

## newsbriefs

### Dropout booklet dubbed 'racist'

A 110-page booklet about curbing New York high school's dropout problem has been criticized as being "racist" and will be revised, according to the state's Education Department.

The booklet, which was distributed to about 15,000 New York teachers, contained a passage about black students not being "word dependent" and only giving "approximate" answers.

"Black students don't reason any differently than white students," said Constance Eno, president of the local National Education Association chapter.

The negative generalizations come at a time when black students' American College Testing Program scores increased to 13.4 this year from 13.0 last year.

### VD among teens causes concern

A high rate of venereal disease among a group of juveniles living at a detention center in New York City has increased concerns that — within the teenage population — AIDS is "a disaster waiting to happen," said Dr. Sten H. Vermund of Montefiore Medical Center.

His test of 2,521 teenagers found 18.3 percent of the girls and 3 percent of the boys had contracted gonorrhea, a sexually transmitted disease.

Although gonorrhea can be treated, there is no cure for AIDS, which also is sexually transmitted.

Meanwhile, to lessen the teenage AIDS scare, the U.S. Department of Education has prepared an AIDS awareness guide. The guidebook encourages parents and teachers to "teach restraint as a virtue" and "present sex education within a moral context."

### Congress wages war on drugs

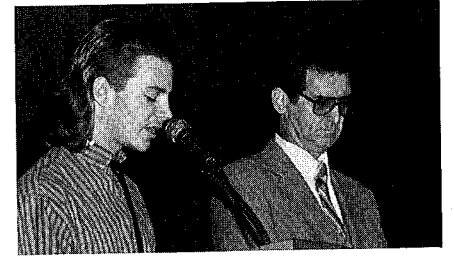
Escalating its "war against drugs," Congress has given the U.S. Department of Education \$20.3 million to fight drug abuse in the nation's schools.

About one fourth of the money — to be distributed in 1989 — will be used to develop drug abuse prevention programs in grade and high schools.

The rest of it goes to colleges and education associations.

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## Seniors sponsor comedy

by Bobbi Fortmuller

Under the direction of English teacher Todd Kelly, the Senior Class will sponsor the comedy "Play On," with performances March 18 and 19 beginning at 8 p.m. in the Pottsgrove High School auditorium.

"I wanted a funny, humorous play," Mr. Kelly said. "This deals with the frustrations of putting on a play and this is something I know about. I also needed a play with more girls than boys because that's what I have."

Mr. Kelly ended up with seven

girls and two boys in his cast. After two nights of auditions, the cast was chosen.

"I chose the people who had the most flair and really projected well," Mr. Kelly said.

The cast includes seniors Anita McKee, Kenneth Melton and Amy Spokas; juniors Jeff Pennington, Cindi Reber, Tammy Smoll and Jennifer Sopcich; sophomores Jennifer Rambo and Stacy Robinson and freshman Chris Van Horn. The student director is Barbara Florig.

"'Play On' is about a group of people who are desperately trying to put on a play which is a murder

mystery and absolutely everything goes wrong in it," Mr. Kelly said. This play has the typical villain and young couple in love.

"It's not really one person's play," Amy Spokas said. Amy plays an eccentric, ditsy playwright named Phyllis Montague. "It's sort of a comedy and a small play. The characters really have to depend on each other more so than with a large cast, because the dialogue is more evenly spread out among them."

Jennifer Rambo, playing a very sarcastic Aggie Manville, said, "It's very funny and a typical Murphy's Law."

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## Students join to combat drunk driving

by Kim Mayberry

students concerning the problem of drinking and driving.

"I hope I could give some support and save people from injury and death," Mrs. Toothaker said. "I

**Teens get more conservative**  
American teenagers are more conservative than their counterparts of a decade ago, University of Michigan researchers have found.

Each year the university's Institute for Social Research surveys 17,000 high school seniors about their personal and political beliefs.

Ten years ago, teenagers held more extreme political views and were more interested in making money, the researchers reported.

And the "flamboyant" teenage minority of the late sixties and seventies isn't as prominent today.

Researchers say these days teenagers may be more calm because there isn't an immediate crisis, such as the Vietnam War.

### Physics works on ways to travel

Two university professors hope superconductivity demonstrations soon will be a part of physics classes throughout the country.

Earlier this year, University of Wisconsin professors Arthur B. Ellis and Glen Dirreen showed Madison West High School physics students how metals cooled in liquid nitrogen lose their resistance to electricity and float.

The phenomenon — known as superconductivity — has practical implications, too.

Scientists are experimenting with creating large frictionless tunnels to generate current which could be used to power high speed trains and computers.

The Wisconsin professors used a classroom kit purchased from the Institute for Chemical Education, based in Madison.

### AIDS threat not taken seriously

Actress Morgan Fairchild — of "Flamingo Road" fame — has told Congress American teenagers aren't taking the threat of AIDS seriously.

She said her work with high school and college students has convinced her that "they're not informed enough to make a judicious, educated judgment" when it comes to taking AIDS precautions.

A few days later, U.S. Surgeon General C. Everett Koop said that although his upbringing makes it difficult for him to recommend condom use, "the alternative (to not using condoms) is almost-certain death."

And U.S. Secretary of Education William Bennett now officially has advised schools to emphasize sexual restraint as a way of avoiding the disease.

After going a few months in the fall without being able to find an adviser and then a few months trying to get organized, Pottsgrove's Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD) is off the ground.

"This will make them think twice before getting behind the wheel under the influence of alcohol," Pam Rowe, the president of the newly formed SADD (Students Against Drunk Driving) said, about the intention of the organization's projects.

The SADD organization educates

Drunk driving will kill 70 people today and injure 2,150 more.

"A small group of students wanted to start this organization," Mrs. Nancy Toothaker, the PHS SADD chapter adviser, said. "They became interested in the problems of drinking."

The number one killer of teens today is drinking and driving. Every 23 minutes, someone is killed by a drunk driver. In the age group of people ranging from 16-24, there are 8,000 deaths a year and the disfiguring of 40,000 more. All due to alcohol.

sincerely believe in this program and was very concerned that it would not be able to function."

The slogan of SADD is "If we can dream it, it can be done!"

Other officers of the organization include the vice president, Debbie Bradley; the secretary, Jen Mioni, and the treasurer, Sue Tse.

The board members are as follows: senior Chaundra Rhoads; juniors Don Bender, Matt Morton and Karen Youse; sophomores Traci Marsteller, Jenn Palasch, Pam Palladino, Matt Shantz and Pat Ullman and freshman Stephanie Endy.

## Sophomores finish fundraising projects

by Melissa Bush

The class of 1990 have completed a series of fundraisers to boost their class fund.

The next project for the sophomores is their trip to Baltimore, presently planned for May 13.

Among the money-raising projects of the sophomores was a

Valentine rose sale. The roses were delivered on Friday, Feb. 12, in homeroom.

"There were over 2,000 roses sold and the profit made was about \$1,050," Mrs. Heather Frantz, class adviser, said.

Also, the sophomores hosted a Valentine's Day dance on Saturday, Feb. 6, from 8-11 p.m. The highlight of the evening was the crowning of the sophomore Valentine king and queen. Last year's queen, Pam Rowe, presented a top hat to king Matt Shantz, while last year's king, Ed Currie, crowned queen Nicole Semeria with a tiara.

Jim Toth, class president, was the master of ceremonies for the event.

### New DJ

The sophomores chose a new DJ, Silver Sound, for the dance.

"I thought the DJ's did a very nice job of playing a variety of music," Tara Mizic, class vice president, said. "I'd like to see them again sometime."

According to Mrs. Frantz, the Class of '90 made about \$150 profit at the dance.

"We anticipated a better attendance," Toth said.



**Sophomores host dance:** The Valentine Dance, held Feb. 6 from 8-11 p.m., was highlighted by the crowning of the new Valentine king and queen, Matt Shantz and Nicole Semeria. The court included Brian Reasor, Pat Ullman, Shantz, Keith Whittaker and Rick Oxenford. Also, Jennifer Bleau, Nicole Arnold, Semeria, Donna Allen and Nicole Shallcross.



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# History is being made

This is a presidential election year. Hours of TV time and tons of newsprint will be used to cover the lives of the people running for the presidency, which will be decided on Nov. 8.

What this means to high school students and everybody else, for that matter, is that they are getting to see history being made. Everyone is getting to see a democracy going through the exercise of electing its leader for the next four years.

This has been an especially interesting campaign so far. Of course what happened to Gary Hart says something about what Americans expect from their leaders as far as what's involved in their personal lives. On the Hart issue, Americans at first seemed divided — this was revealed in the fact that he got some support when he got back in the race.

It's been an interesting campaign because of the candidates themselves in their attacks on one another and on the news media. It's been an interesting campaign simply because there are so many candidates — the Democrats had a tough time, initially, narrowing their field of runners.

Seniors especially should be interested this year. For the 18-year-olds, it will be the first time that they get to vote. The important thing here is that the 18-year-olds get involved and do vote. However, it's also important for all students to get involved in the election campaign so that they see and come to understand — so that they can later take a part in it — the exercise which makes America a democracy and which has kept it the unique country



## Police watch places which sell alcohol

# Alcohol and teens don't mix

by Carey Petenbrink

When a teen's parents go away for a weekend and leave the teen at home, it can be an open door to problems, especially if the teen decides to hold a party and alcohol is present.

"If the party is 'busted' the person having the party would probably be arrested but everyone else

Some teenagers have also found the "perfect" place where they can go in and purchase alcoholic beverages all by themselves.

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**It's hard for  
kids not to  
drink when**

nity," a Pottsgrove student, who was arrested for underage drinking, said.

"Parents should take away the child's most prized possession, usually the car," Detective Petenbrink said. "They should also be made to work to pay for the fine themselves."

"Kids are funny," Mr. Rutter said. "They need to be shown by example. It's hard for kids not to

## Teens create image

In the press and on the TV, there has been a lot written and said about teenagers as being bad news. However, here at Pottsgrove, some students are working to create a positive image.

Several organizations at PHS are working to help other students and people in the community.

"The football team sold towels and candy to raise money to buy knee braces, jerseys, helmet decals and a pizza party at the end of the season," Kenneth Harclerode, football coach, said, naming some of the things that the football players did to help themselves and the team.

SADD, a relatively new club, plans to have a program before the prom. "The purpose of the program will be to encourage students to avoid the use of alcohol when driving and to make them aware of the hazards of drunk driving," Nancy Toothaker, club adviser, said about some things students in her club are involved with.

Most people share the opinion that students are less likely to get into trouble if they are active in a club or sport.

"The students who get into trouble usually do not join clubs," Kathy Kelsch, a junior, said.

Spanish Club raises money through the volleyball tournament. "Sometimes we sell tacos and this year we might help out at the elementary schools' fairs," John Romanoski, club adviser, said. "The money goes towards Save the Children Program and eliminates dues."

Key Club went to the Leader Home to host a Valentine's Day party. At the party, a king and queen were crowned.

"Teenagers who work within the community get to appreciate the community around them," Mae Hanna, Key Club adviser, said.

Other projects in the community which Key Club has participated in are an adopt-a-grandparent program, feeding the hungry at Trinity Church, helping the Salvation Army collect toys, wrapping Christmas presents at Plymouth Meeting Mall to help fund a retardation center and having a peanut sale for the Kiwanis.

Key Club has also been active in school by providing ushers for the concerts and plays, keeping stats for sports and helping the nurse.

Neal Petenbrink, a Pottstown narcotics officer, said. "If the people do not cooperate with the police, they will all be arrested."

According to James Rutter, PHS guidance counselor, if there are no alcoholic beverages present in the house, the teenagers will not have the urge to party.

It is common knowledge that a case of beer is not expensive and it is easy to get alcoholic beverages, no matter how young a person is.

Some teens ask older brothers or sisters to buy the alcohol, and some teens stand outside liquor stores until someone "nice" comes along who will get them something, if given a small donation. If the student is a girl, a pretty smile will usually get whatever is wanted with no extra fee.

"Most places that sell alcoholic beverages are watched by the police regularly," Detective Petenbrink said.

No matter how teenagers get the alcohol, if caught, there is a possibility of getting arrested and, if 18 or over, placed in jail. There is also a fine of up to \$300 plus court costs which may be issued.

"The person buying the alcohol for the minors will be arrested and placed in jail," Detective Petenbrink said.

What happens when the student's parents find out that he was arrested for underage drinking? "Most likely the teenager would be grounded for what seems to be an eter-

Mr. Rutter also said that parents should be more alert.

According to Detective Petenbrink, kids are less likely to drink if their parents set a proper example.

Most underage drinking is going on between the ages of 14 and 18. It usually occurs on weekends at special occasions and at graduation. "There is much more drinking going on these days than we would like to think about," Mr. Rutter said. "Kids should learn to say no."

There are many reasons why minors drink. Curiosity, family influence and peer pressure are the most common reasons given, although some teens turn to alcohol to help them cope with their "unbearable" lives.

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### On the big screen:

## Williams finds script to suit his talents

by Tab Mizic

Robin Williams has finally gotten a movie script which allows him to use all of his talents. He stars in the movie Good Morning Vietnam, playing the role of a crazy disc jockey who is shipped to Vietnam as a navy officer. His job is to keep the spirits of the American soldiers there high.

As soon as Williams steps off the plane, the laughter begins. With the start of his early morning radio show, the audience quickly sees that Williams' antics will keep them laughing. The phrase "Good Morning Vietnam" is just the beginning of what will be one of the funniest scenes in the movie.

Along with doing the radio show, Williams takes over an English class. He teaches his pupils the correct way to speak English in New

York. In his class he sees the woman of his dreams. He tries to win her over but ends up becoming friends with her brother.

Williams becomes fast friends with the other officers in his unit because of his sense of humor. He also seems to get into a lot of trouble with his commanding officers because he is not the armed services' idea of what a disc jockey should be.

### Humor

This is not the usual Vietnam movie with the blood, guts and glory. It has a very humorous side to it, yet there is a sensitivity about the actors. With Williams in the driver's seat this indeed is a wonderful movie.

Because of the humor, especially the scenes in the radio station, this is definitely a movie well worth seeing.



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## Tie-dyeing is back

# Fashion revives a 60's trend

by Tab Mizic

It was big in the 60's; then it died out. However, people are getting into it again: tie-dyed clothes.

Wearing tie-dyed clothes has become a fashion statement of the 80's.

"It's appealing to people who are interested in patterns and colors," Mrs. Nancy Rooney, the art teacher at Pottsgrove, said.

Tie-dyeing is nothing new. It was an ancient form of decorating fabric and it is related to batik, where waxes and dyes are used.

"Tie-dyeing is a form of personal expression," Sean Tweed, a senior, said. "I wear it because I like it, not

because of what other people think."

Kris Reazor, Beth Moore and Lisa Ranieri agreed that tie-dyeing gives boring things character. "It's creative and it's different from anyone else," Kris said.

Kathy Basile, a sophomore, said that she wore tie-dyed clothes as a way to express her feelings. "It's different as well as fun," she said.

One of the most predominant things about those who like to wear tie-dyed clothing is the fact that they are artistic. With tie-dyeing they can create their feelings. It's not just fashion they are expressing; it is also themselves.

Tie-dyeing is an inexpensive way for someone to show his mood.

Store bought clothing can cost twice as much as what a person could make for himself. With tie-dyeing a person can also express his talents instead of someone else's.

Tie-dyeing is a fast and easy way to have some fun with clothes. To tie-dye a piece of clothing it is best to work with 100 percent cotton material. Tie the shirt with rubber bands, in a knot, or any other way to create the pattern wanted. Then dip the tied part into the dye and let it soak until the colors are deep enough.

Rinse the tied part in hot and cold water. After you take the rubber bands out, rinse it again in cold water.

## Sub's day starts with a phone call

by Shawnn Shafer

The substitute teacher's day begins around 6 A.M. with a phone call from a district secretary.

"To become a substitute teacher, one needs to have a college degree and be certified in that state," Linda Quinter, a substitute certified in English, said. An application is filled out and goes to the school board. If the application is approved, the substitute teacher will be called when needed.

Clarence Scott, a substitute teacher, worked at a learning disability school. "It was a fantastic experience," Mr. Scott said. "I learned that people who have a disability

Yohn, a substitute teacher for Pottsgrove's high school and intermediate school, said.

Some substitute teachers say that their life is always changing when they teach because the classes and students are different. They said that it adds variety to their lives and it is rewarding because they like the attitude and ingenuity of the students.

"A story that I tell is about how anyone can become what they want

to be," Mr. Scott said.

Some of the skills that substitutes feel they need to "survive" a class are to think on their feet, to be a quick judge of character, to have a sense of humor, to work on the same mental plane, to be fair and to have respect for each other.

"A story that I tell to the seventh and eighth graders is that they should not rock back and forth or lean on their chairs," Mrs. Yohn said.

## Counselor offers choices

by Colleen Mack

There is also an interest inventory

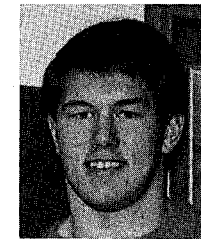
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Why isn't there as much school spirit this year as there was last year?

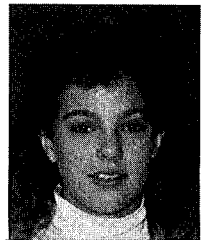
**Nancy Rawdin, senior:** "Without a winning team, the classes don't come together as a whole."



**Ron White, junior:** "Last year we had teams that came close to winning championships and everyone had more spirit because our sports teams were some of the best around."



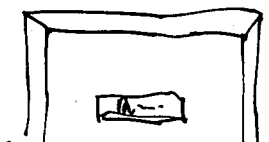
**Denette Segnere, junior:** "Because all the leaders of the Falcon Cage left. They were mostly seniors and they graduated."



**Dena Embody, junior:** "I think last year the Senior Class got along better and were better friends with the other classes."



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can teach people things too because they taught me some things."

"I started teaching when the teachers had workshops once a week for six weeks," Mrs. Jean

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PHS has several programs to aid students to make career choices. Classes in career counseling are offered to students in grades 6 through 12. Also, the guidance office has several student programs which students can use themselves.

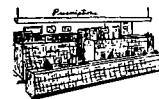
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which associates students with occupations.

The school also has a research file in the library, a five-part career video, the co-op program and the career fair.

"I try to encourage the juniors and seniors to have something in mind that they would want to do," Mr. Ondo said.

In eleventh grade Mr. Ondo tells students in specially arranged classes what to expect and how to dress when they go for a college or job interview.

"The ASVAB testing was offered the last two years as a follow up to the test given in seventh grade," Mr. Ondo said. "This year, the seniors filled out a data sheet which showed us some of their ideas."

Local employers from time to time do call when they have job openings. Mr. Ondo said that when this happens the school tries to fill the openings.

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## Kids care for the elderly

by Tracy Koneski

"The best part of it was watching the kids care for these elderly people like they did. This was the one day the elderly felt they were the most important people on earth," said Mrs. Mae Hanna, head of Key Club and a Spanish teacher here at Pottsgrove.

The Key Club went to the Leader Home for a Valentine's Day Party. "They sat around, sang songs with the people, baked cookies for them, and just made them feel important," Mrs. Hanna said.

This project is just one of many of the services that Key Club provides.

"Now that everyone is finding out about us, we are getting more

and more requests. Mr. Tornetta came to us and asked for more help with stats for wrestling. We are helping him. Mrs. Reigner, the school nurse, asked for help; we are helping her," Mrs. Hanna also said.

She said that she has so many projects that she needs more people to help, but she can't supervise all of them. Frank Scaltrito, PHS physics teacher, is helping her out with Kiwanis dinners.

Key Club has two membership drives. One is at the beginning of the year for upperclassmen, and the other is after the first quarter for the freshmen.

Mrs. Hanna said she'd like to have more dedicated members to add to the ones she has.

"People don't realize how much time it takes. People just join to belong to another club. These people find their membership terminated. It's a really tough job, being a key clubber that is," she said.

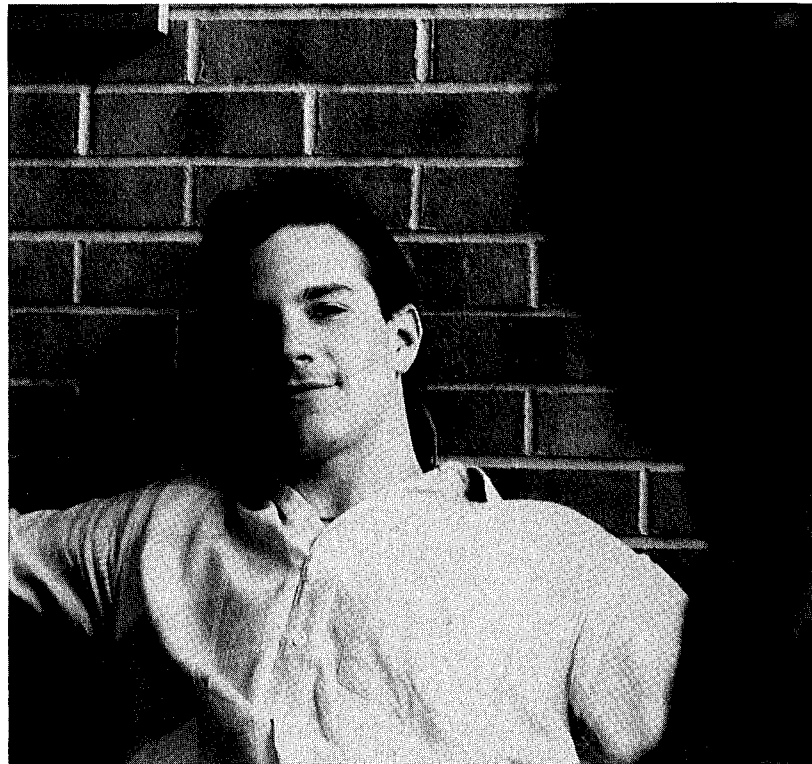


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**Filling the position:** President Mike Nice said that Student Government has accomplished a few things this year like the bonfire, a seatbelt campaign and a CPR course.

## Student Government president interviewed

# Popularity can buy votes

by Liz Yohn, Shawnn Shafer

"Student Government is becoming more of a popularity contest than anything," Mike Nice, Student Government president, said. "The more popular people don't have the time Student Government needs to get things done."

Mike ran for president to obtain a leadership position. "I thought I could accomplish a lot, but without the help from other people, I cannot do much on my own," Mike said in late January in an interview with members of the Falcon staff.

Student Government can be accused of not being an active organization. The No-Smoking Campaign has been dropped and there is no suggestion box. Student Government has held two meetings this year — in past years meetings were almost a weekly event.

"The hardest part about being president is the responsibility of

making sure everything gets finished," Mike said. "No one else wants to help take the responsibility to make sure the projects proposed get finished."

***The members want to get something done, but they don't want to do anything.***

"A major road block this year has been the low involvement of the members," Mike also said. "The members want to get things done, but they don't want to do anything."

Student Government has done a few things this year. It has organized a dance and bonfire, arranged a CPR course and plans to have a seatbelt campaign in the spring.

The No-Smoking Project has stopped at PHS while the Pennsylvania General Assembly works to pass a bill that will stop smoking in public buildings. "There was not much response to continuing the No-Smoking Campaign this year," Mike said, although last year the Student Government survey showed an overwhelming majority of the student body felt smoking in school should be stopped.

The CPR course came about when Dave Nieman, a sophomore, witnessed an accident and did not know what to do to help the people involved. The course was offered on Feb. 24. Students were certified after three hours of study. If more people are interested, another course will be scheduled.

"The drawing of the falcon in the center stairwell is in process," Mike said. "Three students submitted paintings: Robert Downard, senior, and Mark and Mike Hessler, freshmen." When one of the drawings is chosen, the person who drew it will be the one to paint it on the wall.

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## Club sponsors foreign travel

by Colleen Mayk

The Rotary Exchange Program, District 743, which PHS participates in, hosts 30 students and sends 30 from the district.

Students can apply through the Pottstown Rotary Club. "The Rotary Club looks for students who are adaptable and sincerely interested in living in another country the way they live," said Mrs. Heather Frantz, Rotary Club representative at PHS.

"Students may list their preferences they would like to go to, but they do not get to pick it," Mrs. Frantz said.

The participating countries range from such diverse places as Belgium or Brazil and Japan.

"Selected students are responsible for the cost of transportation to and from the foreign country and for incidental expenses throughout the trip," Mrs. Frantz said.

## Half to continue schooling

by Jen Dunn

At PHS there is a total student population of 840. Fifty percent of that number are enrolled in the college preparatory curriculum.

It generally holds true that about half of each graduating class will continue school after high school, according to PHS statistics.

From the Class of '87, 109 went

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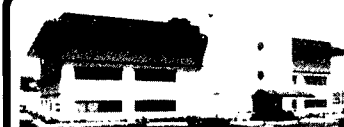
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## Alcohol causes teens trouble

(continued from page 2)

"Alcohol does not help solve problems," Detective Petenbrink said. "It just makes more in the long run."

"If caught with alcoholic beverages or under the influence of any alcoholic beverages, while on school property, a student will be suspended for 10 days," Mr. Rutter said. "Then the student will be placed on probation, and if it occurs again, he will be taken before the school board and expelled. The student is then referred to the police and it is very possible he will be arrested."

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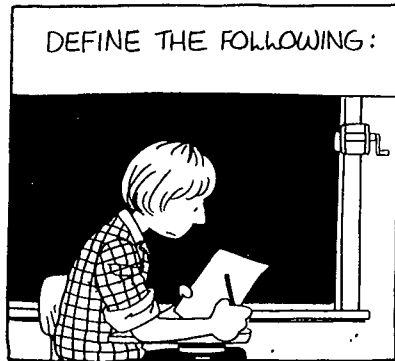


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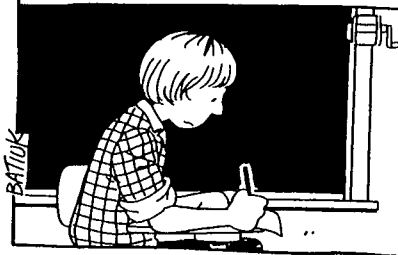
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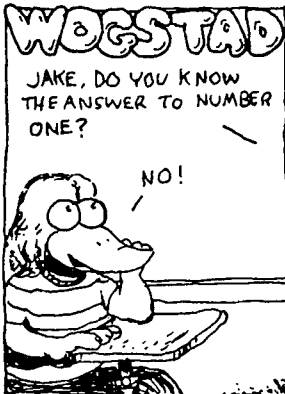
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- 1 Bridge term
- 5 Cloth measure
- 8 Musical organization
- 12 Solicitude
- 13 Unit of Portuguese currency
- 14 Century plant
- 15 Genus of maples
- 16 Possessive pronoun
- 17 One of Columbus's ships
- 18 Dwell
- 20 Shred
- 22 Negative
- 23 Apportion
- 24 Reject
- 27 Produce
- 31 Man's name
- 32 Quotes
- 33 Baker's product
- 34 Made bigger
- 36 Spring
- 37 Scorch
- 38 Preposition
- 39 Abate
- 42 Looking glass
- 46 Toward
- 47 Pedal digit
- 49 Food fish
- 50 Row
- 51 Anger
- 52 Girl's name
- 53 Direction
- 54 Uncouth person
- 55 Approach

DOWN

wound

- 2 Intertwine
- 3 War god
- 4 Breed of sheep
- 5 Great Lake
- 6 Permit
- 7 Heeded
- 8 Tease lightly
- 9 Landed
- 10 Not one
- 11 Loved on
- 19 Accomplish
- 21 The sweet-sop
- 23 Measuring device
- 24 Contend
- 25 Sea eagle
- 26 Hindu cymbals
- 27 Very big
- 28 Simian
- 29 Sesame
- 30 Lamprey
- 32 Algonquian

Indian

- 35 Declare
- 36 Become less good
- 38 Note of scale
- 39 Tardy
- 40 Lamb's pen name

41 Observes

- 42 Reward: arch.
- 43 Part in play
- 44 Spanish pot
- 45 Hind part
- 48 Anglo-Saxon money

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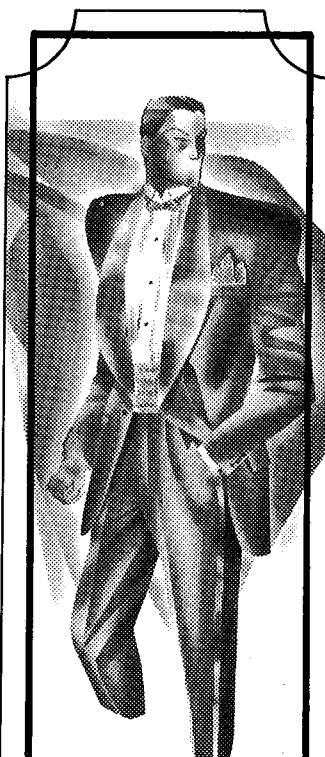
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# Girls drop Phantom contest

by Shawnn Shafer

The girls' basketball team lost to the Phoenixville Phantoms, 67-43, Feb. 23, finishing with a 0 and 11 record in the PAC-8 league.

"We only won two games, which were non-league," Roxanne Murgia, girls' basketball coach, said. "We never gave up even though we were down a lot."

The girls' basketball team had two returning varsity players from last year. They are senior Jen Sharp and junior Pam Rowe.

"We did not do a lot as far as wins and losses, but we have the experience," Miss Murgia, said. "We have four of the five players returning for next year, which will help a lot because they have the experience of playing."

The girls' basketball team started the season out on shaky ground, but towards the end they were adapted well.

"I feel that we could have and should have won more games, but we could never get all the quarters equal," Danielle Borneman, a cap

tain of the basketball team and a junior, said. "Hopefully we will do better next year."

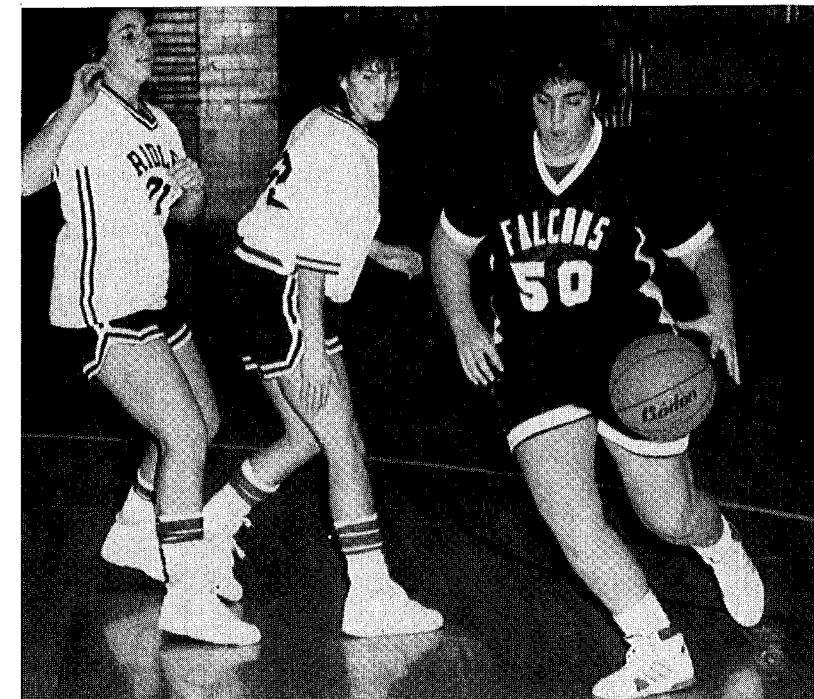
This year the girls' basketball team had to make a new adjustment because they had a new coach.

"Our season did not go as well as we hoped it would have because there was a lack of participation and support," Pam, a captain of the basketball team, said.

Pam led the team with 200 rebounds and 250 points.

"If we could have played the beginning of the season the way we played at the end of the season, we could have done much better," Danielle said.

"We had our ups and downs because of our losing record but our coach kept our spirits up," Pam said.



**Driving past Ridley:** Senior Jen Sharp (50) was frequently called on this season to give leadership to the relatively young and inexperienced Lady Falcon team.

## Falcons close with 9-11 record

# Grapplers take out Pius

by Kim Mayberry

Falcon wrestlers ended their season 9-11 with a spectacular win over St. Pius X, 47-14, placing themselves sixth in the league standings.

Junior Ron White led the team in points with 100. Eddie Hamel and White led the team in pins with 13 pins each.

"This team has done really well this year," Joe Tornetta, coach of the high school wrestling team, said.

The team could have been stronger if John Romanoski was not hurt most of the season and the guys would have wrestled at their proper weights, according to Mr. Tornetta.

Romanoski wrestled only once during the season, a win against his Pius opponent.

"I had fun with the team. We all worked hard," Hammel, a senior, said. "We had a young team but everyone stuck together. I had a great senior year."

## Freshmen girls had height advantage

by Tab Mizic

With one of their advantages being their height, the ninth grade girls' basketball team had an overall record of 6 wins and 8 losses for their season.

biggest teams I have had," Robert Devlin, head coach, said.

Danielle Jackson, an eighth grader, had the highest team point average with 10 points per game. Kirstin Jackson, a ninth grader, was a close second.

Shelly Krause was their top re-

## Boys finish out of contention

by Tracey Koneski

"In the beginning of the season I thought we could be a competitor in PAC-8," Jason Bearden, captain of the basketball team, said.

Jason was the team leader in scoring and rebounding. He felt the toughest and most exciting game was against Upper Perk. "Everybody thought we couldn't beat them," he said.

His most satisfying experience this season, he said, was shooting three-pointers that coaches from

"We were down, losing the whole game, and Jason made the last shot to win," Ed said.

Shantz, a sophomore who stabilized ball handling as a guard, feels his accomplishments were making varsity, beating Upper Perk in overtime and coming only two assists shy of the school record.

His most satisfying experience was scoring 13 points against Pottstown.

"I didn't expect to do better. We were a young team. Next year we're going to win the championship,"



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## Junior high lacked needed athletes

by Liz Yohn

Like many other sports this year, junior high wrestling also lacked numbers, explained John Romanoski, wrestling coach and PHS teacher.

"It is hard to have an extremely successful season with such small numbers," Mr. Romanoski said. The wrestling team ended the season with a 0-11 record.

Although 40 people signed up to participate in the wrestling season,

the team ended with only 21 team members. Ninth graders comprised the largest part of the team.

According to Mr. Romanoski several kids had good wrestling seasons this year. They were Sam Ambrosia, David Hollinger, Jamie Hollinger, Todd Newton and Howard Smoyer.

"It takes a special kid to be a wrestler," Mr. Romanoski said. "It takes a lot of discipline and self-discipline."

### Sports talk:

## Team to get soccer field

by Colleen Mayk

PHS is planning to construct a soccer field on high school grounds in 1988.

"At this point it appears that the soccer field will be placed on the hill between Ringing Rocks School and Shop-Rite," Dr. Richard Radel, PHS principal, said.

This past fall was the first time that soccer was offered as a co-ed interscholastic sport.

"If a new soccer field is built, it will be a lot more convenient and will save more time," Dr. Radel said. "It created problems having to go down to the intermediate school everyday for practices and having to use their locker rooms."

The new soccer field will not interfere with the baseball season since soccer is a fall sport and baseball is a spring sport. "This way we will be getting double usage out of one field," Dr. Radel said.

An early plan was to use the girls' old hockey field, but after being researched it was decided it would

cost more to renovate the old field. A lot of dirt would have to be brought in if the old field were to be used. If the hill between Ringing Rocks School and Shop-Rite is used, it will not be as expensive to construct as the old field would be.

This year's soccer team won four of the 12 league games. "I'm extremely pleased with the kids and Coach Devlin with the success they had in the inaugural year of senior high school soccer," Dr. Radel said.

### Puzzle Answer

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Along with teammates Ed Schumacher and Matt Shantz, one thing Jason wishes he could change is to be in the championships this year.

The team's record was 7-12.

Schumacher, the other senior on the team, feels his personal accomplishment was getting to play more than he did last year. His most satisfying experience was playing guard when Coach Ralph Werley thought he couldn't.

Ed feels that Fleetwood was the most exciting game.

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