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Seniors receive recognition: The National Merit Scholarship Corporation has notified several PHS students that they are semifinalists or have received honorable mention for their scores on the PSAT or NMSQT tests administered last fall. The students include Shelley Tyson, Amy Spokas, Peter Rheel and Tom Istenes. Tara Baum, missing from the pictured, was also named.

Cast of children's play plan four performances

by Carolyn Cooper

PHS students will present a children's musical to the three elementary schools and once to the public during the first and second weeks of December.

This musical is called **The Fabulous Fable Factory**. "The characters in the musical are parts of machines that make fables," Todd Kelly, director of the play, said.

The two lead characters are Monroe, the moral maker of fables, and Mr. Aesop, the organizer of events and fables to be made.

Monroe is being played by sophomore Stacy Robinson. "He's a little boy looking for some place to go and something new to do," Stacey said about the character she plays. "And

once he finds it, he has to decide whether he wants it or not."

Sophomore David Nieman describes his character, Mr. Aesop, as "old, charming, witty, semi-humorous, down-to-earth and a whole lot of fun."

Mr. Kelly said that he chose to do this play as one of at least two shows at PHS this school year. Also, he can remember how much fun it was in high school to perform for a children's audience. Tammy Smoll, student director of the play, also thinks that it will be really fun.

"The strength of this play," Mr. Kelly said, "is an ensemble cast where everyone is on the stage and actively involved."

"If I was in fourth grade," Dave said, "I'm sure I would appreciate it. It is a lot more fun to be in the play."

OAS members to attend Washington convention

by Carey Petenbrink

Eleven Pottsgrove students will be taking a three-hour ride to Washington, D.C., December 10 to be observers at the Organization of American States (OAS).

For three days juniors Kathy Kelsch, Darah Mitchell, Shawnn Shafer and Karen Youse; sophomores Melissa Bush, Adrienne Houck, Tracy Keneski, Nicole Semeria, Jim Toth and Tracie Rheel; and adviser John Romanoski will be observing students from many other schools debate issues which concern the 22 member

ver school," Mr. Romanoski said. "We are taking a group of people who have never been there before. This way they may learn from this year's model and be competitively stronger next year."

"The seniors are not being permitted to participate in the OAS this year because they would be observers," Mr. Romanoski also said. "What they would learn, they would never have the chance to use. Therefore, it is more beneficial to take the younger group."

Although it is a good idea to take a younger group, some seniors feel that

Seniors named merit semifinalists

by Kim Mayberry

"Two PHS seniors, Tom Istenes and Shelley Tyson, were named semifinalists by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

Three PHS seniors (Peter Rheel, Amy Spokas and Tara Baum) earned honorable mention.

Each year 15,000 semifinalists are chosen from all of the juniors who take the PSAT or NMSQT, college entrance tests administered annual-

ly, each fall.

Shelley found out that she had been named a semifinalist at the beginning of the school year. "I couldn't tell anyone except for my family," she said, "until all the names were released."

The names of the semifinalists were announced September 16.

"I was happy and relieved when I finally heard the news," Tom said, concerning his first impressions about being named a semifinalist.

To become a finalist, each semifinalist has to write an essay, which will be judged in January. Around 90 percent of the semifinalists will become finalists, and around 44 percent of the finalists will receive a merit scholarship.

"In the essay you had to describe yourself, your hobbies and things about yourself," Shelley said.

Every finalist will be considered for one of 1,800 National Merit Scholarships, each worth \$2,000.

countries of OAS.

The issues to be debated could range from a country's economy to drugs to warfare.

"The OAS assigns schools different countries to represent. This year we were assigned to be an obser-

they should be able to participate in OAS. They feel they have worked very hard and made many friends in the past OAS meetings.

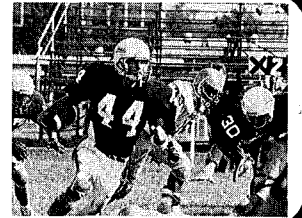
The chaperones for this trip will be Mr. Romanoski and Mrs. Margaret Gerhart, World Cultures teacher.

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newsbriefs

Exam scores 'slightly' better

High school students who took college entrance exams last spring did only slightly better than their predecessors.

And in one case, they scored even lower, the College Board, an organization which administers the tests, recently reported.

The combined average math score of the 1.1 million high school students who took the Scholastic Aptitude Test this year was 476, one point higher than last year.

Yet, on the language portion of the test, this year's average of 430 was down a point from 1986's.

The absence of substantial gains casts a dubious glow on the "education reform" movement, which for the last several years has focused on reading and writing skills and resulted in longer school days.

Court considers 'moment of silence'

U.S. Supreme Court justices are listening to opening comments from New Jersey parents, educators and lawyers about a state law requiring students to begin their school day with a "moment of silence."

Lower courts have found the law unconstitutional, claiming it promotes religion and violates the separation of church and state.

If the justices uphold the law, it would lift a 25 year ban of organized school prayer.

New faculty members are introduced to students

by Liz Yohn

PHS students were introduced to three new members of the faculty when they came back to school: Gary Reed, vice principal; Mrs. Caroline Reigner, nurse, and Miss Carol Reynolds, business education teacher.

Mr. Reed received his B.A. and M.A. from Slippery Rock State and his Masters of Education from Lehigh University. He has 10 years of experience teaching social studies and 12 years of experience as an administrator.



Getting established: Mrs. Caroline Reigner, Gary Reed and Miss Carol Reynolds have filled vacated positions in the high school professional staff as nurse, vice principal and business education teacher, respectively.

"Being fair and consistent so that everyone who comes into the office ends up playing by the same rules is very important to me," Mr. Reed said.

Establishing himself in the school district and letting people find out what kind of person he is, Mr. Reed said, will be his two toughest goals this year.

"Pottsgrove is the place to be, not to be from," Mr. Reed said.

Mrs. Reigner became an R.N. through the Reading Hospital School of Nursing. She received her B.S. from Kutztown and has 17 years experience as a hospital nurse.

"Getting to know the students, their health needs and concerns and deciding how to best meet them will be my biggest job this year," she said.

Miss Reynolds received her B.S. from Bloomsburg. She started at PHS last spring as a substitute for Mrs. Ellen Geisler, who retired from teaching. Miss Reynolds, along with Mrs. Dora Jean Testa, is a co-adviser to Future Business Leaders of America.

"The students here are close," Miss Reynolds said. "It helps in dealing with problems in the school."



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Buckle up for safety

People are being injured and killed unnecessarily every day because they fail to use seatbelts when they ride in a car. 12,000 lives are taken every year due to car accidents.

Articles in local newspapers usually point out which people in accidents were wearing seatbelts and who were not. It's obvious from accident reports that people who wear seatbelts are less inclined to be seriously injured than those who do not wear seatbelts. It's estimated that if everyone in the U.S. used seatbelts, 12,000 lives and billions of dollars could be saved each year, as reported in *Good Housekeeping*.

Twenty-four states and the District of Columbia have mandatory seatbelt laws. Nebraska and Massachusetts, however, recently repealed their seatbelt laws. In the six states where seatbelt laws have been in effect the longest, fatalities have dropped 10-26 percent. However, many Americans still do not buckle up regularly.

Many lives are taken and many people are injured every day in car accidents. Seatbelts keep people from being thrown from the car, crashing head first through the windshield, or if the car flips over, being pinned underneath or in the car. A person's chances of being fatally injured by being trapped in his car are very slim. It is wise to buckle up.

Students support ban



Last year's officers pushed for a ban

Students lead adults on smoking issue

by Shawn Shafer

At the next meeting of Student Government, the issue of whether or not to push for an ordinance to curb smoking in the schools of the district will be raised.

It is not a new issue. In fact, the officers of last year's Student Government became virtual media figures because of all the attention that local news agencies paid to the issue. Last year's Student Government

port of the ordinance.

"Last year Student Government talked to the principals of Boyertown and Upper Perk for some ideas on how to go about getting the ordinance," Mr. Davidson said.

On April 2 the *Mercury* printed an editorial which supported what the Student Government was trying to do. The *Mercury* also printed several other articles, in each of which the officers were interviewed.

not allow anyone to smoke during school hours.

"Smoking has always been tried to be abolished, and every year is different," Mr. Davidson said.

On April 14 the Student Government officers went back to the school board and asked them to hold a joint meeting with the Student Government and the township commissioners.

On April 29 the officers went to the

When students tried last year to get an ordinance passed to ban smoking in school buildings in the district, teachers became offended because they were not first consulted. However, some teachers have actively supported the movement to ban smoking from its start. Ninth grade reading teacher Mark Shuster, for instance, became the adviser of an organization called Students Against Smoking (SAS), while social studies teacher Addison Davidson has advised Student Government in its campaign to ban smoking.

Interest in the issue has died down some since last spring, but some still consider the issue to be an important one. The basic issue remains that students should not smoke in school, and since adults are role models, they should be setting an example by not smoking also. If it is necessary to bring all of this about by passing an ordinance, then that is what is needed.

editorial policy

The *Falcon*, a student newspaper designed to inform the Pottsgrove community and provide an educational experience for its staff members, announces its editorial policy:

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officers started working on the issue in November 1986. The officers were David Mabry, president; John Shantz, vice president; Eric Brown, secretary, and Guy Schultz, treasurer.

"We have to see how many people are interested in trying to abolish smoking within the school this year," Mike Nice, the current Student Government president, said, concerning the present standing of the issue.

Last year Student Government began their quest to ban smoking in the Pottsgrove schools after a survey they had taken revealed that 72 percent of the high school favored having an ordinance passed. They then did a faculty survey. It revealed that 32 percent of the teachers favored abolishing smoking completely within the school district, and 24 percent favored abolishing it except in designated areas.

"Some of last year's Student Government members said they would help the members this year with the issue of trying to ban smoking," Addison Davidson, Student Government adviser, said.

On March 26 the officers went to a school board meeting and made a presentation to win their support. The board voted unanimously in sup-

In our case the students wanted the ordinance.

"In the Boyertown and Upper Perk school districts, the administrations were the ones that wanted an ordinance, but in our case the students wanted the ordinance," Mr. Davidson said, giving a possible reason why those school districts have been more successful in getting an ordinance passed.

On April 6 the Student Government officers went to a Lower Pottsgrove Township Commissioners meeting to ask them to pass the ordinance. However, teachers from Lower Pottsgrove Elementary School also went to the meeting with a petition. Because some of the teachers smoked, they did not want the ordinance passed. The ordinance would

West Pottsgrove Township Commissioners and asked them to ban smoking in the West Pottsgrove Elementary School, since there are not many teachers at West Pottsgrove who smoke.

The American Lung Association supported the Student Government with an article in the *Mercury*. They have gone to the Lower Pottsgrove Township Commissioners and have asked them for their support in this cause. The American Lung Association also made arrangements for Max Gomez from KYW TV to come to PHS and talk to the officers and other members of the school.

On June 1 the Lower Pottsgrove Township Commissioners passed a resolution thanking the Student Government for having an interest, but they also said that they would not pass the ordinance.

"Last year's Student Government officers were happy with what they did but disappointed with the results," Mr. Davidson said.

However, the issue is not dead. On October 14, State Representative Robert Reber notified Mr. Davidson that he was looking for support for a state law banning smoking in all schools in the state.

On the big screen:

Goldberg keeps 'Fatal Beauty' moving

by Carolyn Cooper

A little bit of "The Color Purple" in Whoopi Goldberg shone through in "Fatal Beauty." Yes, it was that same kind of emotional spark that she placed into her character, a narcotics detective this time.

Goldberg portrayed Rita Rizzoli (the Italian name never explained), a woman devoted to getting cocaine off the streets. Behind this devotion came a personal motive to keep drugs out of the reach of children.

Beyond one dramatic scene ex-

plaining her dedication to drug prevention, the emotional flame dims. It gives away to the usual shooting and chase scenes typical of most cop movies.

Adding a little color to the movie was a building relationship between Detective Rizzoli and Mike Marshak, the bodyguard of a drug smuggler, who was portrayed by Sam Elliot. This unlikely relationship never fully develops though; thus, there is a feeling of a missed love scene.

The plot is thin. It is centered around a form of cocaine that will kill

the user within three minutes of contact. The name of the movie fits in here, being the same as the name of the drug, Fatal Beauty.

Watching Detective Rizzoli in action makes the movie entertaining. She worms her way out of a few tight spots. This provides the audience with a couple of light laughs.

"Fatal Beauty" is worth seeing because Whoopi Goldberg keeps the movie flowing. Moviegoers, though, are still waiting for Goldberg to be in another movie equal in acting to "The Color Purple."

Pottsgrove students send messages to New South Wales

Fifth graders hone computer skills

by Liz Yohn

Twenty-one Pottsgrove fifth graders are getting the opportunity to communicate with other students the same age in New South Wales, Australia.

Through the use of the computer, new Apple programs and the guidance of Mrs. Betsy Heslop, West Pottsgrove Elementary School teacher, the students are learning things they can't learn from a textbook.

The fifth graders are involved in a program that allows them to type messages into the computer, save them and then send them by telephone modem to Australia. In Australia a fifth grade receives the writings and replies through the computer.

"The program allows for creativity, imagination and ingenuity," said Dr. Jeffrey Hohman, West Pottsgrove Elementary school principal. "The kids really enjoy working with the

computers. For them it really isn't work."

This program began three years ago in the Reading Department of the elementary school. The program began with only a small group of fourth and fifth graders involved. Mrs. Heslop took over the program and now her entire class participates.

It is all a learning experience

"The kids just didn't have a concept of the world," Mrs. Heslop said. "Up unto the time we started this program they didn't know much outside of Stowe and Pottstown."

The students exchange questions about a number of topics — like about their favorite pet, color, rock

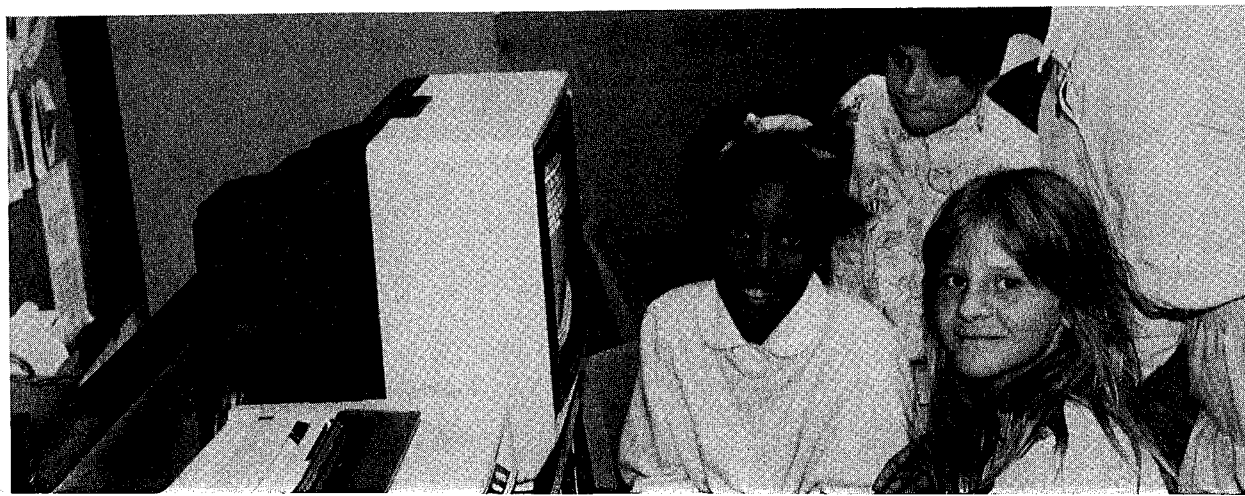
group and television show — and they exchange recipes and history lessons. Or they may write a continuous story.

"They have found many cultural differences and similarities," Dr. Hohman said.

"The kids are all happy and content with the program, and yet they are learning," Mrs. Heslop said. "It is all a learning experience."

The students are always using their writing skills whether they are writing, editing or typing things into the computer. "Although it takes a while, the kids are always excited when things are done and we send it off," Mrs. Heslop said.

Soon all the Pottsgrove elementary schools will have the capability to use similar computer programs. "We would like to have telecommunications within the district as well as the county," Mrs. Heslop said.



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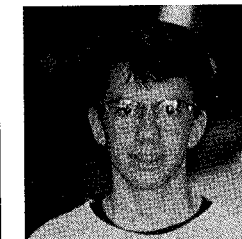
Why are people bothered by stores advertising for Christmas in October?

Rhett Thomas, freshman: "It is too early; they want you to buy things before the Christmas season even starts."

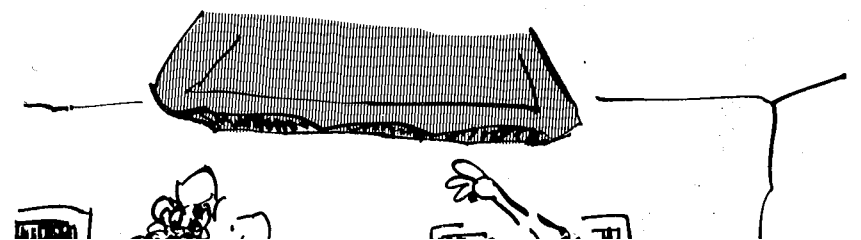


Aimee Tagert, junior: "You're not ready to think about Christmas in October. you are ready for Halloween and Thanksgiving."

Matt Muir, sophomore: "Because Christmas is two months away."



Sean Tweed, senior: "Department stores commercialize Christmas too much for people to be able to enjoy each separate holiday."





Learning with computers: West Pottsgrove Elementary School students Ericka Wray (at the computer), Aisha Stevenson and Alicia Magners work with a computer in their classroom. The students have also been getting the opportunity to communicate via computer with students their own age in Australia.



"JUST WANTED TO STOP BY AND SAY THANKS FOR TODAY'S MEAL. I FINALLY RECOGNIZED SOMETHING."

Career fair moves to Gilbertsville Fire Hall

by Tab Mizic

The next time a career fair is held for PHS students it won't be held here in the gym as it was on October 29-30. Plans are currently under way to hold the next career fair on Oct. 11-12, 1988, at the Gilbertsville Fire Hall.

"The career fair lets the student know the job opportunities available to them," Michael Ondo, PHS career counselor, said. "We help by bringing the institution to them."

Next year's fair will also be bigger, with students being bussed to it, not just from PHS, but also from other area high schools. Juniors and seniors will spend 90 minutes there to view the various displays and to talk to the representatives of schools and colleges. Then the students will be bussed back to their respective high schools.

Next year's career fair will also have more area businesses represented. In that way students will be made more aware of the job opportunities available in the Pottstown area, according to Mr. Ondo.

"We are trying to arrange a partnership between business and education," he said.

Mr. Ondo also said that it will be easier for the various schools and colleges to come to this area once for the fair than to make several trips here. He believes that more schools will attend with this setup.

One thing which will be different about the coming career fair is that, for the first time, it will be open to

the public.

Ninety-five schools and colleges sent representatives to this fall's fair.

"Yes, I thought it was a success," Mr. Ondo said. "It was productive for the representatives to pass out more information than for the student to make an appointment."



Pottsgrove holds career fair: Junior Earl Rimel, who attended the two-day fair in the gym in October, gets some insight into college life from the Penn State representative.

Being a twin brings its unique problems

by Bobby Fortmuller

Us? Fight?"

Actually we fight over really trivial things like her having my shirt or being in my way," said Debbie Strunk, a junior and twin of Dottie Strunk, explaining one of the hardships of being a twin.

Not all twins fight. According to the Becky and Rachel Dolla, sophomore twins, they actually stick up for each other in certain situations.

Having people get you confused with someone else is annoying enough. Imagine if you were a twin. Although they may look alike on the outside, they may have very different personalities.

"We have different ways of thinking and different styles," Rachel said, explaining how she is different from her twin sister. "I like to get more involved in things at school, like going to football games and things like that, than Becky does."

Of course being twins and being so close in age can cause problems. Jealousy between siblings is normal. Twins get jealous like any other brothers and sisters do, but their level of jealousy depends on how competitive they are and on the individuals involved.

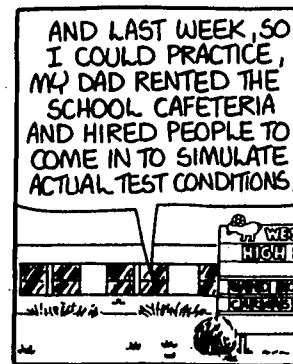
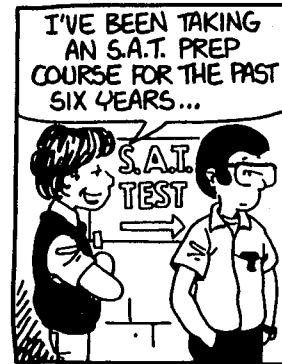
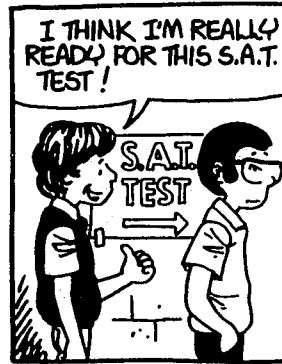
"Yes, I get a little jealous because we're very competitive in tennis and school and things like that," Dottie said.

Debbie feels that she should set her own goals and not try to compete with her sister.

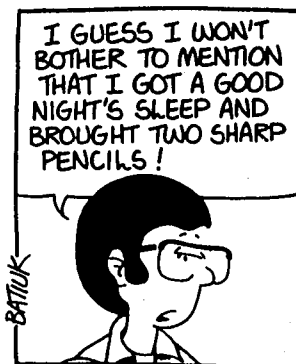
Even though they may fight or get jealous every now and then, both Dottie and Debbie and Rachel and Becky feel that they do become closer than regular brothers and sisters.

"Yeh, I'm glad we're twins," Becky said.

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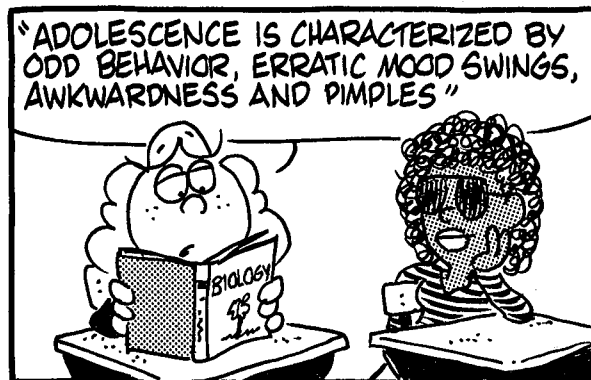


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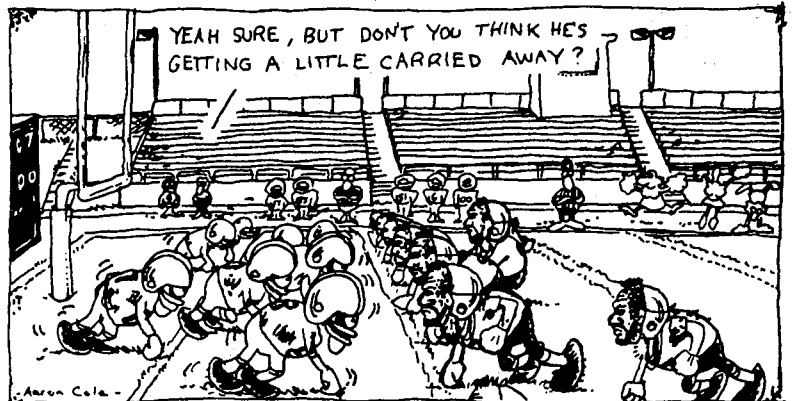
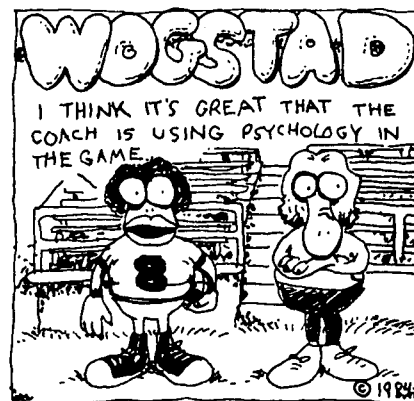


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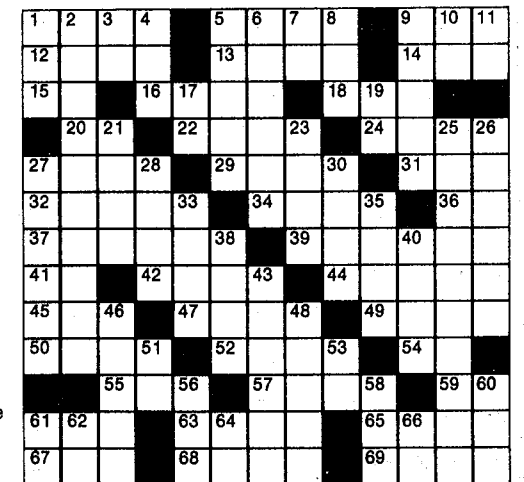
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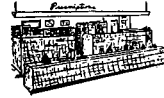
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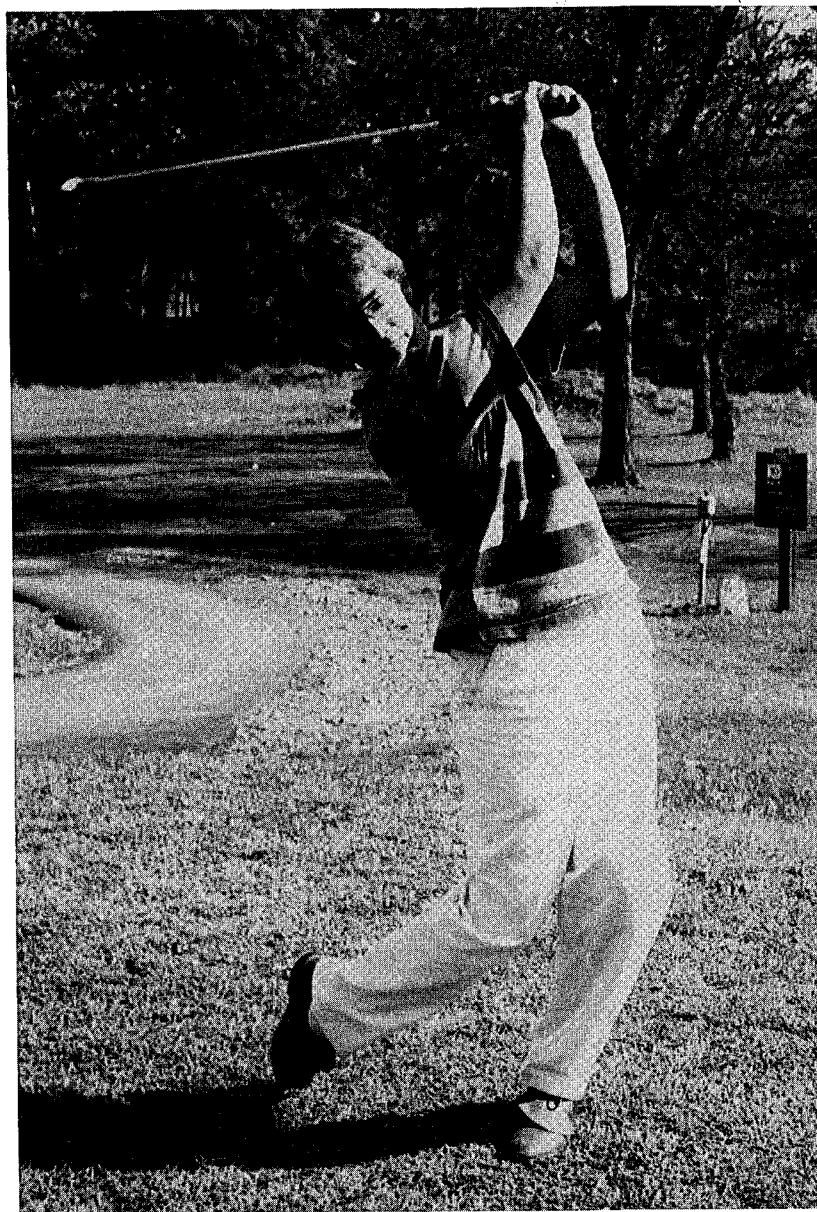
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In the swing of things: According to golf coach Joseph Dori, Matt Krause, a junior, played number one for the Falcons for most of the season. "He is potentially the strongest player on the team," Coach Dori said. He went on to say that the season was successful in every respect except for the win-loss record. "I anticipated a few wins," Coach Dori said. "The team won five."

Falcons again field x-country team

by Liz Yohn

A Pottsgrove cross country team just finished its first season since the late 1970's.

Cross Country is a three-mile running race that goes up and down hills, through woods and on the streets.

"The high point of the season was the PAC-8 meet," said Gary Christ, cross country coach. "Greg Jackson finished sixth, the team got revenge on St. Pius and Spring-Ford, and everyone ran well."

Smallest Team

The PHS team was the smallest team in the league with only seven members and they lacked experience and depth. Their hard work paid off, however, as they captured sixth in the PAC-8 meet.

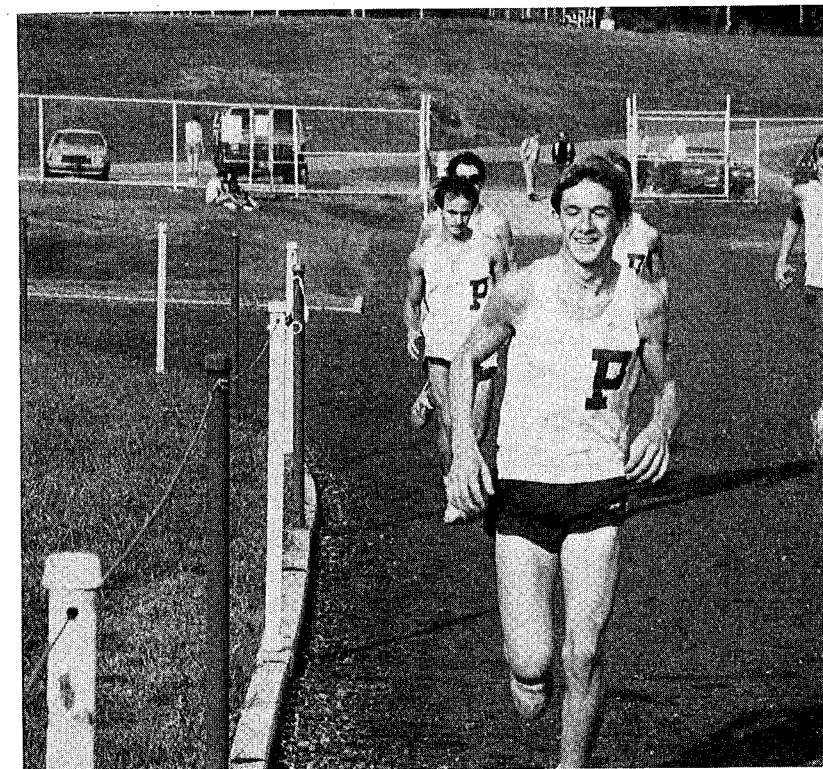
"We pulled together in the post season meets to beat Spring-Ford, St. Pius and Perkiomen Valley," said Greg Jackson, team captain.

Mr. Christ said he was proud of his team this year because although they lacked experience, everyone stuck with it and ran to his potential.

Most Improved

"Nat Bartholomew, a sophomore, improved the most this year," Mr. Christ said. "He was reluctant to come out for the team, but he improved as he got more experience."

The members of this year's boys cross country team were Greg Jackson, Tom Istenes, Tim Kulp, Ed Hammel, Tim Ballast, Dave Becarria and Nat Bartholomew. Kathy Fadigan ran for the girls along with Aimee Tagert, who couldn't run in any meets due to an injury.



Doing a prerace warm-up: Ed Hammel, Dave Becarria, Tim Ballast and Nat Bartholomew finish a jog before the start of a home cross country meet. With a small team, Pottsgrove finished its first season in the PAC-8 League and hopes to build a bigger team before next fall's season.

Losses in close matches cost girls a .500 season

by Tracey Koneski

Unfortunately, the JV team didn't have as many opportunities to play as did the varsity team because oppos-

Membership is still open

Chess Club holds after school matches

by Carolyn Cooper

Some people take the recreation of chess seriously, so seriously that they have started meeting after school on Mondays and Wednesdays to play from 2:35 to around 4 o'clock.

The newly formed Chess Club, advised by physics teacher Frank Scaltrito, has a 30 student membership and is looking for a few girls to integrate the basically male dominated club.

Mr. Scaltrito said that he enjoys playing the game and teaching the rules to others. "It is fun," he said. "I like it. I like teaching kids stuff I know how to do. That is why I am a teacher."

Hopeful Future

Mr. Scaltrito also said that he is pleased with the number of strong players that are freshmen and sophomores. "It shows that the future will be good," he said, in reference to the idea that the level of competition here should improve. In addition, he said that he would like to encourage more upperclassmen to join the club.

Chess Club members first played a computer and themselves. They then were ranked by Mr. Scaltrito according to ability.

"You don't have to be serious to be ranked," he said. "You only have to play once a week." He also said that

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he would accept new players at any time.

However, after Christmas, Mr. Scaltrito will take the top 10 players

and make two teams consisting of five players each. These two teams will then play against teams from other schools.

Mr. Scaltrito has applied to have Pottsgrove sponsored by the United States Chess Federation. This will allow club members to play in tournaments and be nationally ranked.

Time Pressure

To prepare students for such tournaments, Mr. Scaltrito is acquainting the members with time pressure. In the tournaments a clock will be used to limit the amount of thinking time between moves.

Mr. Scaltrito also said that he has certain goals for the Chess Club members. It is good for beginning players to realize when a big mistake has been made, for instance, he said. Also, he went on to say, a better player, on the other hand, should understand the concept of move and countermove.

"The game is different when you realize the different strategies," he said.

The girls tennis team finished their season with a 5-9 record. Coach James Regensburg said that the team's closest matches were with Lansdale Catholic, whom the Lady Falcons lost to twice with the score at 4-3.

The team had only six returning letter winners. Out of the six, only one, Ann Warlow, had previous experience in the position in which she played.

"Going from singles to doubles is a really big change," Coach Regensburg said. "It's tough to make the switch. I hope the JV team will realize this, and then we will have more experience behind us."

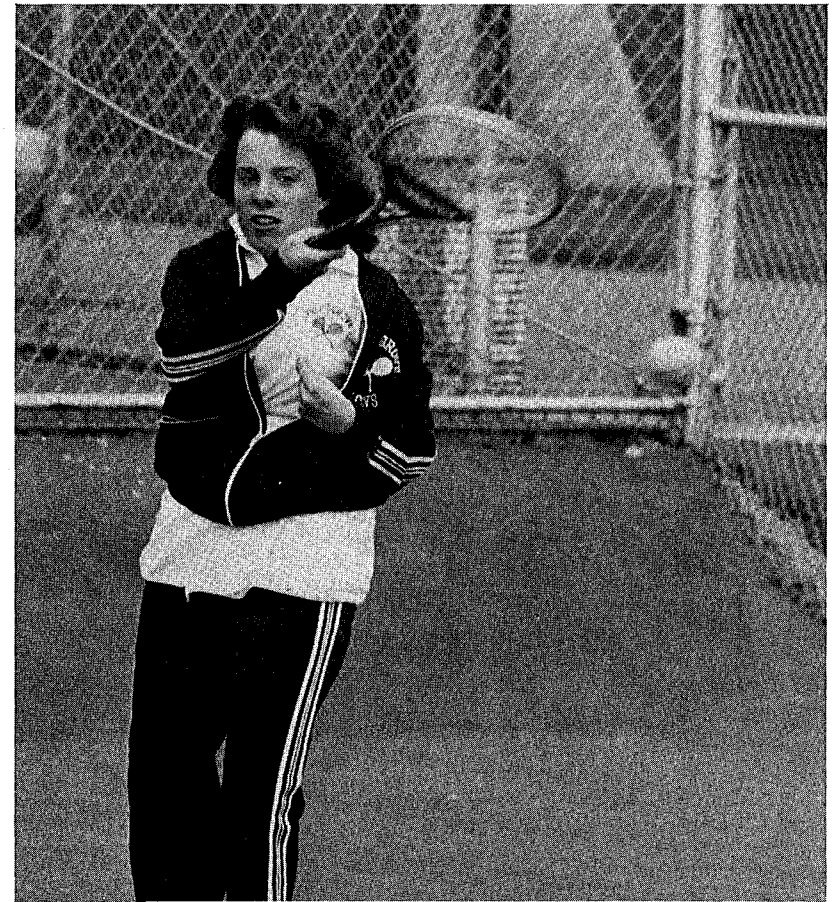
ing school were frequently too small in numbers to field a JV team. Frequently, then, members of the Lady Falcon JV team ended up challenging each other.

"The JV team, I feel, is the most important," Mr. Regensburg said. "They are the future."

The team's captain, chosen by Mr. Regensburg, was senior Shelley Tyson.

"Captain isn't a position of popularity," Mr. Regensburg said. "It takes a really responsible person to live up to the title."

Mr. Regensburg will be coaching the boys' tennis team in the spring, replacing the retiring David Jacob.



Light on experience: Debbie Strunk, a junior, was a member of the Lady Falcon tennis team which began the season with six returning letter winners and closed the season with a 5-9 record.

New FBLA adviser organizes activities, campaigns

by Jenn Dunn

Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) has gotten a new adviser.

Mrs. Dora Jean Testa has replaced Mrs. Ellen Giesler, who has retired from teaching. Mrs. Testa was an assistant adviser last year.

"It's fantastic," Mrs. Testa said about her new position. "They're a great group to work with. They are

enthusiastic and are willing to put in the time."

FBLA has many activities and sales campaigns planned for the school year. These include the calendar and candy sales, a visit to Philadelphia in December to see business schools and businesses, and a dance in March.

The club will also attend various workshops, regional and state, where

competitions are held and the Montgomery County competition in April.

The officers for the '87-'88 school year are Jen Mayk, president; Donna Colbert, vice president; Lee Ann Neiman, corresponding secretary; Sandy Leister, recording secretary; Chrissy Granger, treasurer; Mike Erwin, assistant treasurer; Jennifer Bean, parliamentarian; Kim Koch, historian; Denise Linsinbeigler, reporter.

Falcons set to face Pius' Winged Lions

by Colleen Mayk

The fact that St. Pius and Pottsgrove are only about two miles apart has contributed to some of the rivalry which has existed between the two schools in sporting events like tomorrow's Thanksgiving Day football game.

"The tradition goes back even before Pottsgrove and Pius were in the same league," William Rogers, head coach of the Winged Lions, said. "Throughout the years there has been a close rivalry between the two teams because of the closeness of the schools."

The kickoff time for what promises to be an emotional game is 1:30 p.m.

"It will be the last football game of the year for the seniors, and we know a lot of the players," Aron Basile, co-

captain of the Falcons, said, concerning why he feels the game means a lot to the Pottsgrove players. "We don't need any pep talks to get us up for this game."

According to the coaches, neither team usually prepares any differently for this game than for any other game.

"We are struggling to correct many mistakes that have hurt us in past games," Ken Harclerode, head coach of the Falcons, said, concerning what his team is concentrating on.

"We would have pulled out a lot more wins if we would not have beaten ourselves," Jason Lupold, a Falcon co-captain, said, summing up his views about the season.

"We had a lot of tough games, but we have not quit at all," Aron also said.

Sophomore starts training for national qualification

by Melissa Bush

Nicole Shallcross, a sophomore, is in training so she can swim in national competition later this year.

"The good points of practicing are that it helps you improve and it makes you feel good about yourself," Nicole, who practices at the Pottsgrove YMCA, said. "The bad points are that it is time consuming and tiring."

In order to qualify for nationals, Nicole must get her times low enough

"The things that are disappointing at meets are when you lose or when your times aren't where you want them to be," she said.

Nicole's regular meets will start in December. At these meets, she will be timed and these times will help count towards nationals.

Being in the water so much and all that chlorine does affect a swimmer.

"The chlorine dries my skin and ruins my hair," Nicole said.

Nicole will continue practicing hard throughout the winter in hopes of hitting a peak in her workouts — a



One last chance: Falcon tailback Dustin Raymond, a junior, gets trapped by two Lansdale Catholic defenders in the early season 35-0 loss. The Falcons will have the chance to end their season on a positive note, however, when they travel to St. Pius tomorrow to play the traditional Thanksgiving Day game.

Player gets his wish when team formed

by Colleen Mayk

"Ever since I was a freshman, I prayed that this school would form a soccer team," Marco Santos, co-captain of the PHS team said. "This year my dream came true."

The soccer team won four of the 12 league games.

"I was proud to work with this group of kids and our coaches, Mr.

also said. "This team is young and has a lot of heart. I think Pottsgrove is going to be the team to watch in the future."

Robert Devlin, a ninth grade science teacher at PHS, was the head coach of the soccer team. Edward Goddard, who works for Bechtel at the Limerick power plant, was the assistant coach.

The soccer team only had 18 varsity players. 11 of them were soph-

and Danielle Borneman. According to Mr. Devlin, the girls played equally to the boys. They usually started every game and had every opportunity as long as they played to the best of their ability.

"In the beginning of the year, we were unfamiliar with each other," Danielle said.

"At the end of the year, we came together and played like a team," co-captain Mark Manberry said.

Hockey team closes out season 2-10-2

Lack of experience blamed for team's losses

by Melissa Bush

The PHS girls' field hockey team ended their 1987 season with a record of 2 wins, 10 losses, and 2 ties.

"Our weak point was our lack of experience. Thirteen out of 18 players did not have varsity experience," Coach Kathy Baker said. "But this season was definitely not disastrous."

The key players, in general, were seniors. Jen Sharp, Shannon Doyle, Lori Kappenstein, Kris Cohrac, Wanda Cook and Sue Mabry all contributed outstanding efforts throughout the season.

"Our strong point was the togetherness, the family atmosphere," Mrs. Baker said.

She also said that the team always

had support from kids and parents that travelled to every game, either home or away. Many Pottsgrove students also made a point of attending almost all of the home games.

Many sophomores and juniors will be returning next season to make a strong varsity team and Mrs. Baker has high hopes for them.

"We are going to do very well," she said.

Sports talk:

Sports expand program

by Carolyn Cooper

Two sports, soccer and cross country, have been added to Pottsgrove's athletic program. These new additions are a result of numerous petitions over the years on the part of the student body.

Although Pottsgrove students have had a long wait, candidates for soccer and cross country remained enthusiastic and strong in number. Finally, soccer and cross country have been accepted as part of the PHS sports program.

The long wait resulted from a fear that if the two sports would be started then they would take participants away from existing fall sports. PHS has a relatively small enrollment. Some people believed that the athletes would be spread too thinly among the various sports programs.

But there were plenty of athletes to support the various teams this year, including soccer and cross country. It

is commendable that when there seemed to be a need for participants, Pottsgrove supplied them.

Ed. note: "Sports talk" is a regular feature of the sports page and will be used to discuss sports issues of concern to Pottsgrovians. Anyone with an idea for a topic of a future "Sports talk" should contact the editor.

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omores. There was no junior varsity team.

"The season was a little bit disappointing, but then we really started playing competitively in the second half," Mr. Devlin said.

There were two girls who played on the team this year: Christine Goffice

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