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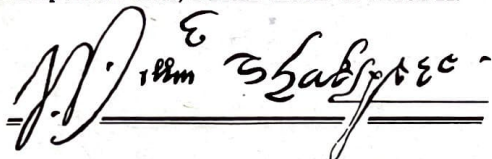
# The Surveyor

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## stages his drama

by Stephanie Baker

"But come away! Get me pen, ink, dark ale, that I may scribe a little touch of William." And so, all of Great Valley got to meet a persona who has perhaps, at one time or other, intimidated students and exhilarated the world with his sharp, comic wit and intellect. During two assemblies on March 21st, Duncan Inches, a Bostonian actor, portrayed William Shakespeare as part of his one-man Shakespearean act "A Little Touch of William In the Night."

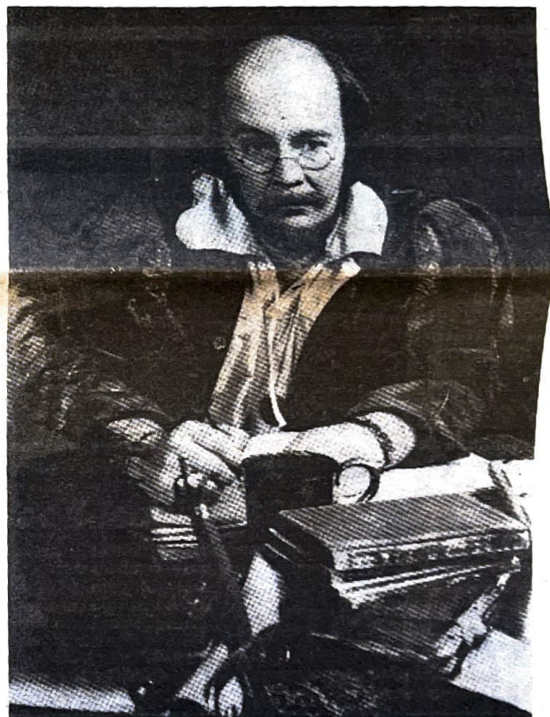
According to Inches, his play is an "attempt to look at Shakespeare himself, find those works that are the most personal and put them into a short play." Inches concentrated on portraying Shakespeare's youth, as it is the most easily identified with for a high school audience.

Quoting from such Shakespearean favorites as "The Taming of the Shrew," "Much Ado about Nothing," "Hamlet," and "The Tempest," among others, Mr. Shakespeare talked about school and love:

"Golden girls and lads must to school...a pity...A whining school boy with satchel and books, creeping like a snail unwilling to school...tis a foul crime against nature." And "I remember when I was in love...for so is all mortal in nature, so is mortal in love...I hath loved too, and it hath made me poor...virginity lost is not forgotten." When the audience grew a little too itchy at some of his jesting, he exclaimed, "Shall I wait whilst you grow up?"

Duncan Inches explained, "So little is known about Shakespeare, we have used his writings to develop a plausible man. It is not necessarily the real Shakespeare, but then we may never know that." Many scholars believe that much of Shakespeare's work is related to his life and can be used to illuminate it.

"All the world's a stage..." This famous line from "As You Like It," is the major thread woven throughout "A Little Touch of William," according to Inches. In one sense, Inches has reversed the line, using Shakespeare's stage to develop a picture of his world. And for forty-five minutes at least, Duncan Inches' authentic performance brought not only life and meaning to Shakespeare for many GV students, but also showed them that William Shakespeare was indeed human and pretty much just "one of the boys."



Duncan Inches, in full costume, poses as the bard of Stratford-on-Avon.



Duncan Inches explains the joys of Shakespeare to a workshop audience.

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## Reach out for opportunities

by Stephanie Baker

"Whoever comes here to check out our school as one of the top 25 schools in the state had better not ask me any questions... 'cause I'll really tell 'em how bad this place is," said Student X one day in study hall.

OK... OK... everybody is entitled to his opinion, and everybody has an opinion about Great Valley — opinions which are bad many more times than good. Yet the fact exists that GV has been chosen as one of the top 25 schools in Pennsylvania. Ergo, there must be something good going on here. If you are unhappy as a student, then maybe it's time to re-examine why you are unhappy and do something about it.

First of all, every high school, every college, every educational facility has its problems and these problems will remain no matter what happens. GV is no exception. Depending on your viewpoint, the things that the students see as negative here (discipline and the many penalties associated with it) don't necessarily have to be negative. Discipline, whether in the classroom dealing with a difficult teacher or in the discipline office itself, is a harsh reality of life, necessary for survival. Better to suffer and learn it in high school, than to suffer shock when confronted with discipline in the real world when it will be "too late."

It seems that the people who are the unhappiest here and

who have a bad opinion of Great Valley are the ones who have failed to assume responsibility for themselves by not taking advantage of the excellent opportunities offered here. Instead of the everyday, run-of-

station and video equipment, the new greenhouse, the NASA/space shuttle program, the high tech Home Ec., the state-of-the-art technology in the business wing, the polished and professional performances of the Drama Guild... the list is

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the-mill, typical high school curriculum and activities, consider the famous and not-so-famous people who have resided here: Mark Medoff, Richard Reeves, Edward Albee, Erick Hawkins, The Acting Company, Steve Tucker, Ralph Keyes, the Minniken Opera, the Annapolis Brass Quintet, the Nebraska Caravan Theater, Duncan Inches, etc., etc...

Consider the diverse number of clubs, the large (for a school this size) and successful athletic department, the superior music program, especially the performing choral groups, the cable

incomplete and yet there is something to interest everyone.

Life, like high school, is what you make of it. It's time to take advantage of what is held out to students at Great Valley. Students should stop focusing on GV's negative side and take the responsibility of making their four years here a positive experience. In the meantime, to whose advantage can it possibly be if students respond completely negatively to those honored guests and interviewers on April 9-10? Those who reject the outstretched hand have no justification in slapping it.

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## Librarian praises GV students' consideration

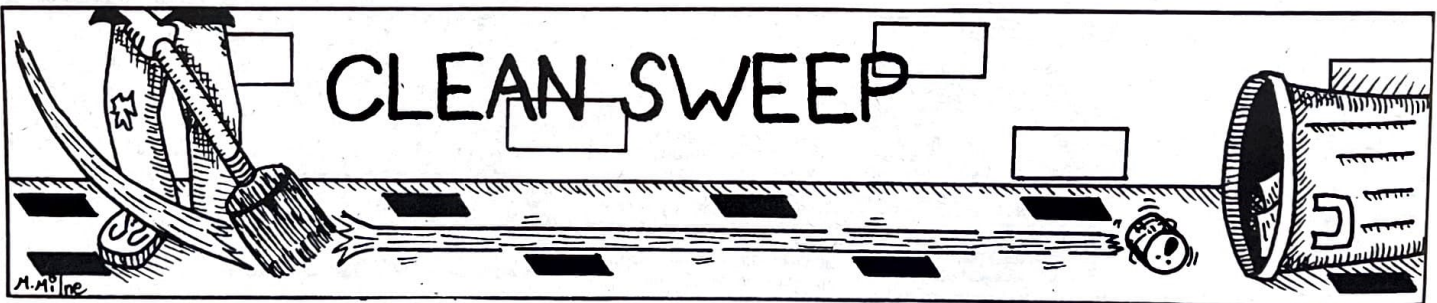
Dear Great Valley Students:

During mid-term exams the library was designated as a "quiet study" area. I was very impressed with the consideration students showed each other. At times we had many students in the library. Most entered quietly and remained quiet, with no reminders needed from us, the library staff.

I recently spoke with staff members from Chester County Library who have had some difficulty with high school students exhibiting disruptive behavior. Many are asked to leave. When I began to explain that Great Valley students didn't usually act that way, they agreed that you are generally considerate of other library patrons. You make me proud to be a Great Valley staff member.

Sincerely,

Dolores Reilly, Librarian



## "Floors are for walking, not TRASH!"

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"Floors are for walking, not TRASH!" exclaims one of the clean-up signs that Student Council has displayed throughout the halls of Great Valley, in an effort to promote school pride. Explains Student Council Vice-President Dave Mellinger, "Mr. Kase and others have noticed all the trash around the school. That is why we started Clean Sweep."

During the first week of March, Student Council com-

menced its school-wide clean-up campaign by distributing buttons to each of its members and having them pick up any trash around their lockers. "I've noticed some improvement since we began, but others believe that nothing has changed at all," states Dave Mellinger. Through its subchapter Club Council, Student Council has enlisted the help of other clubs and organizations in order to make the campaign more effi-

cient.

The participants in Clean Sweep are working diligently to ameliorate the problem. Now Student Council would like the cooperation of the Great Valley High School community. Instead of saying, "That's not my responsibility," if each one of us does our share to "pitch in," Great Valley will begin to reflect pride.



# NHS members cheer Pocopson residents

by Lissa Franz

It was a bright Sunday afternoon as our small troupe of NHS'ers filed into the Pocopson Home in West Chester, the public Rest Home of Chester County. We were volunteering as members of the National Honor Society to visit the people in Pocopson as part of a service project.

"Brian is 36 years old, can't see or hear. He's very intelligent though — was in college when he went deaf. Has friends all over the world. He spends his days reading Braille books we get from the Library of

back soon," he smiled. He closed his eyes. I think I had worn him out.

Next we walked into a room of four women, all elderly. While I spoke to one about her grandchildren, Beth (who was with me) yelled into the ear of another practically deaf person, who crocheted frantically and had examples of her work dominating her corner of the room. Beth asked if she gave them away.

"No!" snapped the spunky gray-haired woman, "I sell 'em." Then she asked Beth to guess her age.

"75," said Beth, not wanting

ing, a small, white-haired woman yelled, "Shut up, jackass!" Another day in the life at a nursing home, I suppose.

It was hard not to feel guilty about the drudgery these people face every day — many of them just "typical" grandmothers and grandfathers. As one woman proudly showed us a picture of her grandchildren sitting around their backyard pool, it was difficult to understand why she had to live in Pocopson and not at home. But at least these people did have somewhere to go, and I think even the most bitter were glad we came to share a smile.

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Congress, and writing letters." The nurse plopped a box-like machine on his lap that looked almost like a typewriter. "This is the only way he can communicate. Just type in the letter and he can feel it in Braille through a slot in the back. He loves to talk to people. He's very lonely." She left, and I sat down next to Brian, who looked expectant.

Sometimes I typed the letters in too fast, but soon we had entered into a great conversation. He would reply by speaking. We talked about books, college, baseball, and girls. He admitted he "liked them all." When I left he touched my hand, and I fought feelings of guilt for a man who was practically robbed of his life. "Come

to insult her.

The woman grinned triumphantly. "One hundred and two." We heard the other women giggling.

Next we helped serve lunch, experiencing a vast assemblage of interesting people. There was a "High Society" table of women, trading new gossip as well as vanilla ice cream for orange sherbet when the nurses weren't looking, and eating daintily. There was a similar table for men. Some of the people looked depressed and refused to eat. Others snapped when asked a question, bitter about the food and being there in the first place. When one disturbed woman started wail-

These people's lives before Pocopson were likely to have been just as ours are now — bustling with life. Now, as they wind down their lives, probably not in the way that they had planned, they love to see outside visitors in order to share their memories and thoughts. As we left the home, gratefully stepping into the bright, sweet-smelling day, I no longer thought of our visit as a "service project." It was more like bringing life to these people. And as I thought of the large number of NHS members, over 110 of them, I hoped each of them would take the time to experience Pocopson and learn to give of themselves.

# "Math Scale" discourages and penalizes students

by Jason Windawi

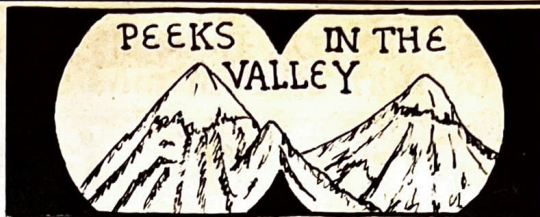
In a recent issue of *Time* magazine, a number of educational authorities were quoted as saying that the mathematics skills of the average American secondary school student have steadily declined over the past ten years. This is most noticeable when American students are compared to similar students from Japan, England, and France. According to one official, the continuing decline of proficiency in such fundamental areas as Geometry and Algebra has become "embarrassingly evident." It is obvious from these statistics that mathematical education must be restructured so as to encourage, rather than dissuade,

the student. However, while Great Valley has an excellent mathematics department, the existence of a unique and separate "math scale" not only discourages but penalizes the very students it is supposed to help.

Why is there a math scale? Is there something about the math department that sets it apart from the rest of the school? Admittedly, all of the teachers don't use the scale (93% = "A," etc.), but the vast majority do. This is especially detrimental to the higher level classes. Getting an "A" in calculus is hard enough; a limit of 93% changes the definition of an "A" from "excellent" to "impossible" for a lot of students. On top of using this skewed scale, many teachers are in the

habit of giving mini-quizzes of thirty points or less, which, because of the scale, require a near-perfect score to get a decent grade. This is true of all math classes.

The existence of a separate math scale flies in the face of common sense. *Time's* article gave voice to an unfortunate twist of an age-old problem. Mathematics has always been a difficult subject for students, and, if statistics are to be believed, the situation is not improving. While Great Valley is clearly not the average school, it is not exempt from this problem. Students should be encouraged to cope with math, not dissuaded by an unfair system of evaluation. The existence of this scale is not only skewed but ridiculous.



## GV welcomes gourmet chef Pliro Folsa

by Ted Ridgway and Greg Bole

Good news! Great Valley is in for a change, and one we can all look forward to. Some welcome additions are coming to Great Valley's kitchen staff, and the results will add a tempting new dimension to school lunches.

The additions come in the form of Pliro Folsa and his staff. Folsa is Swiss by birth, but was raised in France, where he was trained in some of the world's finest culinary schools. Folsa, now in his 40's, has worked in some very well-known restaurants in Europe and America, but feels that he has finally found the opportunity of his lifetime.

"What I've wanted all of my life," he explains through a noticeable accent, "is to be able to cook in a high school cafeteria, but also to pass on my skills to others to teach." And teach he will. In addition to the 6 apprentice chefs coming with him from his current job in New York City, there is talk that next year's foods classes will include touches of his expertise.

So what does this mean to those of us who buy lunch? Well, first, we will be able to choose between 5 or 6 different hot menus each day, providing the variety which is occasionally missing from our menu. Also, all of Folsa's "raw" materials will be delivered fresh daily by a supplier of fine restaurants in the Philadelphia area, and

all of these ingredients will be carefully measured and mixed by hand.

Our eating environment will also be enhanced. The improvements will include new tables and straight-back chairs, as well as white linen table cloths and napkins. Stainless steel utensils will replace plastic ones, and drinks will be poured from pitchers into glasses-not drunk out of paper cartons.

To help Folsa in his endeavors, the kitchens are to be taken apart and rebuilt from scratch in April (during this time only cold lunches, soups, and salads will be served), and the cafeteria will even get its own make-over: new wood paneling is to cover the fading brick walls, because, says Folsa, "One cannot enjoy a good meal unless the setting is right to make the food enjoyable."

Taking all of this into account, and considering that over 80% of the funding for Folsa's salary and other expenses is coming from a state grant, it seems perfectly reasonable to pay the increased lunch price of \$1.00.

Folsa is looking forward to working here at Great Valley, and is convinced that this is the chance he was looking for when he came to America 13 years ago. We hope that you will join those of us on the Surveyor staff in welcoming Pliro Folsa and his staff to our school, and in sampling his entrees when he comes to work in May. Mmmmm...That sounds good!!





**SURVEYOR Special: photo recap of 1987 student musical "Pippin"**

# "Pippin" has magic to do...

*"I'll tell you a story of a sorrowful lad... he had everything he wanted; didn't know what he had..."*  
*Pippin, heir to the throne of Charlemagne, emperor of the Holy Roman Empire, made a promise: "I promise..."*



...*"to not waste my life on common, ordinary pursuits..."* And so his search for meaning and fulfillment in his life began...



He joined his father's troops in the campaign against the Visigoths, and witnessed all the gore...



...and "glory" of war.



Still feeling "empty and vacant," he sought out his grandmother, Bertha, who told him to "stop worrying, and start living."



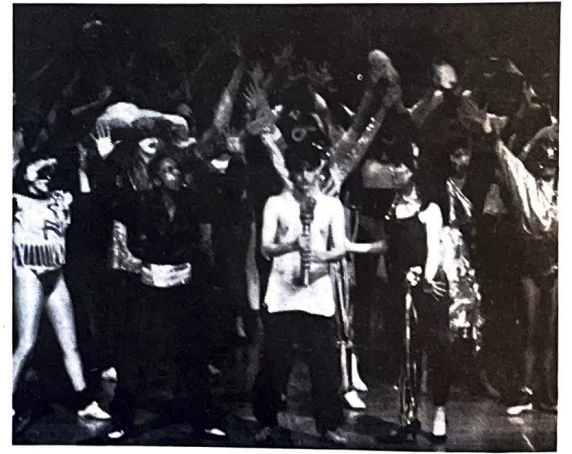
Meanwhile, his stepmother Fastrada, plotted against Pippin in order to gain the throne for her own "darling" son, Louis...



The Leading Player nonetheless assured Pippin that he was "on the right track."



Catherine, "an everyday, commonplace, wonderful girl," entered his life and convinced Pippin to work on her estate... which he found to be as dull and unfilling as everything else he had tried.



Having left Catherine, Pippin was urged by the players to set himself on fire, thereby attaining "complete and ultimate fulfillment" in its ephemeral brilliance. Pippin, however, rejects this temptation... and returns to Catherine, having discovered, "If I'm never tied to anything, I'll never be free."



# IFC celebrates Foreign Language Week

## Germans experience America



Great Valley welcomes twenty German students from Borken, Germany, to America. They are visiting at homes of students in Miss Alexander's classes while attending school at Great Valley. In June, GV students will go to Borken for three weeks to study and travel.

## Living abroad presents some pros and cons

Karen Thomas, a GV junior, spent the fall semester 1986 going to school in London, England. She attended a private school, Haberdashers' Aske, and lived with an English family during her stay. Karen comments on her English experiences:

"While I was in England last fall the most important thing I learned was that although I still need my parents for some things, I could, if necessary, survive on my own. My self-confidence increased while I was in England and I came back more self-assured than when I left.

In London, England, a teenager isn't as attached to adult figures mainly because of the efficient and extensive bus and train systems. It is easy to catch a bus or train, and a stop is never too far away. I found Europeans to be more detached from their parents and to live a much more independent life largely due to this important difference.

One drawback to independence I found, however, was if I ever got into a serious problem, no one would be there to bail me out. At this stage of my life, knowing that my parents are nearby to help me in case I end up doing something dumb is more important to me than complete independence — for now."

The International Friendship Club is alive and well, and celebrating Foreign Language Week. Sponsored by the various language clubs at Great Valley, the Week is designed to increase awareness of the clubs and of the languages that they speak. Several foreign language classes, including Latin and German, held poster contests to advertise their respective languages and the countries in which they are spoken.

The German students are currently enjoying the company of twenty German students from a class in Borken, Germany. For two and a half weeks, the German visitors will live with a student from Miss Alexander's German classes, attending classes at G.V. during the week and sight-seeing on the weekends. The program began three years ago with pen pal letter exchanges between the two countries. Now, their correspondence has culminated in an exchange program whereby the Germans are visiting the States this spring, and the G.V. students will visit Germany early this summer. Activities slated for the two and a half weeks the German students

## Herr Koopman teaches class



Friedhelm Koopman, professor from Borken, Germany, conducts his classes for the next few weeks at Great Valley.

will be spending in the Valley are a trip to Lancaster County to see the Pennsylvania Dutch culture, a trip to the Philadelphia Zoo, a history lesson in the form of a visit to Independence Mall, a science class cleverly disguised as a trip to the Franklin Institute, and a trip down to Washington, D.C.

The three weeks that the G.V. group will be spending in Germany will include a week of touring, one week of school and everyday life, and an entire week to be spent in Berlin. Melissa Popp, Tara Matthews, Debbie Getz, Larry Heimes, Mark Sullens, Bob Quay, Liz Salisbury, Bridget Hansen, and Jason Beck are among the Valley students who will make the trip.

Students of Latin were treated to a series of "fun stuff" during the past few weeks, including a day of recognition for the Ides of March. Miss Gasgoyne even sported a toga for the event! Posters were

made for extra credit points, advertising Latin as a language. In addition to the Ides of March celebration, Latin students in the JCL have several activities planned. Shortly before Spring Break they will be raffling off a gigantic Easter Bunny made of pure, thick, rich delicious chocolate. They are currently debating whether to attend the JCL State Convention in May or to throw a party instead, complete with authentic Roman food and costumes.

The Great Valley chapter of IFC is also making plans to attend the annual IFC weekend in May. Each year, local chapters of IFC spend a day together at Great Adventure, getting to know students from other local schools, as well as those from other countries. Anyone interested in becoming a member of the IFC or wishing to get further information concerning the Great Adventure weekend should contact: Mrs. Lieberman, Miss Alexander, or Miss Gasgoyne.



Denise Nichols, Kathleen Timney, Gwynne Overdorf, Matt Connor, Jorie Johnston, Karen Hepp and Rachel Magargee get together to discuss plans for traveling through Ireland and England during the Easter holidays.

## Travelers head for Ireland

Irish eyes won't be the only eyes, smiling as twenty-five Great Valley students head for the Emerald Isle for Easter vacation. On April 10, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Sanders, and Mrs. Eaton will be chaperoning students on a ten-day overseas trip to Ireland and London. Some of the highlights of the tour include watching a London show,

kissing the Blarney stone, and visiting Shakespeare's birthplace at Stratford-on-Avon. They'll also visit Windsor Castle, Oxford University, No. 10 Downing Street, Westminster Abbey and Dublin. They'll probably also dance a few Irish jigs before they fly back to the United States on Easter Sunday.

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## Students await Easter holidays

# "Give me a break! ...the sooner the better."

by Dana Wieluns

The talk of rising temperatures, summer clothes, and the desire to do anything but schoolwork can mean only one thing—that Spring Break is just around the corner. Each one of us is counting the days until that long awaited vacation, whether we've got the beach or just the T.V. to look forward to. You know why you can't wait for Spring Break, but let's see what the rest of Great Valley is planning to do from April 11th to 19th.

Some students have the ideal week planned for themselves, consisting of nothing more than sun, fun, tanning, partying, and relaxation. Take, for example, Clint Jackmon, who says, "I'm going down to Wildwood, New Jersey...I want to be wild and crazy and go out of my head. Then I'll come back home to this wonderful school, sit in my classes and daydream all day about my great Easter vacation." Randy Davis also has big plans, "I'm going to Florida for eleven days. I will visit Disney world... Daytona Beach...Cape Canaveral...the Kennedy Space Center..."

It seems that Florida (once again) is the place most GV students seem to be flocking to this year for Spring Break, in

search of that "perfect tan". But of those wishing to "get OUT of Malvern, PA!!!!", some are really going to extremes. Take, for example, Pilar Wolfsteller, who says she is "going to Puerto Rico...I plan to have a lot of fun on the beach, riding horses, sleeping-in every day..." Sounds like a tourism ad.

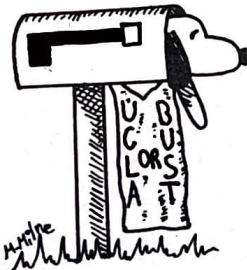
Then, of course, there are those very fortunate students traveling to Europe with Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Eaton, and Mrs. Sanders that week; such as Rachel Magargee and Jorie Johnston. Rachel tells of some of their itinerary. "...we will be traveling with a whole group of Eagle Scouts from New York...stopping in Dublin, London, Stafford-on-Avon, and other cities..." Jorie adds, "we'll be touring, and buying, and viewing, and walking, and eating, and kissing the Blarney Stone, while we think about our poor friends at home doing nothing." Thanks, Jorie.

Another student who won't be at home doing nothing is Todd Stribley who is planning on "going to Steamboat, Colorado...and hopefully getting a tan." It won't be all relaxation for Todd, however, because he intends to visit his brother, Steve, at the University of Denver and "show him how to ski." But if you aren't planning on making that pilgrimage to Fort

Lauderdale, you have already packed up your skis for the winter, or your passport just didn't come through in time, you can find plenty of company at the Jersey shore. For those wishing to get away without going away, the Jersey shore is the place, the beach being the far-and-away most popular hangout for Spring Break. Says Kye Lyn Oskinson, "During vacations at the beach all you have to worry about is whether or not it's going to rain. You lay back with the tunes in reach, ocean breeze blowing, oil and shades on..."

Well, for those of us NOT planning to go to the beach, we can still have lots of fun right here in Malvern (really! I mean it)!! Try following the example of Channin Marks, who intends to sleep as late as she likes, and enjoy the (hopefully) fine weather: "I love to go to Valley Forge Park and play frisbee, lay out in the sun, or just walk around, thinking." Ah, yes—if nothing else, Spring Break at least offers the perfect opportunity to indulge in a little R & R, something that not one GV student would deny needing. Says Steve Cardamone, "What's the big deal about vacation? EVERYTHING! You don't have to worry about homework for one thing, at least not until the day before school begins again."

After a white winter, students anticipate tans.



A watched mailbox brings no acceptances

For Easter, it's a tradition for many people to search for eggs. For juniors, it's a time for college hunting... Oh yes, I almost forgot: college. While juniors will be spending their Spring Break searching for their ideal school, many seniors will be waiting to hear from theirs, as Spring Break this year falls around that Day of Reckoning. Many seniors will most probably spend their vacation like Heidi Hoffman, "at home, lying around the house being lazy...but on April 15th, I'll be staring at the mailbox."

"Most likely the entire week of Spring Break will be dedicated to increasing my bank account."  
Jeff Kamaka



Others will be vegetating...

Of course, not all of us can spend our week with nary a care or worry. Some of us have responsibilities to tend to, obligations to meet. Like Jeff Kamaka: "Unlike most people who will be spending their time in Florida basking on the beaches or traveling around the country, I will be working. Most likely the entire week of Spring Break will be dedicated to increasing my bank account. But one's life can't be all work and no play, so I intend to enjoy the night life and have a good relaxing time. Just the fact that I won't be in school is good enough for me." Meg Keating is "going to work hard at softball practice and games," and Greg Baker plans on practicing with OTR.

And we almost forgot the reason why Spring Break occurs

when it does: Easter! Although some of us don't celebrate Easter, to others it is a very hallowed day. Says Ben Bovee: "Easter is a good holiday to schedule Spring Break around, but Easter is taken lightly because it happens each year. I'm not saying that I get too much out of Easter, and I won't point out that people should respect the real meaning of Easter (that's obvious), but the silly customs and Americanized rites like candy-baskets and dyed egg hunts for children is silly and irrelevant to the meaning of Easter—the gift of life."

Whatever Spring Break means to you, there is one aspect of it we can all relate to: it is the last vacation before that vacation to end all vacations—SUMMERTIME!!!!





## Chris Young stars in **MAX HEADROOM**

by Jennifer Archibald

The date was March 31st...the channel was six...the time was 20 MINUTES INTO THE FUTURE...with none other than Great Valley's own CHRIS YOUNG sharing the spotlight with cult-hero MAX HEADROOM: 20 MINUTES INTO THE FUTURE, but he claims that being out there is "far from a vacation." Typically, Chris spends 9½ hours on the set, and 3-4 hours daily on his schoolwork with the aid of a personal tutor. Then it's off to the apartment he shares with his cousin/guardian to read scripts, do homework, and find a few spare minutes to bicycle or listen to Genesis—his favorite group. Nights are often spent attending teen-celebrity parties, where Chris gets the chance to mix and mingle with today's teen stars while getting "good publicity." Says Chris, "They (the photographers) pose you standing next to an actress, and then print something up about us going out...if you ever see me in one of those teen magazines, don't believe every thing you read."

As exciting as doing "MAX" is for Chris, this is not his first professional outing. In addition to modeling for local department store flyers, Chris has been acting since he was in second grade. Believe it or not, Chris's big break came when he was chosen to play the role of Theo in a college production of, you guessed it—PIPPIN. From there, Chris moved on to pro-

fessional dinner theater and then did a few ads for Kool-Aid Coolers. From there, Chris went to over 20 commercial calls before landing a job as a "spokeskid" for Hostess Snacks. (At least two of the seven spots he's done for Hostess can be currently seen on TV.) Formally, Chris has had only one year of acting, but to him, "Acting just comes naturally. On the show, I don't act...that's basically me."

Among the many good friends Chris has made during his stay in Hollywood is Matt Frewer, the actor who portrays MAX HEADROOM. "He's so great. We'll be doing a scene, or sitting at lunch and he'll do something crazy to make me laugh. I'll laugh; I'll get in trouble and then we'll both laugh at it all." Other celebrities Chris has met include Jeffrey "Mr. Sunshine" Tambour (who plays Murray on MAX), Patrick Duffy of Dallas-fame, and Michael Landon. In addition, he has met just about every cast member from the shows "Valerie", "Our House", and "Highway to Heaven" as all three film on neighboring lots at the studio.

Has "California Dreaming" changed Chris? Not according to him, it hasn't. "I'm just your typical sixteen-year-old...only I don't drive!" The biggest change in moving from Malvern to Hollywood has been "the change of pace. In Malvern, things are pretty laid back, but in California things just move so fast. It's larger, more alive...and the

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**Chris Young**



**Chris Young, Great Valley sophomore, portrays a computer nerd in a new TV series that premiered March 31st for ABC. Jeffrey Tambour (left) and George Coe (right) are two of Chris' costars on MAX HEADROOM: Twenty Minutes Into the Future.**

weather's pretty nice, too." We caught up with Chris on his two-day break from "MAX". Home for a mere 48 hours, Chris filmed segments for local TV shows including "Prime Time", "This is It", "Evening Magazine", and he appeared live on "A.M. Philadelphia." Sound grueling? Try shooting hour-long episodes at eight days-worth of shooting each...for 9½ hours every day. There are no "read-throughs—the script is first done each time, on camera." The scenes aren't shot in sequence, either...which means that Chris has to be ready to do any scene

at any time, but to him "it's no big deal. I might only have to say one line, so I read the script, stand on my mark, and they shoot the one little scene." As for the production crew and cast, he loves them all. "Everybody's just sooo great...especially Matt." Each episode is to have a different director, and the director of the first episode is most likely Chris' favorite.

On the set, Chris was given freedom over the script, as well as the characterization of Bryce—the computer wiz-kid he plays on "MAX". Farhad Mann, the director of the March 31st

episode "had the greatest ideas...and was a lot of fun to work with." The first day of shooting, Mann told Chris "not to worry about all the technical things, but instead to concentrate on the acting." advice that was music to Chris' ears. "The lighting and other stuff is so exact. You constantly are being told not to cast shadows or move this way or that...sometimes it can really get annoying." But would Chris have it any other way? Nope, "It's the business to be in. I wouldn't want to be in anything else!"



# 8 seniors selected as nation's best

by Tina Hyun

In the fall of 1986, eight of Great Valley's seniors were identified as being among the 15,000 students nationwide who qualified as Semifinalists in the National Merit Scholarship Program (NMSP). These eight students: Jonathan Entner, Cynthia Harris, Donald Johnson, Fritz Lang, Ellen Myers, Ted Ridgway, Eric Theis, and Jason Windawi represent the top one half of one percent of Pennsylvania's grad-

uation, approximately another 6,000 students with evidence of high academic ability, leadership skills, and noteworthy talents will qualify for financial aid in 1987.

Both the PSAT and the SAT are tests of acquired knowledge, scrutinizing a student's reasoning ability important for academic performance in college. But they are, claims Ellen Myers, "...horribly biased against bad test takers, discriminating against those who deal poorly with pressure and stress." Adds Don Johnson, "It

Finalist standing. To do so, each Semifinalist was required to do as well on the SAT's as he had on the PSAT's, to maintain a level of high academics throughout his senior year, to be recommended by his school, and to complete and submit various NMSP evaluation forms. Approximately 90 percent of the Semifinalists are

all eight of Great Valley's Semifinalists have also been selected as Finalists. From here, it is a highly selective competition for about 6,000 Merit Scholarships, based on nearly any conceivable factor-from class rank to an exhibition of intellectual curiosity to a self-characterization of one's own weaknesses. The difficulty is that

Semifinalists in the 1987 Merit Program, California produced 1,357, the greatest contribution by any one state. Pennsylvania ranked fourth behind New York (1,156) and Texas (921) with 863 qualified Semifinalists. As for the performance of other educational institutions in 1987, North Carolina School of Science and Math tallied a record 63 Semifinalists, a number unsurpassed by any other school in the nation. In comparison, Great Valley's eight Finalists may seem but a speck of dust. Hardly so. Never in the history of Great Valley has such a quantity of qualified students existed. 1987, despite the obvious impediment of a small class size, has been a banner year for Merit Scholars. But is there a correlation between the educational policies of the school and its ability to generate Merit Scholars or is it merely the luck of the class of 1987? "To some degree yes, it is an indication of what Great Valley can provide," comments Jon Entner, "but it is based more on personal effort taken outside the classroom."

For all those who will face the challenges of the SAT's, **The Surveyor** inquired into the success of these eight finalists. "The key to the SAT's," claims Ted Ridgway, "is to not let it bother you. Don't go into it thinking this is going to make or break your future." "At best," adds Don Johnson, "a prep course will add another 100 points." "Keep in mind that the SAT's are testing acquired knowledge and the best thing



The eight National Merit Finalists take time out from rigorous study to pose in the amphitheatre.

*"Keep in mind that the SAT's are testing acquired knowledge..."*

one can do the night before is to get a good night's rest, not go to the prom", replies another Finalist. "Last of all, RELAX!!" A few words of wisdom from those who have qualified as Finalists. Congratulations!!



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uating class and their PSAT/NMSQT scores, the screening device utilized in reducing the large volume of more than one million program participants, are the cream of the crop.

Thirty-two years ago the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) was created as an independent, non-profit organization devoted solely to the recognition of the scholastic achievements of the nation's most promising youth. Since then it has awarded nearly \$287 million in scholarships to some 96,000 National Merit Scholarship Finalists. In addi-


tion, approximately another 6,000 students with evidence of high academic ability, leadership skills, and noteworthy talents will qualify for financial aid in 1987. Both the PSAT and the SAT are tests of acquired knowledge, scrutinizing a student's reasoning ability important for academic performance in college. But they are, claims Ellen Myers, "...horribly biased against bad test takers, discriminating against those who deal poorly with pressure and stress." Adds Don Johnson, "It

is unfortunate that many colleges and universities place such importance on one three-hour exam. Often times if an applicant is unable to obtain a minimum score, the remainder of his transcript will be totally neglected." Still it has become a significant factor in any student's college application process, since the SAT score is relied on as a convenient and standardized summation of a student's abilities.

As the initial excitement of qualifying as Semifinalists settled, these eight students prepared to meet the obligations necessary to advance into

each and every applicant is seemingly equally qualified. The monetary rewards of scholarships are often "minimal", responds one Finalist, "but the prestige that follows such qualifications is the real prize." Of the qualifying number of expected to reach the Finalist level of the competition, that is an anticipated 13,500 of the initial 15,000. "In the history of Great Valley only two Semifinalists have ever failed to reach a Finalist position," claims Mrs. Fritsche. This year

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# Senior



# Spotlight

## Seniors bask in sunshine state

by Dani DiPietro

Visions of sun, sand, and Mickey Mouse raced through the minds of those seniors waiting to go to Florida on that cold morning in March. Most arrived at school at 4:30 AM (yes, I said AM!) The trip started with an eventful bang! Mark Van Dyke missed the bus, and it was thought he would miss the plane. Thirty minutes before take-off Mark waltzed in and asked, "Miss me much?"

The plane ride was the first time in the air for some.

Although we landed in the rain, we were no longer in Malvern. We immediately hopped on the bus and went to the Magic Kingdom or to EPCOT. Disney World was not crowded due to the rainy weather, and there were no long lines which meant that Space Mountain was ridden a multiple of times.

Dinner was an experience. The trippers were given a dine-around card for five different restaurants. Many ate at the Liberty Tree Tavern in the Magic Kingdom. The contest on the bus afterwards was to figure out who rang up the largest bill. Some prices in the running included \$104 for four people, \$123 for five people, but the table that felt they made out the best was the guys because they got the waitress's phone number!

That night we finally saw our hotel, the Days Inn. We shared it with four other schools. Our first reaction was "Let's hit the pool!" The splash-down lasted for fifteen minutes or until the guards kicked us out! Bedtime was 12:00 — Right!

The next morning we took off

for EPCOT to pose for a group shot. There was one small problem. The guys never showed up! Miss Rosoff and Mrs. Gable took a group shot of the girls. Actually they took about thirty, one with everybody's camera. After the picture, everyone took off in separate directions. Many went to the beaches. Volleyball games, water boats and SUN-BURN were shared by all.

Monday morning was "sleep in" time. All of us were wondering how school was for those stuck at home, and if it was cold in Malvern (Tee-Hee!) On the way to Sea World we were serenaded with the rappin' words of DMC and the Beastie Boys with a little help from Bob, Eric, Dani, Tony and Denise. Once we arrived at Sea World we saw fish, dolphins, old friends and Baby Shamu!

Next on the itinerary was a show and dinner at the Medieval Times complete with a performing ring in the center for



# C.J. displays talents

by Jeneen Henry

"How in the world do you find the time to do everything?" I asked senior Clint Jackmon incredulously. This extremely busy student not only "has magic to do" as the leading player in the school musical PIPPIN, but he also has a prom to plan and meetings to attend as Senior Class President and Student Council Representative. Most of us would believe that Drama Guild and Student Council are enough to keep him completely occupied for the whole year, but somehow he has found the energy to involve himself in numerous other activities. Clint, a combination athlete, performer, and leader, divides his time between football, track, choir, Varsity Club, gospel group performances, and directing of a church youth choir.

As an athlete Clint has been most influential in Winter and Spring Track. During Spring Track in his sophomore year he was an important member of the record-breaking relay team and this year during Winter Track he and three of his teammates sprinted their way to state competition. These accomplishments are all impressive, but his most significant athletic milestone was in the 60-yard-dash at Lehigh



Not only is Clint Jackmon multi-talented, but his good looks can stop traffic.

University where he placed third in the state competition. Mr. Michael Kelly, one of his football and track coaches feels that not only has Clint developed into "a great athlete, but as the years have passed he has played more of a leadership role in both football and track."

Although Clint has dedicated much of his time to sports and other school activities, his passion is singing. "I've been singing in a school choir since General Wayne, but I've been sing-

ing in church much longer than that," he explains. In addition to singing in the school choir and PIPPIN, he is also a member of a family gospel group. "We perform at area churches on Saturdays or Sundays. Our name is TLLCC. Each of the letters stands for the first letters in our names." Also, as a result of his ability to sing and lead others he has unified these two talents by being the director of his church's youth choir. Clint's talent is really multifaceted.

knights. Dinner was served and to the dismay of some of the girls, without utensils. The contests held by the knights were exciting and eventful. Some of the girls got carnations kissed by the yellow knight.

Wake-up calls and alarms went off early the next morning announcing the last day of our vacation at Wet and Wild, a huge water park and a place to catch those final rays. Those who braved Das Stuka, a free-fall of seven stories, proclaimed it to be incredible. The knee-skiing was also a big hit. At the end of the day, everyone was sunburned and blonde. Country songs and raps mixed together on the way to the airport, and we all found it difficult to say goodbye to Florida. WE WANNA GO BACK!

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## NHS combats cancer with daffodil sale

The Daffodil is the first flower of Spring and the signal that brighter and happier days are to follow. For that reason, the American Cancer Society has chosen this flower as their symbol of hope — hope that someday a cure for this most dreaded disease will be found.

Once again this year, the National Honor Society sponsored the Daffodil Day Sale on March 26 and helped to raise over \$120.00 for the American Cancer Society. The proceeds went directly to the society as over 300 flowers, \$40 each, were sold. Said Co-sponsor, Robert Sprague, "For years, Great Valley's chapter of the

National Honor Society has helped to raise more funds for the Cancer Society than any other school in this area."

Besides the Daffodil Day Sale, members are currently engaged in the Senior Court beautification process, the Pocopson Center project, helping out at the Paoli Library Book sale, and contributing to the Operation Cleansweep Project by picking up trash in the hallways and cafeteria, hoping other students will follow their example.

During April and May, the process of selecting new members will begin again. The Spring Induction will be held on May 21st.



NHS members Dana Wieluns, Debbie Anders, and Ellen Myers sell the first flowers of Spring.

# FBLA named Number 1 at State Convention

## Chapter active in...

by Tina Hyun

Great Valley Future Business Leaders of America have been actively participating in many activities during the past month. These involved: instructing the Girl Scout Troop #489 of Malvern in computer skills, attending business workshops at Goldey Beacom College, and planning a big band Valentine's celebration for the residents of the Trinity House.

At the FBLA State Leadership Conference, there will be a presentation to the Child Find of America showing Pennsylvania FBLA's support for this year's state chapter project entitled, "The Search Is On." Each chapter will be asked to make a cash contribution to support this state project. It is just one of the many services that this national vocational student organization for business education provides.

## Service

Another example of FBLA's service to its community is the March of Dimes WALK-AMERICA, sponsored by the Great Valley FBLA chapter. WALKAMERICA '87 encourages all students to put on their walking shoes and join in the 25-kilometer walk to prevent birth defects on Sunday, April 26 at 8:00 a.m. FBLA, aware of the 250,000 babies born with birth defects in one year, pledge to help make the next generation the healthiest. Last year 1.5 million people took part in 1100 WALK-AMERICA events from coast to coast and raised more than 20 million dollars to fight birth defects. This year FBLA will do its part to top that number. It is a contribution that brings pride to the club, school, and community.

## Competition

The success of the Great Valley Future Business Leaders of America was recently exhibited at the Regional Leadership Conference held at Unionville on March 12, 1987. Among the 40 members of the GV-FBLA, competing in approximately 20 different business related subjects, 31 of Great Valley's students placed from fifth to first place. The top finishers include: Tony Buonanno - Accounting 1, Daryl Reynolds - Accounting 2, Denise Tarr - Business Law, Mary Beth Conaway - Steno 1, and Paul Brown - Parliamentarian. Along with these honors, Great Valley was also selected as the Number 1 chapter out of the 11 competing chapters in Region 9 of the state.

On May 3-5, GV-FBLA will continue in competition at the 1987 Pennsylvania FBLA State Leadership Conference held at Host Farm and Corral, Lancaster. Besides the previously mentioned representatives, other members to compete at the state level include: Denise Bishop - Business Math, Melanie Rissler - Business English, Sharon Campos & Cary Coddington - Achievement in Business Advocacy, Channin Marks - Accounting 1, Nancy Shive - Business Report, Nancy Crowther - Office Procedure, Heidi Slider - Money Management, Charlotte Pfabe - Business Law, and Jenny Hague - Voting Delegate.



Paul Brown was selected as Parliamentarian at the Regional Leadership Conference.

## Student Council sponsors Blood Drive

by Lissa Franz

The Great Valley Student Council, in conjunction with the Greater Main Line Chapter of the Red Cross, sponsored the 6th annual Blood Drive on April 2. Lydia Maroon organized the Drive with the help of Mr. Marshall Momell from the Red Cross, who addressed the Student Council in March.

Publicity, headed by Beth Owens, turned out 170 participants from the Junior and Senior classes to more than meet the 150 pint goal. Every pint will benefit 5 patients; therefore 750 people will be aided by the generosity of those 170 Great Valley students.

Twenty Red Cross nurses aided the Drive, which was held in the back gym. Each donation took approximately 10 minutes, with a recuperation period that included juice and doughnuts for all participants.

The point of the Blood Drive is to support other people and to reinforce the Student Council's motto "Action speaks louder than words." In the words of Student Council Advisor Mr. Sprague, the students feel the "sense of satisfaction after helping someone else."



Cary Coddington instructs a Girl Scout in computer skills.

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## Council actions speak louder than words...

Jeff Gawley, president of Student Council, presents a check for \$1300 to Mr. and Mrs. John Foust, Sr. to help with the medical expenses of their son John, former GV athlete, who was injured in an accident last summer. Council officers Dave Mellinger, Alex Schnieper, Kevin Ennis and Christa Riccio wear T-shirts stating the organization's motto "Actions speak louder than words." The Council raised the \$1300 in just 48 hours through their Valentine's Day Dance and Dating Survey.

## Ecology trip studies marsh

by Dana Wieluns

On Wednesday, April 8th, nineteen juniors and seniors will leave for Wallops Island, Virginia, where they will spend three days at the Marine Science Consortium. During those three days, they will participate in labs and activities designed to enable them to learn more about marine biology, ecology, and the interactions between populations in a marsh community. The students going to Wallops Island are: Erin Beck, Holly Carlson, Mark Chiappone, Sheri Forbes, Katie Huffman, Colleen Jarrett, Betsy Jensen, Sarah Klomp, Jim Kulp, John Mansmann, Sean McElroy, Carrie McMaster, Brian McSweeney, Karen Plankinton, Todd Stribley, Andrew Venditti, Andy Wallace, Dana Wieluns, and Jennifer Wilson. All are looking forward to a great three days.



## Chrissy ranks number one

The annual sewing contest and fashion show was sponsored by the Malvern branch of the Federation of Women's Clubs on February 2nd at the Malvern Borough Hall. Senior Chrissy Rank received 1st place, Sheri Forbes received 2nd place and Heather Berges placed third. Receiving honorable mention were Melissa Robinson, Christine Gussaullus, and Susie Higgins.

At the county competition held March 6 at the Holiday Inn in Exton, Chrissy Rank placed second in the county with her tailored wool jacket, which was exceptionally well constructed.

## Drama at G.V.



## Filmmaker advises students

Amiram Amitai, a filmmaking artist who has a twenty-day residency at G.V., advises Debbie Keller and Eric Theis in camera techniques. He is anxious to work with the students as well as the faculty, in all aspects of production. Please feel free to stop in the studio any Monday or Friday to discuss ideas.

Core groups of students will be selected to participate in workshops. After school groups will also be formed for any and all interested students.



## Actor critiques performers

Kevin McGuire, an actor from John Houseman's Acting Company, critiques student performances during a workshop session. The Acting Company presented a dramatization of Mark Twain's novel *The Gilded Age* March 27 as part of the Community Arts Series and conducted several acting workshops for students during the day.

**JOSTENS**

## Attention Juniors!!

Spring has arrived and that means class rings will be arriving soon. Listen for announcements in the month of April.

## Corona Cautions

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# Teams spring into action

by Shawn Wert



Senior Charlotte Pfabe looks for the right pitch while Deb Keller prepares to fire to second base.



## Softball team "works hard"

"Though the league competition will be tough, Coach Honig and I are confident that the girls can competitively play these teams," says Co-Coach Whitelock. "They work hard and are improving each day." The infield consists of Deb Keller, Sue Bisignano, Kim Kas-

tle, Marty Laudato, Julie Smith, Jenny Lawson, and Amy Stringer. Tentative pitchers include Meg Keating, Judy Beauregard, Jen Lawson, and Cheryl Abplanalp. The outfield is comprised of Melissa Rea, Charlotte Pfabe, Cheryl Abplanalp, and Anne Mellinger.

## Baseball swings its way to top

"We have a young team, with only six seniors, but we are a good, power-hitting team so we should do very well in the Ches-Mont league," expressed senior co-captain Scott Sigourney. He believes that the strongest competition for Coach Steckel's squad will come from Boyertown. The infield is comprised of pitcher Steve Buck, Nick Mastrangelo, Jeff Dobra, Bob Goglia, Fred McCallum (co-captain), and catcher Chris Schreiber. Members of the outfield are Neil Arlett, Scott Sigourney, and Kevin Crawford.



Paul Hadzor (left) and Kevin Kelly (right) take the hand-off for the second leg of the 4x100 relay against Phoenixville.

## Boys' track keys on seniors

Although the boys' track team will be the smallest in the Ches-Mont league, and will be "facing very tough, big schools like Henderson, Downingtown, and East," Mr. Kelly believes that "we have the nucleus of a very nice team, with the seniors

at the core." Key seniors include Phil Baker (hurdles), Pete Fera (distance), Clint Jackmon (sprints), and Kurt Mueller (pole vault). Leading juniors are Tony Buonanno (shotput, discus), and Sy Williams (middle distance).



## SPORT SHORTS



Kristina Kutemeyer follows through on a discus toss of 84 feet.

## Girls' Track looks strong

"Even though we have lost a high scorer, Nancy Denny, because of knee surgery, we will still be very competitive. We should give Henderson a good run for the championship," states Coach Kelly. Key middle distance runners will be Beth

Diefenbacher, Tara Ford-Bey, and Kate Gallagher. Dawn Butts will anchor the shotput and discus events, while Melissa Popp and Nancy Denny will spearhead the javelin event. Sharyn Aker should earn valuable team points in the long and triple jumps.

## Lacrosse looks to improve

"Because we have such a young team with only two returning Varsity players and very good attitudes, we have nowhere to go but up," claims Lacrosse Coach Steere. The offense, led by seniors Shawn Wert, Liz Manning, Lisa Olegario, and sophomores, Deb Scalise, and Elisa Lupos, is working on aggressive attack and scoring skills. The defense is headed by seniors Jenny Harrison, Mamie Galloway, Susie Higgins, and Pilar Wolfstallar, juniors, Jill Masters, Shannon Nutter, Kirsten DeFelicce, and sophomores, Kathy Rafferty, and goalie Jen Smaltz.



Junior Charlie Fish (left) and sophomore Dave Cohn (right) play 2nd and 4th Singles respectively.



## Tennis hopes to ace league

First-year Coach McCarter is busy "getting people where they belong in the line-up." He anticipates a successful season, looking toward Henderson, Downingtown, and East as being the team's toughest competitors. The singles line-up consists of

Matt Bergey, Charlie Fish, Doug Pinto, and David Cohn. The tentative doubles line-up includes John Hewitt and Jon Snyder at first doubles, Jeff Chiappa and Sam Cupp at second doubles, and John McDonald and Mark Matje in the third doubles spot.

## Winter Track places at states

by Brendan Kirby

Several Great Valley runners fared well at the State competition on February 28. The girls' mile relay team of Susie DeRafelo, Tara Ford-Bey, Kate Gallagher, and Jeanne McFeely shattered their own school record with a time of 4:20.6.

Coach Carl Stoltz said that he was "pleased with the development of the girls' mile relay." This thought was echoed by McFeely who ran anchor. She was pleased that she ran her best time at States. However, she shared credit with the other members of the team. "It was an equal effort among the

group... I'm lucky to be running with experienced people."

DeRafelo, who ran the first leg of the race, finished in 65 seconds, only one second slower than McFeely, yet she felt that she "could have done better." She gave her running mates a great deal of credit as well. "Tara, Kate, and Jeanne all had their best times (at States)... I was lucky to run with them."

The boys' 880 relay team of Kevin Kelly, Todd Jessup, Clint Jackmon, and Martin Owens, placed eighth in the state. Stoltz said that he was "happy with the performance of the 800 meter relay team." Clint Jackmon added a third place medal

in the 60 yard dash. He was the only double winner for Great Valley.

Achieving a height of 12'6", Kurt Mueller finished fifth in the pole vault. However, he was disappointed with his performance. "I didn't care about where I placed," he remarked. "I was upset about the height, which was not as high as I wanted."

Pete Fera finished the mile in 4:36 and the 1000 meter run in 2:27. He was philosophical about the times by saying, "Although my time wasn't my best, it capped off a fine season and gave me a good start towards the spring season."

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