of students are against mandatory science fairs. Most students would prefer an optional science fair or abolish science fair completely.

not the issue which needs to be investigated. This event proved to be a memorable moment in the school life of five girls. What each student must decide after reading the article is whether Homecoming is a memorable experience for a majority or for a minority of students. Is Homecoming an important aspect in the average Pottsgrovian's school life? Does Homecoming really portray the ideals and attitudes of the students at Pottsgrove today?

Newspaper articles should not be a sounding board for one writer's opinion. Rather, articles in *The Falcon* are aimed at providing information so students can reach their own conclusions. But it is the responsibility of the students to read and react to these ideas.

Teachers' Tactics

By ELLEN GROSS and LAURIE WEITZENKORN

Many different techniques of discipline are used here at Pottsgrove. But do any of them really work? One technique is the screaming method. This begins with a noise from anywhere in the room. Upon hearing the noise the teacher will scream at the top of his lungs. This makes the unaware student quite aware of the fact that something has been done to upset the norm. This technique can also be called shock treatment, which is about all it does.

Another technique is the ultimatum method. "You either do this or else." The "or else" of this method could be an essay, usually an imaginative one like writing two million words about Equadorian banana peels. As for the average essay, 500 words can be written during the following class in five minutes. Even if the essay is extremely long, the student learns

where are all the enthusiastic fans?

When trying to walk through the over-populated halls on the second floor, one might wonder who put in the midget-size, so-called water fountains in the wall. It probably was the same person who installed the lockers in the shop wing.

A warning to all those students and teachers who have classes in room 100: there is a small hole in the floor, and no one is quite sure of what may emerge from it.

A new disease is being cultivated at Pottsgrove High School. The symptoms range from those of frostbite to those of heatstroke. The cause is a sudden change in temperature from one classroom to the next.

nothing except that this time he happens to be the one who got caught.

The musical chair method of discipline is fun for both students and teachers. The teacher gets experience in interior decoration and the student gets different, perhaps, more exciting people to talk to.

Every student has heard or will hear the most famous of all lectures. "All right you're now in . . . grade and you're supposed to act as mature students." This lecture is usually presented after the failure of one or more of the previously named methods.

Students continuously complain about the childish disciplinary actions enforced on them. Have these same students ever considered acting mature, trying to get the most out of their education, or just respecting the rights of others through common courtesy? Maybe if they did, these discipline techniques would not have to be used.

HOOPLA TIME

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14—Pottstown	H
17—Coatesville	A
21—SpringFord	H

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8—Coatesville	H
11—Lancaster Catholic	A
15—Owen J. Roberts	A
22—St. Pius	H

Turnovers Hurt Falcons During Poor Second Half

After a rather successful first half football season, the Falcons are disappointed by the team's showing in the second half. Currently the Falcons have a record of 3 wins and 6 losses. If the interception had never been invented, the Falcons would be doing fine. But it has and that is the trouble, the interception and also the fumble. The Falcons must go to the air for yardage, but at least 8 passes have been intercepted.

The second half started off beautifully for the Falcons at Phoenixville. Although the Phantoms got on the scoreboard first, Pottsgrove scored 18 points in the second half to win the game, 18-12. Gary Troyan scored twice for the Falcons while Nick Lozorak rushed for 175 yards and scored once.

On October 23 Abel Joe and his riot squad had to spoil a pleasant autumn day by running over the Falcons, 37-8. The game was very close until the fourth quarter when the Red Raiders romped for 22 points.



Senior members of the football team.

Yes, fans, Abel Joe did score 3 touchdowns. The bright spot for the Falcons was Marc Nettles' two interceptions.

Then, on October 30, 1971, for once, Pottsgrove was not the underdog. But this did not stop Great Valley and Greg Lucas, who scored 3 touchdowns for the Patriots. Although the Battling Birds scored twice on passes to Frank Newman and Tom Donahue in the second quarter, Great Valley exploded for 20 points in the third quarter and waltzed off the field with their first win of the season, 20-14.

On November 6, the Spring-Ford defense ran head on into the Pottsgrove passing attack, but the Rams won. Pottsgrove scored first on a Nick Lozorak run with Rick Mettler scoring the extra points. Then, the Ram defense held the Falcons to short passing yardage while the consistent Spring-Ford ground

Varsity Club Sets Up Donkey Hoopla Contest

This year's Varsity Club has as its president Jim Polli. His job is to schedule meetings and to bring up any ideas he feels should be discussed.

Vice-president of the club is Nick Lozorak. Holding the secretary post is Jan Matthews. The treasurer this year is Cindy Sears.

The main program discussed in early meetings was a Donkey Basketball game. As a first for Pottsgrove, this game took place on November nineteenth in the high school gymnasium. The players consisted of teachers and senior Varsity Club members. Two games were played. The first was the girls against the faculty women. The second, of course, was the guys against the men's faculty.

Committees were formed to help with the Donkey Basketball game. **Naturalization Day**

On November eighteenth Naturalization Day was held in the high school auditorium. The Varsity Club parked cars for the visitors and ushered guests into the auditorium.

During one of the last bomb scares, the members of the club did their "good deed" for the day by mopping off the bleachers so the student body could sit while they waited.

A past accomplishment of the club was the Homecoming Dance. It honored the queen and her court along with their escorts. The music was provided by Explosion of Sound.



Experience Pays Off In Jr. High Victories

The Jr. High varsity football team, employing a balanced attack, has recorded a 4-2 record and second place in the league.

The Jr. Falcons' league opener was a 20-0 success over Boyertown. Don Mentzer tallied 12 points in the win. Five players in the scoring column paced Pottsgrove's 26-0 defeat of the Hill School. The Falcons played their first home game against a strong Phoenixville eleven, and they came out on the short end of a 20-0 score.

Rebounding from defeat, the Birds trounced Central 40-12, led by Don Mentzer's three touchdowns. The Falcons lost to Northern 18-6 for their second loss of the season. The next week, Pottsgrove faced Owen J. Roberts and won 26-6 with Mentzer, Scott Lanz and Greg Geiger scoring touchdowns.

These Junior High records prove that the Falcons will enjoy successful seasons in future years.

Mr. Karsnitz and Mr. Work are the varsity coaches once again. They feel that this year's team is their best team ever. The team has great balance, with a combination of a tough defense which has limited opponents to 52 points in 6 games and a powerful offense that has scored 118, an average of 20 points per game.

Jr. High Jr. Varsity

Coached by Mr. Getz and Mr. Keeley, the Jr. High Jr. Varsity currently is unbeaten with a 3-0 slate. They have defeated Phoenixville 22-12 and Central and Northern by identical 14-0 scores. The team used its strong defense to blank their last two opponents.

Seventh Grade Team

The seventh grade intramural football program completed its second season under the direction of Mr. Wentz and Mr. Millspaw. The Green, White, Gold, and Red teams had a total of 64 players.

The Gold and White teams were co-champions. The junior high coaches all feel this program gives each participant valuable playing experience.

On Thanksgiving Day, the strong St. Pius squad will travel to Pottsgrove for what will be an aggressive game. And as they say, a little football never killed the bird.

Falconettes Soar Back To Even Their Record

Mrs. Flamm's Falconettes flew forth for a fiery finish. They greatly improved their first half record of 1-4-1 to end up with a final record of 4-4-2.

Their turning point came in the game against Pottstown. Bunny Brunner was the star of the game, scoring the first varsity goal of the season, and the only goal of the game. The junior varsity had a 2-0 victory in which Cindy Barthel scored both of the goals.

The game against Coatesville ended in a scoreless tie for both the varsity and the junior varsity. Following the game the Booster's Club hosted a ham dinner, and the mothers of the hockey players contributed various covered dishes and desserts. It was at this dinner that co-captain, Cindy Sears, voiced the opinion of all the hockey players when she said, "Hockey is as important to us as football is to the boys."

The Falconettes ruined West Chester's chances for claiming second place this year (despite the efforts of the officials) when Rita Moses rolled the goalie to score the winning goal. (Her roll-the-goalie kilt is on display in the girls' locker room.) The junior varsity, however, suffered their first loss. The score was 2-0.

Pottsgrove defeated Spring-Ford in their last game of the season with a score of 1-0. Cindy Barthel, in her first varsity debut, scored the goal for Pottstown. The junior varsity shut out the Ramettes 3-0. Rosie Grenewald scored the first goal and Sue Chicalo tallied the other two goals.

Even though the team is losing five seniors, there are a lot of good prospects coming up for next year.



Pottsgrove Harriers Take Home Finale Against Pius

Pottsgrove's 1971 Cross-Country team finished its season with a 2-8-1 record. After Spring-Ford's forfeit and the Ches-Mont losses, the team faced N.C.C. Vo-Tech and what they thought was their last dual meet of the season. The Harriers ran the race with determina-

tion. The seniors, Gary Showers and John Pitchford, especially did not want to end their high school careers with a loss. However, the runners didn't quite get their wish, as the score was a 28-28 tie. Ties are unusual in Cross-Country for there is only one combination that will balance the scoring out.

At the Ches-Mont championships, held at Owen J. Roberts this year, the Pottsgrove runners placed last in league scoring.

After the championships an extra meet was scheduled against Pottsgrove's old rival, St. Pius. The Harriers won this meet with a score of 21-42.

Due to graduation, the runners will lose only two runners and should have a good season next year. Returning lettermen are John Porter, Dave Supco, Dave Galloway, Ed Alderfer (juniors), Jim Taylor (sophomore), and Dave Hollenbach (freshman).

Next season Pottsgrove will host the Ches-Mont Championships. However, the Cross-Country team cannot even come close to having a good season unless more interest is shown by the students. In the meet against Owen J. Roberts there were only six Pottsgrove Falcons against thirty-seven Wildcat runners. In cases like this the team is psychologically beaten before they start.

Sneak Preview of Winter Sports

Boys' Basketball

This year's varsity basketball team is a relatively young team. Rick Martz and Skip Neville are the only two returning varsity lettermen. Coach Arlan Burkert does not want to make any predictions yet because they have had only a few practices. However, he does feel that the boys are working hard. He is particularly pleased with the work of Mike Shulby, Drew Fagley and Scott Kurtz.

Senior High Wrestling

There are two new coaches for this year's senior high wrestling squad. They are Mr. Kenneth Biles and Mr. Thomas Brunner. There are only twenty boys out for the wrestling squad, which is a relatively small squad for both varsity and junior varsity. Mr. Biles, who is head coach, also will not make any predictions yet because they have had no practices. He hopes to see the students come out

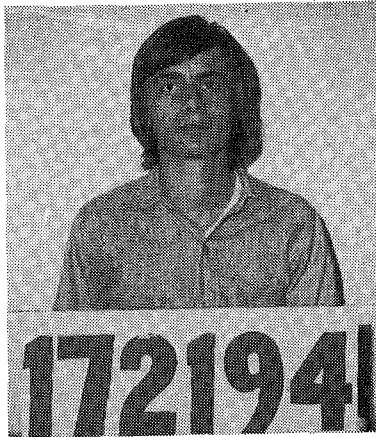
and support the squad. Their first match is on December 3.

Girls' Basketball

This year girls' basketball rules will be identical to the boys' rules. Head coach Mrs. Jacqueline Flamm says this will involve a great change in strategy. Assisting Mrs. Flamm this year will be Miss Donna Catani. They are both looking forward with anticipation to the oncoming season.

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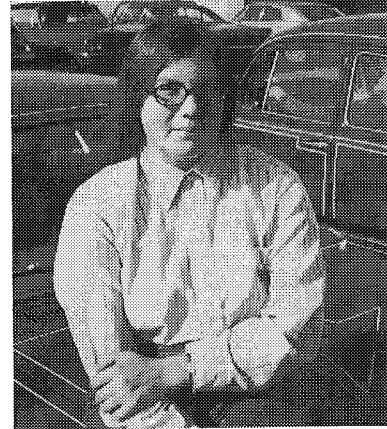
MIKE LUDWIG

I'm like any other Pottsgrove student in school. Probably a little differently minded towards a curriculum. I don't enjoy academic subjects; I prefer the more relaxing classes of Metal Shop, art, and Mechanical Drawing where I feel I am using my own three-dimensional abilities to their fullest. Pottsgrove High School has given me more paved roads than unpaved.

Living on Kepler Road in Lower Pottsgrove is just one part of me. Our house is close to the woods, which I really like. I live with my mother, father, and brother, Tom. Tom has two Siamese cats which are priceless to him.

After school you can find me working at Brile Body Shop, where I've been employed for the past couple of years.

In what little leisure time I have, I attain great pleasure by talking with good friends or listening to some undiscovered rock stars, such as Mike Gregory, Dave Schaffer, and Tony Ryan. My favorite recorded bands are the Beatles, Mose Allison, and the Allman



MERRY SANDS

Everyone has seen the program *This Is Your Life*. If the life of Merry Sands were done, the major portion of the show would have to concern music, for that is what dominates Merry's life. And more specifically, the music would be from the Big Band era.

This interest is evident from just looking at some of her activities—marching band, dance band, and concert band. Merry talks about the music of Tommy and Jimmy Dorsey, Glenn Miller, and Benny Goodman with a familiarity that would bring a tear of nostalgia to the eyes of those who enjoyed the music of that age. She can take or leave most modern music; although she does enjoy listening to Chicago.

Merry's chief hobby is learning to play different instruments. She has mastered the trumpet, French horn, baritone, and piano. During the winter she can be found pursuing another of her interests, playing on Pottsgrove's girls' basketball team.

Sr. High Voices Opinions

On November 1 Mr. Murgia conducted an election in his P.O.D. classes. Students cast their votes for their favorite township and school board officials. Also on the ballot were two questions which were related to present problems. The first of these involved the long standing school policy on smoking. The question read as follows: "Should students be allowed to smoke at school functions?" In the beginning of the day, it looked as if the proposal would be defeated. By the end of the day the results took a complete reversal. They ended at 232 in favor, 167 opposed.

This issue has been fought over many times by students and administration. If this feeling is popular throughout the entire school,

the students could now have a valid case as far as democracy is concerned. The students may even be able to persuade the administrators to their side after a number of long concentrated efforts. As proved by the changing of the dress code, this is not impossible.

The second question related to a very real problem in our community. It was stated as such: "Should we build an intermediate school?" The results at the end of the day were as follows: 260 in favor, 141 opposed. This could indicate that, as senior high students, we are very concerned about the necessity of another school. We realize the problems and we are, more or less, content with the proposal for the solution, an intermediate school building.

Diary of A Turkey

Here I am, basting away at 400°, wrapped up tightly in aluminum foil. They keep ladling this juice over me, and I'm getting pretty steamed about the whole situation.

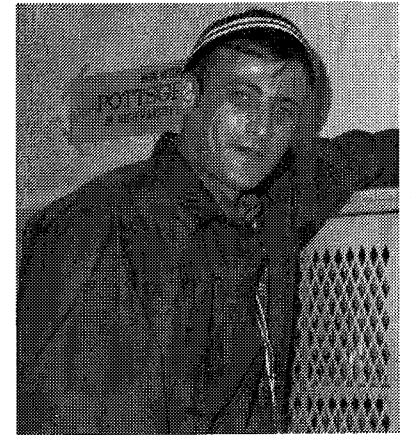
First they chopped off my head, then they plucked out my feathers, and then they wrapped me up in cellophane so they could display me in some freezing supermarket counter. I was pinched, knocked, and thoroughly mistreated. Then some woman threw me among some cans and apples in a cart. She took me into her house, where she proceeded to stuff the living daylight out of me. She plunked me into a pan, and here I sit, roasting away in an oven.

P.H.S. Faculty Women Become Hoopla Champs

Students, parents, and faculty filled the gym Friday evening to watch as the faculty women downed the female members of the Varsity Club and, later, the male members of the Varsity Club to become the Donkey Basketball champions of Pottsgrove High School. The victorious team consisted of Miss Catani, Miss Harbison, Miss Raver, and Miss Seel.

After the women's faculty defeated the girls' Varsity Club in the first contest, the Pottsgrove males rode, coaxed, and dragged their donkeys from basket to basket in the second game of the evening. In this test of basketball marksmanship and fine horsemanship, the combined efforts of the Booster's Club and the men's faculty were outmatched by the boys' Varsity

P. H. S. Faculty



MR. JOHN KARSNITZ

Have you seen the teacher with the pink sportscoat? For those of you who don't venture near the Industrial Arts room, this teacher is Mr. Karsnitz. Five years ago, he came to Pottsgrove and began our Graphic Arts department.

Since his father was an Industrial Arts teacher, Mr. Karsnitz had always been interested in this specialty. It was while he was at Millersville State College that Mr. Karsnitz decided on Graphic Arts as his major.

Mr. Karsnitz always wanted to teach. Although he sometimes gets in trouble with teachers because students are often late for class following Graphic Arts, he enjoys teaching at Pottsgrove.

Out of school, Mr. Karsnitz enjoys all sports, particularly skiing and tennis. In 1967 he received his Masters Degree in Education. He spent last summer playing with his eight month old daughter, Jennifer.

Mr. Karsnitz is impressed with the creativity of Pottsgrove students and enjoys working with them informally during plays and

On Saturday mornings I travel to the Philadelphia College of Art where I am taking special classes in metal sculpture and jewelry making.

After Pottsgrove I would like to attend an art college and major in Metal Sculpture and jewelry design.

Q. What do you fear in life?

A. Growing up.

Q. What would you like to do before death?

A. Change over to a nocturnal living pattern for about a year.

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the best school in the area." However, she thinks the students are too studious and worry too much about grades.

She would like to "better the world." She is appalled at our prison system, which she describes as "ridiculous." She cited examples of inadequate sanitary facilities, rations, and the cruel treatment of prisoners by some of the guards.

Merry's goal in life is "to be happy." She plans to pursue this goal next fall on a trip to Hawaii.

rather be in Florida with the rest of those birds. What do I have to look forward to? I'll tell you—being dismembered by a cruel instrument of torture called a Hamilton Beach electric knife. Where in the world did they come up with the name, "Thanksgiving" for this occasion?

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Although the boys' Varsity Club was favored in the play-off game, they were no match for the rested women's faculty. When the final buzzer sounded, Pottsgrove's women's faculty proved to be the victors.

The Falcon would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who participated in the three games for making it an unforgettable evening for all who attended.

The sun behind the clouds, the starless night

when you're alone in crowds the need for sudden flight

the empty loneliness that parting brings

these are the lonely things.

from "The Lonely Things"

by Rod McKuen

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to Pottsgrove, Mr. Karsnitz had a memorable experience coaching the 7th grade football team. After arranging the first game of the season so that every boy could play, the big day arrived! When it was time for the game to start, all the boys became so nervous that they forgot what they were supposed to do. The turf was filled with anywhere from 9 to 15 players in a state of utter confusion. This year Mr. Karsnitz coaches the Junior High varsity team and is hoping for the Ches-Mont Champs in the near future.

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