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Search started for Miss Pennsylvania Coed

BAYTOWN, TX--American Coed Programs is searching for young women, ages 13-20, for the fifteenth annual Miss American Coed Scholarship Program to be held at the Grand Hilton in Harrisburg, PA, on Aug. 22-23.

American Coed Programs is announcing the following three age divisions: Coed (18-20), Teen (16-17), and Jr. Teen (13-15). The winner of each age division will receive a cash award scholarship of \$500, banner, trophy and an opportunity to represent her school in the National competition. Judging is based on scholastic achievements, community involvement, personality, poise, appearance, and an "All-American" spirit for school. Optional contests include talent competition, speech contest, and academic achievement.

In 1998, over \$1,000,000 in scholarships, awards and prizes will be presented nationwide to outstanding young women who participate in the Miss American Coed Program.

Winners of each division will be invited to represent the state of Pennsylvania in the national Competition. The national program will be held in Orlando, FL, and includes a trip for two to DisneyWorld, a cash scholarship award and screen test with a national talent agency, among many other awards and prizes.

Execs Lose Faith in U.S. Education System

WASHINGTON--The poor showing of high school students on international math and science scores is one reason computer companies lack confidence in home-grown talent, and are desperately trying to lure employees from foreign nations. That's the argument presented to Congress by members of the country's high-tech firms, including software giant Microsoft Corp.

Going to school to build a house

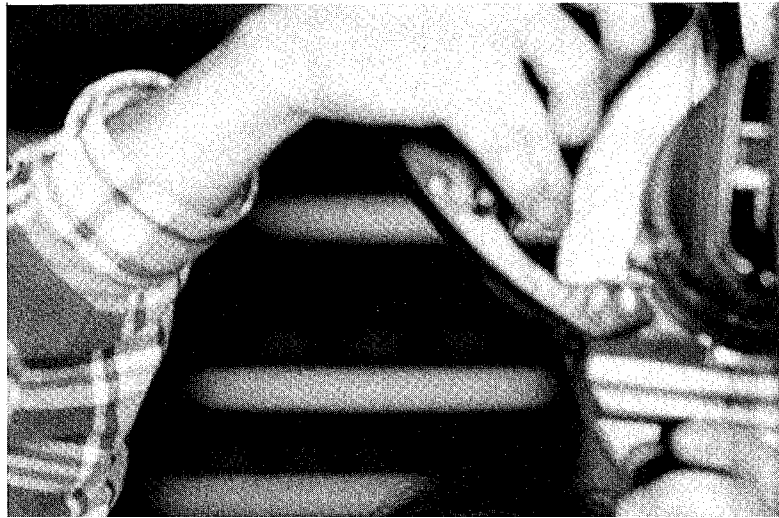
"I worked before with my stepdad,
... so I learned a lot and know
what to expect from the project
[building a house]."—Paul
Thiessen, a senior at vo-tech

by Megan LaRosse

As students pass by a new development on their way to school, some might think about what it will look like when it is finished. However, some students at the vo-tech school do more than daydream and wonder and are actually building a house for credit in school and getting graded on their work.

Senior Paul Thiessen is one Pottsgrove student who this school year helped to construct a contemporary colonial house with three bedrooms and four baths. He was just one of many students, however, who took part in the building of this house and another through programs at the vo-tech school. Students studying construction technology or electricity and professionals in these fields are just some of the people involved in these projects.

Students and teachers



ber of foreign professionals allowed into the United States each year. Already they're spending big money on recruiting scouts and offering prospective employees big salaries with signing bonuses to lure abroad.

"The entire industry's continued growth and success has been threatened by a severe and very real skills shortage," Microsoft's vice president for human resources, Michael Murray, told the Senate Judiciary Committee. "And we are not alone in our quest to find competent, highly skilled workers."

Executives from Cypress Semiconductor, Texas Instruments and Sun Microsystems also bemoaned the scant pickings in the United States and recommended eliminating the 65,000 cap on hiring foreigners set by the federal government.

Despite the sellers' market, American youth appeared to be unimpressed with computer science or engineering as careers, they said.

The executives and several senators on the panel blamed an inflexible and inadequate U.S. education system, pointing for emphasis to a new study showing high school seniors to be among the industrial world's least prepared in math and science.

Texas Instruments' Stephen Leven added another theory--high tech workers are simply not "cool" enough for image-conscious American kids.

"Recently, I was shown a series of drawings by children asked to envision someone in the high technology industry," he said. "Their images of the folks who work in our companies are unflattering... pictures of men with pocket protectors, crooked glasses and rumpled clothing were the norm."



Getting the job done: While there are always teachers at the job site, students like senior Paul Thiessen contribute a major portion of the muscle in the homes built at the vo-tech school.

involved in building the colonial home traveled two miles to the construction site from the vo-tech school every day.

"We try to build one house every year, and right now we are finishing the one from last year," Thiessen said in October. The construction team started another home during the winter.

Thiessen worked with his Pottsgrove companions Mike Toulish and Tyree Jeffcoat on the projects.

Thiessen feels that some jobs are easier and other jobs are harder than he expected. "I worked before with my stepdad, who is an independent contractor, so I learned a lot and know what to expect from the project," he said, explaining some of his prior construction experiences.

There are always professionals around the construction site to help with all the harder things that the students cannot handle or do. However, practically the entire house was built by vo-tech students. The home then went on the market to be sold to defray the construction costs to the vo-tech school.

"I really like working on the house because I want to go into construction," Thiessen said.

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“ I think we did a really good job in Atlanta, and [the trip] was a very educational experience. ”

--Kelly Kalamon, band member

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Maintaining standards

Students and administrators here at Pottsgrove have been debating whether the grade marking system should stay as it is, with each letter grade seven points away from each other, or whether the grading system should be changed to a 10-percent-age point system.

There are many good reasons to change to a 10-point system. For one, students think that if the system were changed it would be easier to get better grades. This would also mean that more students would be getting A's and B's, which would make the school look good in the local press. This may be true, but should Pottsgrove lower its standards just so it will be easier for students to get an A? The whole point of the system now is to challenge students to do good work and work to earn a grade. Under the present system, students have to work to get an A. If the standards were lower, students could do less work to get a high grade. (It would take some pressure out of their lives, but what would it teach them?)

Athletes don't deserve special treatment

■ Failing students should have club privileges slashed

by Mai Hoang

At Pottsgrove High School, as in other schools, athletics are considered an important part of life. However, is that any reason to treat athletes differently from students who do not go out for sports?

In order for students to play sports, schools have a grade requirement. If that requirement is not met, then students are not allowed to play sports—at the

work in school before being able to have fun in extra-curriculars," Zeigler said.

However, sophomore Erica Bumbaugh doesn't agree.

"Maybe sports (or other activities) are what they excel in; not everyone is a genius," Bumbaugh said.

Freshman Dan Benscoter feels that students should be allowed to do the things they like to do and are good at.

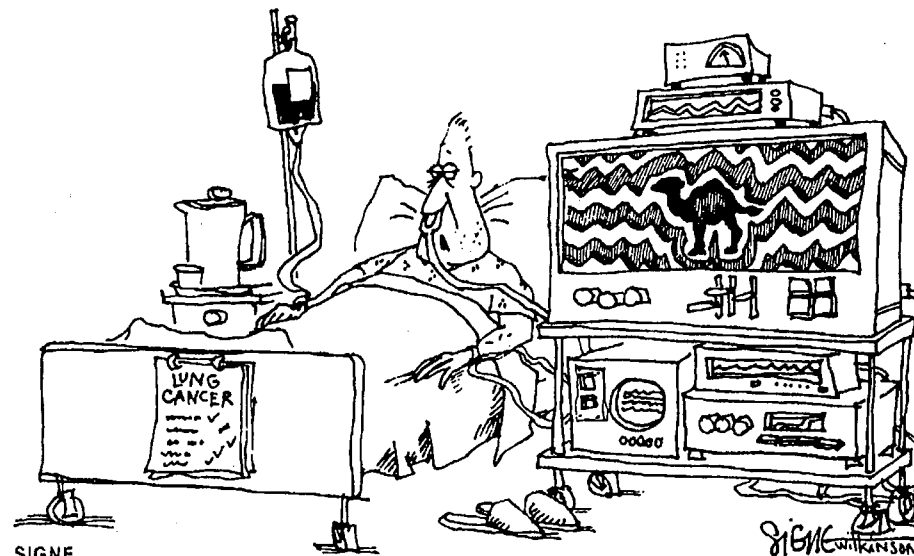
"If it's something you love to do, you should be allowed to do it," Benscoter said.

For the most part, students do manage grades and do extra-curricular activities, sports or not. In

winning."

Zeigler, who is a member of the tennis and track teams, said that not punishing students right away so they can play sports just tells them that they can get away with things. "They will never learn [that way]," Zeigler said.

In terms of popularity, athletes seem different also. Some could say that athletes get "special treatment" simply because they do well in sports. Why is it when non-athletes do well in something else they don't get as much recognition? Bumbaugh thinks the only reason that happens is because people get to know athletes better than other students.



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And what about eligibility for sports? If the grade marking system were changed, wouldn't the eligibility requirements be lowered? The good thing is that more kids could play sports and not be ruled ineligible. However, recent studies show that many students who play athletics are also the students who maintain good grades--lowering the standards then would only accommodate those students who really are not working in school and would not work even with lowered standards. Another bad point is that everyone could know less to graduate.

Over the years, what has made Pottsgrove the school that it is? Standards. Why, then, should Pottsgrove lower its standards to jump on the "losing" bandwagon of lower standards?

On the music scene:

Van Halen breaks ground with new lead singer, techniques

by Devin L. Mercer

Born in 1978 and undergoing the growing pains that included two previous lead singers, the juggernaut known as Van Halen is back with *Three*, their first studio album in almost four years. New lead singer Gary Cherone has filled in some mighty big shoes that have been occupied by "Diamond" David Lee Roth and Sammy Hagar.

The first track off of the new album is "New World," which is a soft-feeling instrumental of "Without You," which is the first song to be released as a single. "Without You" is one of the best songs off of *Three* because of the level of difficulty of the techniques that guitarist Eddie Van Halen uses. For the opening of the track, Eddie Van Halen uses a quarter to play harmonics, which helps to enhance the drums that open the tune up.

Though *Three* was not released until Mar. 17, 94.1 FM WYSP played many of the songs on Mar. 12, via a listening party in Los Angeles, CA, with the new Van Halen on hand to give interviews and insights into the new tracks.

"Van Halen fans from the past will enjoy *Three* due to the fact that Cherone is such a diverse front man.."

Eddie Van Halen describes Cherone's presence in the band as being almost fundamental because this is the first album where the music was based around the lyrics instead of the other way around. Van Halen has always based the lyrics on the

least, if they are having too many subjects, they have to sit out games until they start passing again. That is one way athletes are treated differently. If a student is failing in school, he does not get kicked out of a club, such as Key Club, or a music ensemble or a play.

However, in order to be fair, should there be such a requirement in these areas as well? Sophomore Megan Zeigler thinks so.

"Clubs and other activities are privileges, so you should have to

way the music was written.

One moving song off of the album is the track "Josephina," which was written to implicate how the band members feel about the way their parents brought them up. The track has a special sound due to all the layering and guitar work that Eddie Van Halen did. Cherone's lyrics also grab the attention of the listener because of the heart that is put into the writing process.

Overall, the album is put together very well. Van Halen fans from the past will enjoy *Three* due to the fact that Cherone is such a diverse frontman. His vocals, along with the excellent backing music produced by Alex Van Halen on drums, Michael Anthony on bass and Eddie Van Halen on guitars, can also be heard on the tracks "From Afar," "One I Want" and "Fire in the Hole."

ber of the cheerleading squad, Key Club and the *Pottsgrovian* staff, says that if she doesn't do an activity she "ends up [getting] lazy and [her] grades get bad."

In some schools, athletes are treated differently when it comes to matters of discipline. In these schools, students who play sports are allowed to play an important game before they get punished. (An incident like this occurred at Pottstown High School during football season and was reported in the *Mercury*.) Here at Pottsgrove though there hasn't been such a case. However, if the issue arises, should athletes be disciplined before or after the game?

"It's unfair," Bumbaugh said, "but a lot of schools care about

treatment only because they become well known around the school," Bumbaugh states.

Okay, so athletes are better known and they promote school spirit, but are there reasons why athletes have the right to get special treatment? Both Zeigler and Bencscoter do not think so.

"Everyone deserves fair chances and treatment," Zeigler said.

"Everyone's equal. They just do different [activities]," Bencscoter said. "Everyone should be considered the same."

Athletes should be commended for doing well in sports; after all, they're doing something for the school. However, athletes should not be treated better or worse than those who are in drama, music or other activities.

Trips canceled through lack of interest

by Bert Ingram

"Why is the class trip canceled?" This is a question asked by many students when their class advisors say, "Sorry, the class trip is canceled."

"Chaperones have never been a problem," Thomas Bannister, sophomore class adviser, said. "The main reason is because the students do not show enough interest."

Pottsgrove High School guidelines state that for a class to go on a "class trip" the freshman, sophomore and junior classes must have at least 75 percent of the class participating, and 60 percent for the seniors. Often times, the students do not participate because they do not have the

money to spend for the trip, because it falls on an inconvenient date or the place of the trip simply does not interest them.

"When planning for a class trip, you must think of a good idea that the students would enjoy, and then you must get approved by the school board," said freshman and junior class advisor Mark Shuster.

The class advisors are not the only people behind making these trips happen. The class officers are also a big part in making these trips take place.

"Class officers are required to help out with the collecting of payments and processing bus assignments for students," said Mr. Bannister, talking about the other people involved in planning and executing a class trip.

Relay raises money to fight cancer

■ There are many ways in which people fight cancer

by Mai Hoang

One of Pottsgrove's students, junior David Gresko, died from cancer in March. Students here should recognize from this incident that cancer can strike anyone, even members of this school community. However, they should also recognize that they can help fight the disease.

Someone might think he doesn't know how to do anything to help or can't help. However, there are many ways everyone can help.

Recently, Pottsgrove had a campaign called Pasta for Pennies, which was a campaign to raise

money to fight cancer, and the winning homeroom got a pasta dinner from The Olive Garden.

In addition, on May 30-31, for the first time in Pottstown, there will be a "Relay for Life" at the Hill School. The Relay of Life is an event where teams of 12-30 people walk for 24 hours to raise money for the American Cancer Society.

The Cancer Society will use the money to do cancer research, detection and other services. Besides the walk there is a Luminary Ceremony on the first day, where candles are lit to honor cancer survivors and to remember those who lost their lives to cancer.

For all those people who read this article and think, "This sounds dumb--I can't walk--I will be bored to death," the Relay for Life will not only help the

American Cancer Society but it will also be fun: there will be all sorts of entertainment, such as music and dancing, and refreshments, plus some special guests.

"[It will be] a big celebration, like one of those old dance-a-thons, for an extraordinary cause," Missy Sutherland, one of the relay organizers, said.

Each member of a team is asked to raise at least \$100, which can be raised in many ways. In other walk events in other towns, people have raised money by holding bake sales, raffles, flea markets or even mini-walks around their place of work or school.

This Relay for Life is not hard to do, and it is a simple way to help people fight cancer. Students who want more information about the walk should contact Ms. Sutherland at 323-7300.

Teens provide several reasons for carrying a credit card

by Devin L. Mercer

What is the real main purpose of a teenager having a credit card? Are these young adults able to be responsible enough to make sure that they do not overspend what they do not have?

Many teenagers have a lot of responsibilities that life has already put upon them, but some are able to handle these responsibilities.

are used as a mandatory security deposit for getting a rental car or getting a hotel room, but in most of those cases, you have to be at least 21 years old to sign the papers.

Students at PHS are all experiencing changes as they grow older, and with that also comes the ability to establish credit for themselves. Credit card companies such as Visa, Mastercard and

cards, but once again, they usually require a parent to co-sign.

"My mom and dad gave my sister and me each a credit card so [that] they can regulate our spending," Carina Weigner, a senior, said, talking about why she has a credit card. "Plus, they don't have to keep giving us money."

Having a credit card can have its upsides, but it can always have its downside too. It takes a lot

'Falcon' asks...

If you were an employer, would you want to see someone's high school attendance record?

Anthony Defransisco, freshman: "Yes, because if they were dedicated to school, they would be dedicated to work."



Heather Riker, senior: "Yes, I think attendance at school would reflect the attendance at work."

Janet Maggio, senior: "No, if you graduate from high school, your attendance should not matter."



Cory Fenstermaker, senior: "Yes, because I'd like to know what I'm getting myself into with an employee."

Amery Koval, junior: "No, it doesn't affect your job performance."



Erica Bumbaugh, sophomore: "No, because they could be sick a lot, and it's not fair to hold that against them."

water and out of debt too.

Credit cards are used for all sorts of things in the business world. Most of the time the cards

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adults the opportunity to have access to credit cards, but most of the time, a parent or co-signer is needed. Banks also offer credit

it go bad than it does for them to have a good credit history that most banks, stores and credit card companies look for.

PA Transportation Committee wants tougher driving restrictions for teenagers

by Crystal Snow

The Pennsylvania Transportation Committee wants to place tougher driving restrictions on teens.

The committee wants to extend the amount of time from when teens get their permit to the time they get their junior license from 30 days to about a year. Also, they want all teens to have to take driver's education for a year before getting their driver's license. Furthermore, the com-

mittee wants the parents of the teens to be informed of any driving infractions that go upon their license.

Some teens agree with the new restrictions while others disagree.

"It would be a good idea [to increase the amount of time between a teen getting their permit and junior license]. It would teach kids a sense of responsibility," said John Irwin, a junior at Pottsgrove.

While Irwin thinks this is appropriate, Caroline Levonuk, a sophomore, said, "From a kid's point of view, I think that's a dumb idea because once you get your permit you want your license right away. You don't want to have to wait."

"[Having every teen take dri-

ver's education] might limit the amount of accidents by teens and at least everyone would be more aware of the driving laws," said Caitlyn Hallman, a senior at PHS.

When asked if they would take driver's education, Hallman and Levonuk said yes while Irwin said no.

"Everyone should want to take a driver's education course so they can be a better driver," said Hallman.

Irwin, Hallman and Levonuk all think that the teens' parents should be notified about any driving infractions on the teens' license.

"I think they should know because it does go on your permanent record," said Levonuk.

No matter how a teen might feel about the restrictions, he can't do anything about them because the transportation committee will do what they feel is right.

Balance between sexes exists in sports

by Bert Ingram

A balance between male and female athletics here and in the PAC-10.

"According to legislation called Title IX, men's and women's sports should be considered equal," said Gary DeRenzo, the athletic director at Pottsgrove. "This legislation basically answers equality in pay, number of coaches, schedules and equal number of sports teams."

When a girl wants to seriously pursue a men's sport, or vice versa, this must be addressed seriously by the athletic director.

"We do allow any student the opportunity to participate in a sport that is not offered to their particular gender," said Mr. DeRenzo.

When a member of the opposite sex is permitted to play on a team, problems can arise.

"[The coaches and I] do not recommend this practice," said Mr. DeRenzo, talking about having both sexes participate on the same sports team, "primarily because of safety issues."

Teams participating in the PAC-10 will not permit games with both genders playing because of the crossover, according to Mr. DeRenzo.

"[These] teams will forfeit games because of liability issues," said Mr. DeRenzo, discussing the main disadvantage of the switch.

The school has tried to avoid this problem by introducing more sports. Girls' soccer was started three years ago to segregate the sexes in the soccer program.

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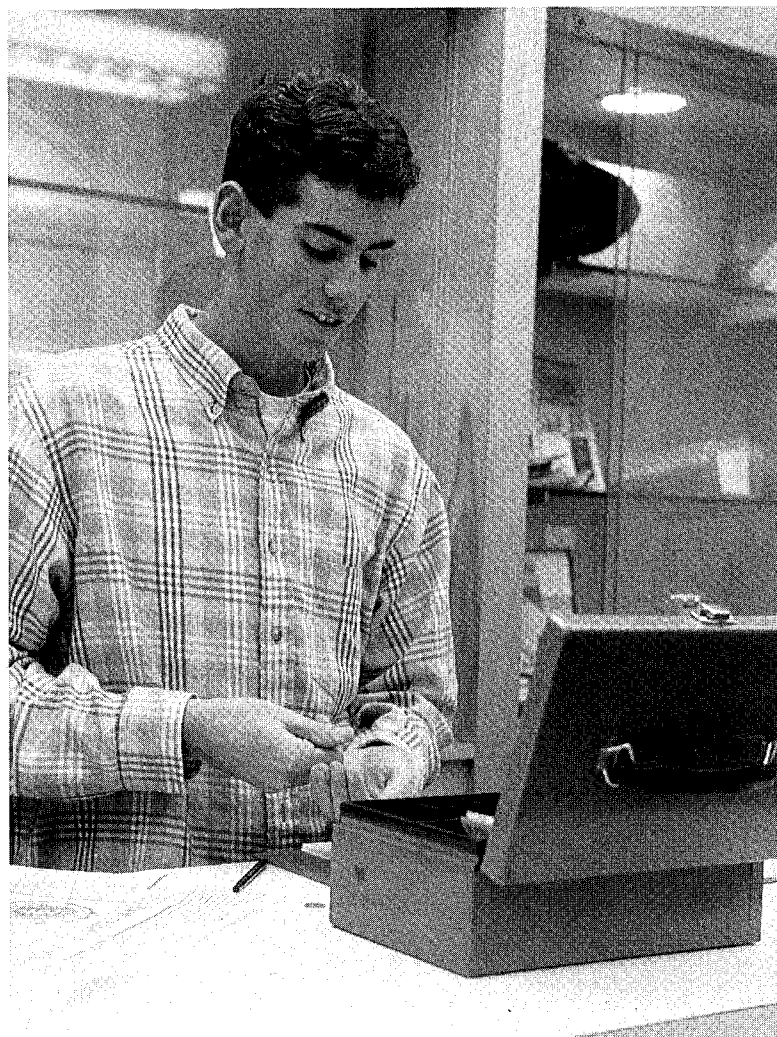
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School store: One of the things which is sponsored by student government is the school store (manned here by junior Jason Leh). Student government members feel that the store is as equally important to them as every other activity that the organization runs.

Student government works for the students

■ During the year members sponsor several activities

by Caitlyn Hallman

There is an organization in the school that is working for the benefit of all students, and most Pottsgrovians don't realize how much that group does. That organization is student government.

"I expected there to be a lot of responsibility in being president and there is," said student government president, senior Lorelei Hollenbach. Hollenbach has been active in student government for three years.

Student government members are the behind-the-scenes workers for many activities that are held at our school. Every year student government sponsors the homecoming events. This year those events included not only the football game but a dance that was held afterwards. The student government also sponsors dances that are held throughout the school year.

This year the student government has been extremely busy. They have been working to make

changes in the cafeteria. Some of those changes include the second cash register that was added and the inclusion of bagels, fruits and salads to the menu. "We raised money for the *Mercury's* holiday drive and we raised \$700 for a new podium," Hollenbach said about what else the student government accomplished this year.

Last year the student government was responsible for the distribution of the Honor Cards,

"If the student government doesn't know what the students want, we can't help them."

which provided discounts from many local businesses for Honor Roll students. Student government also runs the school store, which is open in the morning before homeroom and during study halls.

Student government is an organization for the students and is run by the students. Their meetings are open for all to attend.

"If the student government

doesn't know what the students want, we can't help them," Hollenbach said.

Kari Cerminaro, a sophomore representative, said that student government needs to raise money for Homecoming. She also said that one reason why the organization did not accomplish more this year is because "nobody outside of student government suggested anything that they wanted."

A junior representative, Kerri Leh, said that there is only so much that student government can do. "Higher authority is above us," she said. "We propose ideas, but they can easily be knocked down."

If a student would like to see changes made in the school, he should attend meetings or explain his concerns to a member of student government. Students can also run for a position in the student government. The elections are held every spring.

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What will everyone remember about this year? Changing principals, a Color Day Band assembly, individual accomplishments? A lot of other things happened too.

When Robert Anderson left in September, Joyce Wishart, the former vice-principal, took over. Then, after several months of substitute vice-principals, Mel Sussman took over in February.

To the students and faculty's dismay, Color Day was cut short due to icy roads and a late opening. "I didn't know what to expect, but it was big and crazy," said freshman Danielle Titus about her first Color Day.

Since Color Day was cut short, the Color Day Band could not perform. So that the hard work of the bands would not go to waste, an assembly was held Feb. 6.

"It was a nice change of pace. It was better than the usual way the assemblies were held," Ashley Clemons, a sophomore, said.

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visited the school and spoke on the value of staying in school and setting goals. PA Senator Rick Santorum talked to the juniors and seniors about current issues. The students had the chance to ask Senator Santorum about his political views during a "town assembly."

Three of Pottsgrove's students had the chance to show off their vocal talents at the Avanta Tennis Championships. After sending in a tape of their singing abilities, junior Donna Sinnk and seniors Pam Ritenour and Becca Walter were chosen to sing the "National Anthem."

"I was suprised that I wasn't nervous, but it was difficult because I was sick," said Walter.

The sports teams provided some memorable moments too. The football team's win over

plishments won't be forgotten. Individuals also reached personal goals and surpassed them. Kristen Lucas, a senior, and Jermaine Thaxton, a senior, both scored their 1000th point on the basketball floor. The cheerleaders won competitions and performed with the Eagles cheerleaders at a Sunday football game.



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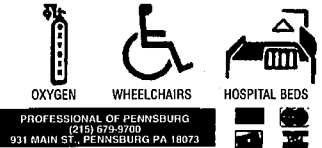


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Breaking away: The Falcons field two 4x100m relay teams. Freshman Jessie Gross (running on the B team) and freshman Mari Dietrich (running on the A team) both handle the lead running position. "Not only do we have two teams but the A team went undefeated this season," Coach Charles Yohn said.

Girls' team stays focused on its goals

■ Squad's goals, talents carry it thru tough season

by Caitlyn Hallman

If you see a member of the girls' track team, which is participating at the PAC-10 Championships today, ask to see her goals. All the girls on the team were required to have their goals written down and with them at all times during the track season.

Charles Yohn, the team's coach, told the girls that he would ask them at random times to see their goals, and if a girl didn't have her goals with her, she would either

have to run ladders, which are extremely tiring, or go on a dreaded distance run.

The girls were supposed to have their goals on a card, but during the season, you might have found members of the team with their goals scrawled on their arms or written on their hands.

"[I would] write my goals on my hand for every meet so I could remind myself to push harder," junior Crystal Snow said. Her personal goals were to run the 4x400 in 1:07 minutes and to reach 27 feet in the shot put.

Their goal cards seemed to have worked. The girls' track team had a good season. In mid-April the girls' record was 5 wins, 3 losses, with one meet still to go.

"We are doing great and have lots of talent on the team," Snow said about the team.

Looking at the season, senior Kristy Rhoads said that the team did well. "We had several tough meets, but everyone tried [to do her] best," Rhoads said.

Rhoads thinks the track season was a very memorable one. She said that she will always remember how hard she worked in practice to try to reach her goals, but what she will remember the most about the season was the team's meet at Phoenixville.

"Even though we lost, we pulled together as a team and cheered each other on," Rhoads said.

Boys' track team works to better former record

by Crystal Snow

The boys' track team is working hard to improve themselves from last year's record. And the team is slowly but surely improving. The boys kicked off the season with a 1-2-1 record, with meets against Great Valley, Owen J. Roberts, Lansdale Catholic and Upper Perk.

The team is participating at the PAC-10 Championships today and tomorrow and at Districts on May 15-16.

There are many good athletes on the boys' track team, but Aaron Tyson, a senior, leads the boys in throwing. Phil Washington, a junior, leads the team in jumping. Daryl Flagg, a junior, leads the team in sprinting, and Chad Lloyd, a sophomore, leads the team in distance running.

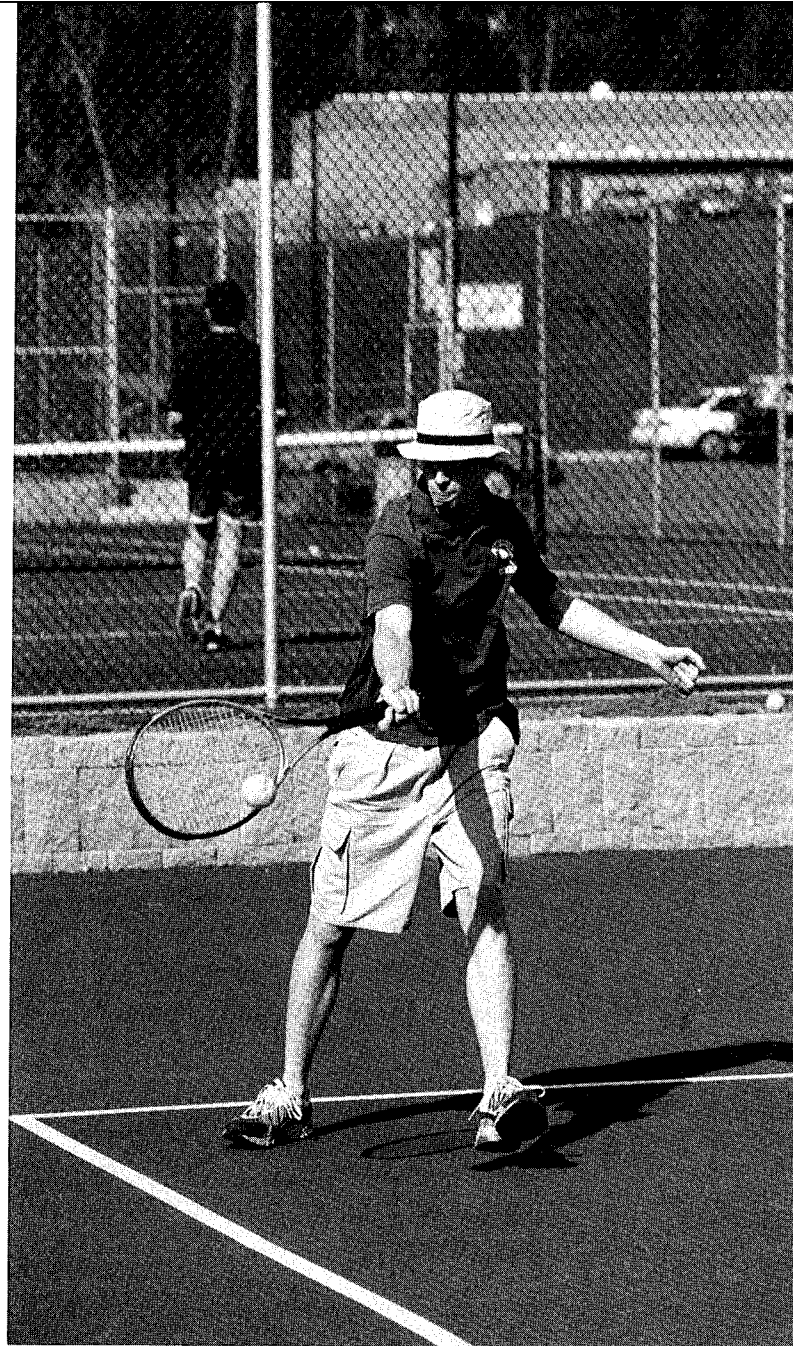
When asked in mid-season how the team would improve, head coach for the boys, Larry Rechlin, said, "[If they] keep focused on their [team] goals, [and] if everyone works toward their individual

goals in practice, we'll win the meets."

As always, the Pottsgrove team is expected to do well in the PAC-10s. "We have a number of talented athletes," Mr. Rechlin said.

The pulling force that will make the outcome of the season is that the boys "[are working] hard at improving themselves," Mr. Rechlin also said.

The boys attended the Perk Valley Invationals on Saturday, May 2. This invitational included all the runners in the PAC-10.



New coach has impact: "My whole attitude has changed since the beginning of the season since Coach Ben Boyles took over," junior Jesse Kline said. Coach Boyles is a graduate of Pottsgrove High School.

Boys' tennis team needs to place a few wins under its belt

by Devin L. Mercer

The Falcon tennis team has had a rough time this season and went into PAC-10 Singles action on April 24 with no team wins under its belt.

Some of the goals of the team this year were to try to stick together as a team, improve team play and win matches, which is still a bump in the road for the team.

"I'm not doing as well as I expected," Al Amerigo, a sophomore, said on April 24, talking

about what he had hoped to achieve this season, "but things are turning out fine now."

Though this is Amerigo's first season playing in America, he has played tennis for two years. Another player on the team, Jesse Kline, a junior, has played for Pottsgrove for three years.

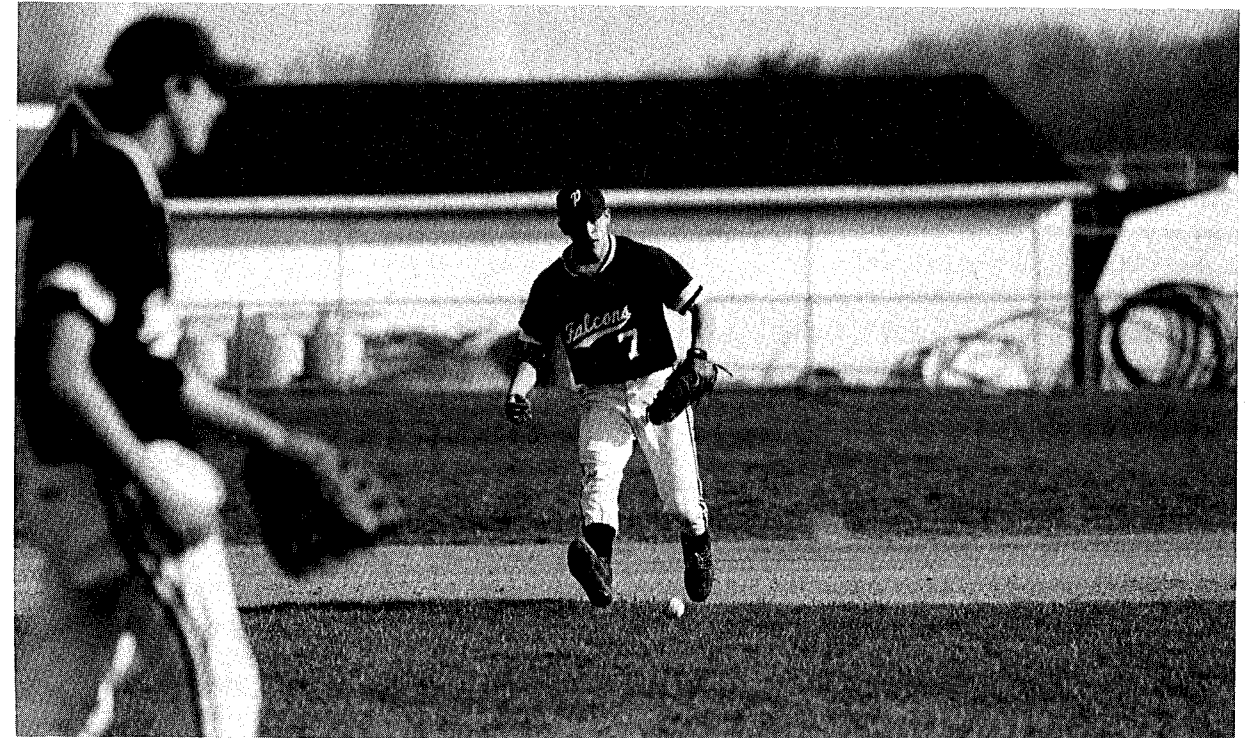
"My whole attitude has changed," Kline said, talking about how his playing has improved since the beginning of the season, "since Coach Ben Boyles started."

Coach Boyles is a Pottsgrove

graduate.

The Falcons have had some weaknesses this season, including the problem of a lack of players (two of whom were at one time ineligible to play).

Also, the doubles teams were having problems, but along with weaknesses, the team also had some highlights of the season. These included when the team played St. Pius in which they had to forfeit the one match because they didn't have enough doubles teams to play, but the Falcons fought back and almost won. The final score was 4 to 3.



College plans: Falcon baseball player David Cerminaro, a senior, said that he will be pitching for Lehigh University next year. "I'm doing alright," he said at the end of April. "I'm hitting a lot better than I was at the beginning of the season."

Music Department to hold annual spring concert

■ Five musical groups prepare for annual event

by Mai Hoang

The Music Department will hold their annual Spring Concert on May 13 at 7:30 in Radel Auditorium. The concert will feature the concert band, chorus, choraliers, orchestra and jazz band.

The concert and jazz band are under the direction of Darrell M.

Weyman. The chorus and choraliers are under the direction of Nancy Y. Bixler, and the orchestra under the direction of Teresa Zeoli.

The musical ensembles have different pieces and styles. The Concert Band is doing a classical piece, Rossini's "William Tell Overture," but they are also doing some more contemporary pieces such as John William's "The Olympic Spirit" and "Cadillac of the Skies," the song from the movie *Empire of the Sun*. The Chorus is doing "My Heart Will Go On," the theme from the hit movie *Titanic*. The Jazz Band is

doing swing, rock and pop ballads, such as Glenn Miller's Big Band Hit "In the Mood," and the pop ballad, "Through the Eyes of Love," the theme to the 80's movie *Ice Castles*.

The students and the directors of the musical organizations have worked toward the concert since January, soon after completing their Winter Concert. It requires the cooperation of the students, teachers, directors, and the administration.

"It takes a deep thought process in selecting the types of pieces we do," Mr. Weyman, director of the concert and jazz bands, said. "[It

takes] work on the students' part to learn the music through rehearsals, sectionals and individual practice time."

The Spring Concert promotes the musical organizations and shows the progress made during the course of a semester to the students, family, friends, and music lovers.

Students in the music organizations enjoy participating in them such as freshman Eric Martin, who plays clarinet in the concert band.

"It's good music [for this concert] and it should be a lot of fun," Martin said.

Marching band performs in Atlanta, Georgia parade

by Janet Marquardt

Marching band traveled to Atlanta, Georgia, on Wednesday April 1 and returned Sunday, April 5. This is the biggest trip the marching band has ever taken.

"I think we did a really good job in Atlanta, and it was a very educational experience," said sophomore Kelly Kalamon, who plays tenor saxophone in the band.

They were adjudicated for concert band on Friday morning, receiving second place in their class. The concert band played an arrangement of "Olympic Spirit"

Friday's events included a tour of the city, where they visited the CNN center and Olympic Park, and a concert by the Atlanta Symphony. Saturday was spent at Six Flags over Georgia. After an Atlanta Braves' game Saturday night, they returned home.

"[The trip] was exciting. We got to learn stuff about other people that we didn't know before," said color guard member Nicole Forst.

Trip coordinators were Allen Miller and director Darrell Weyman. Terri Kramer-Long, Chris Kulp and Tim Murray did

not go on the trip but helped to prepare the color guard and percussion for the performances.

James Loshnowsky, Becca Walter, Krystal Dann and Kathleen Greco are the student officers. Other student leaders are Katie Fagan, Lindsay Nolan, Donald Shunk, David Alexander and Mai Hoang.

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ment of "Overture to William Tell" by Rossini. On Saturday, they participated in a parade and performed "Old Man River." For this performance they received first place in their class and an excellent rating.

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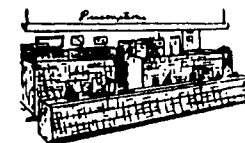
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