



COSTS TO APPROACH \$10,000: Ralph Werley, Junior Class adviser, and Patty Carroll, class president, count money that was raised by the Class of '84 to finance the prom. Final figures may approach \$10,000.

'Just you and I'

Juniors make prom theme selection

by David Bender

"Just You and I" will be the theme of the 1983 Junior-Senior Prom set to begin at 6:15 p.m. tonight.

"This will be the best one ever," said Ralph Werley, Junior Class adviser. "It should be an unforgettable evening for everyone who attends."

The evening's entertainment will begin after dinner with Wayne Cotter and Kevin Sullivan, two comedians from Philadelphia and New York City respectively.

Following this, at 9 p.m., the rockband ATP, a new band from Reading, will perform.

Also included in the evening will be photograph taking by Larry Pickar and computer portraits by Systex Enterprises.

The crowning of the 1983 Prom Queen is slated for 11 p.m. Hypno-

tist John Kolisch will be the next entertainer at midnight.

Finally, at 1 p.m., Pottsgrovians will have the opportunity to hear the group Witness. "They are arguably the best band in Philadelphia," Mr. Werley said. "The band has recorded their first album, 'Witness,' which was released in February. It was produced by Dave Whitman, the engineer of the 'Foreigner 4' album."

Mr. Werley said that inflation has increased the prom's cost each year. "Our dinners, our enter-

tainers and our bands are rising in cost on an annual basis," he said.

However, the \$10 ticket price which existed since 1972 will still be effective. "It's a 1980's prom at a 1970's price," he said.

"Last year was a tough act to follow," he said. "The Class of '84 has really outdone themselves."

Mr. Werley said that 420 students attended the prom last year, surpassing the previous record of 360. "It was clearly the best prom we ever had," he said.

Colleges send out letters accepting twelfth graders

by Diane Herb

Many Pottsgrove seniors have been accepted by colleges and universities to further their education. Some seniors were accepted at more than one school.

Pennsylvania State University accepted the following people: David M. Bender, Jennifer E. Berman, Tracy B. Brett, Kenneth R. Cirullo, Todd D. Dagen, Peter E. Daly, Donna M. DeLong, Scott A. Exley, Thomas P. Fanrak, Mariann A. Gambino, Andrew K. Markoski, Anthony S. Peterman, Michele A. Saylor and Jamie L. Smith.

Gregory S. Loeben and Karl A. Renninger were accepted at George Washington University. Juniata College accepted Jennifer L. Koslo.

Charles P. Lewis, II received acceptance letters from Bradley University, LaSalle College, Memphis State University, Tennessee Technological University and Texas

thews, Linda M. Mauger and Melinda M. Melton were accepted at Shippensburg State College.

Catherine M. Wright was accepted by Mississippi State University, Kim Baglivio by Centenary College and Cheryl A. Grocki by Sweet Briar College.

The following seniors were accepted at Mansfield State College: Darla D. Albera, Lisa A. Detri and Karen L. Rosenthal. Southern Illinois University and Wagner College accepted Willie T. Day. Lebanon Valley College accepted Lori L. Kaas and Jennifer L. Koslo.

Hunter E. Stone was accepted at the University of Pittsburgh, Christine E. Snell at Unity College and Brian Woodley at Lincoln Technical Institute.

East Stroudsburg State College sent letters of acceptance to Danette S. Baum, Julie A. Corr, Robert

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After arrival in Orlando,

Senior Class to visit Disneyworld

by Kathy Maurer

"I predict that the senior class trip this year will prove to be a great time," Daniel Greulich, senior class adviser, said.

evening meals, entertainment fees and hotel costs are all included in the total," he said.

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The Senior Class will travel to Orlando, Florida, May 3 and will stay in the World Inn, which is located in Lake Buena Vista, Florida.

There are 128 students going on the class trip, 80 girls and 48 boys.

The total cost of the trip per student is \$329. "The cost of the trip seems expensive, but in reality, if you were to plan a personal vacation which would include the same activities," Mr. Greulich said, "you would pay a lot more, maybe even twice as much."

"The costs of the plane ticket,

part from the Philadelphia Overseas Terminal at approximately 5 p.m. on Tuesday, May 3.

Students will spend Wednesday at Disneyworld at the Epcot Center. Wednesday evening activities will include a poolside barbeque dinner, a senior dance party and at 11 p.m. a pizza party.

On Thursday students will go to Wet 'N' Wild until 3 p.m. That evening they will attend a luau dinner and show at Polynesian Village.

On Friday the students will spend another day at either the

newsbriefs

Music League to honor students

Students involved in musical organizations will be recognized at the Music League Banquet at 6:30 p.m., May 2, in the cafeteria.

"It is our awards night," John Meko, PHS band director, said. "It is like the Varsity Club banquet is for athletes."

The night will feature musical entertainment.

Senior students to attend tragedy

English classes will attend the play "King Lear" by William Shakespeare at 10:30 a.m. May 10 in West Lawn, Pa.

"It's a cultural trip to show the kids how a play is performed," Joseph Dori, senior English teacher, said. "A play should be performed, not read."

Science Club sponsors geology trip

Rocks and fossils will be the subject of study by Science Club students May 24.

The students will travel to Berks and Schuylkill counties to look for plant and animal fossils.

"It addresses geology, which our students do not get here," said Clyde Dry, Science Club adviser. "It gives them a background in physical and historical geology."

Saturday morning before departure the students will be able to spend time at the hotel pool and may shop at Lake Buena Vista. After hotel check-out they will stop at Citrus Circus.

Five-night trip planned

Seminar students plan trip to Boston

by Karen Houle

American Culture Seminar students will travel to Boston, Massachusetts, on Monday, May 16. The group will be staying five nights.

Fifteen students plus two chaperones, Addison Davidson and Mrs. Marylann Thompson, will be attending.

The total cost for the trip is \$177, which includes the air fare, activities and housing. It doesn't

Tech University.

Diane M. Herb and Kurt R. Shaner were accepted at Boston University. Gwynedd-Mercy College accepted Danette S. Baum.

Gary T. Frain, Denise M. Guber, Stephen H. Kalis, Stacey A. Mat-

pay for meals. "This year it is cheaper to fly than to take the train as we've done in the past years," said Mr. Davidson.

The agenda for the trip will be a tour of the capital in Boston, John F. Kennedy's birthplace, John Hancock's observatory, J. F. K. presidential library, the Boston Tea Party Ship, Charlestown naval yard, Old Ironsides, Paul Revere's house, Freedom Trail, Museum of

W. Edleman, Denise M. Guber, Christine E. Snell and Cynthia A. Swenk. The Reading Hospital and Medical Center accepted Cheryl Skelston and Stacy Stout.

Other college acceptances will be listed in the next issue.

Fine Arts and the Museum of Science.

They will be spending one day at Old Sturbridge Village, one day in Salem and they will go to a Boston Red Sox baseball game.

"We will be doing more this trip than any other class that I've taken," Mr. Davidson said.

The seminar class will be lodged in North East Hall, a private dormitory at Boston University.

Junior Achievement provides experience

Pottsgrovians have leadership roles in businesses

by Laurie Rowley

Junior Achievement is a nationwide organization set up to provide business experience, and several Pottsgrovians have an active role in its area leadership.

There are three companies of Junior Achievement in this area. TAK Company (sponsored by the Industrial Valley Bank) produces thermometer key holders. Youth Unlimited (Occidental Chemical) and JAM (Dana Corporation) produce auto trouble lights.

Victor Frederick, a junior, and Michelle Saylor, a senior, are presidents of TAK Company and JAM respectively.

Two other Pottsgrovians, junior Sue Wausnock and senior Lori Kaas, serve as vice presidents of finance.



JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT PROVIDES EXPERIENCE: Sue Wausnock, a junior who is vice-president of finance, and Victor Frederick, a junior who is president of the Industrial Valley Bank sponsored corporation, evaluate the progress of their Junior Achievement company, TDK. This company produces thermometer key holders.

Come on down!

Tonight's agenda resembles a "showcase," the big prize at the end of a familiar television game show.

Your showcase includes dinner for two at elegant Stokesay Castle in Reading, music by two top Philadelphia bands, entertainment by two comedians and a hypnotist, and several odds and ends to definitely make this a night to remember.

Credit for this showcase belongs to Ralph Werley, Junior Class adviser, who annually organizes numerous sales campaigns to keep student expenses for the prom to a minimum.

This year's sales campaigns included stuffed animals, Easter candy, decorator candles and the annual big money raiser, light bulbs. There was also a computer dating service, which was intended more for fun than for profit. All totaled, the Junior Class raised close to \$10,000 for the prom.

Pottsgrove's prom is its biggest social event of the year, and at \$10 a couple (ticket cost), the price is definitely right.

As warmer weather approaches,

Dress code is reiterated

by Cheryl Grocki

About this time every year the same problem occurs. The weather gets warmer and students want to wear shorts to school.

"There is a time and place for everything," said Louis Buckwalter, vice principal. "I think that shorts look nice, but they are not conducive to school behavior."

Mr. Buckwalter said that school prepares a student for later life when he will most likely have to dress up. "Our kids are well-dressed now and that is the way we want to keep it," Mr. Buckwalter said.

Students will not be permitted to wear shorts of any length. Mr. Buckwalter said that if students were allowed to wear shorts that met a certain length requirement,

lated by the administration were brought up when members of the field hockey and girls' tennis teams were forbidden to wear warmup suits on the days of games and matches.

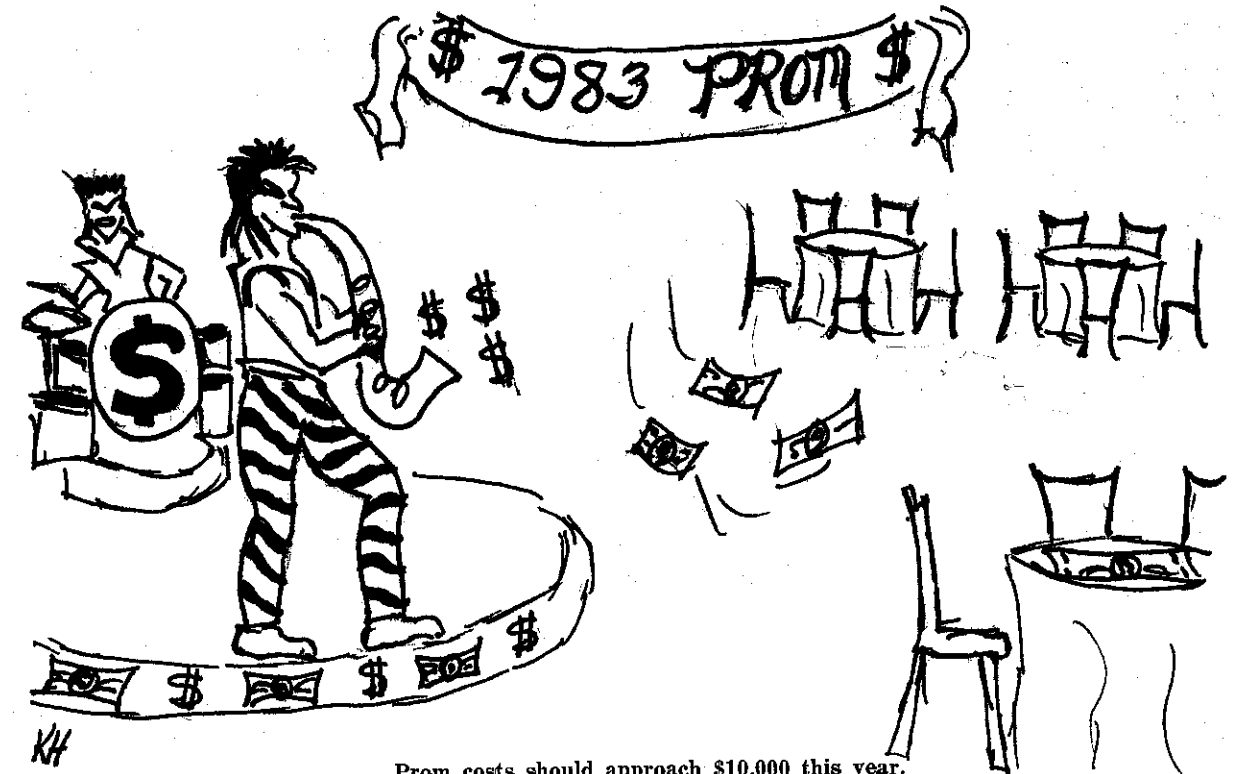
In the student handbook, part two of the dress code states that "there shall be no restriction on a student's . . . manner of dressing unless these . . . create classroom or school disorder."

Visitors in Guidance Office:

Reps help students choose right college

by Diane Herb

Choosing the right college could be one of the biggest decisions a



Prom costs should approach \$10,000 this year.

Announcements made to deter lateness

by Peter Daly

Louis (Buckwalter, vice principal at PHS, has reinforced the policy concerning latenesses here, due to a recent increase in tardinesses.

In one impromptu school-wide announcement last month, Mr. Buckwalter said that morning tar-

dinesses will now be dealt with more strictly. In another announcement he said that arriving late to detention after school will be grounds for being assigned two additional periods.

Companies often look into a student's high school record when

evaluating job applications. "The first thing a prospective employer asks about is punctuality," Mr. Buckwalter said, about why so much emphasis is put in this area. "Many of the patterns formed now will stay with them for the rest of their lives."

Mr. Buckwalter said that three morning tardinesses are allowed each semester. However, depending on the situation, some late-nesses are excused.

Mr. Buckwalter said that it is rare that students receive suspensions for poor punctuality. "I don't suspend very many," he said. "I'm trying to use detention instead of suspensions since we now

schools that send representatives to Pottsgrove. Many out of state schools, like the University of Vir-

Mini-skirts do not meet with the school's dress code either. Mr. Buckwalter said that they are fine for the shore, but not for the school.

Many students like to question the dress code. This is allowed, but Mr. Buckwalter said that, regardless of the complaints, shorts will not be permitted.

Year after year students question the dress code. "How would the students react if I came to school in shorts one day?" Mr. Buckwalter said.

Last year changes that the dress code regulations were being vio-

lute. The process of making that decision easier is to talk to the representatives of colleges and universities who visit Pottsgrove.

"I'd like to see more juniors come and see the college representatives when they visit Pottsgrove," said Mrs. Anne Wentzel, a guidance counselor. "It is very important, especially at this time of year, for juniors to start thinking about college."

"Most of the time seniors are the ones who attend the college representative meetings," said Mrs. Wentzel. "I want to encourage both juniors and seniors to attend."

Philadelphia Area schools where large groups of students come to see the representatives.

Mrs. Wentzel also said that there are times when students don't show up at all. Fortunately, it doesn't happen too often. Eighty percent of the time at least one student attends.

"The most popular schools are the University of Pennsylvania and Pennsylvania State University," Mrs. Wentzel said. "Their representatives draw a good number of juniors and seniors every time."

State and Philadelphia colleges and universities are not the only

also send representatives to visit Pottsgrove.

"I can't remember a time when representatives didn't come to Pottsgrove," Mrs. Wentzel said. "The number of college representatives has increased over the past 10 to 15 years."

gram. We'll never have in-school suspensions — that's doing too much of the parents' work."

The main purpose of the announcements was to inform the student body of the policy. "Everyone is entitled to know," Mr. Buckwalter said.

With varied degrees of quality,

New artists flood recording market with albums

by Cheryl Grocki

Over the past year or so the record market has been flooded with albums by new artists.

Some of these new artists record high quality music that will last. Others produce albums with one hit song and some less-than-perfect fillers. Either way, these albums sell.

Groups like Culture Club, Steel Breeze and Dexy's Midnight Runners have achieved fame by one successful song.

Other groups have gained recognition in conjunction with their videos on MTV (Music Television). These groups include INXS, Yaz, Prince and the Psychedelic Furs.

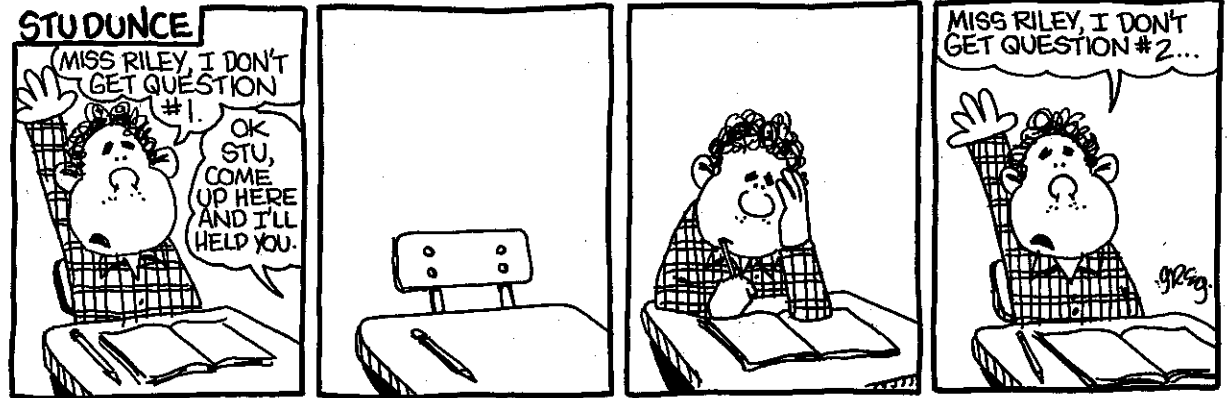
Punk and new wave music is also clogging the air waves. Thomas Dolby, the Thompson Twins and Missing Persons have been taking their share of the spotlight.

Other groups have made it past the one-song stage. Albums by Duran Duran, Men at Work and

the Stray Cats have been holding top spots on the record charts.

The followers of Philadelphia's talented Robert Hazard must be very much dismayed. When Hazard released his album nationwide, the group Modern English also recorded an album with a sound much like Hazard's.

New or old, music is music. If someone is a talented musician, he will not be lost in the crowded field of modern music.



On the big screen:

'Outsiders' shunned by society

by Diane Herb

"The Outsiders" is a perfect title for this film that depicts young people who grew up shunned by society.

Based on the classic novel by S. E. Hinton, "The Outsiders" is the tale of poor kids and rich kids who refuse to get along. The poor kids are known as "greasers." The rich kids are called "socs" (pronounced soshez).

The story is set in a small city in Oklahoma. It is told through the eyes of a greaser, Ponyboy Curtis, who is played by C. Thomas Howell. Ralph Macchio portrays Ponyboy's closest friend, Johnny.

Ponyboy and Johnny become involved in a soc's murder. They

seek advice from a good friend who tells them to leave town. Their friend, Dallas, is played by Matt Dillon, perhaps the film's greatest attraction.

This is a touching and realistic movie. It seems to be very short, but in reality it is approximately 90 minutes long.

For viewers who have read the novel, the film is somewhat of a disappointment. The book is far more dramatic and exciting.

Directed by Francis Ford Coppola, "The Outsiders" stars Patrick Swayze, Rob Lowe, Diane Lane, Emilio Estevez, Tom Cruise and Leif Garrett.

This is a good movie for teenagers to see.



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Festival involves entire community

by Kathy Maurer

"The Cornerstone Festival of the Arts is designed to involve the entire community," Mrs. Janice Hess, chairman of the Cornerstone Festival of the Arts, said. Mrs. Hess and her husband Harry Hess are co-chairmen of the 1983 Cornerstone Festival of the Arts.

"The Festival involves the tri-county area," said Mrs. Hess. "This area includes the northern Chester, eastern Berks and northern and western Montgomery counties."

Mrs. Hess said that many students from area schools are becoming actively involved in the activities of the festival.

There are many different activities featured in the 1983 Cornerstone Festival of the Arts which runs from Friday, May 13, until Sunday, May 15. Some of the various activities are the Best of Broadway show that will be performed by the Valley Forge Players on Friday; the Blue Grass and Country music concert on Saturday; a performance by the Pottstown Symphony Orchestra on Sunday, and the 10-K marathon, to be held on the same day.

Other activities include the adult Visual Art Show and the Student Art Show.

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'Falcon' asks . . .

What do you think is the biggest accomplishment of Student Government this year?



Steve Greisiger, senior: "I think the biggest accomplishment is the committee that cleaned up the ashes from the bonfire."



Laura Whittaker, sophomore: "I think their major achievement was their ski trip to Shawnee Mountain."



John Brookins, junior: "I don't know! Did they have any?"



Kristine Dagen, freshman: "Their ski trip I think was their biggest accomplishment. I like how anyone could go no matter if they were a freshman or not."

Senior Portrait:

Renninger knows how to try again, again

by Diane Herb

As the saying goes, "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again." Senior Karl Renninger lives by this saying.

A member of the PHS Student Government for four years, Karl ran for the Student Government vice presidency in his freshman and sophomore years. During his junior year, he ran for president. He was defeated each time.

"I was disappointed that people didn't select me. I wanted very much to show my leadership in Student Government," Karl said.

At the start of the 1982-83 school year, Vice President Victor Frederick, a junior, left the school district. The Student Government was without a vice president. To fill this void, the members of Stu-

dent Government selected Karl to be the new vice president.

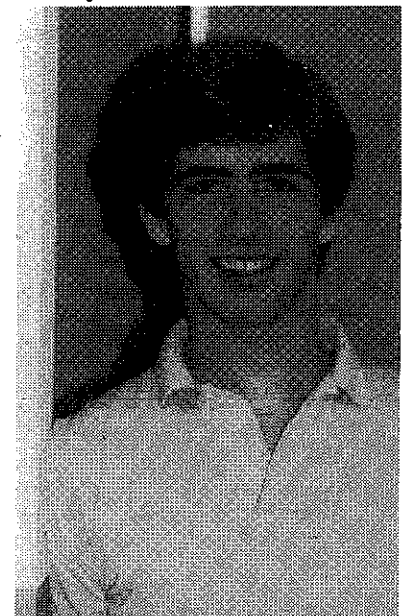
"Of course I felt bad for Victor when he returned to Pottsgrove," Karl said. "But at least he has next year to hold an office. I

don't."

Karl also said that he would run for the presidency again if he were to spend another year at Pottsgrove. "I know that I would be able to turn Student Government into a vital part of the school," Karl said.

During his four-year career with Student Government, Karl saw several different ways of running the organization. Of the year Bill Malfaro was president, Karl said, "Student Government was run properly. We accomplished what we set out to do. This year's Student Government had the potential to do very well. Unfortunately, we didn't work very hard."

In addition to his position as vice president of the Student Government, Karl served as the president of Science Club as well as the captain of the golf team.



Karl Renninger

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Books being stolen:

Librarian proposes new system

by Chris Kelly

A rise in the number of books being stolen in PHS's library has caused Ronald Schafer, PHS Librarian, to propose a new system of checking out books.

Vo-tech changes with 6-day plan

by Sherrie Hoffman

During the 1983-84 school year, PHS will start their new vocational-technical program. Along with that, they are also reviving their scheduling of classes.

The new program consists of seven class periods a day on a six-day cycle—A, B, C, D, E and F. Each student will be assigned to a study hall, class or lunch.

"The school has changed to this program," Anne P. Wentzel, guidance counselor said, "in order to utilize the school facilities and teacher time."

Any seniors that are participating in the vo-tech program that have never attended the school will spend the whole school day at vo-tech, while past senior vo-tech students only spent half a day. Also, next year's juniors that have already gone to the vo-tech school will be sent there for half a day, too.

"The vo-tech program creates a problem," Mrs. Wentzel said. "All day vo-tech seniors will not receive physical education. The state (legislature) will not waive gym class unnecessary for seniors. But the state did waive that only three English courses were needed to graduate seniors."

Mrs. Wentzel also said that in order to make this gym course up, all day vo-tech seniors will have to go to the YMCA, Nautilus or participate in after school sports activities.

"I feel that students will be able to adjust very well," Mrs. Wentzel said. "I have talked to other schools that have the six-day program and the teachers never could complain of missed classes because of a holiday or snow day."

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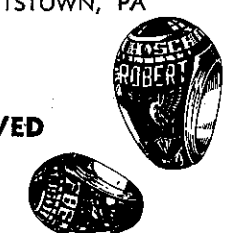
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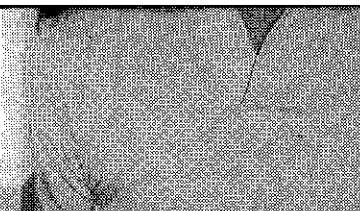


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"It has been successful in other schools," Mr. Schafer said. "I feel it will be successful here." The system is presently being used in Boyertown, Owen J. Roberts and Spring-Ford High Schools.
More than 450 books are taken during a school year. The new system would save money. It will also be convenient for the books to be in the library when students are looking for them.
"I hope the board sees fit to install the new system," Mr. Schafer said. The proposed system must be passed into the 1983-84 school budget.

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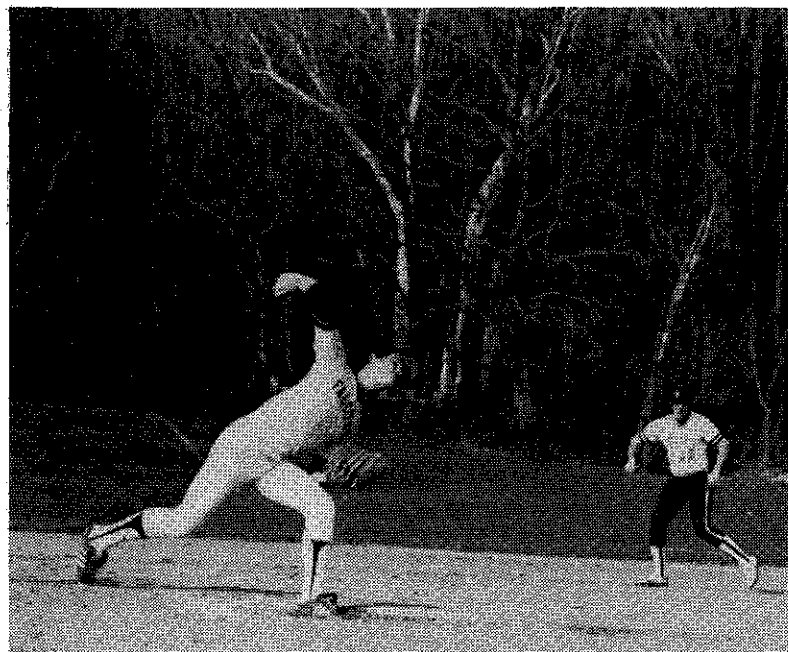
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IT'S IN THE ELBOW: Senior Scott Exley fires a pitch against visiting St. Pius X in a pre-season confrontation April 5. The Falcons dropped the game, 4-3.

Looking to double record,

Junior high batmen to face off with West

by Laurie Rowley

"It always feels good to beat a Boyertown team," said ninth grade baseball coach Mike Tomasso about the junior high Falcons' upcoming game against Boyertown West May 4 at 3:30 p.m. at Boyertown.

Coach Tomasso is looking to doubling last year's record this season. "If we could double the wins to eight, I feel that the season will have been a success," he said.

Some of the members of the

team who Coach Tomasso listed as being strong players who should have successful seasons are Frank Schweitzer at shortstop and pitcher, Mark Christman at second and pitcher, Drew Piacine as catcher, Chris Lucci at centerfield and Mike Jenschke at shortstop.

Coach Tomasso said that he is working at building a team with a strong defense and a good infield. "I like to work my pitchers into the best possible shape that they can be in," he said. "Pitching

Plagued by problems:

Baseball team deals with losses

by Pete Daly

The Pottsgrove varsity baseball team was winless in pre-season action and lost its season opener at Pottstown on April 18.

According to Coach Rudy Rauco, this year's team is plagued by a number of problems. "Hitting is a big problem," he said. "We're just not hitting the ball."

The Falcons are also weak in the area of pitching; last year's graduating class took with it the meat of the Falcon pitching staff.

Despite the bleak outlook for the remainder of the season, the players have had a positive attitude toward playing and practicing. "Up to this point, it (the team's attitude) has been pretty good," said Coach Rauco. "The

attitude compared to previous years' is better."

Coach Rauco also coaches the Pottsgrove Panthers, an American Legion team which plays during the summer. Some members of the Falcon baseball squad continue with Mr. Rauco and the Panthers in the summer, aided by the experience picked up with the Fal-

cons. The bleak outlook in the beginning of the season prevented coach Rauco from making any predictions and setting goals. "This year I just can't set a goal," said the coach. "Sometimes they're just too hard to live up to. I'd rather just play the games as they come and see what comes of that."

Girls to run Great Valley

by Kathy Mauer

The girls' track team will compete against Great Valley on May 4 at home at 3:30 p.m.

Last year Great Valley was state champion, a leading girls' track team. "It's hard to know just what we'll be up against this year," said Charles Yohn, girls' track coach. "You never know how the other team is shaping up their season."

tion," he said. "There was a girl named Meg Jones on Great Valley's team last season who was a double state champ. At least we don't have to worry about her."

In previous meets outstanding athletes have been Leslie Iezzi and Stacy Matthews in the 100 and 300 meter hurdles. Sprinting events are dominated by freshman Tanya Crockett and junior Kim Wilkinson.

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The junior high Falcons lost their season opener in an upset to Downingtown, 11-0, on April 13. The second game, scheduled with Phoenixville for April 15, was rained out. Mr. Tomasso said that the weather has been a discouraging factor about this season. Because of all the rain in early April, the team only averaged two practices per week.

The junior high team is a one-year team. "You have to build that team in one year," said Coach Tomasso.

He also said that he has hopes for success during the remainder of the season.

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Mrs. Sandy Koenig, a Red Cross volunteer, is in charge of delivering blood donor recruitment posters, pamphlets, appointment cards and pledge slips. All of these materials will assist the Varsity Club in reaching their goal of 75 units of blood.

"Your donation goal for this bloodmobile visit is 75 units," said Mrs. Marion Rubright, chairperson of the Northern Schuylkill Valley Branch of the Red Cross. "Please remember to recruit enough donors to allow for deferrals, absenteeism or illness. Meeting your donation is very important, as

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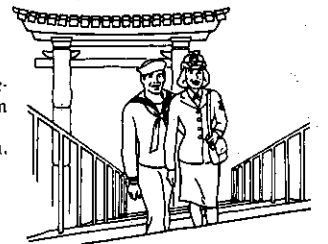
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