

## newsbriefs

### Parents rarely object to jobs

Although studies indicate high school students who work long hours after school get poorer grades, parents and teachers rarely object to teenage after-school jobs.

George Washington University researchers Philip W. Wirtz and Cynthia A. Rohrbeck and National Institute for Work and Learning surveyors Ivan Charner and Bryna Shore Fraser questioned 446 teenagers who worked in seven fast-food chains.

The students who worked less than 20 hours each week held "B" plus averages, slightly better grades than those who worked more than 20 hours each week.

They said their employment endeavors — no matter how time consuming — were supported by their parents and teachers.

During the school year, more than 2.4 million teenagers hold part-time jobs.

### Teachers should use more tools

Record numbers of students will leave public schools for private ones unless teachers stop using "rote" instruction methods, the president of one of the biggest teachers unions warned recently.

The teachers should be "minimizing lectures and maximizing tools such as computers, video and audio tapes," and working "more one-on-one" with students, President Albert Shanker of the American Federation of Teachers told Oklahoma school board members.

### Grade pressures hospitalize teens

Intense academic pressures have forced 49 Acton-Roxborough junior and senior high school students into hospitals.

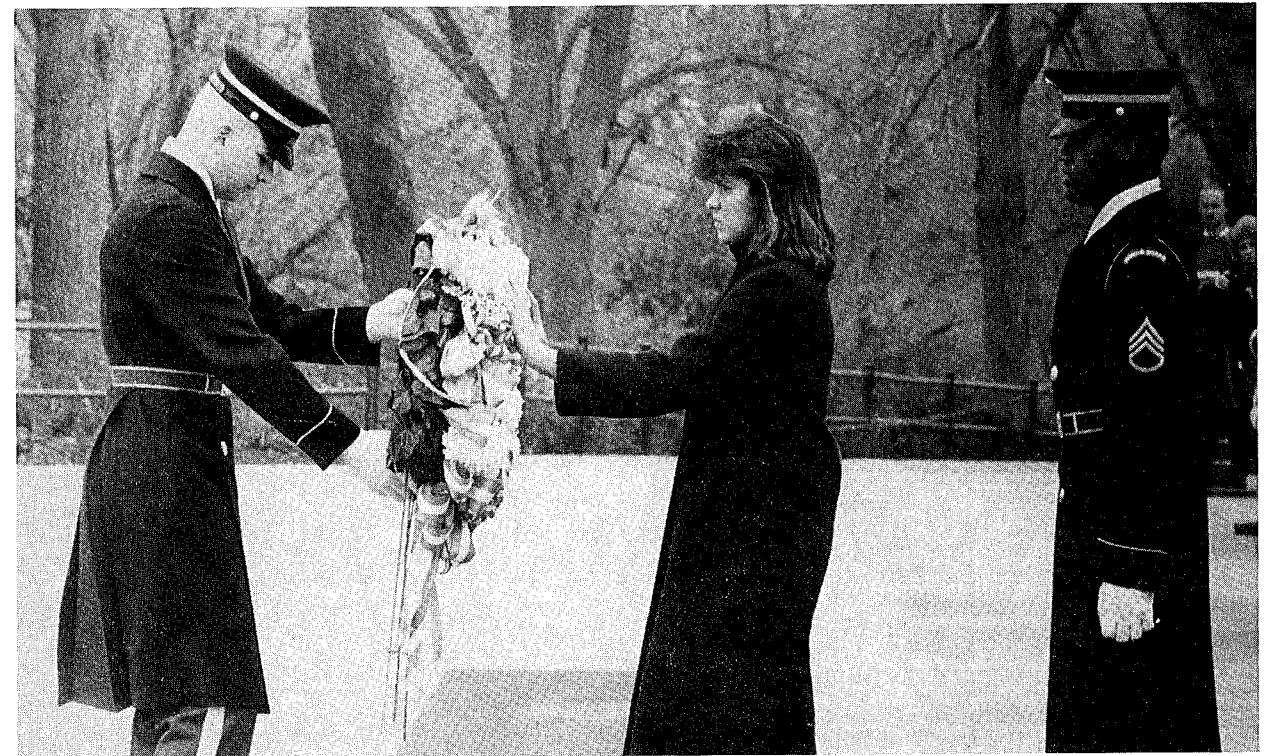
The students from the affluent Boston suburb claim they are under extreme pressure to perform well in school.

"I feel it," said junior Ed Dischino. "You can't see it because nobody talks about it in terms of stress or pressure. But it's here."

Dr. Paris C. Faigel, director of health services at nearby Brandeis University, says about 20 percent of the nation's high school and college students suffer depression

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**Juniors to dedicate wreath:** Then Junior Class president Cathy McDevitt is pictured as she dedicates a wreath on behalf of her class at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier last year. Denette Segnere will make the dedication Friday.

## Juniors travel to D.C.

by Tracey Koneski

ment of the United States. The students can experience many of the items that we discuss in class."

the Declaration of Independence at the National Archives.

The Class of '89 will then travel

and fatigue.

## General pushes AIDS education

Early in February, the same month U.S. Surgeon General C. Everett Koop said he'd like to test students on at least one major college campus — and possibly some high schools — for AIDS, the national Centers for Disease Control (CDC) published a 14-page AIDS education handbook.

It will be distributed to schools by local and state health agencies.

In it, the CDC recommends students delay having sexual intercourse "until they are ready to establish a mutually monogamous relationship within the context of marriage."

Acquired immune deficiency syndrome, in part, is a sexually transmitted disease that destroys the body's ability to fight infection.

## High school paper censored

A cartoon caption lampooning President Reagan's problems appointing a new U.S. Supreme Court justice was deleted from about 400 Regina High School student newspapers.

Principal Michael Ashton and adviser Mike Swan claim the recent Supreme Court ruling giving principals more control over scholastic newspaper content didn't influence their decision to censor the cartoon.

But student editor Carl Kolbert disagreed. "This whole thing is definitely a result of that decision."

Elsewhere, since the January court decision, student editors from Homestead High School in Cupertino, Cal., and Pima (Ariz.) Community College have battled administrative censorship.

## Minorities suspended more

Minority students are more likely to be placed on suspension than their white counterparts, a new U.S. Department of Education survey has found.

The survey, based on enrollment and race data from 3,378 public school districts, was conducted by the department's Office for Civil Rights.

During the 1986-87 school year, white students — who comprise 70 percent of the total school enrollment — accounted for 59 percent of school suspensions.

Black students, who only represent 16 percent of the total school enrollment, made up 30 percent of in-school suspensions.

112 members of the Junior Class will leave to travel to Washington, D.C.

Along with them, Mark Shuster, Gary Christ, Ronald Schafer, Mrs. Nancy Toothaker, Mrs. Bronwyn Baltasavich, Dr. Richard Radel and Addison Davidson, the American Cultures teacher in charge of the trip, will be in attendance.

Mr. Davidson said that he takes the juniors to Washington "because of the relationship between American Cultures and the govern-

First, the juniors will get their picture taken on the steps of the Capitol. They will then move on to visit Ford's Theater, the house where Lincoln died and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) building.

They will see the "Rising of the Flag over Iwo Jima" and an educational film, "To Fly," at the National Air and Space Museum.

Also, they will visit the Lincoln and Jefferson monuments.

In addition, they will stop to see

to Arlington National Cemetery where Denette Segner, class president, will dedicate a wreath, made by the horticulture class at the vocational technical school, at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The changing of the guard ceremony will take place after the dedication.

Denette said that she feels it is a big honor to dedicate the wreath.

"Since all the soldiers died for us to be free, we should keep their memory and thank them for what they did for us," she said.

# Team formed to help students

by Shawnn Shafer

If a student has a problem, he can now turn to SNAP (Student Needs Assistance Program).

"There is no instant cure," Caroline Reigner, school nurse and SNAP team member, said. "It (SNAP) is a start for finding solutions to the problem."

The team consists of gym and health teacher Mrs. Barbara Clayton and reading teacher Mark Shuster; school psychologist Mike Murphy; administrator Gary Reed; school nurse Mrs. Reigner and guidance counselor Mrs. Diane Rupp.

"The primary reason that I got involved was because of the interaction that I have with the students," Mr. Reed said, "and to voluntarily get the school district involved." By the year 1990, the state has mandated that every school district should form a SNAP team.

In December the team went to Elizabethtown, N.J., for a five-day training program. The meals and facilities were paid for by the Masonic Program, a men's organization which has also put a lot of money into the SNAP program. The training and money given to Creative Health Services, a community agency to work with the

team, were state funded.

"The years of adolescence cause problems that are more than can be handled by a person," Mrs. Clayton said. "Sometimes the people who you think are happy are not."

After a student goes to a team member with a problem, the SNAP team will sit down and look at and discuss the problem. The team will then decide the person's options. Twice a cycle the SNAP team meets.

"Everything involving the student and his problem will be kept confidential," Mrs. Reigner said. "If a student is referred to outside help (if the team feels the person's problem should involve a counselor), the members of the SNAP team won't know what is going on at the counseling sessions."

The team is at PHS to accept problems. They are not trained to treat or counsel. Decisions for a problem will be given to the student. If the problem is too serious, outside help will be sought.

"Parental involvement will not be included unless the team feels it is a very serious problem that may involve suicide because the parents could be losing a valuable person in their life," Mr. Reed said.

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## Hungry for success

Parents and teachers like to stress the fact that it is important for students to do well in school, and they come up with a lot of arguments for why students should always be putting their best foot forward.

For instance, juniors are told their grades are important because, if they want to go to college, their junior grades are the ones colleges look at. However, not all the pressure to do well in school comes from adults and not all of it is bad.

Some students place themselves under pressure to do well in school. For instance, just as some people are competitive in sports, others are competitive in the classroom. They are competitive not only with others but also with themselves. Once they get good grades they have to maintain them and even try to do better.

Some students do well in school because they are "hungry." Being "hungry" has often been used as a way of explaining why some people succeed in life, also the reason why some people do not succeed. For instance, when the Chicago Bears and New York Giants did not repeat as football champions, some said it was because these two football teams in the seasons after their championships did not hunger for the success and fame as they had done in leaner seasons. Thus, once they had won the cham-



## *You get what you pay for* **Money buys high test scores**

by Shawn Shafer

An issue which frequently comes under debate is whether or not there is a direct correlation between the amount of money spent to educate a student and how well a student does in school.

"There is definitely a correlation between the amount of money spent per pupil and how well students do in school because the more money spent per pupil can increase the opportunities for the

approximate tuition is \$2,500, and it costs \$3,700 for a high school or secondary student per year.

As far as teachers' salaries go, Pennsylvania is sixteenth among the states. In SAT scores it is ranked fifteenth. In student drop out rates, it was ranked thirty-seventh — with the state with the highest drop out rate ranked first.

Of the 50 states and the District of Columbia, Alaska ranks first when it comes to paying its teachers the most. The average teacher's

ese. American educators have seen as one of their missions the objective of devising strategies to help American students compete with the Japanese.

"I feel this is how students should take tests," said Dr. Coleman, who went on to list four things he felt would make American students test better. First, he said students should go to school 240 days a year, with no summer vacation.

Dr. Coleman also said that students should do drills and practice with test questions that students

pionship, they were not as driven to work and accomplish things as they had been before they had achieved fame.

Being hungry is the reason given for why some Asian students become so successful in academics. Because their parents had to live so much of their lives without success — material or otherwise, these students have a drive to achieve the success which their parents did not experience and could not give them.

Students can be hungry for grades; they can become dissatisfied with the status quo and with mediocrity, and they can channel that dissatisfaction into success in school through hard work and study. They become achievers. Even if they may not be gifted academically, they overcome their limitations through a drive to achieve.

Some schools distinguish themselves through the testing programs because they are fortunate to be situated in affluent areas where parents are largely college educated and pass on their academic values to their children.

Pottsgrove is a school district which is more of a melting pot. However, Pottsgrove is a competitive high school, and it annually graduates students who share this competitive spirit. Pottsgrove is not a school district that wants to rest on its laurels. Unlike the Bears and the Giants, it has year after year stayed hungry and stayed competitive.

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### Letter to the editor:

## *Government does little for its constituents*

To the Editor:

Over the summer, I journeyed to a wonderful country, Uda. It was fun, but they have school during the summer, so I enrolled in classes. They also have a student government; unlike ours it has three major problems: people are elected by popularity, there is no communication, and the officers blame the students for not offering advice.

I did not become involved in this "government" since it is so unlike ours. I forgot about this "club,"

although they had two meetings.

One day, the officers came waltzing into my class and disrupted it in order to plan an up-coming event that the student government was going to implement. I was shocked since many of my friends who were representatives did not know about this project until a nonmember told them. I am glad our government does not work that way.

The worst day of my trip was when I ate a strange food and had a terrible nightmare. I dreamed that I

principal, said.

Pottsgrove provides several services for its students, and each costs money. It provides student guidance counselors, nursing facilities and psychological and reading specialists to help students improve their performance.

"There is no money spent on good study habits, reading and listening skills, homework and achievement," Dr. Alvin Coleman, the superintendent of the Pottsgrove school district, said.

Among the 21 states in 1987 in which students take the SAT (in the other states students take the ACT), students in New Hampshire scored highest. However, among the 50 states, in regards to spending per student (the average is \$3,752 per pupil), New Hampshire is twenty-sixth. Pennsylvania is ranked tenth at \$4,416 per student. It is ranked eleventh if D.C. is included.

To send an elementary or intermediate student to Pottsgrove, the

\$43,970. In Pennsylvania, which was ranked seventeenth in teacher salaries, the average teacher earned \$27,422.

"There is no correlation between how much a teacher is paid and how well students do in school because a dedicated teacher will do his best work no matter how much he is paid," Mr. Reed said.

Among the most competitive students in the world are the Japan-

should spend 9-12 hours of long, hard studying each day and that students should practice with and memorize specific factual knowledge.

"If a school wants to raise the test scores, the way to do it is the Japanese way," Dr. Coleman said. "Pottsgrove has a 'well-rounded' education. The Japanese concentrate only on education and nothing else."

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### On the big screen:

## *Honeymoon turns 'frantic'*

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by Carolyn Cooper

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One would expect a second honeymoon to be a wonderful replica of the first one. An American heart surgeon and his wife of 20 years certainly expected so in the movie "Frantic."

Dr. Richard Walker and his wife Sondra arrive at a hotel in Paris, exhausted from their flight. Jamming a key into her suitcase lock, she experiences an empty feeling. She has just discovered — perhaps out of tiredness — that she picked up the wrong suitcase at the airport.

Despite the mix-up in luggage, everything else seems to be going as planned, until Dr. Walker steps into the shower. When he comes out of the bathroom, he discovers that his wife is gone.

Dr. Walker initially remains calm. After a drunkard tells him how his wife was forced into a car, he becomes "frantic." For the next hour of the movie, the tension is thick and the frustration very realistic. It is particularly frustrating when the French government and American Embassy seem unrealistically bent toward not helping Dr.

Walker find his wife Sondra.

At one point, a French girl named Michelle enters the scene and helps supply the solution to the mystery of the doctor's missing wife and suitcase.

A badly needed comic relief of tension is given when Dr. Walker all but falls off a roof. The movie was not extremely entertaining, probably because the storyline is very real.

Viewers enjoy seeing Harrison Ford, who portrays Dr. Walker, once again. His acting is superb. Michelle, portrayed by Emmanuelle Seigner, and Sondra Walker, portrayed by Betty Buckley, do not add to the movie with their acting. Sondra Walker is not a well-developed character to begin with.

This screenplay thriller was made by Roman Polanski, who at this time is making a comeback. He seems to be putting his heart into each and every scene, generating the suspense he is famous for.

Moviegoers will not come out of the movie feeling that they were entertained, but they will have enjoyed Harrison Ford's acting and the action of a good thriller.

Greg Jackson

*VCR's have created a video wonderland*

## Stores offer varying selections

by Jen Dunn

VCR's (video cassette recorders) have become about the biggest fad of the 1980's.

The growth in consumer interests in VCR's has spurred a growth in video rental stores. Presently, some sections of town have two or three stores to choose from.

Every video store has its strong points. It may be in its selection of tapes, rental prices, membership dues or specials.

Video Depot, located on North Charlotte Street in Pottstown, has over 6,000 Beta and VHS tapes in stock. A \$35 lifetime membership is required with no deposit needed. Included in the membership are six free rentals, and every tenth rental is free.

The cost of a tape varies from night to night but the regular fee is \$3 for a night. On Wednesdays, it

costs \$1.98 to rent a movie. Monday through Thursday, if five tapes are rented, it will cost \$1.25. Another special is called the treasure chest. If someone receives a red stamp on his receipt, he receives two free movie rentals.

Video Depot's hours are from 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

West Coast Video, located in the North End Shopping Center, is another popular area video store. Membership costs \$10 per year, and overnight rentals cost \$1.98 plus tax. Popcorn is given out free with every rental.

Many specials are run everyday at West Coast Video. There is the Senior Citizen Special, where a senior citizen can rent one tape and get another free Monday through Thursday. Also, the Children's Special, where if two children's movies are rented the third is free.

There is the Mid-day Matinee, if a movie is rented out and brought back before 5 p.m. the same day, the movie is only half price. West Coast also rents out VCR's and camcorders.

West Coast Video is open from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Sunday.

Video tapes can also be rented from stores that don't specialize in just video equipment.

7-Eleven on High Street in Stowe also rents out tapes. This can be beneficial to some people because there are no membership fees and the store is open 24 hours a day. 7-Eleven has 240 tapes in stock, and the fee for one rental overnight is \$1.49 plus tax.

How does a person choose the best video store for himself? One way is to look around and to compare the different stores, also by comparing the prices and specials.

*New techniques used*

## Yearbook staff to publish issue in May

by Melissa Bush

The 1988 Pottsgrove yearbook, *Pottsgrovian*, will be distributed at the end of May. Each book costs \$22 and contains 184 pages, according to Shelley Tyson, editor-in-chief, and Amy Spokas, managing editor.

Shelley, who is also Senior Section editor, is in charge of overseeing and staying on top of the entire

Life and more complicated layouts throughout," Shelley said.

"There are new graphic techniques and more student quotes," Amy said. "The quotes helped to get more people in as part of the book — it's just about the equivalent of getting a candid picture put in."

Being on the yearbook staff requires a lot of dedication. Accord-

approximately 10 hours a week.

"We stayed after school three nights and Saturday mornings while deadlines had to be met," Amy said.

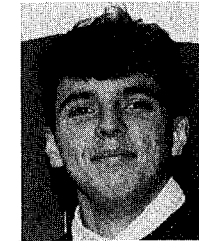
The adviser to the 1988 *Pottsgrovian* is Charles Parrish.

"Being a staff member can be a lot of work, but it's worth it when you hold the finished product in

## 'Falcon' asks ...

How do you think Student Government has helped you this year?

**Beth Moore, senior:** "Student Government does not seem quite as involved in school and student activities this year. I guess it really has not done much."



**Matt Armstrong, senior:** "I don't think Student Government has done anything for the school this year. But I do think the president did a half decent job for what he had to work with."

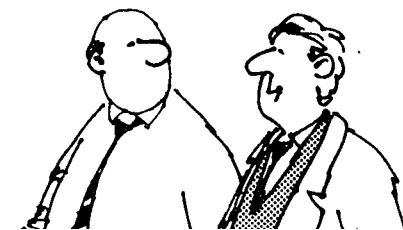


**Michele Cohen, junior:** "I think the people in Student Government are in it more for the popularity than to help the school."



**Tracie Rheel, sophomore:** "I don't think they have really done anything this year."

Photos by Liz Yohn



job. He also reviews and revises all layouts and proofreads the copy. Amy, who is also Student Life editor, writes the dedication, proofreads the copy and is directly responsible for making sure section editors make all deadlines.

There are new features to look for in this year's yearbook. "There are new techniques in the Student

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## Club to organize league

by Kim Mayberry

"We are going to organize a Chess League next year," Frank Scaltrito, PHS Chess Club adviser, said.

Chess Club is currently planning to attend the Pennsylvania State Chess Championships. The Club will compete as a team.

"We want to get bigger this year," Mr. Scaltrito said.

There are 35 students in the Chess Club this year. The students compete against each other to be ranked. The top 20 students are listed in room 219.

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"We are trying to get more students all the time," Mr. Scaltrito said. "There are only freshmen girls in the club this year and only one of them shows up regularly."

The Chess Club participated in the National Chess Tournament at Saint Joseph Prep in Philadelphia.

"This was the first tournament we participated in," Mr. Scaltrito said.

The students will be ranked. The individual who wins will get a trophy.

"We finally have a team to compete," said Mr. Scaltrito.

## Open lockers make it easy for thieves

by Kim Mayberry

Most students do not lock their lockers.

Because of that fact, according to the PHS administration, certain students have found it easy to steal books, coats, money and food from other students' lockers.

"When a student comes to us and tells us that something was taken

from his locker, we notify the police," Gary Reed, who has been the vice principal at PHS the past eight months, said.

If a student is caught stealing from a locker or has stolen articles in his possession, he will be disciplined by the school and will be arrested by the township police.

The best way for students to prevent theft, according to the PHS administration, is for them to lock their lockers. If a locker does not lock, a student should notify the office and have a custodian fix the lock.

"Kids tell me the lockers do not function properly or it takes too much time to unlock the lockers

every time they go to them," Mr. Reed, said, giving reasons why students do not lock their lockers. "It is a convenience to leave them open."

Students are allowed to go to their lockers during the changing of classes but not during classes or activity periods. The administration pushes this policy because it feels that if students can only go to their lockers at these times, students will be less inclined to try to steal while other students are around.

"During classes it is easier for someone to take something because there are very few people in the hallways," Mr. Reed said.

When something is stolen, it is hard for the administration to find the stolen items unless there are witnesses.

"We are concerned with any attempts of theft and urge the students to report them," Mr. Reed said.



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## Two named merit finalists

by Colleen Mayk

Seniors Shelley Tyson and Thomas Istenes were named finalists in the National Merit Scholarship Program.

"It started with PSAT scores in eleventh grade and after becoming a semi-finalist, you had to fill out family information, activities done in school and an essay," Tom said.

The essay written had to meet specific criteria. "The essay basically had to describe yourself and things you enjoy doing," Shelley said. This was to give an insight into each person's personality for the selection committee.

Being chosen as a finalist gives the student a chance to compete for 6,000 scholarships of three dif-

ferent types. There are corporate and college scholarships of variable amounts and National Merit Scholarships worth \$2,000.

"A lot is just the honor of being classified as one of the 13,500 finalists nationwide," Mrs. Diane Rupp, PHS guidance counselor, said. "Because of this, colleges are more likely to give them scholarship money or financial aid."

Shelley has decided she is going to Temple University to study foreign languages. Tom is either going to Drexel University or Penn State main campus to study engineering.

"There were no finalists last year but Aron Kromash was a finalist in 1986," Mrs. Rupp said.



**Editor named merit finalist:** Yearbook editor-in-chief Shelley Tyson has been named a finalist in the National Merit Scholarship Program, along with fellow senior Tom Istenes.

## Association stresses drug-free fun times

by Carey Petenbrink

"Party with me, I'm drug free" is the idea that the Pottsgrove Activities for Youth Association (PAYA) is trying to get across to the students of the community.

"This idea came about because the community feels it is important to get students involved in positive leisure time activities, without the use of drugs or intoxicating beverages," Tammy Smoll, a student representative of the PAYA, said.

Tammy along with Stacy Bergman and their mothers attended a conference in Hershey, Pennsylvania, on March 25, 26 and 27.

"Both Stacy and I met a lot of new people and we learned a lot about how to further educate our peers about the dangers of drugs and alcohol," Tammy said.

The PAYA is sponsoring a "Putting On The Hits" show on April 16 in the PHS auditorium.

We are hoping that the students that are not involved with extra curricular activities at Pottsgrove will take part in the show," Mrs. Janet Smoll, an involved parent, said. "If we get enough support, this show will become an annual event."

The contest will consist of 12 to 15 acts which will each be judged on originality, lip sync and appearance (similar to the Putting on the Hits show which is broadcasted nationally). Cash prizes will be awarded.

"We hope that this will give students a chance to have a good time without the negative peer pressures involved," Tammy said.

## Marching Band to travel to Virginia

by Tab Mizic

Instead of going to Wildwood, N.J., Marching Band has decided to go to Williamsburg, Virginia, for its annual spring trip.

The dates for the trip are Friday, April 22, to Monday, April 25. Marching Band will participate in the Azalea Festival Parade in Norfolk with the possibility of participating in another parade in Williamsburg.

"I think this is a step up (from Wildwood)," said Darrell Weyman,

director of Marching Band. "There is more to be offered in Virginia."

About 60 band members will be making the trip along with nine chaperones.

Band used a variety of fundraisers to help pay for the trip. There was a poinsettia sale in December, a hoagie sale in February, and a fruit and flower sale for Easter.

The total cost of the trip will be \$190 for each person. "What the students don't make from the (various) fundraisers, they have to pay out of their own pocket," Mr. Weyman said.

Besides the two parades, the

band will visit Virginia Beach, Busch Gardens and Waterside and have a dance-social at the hotel.

Mr. Weyman said that this year is the year of a "new beginning" for Marching Band members.

"With being able to go to one of the most prestigious parades in the country," Mr. Weyman said, "I know that they are finally giving Pottsgrove the attention that they deserve."

## Rabies can be spread in many ways

by Shawnn Shafer

If the biting animal is a domestic dog or cat, it should be confined

some in Montgomery County soon."

Rabies in dogs and cats can be

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bite of a rabies infected animal, can also be transmitted by contamination of open wounds, a fresh abrasion or scratch or the eye with virus in saliva from a rabid animal.

"I have never treated a case of rabies," Caroline Reigner, PHS school nurse, said, although she wanted to stress the growing concern in the area about rabies.

The virus affects the brain and spinal cord causing serious symptoms usually terminating in paralysis and death.

Some symptoms of rabies in animals vary from a quiet depressed state to a furious behavior pattern. Changes in behavior and temperament are early symptoms.

"The number of reported cases has increased and this is why I got a letter from the PA Department of Health asking me to tell students about the dangers of rabies," Mrs. Reigner said.

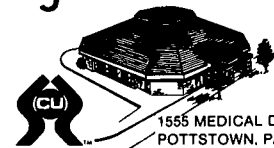
If bitten by an animal, wash the wound thoroughly with plenty of soap and water. Contact a physician about medical treatment. A vaccination should be given as soon as possible. There is no specific treatment.

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ian about having the animal examined for rabies. The bite can lead to neurological problems and respiratory breathing problems.

Wild animals suspected of having rabies should be humanely killed without damaging the brain. Keep the head of the specimen in a sealed container and refrigerated with ice.

Pets who are exposed to a possibly rabid animal should be confined, isolated and handled as little as possible.

"There are reported cases in Chester County," Mrs. Reigner said. "I have a feeling there will be

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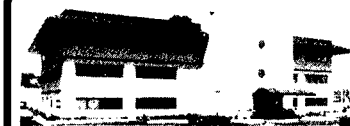
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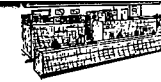
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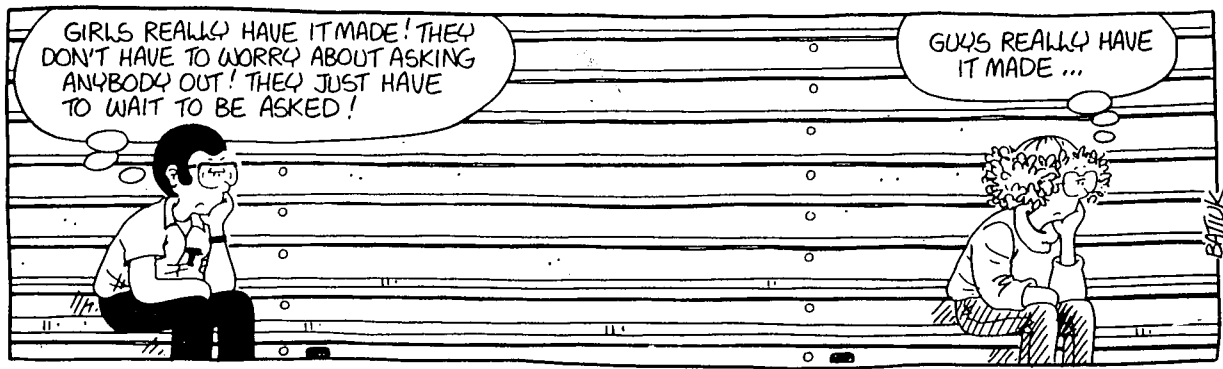
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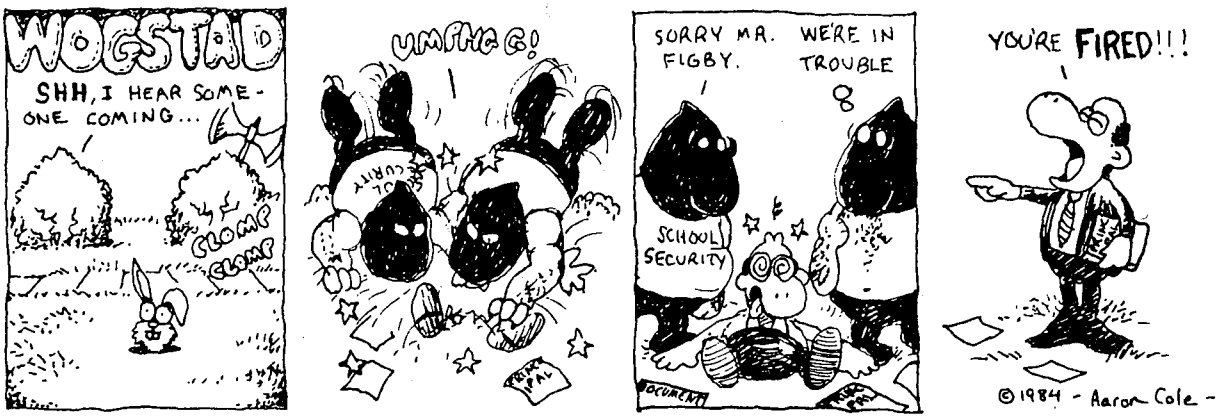
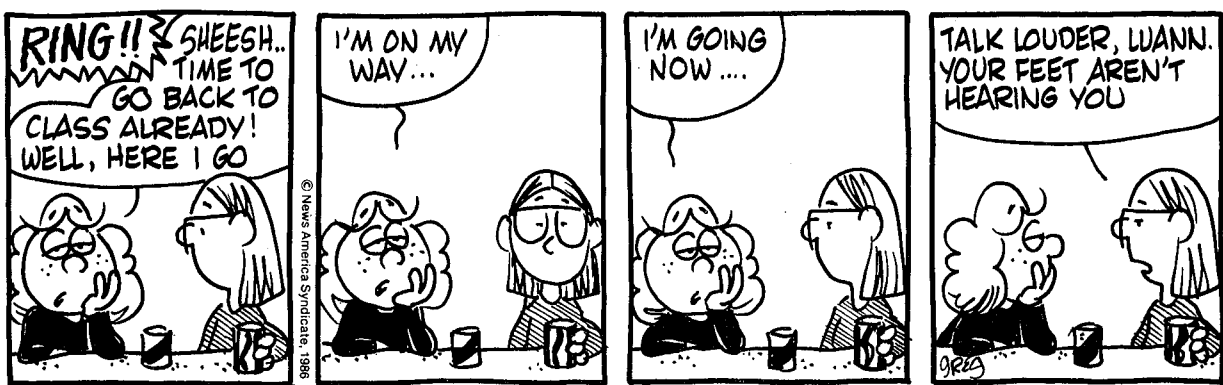
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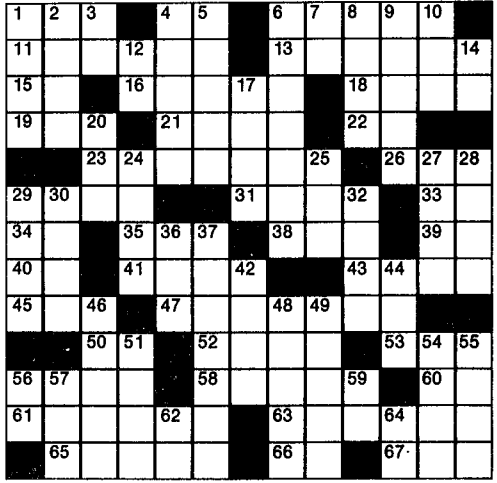
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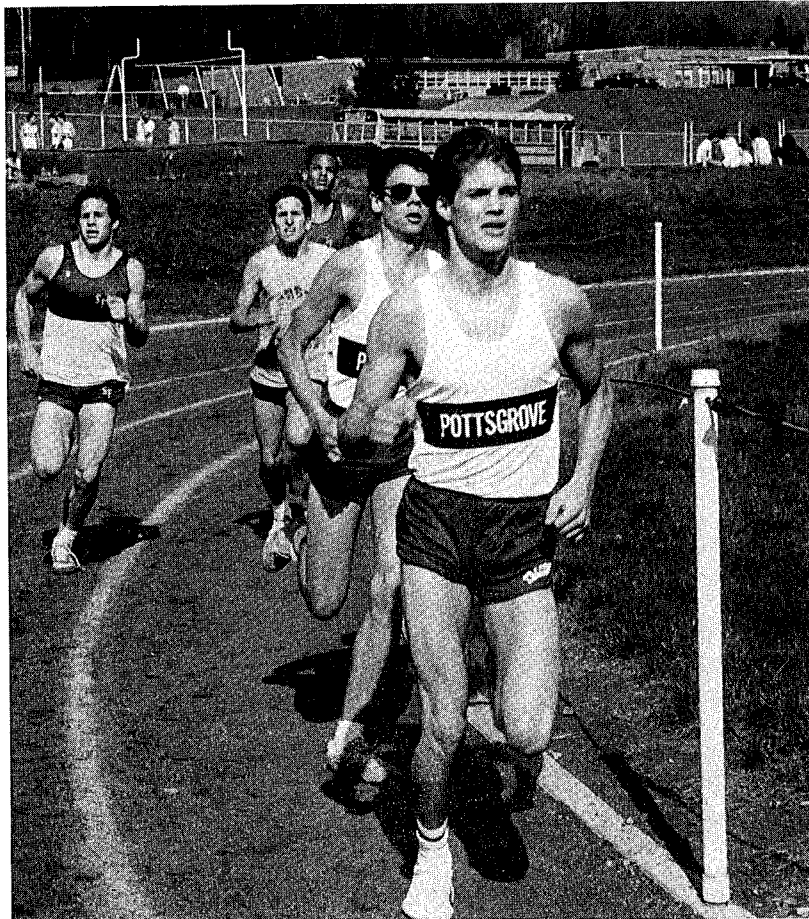
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**In the running:** Seniors Steve Kaas and Greg Jackson will be supporting the Falcon track team through their long distance efforts in the track meet scheduled against Perkiomen Valley today.

## Tennis team to get instruction

by Melissa Bush

"My goal is a lot of instruction," Jim Regensburg, boys' tennis team coach, said concerning his objective for the team this season. "We're very young and inexperienced."

There are eight players returning from last season: seniors Steve

Giffi, Jamie Hanley, Jeff Donahue and Asad Ali and sophomores Scott Whittaker, Keith Whittaker, Tom Bell and Tom Stultz. Only three of the eight played varsity.

Senior Steve Giffi will be the first singles player this season.

"Steve did extremely well last year," Mr. Regensburg said. "He was third in the league and the first Pottsgrove player to go to Districts."

Steve is strong to win the league this year."

The team opened their season on Monday, March 28, against Perk Valley at home. Their next scheduled match is this afternoon at home against St. Pius X. The starting time is 3:30 p.m.

Mr. Regensburg is not only the coach for the boys' team in the spring; he also coaches the girls' team in the fall.

"The biggest advantage to coaching both boys and girls is that you learn a lot faster than someone who only does it once a year," Mr. Regensburg said.

## Pitchers vie for position

by Kim Mayberry,  
Tracy Koneski

Both the baseball and the softball teams will have a selection of pitchers, and both teams have had new coaches added to the staffs.

"We have a pretty young team," Mrs. Kathy Baker, PHS softball coach, said, "but we are pretty sound in pitching."

There are five seniors in the team this year, and there are three girls who show promise as pitchers: Amy Holden, a senior; Jen Sharp, a senior; and Dawn Kulp, a freshman.

"Amy had pitched for four years," Mrs. Baker said.

Filling the spot of assistant coach this year is first year coach Mrs. Cindi Tornetta.

"There were 33-34 girls that tried out, but I had to cut the team down," Mrs. Baker said. "Now there are 28 girls. On the varsity team there are 15 girls and on the JV team there are 13 girls."

### Baseball

There are five candidates for starting pitcher on the baseball team: juniors Tom Goldschmidt and Kirk Detweiler and seniors Dean Reigner, Tim Antush and Jason Lupol.

"Going by last year's junior varsity record, we should have more than a competitive year," said Arlan Burkert, who assumed the position of head coach this year.

"We have strong catchers and infielders, as well as hitters," he also said.

Coach Burkert said that from what he has seen, PHS stands a good chance of being in contention for the league title.

## Ski Club sets record in number on trip

by Jen Dunn

"Skiing is becoming a more popular sport," according to one senior skier, Liz Yohn.

The facts seem to bear this out. Ski Club's first trip to Doe Mountain set a record when forty-nine

January.

According to Charles Parrish, ski club adviser, "Usually we get 21-26 people to go on a trip."

Jamie Hanley, a senior, first got interested in skiing when he was 11 and received a Christmas present of four skilessons. Most of the time, Jamie goes to Shawnee or Doe

Most skiers have gotten into a situation which could've been disastrous. Little things can throw skiers off course.

"I was skiing Shawnee one day," Jamie said, "and a little kid cut in front of me. To avoid him, I hit a patch of ice and was headed right

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## Sports talk:

# Coach attends track seminar

by Bobbi Fortmuller

During the winter, PHS physics teacher and track coach Frank Scaltrito attended a seminar at Columbia University and was certified by the Athletics Congress, the governing body for Olympic teams and national trials, at Level I to coach high school level track and field.

Mr. Scaltrito has been coaching track and field for two years here at Pottsgrove. This seminar gave him new insights and ideas as well as reinforcing old ones.

"I am incorporating the new ideas and techniques I learned for training in track and field," Mr. Scaltrito said. "It has also clarified techniques that I already know in order to help me better know exactly the right way to do things."

## Colorado

Since Mr. Scaltrito has been certified at the Level I area, this summer he will spend seven days in Colorado Springs, Colorado, for his Level II. Colorado Springs is also

the headquarters for the Olympic athletics training. This is where the athletes who will represent the United States are training for the 1988 Summer Olympics.

"I am now able to go for my Level II certification in the summer," Mr. Scaltrito said. "This will certify me for college level track and field coaching."

The Level I certification is basically for general track and field coaching. In Level II, Mr. Scaltrito must specialize and go into one specific area of track and field.

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Altogether, Ski Club took six trips to Doe Mountain this year. Usually they go just three or four times.

To go skiing with Ski Club, it costs \$1 for the bus ride, \$11 for the lift ticket and \$10 for equipment. This is a savings of \$3-\$5 over normal weekly rates.

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