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## newsbriefs

### Agency rids schools of asbestos

A few weeks ago the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued new rules for getting cancer-causing asbestos out of schools.

For many years, contractors used asbestos to insulate some school buildings.

Getting rid of it is dangerous and expensive. Not many school districts have been able to afford to do it.

The new regulations — part of Congress' 1986 Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act — require schools to find out if they've got asbestos by October 1988.

Then, by July 1989, school officials must submit plans for removing or "managing" the asbestos to state health departments.

Failure to comply could cost a school \$5,000 a day in fines.

Previously, the EPA only required school officials to check for asbestos, and notify people if it was found in the

### *Pottsgrove gets ready for its biggest assembly*

## Seniors tune speeches

by Shawnn Shafer

Twelve Pottsgrove seniors have been practicing speeches for two weeks for this morning's assembly, at which the Color Day award winners will be announced.

"Color Day is the biggest assembly of the year," Mrs. Bronwyn Baltusavich, organizer for the morning activities, said. The morning activities start out with a "Pottsgrove Feud," which is a homeroom game. The assembly will follow, at which time the 12 finalists will be introduced.

The finalists are Tina Cimino, Karen Gillespie, Lori Kappenstein, Cathy McDevitt, Lee Ann Neiman, Jennifer Sharp, Edward Hamel, Jason Lupold, Kenneth Melton, Dean Reigner, Matthew Slaby and Donald Testa.

"This year's theme is 'The Time Is Now,'" Mrs. Baltusavich said. "The emphasis of the theme is that there are many opportunities at PHS."

The 12 finalists will speak on this theme.

Willard Benner, a PHS graduate who is now a pro golfer in Lancaster, will be the guest speaker.

A slide presentation on the activities at Pottsgrove High School will also be shown.

"Each year Pottsgrove tries to keep the traditions alive. This year's theme is similar to last year's. Also, there are always 12 finalists," Mrs. Baltusavich said.

After the morning assembly, two grades will go to the gym for volleyball, one will go to the cafeteria for lunch and one will stay in the audi-

torium for a talent show.

The talent show includes a band made up of senior Ken Melton, juniors Jeff Pennington and Ron White and sophomore Dave Neiman.

"The talent show for Color Day is a risky business for students because they are afraid to perform in front of their peers," Mrs. Baltusavich said. "I wish more people would prepare and share their talents for Color Day."

The requirements for the 12 finalists were that they had to have completed obligations to all co-curricular activities to which they belonged in grades 9 through 12. They must have participated in two or more school activities for two or more years. They must have a minimum curriculum average of "C," and a citizenship average of "B" is required for the first marking period.

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## Society tries to help homeless

by Tab Mizic

A dilemma that society is dealing with today is the growing number of homeless people.

An idea about the homeless that many people have is that they have no job and are not doing anything to find one. Or that they are welfare

In the Pottstown area the number of homeless people is hard to determine when just working with figures arrived at by counting just those who come looking for food, shelter and clothing. These people live in old abandoned buildings, in cars or with family and friends.

Mrs. Susan Edgren, a family ser-

rent rates in the area have attracted many new people to the area. The result is that it is harder and harder for people to find homes to fit their financial needs.

"The number of the homeless are definitely increasing," Mrs. Edgren said. "In 1984, there was a 60 percent occupancy in the shelter. Now

The cost of school asbestos abatement is substantial — \$3.2 billion during the next 30 years — and some school officials say the federal government should give districts more money to do it.

At the time it announced the new regulations, the EPA gave \$5 million to 12 states to help rid schools of asbestos.

## Metal detectors to curb violence

To reduce student violence and in-school weapon totting, a grand jury has recommended that Baltimore area high schools be equipped with metal detectors.

By surveying 390 high school students, the grand jury found that nearly 50 percent of the male students questioned have handled a gun. And 60 percent knew someone who'd been shot or threatened with a gun in school during the past six months.

Students said they could most easily get a gun from a "street" transaction, friend, drug dealer or by stealing one.

Almost 60 percent feel there is a gun-control problem in schools and surrounding communities.

## Teens manage stock portfolios

Students enrolled in the Academy of Finance — a program aimed at teaching teenagers about banking careers — watched their imaginary stock portfolios crumble last fall during the stock market crash.

Academy students — also enrolled in programs in other cities, such as Chicago, San Francisco, Seattle and Phoenix — play "the trading game."

Groups of four to five students are given an imaginary \$100,000 to invest.

"We took a big loss in Microsoft," said student investor Erica Hawkins about "stock" in a company that, in real life, makes computer software.

Her team lost \$50,000 after the stock market dropped 508 points on October 18.

## Crash causes teachers' retirement

Last fall's stock market crash caused a dramatic increase in the number of retiring teachers.

At least 270 New York teachers decided to retire in October, compared to an average of about 100 each month.

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mate children.

Not so.

Sixty percent of the homeless do work and they have a family of their own. The problem is these homeless have low paying jobs, jobs paying below the average of \$11,203, which is now considered to be the poverty level.

said that "it is not the lack of jobs that are making the people homeless; it's the lack of sufficient housing."

There is some low cost housing available. However, the supply has not kept pace with the demand. The combination of the newly opened expressway and the low

The Salvation Army is helping as best it can. "They (the homeless) are offered canned food in their rooms," Mrs. Edgren said. "The Trinity Church, which is a few blocks away, has a soup kitchen. Many of the homeless go there to get a meal once a day."

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# Computers change teachers' methods

by Shawnn Shafer

Computers are changing the way teachers prepare for class and the way they teach.

"I use my computer for word processing, making tests, study sheets, reporting and calculating grades and for tutoring my students," John Dybach, PHS biology teacher, said.

In getting a computer about four years ago, Mr. Dybach was one of

the first teachers here to use a computer to prepare for class.

Mr. Dybach hopes to receive next year an Interactive Video Disc System to use for lectures and presentation to his classes. He said that this system involves using a laser beam to pull from 50,000 images on a disc to produce sounds and images.

"The disc will be a supplement," Mr. Dybach said. "It will show motion pictures."

The laser disc will eliminate the use of slide projectors and movies and will save a lot of time for Mr. Dybach.

"Computers are here to stay,"

Mr. Dybach said.

Math teacher and basketball coach Ralph Werley uses a computer to help organize data, keep statistics for the team and for supplemental teaching throughout the year.

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# Science Club plans spring trips, seminars

by Bobbi Fortmuller

Science Club, headed by Co-Presidents Anita McKee and Tom Istenes, has a full schedule slated this spring for its 95 members. The Club's members will have the opportunity to take trips and attend seminars.

Club members will be traveling in February to a seminar at Drexel University, sponsored by the En-

gineering Society of Philadelphia. Also, next month, Pottsgrove members can enter a science fair at Ursinus College where awards will be given for the best projects.

In April the club will take a trip to Washington, D.C., and visit the Smithsonian Institute. Eighty students went on this trip last year.

The annual canoe trip to New Jersey is scheduled for May. The students will be guided by Walter

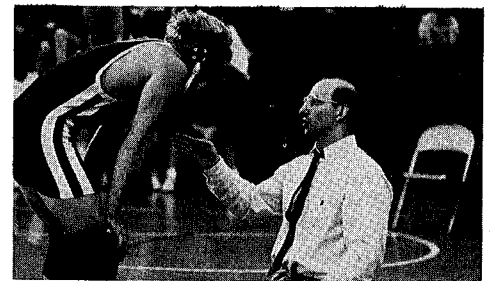
Bein on a weekend of camping and canoeing.

Also, in May, is the rock and fossil trip. All freshman are required to attend, and the trip is open to all upperclassmen members who wish to go.

"The purpose of the rock and fossil trip is the study of the physical and historical geology in the area," said Clyde Dry, Science Club adviser.

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## SADD fights killer

Students Against Driving Drunk (SADD) is a program that is being organized in high schools to compete with the number one killer, drunk driving.

SADD is groups of organized students across the country. Each group has the potential to save lives by making other students aware of the hazards of drunk driving.

Four goals of SADD are to help eliminate the drunk driver and save lives, alert high school students to the dangers of drinking and driving, conduct community alcohol awareness programs and to organize peer counseling programs to help students who may have concerns about alcohol.

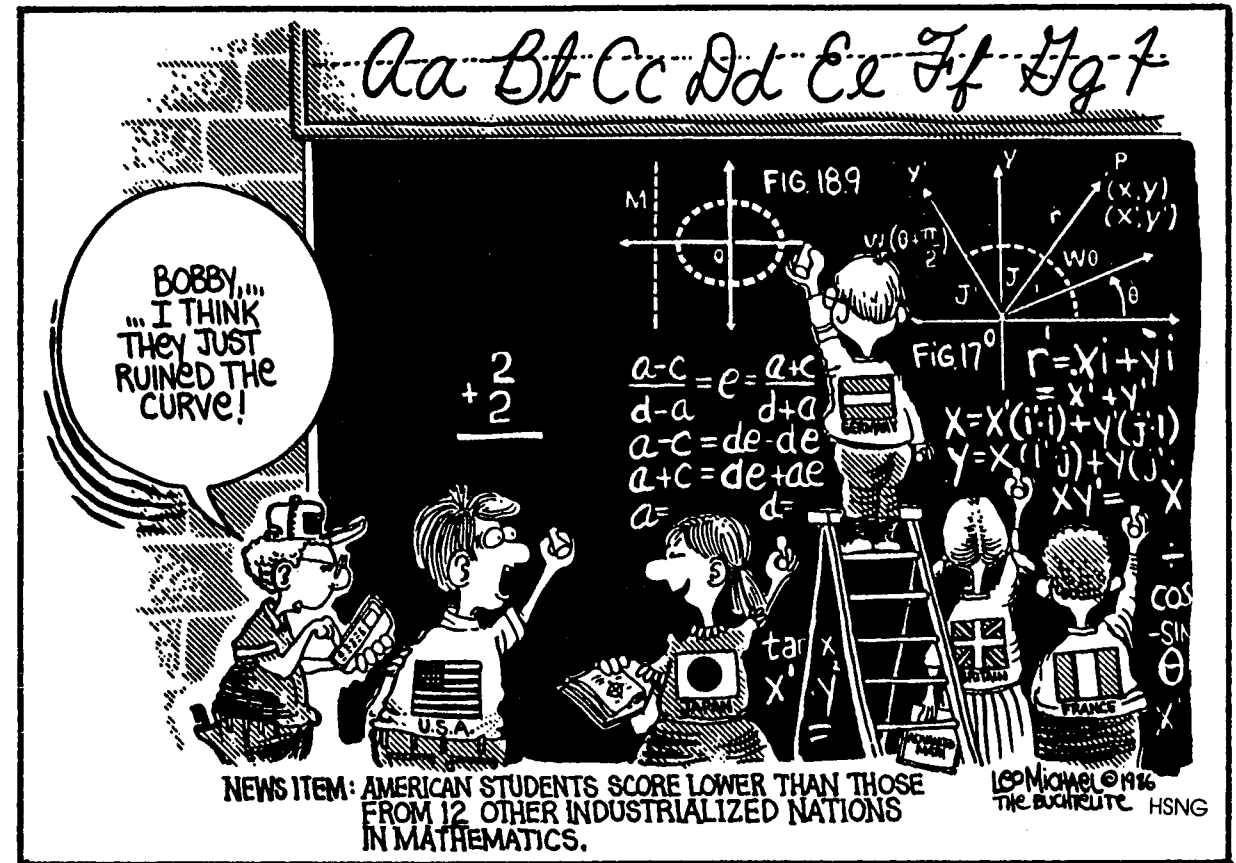
The SADD here is working on ways to alert the community about dangers of driving drunk.

Robert Anastas, Director of Health Education in Massachusetts, developed the program in September 1981. He and a group of students started the program by making buttons and t-shirts.

April 15, 1982, is known as SADD Day because on that day students signed pledges to eliminate the drunk driver and to save lives.

SADD expanded its influence through the use of announcements that asked people to help students to realize the dream of ending teenage alcohol-related deaths.

To keep this dream alive, chapters of SADD, such as the one which was begun here last month, need students who are willing to assume a leadership role and to work for the prevention of



## Area man rebuilds his life

# Romanian rejects Party, loses position

by Carolyn Cooper

An area man, who asked that his last name not be used, is one of the prime examples of the belief that you can do anything you want as long as you want it badly enough.

Peter was born in Bucharest, the capital of Romania, recovering from World War II. At the time of his birth, people were working to

ic, political, and social differences.

"We were taught that Marxism and Leninism were the best," Peter said. "I grew old enough to realize that the fundamental concept was contradictory with reality."

After five years of college, majoring in economy and business administration, he became an intricate part of the Romanian government. Peter was working for the Com-

tem), if that is the treatment after so many years, I am asking to leave this country with my family."

Officials harassed and persecuted him. In the meantime, his case was being aired by radio-free Europe and Amnesty International.

In December 1979, Peter and his wife and children were allowed passports to leave the country. In leaving the country, they were told

alcohol-related deaths.

Hopefully, through the efforts of Pottsgrove's chapter of SADD, enough peer pressure will be exerted to save a few lives. Maybe, even through their efforts so far someone's life has already been saved.

## Pottsgrove implements instruction about AIDS

by Shawnn Shafer

AIDS, a sexually transmitted disease, is becoming the new number one disease that is a threat to people who share drug needles and people who are sexually active.

"The State Board of Education adopted regulations which require school districts to provide instruction about AIDS to their students," Dr. Alvin Coleman, superintendent of PHS, said. Pottsgrove High School is informing students about AIDS through the health curriculum.

Schools must provide instruction at least once in the elementary grades, at least once in the middle/junior high school grades and at

least once in the senior high school grades as part of the health curriculum.

"The regulations specify minimum course requirements and give school districts discretion over whether to include in the elementary curriculum information about sexual transmission of the disease," Dr. Coleman said.

In the high school and intermediate school there are not any problems with the instruction of AIDS to students. The problem right now is in the elementary schools.

Dr. Coleman visited each of the three elementary schools in the district this month to meet with the Parents of the elementary students. At this meeting Dr. Coleman

rebuild the country.

As a teenager in that same country, he was learning, playing sports, and reading a lot of books. From these books, he was trying to find answers to questions about econom-

merce Department.

told the parents about the curriculum that will be taught to the students.

The school received a filmstrip about AIDS, and Dr. Coleman showed it at the meeting.

Earlier this month Dr. Coleman said that at the meeting he hoped "to get the opinions of the parents on whether they feel the teacher should tell the student what sex is if a student asks."

This is the only problem that PHS has to deal with right now in the production of the AIDS curriculum.

In the United States, Pennsylvania ranks seventh in the number of reported AIDS cases. Since 1981, 931 cases of AIDS have been reported in Pennsylvania.

merce Department.

In order to have a high social position in Romania, it was required for a person to be in the

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Communist Party. It was therefore unavoidable that Peter would be asked to join the Party at the age of 28.

"I was asked directly, and I refused outright," he said. "I couldn't believe in what they wanted." Peter was downgraded from his job as a result of his refusal.

Peter later became the general manager of a large mall, supervising 800 employees. Again he was asked to join the Communist Party. "Communism can never stand in competing with democracy" was his reply.

As a direct consequence of that statement, he was fired at a public meeting in front of the 800 people he had supervised, representatives from the highest level in the Party, the secret service and the police.

To a certain degree, Peter was aware of what would happen if he refused to join the Party. "When you are living in a society whose system is not working properly," he said, "it is right to fight and not look at consequences."

In response to his being fired, Peter asked to leave the country. "If I'm not worthy enough to live in the country where I was born and raised," he said, "— I did a lot of good things that were right (I believed for so many years in the sys-

to leave behind everything they had.

Shortly after the family's arrival in the U.S., they were shocked, not culturally, but by the fact that they had lost everything.

"We found ourselves at the bottom of society," he said, "penniless and nothing to be offered but a big dream in front of us. Spiritually we were very strong."

He also said that they wanted to do anything to demonstrate that everything is possible if you believe in what you say and what you're doing.

Peter said his biggest obstacle was the language barrier. While trying to learn English, he took a job as a janitor. This was far below his government position in Romania.

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After eight months, he knew enough English to become an accountant.

After another year, Peter worked for a car dealership; in three years he was a top salesman. Then he became the manager of another dealership for three years. Then he accepted the position of Director of Purchasing for M. Cardone Industries in Philadelphia.

"After living in the U.S. for eight years," Peter said, "we integrated ourselves so that we feel like we were born here. This demonstrates that you can accomplish anything as long as you are willing to work and pay the price."

On the big screen:

## Dan Aykroyd plays an on-the-air wacko

by Shawnn Shafer

Dan Aykroyd stars in a new comedy, *The Couch Trip*, which has a plot that is pretty basic on the screen but can get pretty involved on paper.

Anyway, in this comedy Aykroyd plays a guy named Burns, who is in a mental institution in Chicago and is about to be sent to prison by a Dr. Baird.

Meanwhile, in Los Angeles a psychiatrist who has a radio talk goes "crazy" and takes a sabbatical. His lawyer and accountant have to find a replacement for him.

You got it. Aykroyd gets the job. When he was alone in his doctor's office back in Chicago, he answered the phone and pretended that he was Dr. Baird. He gets out of the mental institution and finds his way to L.A.

On the West Coast, Aykroyd meets a Dr. Rollins, a psychiatrist played by Donna Dixon, who works for the radio station.

Walter Matthau, playing Becker, a wacko who is a horticultural freak, gives Aykroyd some trouble about the clothes he is wearing and gets arrested. Matthau has some lines like "No man is so tall as when he

stoops to pet a plant."

In his job as radio psychiatrist, Aykroyd is a huge success. He has a different way of dealing with people's problems; he even offers to listen to people's problems for nothing.

The truth all comes out in the end though after Aykroyd goes to a convention for psychiatrists in Los Angeles.

This movie will be enjoyed by those who like Dan Aykroyd; however, it is not his best work. Matthau and Dixon have their moments in the story, but even Dr. Ruth is funnier than this movie.

**'Service is unique'**

## **Club works to feed the hungry**

by Liz Yohn

The rising number of homeless and working poor has led many Americans to evaluate and assist the services offered to help the poor in their area.

Because there is a need for help in this area, PHS's Key Club members have been volunteering time at the Trinity Reformed Church in Pottstown. Once a month eight to ten members work in the kitchen and dining room serving and cleaning up after the church's free meal.

"I think our service is unique," Patricia Shang Von-Bing, Community Outreach Minister for the Pottstown Cluster of Religious Communities, said. "Our program

could not operate without the volunteers."

The Trinity Reformed Church began the free meal program five years ago. The program is now run by the Pottstown Cluster of Religious Communities. Free meals are served at the Trinity Reformed Church, lunches on Monday and Friday and dinner on Tuesday and Thursday.

Churches and service organizations in the Pottstown area volunteer their time to buy, prepare, serve and clean-up the meals. On an average there are about 50-60 lunches served and about 95-100 people served at dinner, Mrs. Shang Von-Bing said.

"There is a whole new group of people who are poor and home-

less," Mrs. Shang Von-Bing said. Along with the free meal, the Cluster of Churches also sponsors a food pantry, where people can come in anytime for food, and emergency assistance for fuel and rent.

Unlike many other services in the area there is no eligibility and no forms to be filled out to go to the free meal. After five years the program is still going strong, Mrs. Shang Von-Bing said. There has been a new surge of energy and involvement.

"I think the free meal program project is important for Key Club," Amy Spokas, community project chairman for Key Club, said. "We are really helping the people."

## **Thrift shops provide 'in' fashions**

by Tab Mizic

Teenagers and adults are shopping at thrift shops more and more because the prices are lower and because these stores offer a type of fashion which is "in" to a certain group of people.

"We mostly sell pants and shirts," said Ms. Linda Reninger, an employee at Goodwill Industries on High Street, about her best selling items. "We also sell a lot of the newer kinds of jewelry."

One thing that is drawing more and more people to thrift shops is

the prices. Most merchandise is under \$15.

Another thing is the unique styles of clothing and jewelry that a person can find in these stores. Students agree that it is fun to just look around. They say that specialty shops are high on their lists of favorite places to shop.

Specialty shops which sell old and antique clothing seem to rate high on these shopper lists.

One of the most misinterpreted ideas about shopping in thrift stores is the idea that people who shop in them do so because they

don't have the money to shop in department stores. However, this is not always the case. Some buyers are looking for style, not just the right price.

Amy Spokas, a senior, said that the reason why she shops at thrift shops is that she can find cheap clothes with character.

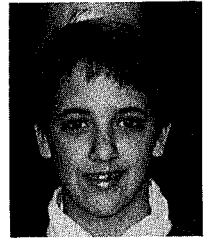
Kathy Fadigan, a senior, said that she "finds unique things there that nobody else will have."

Thrift shops are becoming a new place to hunt for style at discount prices, especially for those who are looking for unique, old clothing and jewelry.

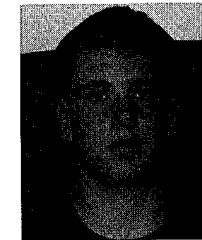
## **'Falcon' asks . . .**

What are the merits of having a dress code?

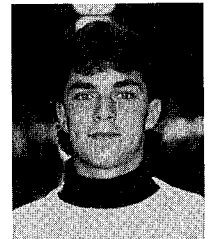
**Alison Tagert, freshman:** "I don't think there are any merits. I wish we could wear shorts on hot days."



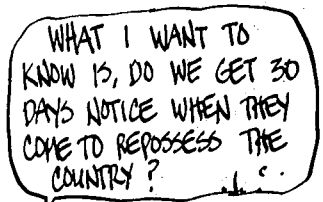
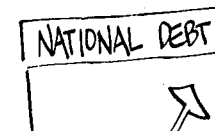
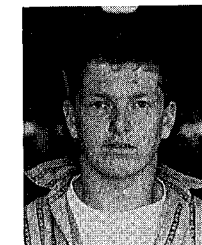
**Adam Glasgow, sophomore:** "I don't think there are any good points. The dress code should be abolished."



**Jeff Lotz, junior:** "A dress code gets rid of the vulgar t-shirts and it makes the atmosphere nicer. Though I do think we should be able to wear shorts on the hot days."



**Lance Tyson, senior:** "I don't think we should have a dress code. We should be able to wear whatever we want, like sweatpants; and when it gets hot, we should be able to wear shorts."



by Tab Mizic

What does it take to be a model?

Ruth Breidenbach, who works at Claro Modeling in King of Prussia, searches for that special something in hopeful models.

"There are no specific requirements to be a model," she said, "but to be a good model you should at least be 5'9" and be a size 7-8."

She also said that anyone interested in being a model should find a manager and an agency. Also, modeling classes are a must.

"Looks and personality really count on how you photograph," she said. "That is what is important."

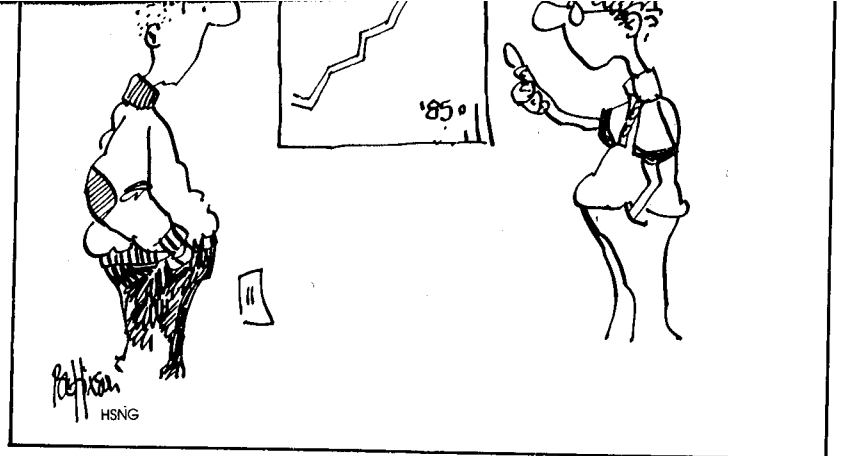
She also said that out of 1,000 girls who try to become models only about 100 will make it. Mainly, though, it depends on each individual.

"The first thing you should do is

to get a portfolio ready," she said. "This will range from about \$500-\$600 to about \$2,000."

Other things someone who is interested in modeling can look into are TV and movie acting, fashion shows and artist modeling.

"If I had to do it all over again, I would have," Miss Breidenbach said, concerning whether or not she would have pursued the same career. "In fact, I would have done it sooner."



## Student fights years of alcoholism

by Liz Yohn

"An alcoholic is the drunkard someone would see on the street corner in Philadelphia, not me," a Pottsgrove graduate and recovering alcoholic who wishes to remain anonymous, said.

The National Council of Alcoholism Inc. reported that there are 3.3 million drinking teenagers from the ages of 14 to 17 in the United States. One in five of these teens is showing signs of developing serious alcohol related problems.

After years of partying, an accident that nearly killed her and two years of unbelievable amounts of tranquilizers, the former Pottsgrove student went for help.

She spent 40 days in Chit-Chat Farms Rehabilitation Center, which has two centers: one in Reading and one in Virginia.

"Drugs are accepted in our generation," she said. "We live on drugs. We diet, sleep, get up, and get physically fit — all with the help of drugs."

The result of the rising number of young people drinking is the 10,000 deaths of youths each year in accidents linked directly to drinking.

It started in high school, the PHS

graduate explained. Everyone goes out and parties, but for her it was harder.

"Both my parents were alcoholics and it was not going to happen to me," she said. "At least that is what I thought."

If a student thinks something might be wrong, it is a good idea to get a counselor. It really does help,

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she said. A counselor can help kids deal with the pressure and stress of high school along with any chemical abuse problem.

During her senior year at PHS, she received counseling from PAD-RAP (Pottstown Area Drug Rehabilitation Program). She quit drinking for seven months, but as her senior year was drawing to a close,

she started partying again. This time, however, she partied 10 times harder.

After three years of college, the parties, the lies, and the lost friendships all came crashing down.

"I finally realized that I wanted help," she said. "I wanted to go to a rehabilitation center."

The whole rehabilitation program runs on honesty, she explained. It turned my life over. The days at the center consisted of many group meetings, movies, and a lot of fun times.

"I feel like a new person. I have been sober for over half a year now. I don't think I could know any other way of living," she said.

It is important to remember, parents can't condemn and forbid their kids for trying the things that are out there, she explained. It just makes the kids want to try it worse.

"If a young person wants help, there are lots of places out there," she said. "The person must have to really want to be better or it doesn't work."

"My life is completely changed. It is incredible," she said. "Everything looks so much brighter and so much more beautiful now."

## Coping with test anxiety

by Melissa Bush

Test anxiety is a problem some students have to deal with every time they take an exam.

"Test anxiety is a negative nervous reaction," said Mrs. Diane Rupp, school guidance counselor. "Students should argue against negative self-statements such as 'I'm going to fail this test' or 'Everyone else is smarter than I am.'"

Self-confidence is a key factor when taking a test. Students should believe in themselves, but they should also know how to study.

"Students should also relax physically," said Mrs. Rupp. "Physical education classes teach relaxation through yoga, and eleventh grade health classes have a lesson on relaxation."

Sometimes tension before a test can be good. It makes a person perform better and care more.

"A little tension can spark the thought processes or quicken mental responses," Mrs.

Rupp said.

There are six basic steps to taking a test that students should follow:

1. Prepare yourself properly.
2. Read test carefully.
3. Budget time.
4. Use sure hunches (educated guesses).
5. Go back and check work.
6. Develop constructive attitudes.

Pottsgrove students all handle test taking stress in different ways.

"It helps my nerves if I close my eyes and take a few slow, deep breaths," Amy Spokas, a senior, said.

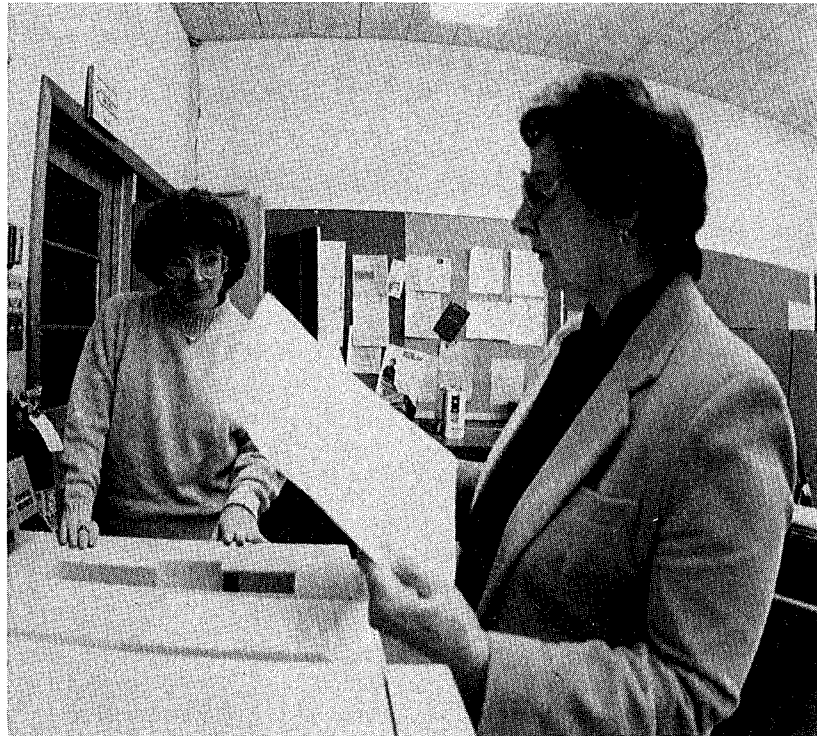
"I just tell myself I know it," Brad Wanish, a freshman, said.

Some students handle stress when taking a test by chewing on things.

"I just chew on a piece of gum and try not to think about being nervous," said junior Amy Tonnessen.

"I chew on the inside of my cheek," said sophomore Jen Mioni.





**Working at school:** Six business students, like senior Sandra Leister, get practical experience by working with the district secretaries.

## Secretaries need grades, skills

by Carey Petenbrink

Wanted: a senior who has good grades, outstanding business skills, and a great personality and who can work well with people.

Students with these qualities are recruited by the Business Department each spring to work as student secretaries.

"As the Business Department, we select 10 students who qualify for the position of morning secretary," David Johnston, business teacher, said. Then the list is given to Dr. Richard Radel, high school principal, and the secretaries, Mrs. Mary Ann Buchholtz and Mrs. Jane Schrevelius, for approval.

"When the list is approved, the students being considered are asked if they are interested in the position. The five members of the Business Department then thoroughly evaluate each student's records until the top six are selected,"

Mr. Johnston said.

The morning secretaries this year are Kim Koch, Sandra Leister, Tracey Matyasovsky, Lee Ann Neiman, Jennifer Mayk and Michelle Reidler.

These girls are each assigned one day of the school's six-day cycle to sort the absentee lists and type and

distribute them to the classrooms. They are also always available to help the high school office secretaries.

"I consider being selected as a morning secretary an honor," Lee Ann said. "I enjoy the position and it also gives me good experience for the future."

## Pottsgrovians again make New Year's resolutions

by Colleen Mayk

As one month has already passed in 1988, it is a good time to pause and see what kinds of high hopes Pottsgrovians have set for themselves for this year.

Some people still keep the tradition of making resolutions for themselves at the beginning of each year. A few Pottsgrovians still keep the tradition alive, and what follows are New Year's resolutions made by PHS students and faculty.

*Patty Daly*, senior: "To miss as many days of my senior year as possible."

*Matt Shantz*, sophomore: "To beat Mr. Tornetta in wrestling."

*Geoff Gotsch*, junior: "Start handing my reports in on time."

*Ken Melton*, senior: "To quit bothering Mr. Weyman."

*Dustin Raymond*, junior: "To not get caught by the 'Fuzz.'"

*Linda Herman*, freshman: "To lose weight."

*Nicole Cipraro*, junior: "To be nice to everyone."

*Jeff Pennington*, junior: "To gain weight for football next year."

*Miss Mays*: "To be more patient."

games."

*Tara Still*, junior: "To study music for the future."

*Chrissy McCalicher*, sophomore: "To get better grades."

*Jim Kovach*, freshman: "To stop getting in trouble with teachers."

*Jen Mock*, sophomore: "To do better in school."

*Anna Bauer*, freshman: "Not eat as much chocolate."

*Greg Delp*, junior: "Not to fight with Jen."

*Jen Crosley*, freshman: "To lose 10 pounds."

*Tara Mizic*, sophomore: "To try to get along better with Ron."

*Sandy Deslate*, junior: "Not to have any more parties."

*Adam Glasgow*, sophomore: "To get my license."

*Tim Koppenhaver*, senior: "To get a 'bowl cut.'"

*Barb Friel*, senior: "Not to fight with my boyfriend."

*Kathy Basile*, sophomore: "To grow my hair out."

*Mr. Pugh*: "Not to hit my kids as much or lock them in the basement."

*Ricky Bearden*, sophomore: "To be as big as my brother."

## Club supports child in developing country

by Bobbi Fortmuller

During the 1981-82 school year, the Spanish Club decided to sponsor a child in an underdeveloped country. Felix Yobany Reyes, a boy from Honduras, was chosen to be sponsored by the Spanish Club.

"Five years ago, the Spanish Club officers came to me with it and I thought it would be a good idea,"

said John Romanoski, the club adviser.

The Spanish Club then contacted the Save the Children Program. The club was able to pick the country they wanted to sponsor someone from and Felix was assigned to them.

"Every year I give a picture of Felix and his address to all the members," Mr. Romanoski said.

Over the years, a correspondence of letters has developed. Also this year, a Christmas package was sent to Felix containing cards, small gifts and pictures.

"The club sends \$16 every month to Save the Children to pay for the food, clothing and medical care of Felix," Mr. Romanoski said.

The money was collected from the members through club dues. The club activities and the annual Spanish Club Tournament pays for the sponsorship now.

## Computers expand teachers' methods

(Continued from page 1, column 5)

"Currently there is no software adequate for me to use in my math classes," he said.

However, in the future Mr. Werley hopes the computer becomes an integral part of his teaching.

Even the library is now using a computer to charge books in and out. As librarian Ronald Schafer reported to the school board on

Jan. 12, the computer is used for renewing books, writing overdue notices and listing fines.

"A new law was passed that a library has to conceal the identity of the reader," Mr. Schafer said, in listing another advantage of using the computerized system. According to Mr. Schafer, by keeping track of book loans on a computer a "student cannot tell who has had the book out before him."

## newsbriefs

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With the unstable market patterns of recent weeks, the New York teachers feared they would collect less in benefits if they retired at a later date.

Teachers pay a part of each paycheck to a pension fund manager who, in turn, invests the money for them.

When the teachers retire, the manager gives them pension payments from the money made by the investments.

### Smart people wear glasses

Smart people may wear glasses after all.

Doctors here tested the IQs of more than 157,748 teenage military recruits and found a distinct connection between intelligence and nearsightedness.

Drs. Mordechai Rosner and Michael Belkin published their findings in a recent issue of the American Medical Association's Archives of Ophthalmology.

Among the teenagers who had above average IQs, 27.3 percent were nearsighted.

### History texts don't make the grade

A university professor and researcher has given American history textbooks a thumbs down.

In an October report, Gilbert T. Sewall, a Columbia University's Teacher College researcher, described history books as full of "cowardice, commercialism, condescension and crassness."

An example of a "thumbed-down" book, said Sewall, is "The United States and Its Neighbors," published by Silver Burdett Company.

Renix is now about 14 or 15 years old and is in school. Although the schooling is poor and his conditions are difficult, the Spanish Club hopes to make a difference in his life.

## Homeless find help at Salvation Army

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To help the homeless, the Salvation Army gives them a list of realtors with houses that could meet their financial needs. The homeless are also given a list of places where they can go to seek employment.

Mrs. Edgren said that the Salvation Army tries to help the best that they can, but it is up to the families to help themselves.

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*Kevin Grain*, freshman: "Act like a gentleman for a year."

*Jack Genter*, junior: "To be nice to my sisters."

*Kenny Green*, freshman: "To grow."

*Tim Ballas*, sophomore: "To go to more parties."

*Chad Sorg*, freshman: "To be nice to people and not make fun of them."

*Jen Wagner*, junior: "To try to get better grades."

*Jeanette Lotz*, freshman: "To become a better basketball player."

*Jamie Stone*, sophomore: "To score more in varsity basketball

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*Sam Ambrosia*, freshman: "To go undefeated in wrestling."

*Lee Ann Neiman*, senior: "To stop biting my nails."

*Ed Currie*, junior: "To be more like Matt Armstrong."

*Mike Ford*, junior: "To let my hair grow."

*Bert Lange*, senior: "To study on Friday nights."

*Matt Armstrong*, senior: "To stay home every weekend and eat Chinese food."

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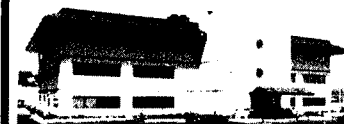
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# Falcons to grapple Norristown

by Elizabeth Yohn

PHS's Wrestling Team will travel to Norristown High School for a tri-meet with Norristown and Springfield Montco high schools tomorrow.

"If we wrestle well, we should beat both teams," Joseph Tor-

netta, PHS teacher and wrestling coach, said. "The team is starting to develop unity and our take down ability is good."

These team strengths account for the team's 4-8 record.

The team has a new assistant coach, Frank Giffi. Also, the team has the largest number of wrestlers

that PHS has had since Mr. Tornetta started here. However, PHS still does not have enough wrestlers for a scoring junior varsity team.

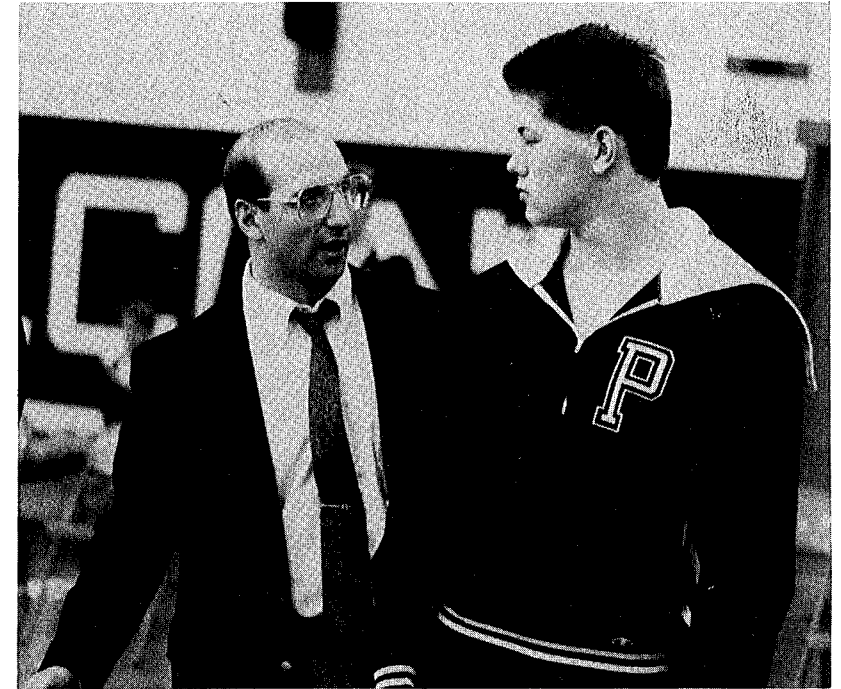
"Ed Hamel, Ron White and Steve Giffi are all having outstanding seasons," Mr. Tornetta said. "Ed Hamel is leading in take downs."

The support at wrestling matches has been good, Mr. Tornetta said.

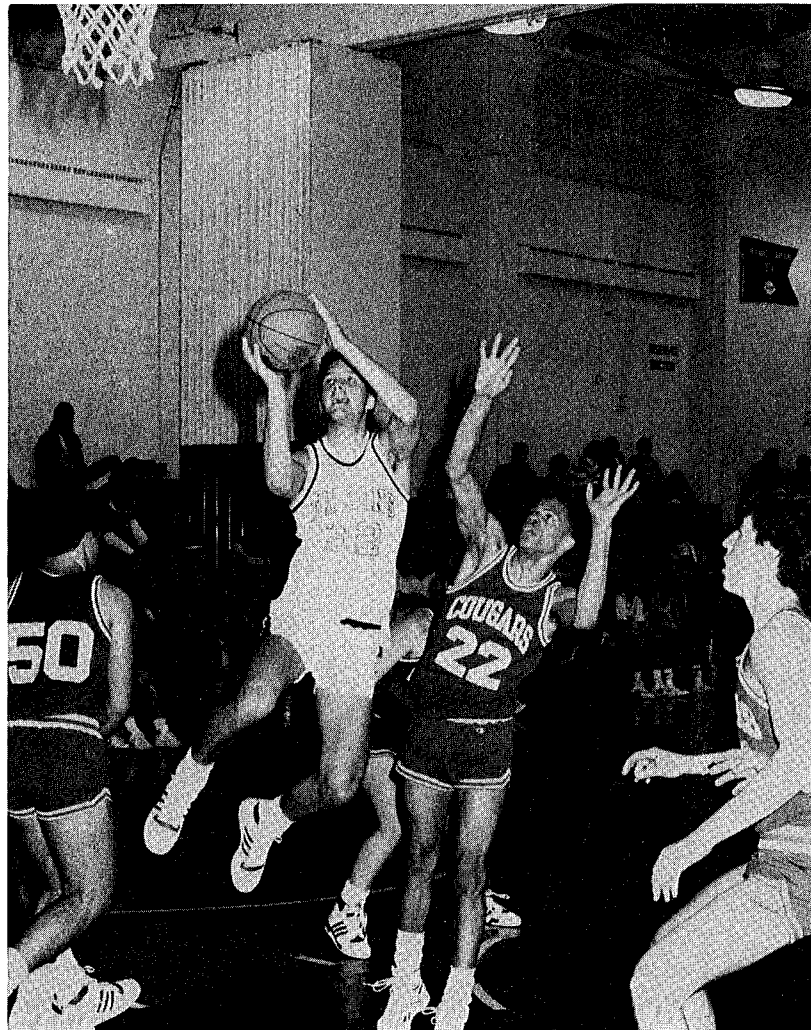
"I have been happy with the number of people coming to the matches," he said. "The more people watching and cheering the better we do."

The wrestling team will only have one day to recover from this Saturday's match-ups. On Monday the Falcons face Avon Grove in another away, non-league contest.

The next league contest is Wednesday when the Falcons grapple Spring-Ford.



**A team leader:** Coach Joseph Tornetta gives heavyweight wrestler Ron White some last minute advice before the match begins. Ron, who leads the team in points, placed first in the Upper Merion Christmas Tournament and second in the Spring-Ford Tournament.



## Girls face Upper Perk in second half opener

by Jen Dunn

With the home court advantage, the girls' basketball team will play Upper Perkiomen High School, Tuesday, Feb. 2, to start off the second half of their season.

"We have a positive attitude and if we play like a team and all cooperate together, we will be able to pull it out in the end," Danielle Borneman, varsity basketball player, said about Tuesday's game.

On Jan. 5, the PHS girls' basketball team lost to host Upper Perk-

the two teams. "We had to rely on Pam Rowe, who did all the scoring in the first quarter."

Miss Murgia added that the team should do better against Upper Perkiomen this time because the entire starting line will be present for the game.

Mrs. Cyndi Tornetta is the new

assistant basketball coach. She was the JV field hockey coach for the junior high school.

"I really liked coaching field hockey and I wanted to get into coaching at the high school," Mrs. Tornetta said. "I missed playing field hockey, basketball and softball when I was in high school."

## Trainer fills vacated position

by Jen Dunn

the field hockey and football injuries and is presently taking care of injured athletes from the basket-

**Going for two:** Ed Schumacher, as one of the two returning seniors, according to Coach Ralph Werley, has helped provide stability and leadership for an exceptionally young Falcon team.

## Hoopsters away in league match-up

by Tracy Koneski

Ralph Werley, coach of the Pottsgrove Falcons boys' basketball team, will step into the second half of the league season Tuesday, Feb. 2, when his team travels to Upper Perk.

Mr. Werley is expecting a very close game against Upper Perk since in the last five games against Upper Perk the Falcons won each by only four or less points.

The Falcons will have to work hard to defeat the Indians in this game, the sixth consecutive match-up.

In the first match-up with Upper Perk in the 1987-88 season, the Falcons played the Indians in an exciting game which ended with a victory in one period of overtime, 75-72.

"Sophomores have individually had great improvements," Mr. Werley said. "Matt Shantz has stabilized ball handling as a guard. Pat

Ullman, 66-48.

"Jen Sharp and Dawn Strunk missed the first quarter of the game," Miss Roxanne Murgia, PHS basketball coach, said in commenting on a previous match-up of

Ullman and Jamie Stone contributed admirably, considering they are sophomores.

"Greg Delp, a junior, is a leader in several categories, like scoring and rebounding. Kirk Detweiler, also a junior, is consistent in defensive playing, and Scott Goffice adds depth as a guard and a forward."

Mr. Werley also said that Jason Bearden and Ed Schumacher have been patient with the younger players and help them to mature quickly at the varsity level.

As a team, Mr. Werley feels that one way the Falcons can improve is through gaining experience.

This year they only had two returning lettermen, and only one with vast experience.

Mr. Werley said that the Falcons are proud to be the defending champions. If they are not to repeat the position of champs, they wish to have a say as to who does. The Falcons, however, would like to repeat as the Pac-8 champions.

Athletic trainer Jack Thomas has been working for the school district in the position vacated by Miss Dawn Evens, who worked as Pottsgrove's trainer the past two years.

Mr. Thomas, who was an athletic trainer at Cheyney University, graduated from West Chester University, where he majored in health and physical education.

"I like the challenge of getting an athlete back in time for the next game," Mr. Thomas said. During the fall, Mr. Thomas took care of

ball and wrestling teams.

Other than taping ankles, Mr. Thomas also sees himself as a medical adviser. For instance, he does refer students to doctors when they need special attention for their injuries.

Currently, Mr. Thomas works at Sunnybrook Sports Medicine on High Street and arrives at Pottsgrove each afternoon at 2 o'clock.

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### Sports talk:

## Runners stay in shape

by Kim Mayberry

Winter track is for students who would like to get into shape or would like to stay in shape.

"This keeps up their muscle tone and increases their endurance for their activities," Charles Yohn, winter track coach, said.

The students' practice consists of a long distance run, sprinting, running up the steps, jumping rope, lifting weights in the weight room, games and intersquad competitions.

"It gets me in shape for the spring season," Kathy Fadigan, a senior who has participated in track since her freshman year, said. "When the season begins, it eliminates the few weeks of getting in shape."

"Practice is on Mondays and Thursdays," Mr. Yohn said. "I would like to see more people take advantage of this."

Boys and girls from grades 9-12 are eligible to participate in winter track. Most people who join are in the spring sports (softball, baseball, track and tennis), but anyone can join. If a student would like to join, he needs to get an insurance card from Mr. Yohn and attend practice.

"You do not have to come to every practice," Mr. Yohn said. "The average number of people who attend practice is at least 10 people."

"Some benefits of winter track are staying in shape and feeling a lot better after you are finished," Kathy Fadigan said.

### Puzzle Answer

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