

FOUR OUT OF SEVEN NOW FEMALE: Mrs. Rosemary Hoffman has now joined PHS as a permanent addition in the Math Department. She is taking the position which was reported in the last issue of "Falcon" to have been filled by Paul Footitt.

newsbriefs

PHS finally fills math opening

by David Bender

Atlantic City casinos are not the only places where a good game of roulette can be found. The PHS Math Department has proven this in its search for a replacement math teacher.

After Mrs. Nancy Romain left Pottsgrove for Rhode Island in January, the school was left with a vacancy in the Math Department. The administration soon found Paul Footitt, a native Britain who was completing his studies at Kutztown State College.

"He was on a visitor's visa," said Dr. Richard J. Radel, PHS

principal. "Kutztown assured us that he would receive his certification. All he had to do was apply for it." Dr. Radel also said that when Mr. Footitt went to Harrisburg they would not grant him certification until he could produce a proper visa. "The immigration people said he must apply for it in England," Dr. Radel said, "and it would take six months to process it."

The administrators tackled the problem again. They discovered Mrs. Rosemary Hoffman, who was quickly added to the PHS staff.

Mrs. Hoffman, the wife of PHS

social studies teacher Bruce Hoffman, graduated from Kutztown State College with a B.S. and M.S. in science and math.

"The first day I was really impressed by how polite the students are," said Mrs. Hoffman. "I like it very much, it is really a nice school."

Mrs. Hoffman is teaching Algebra II, geometry and tenth grade general math.

Mrs. Hoffman also said that Pottsgrove is the same size as the last school she taught at, Whitehall High School in Allentown, which makes teaching here easier.

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Negotiations begin on teacher contract

by David Bender

Teachers and administrators are now negotiating on a new teachers' contract. The present contract expires this year after a two-year existence.

"There is nothing really new," said Charles Yohn, president of the PHS teachers union. "We are just improving what is already there." Mr. Yohn also said the effort is to add onto the last contract.

increase in summer school pay, coaches' pay, travel and college reimbursement and an increase in life insurance benefits.

"The big game is always in the area of salary," said Mr. Yohn. "It's not as large (pay increase) as it was in the past because inflation is decreasing."

Mr. Yohn and his team of teachers will be negotiating with Phillip

Joseph Roberts, superintendent of the Pottsgrove School District, agrees that money will be the big issue; however, he is optimistic. "There are amicable relations on both sides," he said. "There are no major stumbling blocks; these things just take time."

The major components of the old contract included an increase in supplementary pay, financial con-

Honor Society to induct members

The Pottsgrove chapter of the National Honor Society will hold its annual induction assembly on Friday, March 11, 1983, at 9 a.m.

Approximately twenty students will be inducted due to a change in the requirements. The by-laws now state that a student must have a 90 percent average in all major subjects, above an 85 percent in all subjects and also a set number of activities and leadership positions to be eligible.

Language clubs plan annual banquet

Spanish, French, German and Latin-speaking students will all come together on Monday, March 21, for the PHS International Banquet.

"We hope to have entertainment from the various clubs," said Mrs. Yvonne Davidheiser, language teacher. Also, food from the ethnic backgrounds of the languages will be featured.

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School receives accreditation results

by Kathy Maurer

The Middle States Evaluation Committee evaluated Pottsgrove High School in late October, and the administration here recently received the results.

According to Dr. Richard J. Radel, principal at PHS, the committee was most impressed with the pride of the students and the concern of the faculty and administration for the students.

"I am very pleased with the results," said Dr. Radel, "even

though the evaluators said that some improvements must be made. The evaluators stressed the idea of student involvement. This was the biggest push."

The evaluators made both favorable and unfavorable remarks. "The Philosophy and Objectives that were developed by PHS appear to be consistent with the type of community the school serves," reads the report submitted by the visiting committee. "The variety and scope of activities of this high school is a very pleasant surprise

to the committee."

However, the report also states, "In the chairperson's perception, the major concern of the committee seemed to be the amount of formal provisions afforded to the pupils to have some input into the curriculum of the school as well as the activities program and school issues."

The committee went on to critique each subject department. They found some slight deviations from their philosophies but rated Pottsgrove highly overall.



POTTSGROVE PERFORMS "THE MUSIC MAN": Senior Bill Middleton, sophomore Lisa Rinehart and junior Matt Dever rehearse for the opening night of the school production to open March 18.

Hill starts trouble in River City, Iowa

by Karen Houle

There's trouble in River City, Iowa, that is.

The trouble was started by Harold Hill. Harold is posing as a band leader; what he is really doing though is trying to con the River City citizens out of their money. However, in the process of tricking the hick townspeople, he falls in love with the town librarian, Marian Paroo.

Through dancing, chasing, ice cream sociables, courting and a lot of chaos, everything turns out great in Meredith Wilson's musical "The Music Man," this year's student musical.

The characters of Harold Hill and Marian Paroo will be portrayed by senior Bill Middleton and sophomore Lisa Rinehart.

Mrs. Gail Miller, tenth grade English teacher, is directing this musical along with the help of student directors Sue Wausnock

and Patty Carroll. This production will be held in the Pottsgrove High School auditorium on March 18 and 19.

Casting

"Casting was a bit more of a problem than we expected, but everything is falling into place now," said Mrs. Miller.

Students participating in the musical started practice in January and will continue for the next eight weeks from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Fun Musical

"Because this is a fun musical, the kids really like it and enjoy acting in it," said Mrs. Miller.

Contributing to the make-up of the musical are choral director Mrs. Nancy Bixler, pit orchestra director John Roberts and assistant director John Meko. Also, Lou Olivieri and his stage crew

and James Regensburg in making the show's programs.

Other members of the cast and their characters are David Rawdin portraying Charlie Cowell; Martin Sokol portraying Mayor Shinn; Mike Renninger, Victor Frederick, Karl Renninger, and Steve Rauco as the Barber Shop Quartet.

Matt Dever portrays Marcellus Washburn, Aaron Kromash portrays Tommy Djilas, Debbie Wolfe as Mrs. Paroo. Sue Brothers portrays Amaryllys, Darren Fakete portrays Winthrop Paroo, and Linda Mauger as the Mayor's wife.

Jill Gustave portrays Zaneeta Shinn; Denise Orr as Gracie Shinn; Karen Houle, Connie Swenk, Claudine Pauwels, Laura Whittaker as the Pickalittle Ladies. Brad Yohn portrays the constable and conductor and Matt Beckius, Tom Eskco, Dan Heckt, Dana Cook and Kevin Dietterick as the Rock Island Men.

Divided we fall

When compared to some of the other school districts in the area, Pottsgrove is swollen with pride. Pottsgrovians take advantage of situations to show their unity by attending sporting events, participating at pep rallies and generally becoming involved with their school.

Even on Color Day, when classes competed against each other, there existed a sense of togetherness. After the competition ended and the student body returned to its normal schedule, there was little difficulty in resuming existence as a unified body.

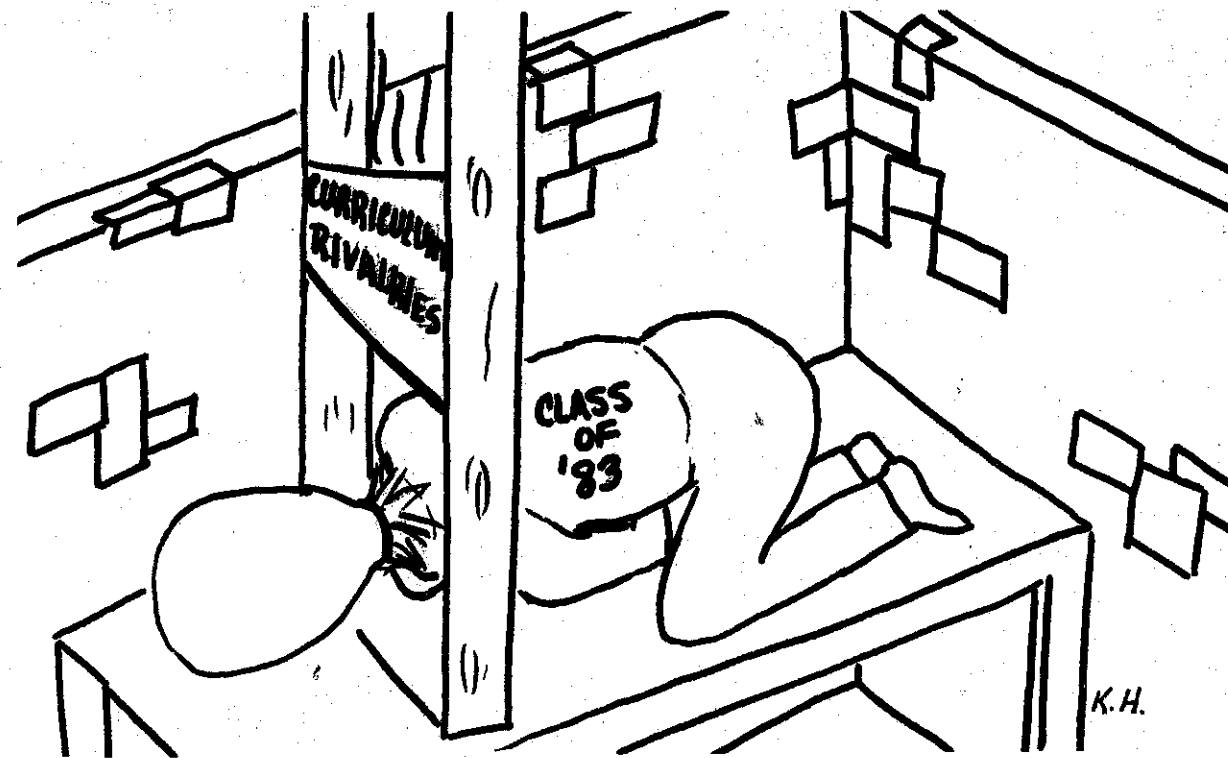
It is important for a group of individuals to possess a feeling of unity if success is to be achieved. Certain factors have restrained the Class of 1983 from developing this feeling, and probably none of which has been more destructive than the increasingly more noticeable clash between different curricula, specifically between academic and vocational-technical students.

During a brief stroll through the hallways of PHS, one is quickly exposed to this non-unity. Academic students refer to vo-tech students as "tech-ers"; vo-tech students call academic students "preppies." Utterances which follow these generalizations are almost always negative. It is a name calling game which has become accepted by the students.

Non-unity is most recognizable in the Senior Class, possibly because this class has been separated into curricula for the longest period of time. Some PHS faculty members feel that this year's Senior Class has more of a division problem than classes in the past, but there is no general consensus of its cause.

On Color Day, the Senior Class united as a group for its final class activity before its class trip. There were both positive and negative occurrences. Students tended to gather in groups related to curricula, but this was to be expected. There was an occasional flair-up of curricula unity or class non-unity.

Members of the Senior Class will be spending a good deal of time with each other during the next few months. For these moments to be enjoyable for everyone, it is necessary for the Class of 1983 to dispose of curricula rivalries and begin a peaceful co-existence.



Firm hand now runs detention

by Laura Rowley and Pete Daly

Pat Milantoni is running detention this year with a firm hand.

General consensus among students is that serving detention after school from 2:45 to 3:30 is punishment, more uniformly run and stricter than in past years.

Louis Buckwalter, PHS vice-principal, agrees with the way Mr. Milantoni is handling detention. "It's not supposed to be a picnic," said Mr. Buckwalter. "They're being punished."

"It's a reminder to the students of the responsibilities that they have," said Mr. Milantoni. "They are there to do work. It is not a

social hour."

When students arrive to serve detention, they must be in their seats at 2:45 prepared to work. If late, they get an extra night for every minute they are late.

"If you are going to be late," said a junior, "then you are better off just going home because then you only get one more night's detention for not showing up."

If students don't bring any work to do, then they may be handed a book and some paper and be asked to copy from that book until the detention is over.

There are several reasons why a student may be serving a detention, such as tardiness, skipping class, cheating on a test, talking back to a teacher, destroying school property or just refusing to go along with school policy. It depends on the seriousness of it to determine how many days students will get, usually from one night to three.

"I was late to my English class four times and I had to serve a detention," said Sue Barnett, a junior, about her experiences in detention. "I didn't like it because it was so boring. We weren't

allowed to talk or look around, and we couldn't look out the windows. Any noises that were made would make the teacher suspicious that we were doing something we shouldn't be doing. I'm glad I only had to stay for one night because I would rather be doing something else," she said.

No one is exempt from getting detention. Other countries use it as a means of punishment. Claudine, an exchange student from Belgium, said students get it there too. "In Belgium, the first time you serve a detention you must translate parts of a book from one language to another," she said. "You may have to type some work or if you are really nice you may get to do your homework. It depends on the teacher in charge and how he is feeling that day. If you are late to school two times in one week then you receive a detention."

"Basically it's about the same as last year except that there was a different teacher in there every day and now the same one is there all the time," said Dan Heller, a junior. "It's alright sometimes though; at least I can get my homework done."

One thing seen from having pen pals:

Interests differ from school to school

by Cheryl Grocki

Across the country there are schools that differ from Pottsgrove. The students at these schools use different terminology and have different school activities and interests.

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On the weekends, Teri Anderson and her friends at Brattleboro Union High School in Brattleboro, Vermont, like to go to parties. They also like to "just cruise around" or go to an arcade called the "Instant Replay."

When it is a great day, they say "it's a real day out." If something is excellent, it is "tubular" or "ace." "Crash" and "sack out" are synonymous for "sleep" in Brattleboro.

"How's it going, eh?" is a typical greeting in Brattleboro.

At the school they have a school restaurant and a school flower shop. They also have clubs similar to ones at Pottsgrove, including FBLA, FHA and FFA. Besides having the same sports offered at Pottsgrove, they also have soccer.

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On weekends in Coopersville, they like to go to parties and concerts. They also like going to a basketball or football game.

When they are really excited they are "freaked out." Fast cruising is known as "four-wheeling." Something totally "blah" is extremely boring.

Coopersville Senior High offers many extra curricular activities. Some not found at Pottsgrove are Computer Club, a volley ball team and a powder puff football game for girls.

Their graduation is on the football field with the band playing and guest speakers. They have not decided where to go for their Senior Class trip yet.

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Rock, pop and soul artists have two means of expressing themselves. One of these ways is through their albums, which can be bought. The other way is by performing concerts, which can be attended by anyone who has tickets. Both forms have their strong points.

An album can be a perfect performance. The artist sings and resings each song until he is completely satisfied with the result. Then he records it.

When recording an album, much remixing of musical content can be done. If the artist does not like the end product, he can change

it. There is no limit to the freedom of recording an album, except time.

Concerts allow more freedom than albums. Artists can ad lib solos in songs or change the words to make them more interesting or suit their mood at the time.

In a concert, however, the artist gets only one chance. If he makes a mistake he must forget it and continue with the performance. Albums are fairly inexpensive, from \$6.99 to about \$15 for some double albums. They can be

played over and over again. Some people think that concerts are much more expensive than albums. Actually, few concerts carry more than a \$14 ticket price, the price of most double albums. A concert only lasts two or three hours and it cannot be enjoyed over and over again.

Nothing can match the excitement of a concert or the perfection of an album. It is up to the individual himself to decide which one is better — economically and as entertainment.



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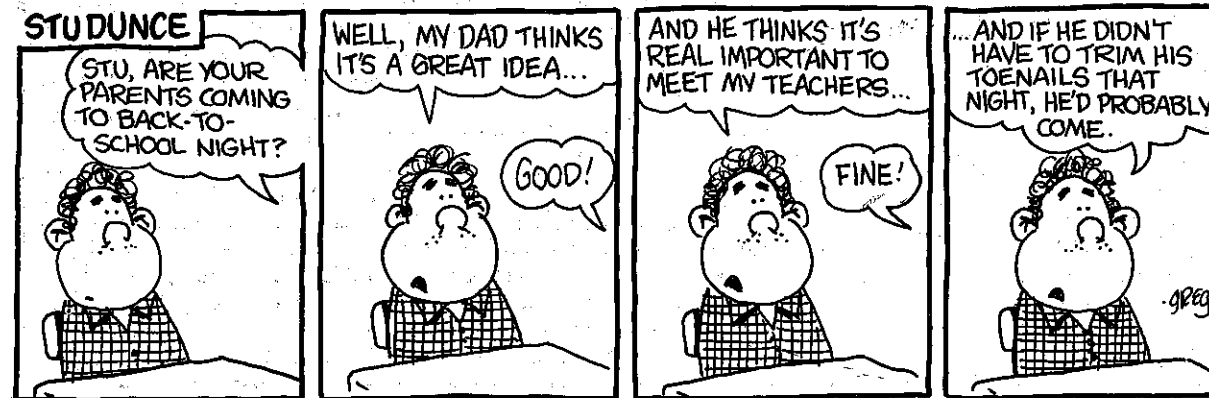
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Brazilian visits Pottsgrove High

by Diane Herb

Gisela Martins is an exchange student from Brazil. She is visiting the United States for her first time through the Youth for Understanding Program. The 16-year-old PHS junior is staying with Mr. and Mrs. Chester Freedman and their daughter, Stephanie.

Gisela comes from the Brazilian city of Vitoria, the capital of the state of Espirito Santo.

"The young people of the U.S. are just a little bit different from the young people of Brazil," said Gisela. "In Brazil, my friends and I go to places like discotheques. We would leave home at ten in the evening to go out. Young people in the U.S. go to different places and leave to go to them much earlier."

The native language of Brazil, the largest South American country, is Portuguese. Gisela said that the schools in Brazil require all students to study the English language. "I took courses in English for three or four years," said Gisela.

Unlike many other countries, Gisela's school offers a sports program. Soccer, handball, volleyball and basketball are among the activities available to the students of Brazil.

In addition to visiting the U.S., Gisela has traveled to Argentina and Paraguay. "I came to this country because I like to learn, meet new people and be exposed to other cultures."

Gisela also took note of the American swimwear and that the

fashion industries are similar for both the U.S. and Brazil. "The bikinis in Brazil are so much smaller than bikinis here," said Gisela. "The fashions are constantly changing in both countries."

Gisela finds that the food of the U.S. is much sweeter than the salty Brazilian food. "In Brazil, we eat a lot of black beans," said Gisela. "Everyday I ate beans and rice."

The music in Brazil is just like the music in America. That's because Brazilians listen to American records. "I don't understand the words a lot of times," said Gisela, "but when I can understand them, I don't get the meanings."

So far Gisela likes her new home, the people and her classes. Her courses include typing, foods, creative crafts, gym, chorus, American Cultures and English.

Gisela spends her free time taking pictures and collecting greeting cards.

During July, Gisela will return to Brazil, where she plans to attend college and study engineering. For now, Gisela is enjoying her stay in the United States.



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On the big screen:

'Gandhi' portrays India's history

by Sherrie Hoffman

During the next month, "Gandhi" will be appearing in local movie theaters. The movie attempts to chronicle the life of a great Indian spiritual and political leader. Ben Kingsley, the half Indian, British actor portrays the very

convincing Mahatma Gandhi.

The movie starts off with the arrival of Mahatma to South Africa in 1893 to practice law and ends with his assassination in India in 1948 at the age of 79. During the 55-year period, Gandhi successfully leads India out from British colonial rule, not through fighting or terrorism, but through moral force and perseverance.

"Gandhi," which has a PG rating, crisscrosses the vast nation of India, tracing Mahatma's career in a variety of locations. The scenery gives a complete picture of what life is like in the beautiful atmosphere of India. It is rendered as a history lesson.

Some key scenes feature fine actors as Trevor Howard, playing a judge who sentences Gandhi to prison, and John Gielgud as a British viceroy to India. Another fine actor, Edward Fox is pictured as a general who gives orders that cause thousands of Indians protesting British rule to be shot.

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Senior Portrait:

Middleton checks sound for Iris

by Laura Rowley

"The other bands were a good experience for me," said Bill Middleton about his musical interests, "but I need something more serious now and that's why I am with Iris."

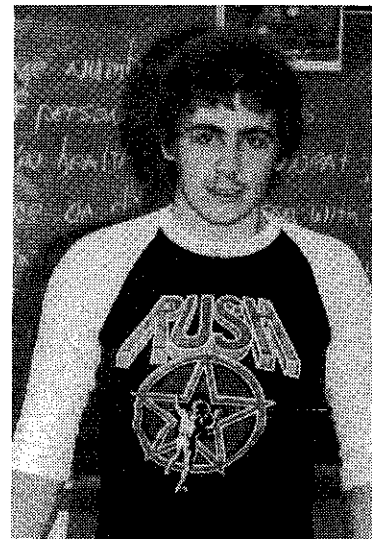
Bill centers his outside interest on the local band Iris. He is on the road crew and he takes care of the sound checks for the drummer.

Bill is still interested in remaining with Iris on a part-time basis. "If I see that the band is progressing after the summer, then I will halt my activities for getting into recording and stay with them full-time," said Bill. "But if Iris wouldn't work out and if I had to have a nine to five job, I would like to be related to the recording business and remain involved with music."

Bill is also excited about graduating in June. "I've seen some friends graduate," said Bill, "and I'm looking forward to the enjoyment that they are having now."

After Bill graduates he would like to be involved in a recording business with a local apprentice-

ship as a recording technician. He is not interested in attending college. "I feel that the pop/rock music industry cannot be dealt with through college," said Bill. "You need first hand experience."



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Bill's school interests include the marching, concert and stage bands. He also is a member of chorus, chamber singers and was chosen as one of the senior soloists for the Christmas concert. He auditioned for the lead in this year's musical, "Music Man," in which he will play Professor Harold Hill, a fast talking swindling salesman.

Math team competes in contests

by Sherrie Hoffman

The mathematics team of PHS has been competing during this school year in a contest also held in various high schools in the state. It is sponsored by the Pennsylvania Mathematics League.

On each contest day (there are three more), there is a test given containing six short answer questions from high school math. Each student has 30 minutes to complete the test. Each of the seven tests taken throughout the year include at least two problems requiring math beyond elementary algebra and the geometry course.

"I learned of the contest," said Mrs. Heather Frantz, chief coordinator for the test at PHS, "through a math teacher journal."

On each contest, the school's total will be the sum of the five highest scores on the contest.

In a comparison with St. Pius after three contests, PHS has a sum of 66 points and St. Pius 43 points. out of a total possible 100 points.

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"I am very pleased with the results and the enthusiasm from the participants," said Mrs. Frantz.

In the beginning of the year, 38 students were chosen for PHS's math team through taking a math test. Nine freshmen, four sophomores, thirteen juniors and thirteen seniors were placed on the team.

The leading scorer for the first four contests is junior Michele Miller, a total of 18 points out of a possible 24 points. The leading senior is Pete Daly, 16 points. Leading sophomores are Shannon Lewis and Debbie Zezenski with 11 points, and the leading freshman with 13 points is Jodi Gustave.

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When they think something is really funny, they "crack." A cute guy is considered "gorgeous."

At Highland High School, graduation is held in the gym. They have no Senior Class trip, but students get together and go to Florida during spring break.

Turnabout is a dance they have, in addition to the prom, where the girls ask the guys to go.

Windsor High School in Imper-

ial, Missouri, is where JoNell Kirtel and her friends go. They like to listen to "true rock and roll," pop rock and top 40 hits. They favor REO Speedwagon, Journey and Billy Squier.

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Their graduation ceremony is held in the gym, and their Senior Class trip is a cruise to the Bahamas and Nassau Islands.

Some phrases they use in school are "fer sure" and "gag me with E.T.'s finger." They also use "get a job" to mean "shut-up."

At Windsor High School they have some activities that Pottsgrove does not have, such as volleyball, weight lifting and FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes).

On weekends they like to go to Ronnie's 8 Cinema to see as many movies as they can. In the summer they like to ride up and down Main Street in Festus, Missouri, or in South County.

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Coach Werley scans his second season

by Diane Herb

With his second year as boys' varsity basketball coach behind him, Ralph Werley spoke of the trials and tribulations of this past season.

"First of all, there were no returning senior lettermen this year and we had a relatively inexperienced team," said Coach Werley. Mr. Werley had selected veteran juniors Tim Carter and Fred Nixon to be the team's co-captains. Unfortunately, Tim, the high scorer for the Falcons, chipped a bone and tore ligaments in his ankle during the course of the season.

"Tim's injury did shake up the team at first, knowing that his talents could not be replaced," said Mr. Werley. "It would have been difficult and even impossible to match Tim's contributions."

"Tim's absence put a great deal of responsibility on the rest of the players," said Coach Werley. "I feel that Fred Nixon benefited the most from this responsibility. In the last week or two, he showed remarkable improvement. Fred's passing and ball handling abilities were excellent."

Another player who took advantage of the responsibility was junior Drew Seiscio. "Drew also improved a lot," said Coach Werley. "He has one of the best bank shots in the league."

A senior Mr. Werley considered a consistent player was Steve Greisiger. "He worked hard at all

times and his attitude rubbed off on the other players," said Coach Werley. "He came to us from St. Pius last year, and he came out for the team this year. I think that the only time that he played basketball at Pius was in his freshman year. If he had stayed with basketball, he would probably have been an excellent player. Unfortunately, he did not know the game quite well enough."

Lynell Laws, a senior, played for the varsity team this year. "He was one of our keys to success," said Mr. Werley. "He was also one of our better ball handlers on the squad."

Another senior, Scott Exley, was, according to Coach Werley, the hardest worker on the team. "He was extremely flexible because he was capable of substituting in several positions," said Mr. Werley. "He was very adaptable."

Junior Eric Hafsrud also contributed to the team. "Eric was definitely the most improved player who went from last year's second team varsity to this year's first team varsity. He has a lot of potential for next year."

Although the team went through some tough times, ending with a 3-19 record, the Falcons did have some successful moments. The squad won the Silver Whistle Award. This was an honor given to the team and coaches for sportsmanship.

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by Matt Dever

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WARRIOR SEES THE LIGHTS: Falcon Cedric Gillis pinned Bill Ramsey of Henderson in the third period of their 119-pound match. Pottsgrove went on to trounce the visiting Warriors, 48-14.

Falcon grapplers advance to Districts

by Karen Houle

This weekend will let the Pottsgrove grapplers prove who is really number one. The Falcons will be competing in the District wrestling tournament.

"I think we have a good shot as long as we stay healthy," said Frank Jablonski, Falcon wrestling coach. "We did not reach our goals this season because of the number of wrestlers that were out. Now we hope to end our season

with a 10-8 record."

Brian Boone (98 lb. wrestler), has a very good chance to win Districts and advance to Regionals, according to Mr. Jablonski. Other team members in the same position are John Toth and Ken Cirullo (105 lbs.), Cedric Gillis (112 lbs.), Todd Dagen (119 lbs.), Randy VanHorn (138 lbs.), Ken Frantz (145 lbs.), Chuck Moses (185 lbs.), and Kevin Ziegler at heavyweight.

"I expect a very good showing," said coach Jablonski. "It's not past our ability to win Districts this year."

Districts is made up of other AA schools from the area. District wrestling involves double elimination, giving a wrestler a chance to come back after a loss.

If a wrestler does well at Districts, he then advances to Regionals. Regionals is wrestling competition involving other AA teams but from schools a lot bigger than Pottsgrove High School.

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"Cedric Gillis will win Districts, and he has the ability to go on to States if he places in the top third at Regionals," said Gary Reichenbach, junior varsity wrestling coach. "Cedric is a take-down artist with lightning speed. He has broken all the school take-down records."

"I think the Pottsgrove team will win the District title," Coach Reichenbach went on to say.

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a very strong Unionville team.

The season didn't start off on the right foot. The Falconettes started with eight steady varsity players, and not one of them was a senior.

"It originally hurt," said Mr. Burkert. "We needed leadership and there were a few seniors that would have made the team better."

Members Help

The few members helped the team in some ways. Mr. Burkert said that practices were more individualized in the beginning and some valuable experience was gained by underclassmen.

"I feel it helped us work like a team," said Dina Lucci, a junior forward. "The more we watched each other play the more we learned what to do."

"The girls really pulled together," said Mr. Burkert, "and they're looking forward to the playoffs."

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Winter sports close seasons

by Matt Dever

The Pottsgrove Falcon sports teams closed out their Ches-Mont seasons in mid-February.

With the end of these seasons were brought some joy and some sorrow.

The Pottsgrove High School wrestling team set a school record this year by gaining the most wins ever by a Pottsgrove High School wrestling squad. The record was broken this year against Phoenixville High School, whom the Falcons have never defeated until this year.

Another impressive season was turned in by the Falconettes basketball team. On their way to a 9-6 Ches-Mont League finish, they defeated league leaders Boyertown and Downingtown, back to back. They gained a berth in PIAA playoffs in late February. In addition to their Ches-Mont league performance, they were an

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