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## Language and business clubs increase activity

by Karen Houle

Language and business related clubs are major organizations at Pottsgrove in which students can participate in banquets, trips, tournaments or dances.

German Club is open to anyone taking German I and/or German

Marie Banks, president; Patty Ferrenz, vice-president; and Amy Kistler, secretary/treasurer. This past October, Latin Club sponsored a car wash and bake sale to raise extra money. "We are pushing toward our goal to visit New York in the spring," said Miss Richert.

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## New teacher to join math department

by David Bender

Paul Footitt, a math teacher from England, will join the Pottsgrove High School mathematics department today. He will fill in for Mrs. Nancy Romain, who is leaving for Rhode Island.

Mr. Footitt went to the King's School in Grantham, England. He did his undergraduate work at Eaton Hall College in Retford, England. After graduation, he taught as the assistant math teacher at the Chalvedon School in England. He also organized a computer club there.

When he came to the United States, Mr. Footitt attended Kutztown State College where he received his bachelor of science in education. Last year, he taught at Northampton Senior High School. He taught mathematics for the tenth, eleventh and twelfth grades.

Mr. Footitt played tennis and badminton in England. He also coached tennis and intramural

soccer while living there.

He is presently applying to become a United States citizen.

## Furthering their education is on the minds of PHS seniors

by Cheryl Grocki

Every year the seniors have many decisions to make. One of the most important things they must do is figure out what they want to do about furthering their education.

"I am pleased with the way the students have been meeting their obligations," said Anne Wentzel, guidance counselor.

Many seniors have been filling out applications to the colleges of their choice. Mrs. Wentzel said that a good deal of the students are applying to the 14 state owned colleges and Penn State University.

Compared to previous years, each senior is applying to a larger number of schools. There is also a greater push for financial aid and scholarships. "They have been

as prompt as classes in the past," said Mrs. Wentzel.

"This year's senior class is a good class to work with," said Mrs. Wentzel, "and they have been very thorough in their preparation of applications." Mrs. Wentzel hopes that the juniors will start thinking about college now.

Mrs. Wentzel noted that she has found the seniors very enthusiastic in their college search. "But, some students are a bit apprehensive," said Mrs. Wentzel.

"Students are asked to notify the guidance office of any acceptances or non-acceptances," said Mrs. Wentzel. They are also to fill out a publicity release when they have decided where they will be going. Publicity releases can be obtained from the guidance office.

## Ninth graders prepare for future with exposure to various careers

er. For the past three years, FHA has contributed much to Lancaster Host Farm held at the Pennhurst Institution. FHA hosts parties for special guests and the tea receptions for Color Day, National Honor Society and the Senior Awards assembly. The club is considering

II. Because it is a small club, it does not meet during floating period and has no fund raising campaigns. German II students dine at the Alpenhof, a German restaurant outside of Reading, Pa. "Our last trip was three years ago. It is very hard finding anything German related," said Mrs. Yvonne Davidheiser, German Club advisor. "Hopefully a trip this spring looks promising." German Club also participates in the International Banquet and the annual picnic located at Mrs. Davidheiser's house.

Miss Elaine Richert has been in charge of Latin Club for the past three years. It is also a relatively small club, consisting of thirty-five students. Its officers are: Ann

Every year Spanish Club holds its annual taco sale at a home football game. A New York trip featuring the United Nations Building is scheduled for April 22. Spanish Club also participates in the International Banquet. It sponsors a volleyball tournament towards the end of the year and engages in a program called Support This Child. Their child is named Felix and he lives in Honduras. Spanish Club is advised by John Romanoski.

Future Homemakers of America (FHA) is guided by Miss Jean Schlegel. Officers include: Janice Birli, president; Tammy Shingle, vice-president; Mary Butler, secretary; and Sue Shifflette, treasurer.

## news briefs

### Science Fair gets underway

Science will be the topic of discussion when the Pottsgrove High School Science Fair gets underway on February 11, 1983.

PHS students will compete for prizes in various categories of which a project and report will be the criteria.

### More free time for students

Pottsgrove students will be dismissed early for an in-service day at 11:45 a.m. on Wednesday, February 16, 1983.

The school will also be closed for an in-service day on Friday, February 18 and for the observance of the Presidents' birthdays on Monday, February 21.

### Sophomore class hosts dance

The Sophomore Class will host the annual Valentine's dance on Thursday, February 17, 1983 at 8:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. Rock Runn will provide the music for the dance.

a cinnamon bun sale as a fund-raising activity.

Future Teachers of America (FTA), generally referred to as Tutors, consists of about sixty students. Mrs. Yvonne Davidheiser, advisor, said, "Participating in this club looks very good on college applications because it is a service to the school. The students give up study halls to help fellow students understand troubled subjects."

Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), is advised by Mrs. Ellen Gieseler. They are constantly busy with fundraisers to help finance their annual trip to New York. They are presently making plans for a car wash and a spring dance.

Club participation involves students doing different and fun activities together with other classes.

by Heather Varady

The ninth grade career awareness program was started in an attempt to expose students to different careers and to show how different subjects affect these careers. This program was introduced by Edward Hanke from the Explorers branch of the Boy Scouts of America. The ninth grade was surveyed to find out which careers they were most interested in and the results were given to Mr. Hanke. He then found people from the careers in which the students were most interested.

This year, the program is being rotated between English, science, and social studies classes. This is being done because the students can be approached in smaller groups, which makes the program more personal.

The first of a series of eight programs was held on November 5, 1982. The theme was communications and it was held during English classes. There were seven speakers present. These included: Mr. Borneman, station manager from WBYO in Boyertown; John Storb, travel agent from Travel Service Inc.; Mrs. Juanita Elliott, public relations at P.M.M.C.; Ms. Susan Favish, speech pathologist, also at P.M.M.C.; Mrs. Mary Jane Schneider, editor of The Boyertown Times newspaper; Charles Lehman, salesman for Metropolitan Life Insurance, and Greg Silvestri, advertising agent for S. K. Advertising.

The ninth grade executive council members are hosting the speakers.

## School store caught in national recession

by Kathy Maurer

Alen Harris, who is the school store manager gives reasons for problems with the school store. "Many problems are related to old stock. We don't have enough new stock or things that students might be interested in," he said. "Students don't show enough interest in the school store."

Alen said that the Student Government is ordering a lot of new items, including folders, notebooks, pens, pencils, erasers, notepads, sweat shirts and sweat pants. "We hope that we can build up interest in the school store after the arrival of the new stock."

"I suppose that another problem is that the store isn't open that often and students aren't aware of the times that the store is open." Alen said that the time that most students come in is before homeroom period. "We do most of our business before school because that is when the students have the most

time."

Alen said, "Our main problem is that not enough of the student body shows interest in the school store. If anyone has any sugges-

tions that they think would help in the improvement of the school store, I wish they would tell the Student Government. We are open to any and all suggestions."



WHO'S TENDING THE STORE?: Alen Harris, school store manager, and Denise Orr, student government representative, anxiously wait for business to increase.

## 'Falcon' seeking permanent home

Few people recognize the importance of an advisor to a high school newspaper staff. The advisor must account for any actions of the newspaper, and he or she is rarely praised for the accomplishments.

For the second time in the past year, "The Falcon" (the student newspaper of PHS) is saying "good-bye" to its advisor. Charles Parrish resigned from the post at the end of last year, completing 12 years of faithful service. The staff was orphaned as its "fearless leader" left the helm.

Mrs. Nancy Romain, a math teacher here, became the new "Falcon" advisor last September. A new position was created, financial advisor, and it was filled by Mrs. Bambi Eschbach. Through the efforts of these two, the young staff was organized.

Mrs. Romain is leaving the district, and once again the newspaper is under a change of administration. The efforts and accomplishments of Mrs. Romain are recognized by the entire staff. Hopefully, the new "Falcon" administration will maintain her standards of excellence.

## The annual civil war

Without question, no date on the PHS calendar compares to Color Day. Never do emotions run as high. After an entire week of mid-term examinations, students take part in a day without classes, combining formality and spirit in an enduring Pottsgrove tradition.

During the morning hours the entire student body assembles in the auditorium. Twelve seniors, elected by their peers as the truest Pottsgrovians, reflect upon their years at Pottsgrove. The afternoon is spent in the gym, where the athletic competition is held. Classes compete against each other, contrasting the usual sense of unity at Pottsgrove.

For seniors, it is a day of reflection and, almost always, dominance. For the freshmen—usually a day of humbling. Color Day is a tradition that should be protected by all. It is the summit of the PHS year.

## Juniors take on too much

Recently a slight controversy has started at Pottsgrove. The trouble began when the seniors voted for their class song, colors, flower and motto.

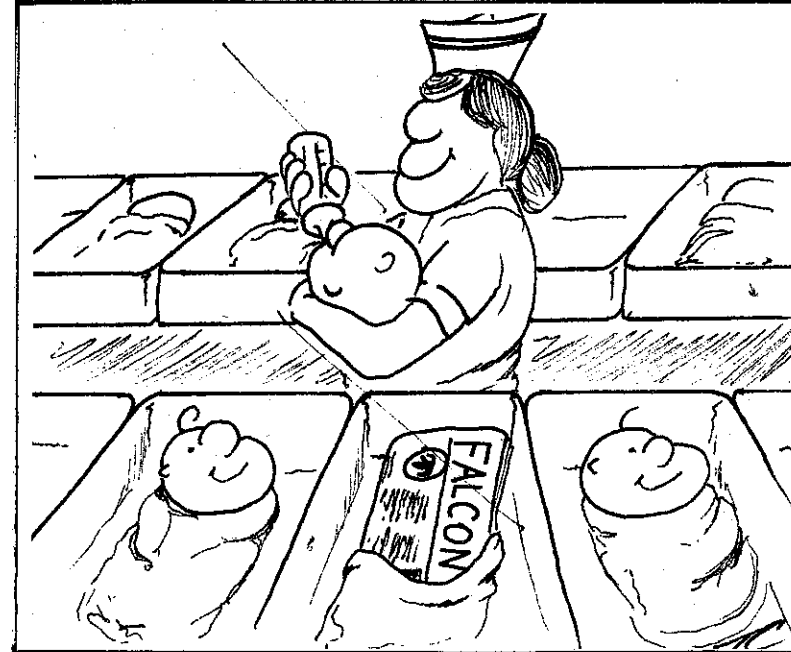
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## ADOPTION AGENCY



## Industrial arts program sees fall in enrollment

by Sherrie Hoffman

Here at PHS, our industrial arts program has had a considerable decrease in enrollment.

"Since the move of the seventh and eighth graders to the intermediate school (in 1973)," said Richard Radel, principal of PHS, "most of the students choose to take the industrial arts program there and go to the vocational school while a student at the high school."

The program here at PHS includes graphic arts, industrial arts and machine shop, sometimes referred to as the metal shop. But longer here due to declining enrollment.

There are only two teachers, Jim Regensburg and Ken Harclerode in the industrial arts program.

"Within two years," said Dr. Radel, "we'll have to add more teachers since only seniors will be going to the vo-tech school."

"We will have to revamp our industrial arts program because of this change," said Dr. Radel. "Since many of the sophomores and juniors will not have the vo-tech course, there will be more enrollment in the program here at the high school."

Many of the students just taking the industrial arts program do not get enough knowledge to get a job right after graduation. That is why the vo-tech school is highly recommended when a senior. The vo-tech gives a student deeper education in industrial work. But the program here at PHS does give an excellent exploration of industrial mechanism.

## Pro and Con Administration enforces "Gum Rules" again

### Pro

Pottsgrove High School's handbook briefly states that "sanitary standards, difficulties in cleaning and esthetic problems make necessary a prohibition of gum chewing and eating of candy during the school day." In only 23 words the administration outlines a rule which all students must follow.

Gum chewing is not necessary in a school environment. The student has no legitimate reason why he must chew gum.

Chewing gum oftentimes winds up stuck to the school's desks and chairs. Would any student consider sticking gum under mother's new furniture?

Gum chewing also mars the teaching process. Education is a verbal process characterized by good teacher-student communication. Gum many times prevents a student from delivering a clear response.

Some students only chew gum because it is prohibited. On the other hand, some students are trying to get caught as a way of receiving the attention of others.

Finally, the PHS administration is beginning to crack down on the problem. This sudden attack to prevent gum chewing is what Pottsgrove has needed for a long time. The problem must be solved and it is time the administration gets started.

### Con

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## On the big screen

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A class song should reflect the feelings of the seniors. Also, it should be a song that was popular during the senior year. Fad songs come and go, and it is possible that the juniors would pick a song that they would not be satisfied with as seniors. Thus the song would no longer have a lasting meaning.

Another difficulty also occurred when the juniors voted for their themes. They still had the results of the seniors' votes fresh in their minds. This caused them to duplicate many of the ideas that the seniors used. This detracts from the individuality of the class themes.

### Results of a DeVry Institute study

## Study finds more women entering computer field

A recent study conducted by one of the technical institutes of the Bell & Howell Education Group shows that the number of women entering the computer science field is on the rise, and those already in the field are moving up.

The study, conducted by the DeVry Institute of Technology in Chicago, surveyed 100 employment managers in the Chicago area. Fifty-two percent of them said that more women accepted entry-level positions with their firms in 1981 than in previous years.

In addition, 68 percent reported a significant increase in the num-

ber of women in technical positions over the past five years. The firms surveyed all actively recruited data processing personnel.

Many of the firms said they were eager to hire women for computer positions, but there was a shortage of qualified applicants. In addition, they noted that the growing number of women in the work force has resulted in a higher percentage of women reaching management levels within their companies. Overall, companies reported a 20 percent increase in the number of women reaching management levels within their companies.

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Mr. Hoffman portrays Michael Dorsey, an unemployed and desperate actor in New York City. Dorsey is so desperate that he decides to change his illfortune by changing his image to that of a woman. Dorsey, who is now called Dorothy Michaels, auditions for a part on a soap opera and gets the job. As an outspoken, invulnerable woman, Dorothy becomes an

instant success. Her character is popular with both male and female audiences.

Everything is great until Dorsey falls in love with an actress on the soap, who is played by Jessica Lange. Also, men begin to find Dorothy attractive. These lead to the funniest and most ironic sequences in the film.

Academy Award winner Dustin Hoffman is convincing as a woman. This role certainly shows that Hoffman is a versatile actor, who was last seen in the drama "Kramer vs. Kramer."

"Tootsie" is a movie that almost everyone should see. Young children might not understand the language or the implications. However, "Tootsie" is very entertaining and worthwhile.

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Instead of commanding that students not chew gum, an alternative approach that might reap more satisfactory results would be to appeal to the students' maturity and concern for school property. This could be accomplished through ambitious campaigns presented by the faculty and administration. They should point out the "hazards" and "esthetics" of chewing gum. It is suggested that the administration elicit a positive response rather than enforce a negative rule.



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Christie Czarick, sophomore: "Because before many of the upperclassmen would show up at the dance but now there are mostly junior high kids."



Drew Seiscio, junior: "There are never any bands and the music stinks."



Claire Malfaro, freshman: "So many intermediate school kids are going and a lot of parents won't let kids go because of the drinking and drugs."



Jerry Arms, senior: "I never went before but I heard the dances weren't good at all."

## Pottsgrove bids farewell to math teacher

by Sherrie Hoffman

For the past two years, PHS has had a new math teacher, Nancy Romain. But after January 28, there will be a new face replacing her.

Mrs. Romain will be leaving her residence in Phoenixville to join her husband who is a lawyer in the Navy. During the next three years, she will be living on the island of Newport, Rhode Island where her husband is stationed.

"I just love Pottsgrove. When I applied here and to other schools," said Mrs. Romain, "I knew that this would be the school to teach at. The people and faculty were so nice to me."

Mrs. Romain also said that she will try to find a job in the Newport area, but she wants to get settled there first. She wants to try to move back to this area after the three years in Rhode Island.

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to all the games with them." Mrs. Romain also said that since she worked on the newspaper staff in high school and enjoyed it, she decided to take the co-advisors with Bambi Eschbach when there was an opening for an advisor to the Falcon staff here at PHS.

While here at PHS, she taught classes in Calculus, General Math, Geometry and Algebra. "I have had a good relationship in communicating with my students," said Mrs. Romain. "I'm really going to miss Pottsgrove!"

### Teenage Years

Mrs. Romain grew up in Upper Darby, a suburb of Philadelphia. Graduating in 1977 from Upper Darby High School, she was valedictorian of her class. Her activities in high school included being vice-president of the band in which she played the flute, being a mem-

ber of the drill team and editor-in-chief of the school's newspaper.

After high school, Mrs. Romain was accepted to West Chester State College and received her Bachelor of Science degree. Here she was vice-president of the Little Sisters of a fraternity on campus, treasurer of her dorm and a member of the college homecoming court.

### Senior Portrait:

## Endy contributes presidency to FBLA

by Karen Houle

Pottsgrove High School's only male member of the FBLA, senior David Endy, is the president of the club. "I think FBLA should get more recognition for its contribution to Pottsgrove," said David.

## "It's Hard" rocks The Who's last American tour

by Chris Kelly

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## Junior Terry Johnston meets eye with Donahue

by Diane Herb

Terry Johnston, a junior at Pottsgrove High School, was afflicted with a disorder known as Hemifacial Microsomia. In everyday language, Hemifacial Microsomia means that there is an underdevelopment of bones and muscles in the face. Born with this condition, Terry's parents consulted doctor after doctor to find out if something could be done to correct it. The doctors stated that surgery would improve the defect. They also recommended that Terry should not undergo an operation until her jaw was fully developed.

At sixteen years of age, Terry was finally ready for surgery. Dr. Linton Whitaker, her surgeon, asked Terry and some other patients if they would like to be on the Phil Donahue Show. "I didn't think he was serious at first. I found out soon enough that he wasn't joking."

On November 15, 1982, an excited Terry Johnston flew to Chicago, Illinois and taped an interview with Phil Donahue. The program dealt with the achievements of cosmetic surgery. Terry said, "Mr. Donahue was great! He made me feel like a member of his own family. He even asked my mother to write to him about my progress after the surgery."

It was on the show that Terry met Debbie Greider, a very pretty girl who had been a patient of Dr. Whitaker. She underwent surgery in the past and told Terry exactly what to expect. "I wasn't afraid of the operation at all because of her," said Terry.

On November 29, 1982, surgery was performed on Terry for three and a half hours. During this time, Dr. Whitaker executed a prosthesis, which is a cheek implant. He also put fatty tissue under the cheek, removed tissue from her eye to make it smaller, and took tissue from her leg and put it in her chin to move it over.

After the Phil Donahue Show was televised on December 1, 1982, interview offers came in from everywhere. The Mercury questioned Terry and WPAZ spoke to her mother. Good Morning America invited Terry to their show. Terry declined the invitation. "They wanted to show the actual pictures of the surgery and I didn't want anyone to see me in that condition," said Terry.

Terry is pleased with the results of the surgery. "Things are finally falling into place and the swelling is beginning to go down." However, she has one more operation to go. It will occur over the summer and is supposed to straighten her septum, the bone in her nose.

Besides being active in the club, David is a member of the spring track team and is a morning and Maximist typist. David types 70 words per minute, which is an excellent speed considering he does not have time to practice. However, David's real love isn't typing but accounting. "I like accounting a lot, but because of my co-op job, I don't really have time to fit an accounting course into my schedule," said David. "But I'm taking

a home course so I can work on it on my own."

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During Mrs. Romain's stay at the high school, she became the cheerleading advisor and Falcon advisor, two very dedicated jobs.

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The album "It's Hard" seems to be talking about life and how people live it. Pete Townshend wrote the songs for this album, while Roger Daltrey sang them. Pete did sing one of the songs, "Eminence


Front." "Eminence Front" shows great work with the synthesizers. "Dangerous" and "Cry If You Want" talk about the hardships of life. "Cry If You Want" shows great use of the guitar with Pete Townshend playing it. "Athena" tells of a girl whom someone is trying to please. The Who had success with this single. "Athena" hit the top forty chart.

This will not be the last album for The Who. They have decided, however, not to perform together as a group anymore. Each of the band members will have their own personal work to do. The Who's work will always dominate the rock music field.

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**Class Color:** navy blue and silver

**Class Song:** Time For Us to Fly—REO Speedwagon

**Class Motto:** It's time to say goodbye, my friend for our life travels on. It's been a long journey but now we've reached the end.

If we think and remember, we realize the years have taught us many lessons and leave us now in tears.

But now, it's time to change things, to start a new road. We have to look ahead to life and fear not what it shows.

Because we've experienced the happy and the sad, We've become much stronger people having known the good and bad.

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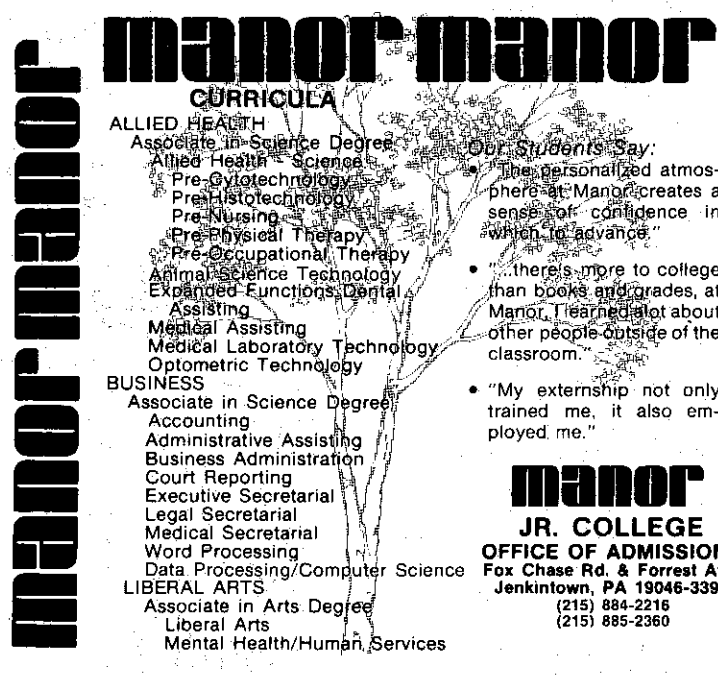
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**Drew Seiscio, junior:** "There are never any bands and the music stinks."



**Claire Malfaro, freshman:** "So many intermediate school kids are going and a lot of parents won't let kids go because of the drinking and drugs."



**Jerry Arms, senior:** "I never went before but I heard the dances weren't good at all."

## Pottsgrove bids farewell to math teacher

by Sherrie Hoffman

For the past two years, PHS has had a new math teacher, Nancy Romain. But after January 28, there will be a new face replacing her.

Mrs. Romain will be leaving her residence in Phoenixville to join her husband who is a lawyer in the Navy. During the next three years, she will be living on the island of Newport, Rhode Island where her husband is stationed.

"I just love Pottsgrove. When I applied here and to other schools," said Mrs. Romain, "I knew that this would be the school to teach at. The people and faculty were so nice to me."

to all the games with them." Mrs. Romain also said that since she worked on the newspaper staff in high school and enjoyed it, she decided to take the co-advisorship with Bambi Eschbach when there was an opening for an advisor to the Falcon staff here at PHS.

While here at PHS, she taught classes in Calculus, General Math, Geometry and Algebra. "I have had a good relationship in communicating with my students," said Mrs. Romain. "I'm really going to miss Pottsgrove!"

### Teenage Years

Mrs. Romain grew up in Upper Darby, a suburb of Philadelphia. Graduating in 1977 from Upper

ber of the drill team and editor-in-chief of the school's newspaper.

After high school, Mrs. Romain was accepted to West Chester State College and received her Bachelor of Science degree. Here she was vice-president of the Little Sisters of a fraternity on campus, treasurer of her dorm and a member of the college homecoming court.

### Senior Portrait:

## Endy contributes presidency to FBLA

by Karen Houle

Pottsgrove High School's only

## Junior Terry Johnston meets eye with Donahue

by Diane Herb

Terry Johnston, a junior at Pottsgrove High School, was afflicted with a disorder known as Hemifacial Microsomia. In everyday language, Hemifacial Microsomia means that there is an underdevelopment of bones and muscles in the face. Born with this condition, Terry's parents consulted doctor after doctor to find out if something could be done to correct it. The doctors stated that surgery would improve the defect. They also recommended that Terry should not undergo an operation until her jaw was fully developed.

At sixteen years of age, Terry was finally ready for surgery. Dr. Linton Whitaker, her surgeon, asked Terry and some other patients if they would like to be on the Phil Donahue Show. "I didn't think he was serious at first. I found out soon enough that he wasn't joking."

On November 15, 1982, an excited Terry Johnston flew to Chicago, Illinois and taped an interview with Phil Donahue. The program dealt with the achievements of cosmetic surgery. Terry said, "Mr. Donahue was great! He made me feel like a member of his own family. He even asked my mother to write to him about my progress after the surgery."

It was on the show that Terry met Debbie Greider, a very pretty girl who had been a patient of Dr. Whitaker. She underwent surgery in the past and told Terry exactly what to expect. "I wasn't afraid of the operation at all because of her," said Terry.

On November 29, 1982, surgery was performed on Terry for three and a half hours. During this time, Dr. Whitaker executed a prosthesis, which is a cheek implant. He also put fatty tissue under the cheek, removed tissue from her eye to make it smaller, and took tissue from her leg and put it in her chin to move it over.

After the Phil Donahue Show was televised on December 1, 1982, interview offers came in from everywhere. The Mercury questioned Terry and WPAZ spoke to her mother. Good Morning America invited Terry to their show. Terry declined the invitation. "They wanted to show the actual pictures of the surgery and I didn't want anyone to see me in that condition," said Terry.

Terry is pleased with the results of the surgery. "Things are finally falling into place and the swelling is beginning to go down." However, she has one more operation to go. It will occur over the summer and is supposed to straighten her septum, the bone in her nose.

Besides being active in the club, David is a member of the spring

a home course so I can work on it on my own."

Mrs. Romain also said that she will try to find a job in the Newport area, but she wants to get settled there first. She wants to try to move back to this area after the three years in Rhode Island.

Newport is a big summer area for vacationers. The city contains many mansions, including the famous Vanderbilt mansion. Besides the navy base, the island provides three high schools for the residents. Hopefully Mrs. Romain will obtain a job in one of these high schools.

During Mrs. Romain's stay at the high school, she became the cheerleading advisor and Falcon advisor, two very dedicated jobs.

"I enjoyed being cheerleading advisor," said Mrs. Romain, "because it was a great chance to work closely with the girls and go

Darby High School, she was valedictorian of her class. Her activities in high school included being vice-president of the band in which she played the flute, being a mem-

male member of the FBLA, senior David Endy, is the president of the club. "I think FBLA should get more recognition for its contribution to Pottsgrove," said David.

## "It's Hard" rocks The Who's last American tour

by Chris Kelly

One of the best bands of the past decade, The Who, released a new album, "It's Hard." After the release of the album The Who went on a world tour, the United States being their first stop.

The album "It's Hard" seems to be talking about life and how people live it. Pete Townshend wrote the songs for this album, while Roger Daltrey sang them. Pete did sing one of the songs, "Eminence

Front." "Eminence Front" shows great work with the synthesizers. "Dangerous" and "Cry If You Want" talk about the hardships of life. "Cry If You Want" shows great use of the guitar with Pete Townshend playing it. "Athena" tells of a girl whom someone is trying to please. The Who had success with this single. "Athena" hit the top forty chart.

This will not be the last album for The Who. They have decided, however, not to perform together as a group anymore. Each of the band members will have their own personal work to do. The Who's work will always dominate the rock music field.

track team and is a morning and Maximi typist. David types 70 words per minute, which is an excellent speed considering he does not have time to practice. However, David's real love isn't typing but accounting. "I like accounting a lot, but because of my co-op job, I don't really have time to fit an accounting course into my schedule," said David. "But I'm taking

On co-op, David works at Type-Set located on High Street. Here he sets the type and layouts and helps with the actual printing of calendars and posters made for fire companies and police departments. After high school, David plans to continue working in the business field for a year or two before he attends a business college.

## 'Class of 84' chooses themes

Pottsgrove High School's Class of 1984 has recently chosen the following themes to represent the class:

**Class Flower:** burgundy rose

**Class Color:** navy blue and silver

**Class Song:** Time For Us to Fly—REO Speedwagon

**Class Motto:** It's time to say goodbye, my friend for our life travels on. It's been a long journey but now we've reached the end.

If we think and remember, we realize the years have taught us many lessons and leave us now in tears.

But now, it's time to change things, to start a new road. We have to look ahead to life and fear not what it shows.

Because we've experienced the happy and the sad, We've become much stronger people having known the good and bad.

So today, my friend, it is goodbye. I'm glad we've been together, for every time the road changed you were right there by my side.

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## More messages shared

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you're doing that watch out for flying danishes.

It will be on cable, bookworm.

J.R. is our P.A.L.

Chuck L, nice ....! Remember P.H. and P.B. I'll love you always! Love ya, Sheila!

Tina: What a crazy week. Remember the lips to Wisler. Indian River 83. Parties at the apt. Still working on Midnight Terror. Laurie

Darren: You'll always be my little linelocker. Keep Suzuki on the ground. Thanks for being there for me. I love you. Laurie

S.Z.: No mono. No bitterness. No regrets. You'll always be someone special. I'm happy. You're happy. It counts. A.R. 9-9-82. L.R.

Bill: Someday it will be the three of us again. Thank you for always being there for me. Friends forever! Love, Laurie

Lennie-Q. What's the definition of awesome? A. 1983 Chevy Chevette!

IRIS ROCKS!!!

Pokie, Pokie, don't you cry! Pottstown isn't always dry!

Hey Slabo—Throughout the years you've been my friend, a relationship that will never end. I shaved your leg just to be sly. We sat around, ate toast on rye. What a party, but I had to cry 'cause the darn laundry would not dry. We spent many hours counting shoes. It was so boring I took a snooze. You were so intoxicated New Year's night but in short, this I must say: We always have a good time 'cause there's always a way. Love me (skinny square boy) PS—Don't forget Chunky Bar!

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Roger, have a good time being free. Love, me!

Tiff, remember when the SQUIER killed the QUEEN? The next time was your best birthday present ever. Next time we'll have front row seats! BS rocks ... right? Everybody wants him, but he's all ours. Tash

Lynn, what does it mean when there's a cage in a car? Oh no! It's a cop. Better hide MER, hope the gum doesn't get stuck on anything. Wait. I need a quarter for the parking meter. The guys in the Haunted House smelled nice. "Hi Darlings, snort." Cheryl, Karen

Lori, why are you doing exercises on the kitchen floor? Chris

"Wait, wait! You're messing up my mind! You're Deb and she's Kath, right? No, she's Kath and you're Deb! No ... wait—where's Lynyrd!?"

Steve—A.K.A.—Poco—Like you said, never go out again. You were wrong. Butweet say Bob is otay!!! Laurie

Hey Wendy Reider, run through the woods with underwear on your head lately?

Michele Kalamon, what happened to your grapes?

Steve Greisinger—"rvo"

Katrina, can you give me directions to Fairview Village?

No, Nicole, you can't be neat.

Hey Meg, did you just fall down flat?

I don't know, I couldn't feel it.

It's just me, you and the chemist. Lara, Tang isn't just for breakfast anymore. K.D.

Claire, are you for real or is this just an act?

Doctor is in the first stall Color Day.

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28—Henderson ..... H 6:30

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#### WRESTLING

January  
29—Downingtown ..... A 1:00

February  
2—Spring-Ford ..... H 6:30  
5—St. Pius X ..... A 1:00  
9—Boyertown ..... A 6:30  
16—Henderson ..... H 6:30

#### GIRLS BASKETBALL

February  
1—Boyertown ..... H 3:30  
4—Great Valley ..... A 3:30  
8—Downingtown ..... H 3:30  
11—Owen J. Roberts ..... A 6:30

### JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL

February  
2—Downingtown ..... A 3:15  
4—Pottstown ..... A 3:15  
9—Boyertown East ..... A 3:15  
11—Spring-Ford ..... H 3:15  
16—Lionville ..... A 3:15  
18—Perkiomen Valley ..... A 3:15

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## Junior High wrestlers lacking in experience

by Kathy Maurer

Coach John Romanoski and his junior high wrestlers are faced with many problems at the start of the 1983 season.

"We have an inexperienced team this year," he said, "because we lost so many good wrestlers at the end of the season last year."

The lack of experience seems to be Coach Romanoski's main concern. "I expect that this will be a 'building year' for us, although we have a few outstanding wrestlers returning, Scott Mickletz and David Stone among them," he said.

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WE WANT TWO: Amy Jefferies puts up the jumper in girls' junior high action. She is the leading scorer for the Falconettes.

## Improved Falconettes close out their season

by Matt Dever

The Pottsgrove Junior High School girls' basketball team closed their season on Wednesday, January 26, 1983, at the Boyertown West Junior High School gymnasium.

"The season, as far as wins and losses, isn't great," said David Pugh, junior high girls' basketball coach, "but a lot of those games could have gone either way."

The Falconettes went into a game with Downingtown, a team that was 5-1 at the time, with a record of 1-5. Pottsgrove lost but the game wasn't decided until the last minutes of the game.

"This team was weak in the beginning of the year but have been improving steadily from game to game," said Mr. Pugh.

The improvement of the team seems to revolve around a few key players. Amy Jefferies is a guard who is carrying a 10 points per game average. Another guard, Traci Bush, played an outstanding game against Pottstown scoring 16 points. First year forward Tanya Crockett has shown great improvement.

"Tanya had trouble dribbling when practices started," said Mr. Pugh, "But she has consistently improved, and is now starting."

Making up the rest of the team are Beth Slaby, Traci Lewis, Theresa Shambaugh, Angie Onufryk, Donna Daigneault, Teresa Swartz, Michelle Hines, Linda Schultz and eighth graders Kelly Nixon and Dee McDonald.

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Laura Bauer, Kathy McFarland, Kris Legutko and Chris Ziegler. The best of friends. Good luck in all you do. Kathy, take care of Jim. Kathy and Jim forever! Christa

Message to the whole world, BAH! Buy wrap.

Hello Jodi! I love you!

Vicki, has the floor stopped spinning yet? Giggles

Pete, I'll always love you. Giggles Black Beauty will ride fast on Color Day . . . Dr. Waste

"Yo, ho—cool off my case, hon!"

Dear Shelley Kidon, I would like to get to know you better. I'll be in touch. Secret Admirer

Be a Freebird. Just ask Brian about Lynyrd Skynyrd. (AC/DC freaks); slide down my bannisters lately? I know it's not Brad! But who? "Yo, can I call you back?"

Dave, too bad you're cute but too short. The Guys

Falcon Staff, it's been a lot of fun working with all of you. Good luck with the next four issues. Mrs. Romain

D.—All we need now is a corner near R. Bar, a stop sign, half a telephone pole, a 'rette, a half a bucket of water, a Nike tee-shirt, two bikes, a fish and an old fogey in a white Mercedes!! —K

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Kristan, Lara: Do you love New York? Escalators in Altmans? Gorgeous guys on street corners? Mafia stores? Plastic pickles in the Circle Diner? Rhonda and Marie

Hey Jen! Beth said pull up that zipper!

Danny, it is one more day closer than yesterday. Love you, Tammy

Diane, let your hair hang down!!

Lara (Tang!) Remember, Tang isn't just for breakfast anymore!

Would you eat dessert with me? "Miss Piggy Eyes"

Hey Ted, feel better? (volleyball); Woody, at a party? T.B.

Racy Racy hun, wrote a poem as I had done. I'd better get my gun! Well, you're right . . . you have won.

Hey Kyle, don't be blue 'cause we all can't be as pure as you!

Stacey G., remember to put on your lights when driving at night!!!

Good luck S.G. and E.H.

Chris Kelly—why do you call Drew "The Shark"?

Cheryl—that was some pickle you ate at Suzi's!

Chris—Melanie beat you, she has Tim!

Pottsgrovians—Thanks for a terrific year and a half. I've had a great time and I'll miss you all!! Mrs. Romain

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Coach Romanoski enjoys attending the high school matches because, "everything a wrestler learns he is taught in junior high. I provide a foundation for them and I like to see the progress and how much they have built on that foundation. He said, "we lost a lot of good wrestlers, and we will be the underdog at most of the upcoming matches. Our main goal is to steadily improve."

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David Ward, junior high coach, predicts a good season, based on Wednesday's game, and some very fine scrimmages.

"I have a real good group of guys that show a lot of hustle," said Mr. Ward. "Practices have been intense and the team looks forward to a good season."

Leading the team this year is captain Mike Jenschke, power rebounder and ball handler Ed Simpkins, Chris Burke, who is improving game to game, Mark Christman, and Mike Loeben, a sixth man that gets the job done. Filling out the rest of the lineup are Andree Kidd, Tom Quay, Tom Armstrong, Marc Randazzo, Tommy Dorenzo, Travis Blacklock, Glen Gillette, Ron Stetler, and Joel Mayo.

"Offensively we will be running a controlled fast break," said Mr. Ward. "You will see a lot of press-

Michelle Hines, Linda Schuitz and eighth graders Kelly Nixon and Dee McDonald.

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If you want to watch the Pottsgrove Junior High boys' basketball team, they play their home games at the intermediate school gymnasium, Wednesdays and Fridays at 3:15 p.m.

Although this is Mr. Pugh's first year as junior high girls' basketball coach, he is no stranger to the court. He was assistant coach under James Rutter for a few years in the mid 70's, including the 1978 Ches-Mont championship season.

"The girls are weaker in the fundamentals than boys," said Mr. Pugh, "but they make up for it in effort."

"I am impressed with their improvement and think they will continue to improve through high school," said Mr. Pugh.

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SLAP: Brian Boone attempts to pin his Coatesville opponent in the 98 pound class. The Falcons lost a heartbreaker 22-21.

### Cat's Corner

## Strong league - good or bad?

On Tuesday, December 28, and Wednesday, December 29, 1982, the Pottsgrove Falcons boys' basketball team participated in the Upper Perkiomen Jay Cees Christmas Tournament at Upper Perkiomen High School.

At the tournament Pottsgrove played Lansdale Catholic and Holy Name High Schools both of which are AA teams in the state. The games which Pottsgrove played were very exciting and entertaining. Although they didn't beat Holy Name the games were competitive.

When comparing this tournament with the Ches-Mont league, nine of the eleven Ches-Mont teams are AAA and overpower us in major sports.

The Pottsgrove Falcons' wrestling team is very strong this sea-

son as seen in their 6-0 pre-Ches-Mont season. The teams that the Falcons wrestled were AA teams. A strong Ches-Mont league will challenge Falcons and prepare them for District tournaments later in the year.

But is the strength of the Ches-Mont really helping school spirit? Let's face the fact that everyone loves a winner! It gets harder for the students and the team members to get psyched to play teams with such strength.

On the other hand a strong league does help our teams in district play. Pottsgrove gets back into their class of athletics in district play.

No matter what the records of the teams, we will be supportive because they are representing the student body.



### Great start

## Falcon Grapplers prepare for Districts

by Karen Houle

It is 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon. Most students have left the hallowed halls of Pottsgrove High School. The building is empty except for the sound of running feet up and down the steps and through the halls.

This noise happens to be the Pottsgrove Wrestling Team warming up with their 2 mile run and 50 yard sprints. After they have finished warming up, each player gets 30 minutes to wrestle his competing teammate. For the last hour of practice the team does calisthenics and drills through the many moves required for wrestling.

Wednesday, Jan. 5, after leading the match in score, Falcon grapplers ended their first Ches-Mont league match with a 28-20 loss to Owen J. Roberts. "Most of our league matches will be very, very

close. Many times the determining factor will rest on the last 2 minutes of the match," said Coach Jablonski who has been head coach for the past 4 years. The wrestling record of 6-1 is one winning match under the Pottsgrove High School record. "We will definitely beat the school record of wins," added Coach Jablonski. The varsity wrestling team is looking toward a successful District competition and sending many of their wrestlers to Regionals.

Over half of the Falcon varsity wrestling team is made up of seniors. These men have the experience and devotion to lead the team to a record winning season.

Senior, Todd Dagen, 6 year wrestler and this year's team captain said, "We're looking forward to the best season ever. The best thing about this season is that we are a team where everybody pulls together. The team's attitude has been great and it shows in our record."

First year varsity, senior, Chuck Moses said, "I was really surprised when I got first place in my weight class at the Spring-Ford Tournament and even more surprised when I was named most valuable wrestler. I'm really proud to be a

part of our team because we stick together and have a lot of spirit. It's one of the best teams Pottsgrove has ever had and I think a lot of the credit goes to the coaches. They really push us so we will be ready to beat any opponent."

Third year varsity, senior Cedric Gillis added, "I feel high school wrestling is the hardest sport because you have to condition yourself and be prepared not only physically, but mentally as well. For the underclassmen, if you want to be a successful wrestler, be prepared to push yourself and your teammates."

The 1983 Junior Varsity wrestlers were defeated also with a 43-24 score. "We outwrestled Owen J., but because of 4 of our weight classes forfeiting we lost the match," said JV Coach Gary Reichenbach. "I think in the 4 years that I have been JV coach, this has been the worst record because of the small number of boys out for the team."

Members of the JV team are: Kevin Wert, Art Miller, John Ibach, Dave Borneman, Shannon Lewis, Eric Dalton, Scott Franrak, Tom Franrak, Stan Davidheiser, Gary Mock and Brian Ludwig.

## Falcon netmen balance attack

by Karen Houle

Anyone who has been following the Pottsgrove Falcon boys basketball team this year, has seen more balanced scoring and more players contributing individually than earlier in the season.

Several players are contributing offensively, taking the scoring off of Tim Carter's shoulders," said Ralph Werley, head coach for the Falcon team. "In fact, Steve Greisinger, Drew Seiscio, Tim Carter, Fred Nixon and Lyonel Laws came up in double figures. Scott Exley and Eric Hafsrud have also improved dramatically since the opening game."

The Falcon netmen have a 2-win, 10-loss record after being defeated by their rival, the Pottstown Trojans. Co-Captains Tim Carter and Fred Nixon have been leading the team. Tim's average is 17 points and 17 rebounds per game. "Fred Nixon is the steady ball handler and defensive player. Drew Seiscio has shown lots of improvement and Steve Greisinger, Lyonel Laws, Scott Exley and Eric Hafsrud have contributed their skills to get the team along," said Mr. Werley.

"The new schedule has been a benefit to some and a detriment to others," said Mr. Werley.

## Young Falconettes are ready for second half

by Sherrie Hoffman

The Pottsgrove Falconettes will be facing Boyertown, Great Valley, Downingtown and Owen J. Roberts for their second time this season the next two weeks to finish their 82-83 season.

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Jill, the leading rebounder and scorer, is the leader of the team while Dina helps with the scoring and rebounding. Amy who does most of the ball handling, hits open people and tries to get inside. Sue, Betsy and the bench contribute to other aspects of the game to make the team the great one it is.

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SWISH: Tim Carter nails a jumper against the Spring-Ford Rams en route to the Falcons first Ches-Mont league victory.

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The Falcon netmen have a 2-win, 10-loss record after being defeated by their rival, the Pottstown Trojans. Co-Captains Tim Carter and Fred Nixon have been leading the team. Tim's average is 17 points and 17 rebounds per game. "Fred Nixon is the steady ball handler and defensive player. Drew Seiscio has shown lots of improvement and Steve Greisinger, Lionel Laws, Scott Exley and Eric Hafsrud have contributed their skills to get the team along," said Mr. Werley.

"The new schedule has been a benefit to some and a detriment to others," said Mr. Werley. "Through the new schedule schools play some teams once and other teams twice. It is supposedly equitable for all," added Mr. Werley. The five schools that Pottsgrove plays twice are: Henderson, Great Valley, Boyertown, Owen J. Roberts and Downingtown. These teams have an over-all Ches-Mont record of 17 wins, 8 losses, which is very good. Pottsgrove's schedule in comparison with Downingtown's schedule is much more difficult.

"I'm always looking for continued improvement," coach Werley said. "We are hoping to find a way into the AA District playoffs. Making the playoffs would be very valuable to next year's seniors. We want next season's team to be great and are now preparing for it."

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In order for the girls to get to District AA playoffs, they have to be among two of the top AA teams in the league. If they make the playoffs, the Falconettes will continue to play until they lose a game. When and if they lose a game, they will be out of the competition for the District AA crown.

The Falconettes are not speed merchants on the court but have the capability to be an outstanding team.

The starting team for the Falconettes are junior, Jill Burkert at center; sophomore, Sue Piacine and junior, Amy Wolfe at guard position; and juniors, Dina Lucci and Betsy Kovach at forward position.

Other players for the varsity team are sophomores, Denise Poley, Gina Hemler and Ronica

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The junior varsity squad, with a team of seven members, are improving their talents with their new squad. They are now 0-5 in the Ches-Mont. Starters for the JV's are Danette Baum, Amy Kistler, Adrienne Glenn, Terri Proitte and Jennifer Rothermel.



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