

AMBITIOUSLY TEACHING: Miss Diane DiSante instructs biology in one of Clyde Dry's classes.

#### **Continuing studies at West Chester:**

# Student teacher practices at Pottsgrove

by Kathy Maurer

Miss Diane DiSante left Pottsgrove High School December 16, after her stay of seven weeks during which she was a student teacher for Clyde Dry.

Miss DiSante obtained her Bachelor of Science in Biology at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. She is now attending West Chester State College to receive certification for teaching. She has always been interested in the science field, but just recently got involved in the teaching area. She said, "I like kids; they keep you on your toes."

Before her student teaching began she worked in a laboratory at Temple Medical Campus. "I con-

centrated in Pathology, which is the study of disease," she said,

"I graduated from Downingtown High School, so I was slightly familiar with Pottsgrove, but I did is and how much school spirit the both," she said, "that's why I kids show," she said. "It's nice think teaching science in a high working with kids that are en- school or a middle school will be thusiastic about the school and my thing."

Some of her outside interests include camping, hiking, and fishing. "I like to be close to nature. Both nature and people are very innot realize what a small school it teresting and I enjoy working with

## Student Government strives to satisfy complaints of students

by Diane Herb

The Pottsgrove High School Student Government has been under nut butter and jelly sandwiches. the guidance of Addison Davidson During the month of October, "for more years than he cares to remember." As the advisor, he helps the Student Government plan and organize many activities for the student body. This year's Student Government is a fairly large group consisting of more than thirty members, according to Mr. Davidson.

The number of members really does not matter when it comes down to the goal of the Student Government. The objective of the organization is to satisfy the student body by listening to their ideas and complaints and by answering their questions. Members discuss the suggestions and problems of the students during their meetings.

Every year, students complain about the quality of the cafeteria food to their representatives. Each year the Student Government meets with Servomation or the other food programs Pottsgrove has had in the past.

They also want improvements in the quality of cheese and the peamembers met with the director of Servomation. Student Government members involved feel there will be some changes made during the month of December.

Student Government sponsored the annual bonfire dance this year. Members also maintain the school store and the senior lounge. The Christmas tree in the lobby is made possible by the Student Government. It is possible that Student Government will sponsor a dance in the spring. Due to the success of the ski trip last year. members are planning another one this year on Friday, February

Mr. Davidson feels that the representatives of this year's Student Government are less willing to accept the responsibilities of leadership than the members of other years. Because of this, president Sue Leh has appointed Ken Frantz to the position of Sergeant-at-Arms. His job is to



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## School clubs work to achieve goals

by Karen Houle

Clubs and organizations at various goals ranging from dances to trips.

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one having French during their high school years. The members Pottsgrove High School are con-recently held their annual card stantly working during floating sale and are preparing for the periods and after school to achieve French Club breakfast which is held every December. The club is planning a trip to New York and French Club is under the leader- is considering the possibility of

Swartz, secretary; and Judy Edmunds, treasurer. Their goal this year is a trip to a 76'ers' game. They are running concession stands and selling Falcon hats for the Booster Club in order to buy a weight machine. They also run the bloodmobile in May.

"Chess Club is a growing club

officers of the club are: Judy Edmunds, president; Susan Wausnock, vice-president; Darla Albera, secretary; Lisa Fern, assistant secretary; Lisa Detri, treasurer; Lori Arms, assistant treasurer. French Club is open to any-

and concern for others.

For the past five years Mrs. Kathy Baker has led the Varsity Club. It is open to any varsity player, including varsity cheerleaders. The officers are: Scott Exley, president; Tracey Alexanderson, vice-president; Helen

which is still feeding on milk, not quite ready for the meat," said Lou Olivieri, Chess Club advisor. The club is heading into its second year. It is open to anyone interested in playing chess, but participants must sign up in the beginning of the year. They meet during floating period occasionally, playing tournaments amongst themselves.

Having earned the position as a respectable advisor to Science Club, Clyde Dry is maintaining it for his tenth year. Science Club is made up of 76 students. The officers are: Karl Renninger, president; Tracey Alexanderson, vice-president; Diane Herb, secretary; and Jennifer Berman, treasurer. Trips planned this year are New York in December, Washing-(continued on page 3)

dents are complaining about hard do not cooperate at the Student bread and the quality of desserts.

Government meetings.

## 'Class of 83' chooses themes

Pottsgrove High School's Class of 1983 has recently chosen the following themes to represent the class:

Class Flower: burgundy rose

Class Colors: navy blue and silver

Class Song: Fast Times (The Best Years of Our Lives)-Billy Squier

Class Motto: Our time has come, yet I feel afraid but so strong;

The time here has been so short, yet it has seemed so very

Our memories will be good even though some have been bad; Graduation Day will be so happy yet also sad;

I know for sure we all will succeed;

We have to for we are the "Class of 1983." - Cathy Wright

## Following Tylenol incident:

## Halloween plagued with more tricks than treats

by Sherrie Hoffman

On a day traditionally reserved for tiny goblins and ghoulish creatures with a liking for chocolate candy, many did not even bother going to houses trick-ortreating.

"The Tylenol happenings of the country," said Sergeant Victor Schuirk of the Pottstown Police, "is what really started the sabotaged food and stick pin candy incidents. It came at a bad time. Once people heard of the capsule stories, it gave the crazy freaks of the country the urge of food tampering."

Many reports from California to Maine found razor blades in apples and hot dogs, pills in brownie mixes and needles and stick pins in food, mainly Halloween candy given out to trick-or-treaters.

Mr. Schuirk also said that most of the incidents were harmless (continued on page 3)



CAUTION: Package not child resistant: cyanide in Tylenol, pins in candy and razor blades in apples ruined a happy Halloween.

#### Tom is now eligible to receive an all expense paid trip to the Pennsylvania State Leadership Seminar on America's Incentive System. The weekend seminar will be held this spring sometime between April 1 and June 19, 1983.

news briefs

**Dori receives Youth Foundation award** 

the Hugh O'Brian Youth Foundation award at Pottsgrove. He

was selected by his teachers on the basis of leadership ability

Sophomore Tom Dori was nominated as the recipient of

If he is selected to go to the state seminar, Tom will also be considered for the week-long international seminar from August 5-13, 1983, at Walt Disney World, Epcot Center.

## Ten days scheduled for winter vacation

Winter vacation for students and faculty will begin on Friday, December 24, 1982, and continue until Monday. January 3, 1983.

Classes will resume at their regular time on Monday.

#### Music League sponsors dance

The PHS Music League will hold its annual dance on January 15, 1983, from 8-11 in the cafeteria.

A live band will provide the entertainment.

#### District II Chorus selects PHS senior

Karen Rosenthal, a senior at PHS, was chosen to sing in the District II Chorus concert scheduled for February 3-5, 1983, at Pottstown High School.

Karen was chosen ninth out of the 55 students selected. The district is compromised of 35 schools in Southeastern Pennsylvania.

## An organization rarely praised

It is a rare high school in which the students do not complain about the quality of the cafeteria's food. Pottsgrove High School does not vary from this norm. Few student government meetings here conclude before the problems of Servomation are discussed, indicating great interest in this area. Students continue to complain, but the results of their efforts are rarely seen on the cafeteria plates at lunchtime.

Believe it or not, these complaints are being heard and Servomation is making an effort to improve their program. The communication gap between students and the food service has begun to shrink, a result of the organization of a special committee in the student government.

Any food service that must make over 400 meals a day can not expect to be flawless. Each day's meal from Servomation is nutritionally sound (due to strict government regulations) and is served on time. Delays in the lunch line are almost always caused by pushy students who refuse to wait at the end. Strangely, it is usually these students who complain the most about the quality of the food.

Servomation is constantly trying new food items. It is important that students be patient with these attempts. Many of the new ideas are unsuccessful and are removed from the menu permanently. However, some of the experiments, the salad bar for example, are successful. These experiments are what eventually increase the quality of the service.

Individually complaining to the cafeteria workers is not the proper way to get results. Students can formally voice their opinions through the student government. With patience and effort, progress can be made.

## School spirit enters hibernation

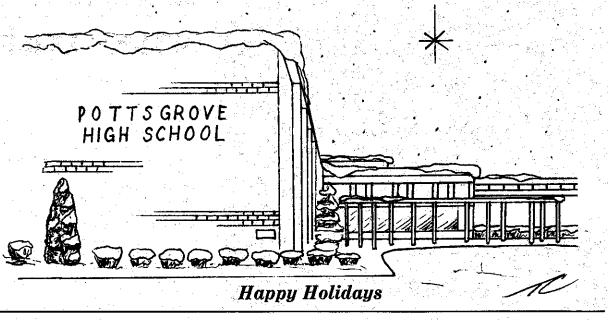
Pottsgrove High School has developed a reputation for having a great deal of school spirit. Although spirit is still being shown this year, there has been a distinct decline in the number of supporters of Pottsgrove's activities.

This year the varsity football team did not have a winning record. Not as many people attended the games as in previous years. But the football players still put out great effort. The band still played. The cheerleaders continued to cheer. Nevertheless, the stands were practically empty.

The lack of spirit being shown this year is not necessary. When a sports team has an "off season," the players need the support of the student body more than ever. It is the duty of the student to show his support at school sponsored events.

Pep rallies are another event where a lack of spirit is noticeable. A pep rally is supposed to bring the student body together. The whole school is supposed to cheer to "psyche up" the sports teams involved. Total participation on the part of the students makes a successful pep rally. If only a small minority of students cheer, then the purpose of the pep rally is defeated.

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## 'The all new 99FM'

## New station plays 'funk'

by Cheryl Grocki

"The All New 99 FM," says the man on the radio. On October 9 at six o'clock a.m. WUSL was born and it has been going strong ever since. The station is on the air for 24 hours every day.

Five DJ's, a program director, eight sales people, four or five sales assistants, a general sales manager, a ten person news department and a general manager make up the WUSL staff.

The general manager, program director and some consultants saw that there was a need for a new radio station. "They perceived a 'logical format hole'," said Michael Craven, General Sales Manager.

WUSL filled this "logical format hole" with a station playing music that Mr. Craven calls "mass appeal contemporary." Students may refer to this music as "funk."

College students find WUSL particularly appealing. "The mu-

sic we play is a high energy music form associated with fun and parties," said Mr. Craven. "It is also a spin-off from Motown which college students have grown up to."

Advertisers totally fund the station. Mr. Craven said they solicit advertising from potential advertisers that could serve the listen-

WUSL plans to have many different contests in the future. In their first contest they gave away albums and concert tickets. The contests are designed to contract mail. "We get 150 to 200 letters a day," said Mr. Craven. This is considered to be good response.

A survey conducted by Arbitron will help WUSL find out who its listeners are. This service gives all the radio stations in the Delaware Valley information about their audiences. Mr. Craven said that they predict their main listeners to be in the 18-34 year-old age group, plus some younger teens.

# On the big screen Stallone portrays Army veteran

by Diane Herb

Breaking away from the image of Rocky Balboa, Sylvester Stallone is starring for his fifth time in a major motion picture. Although he speaks few words during the course of the film, Sylves-

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## opinion . . .

#### Freshmen Favored

by Kathy Maurer

Last year, "career days" were arranged for ninth grade students. Speakers came to the school and discussed their careers with students. The purpose of these presentations was to expand the students' knowledge of the jobs available, what course of study to follow and how to become involved in the career of their choice.

This program was presented only to ninth grade students, but it is also important for upperclassmen to have a knowledge of jobs and careers, since they are going to have to find jobs soon after graduation.

The possibility of upperclassmen attending these meetings should definitely be discussed, because some graduates are going out into the business world uninformed. It is the obligation of the schools to keep students fully informed.

## Seniors Penalized by Karen Houle

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Color Day is an important day where school spirit is shown. But on Color Day it seems as if the students, who compete within their respective grade levels, have more spirit than what is shown at sports events and pep rallies. Of course this spirit should be shown on Color Day, but it should be shown at other times of the year also.

Overall, school spirit should be encouraged. Pride in one's school is very important. Supporting the activities sponsored by the school is also important. Combined, they help the students enjoy their years at Pottsgrove High School.

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The movie, which is based on the novel by David Morrell, casts Stallone as John Rambo, a morose hero of the Vietnam War. As the film begins, Rambo is harassed,

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then arrested on vagrancy charges by the sheriff of a small town. Brian Dennehy, who is seen weekly on the television series "Star of the Family," plays Sheriff Teasle. Rambo, who wages a constant battle against the painful memories of the war, confuses his past with his present situation in jail. He is treated brutally in prison, his mind flashes back to the war, and he escapes with the great strength that helped him to survive the war. He heads for the mountains, pursued by government officials. Rambo is hunted, but defeats his pursuers in the most unusual action packed scenes.

"First Blood" is director Ted Kotcheff's first major film. Some of the sequences are unrealistic and violent. This film is not recommended for viewers who cannot stand savagery or the sight of blood.

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The policy at Pottsgrove states that seniors who are absent more than ten days in that year, no matter what the grade average, are not exempt from taking the finals.

Because of circumstances beyond this senior's control, the
privilege will automatically be
taken away from him. In the
past, seniors have come to school
sick; contaminating fellow students in order that they will not
miss out on this opportunity.

It is understood that some students might abuse this privilege and they usually do not have an "A" average; but some students work very hard to get that "A" and it is more likely that these students will not abuse it.



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# Pottsgrovians share special holiday wishes and desires

by Chris Kelly

The holiday season is a time of joy and love. As the season comes upon us we all have special holiday wishes we would like to see come true. Pottsgrove students and teachers were asked what their holiday wishes were and here are some of their answers.

Terri Swartz: "David Stone."
Junnita Sudler: "A new camaro."

Christie Czarick: "The captain of Boyertown's track team."

Meg Allen: "To beat Cheryl Christman."

Jill Gustave: "Judy Edmunds handbook."

Victor Frederick: "Mrs. Bixler."
Chris Lucci: "I want Mike Loeben
to realize what he should have
done and what he did are two
different things."

Jill Abrams: "For Pat Lewis to bring his wallet when he comes to Burger King."

Patty Carroll: "A bushel of those 'delicious' apples for Lori and Tracey."

Judy Edmunds: "To find the ancestry of Katrina's Chinese eyes."

Mr. Davidson: "For students to study their worksheets every night and for Eric Hafsrud to come to class on time."

Lori Arms: "To cuddle a Teddy Bear with a hood."

Kim Delibertis: "Billy Squier."

Dina Lucci: "To see Loverboy in concert."

Cathy Wright: "To party with Chuck Parrish."

Bob Edleman: "A college acceptance."

Helen Swartz: "Dwane Clifford."

Mr. Pugh: "To have David Dannehower to transfer to Pottstown High School."

Rich Era: "A new Trans-Am, a lot of girls, and to go out with J. G."

Mr. Parrish: "You can't print what I want."

Roger Pienta: "Kerri Swinehart's book on 101 ways to beat Buckwalter."

## FALCON ASKS:

How do you feel about the new auditorium seating, in which all seniors sit in the front rows?



Darla Albera, senior: "I like it because the seniors get the respect they deserve."



Stephanie Freedman, freshman: "It's okay, as long as it does not change before we're seniors."



Karen Baldasano. junior: "I like it because of the orderly fashion coming in and leaving the auditorium. I don't like it because the school should be considered as a whole and not just senior this, senior that. Seniors should not have first priority in everything!"



Scott Exley, senior: "It stinks because some of us get stuck on the sides and we can't see the stage."

## Men's hair styles rapidly changing

by Cheryl Grocki

Women have always been concerned about how their hair looks.

They go to the salon as soon as a hair becomes out of place. Now men are beginning to receive hair styles that require more salon attention.

"The new men's hair styles are short, tailored, very defined and neatly groomed," said Emilie S. Kurtz, Artistic Style Director at Randy Rick Hair Concepts.

Ms. Kurtz also said that men of all ages are getting these precision hair styles. She said that they get all types of male customers at Randy Rick: from businessmen to male models.

The majority of the new men's hair styles are cut with clean lines around the ears or over the tips of the ears. "The hair is cut in layers moving in graduated lengths," said Ms. Kurtz.

Another style is one where the hair is cut short in the front, but it is left long in the back,

Men are also starting to take an interest in soft perms and fine highlighting.

"These hair styles are flattering if they are done to suit the man's look and life style," said Ms.

## Club activities continue to flourish

(Continued from page 1, col. 3) ton in April, and a canoe trip in May. To meet these costs, members sell candy.

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Next issue, look for the latest action in German Club, Latin Club, Spanish Club, Future Homemakers of America, Future Teachers of America, and Future Business

#### **Senior Portrait**

## Laurie speaks about Vo-tech's new change

by Diane Herb

Being active at the Western Montgomery County Vocational-Technical School is one of senior, Laurie Engle's major accomplishments obtained here during her last three years at PHS. A student in the cosmetology class at vo-tech, Laurie is president of V.I.C.A. (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America), a club made up of students studying industry, technical fields or a trade,

"I'd like to see the preps and the people at tech get along better with one another," said Laurie of the relationship between the votech and main school.

"I told a girl who graduated from PHS a few years ago about the problems between the two schools." said Laurie. This girl laughed and said to me, 'Are they still at it?'. I guess things don't change."

But things do change. In the near future, the vo-tech school is going to split away from the main school. For Laurie, this would mean a total separation from her many friends. "I'm just glad that I won't be around to see what happens. I feel sorry for those who do have to see it," said Laurie.

Laurie does want to see the votech school get more publicity for its accomplishments. "Some people built a house at vo-tech. I think it's a terrific thing to be able to come to school and build a house," said Laurie. "It's really an achievement. However, no one ever heard about it at the main school."

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Away from school, Laurie's interests include swimming, going to the movies, twirling, shopping and hairstyling. She is also a waitress at The Cup, where she has worked for nearly two years.

After graduation, Laurie plans to acquire a state license to operate a beauty salon.

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## Halloween pranks hit local scene

(Continued from page 1, col. 3) pranks. People thinking it was neat stuck pins and needles through the wrapper of the candy. No one could really notice any mishandling unless bitten into because the hole would be so unnoticeable to those who ate the candy. There were even three doctors that offered to X-ray treats free of charge,

These Halloween fears that were once not part of a child's imagination really scared many of the kids. The Pottstown area was found with a tremendous decrease in trick-or-treaters. Parents were being very cautious on whether to

"It was partially the food companies" fault," said Mr. Schuirk, "because of bad packaging." However, it is mostly the fault of the

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"I'm very sure these happenings that occurred will not affect the outcome of Christmas sales of candy," said Mr. Schuirk. "Christmas candy is given more as a personal gift to friends and relatives, whereas Halloween candy is given out to people from strangers. Christmas will be safer for us."

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WE WANT TWO: Suzi Piacine scores two of her 11 points enroute to the Falconettes' 44-37 victory over Daniel Boone.

## Falconette underclassmen provide leadership

by Chris Kelly

The girls' basketball team opened their season on December 2, 1982 against Daniel Boone with a 44-37 win. When the girls' reported for their first practice on November 1, they were all optimistic about the season. The participation was lacking, especially from the seniors. "I was really disappointed in the seniors, I thought there would be more participating," said Arlan Burkert, girls' basketball coach. This year Pottsgrove will be depending heavily on the juniors and sophomores. The team has two returning lettermen, Jill Burkert and Dina Lucci.

Jill will be the strong player for the Falconettes under the boards. Dina and Betsy Kovach will be starting at the forward positions. Coach Burkert still needs to find a strong girl to fill the guard position. Amy Wolfe, Gina Hemler,

and Denise Poley will be the contenders for this position.

"We are young but improving," said Coach Burkert. The girls' did very well in pre-season scrimmages. The team works very well together, they will be looking to the juniors' for leadership.

After a special request from Dr.

a JV team. The JV team also has a new coach, Linda Miller. The Falconettes' will be looking to the student body for the support they will need. The girls' will be trying to achieve last year's goal of reaching the playoffs.

Radel and Coach Burkert there

are enough girls in order to have

## Falcon netmen to compete in Upper Perk tournament

by David Bender

Falcon netmen will take on Lansdale Catholic on Tuesday, December 28, at 6:45 in the opening round of the Upper Perkiomen Christmas Tournament.

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Upper Perk and Holy Name, both undefeated so far this year, will engage in the second game of the evening at 8:45 p.m.

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Off to a good start

## PHS grapplers shoot for record season

Falcon grapplers started their 1982-83 season with a 36-18 victory over the Exeter Eagles. If this is any indication of what the Pottsgrove Falcons can do, they will have a winning record this

"There is a lot of room for improvement," said Coach Jablonski. "The match was deceiving because of the forfeits. Three very good wrestlers did not even get to wrestle."

Returning lettermen are: Ken Cirullo, Art Miller, Cedric Gillis, Tim Allison, Todd Dagen, Kurt Shaner, Randy Van Horn, Tim Davidheiser and Kevin Ziegler.

Five members of the team missed some wrestling practices because of the ending football season putting the team at a dis-

able to wrestle Saturday, after being injured during Friday's prac-

The strong point of this year's team holds mainly with the lighter weight class. Sophomores Brian Boone (98 lbs.) and John Toth (112 lbs.) are both strong and ready to win. Junior Art Miller, (also 112 lbs.), is a strong, well appreciated asset to the team. Seniors Ken Cirullo (105 lbs.) and Cedric Gillis (119 lbs.) add strength plus experience and abil-

advantage. Tim Allison was un- ity to overcome their opponents.

Pinning action for the Falcons was executed by junior, Ken Frantz and senior Chuck Moses,

"I feel very confident with this team but they must work harder and improve because this is only the beginning," said Coach Jablonski.

Junior Varsity wrestlers defeated Exeter's grapplers with a 51-30 score. Adding six easy points with a quick pin was junior, Eric An-

#### 'Cat's Corner'

## Werley angered by change in schedule

by Matt Dever

"It's just not fair," said Ralph Werley, head basketball coach at Pottsgrove, when he was asked about the new schedule for basket-

Last season the Pottsgrove High School boys' basketball team played 22 league games, 2 preseason and Christmas tournament games, and 1 post-season game. This season the Ches-Mont coaches have decided to cut back the league schedule to 16 games.

"That is the right thing to do." said Mr. Werley, "but the teams we play only once are our rivals and big money makers."

The reason the 16 game schedule was adopted is that there will be two games a week instead of three. The season will be spread out over the same time span but it will not be overloaded.

"I feel the way they chose who plays each other only once is not right," said Mr. Werley, "A solution to the problem would be to set up two leagues, the North and the South. Every team in the North would play each other twice and the teams in the South once. It would work like the NFL with a Cres-Mont playoff at the end with the two division winners."

The way the season will be played this year is not right. The standings cannot be compared fairly because not everyone played the same teams the same number of times. The teams with the best records, not necessarily the best

teams, get into the four team play-

Mr. Werley believes that the two divisions would lessen expenses, support local rivalries, and promote scheduling equality. He said, "All in all, it's the fairest way to go."

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Jill will be the strong player for the Falconettes under the boards. Dina and Betsy Kovach will be starting at the forward positions. Coach Burkert still needs to find a strong girl to fill the guard position. Amy Wolfe, Gina Hemler, cember 28, at 6:45 in the opening round of the Upper Perkiomen Christmas Tournament,

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Because Winter Track is an intramural sport, there are few demands of its athletes. Members practice a maximum of twice a week, need not follow any kind of diet, and do not have to meet any special requirements. According to Mr. Yohn, the sole purposes of Intramural Winter Track are to condition its athletes and to build an interest in running. There are no competitions scheduled for this winter. "Hopefully," said Coach Yohn, "There will be some meets next year. For now, there is a possibility that we will be invited to compete in a novice (newcomer) meet."

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"I'm looking for continued improvement." Coach Werley said. "It will be good experience for us to be playing three AA teams, to test how much we will be improving with respect to possible postseason play."



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