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## newsbriefs

### First Lady goes after illiteracy

Nancy Reagan went after a tough American youth issue: drug abuse. Now it's new First Lady Barbara Bush's turn.

Earlier this month, she launched the Foundation for Family Literacy with hopes of “breaking the illiteracy cycle from generation to generation.”

The U.S. Department of Education estimates that at least 5 percent of all American youths cannot read or write. Another 15 percent are semi-literate.

### Court may limit teen club attendance

United States Supreme Court justices soon are expected to decide if communities should be allowed to prohibit people older than age 18 from patronizing teen nightclubs.

In 1987, Charles M. Stanglin, a Dallas teen dance hall and roller rink owner, won a court decision striking down a city ordinance that stipulated only people aged 14 to 18 could enter establishments catering to minors.

## Honor society holds induction assembly

by Dawn Kulp

The Pottsgrove chapter of the National Honor Society (NHS) held its annual induction assembly Wednesday, April 5.

There were 12 new members inducted including one senior, four juniors, and seven sophomores. New inductees included senior Emanuela Palumbo; juniors Jason Grams, Nicole Semeria, Keith Whittaker, and Scott Whittaker; sophomores Cheryl Barends, Arthur Bergman, Denise Bosler, Eileen Cohen, Christina Engle, Carolyn Hallman, and Richard Thompson.

Along with the previous members, these new inductees bring the total membership number to 40.

To qualify for NHS applicants must attend PHS for at least three semesters, be in at least the tenth grade, and hold one leadership position. Applicants must also have a 90 percent grade point average and maintain an average of an 85 percent in all subjects, along with a citizenship mark of a C or better. Other qualifications include being active in five service activities, whether they be school or community.

After applicants have met all of the above qualifications, they are

evaluated by faculty members on their character. Once applicants are accepted into NHS they must keep their grades up to remain active members.

Present officers of NHS are President Aimee Tagert, Vice President Karen Youse, Secretary Natalie Copelovitch and Treasurer Kathy Kelsch.

NHS often does things out of school also. In previous years they have done community as well as school projects.

“One year the kids ran a drug free booth for the community,” said Mrs. Diane Rupp, NHS adviser. “It all depends on the group.”

## Musicians to perform at annual spring concert

right to freely associate.

Now, attempting to reinstate its age restriction, the city of Dallas is suing Stanglin. The justices' decision is expected sometime this summer.

## Break used to cool racial tensions

Spring break started two weeks early at Water Valley High School in Mississippi.

School officials — fearing an outbreak of racial violence — decided the students needed a “cooling off period.”

A day before their decision several white students waved Confederate flags during a black history appreciation assembly, causing some black students to boycott football and baseball practice.

## Teens reported to be saying ‘no’

The number of high school seniors reporting they've ever used an illegal drug has dropped to a 14-year low, researchers have found.

In a survey of 16,000 1988 high school seniors, researchers from the University of Michigan's Institute for Social Research recently reported that 53.9 percent of those surveyed have tried an illicit drug.

That's lower than in 1987, when 56.6 percent said they'd tried drugs. It's even lower than in 1975 — the first year the annual surveys were given — when 55.2 percent of the seniors surveyed admitted to using an illegal drug at least once.

However, researchers warn that many young people are using “crack,” a cheap form of cocaine. And 64 percent of the students surveyed said they'd consumed alcohol sometime during the month preceding the researchers' questions.

## Mass service attracts Arizona teens

While church congregations nationwide struggle to get teenagers to attend services, prayers have been answered at St. Tim's Catholic Church in Chandler, Arizona.

“There are teens all over the place,” Phil Baniewicz, church teen services director told Natalie Onag, a student reporter from the local high school.

In the last few years, teen attendance at St. Tim's has gone up 500 percent.

Nationally, about 50 percent of people high school age regularly go to church.

Mr. Baniewicz says St. Tim's attracts prayer-bound teens because it conducts a youth service every Sunday evening where sometimes young people discuss such topics as MTV, drugs and abortion.

by Holly Lynch

The Music Department will present its annual spring concert on May 17 in the high school auditorium.

The groups that will be performing include the orchestra, directed by John Meko; the chorus and choraliars, directed by Mrs. Nancy Bixler; and the concert and jazz bands, directed by Darrell Weyman.

The orchestra will be performing Beethoven's “Fifth Symphony,” “Air,” “Allemande and Bourree,” “Divertimento IV,” “Fandango and Alborada,” “Slavonic Dance,” and “Dialogue for Piano and Orchestra,” with piano soloist Karen Youse, a senior.

said, “there is more of an emphasis on instrumentation. Also, there is more time spent rehearsing and the music is more difficult.”

The concert band will be performing “The Olympic Spirit,” which is from the NBC broadcast of the 1988 Summer Olympic Games; “Salute to PME” (Pennsylvania Musical Educators Association), which is played by the district and regional bands; “Phantom of the Opera”; and “Overture to Candid.”

There will be two senior soloists. Michael Shuster on tuba will be featured in “Amazing Grace,” and William Ziegler on alto saxophone will be featured in “Nightfall.”

The jazz band will be performing “In the Mood,” featuring the saxophone section: “Hay Burner”;

also from the Olympic Games; “Route 66”; and “Children of Sanchez.”

On Tuesday, May 22, the marching band will be performing at Veteran's Stadium in Philadelphia before the start of a Phillies game.

“Performing in the ‘big city,’” Mr. Weyman said, “gives our school and the band more exposure to outside communities.”

The marching band will also be participating in the Phoenixville Dogwood Parade and the Pottstown Memorial Day Parade.

“Right now,” Mr. Weyman said, “the emphasis is more on the concert and jazz bands. Marching band is emphasized in the fall, and it should be an extension from last fall.”



**A night of musical entertainment:** Musical groups such as the concert band will be presenting their annual spring concert here on May 17.



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## Teams to play under lights

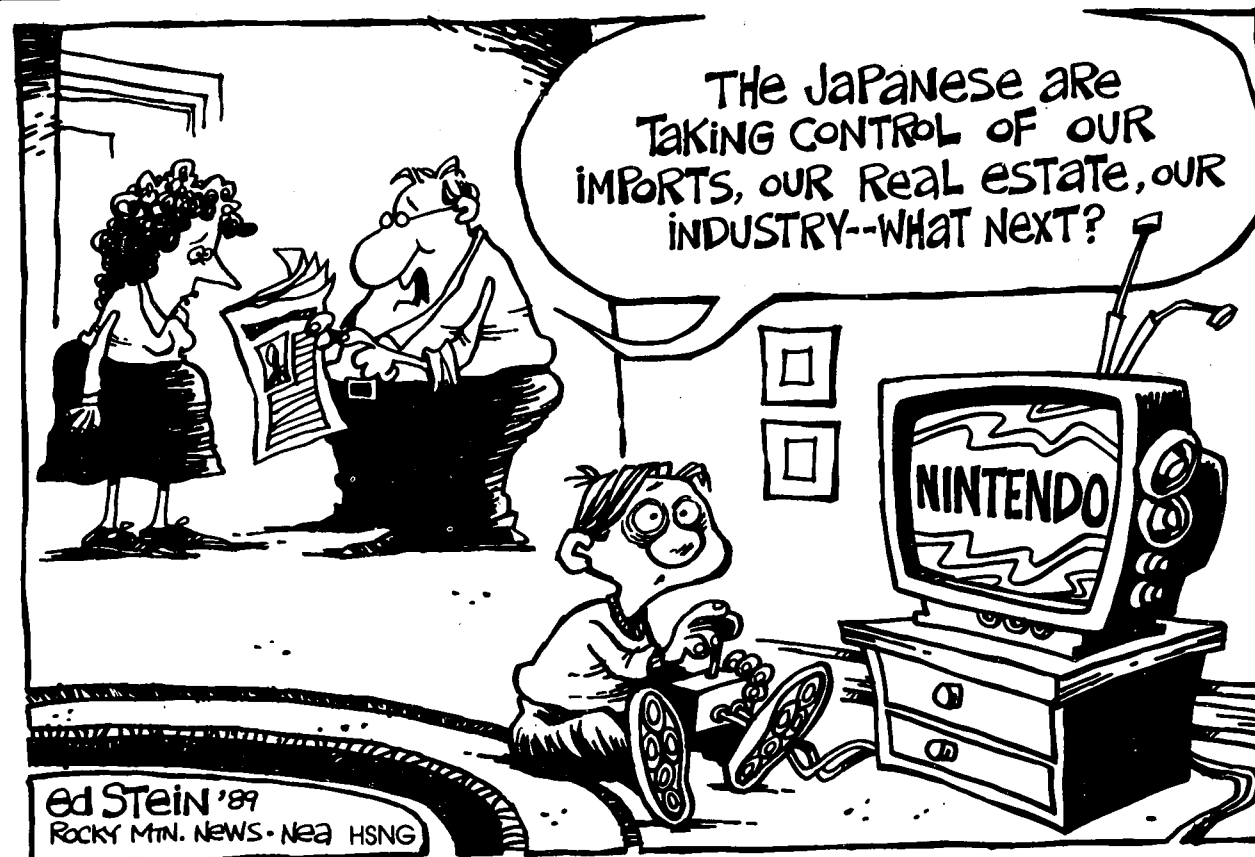
Sometimes a worthwhile project can get off the ground through the efforts of just a small group of people. One example of this is the project to put lights on the football field.

In early March some parents and a few members of Student Government conducted their first project, a silver jewelry sale, to begin raising money to buy the lights. However, what is needed now is a little dissemination of information. How much was raised from the jewelry sale and how much will the lights cost?

Lights for the football field will mean night games for the football, hockey and soccer teams. The general feeling is that attendance will pick up if the games are held at night when people are not working and are looking for things to do.

A lot of people are interested in putting lights on the field, and they are waiting to help. It is a worthwhile project which has sparked the interest of PHS athletes, especially because it will mean that more people will be able to attend their contests.

### On the big screen:



## 'It's all a popularity contest'

# Students vote the popular into office

by Jen Bleau

It seems as though every year class elections are continually won by the same people, and most of the people who win are classified as the "popular people." So, the big question about class elections: "Are people who run for these positions only doing it for the popularity that goes with the position, or are they seriously interested in the duties be-

don't know anyone else in the class."

"Most of the people who are elected are recognized by their class," Vickie Pursel said. "Therefore, they are elected time and time again."

Although popularity does seem

stand out to their peers, and it is these qualities which get them elected again and again.

"I feel I'm fairly likable and good natured," Dave Nieman, vice president of both the junior class and Student Government, said. "I am able to deal with problems and find a reasonable solution."

"I get along with people very well," Johnny Armstrong, president of the Sophomore Class,

**"I get along  
with people"**

# Johnson plays Eastwood-type role

by Carolyn Cooper

Miami Vice hero Don Johnson plays the "Clint Eastwood" role of violence and excitement in the movie *Dead-Bang*.

Johnson portrays the real-life cop Jerry Beck. Left by his wife, Beck is an unshaven homicide detective who meets his morning cases with a bad hangover.

*Dead-Bang* is directed by John Frankenheimer, who carries over the same wit and adventure from *The Manchurian Candidate*.

The adventure revolves around a homicide case involving the hold-up of a convenience store and the shooting of a cop.

Beck figures out the connection of the crimes with a group of neo-Nazi skinheads. He finds that they are part of a large organization called the Aryan Nation Church of Christ.

Of course, a by-the-book FBI

investigator sees no national connection and opposes Beck's language and treatment of suspects.

Because of this, Beck must see a psychiatrist in order to stay on the case. The psychiatrist, who wants to be "one of the gang" yet, as Beck sees it, resembles Woody Allen.

The psychiatrist resents Beck and must be threatened before he will recommend that Beck should stay on the case.

This is just one of the scenes that provides comic relief. Another one involves the cop barfing all over his suspect, which sends the whole audience into laughter.

*Dead-Bang* has a high action plot that keeps the audience on the edge of their seats for the entire movie.

This thriller has the well-liked Don Johnson chasing suspects all over the western states. Johnson's acting combined with Frankenheimer's directing make this movie a "must-see."

## Letter to the editor:

### Students can participate in several sports

To the Editor:

After reading Maggie Schuler's article in the Pottsgrove "Falcon" on Feb. 3, 1989, I would like to make a few comments.

Ralph Werley (boys' basketball coach) says to jeopardize an individual by playing on outside-of-school sports teams is unacceptable. . . . To be a well-rounded individual, one should be able to participate in as many sports as one enjoys. The teen years are a time for exploring, learning, gaining knowledge and skills. What better way to obtain these attributes than participating in various physical

activities.

Do the students only study one subject in school, such as English or history? Of course not. There are many subjects which students study and many in which they may excel. Are they any less committed? Of course not. In fact, by diversifying their course of study, they are gaining much more than they would if they were limited to just one or two subjects.

Maggie Schuler says the boys' basketball team has learned to make a choice. They have not learned to make a choice. They were forced to make a choice.

—Donald K. Detweiler

and these positions?"

"It's all a popularity contest," Vickie Pursel, a junior, said about class elections.

Brad Wanish, a sophomore, said that about half the people who run for class elections do it for the popularity involved.

So, if students believe that these people are running only for the popularity status, why do they continue to vote for them?

"That's all anybody knows," Dawn Strunk, a senior, said. "They

well."

to play a major factor in these elections, there are also other things that must be considered when voting for fellow classmates.

"They have to be someone who is going to get things done," Dawn said. "They also should be involved in other activities."

Most of the people who have won class elections believe that they have many strong qualities which

said.

Popularity does seem to be a big influence on some people in both running for the elections as well as in the voting. However, doing a good job when elected to an office seems to be the best way for reelection to that position.

"I try to do a good job," said Denette Segner, who is the Senior Class president and has been president of her class for three years, "and carry out the duties of president to the best of my ability."

## Teachers remember what high school was like

by Maggie Schuler

Members of the faculty see much of themselves in the student body of Pottsgrove High School. Anything from smoking in the lavs to cheating on tests are things that mirror the teenage lives of teachers.

Mrs. Lynne VanZandt, guidance, attended Penn Yan Academy, a public school in New York. Although Mrs. VanZandt said her high school was larger than PHS, she believes things are not much different.

"People do take their time in the halls," she said. "In my high school, when the bell went off the doors locked."

When Mrs. Gail Miller, English teacher, attended Whitehall High School in Lehigh Valley, an "unbearable chemistry lab" was escaped by way of the windows.

"Kids tried to cut classes," Mrs. Miller said. "Not much has changed."

Mark Shuster, reading teacher, spent his teenage years at Center Area High School in Pennsylvania, where a substitute teacher was a special treat.

"We loved to harass subs," Mr.

Shuster said, "but people here don't seem to mind them."

Michael Tomasso, special education teacher, attended Cardinal O'Hara High School in Delaware County. Mr. Tomasso was part of a graduating class of 900 students. Despite the size of his school, rules were kept very strict.

"Students have definitely more freedom," Mr. Tomasso said. "They take many things for granted."

At Cardinal O'Hara, there was a dress code and the right side of the hallway was used for walking.

"The guys would see how far we could go," Mr. Tomasso said, "before cutting our hair." When the hair met the collar, it had to be cut.

Extra-curricular activities were a favorite part of the school day for Mrs. VanZandt and Mrs. Miller. Involvement in school activities at PHS is not as intense as it was at Penn Yan Academy, according to Mrs. VanZandt.

"Students today have after-school jobs," said Mrs. VanZandt. "When I went, sports and clubs were the thing."

For Mr. Shuster, speech class was a favorite because of the

teacher's "own uniqueness."

"She won our respect," Mr. Shuster said, "with her genuine character."

Mr. Tomasso's gym class was a highlight of his day.

"I would love to go back," he said, "to participate on the sports teams again."

To many members of the PHS student body, the idea of repeating the high school years is a nightmare. Members of the faculty disagree, saying that they would enjoy repeating "the best years of their life."

"I had less responsibilities then," Mr. Shuster said. "I think I worked a little harder."

"I had a great time in high school," Mr. Tomasso said, "and I gained a lot of memorable friendships."

Mrs. VanZandt said she "loved high school" but wouldn't want to repeat the entire thing.

"My junior and senior years were the best," she said. "I would maybe be willing to relive them."

The small, crowded classrooms of Whitehall High School are not somewhere Mrs. Miller would wish to return to. At least, she said, "Not at 4'10" and 170 pounds."



## 'We need help' Group forms to buy lights for field

by Tara Mizic

Pottsgrove is moving into the age of night time football games and band practices. A community group has formed to raise money to buy lights for the football field.

The committee is made up of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Harp; Mr. and Mrs. Marion Kunitsky, Mrs. Harp's parents; Mr. and Mrs. Phil Keogh, parents; Mrs. Betsy Heslop, teacher; Bob Rheel, teacher; Jeff Pennington, Student Government president, and Dave Neiman, Student Government vice president.

"We need help," Mrs. Harp said. "Anyone interested in helping is more than welcome. We need bodies, minds and support."

"There haven't been lights before," Richard Radel, PHS principal, said, "because of the lack of money and someone willing to take charge. There was always something more beneficial that we needed."

Mrs. Harp decided to take on the challenge. After being at an Owen J. Roberts cavalcade last fall, Mrs. Harp talked to other parents about interest in getting lights for PHS.

"I saw how nice the lights were at Owen J.," Mrs. Harp said. "Other parents thought that we should have lights, too. I approached Dr. Radel and asked what he thought. He said, 'You get me the money for the lights and you can have them.'"

Mrs. Harp talked to Mr. Murgia and got information from other

school districts who have recently gotten lights. Then she went to the board and got their approval. She started working with Jeff and Dave after reading an article in *Falcon*.

"I read my daughter's newspaper and saw that the Student Government was also trying to get lights," Mrs. Harp said. "It seemed that they were doing the same things I had already done. I contacted them and we started working together."

The committee, which meets in Mrs. Harp's home, is still trying to raise the rest of the money for the cost of the lights. The only fund-

raiser, a silver jewelry sale, was run throughout the five schools in the district.

"I thank everyone for their involvement in the jewelry sale," Mrs. Harp added. "We raised about \$19,000 of the \$27,000-\$30,000 needed. We're making up a brochure for the first night football game. We're soliciting ads from businesses and patrons for further funds."

With a little help, the lights will be ready for the 1989-90 school year. The field could also be used for band cavalcades, soccer, field hockey and community projects.

## Freshmen to travel to Dorney Park

by Jen Bleau

The Freshman Class will be taking its annual trip to Dorney Park and Wild Water Kingdom on June 1.

According to Mrs. Margaret Gerhart, who is the Freshman Class adviser, most of the class will be participating in the trip.

Before the class leaves to go to Dorney Park, they will listen in the auditorium to a guest speaker from the Pennsylvania Business Institute. Braccia Inez, who is a high school coordinator, will be talking to the class about post high school education.

The Freshman Class did extremely well raising money this year, said Mrs. Gerhart.

Every year the big fund raiser for the Freshman Class is the Homecoming dance.

"A lot of the freshmen came out to support their own function," said Mrs. Gerhart, explaining why the dance was such a success. "It was also one of the first dances of the year. This year's Homecoming dance was also the first time that we had a disc jockey."

The Freshman Class officers are Tom Hunsinger, president; Matt Sikora, vice president; Anne Lopez, secretary; and Howie Smoyer, treasurer.

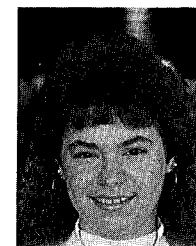
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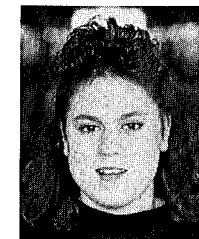
**Kim Ranieri**, sophomore: "It will encourage more people to come out and play. They'll be able to play at night and have longer practices."



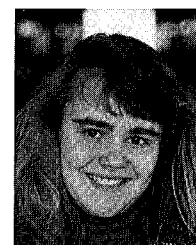
**Jessie Hildenbrand**, junior: "More fans, a little more support from parents."



**Heather Clark**, senior: "They'll make more money. Parents will be able to go because it's at night."



**Chris Engle**, sophomore: "It will give more people the opportunity to come and watch the games."



## Loud music is hard on the ears

by Tabitha Mizic

could not hear certain decibals. I questioned her and she said she

# Effort helps trumpeter get state band seat



**Years of practice pay off:** PHS trumpeter Jason Grams, who said that he has been playing trumpet for seven or eight years, played with the state band April 13-15.

by Melissa Bush

"He is one of the most conscientious musical students I ever taught," Darryl Weyman, PHS band director, said, "and because of his concentrated effort it shows what can be achieved."

The talented student that Mr. Weyman speaks so highly of is Jason Grams, junior trumpet player, who recently qualified to play in state band.

"State band is the third level of bands in Pennsylvania," Jason said. "There are 12 district bands, six regional bands and one state band."

According to Jason, he had to try out in December to receive his seating in district band. He then re-auditioned for regional band. The top musicians from regional band then qualified for state band.

"It's no accident he got there," Mr. Weyman said. "I could see three years ago when I started teaching here Jason had the intensity, and he has improved over the years."

According to Jason, he has been playing the trumpet for seven or eight years and he has taken private lessons from Thomas Roberts.

Jason is the only Pottsgrove student who went to state band at Anneville Cleona, Pennsylvania, on April 13-15.

"Jason is a good leader for everyone else," Mr. Weyman said. "He has all the qualities any director could ask for: always prepared, takes responsibility and good rehearsal etiquette. He is also academically talented."

Jason is involved in many musical groups at Pottsgrove, including orchestra, marching band, concert band, pep band, brass choir, community band and jazz band.

You should have listened to your parents when they told you not to listen to too loud rock music.

According to performers and HEAR (Hearing Education Awareness for Rockers), rock music at a loud decibal can permanently damage hearing.

More and more rock performers are losing their hearing due to music at a loud decibal. Singer and bassist Kathy Peck has lost 40% of her hearing in her right ear and must now wear a hearing aid.

Mrs. Caroline Reigner, PHS nurse, said, "In the beginning of the year, a student came down here (health room) complaining of having a hard time hearing what the teacher was saying. I checked her hearing and she

listened to a lot of rock music over the summer." Mrs. Reigner then told the student to "tone down the volume."

Earphones are a major contributing factor to the loss of hearing. "The sound from the earphones travels directly into the ear," Mrs. Reigner said. "With speakers, the sound has more room to travel."

Rock performers are also taking precautions at their concerts. Speakers are moved to the front of the stage towards the audience. In this way, it is actually quieter on stage than it is in the audience.

There is no real damage done to the ears if you would go to a concert infrequently. Continued attendance at concerts could cause hearing loss.

## Students should learn how to study

by Holly Lynch

Michael Ondo, guidance counselor at PHS, believes that "every student should learn how to study."

"Many students memorize facts," Mr. Ondo said, "which is good sometimes, but it really depends on the teacher and the information."

How students study can have a big influence on their grades. Although some students have to spend hours memorizing facts to do well in school, other students are able to retain facts by just paying attention in class.

Tracie Rheel, a junior who made distinguished honors, doesn't need to study if she pays attention in class. "I don't have very good study habits," Tracie said, "because I always wait until the last minute."

Mr. Ondo thinks that one common mistake students make when

they study is that they think that they're ready for a test when they really did not put enough time into it.

"Another mistake is overstudying," Mr. Ondo said. "Students put too much pressure on themselves to do well and then they forget what they learned."

Chris Engle, a sophomore, said that she studies on the phone. The amount of time she studies depends on the subject. "Some subjects I never study for," Chris said. "Others I could study for two hours." She also thinks that her study habits could be improved.

Mr. Ondo believes that the best method of studying is the one that helps the individual to learn best. Also, he said taking good notes and understanding concepts is important if a student wants to do well in school.

**Coming to school on Saturday:**

## ***PHS begins in-school suspension***

by Jen Bleau

Out-of-school suspension is looked upon as a "vacation to many of the students and parents," Gary Reed, PHS vice principal, said. As a result of this, Pottsgrove now has in-school suspension, which is being held on Saturdays from 8 to 12 a.m.

"I don't know any kid that would want to get up on a Saturday and come into school for four hours doing homework," Mr. Reed said.

One of the biggest reasons for this change was so the students will not be punished academically.

“Students lose time out of class when they are suspended,” Mr. Reed said, “and most of the time they don’t make up the work. I want kids in school as much as possible.”

Mr. Reed said he studied in-

### *Future homemakers from new club*

by Holly Lynch

A new club has been formed here at PHS. Future Homemakers of America (FHA) prepares students for the occupation of homemaking and family life.

"The goal of FHA," Mrs. Linda Cole, advisor to FHA, said, "is to help young people assume their roles in society through home

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school suspensions from top to bottom and having the students in school on Saturdays works out the best way economically. Also, there is not enough room during the school day to have a room devoted to those who receive in-school suspension.

The in-school suspension "is not an option," Mr. Reed said.

If the student who is assigned the in-school suspension does not show up, it will result in a long-term suspension as well as additional Saturdays. If the student still continues after this to skip the Saturdays, it could result in expulsion.

"Saturday is a lesser of two evils," Mr. Reed said.

In-school suspension, however, will not replace long term suspensions or detention.


"If this idea doesn't work, we'll just have to regroup and try something else," Mr. Reed said.

economics education in areas of personal growth, family life, vocational preparation and community involvement."

## Projects

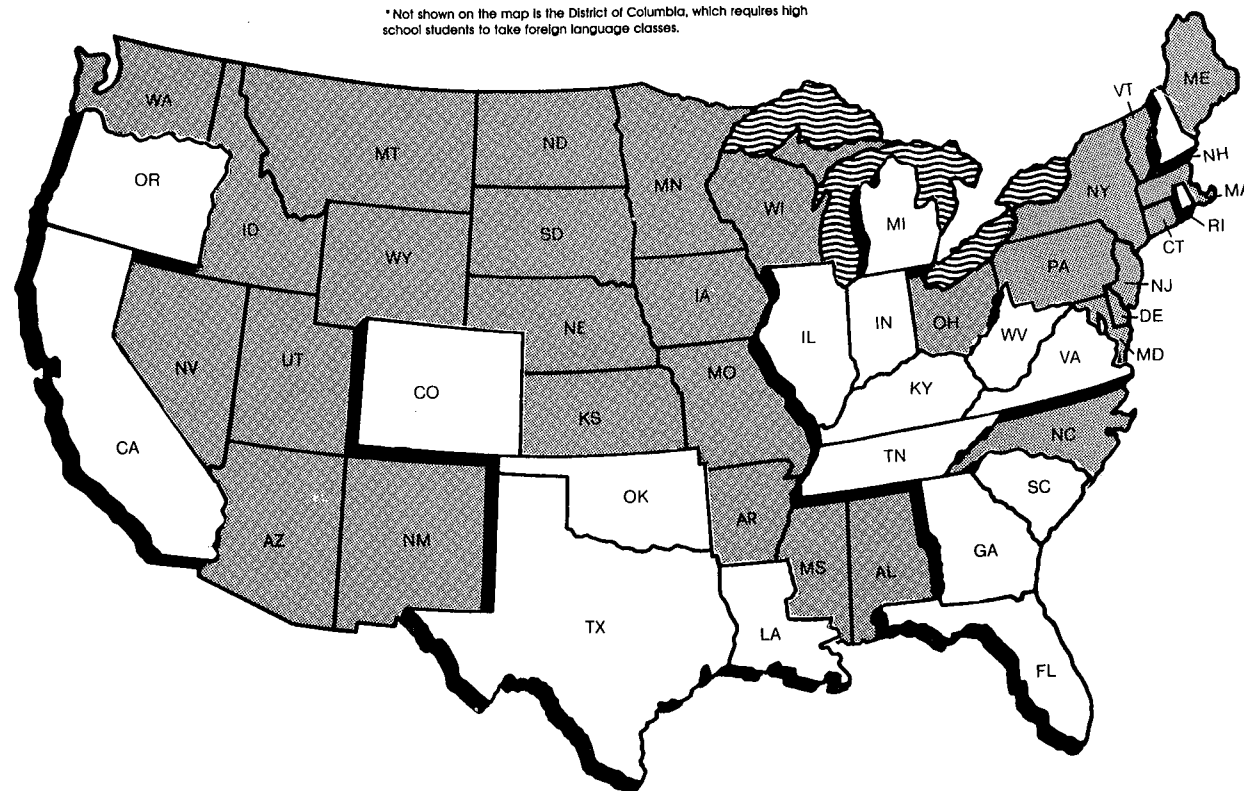
The first project of FHA was to make decorations for the Christmas tree. They also gave a Christmas present to each teacher and served the refreshments at the reception for the Color Day finalists and their parents.

"Anyone who has taken or is taking a course in home economics may join," Mrs. Cole said.

 States that require foreign language studies at high school and/or college levels.\*

Source: The Education Commission of the States

\* Not shown on the map is the District of Columbia, which requires high school students to take foreign language classes.



## 57.8 percent take Spanish

# Language requirement gets low grade

by Melissa Bush

"I took French in ninth grade because my mother is a French teacher, and if I had taken another language, she would have disinherited me," Tom Bell, a junior taking his third year of French, said.

This may sound like a common

Languages, 57.8 percent of foreign language students in grades seven through 12 are enrolled in Spanish. French is the second most popular language with 28 percent.

"There are more students taking foreign languages," John Romano-ski, Sr., a Spanish teacher, said, "because when I first started teach-ing 15 years ago, there were only

major in international business, which is comprised of political science, economics and a foreign language."

According to HSNB, high school students want to be bilingual to keep pace with this increasingly global society. The National Council on Foreign Language and International Studies compiled some

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excuse that students use when asked why they took, or are taking, Spanish, French, Latin or German.

Pottsgrove High School graduation requirements include at least two years of a foreign language for an academic student, and some Pottsgrove students choose at the end of their two years not to take a third year.

"I found studying Spanish boring," Keith Whittaker, a junior who opted not to take Spanish III, said. "However, I would enjoy speaking the language."

According to the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, less than 10 percent of the nation's high school students are required to take more than two years of any foreign language. Also, one out of five high schools has no foreign language course.

According to the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign

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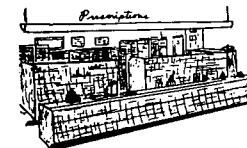
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## "... Kids like to take easier classes."

four Spanish classes. Now I teach six classes and there is another Spanish teacher (Mrs. Mae Hanna) who teaches four. There has been a great increase."

According to High School News and Graphics (HSNG), only about one third of the U.S.'s colleges require applicants to take a foreign language, and two thirds require some or all students to study a foreign language in order to get a bachelor's degree.

"I am continuing to take French because I enjoy it," Tom said. "It fits into my tentative plans for the future, which, right now, are to

economic statistics:  
-More than 6,000 American companies operate overseas.

-International activities produce a third of all U.S. corporate profits.

-Thirteen of the country's largest banks earn nearly 50 percent of their income through foreign accounts.

"It (foreign language) is an integral part in the preparatory study for college," Mr. Romanoski said. "Also, people are becoming more aware of the languages in our culture."

However, at Pottsgrove, some students drop foreign languages because some students feel learning a foreign language is too difficult.

"My German classes have gotten smaller," Mrs. Yvonne Davidheiser, French and German teacher, said. "There are scheduling problems and kids like to take easier classes."

## Sophomores schedule Baltimore trip

by Jeanette Lotz

One hundred fifty-five students and five chaperones will take part in the annual Sophomore Class trip to Baltimore's Inner Harbor.

Trip participants will leave Potts-

town at 6:45 a.m. and return between 8:30 and 9:00 p.m. The itinerary will include a visit to the National Aquarium and the Maryland Science Center.

Baltimore's Inner Harbor area is one of the most successful restoration projects in the country. The National Aquarium has over 8,000 specimens of 600 different types of mammals, fish, birds, reptiles, amphibians, and invertebrates, including a large dolphin pool and a 200,000 gallon shark tank.

The Maryland Science Center contains dozens of "please-touch" exhibits which let visitors experience inter-terrestrial travel and marvel at the wonders of nature.

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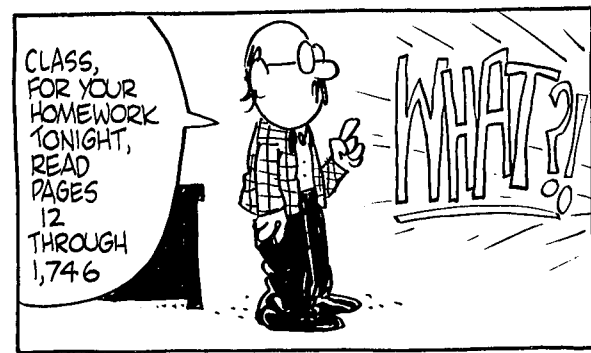
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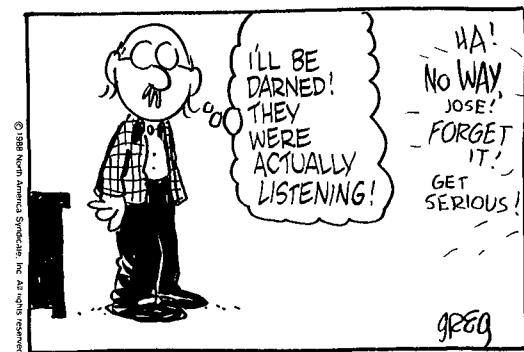
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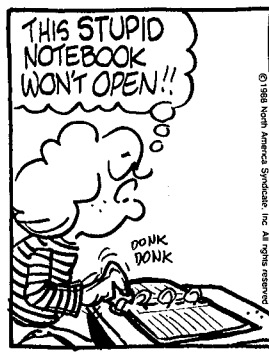
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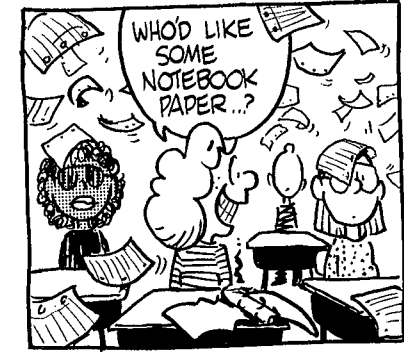
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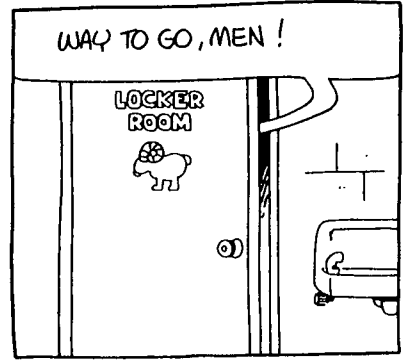


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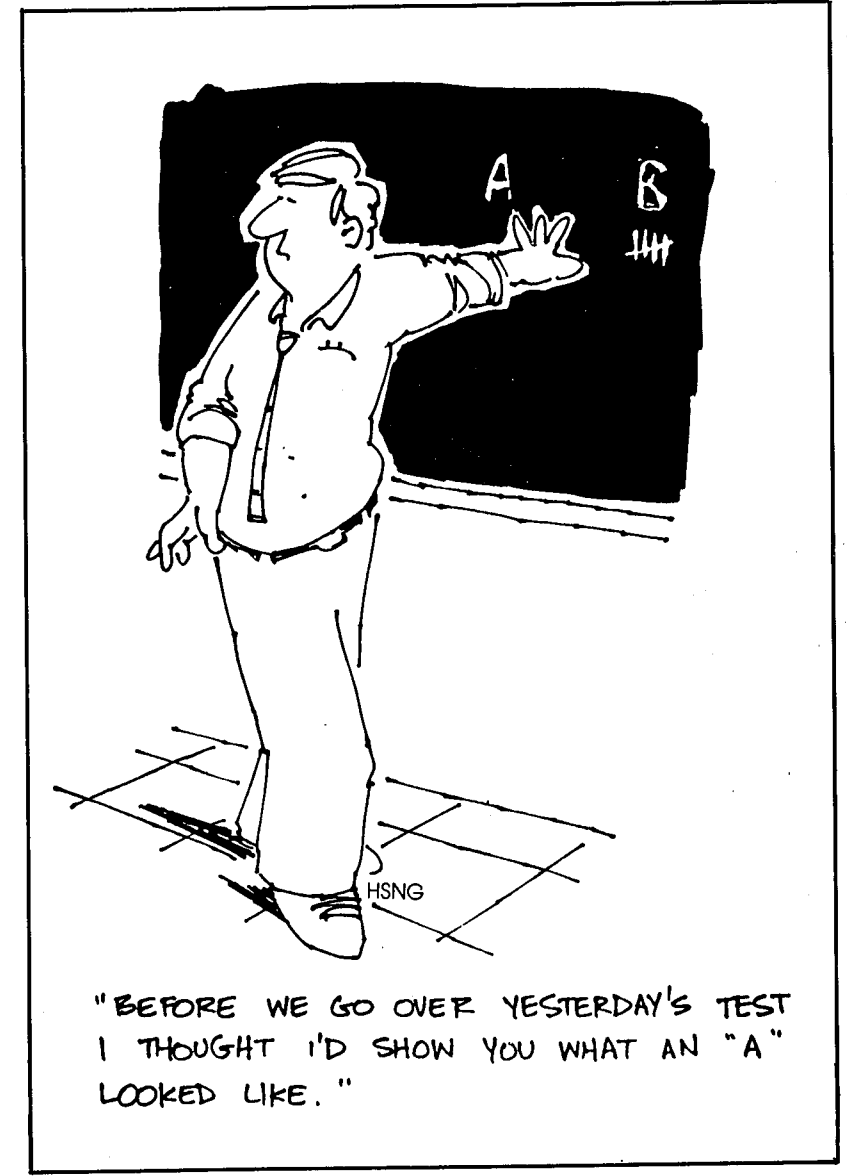


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**Coach earns honors:** After his team had a respectful finish in the PAC-10 League and eight of his wrestlers qualified for regional competition, Coach Joseph Tornetta was named 1989 Coach of the Year by District I AA coaches.

### *Season started 'on track'*

## Lady Falcons to host Owen J. Roberts in second meeting

by Colleen Mayk

to the Crusaders, 1-0.  
"If you have good pitching abil-

"I knew we weren't as strong as the Winged Lions, but we held our

# Tornetta named Coach of the Year

by Maggie Schuler

In the history of Pottsgrove wrestling, no team has had a winning season since 1960, with one great exception. This year's squad finished respectably in the PAC-10 and captured the title of District 1 AA Champions. Eight wrestlers went on to regional competition, and of that group, one advanced to the state tournament.

The success of the team and the work ethic of its members were two of the key ingredients to the awards won by their coach.

Joseph Tornetta, wrestling coach, was named 1989 Coach of the Year

by the District 1 AA coaches, the Pottstown Mercury and the PAC-10 League coaches.

According to Coach Tornetta, awards like this are not won for "being mediocre."

"My award is a team award," he said. "It belongs to everyone on the squad."

In the beginning of the season, Coach Tornetta and his Falcons adopted a basic philosophy on which to base their season. Although the wrestlers learned at different rates of speed and ability, their goals were set high and instilled Coach Tornetta's belief in the "Pottsgrove athlete." According to Coach Tornetta, the award

spelled out all the hard work and effort that made their season successful.

"Don't ever underestimate what young men will do," he said. "Their goals can be accomplished."

Despite the fact that the award was in Coach Tornetta's name, the team members also felt a sense of accomplishment.

"It is something that says we were recognized as a team," Coach Tornetta said, "and not just by my coaching abilities alone."

Next year promises to be just as exciting. With a "good nucleus of returning individuals," Coach Tornetta looks forward to another successful wrestling season.

## Coach says young tennis team has talent

by Jen Bleau

The boys' tennis team is a young one, but it is full of talent, according to the team's coach, James Regensburg.

"It's the first time since I've been coaching that we have the potential to be really good," said Mr. Regensburg.

Johnny Armstrong, who is a sophomore, has improved tremendously, said Mr. Regensburg.

Johnny is in the number one single spot; Keith Whittaker, a junior and co-captain, is number two; Ricky Thompson, a sophomore, is number three; and Scott Whittaker, also a junior and co-captain, is number four.

### Doubles

"The doubles team of Matt Krause and Todd Doering are doing extremely well," said Mr. Regensburg.

This is both Matt and Todd's first year on the tennis team. They are both seniors.

"We're a solid team," said Scott. "Everyone pulls together and we win as a team."

### Tournament

The top two singles from each school will be meeting today at the

"I feel that the competition is intense and that this tournament will be very competitive," said Keith. "However, I feel that Johnny and I have a decent chance of doing well in the tournament."

The team is going strong with a record of 6-1 going into their match against Phoenixville at Phoenixville on Monday.

Mr. Regensburg is also getting very excited about next year's season as well. Since most of the team will be back again next year, the team should have a very solid season.

"Next year," said Johnny, "we'll be even stronger."



**Diener's**

The Lady Falcons will host the Owen J. Roberts softball team May 3.

"The season started out pretty much on track," Mrs. Kathy Baker, PHS softball coach, said. "I'm pleased with what has happened so far, and I hope it continues."

In the first game of the season, Dawn Kulp, a sophomore, pitched a no-hitter against Lansdale Catholic. However, they ended up losing

ity, then you have a chance for a successful season," Mrs. Baker said.

The Lady Falcons walked away with a win on April 7 against OJR after defeating them, 7-2.

"I feel the number one ingredient a team needs is to have a group of girls that are willing to work together and play with confidence," Mrs. Baker said.

On April 10, the team traveled to Memorial Park to play Pius X and suffered a loss, 11-1.

## Track teams face Upper Perk squads

by Carolyn Cooper

The girls' and boys' track teams will continue their season with a home meet against Upper Perk on May 1.

"Traditionally, Upper Perk has been strong," Charles Yohn, girls' track coach, said, "but they lost a lot of seniors last year. I would like to think it would be a close meet."

Kenneth Harclerode, boys' track coach, hopes to be more and more competitive as the season progresses.

**"... We go into each meet knowing we have a chance to win."**

Senior Tori Mitchell, running the 400 and 800 dashes and the 1600 and 3200 relays, is expected to do well. Also, sophomore Jen Zezenski, running the 800, 1600 and 3200 dashes, and senior Tina Poley, throwing the javelin and discus, will score well for PHS.

"Our strength would be that we are spread out in all events. We have no weaknesses," Mr. Yohn said. He also said that the turnout for the team was good.

Mr. Harclerode said that for the boys' team sophomore Matt Doz, juniors Dave Beccaria, Justin Wysock and Donald Berry and senior Ron White are all improving.

"With track we look to improve the individual performances," Mr. Harclerode said. "They can measure their improvement in every meet. It is difficult to do this in other sports."

Mr. Harclerode said that the contenders for boys' track in the league are Phoenixville, Pottstown and Great Valley. For girls' track, Mr. Yohn said that Great Valley has the best team.

Mr. Harclerode thinks PHS will have quite a few boys going to Districts. Mr. Yohn said that Tori, running the 400, Jen, running the mile, and Tina, throwing the javelin and discus, will have a shot at gold medals.

"I think this year is a little more enjoyable," Mr. Yohn said, "because there is a larger turnout and we go into each meet knowing we have a chance to win."

own," Mrs. Baker said. "The very cold weather did not help us either."

The captains of the PHS softball team are Danielle Borneman, Dawn Strunk and Pam Rowe.

"The whole team knows what they are capable of accomplishing this season if they are willing to put in the time," Mrs. Baker said.



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