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# EDITORIALS

CONRAD'S FIRST PRIZE ESSAY

## Why I Speak for Democracy

Man has through the ages been a fervent seeker for more secure ways to rule himself. For a long period in his history he turned to the form of government we know as a monarchy or kingdom. But this proved, over hundreds of years, to be unsuitable. One of the first people to try a form of democracy were the Athenians. The Romans made a try at democracy also, but it was not a very long-lived or especially strong attempt. It soon turned into a dictatorship. The seventeenth century in England was an era of turbulence in which the British peoples brought into the open their long-smouldering desire for freedom, the basic ingredient of democracy. John Milton's impassioned words, "Give me liberty to know, to utter, and to argue freely, according to conscience above all liberties," express poignantly the spirit of this age.

Out of this era grew the American revolution and the establishment of a democratic government in the new nation. This new nation brought into existence and upheld a radically new idea in government, that the basic human rights of the people, to govern themselves and to be free in the pursuit of happiness, were mutually guaranteed by a constitution. This constitution was written following fundamentally the same idea expressed in Cicero's statement: "No state except one in which the people have supreme power

provides a habitation for liberty."

Now I have come to the two ingredients of democracy, namely: the people governing themselves, and each individual among the people being guaranteed the basic human rights, those of freedom of thought and expression, freedom of religion and freedom of choice. I believe pure democracy embodies these salient points.

We can see how it has taken many centuries, through painful progression, to arrive at this mode of government and a practical solution to the problems of living and working together as a group. Can what Churchill calls "the toll, tears and sweat" of generations be wasted? Has man reached, only to grasp a false doctrine? No! I firmly believe in and speak for democracy because it affords the individual protection in a social group and yet allows this group, though composed of many races of men, to work together peaceably and govern themselves.

Democracy means this to me, and yet more, it gives to me a feeling that I am a working part of my nation, not just a cog turned by the whim of government. It means to me that I can search for truth in my life without fearing that I will be molded into the thought patterns of others. In other words, it means to me that I am free, that I can live in liberty in a country of free men.

Yes, I speak for democracy.

### PLEASE BE QUIET!

One thing our civilization has developed more than any other is noise. To find a really quiet place is next to an impossibility. When you finally have gotten yourself dead in the middle of the Maine woods, along comes one of the newest supersonic jets and breaks the silence into a million jagged pieces. The situation may not be quite that extreme, yet in populated areas noise is a real menace. Most people don't realize it, but a large truck backfiring its way down the street can lower the working efficiency of those nearby as much as 40%.

Words are a great asset to our society, but they can also be a great hindrance to creative thought. Much of what we babble about is just plain "tiny talk" of no consequence. This unneeded communication garbles up much of our serious thoughts. This is not to detract from the importance of the word, as such, for it is probably the most important foundation of our civilization. However, to do good thinking and problem-solving we must use as much of our brain power as is available at the time. That is why extraneous noise, especially conversation going on close to you, is very detrimental. Part of your mind automatically follows the talk, leaving less to do the needed thinking.

The ability to disregard extraneous noise and attractions is called "concentrative proficiency," an ability in which most of us are sadly lacking. The only alternative for us, if we cannot concentrate, is to cut down on the noise and distractions, or else move ourselves and our problems to a better location. If neither of these things can be done, don't expect yourself to turn out a good piece of work — you won't!

## "FOUR MORE TEEN-AGERS SLAIN IN NEW YORK GANG WAR" "16 YEAR OLD BOY STABBED IN BACK"

This kind of headlines makes every one of us, whether strong or weak, shudder. What can be done about this? How can this type of teenage violence be prevented in our communities? We do not want this sort of headline in our papers. On the contrary, we want headlines which will show the goodness of our youth.

You may not be able to answer such questions as these, but YOU may be able to provide part of the help needed. YOU may be the one to set someone else straight.

How can adults do this and play an important part in the community? The answer is a simple one —

**GIVE THESE YOUTHS SOME CONSTRUCTIVE WAYS TO USE THEIR ENERGIES, KEEP THEM BUSY AND THEY**

**WILL NOT LOOK FOR OTHER MEANS OF EXCITEMENT.**

Such organizations as our school and church clubs provide for this. This is where STUDENTS come in. You are the ones who are needed to make these groups into decent and exciting groups.

Ask anyone who belongs to a school or church club and see if this person is the one you would like to emulate. Most likely he or she is.

We cannot urge you strongly enough to join these groups. Words cannot express the tremendous amount of satisfaction you receive from this type of work. You must experience it yourself and once you do, we feel sure that you will find it as gratifying as others already have.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Mar. 4th — Basketball game with Mt. Pleasant. Home After-game Varsity "C" dance
- Mar. — Conrad Parent-Teacher Association — 8:00 P.M. (Panel of students and parents will discuss specific teenage social problems. Moderator: Mrs. Samuel Handloff, President of League of Women Voters)
- Mar. 17-19 — Columbia Scholastic Press Association Convention in New York
- Mar. 18th — Lions Club recital—8:00 P.M.
- Mar. 19th — Junior Class dance
- Mar. 26th — Student Council dance
- Mar. 30th — Marking period ends
- Apr. 1st — Sophomore Class dance
- Apr. 2nd — P.T.A. Teen Dance 8:00
- Apr. 8th — Latin Club dance 8-11
- Apr. 11-18 — SPRING VACATION
- Apr. 22 — Smoke Signal dance
- Apr. 29 — Smoke Signal dance

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## HI-Y SENDS BOB BRIED TO AMSTERDAM

London, Paris, the Olympics in Rome, Switzerland, Belgium, Amsterdam, the Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany.

These are some of the places Bob Bried will visit next summer when he attends the YMCA World Youth Conference in Amsterdam, Holland.

Bob, a junior, is one of two students from the state of Delaware and one of 200 delegates from the United States, aged 15-18, with two years experience with the Young Men's Christian Association.

Bob is being sponsored by Conrad's Hi-Y of which he is Vice President.

The topics of the conference, lasting 10 days, August 3 to 13, will be War and Peace, and Youth and Authority, and the purpose is to promote an understanding between countries.

Funds are now being raised to help finance the trip.

## "CONRADIAN OF THE MONTH"

WILL BE PICKED BY COUNCIL

The meeting was called to order by President Anne Pearson, fifth period in the Auditorium.

Committee reports were as follows... So reads Secretary Linda Mitchell, marking the opening of another Student Council Meeting.

The Public Relations Committee, headed by Marcia Maulder, has received permission to broadcast the bulletin to all students in school over the public address system. There had been complaints that the bulletin in the home rooms.

Thus far, Anne Pearson and a few students on the committee have been so privileged, but by June many on the Student Council will have taken a turn on the "squawk box".

"Under old business" ... Doug Covey reported, after talking with Mr. Hinnerschetz, that it would not be possible to have a late bus that would leave school about 2:00 P.M. for those students staying after school for extra-curricular activities, because of the high cost involved.

"Turning to new business" ... The Student Council is now sponsoring an award called the Conradian of the Month. This award is intended for those students who do not otherwise get recognition. It is mainly for outstanding service and citizenship. The recipient will be selected by judging short paragraphs, written by any other student or faculty member, telling why the person should receive this honor. Student Council Members are ineligible.

"Respectfully Submitted,  
Linda Mitchell, Secretary"

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# Conradians Active in Junior Achievement

## ORGANIZATION OPEN TO HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS AND JUNIORS

The annual Junior Achievement Fair was held on January 27 and 28 at the Court House in Wilmington. At this fair the different companies displayed and sold some of their products, ranging from lamps to pins to litter bags. Also there were regular table lamps, clothes pin bags, ash trays, drinking glasses, stools, and jewelry.

Pictured here are some of the most interesting displays and activities at the fair—one of the top youth achievements in northern Delaware during this school year.



"Shangri-Lite" in production. L-R: Marie Fleischut, Bill Laemore.)



Left: Al Andrews holds '24 hour' signs house manufactured by the Jansco Company. In the background are Jansco Litter Bags.



Sheridan Scott shows prospective customer how the 'Shangri-Lite' actually works. Miss Scott announced the program for this company during the recent fair.

## DICKINSON - CONRAD TEACHER ASSIGNMENTS NOW OFFICIAL

The "top brass" at Conrad recently released a list of teachers and the school to which they will report next year. For the students who are curious, here's the list:

**John Dickinson:** Mr. Baird, Mrs. Black, Mr. Boyce, Mr. Briggs, Mr. Brown, Mr. Carbone, Mrs. Carmine, Mrs. Dill, Mr. Garfield, Mr. Gerald, Mr. Gilligan, Mrs. Goans, Mr. Gormley, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Keim, Mr. Kincald, Mrs. Long, Mr. Loucks, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Norman, Miss Rothwell, Miss Rowe, Mr. Cehadel, Mr. Simpson, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Thomas, Miss Veasey, Mr. Visnovsky, Miss Wiley, and Mr. Wood. The Dickinson nurse will be Mrs. Scott.

**Henry C. Conrad:** Miss Allen, Miss Burns, Mr. Casto, Miss Chilek, Mrs. Collins, Miss Conaway, Mrs. Currier, Miss Dawson, Miss Eipper, Mr. Hinnerschetz, Miss Jackson, Mr. Jones, Mr. Keay, Mr. Lacey, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Malin, Miss Miller, Mr. Morgan, Miss Morrison, Mr. Palermo, Mr. Panzetta, Mr. Peak, Miss Powell, Mr. Reist, Mrs. Richardson, Mr. Schulze, Mr. Smith, Mrs. Sullivan, Miss Swayze, and Mrs. Webber. The Conrad nurse will be Miss Albers.

It was also announced that the district may have to hire at least nine more teachers for the two schools for chemistry, physics, math, industrial arts, German, English, music, mechanical drawing classes, and for the library.

# PRESS CLUB STORMS NEW YORK, March 17

Gahan, Ellicott, Lincoln to Lead  
Round Table Discussions

As is its custom each year, the Conrad Press Club is sponsoring a field trip to New York City. All delegates have done outstanding work and have cooperated loyally with some phase of the school publications, the *Smoke Signal* and the *Conradian*. The delegates for this convention were selected on the basis of attitude, interest, achievement in journalism, service, and dependability. There will be 38 students attending the convention this year.

The main purpose of the trip is to take part in the annual Columbia Scholastic Press Association Convention at Columbia University. There will be discussion groups and other activities, some of which will be led by Conrad students. John Gahan and Samuel Ellicott, *Smoke Signal* co-editors-in-chief, will conduct a round table discussion on the news-magazine type of publication and Eugene Lincoln, photography co-editor, will speak on the way in which photography can be used to advantage in an off-set news-magazine like *Smoke Signal*.

Delegates will also see many interesting places in New York City, some of which are the Statue of Liberty, the Empire State Building, Rockefeller Center, the Hayden Planetarium, and a hit Broadway show. Also they will visit Radio City Music Hall and will stay at the Hotel Taft. The school supervisors will be Mr. Malcolm Baird, *Smoke Signal* sponsor; Mrs. Sara Richardson, *Conradian* sponsor; Mr. James Kincaid, business adviser; and Miss Mildred Morrison, head of the foreign languages department.

The delegates will leave Thursday, March 17, at approximately 7:00 A.M., and plan to return Saturday, March 19, at 8:00 P.M.

All concerned have expressed the hope that *Smoke Signal* brings home another achievement award this year.

## Skating Club

On Thursday afternoons between 1:30 and 5:00 you can go down to Princes Run Ice Rink and find about thirty-five to fifty Conradians ice-skating. They are all members of Conrad's skating club sponsored by Mr. William Moore and Mr. William Keay. The club has no officers since it is more of a recreational club.

All members get a reduced rate of 25¢ admission fee and 50¢ for skates if they don't have their own. Members may also get instruction from Miss Mills, a professional skater, at a reduced rate. Because the rink is only open at certain times, the sophomores cannot be included in the club. The club is open to anyone who wishes to join. Just be at Princes Run Ice Rink at 1:30 on Thursday afternoons.

# Save those Togas!



"Iter Philadelphium Secerunt ad videndum BEN HUR"

Have you ever walked by room 115 about two o'clock on the first Monday of any month?

No, you weren't seeing things because of your worrying about that next test. You did see Romans in their togas, or at least members of Conrad's Latin Club. Yes, the Latin Club meets in the Forum, sometimes known as Mrs. Richardson's room, monthly, and it's going strong, or as any true Roman should say "cum celeritate." Since its organization in November, the club's members, under the supervision of Mrs. Richardson, have joined the *Junior Classical League*, a national organization of

Latin students, and "Insi ducēs creaverunt," or for the less literate, "They have elected officers."

Although members try to maintain the classical tradition, I'm sure Julius Caesar would turn over in his grave if he knew that, "Iter Philadelphium fecerunt ad videndum Ben Hur," or in other words, "Philadelphiam ferunt ut Ben Hur videant," or if he should hear of an upcoming "Toga Hop" being planned by the group.

Oh yes, the Latin Club is keeping the memory of old Rome strong, and according to its members, who have very reliable sources, "Roma iterum surget!"



The 1960 Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow in our school is senior Gina Borinsky.

She received the highest score in a 50-minute written examination on homemaking knowledge and attitudes taken by 32 graduating senior girls. She will receive an award pin, manufactured by Jostens and representing the slogan, "Home is where the heart is". Her examination paper will be submitted for competition with other high school winners to name the state Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow.

The test, which was prepared and judged by Science Research Associates of Chicago, was taken by a record number of 379,018 girls in 12,597 schools, an increase of 29,868 girls and 337 schools over last year.

Total enrollment in the six-year-old \$110,000 scholarship program sponsored by General Mills has neared the two million mark (1,800,152 girls). Alaska and Hawaii are participating for the first time this year.

Each state Homemaker of Tomorrow will receive a \$1,500 scholarship and an educational trip April 23-29 with her school advisor. The tour will include New York City and Colonial Williamsburg and will culminate with the American Table Banquet in Washington, D.C., on April 28, at the Statler Hilton Hotel where the all-American Homemaker of Tomorrow will be announced. The runner-up in each state will receive a \$500 scholarship; the school of each state winner will be given a set of the *Encyclopaedia Britannica*.

The scholarship of the All-American Homemaker of Tomorrow will be increased to \$5,000. The second, third and fourth ranking Homemakers of Tomorrow in the nation will receive \$4,000, \$3,000 and \$2,000 scholarships, respectively.

# DICKINSON'S NEW COLORS, MASCOT, RING

## WHAT DO THEY MEAN?

As you know, the results of the voting of the juniors and sophomores attending John Dickinson next year were: Turquoise and White as the colors, the Ram for mascot and the ring style "number four".

Now we ask ourselves the question, "What do they mean?" School colors usually carry along with them some special meaning. Turquoise and White, besides being appropriate in that the paneling around the new school is turquoise, is very meaningful. White is often used to denote purity and honesty. Turquoise is a beautiful combination of blue, which stands for allegiance, vigilance, and justice, and green, denoting growth in mind and body and the spirit of youthful vigor.

The Ram is a distinctively different Mascot in that no other school in the state and only one college have adopted this as their mascot. The ram is an impressive looking animal with his long curling horns and muscular body and is significant of power and determination. One of the many undecided issues concerning Dickinson is the appearance of the mascot on school pennants, book covers, and decals. Lee Hauge and Sam Ellicott have been working with Mr. Carbone in connection with the *Smoke Signal* in an effort to design a suitable symbol. If you have any ideas other than those printed in this issue, please contact Pete Frederick in Room 205.

The exact design of the school ring is still indefinite, but the style will be that of ring number four in the display case. It will have an octangular cut stone with John Dickinson High School printed around the edge. On one side will be the school seals, but as we go to press, the other side has not been decided upon. One of the possibilities is that the school mascot and the date will appear on the other side. The reasoning behind this is that the school seal will represent the business and working side of school, the mascot representing the extra-curricular activities and fun in school, both of which are important in a well-rounded school. John Dickinson will mean something to everyone, whether it is the honesty, allegiance, and the growth represented by the colors, or the determination and power denoted by the mascot, or just the thrill of attending a new school.



Two Conrad Students have submitted these drawings as possibilities for the John Dickinson High School

## These were our people

No, I'm not out of my ever-lovin' mind. I'm just referring to some former Conradians who were our people. Do you ever long for the good ole' days when such people as CAROLYN SKIPSKI, TOM HANNA and SUE SKINNER roamed our hallowed halls? Well, I have a solution. Beg, borrow or steal (on second thought just beg or borrow) a 1959 yearbook, find a nice comfortable place to sit down and keep reading. Below are the whereabouts and happenings of some of Conrad's former leaders.

Anyone remember a shy SUE WILSON? Well, we know, for a fact, mind you, that she spends half hours on end chasing frogs around the biology lab at the University of Delaware.

Poor LIZ MITCHELL is having a terrible time at Delaware. It seems as though she keeps getting another Liz Mitchell's mail.

BOB BREWSTER reports Mr. Briggs would indeed be proud if he knew he blew up a lab experiment with a big bang and the professor ran out of the room!

Speaking of professors, SALLY HELWIG was telling me about those Delaware professors who ride bicycles to class, and CAROL DUNAI adds, she can't quite get over the way they come and go at will during classes. Also, Carol has the lead

in *Carousel*, being given by the University.

BILL CAMPBELL, a Delaware law student, regrets to say he lost 30 points by doing a right face instead of a left face on an R.O.T.C. test.

Speaking of R.O.T.C., STEVE CASARINO, also a Delaware man, tells us how he got five demerits before the semester started. How? Ask Steve.

BILL SOUTHAM has been the head of a clean up committee for one of the many shaving cream fights at the Delaware dorm.

WINNIE BUZINSKIS has been singing like a lark for the Delaware choir and the Madrigal group, a select group of singers.

You've all heard of absent-minded professors. Well, JACK CRELLING has one at Delaware who still hasn't told them his name!

Not all Delaware freshmen are cutting capers. People like LINDA JONES, LARRY PRATT, GEORGE FARRIS, TOM HANNA, and RALPH CICCONE can be labeled as typical freshmen.

We mustn't forget people like PAT HALL, at Delaware, and LORNA HOEHN in the University Aquatic Club, and GOLDA EBHART who watches her Delaware pals do exercises in the dorm halls.

MIKE MILLER is on the staff of the *Delaware Review* as a sports writer.



School Emblem. Suggestions and any revisions would be welcomed by the Junior Class Committee. See Pete Frederick.

If we had entered a Delaware girl's dorm during Freshman Week, chances are we would have seen PATSY HARPER crawling around the floor, with her mouth full of toothpaste, singing the Alma Mater.

BUDDY BRATTON, also a Delaware student, tells of a sports car rally in Pennsylvania when he went around a corner and had to be lifted out of a ditch by four fellows and put back on the road. (By the way, he has one of those foreign jobs.)

At a Goldey Beacom summer picnic RONNIE WOLF recalls the time when in an egg-throwing contest, he smashed an egg on JUDY BENNETT's head.

EDDIE SMITH, the Civil Air Patrol's summer exchange student to Norway, tells of his flight when an engine died and they had to make an emergency landing in Goose Bay, Labrador. Incidentally, he went swimming with HAROLD OPSAAN, Conrad's last year's exchange student from Norway.

ARLENE FUTTY, who is working at DuPont's Chestnut Run Plant, and WAYNE ROBSON, were in an auto accident together and started a four car chain reaction.

Also at Chestnut Run are ELOISE HORN, CONNIE MILLER, and MARY ANN GRAY. At Hercules is PEGGY MacGINNESS and BARBARA GREGG. SUE SKINNER, now engaged, also at Hercules, remembers how happy she was to be at Conrad's Christmas Dance to crown this year's Queen.

ELLEN OAT is working in personnel at Wilmington Trust Company.

Married and living in Boston is GLORIA LAMBERT.

Also married, and living in Carmel, California, is ELIZABETH BRISTOW. At Annapolis are RAYMOND GREHAWICK and the WILLS brothers. DONNIE WILLS is in the Bugle Corps and RONNIE WILLS writes home about the time he was running to formation when he managed to rip off the side of his uniform.

When we last heard from MEL WARNER at the Air Force Academy in Colorado, he reported there were only 164 days till summer leave and 1212 days till GRADUATION.

At the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, BRUCE CLINTON is looking forward to the eleven months at sea.

From Harvard University we hear how SIDNEY CLARK (*Smoke Signal's* former managing editor) was picked up by the police! (That's right!) It seems he was going the wrong way on a one way street—on a bicycle!

Senator Frear's principal candidate for Annapolis Naval Academy is RONNIE GREGG.

CLYDE PRESTOWITZ is on Swarthmore's football team while his friend, SAM SIMMONS, is in Harvard's Glee Club. Sam will never forget the time he was in his room alone when he heard a knock. In

answer to his "Come in," he was told to come out; the Crown Prince of Ethiopia was waiting to see him. At Sam's insistence for him to come in, the door opens and in walks who else but the Crown Prince of Ethiopia! He was making a tour of the University and wanted to see a typical freshman's room.

CAROLYN SKIPSKI, who is studying at Goldey Beacom, claims she has reformed and hasn't done a thing!

PEGGY LOU FORD at the Wilmington General Hospital tells of a reading session after hours in JILL CROWLEY's room, and how she had to sleep in the bath tub.

DEAN BALLANCE is also at the Wilmington General Hospital where she and DOTTY FUTTY dressed two life-like dolls in a very *bric-a-brac* attire.

Thus ends a few of the adventures of Conrad's fifty-niners. More alumni news should be sent to Deanie Crelling, alumni columnist.

## Conrad to give Festival Play

Again this year Conrad's active thespians will participate in the Delaware Dramatics Festival. The production dates are set as Thursday, March 24th and Friday, March 25th.

The Festival, in its eighteenth year, is a competitive event, held each spring at Mitchell Hall on the campus of the University of Delaware. The program, in its entirety, consists of the productions of some fifteen school theatres and five community theatres from all over the state of Delaware. Present at each performance is a well-known critic to give comments and advice to the would-be actors and actresses.

This year Conrad, under the direction of Donald F. Morgan, will present "Balcony Scene", a drama in one act. The play tells of a young man who attends his own funeral and learns much more after his death than he did in his entire life.

The cast is as follows:

Man.....	Bill Harlow
His Friend.....	Larry Kneisley
Mother.....	Lee Clark or Diane Lane
Her Daughter.....	Linda Ralph
Wife.....	Carol Colmery
Her Husband.....	Paul Lowden
Gangster.....	Alan Smith
Girl.....	Margaret Burns

The play will also be presented at two assemblies in order that both the A.M. and the P.M. sessions may see it.

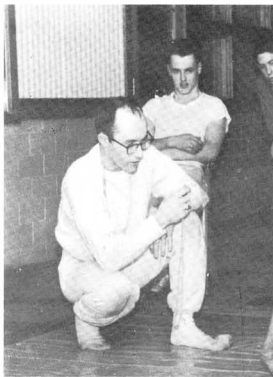
### The Rain Cloud

The rain cloud sat upon a hill,  
And shook his thunderous head,  
"Three counties to drench today,  
There's too much work," he said.

Bathing the forests and the fields,  
Keeping the ocean full,  
Plus fifty little brooks to feed,  
And I'm responsible.

Puddles for every lane and street,  
With rainbows on the side.

"It all depends on me," he gloomed,  
And almost burst with pride.



## TEACHER OF THE MONTH

### Mr. Brown

It can truly be said that Mr. George Brown is an all around person. In fact he is often considered the guiding force that keeps many of Conrad's extra-curricular activities going.

Conrad was old stuff to Mr. Brown even before he came to teach here, for, as many students can tell you, he wears a Conrad ring.

After finishing here in 1944, Mr. Brown joined the Army and served for the duration of World War II, on Okinawa as a supply sergeant. After his discharge in 1945 he returned to Delaware and attended the University, majoring in math and physics. He comes to us from the University via six years at Wilmington High School. His present term at Conrad will be ended, however, as with many others, when he goes to join the math staff at John Dickinson next fall.

At the present time he is coaching the wrestling team, one of Conrad's newest varsity sports. Mr. Brown admits that he has what he calls only a layman's knowledge of wrestling and is eager to have the team coached by a teacher with a more experienced background in wrestling. Two years ago he sponsored the still-growing Youth for Christ Club, and just last year helped get underway Conrad's first chess team and club. Despite these many activities, he found time, up until this year, to help out with the Hi-Y sports program.

Out of school Mr. Brown seems to keep just as busy. He places his home and

family at the top of his list in all respects and says that he must keep a careful watch on his activities to make sure that he doesn't get involved in so many things that he must neglect his home. His family consists of his wife, who is also a graduate of Conrad, and five children—four girls and a boy.

During the last year, while trying to improve the minds of his students, Mr. Brown is going ahead with his own self-improvement program. Taking a year's leave of absence from the Army reserve, Captain Brown is presently enrolled at the U. of D. where he is studying for his Master's Degree in Education with electives in math and guidance. The mere fact that he is not in a khaki uniform every week does not mean that military order has left his mind. He is now serving as Cubmaster of Cub Scout Pack #37, located at the Cedars Methodist Church.

In the summer when he flees Conrad's hallowed halls, Mr. Brown turns to outside work. He has for the last ten years been working for a civil engineer, where his math comes into full practice. His other summer activity is vegetable gardening, where a thumb worn white with chalk dust turns to a brownish-green hue.

At Dickinson High School during the next school year and the years following, Mr. Brown's willing guidance will go towards establishing high moral at the new school.

## Conrad Choir

The Conrad Choir has been as busy this year as it has in the past. Already they have made several appearances. During the Christmas season, their schedule included two assemblies and the Christmas concert here at school, as well as several other appearances.

At the moment the Choir, consisting of about forty Juniors and Seniors, is rehearsing for several coming engagements, including the State Choir Festival. The theme for these concerts is titled Music of Many Faiths.

Every Time I Feel The Spirit —  
 Negro Spiritual  
 Cherubim Song —  
 Church — Russian  
 Ave Maria  
 Roman Catholic  
 Song of Galilee  
 Hebrew  
 The Holy City  
 Protestant  
 An Easter Paean  
 Fred Waring Choir Series  
 Glory to God  
 Anthem

In late spring the choir is planning to take a singing tour of junior high schools. For this tour songs of a lighter nature will be chosen including "Danny Downbeat" and "Spooky the Ghost".

In addition to concerts, the Choir members have other outside activities. Early in the year they sponsored a dance and also a pizza party sock hop for choir members and their guests.

From what has been seen and heard so far it appears that this year may be well-remembered by the Conradian Choir and its audiences.

## Bowling Club

Every Wednesday at 1:30 the junior-senior bowling club of Conrad bowls at Price Lanes on the Kirkwood Highway. Because the sophomores are in school at this time, they bowl later after 5:00. In the junior-senior portion of the club, there are 18 teams of 5 each that bowl 3 games, and in the sophomore portion there are 11 teams of 3 each that bowl 2 games. The cost is at the reduced rate of \$.40 per game and the bowling shoes are free.

The faculty advisors are Mr. Stewart, Mr. Keay, Mr. Moore and Miss Veasey. The officers are Doug Covey-President; John Shew-Vice President; Lynne Hott-secretary; and Joe Dick-treasurer. Junior-Senior recorder is James Shrouds and for the sophomores is Steve Todd. The student organizer for the sophomores is Tom Hoefling.

Everybody is invited to come out and bowl in the club, since there are many open positions.



## There must be an easier way to catch a man

Now that leap year is upon us once more, we girls can engage in this favorite sport, the pursuit of the American male. This activity is very absorbing and furnishes many hours of enjoyment.

However, before we set out after our victims, there are several "tricks of the trade" which can make our hunting easier. One of the oldest artifices which has been handed down from mother to daughter for generations is eyelash-batting. Years ago girls were aided by the use of fans, but since they have gone out of style, we must rely on something more modern and close at hand, like our algebra book. There we are----sitting in math class, smiling bewitchingly from behind our book, waiting for him to turn around and----hold it a second! It might not look so posed if we placed our book right-side up! Yes, that's better. Now we're ready.

Our hero has just finished a problem on the board and is walking down the aisle to his seat when he glances over at us. This is our *Big Moment!* We begin to flicker our lashes, slowly at first, gaining speed gradually as he stands there staring. He must have been impressed because he's passing a note over to us. Eagerly we open it and read the familiar writing which says, "Have you been to the eye doctor lately?" What a letdown!

We are determined, though, and don't give up easily. We'll try another approach. We gather up all of our books into a big stack. If this doesn't look impressive, we borrow a few more from our friends. After school we wait outside his home room until he comes out. Then we "accidentally" drop all the books at his feet. He should certainly notice us now but it makes us pretty disgusted when he stumbles over the books, mumbles something that sounds like "Clumsy" and dashes down the hall to basketball practice. This is getting discouraging, but we won't give up yet.

Remember that book we saw him carrying around last week, the green one with the fish on the cover called *Skin Diving Made Easy*? Well, do we need it spelled out to us? His hobby must be skin-diving! We'll run over to the library right now and pick up all the information they have about it. Tomorrow we'll knock him over when he sees what an authority we are. What's that? So we don't know a snorkel from an aqualung. We can learn! We've got all night! What did you say? We've got a big history test tomorrow? Look what's more important--the Battle of Bunker Hill or our social life? Us, naturally! Now let's get busy with those spear guns and snorkels!

It's just after third period and he's coming down the hall toward us. Filled with information about diving and exploring the wonders of the deep, we stroll up to him and say, "I was out skin-diving in the bay yesterday and----"

"In the middle of the winter?" he looks at us amazed. That wasn't such a good

opening sentence we tried, was it?

"Oh, sure," we gulp, "I dive all year 'round. (If we're going to make a fool of ourselves, we might as well do it all the way.) It's a fascinating sport, isn't it?"

"Well, I couldn't say," he answers.

"Huh," we didn't quite catch that.

"I said I wouldn't know much about it. I've never tried." Now we're really confused!

"But....but that book you had," we stammer, "about skin-diving."

"Oh, that. It's for my little brother. I got it for him at the library. He had to make a report on it for the sixth grade. Well, I'll see you around." He gives us a wary look and hurries down the hall.

There we stand, bleary-eyed from reading about flippers and face masks all night, black and blue from yesterday when we picked up all those books in the middle of the after-school rush, and flunking history because of that 42 we got on the test. This is the end! We've had it! Oh, we've tried to be genteel and use all that centuries old trickery but no more! Now it's time for Our Method!

We run down to the gym and grab our favorite hockey stick. It's lunch period now and we lurk outside the cafeteria, waiting for him. We hear him coming now! We sneak up from behind, swinging our hockey stick, and POW! He's all ours and we can't wait to drag him off to the Sadie Hawkins dance Saturday night!

After all, it's Leap Year, isn't it?

## So you think you can outsmart 'em

Look out, fellas!!!! Run for your life!!!! In case you haven't looked at your calendar lately, Leap Year is here and you know what that means. The fate which annually plagues all the males in Dogpatch is thrust upon us only every four years and that's certainly enough. For at this time every female is plotting and training, hoping and working to catch a male to take to a Sadie Hawkins' Dance, such as last week's Bi-Y affair.

Now in order to assure not being caught, this situation must be thoroughly and systematically analyzed. You can divide all females into two types--the regular aggressive type, and the sly, cunning, conniving aggressive type.

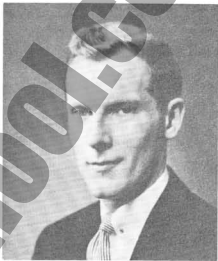
You can spot the first type a mile away --and usually get a good head start. Since the male is supposed to be the stronger and more swift of the species, you should naturally leave her miles behind. But the biologists evidently never saw an aggressive female in action! So run if you can --she won't stop till she's got you.

Type number two is harder to deal with. You've got to try to out-guess her. Ever try to out-guess a female? Your chances of being correct are one in a million--but in a game like this that is pretty good odds!

You can usually recognize some of the amateur attempts at striking up a friend-

ship. There is always a book-dropper, a hall-bumper, or a door-holder, (quite a switch from Emily Post's book) in every crowd. There are even some girls who will study for hours just to learn about a subject in which a boy is interested. So remember, be changeable.

These are only several ways in which a girl might try! So keep a sharp look-out and always remember----You're never safe (till you're caught).



MR. STEWART

Did you know that Conrad's newest faculty member is an alumni of Conrad? Mr. Donald M. Stewart, born in 1929, graduated from Henry C. Conrad High School in 1947.

If you think education is boring and dull, you'll change your mind after hearing about some of Mr. Stewart's travels.

He started out by getting his B.A. at the University of Delaware. After completing this course he won the Fulbright Grant to France and was sent to Paris, where he lived and studied at the University of Paris for nearly two years.

When he returned from France he attended Middleburg College in Vermont, where he received his Master's Degree.

Then on he went to Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, where he studied for a Ph.D. Degree.

Later he taught French and Italian at the University of Washington in Seattle. Soon after that he received the Ford Foundation Grant to British Columbia. Then he was off again.

This time Mr. Stewart taught French at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, Canada, for two years. He implied he often wondered what Alaska is like but that if it's anything like Vancouver, he feels they can have it. Mr. Stewart said that in Vancouver it only "rained 365 days in a year." (Take your slicker and rubbers along if you plan a visit.)

In 1955 Mr. Stewart finally finished his study and received his Ph.D.

The romance languages are his majors, and he knows quite a few very well.

Because Mr. Stewart lives close to Conrad he started substituting here last

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# SEVEN STUDENT PERSONALITIES

## INTRODUCING NOTABLE BUT NOT SO WELL KNOWN CONRADIANS



*Left - Patsy Houchin chats with a friend before classes begin in the afternoon for the sophomores.*

Recently the staff of *Smoke Signal* decided to develop a feature about Conrad students who do interesting things, but whom few know about. So three reporters went around checking and came up with seven students. One of two of them are probably well-known, but we feel that most of them are not.

First on the list is a small, dark-haired sophomore,

**PATSY HOUCHIN**, taking the academic course and whose favorite subject is biology.

You could, in all probability, count the number of Conradians living on farms on the fingers of your hands, but while counting don't forget Patsy; she is one of them.

Getting up at 8 o'clock to feed the sheep, going to school at 12:15 and returning home at 6:00 is a busy day for a sophomore, but Patsy finds time for her favorite pastimes: ice-skating, swimming, sewing, listening to Rock 'n Roll music, and Girl Scout activities. She also cares for three pets: a cat, a dog, and a goat.

Patsy came to Conrad from Brandywine Springs Junior High School. Prior to that she attended Marshallton School.

Like the majority of sophomores, Patsy does not like the split sessions. She feels an incompleteness in the order of things by not being able to observe and pattern herself after the upperclassmen. Of course, she means the best points.

Patsy is one of the few sophomores taking the New York trip with the Press Club.

Planning on furthering her education, after graduation from high school, by attending college, Patsy will major in the care and development of children.

Next is

**BARBARA JAMES**, a senior girl, taking the general course, who has been Conrad's stage manager since the end of her sophomore year.



*Right - Interested in music, Ralph Gindorf spends many enjoyable moments playing the organ.*



*Paul Lowden, the best known of our "Personalities," has organized his own quartet and soon plans to release some recordings.*

When asked why she enjoyed being stage manager, she said that, besides serving as a variation of activities, it gives her a good background in music and theatrics, and that it gives her a chance to meet interesting people.

Barbara, a member of the National Thespian Honor Society, was properties chairman for *Brigadoon*, and stage manager for all plays held since then, plus every assembly for the last two years—all completely volunteer work. During this period she has worked at every job backstage.

Her other main interest is animals, and she has developed the habit of bringing stray animals backstage.

She is a member of the ice-skating club, the Sock and Buskin Club, and was a member of the art club for two years.

After graduation she hopes to enter the engineering department of either DuPont or Bell as a tracer.

While interviewing Barbara James, we came across another interesting person,

**RALPH GINDORE,**

sophomore, who is taking the academic course.

Ralph's main claim to fame is in the field of music. When found by our reporters, he was practicing on the organ, which he plays quite well, although he has been playing for only a year.

Ralph has played clarinet in the band for 6 years, oboe for 1 year, saxophone for 3 years and piano for 3 years, making a grand total of 5 instruments.

Although he claims no other interests, it was discovered that he has been in the Civil Air Patrol for 1½ years, and is a member of Conrad's lighting crew.

Ralph is staying at Conrad next year

and, it appears at present, will be the only light man left in Cummings Auditorium.

Another notable Conradian is

**PAUL LOWDEN,**

junior, a talented musician of early and praiseworthy achievement, and, since last September, the head of his own professional group, the Paul Lowden Quartet.

Before the organization of the quartet, Paul worked with many professional musicians. During last summer he played a season's engagement with Bill Haley and the Comets at the Diamond Beach Club of Wildwood, New Jersey.

The coming summer vacation will find the Paul Lowden Quartet back "on the road". Paul says that the group plans to release recordings in the near future.

Paul's course at Conrad is academic; he finds that the major subject holding the most interest for him at present is American History.

Paul is deeply interested in dramatics, as his performance in the fall play, *Mrs. McThing*, will testify. He will appear again in the forthcoming Festival Play, *Balcony Scene*.

Paul has also attended the Delaware Art Center for several years, and enjoys painting in his free time. However, Paul's many activities have made free time almost a thing of the past.

He will remain a Conradian until graduation, after which he looks forward to attending the Curtiss School of Music to study classical music and jazz.

A student, who is also a barber, is

**TONY NARDO,**

member of the junior class, student in the general course, and part-time barber for a year. Each weekday afternoon (except Tuesdays) he can be seen playing his trade in Bill Webster's Barber Shop, next door to the Park Pharmacy on the Newport Pike.

Tony comes by the vocation of barber quite naturally, as it has been his family's occupation for several generations. He says he began helping his father around the shop "about as long ago as I can remember".

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*Tony Nardo, a member of the senior class, can be found afternoons working at Bill Webster's Barber Shop. A vocation he has acquired naturally, Tony hopes to parley it into a lifetime job.*



Personalities (cont.)

When Tony's father sold out to Bill Webster, who incidentally is a graduate of Conrad's class of '58, Tony was invited to start regular work in the shop.

Mr. Nardo now works in the field of writing music. While Tony does not play or write music, he shares his father's interest in it. He says that he enjoys rock 'n roll and jazz (modern) particularly.

When asked his favorite class, he replied, "Motor mechanics."

As for the future, Tony says that he plans to stay in his present line of work after graduation.

In addition we present:

**GINNY MACKEEAGE**

Junior, from Beaver High School, Beaver, Pennsylvania, (she entered Conrad the first of November), taking the commercial course with English as her favorite subject.

Although she has not joined any activities at Conrad yet, she participated in many at Beaver—Tams, Pep Club, Chorus, Band, Latin Club, and Girls Athletic Club, to mention just a few.

Her favorite sports are basketball, ice-skating and swimming. For hobbies, she likes collecting stuffed animals and listening to rock 'n roll music.

Split sessions are new to Ginny, but she likes having the afternoon off. It seems to make the day longer to acclimate herself to her new home, friends, and surroundings.

After graduation, Ginny hopes to attend a business college and train to be a secretary.

Last but not least is

**CRAIG BURDETT**

senior, enrolled in the academic course, who says that physics is his favorite subject this year. An unusually cheerful fellow, Craig always seems to find the humor in a situation and goes through his busy days with a smile.

Busy days? Evidently; for he is as active as he is jovial. One of his most-enjoyed activities is singing tenor in the A-Capella Choir, which sings at various churches, and puts on benefit performances at festival and variety shows. Craig is also a member of a Junior Achievement company, belongs to the Bowling Club and is one of the team captains, is secretary of the H-Y, and is one of the Methodist Youth Fellowship members. He enjoys building many types of scale models and is fond of sports. He likes to read, and especially enjoys books on science.

After graduation, Craig hopes to attend Juniata College in Huntingdon, Pennsylvania, to study in the field of chemistry. At present he is considering a future career in research chemistry.

So that winds up our little experiment in introducing notable but not so well-known people to the students here at Conrad. If you feel it was successful, we will repeat it in our next issue. You can indicate how you feel about articles of this type by placing a note in Mr. Baird's mailbox in the main office addressed to Student Personalities.



Left - Craig Burdett receives some helpful information from Mr. Brown while, above, Ginny Maceage catches up on some shorthand.



Barbara James gives some information to the lighting crew.



Russell Read, Mr. Firestone, Bill Spurlin

## Interview with an Actor

Conrad has long enjoyed a very active dramatics program, and we have received many plaudits for the quality of some of our plays. The budding actors here are always anxious to receive a little advice on how they can improve their acting. The staff of *Smoke Signal* is aware of this and also of the fact that most of the regular students have a strong interest in the doings of show people.

Accordingly, we at *Smoke Signal* decided that it would be a good idea if the paper could publish an account of how an established actor "broke into" show business, and give some of the advice that he would have to offer us here at Conrad.

A few months ago the show *Roman Candle* was playing at the Playhouse, and this presented a good opportunity to obtain an interview.

After a few dozen phone calls and the usual amount of "the run-around", we

(ED. NOTE: "We" means Russell Read, who conceived the idea, Bill Spurlin, Gene Lincoln and Mike Hall) were told that we could talk for a few minutes with Eddie Firestone, who played a perverted sergeant in *Roman Candle*.

After meeting Mr. Firestone, a slim, well-built man in his late thirties, we introduced ourselves and got down to business, the interview.

Here is some of Eddie's advice to young would-be actors.

First of all, start at an early age. Eddie entered show business at the ripe old age of eleven, when he was offered a part in a local radio show. "If you don't develop a real interest in dramatics at an early age, then you probably won't later."

"You shouldn't neglect any of your activities other than dramatics. Be well-rounded."

Eddie has always thought it especially

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year and on November 23 was employed as a permanent member of the faculty.

Mr. Stewart's interests are many and varied. He likes swimming and teaches an Adult Education Course in French Conversation for Y.M.C.A. in his own home. He likes tennis, and is often found bowling with our bowling teams at the Price Lanes. In the sports line Mr. Stewart was on Conrad's cheering squad when there were three boys and three girls.

Mr. Stewart's less strenuous interests are music and the Drama League. He played supporting roles in two major productions of the Drama League's, "Madame Will You Walk?" and "The Ithican." He likes music of all kinds and has played the piano and organ since he was 18. Although he enjoys popular and folk music, his favorite is classical, and Bach rates number one on his hit parade.

At present Mr. Stewart teaches U.S. History and Sophomore English. He plans to attend teachers courses in German this summer and hopes to teach it next year at John Dickinson High School.

important that everyone, not just an actor, should have a well rounded personality. Eddie never neglected his education; he attended college at Northwestern University. He has always been very interested in sports, especially swimming, basketball, and tennis. He played intramural basketball in college, and he was on several teams while he was in the Marine Corps. He was also on the tennis team in college. Eddie joined the Marine Corps when the war broke out, and for this reason he never completed college. He counts his service in the Marines as one of his most valuable experiences.

"Have as many profitable experiences as possible. "If you have considered acting as a career, you will be a better actor if you have had as much acquaintance as possible with life. Take almost any parts you can get in plays. Mr. Firestone said that if he hadn't "lived a little", he couldn't have done as good a job as he did in all of his parts.

When asked what he considered his favorite role, Eddie said that he definitely preferred his part in *The Caine Mutiny*, as a sailor who was caught with his shirt-tails hanging out, to any other, including his present part.

The play that he is in now, *Roman Candle*, is a farce on Army life. One of its characters, a girl with extrasensory perception—she reads minds and foretells the future—pursues a Colonel in the Army missile corps through a background of jokes on Army life.

As our time was about up, we left the dressing room where we had conducted the interview, and started down the backstage stairs. As we came out into the foyer, where our photographer was waiting, Eddie Firestone answered one last question: "What is your basic advice to newcomers to the stage?"

Eddie's answer quickly pierced the haze produced by the setting-off of flashbulbs. His answer: "EAT."

# Misfits vs. Nitwits

THE TWO CENTERS MEET IN THE MIDDLE OF THE COURT, AND RIGHT OFF YOU SORTA FORM A FAINT DIS-LIKE FOR ONE TEAM.



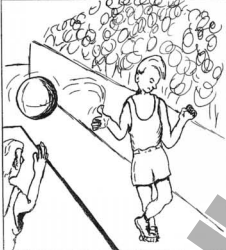
THEY GO UP FOR THE JUMP, AND THERE DEFINITELY SEEMS TO BE SOMETHING FISHY HERE.



THE MISFIT CENTER STRIDES UP TO THE FOUL LINE.



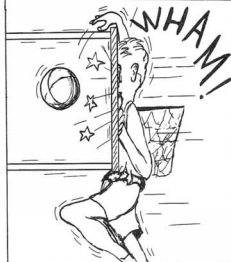
AS THE GAME PROGRESSES INTO THE 2ND QUARTER, THE "WITS" SEEM TO BE FAIRLY CONFIDENT.



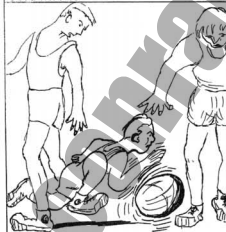
AND HERE'S THAT AMAZING NEW SENSATION! HE'S UNBELIEVABLY THE ANSWER TO A COACH'S DREAM! 11 FT. TALL!! FAST...SMART....



.... NEARSIGHTED.



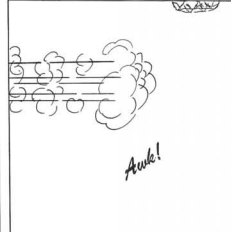
HEY, HERE COMES SCHWARTZ! LOOK AT THAT GUY GO! MAN, HE'S REALLY DETERMINED!



HE MADE IT THROUGH! HE'S UP FOR THE SHOT... AND....



.... THERE HE GOES !!



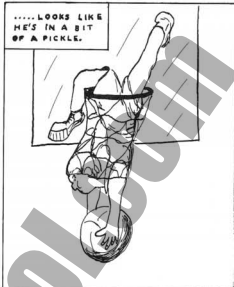
LOOKS LIKE SCHWARTZ HAS GOT SOMEWHAT OF A PROBLEM.



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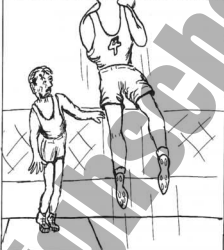
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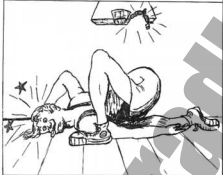
IN THE 3RD QUARTER, HAUTZ IS TRYING TO DRIVE THROUGH THE WHOLE NITWIT TEAM!



HE GOT THROUGH! BOY, THIS GUY'S REALLY GOOD! HE'S GOING UP! HE'S REALLY A HUSTLER... HE'S...



... GOT PRETTY BAD JUDGMENT.



LOOKS LIKE HAUTZ MAY NOT GET BACK IN THE GAME.



THE GAME'S REALLY BEEN MOVING! IT'S THE 4TH QUARTER, NITWIT'S LEADING BY 8 POINTS! 8 SECONDS LEFT! MISFIT FURD TRYING TO BREAK AWAY FOR A SHOT!



HE GETS IT OFF!

IT'S A FULL COURT SHOT! HE MADE IT!! WHAT ACCURACY! WHAT A GUY! WHAT A...



DUMBKOPE!! IT WAS THE WRONG BASKET! BOY, YOU HAVE GOT FEE!



COACH SEEMS TO BE A BIT DISAPPOINTED.

# Conrad's First Wrestling Team

## LEARNING THE HARD WAY

This year Conrad is joining the other Blue Hen Conference schools in forming a wrestling league.

Wrestling has been described as the least unspoiled way for a boy to prove himself. A wrestler must be in top physical condition when he matches his skill, strength, and experience against another wrestler. Any boy who has the determination and ability can turn into a good wrestler, as size is not important.

Conrad's team is coached by Mr. George Brown, who last year was sponsor of the wrestling club. The club last year had no varsity status but it did compete in several scrimmage matches. Conrad's team, led by Terry Comegys and Frank Van Luvanee, co-captains, is doing quite well considering the handicaps they have. All of the other competing schools have had two, and some three years of varsity competition. In a sport where experience is a great factor this is a tremendous handicap. The other set-back that has hurt the team is the unavailability of sufficient mat space. At the present time the boys are working out in one-quarter the required amount of mat space.

According to Coach Brown the boys

have shown a tremendous will to win, and he feels that after they get more experience they will surprise a great many other teams.

A wrestling match consists of ten contests of the best wrestlers in each weight class, and as many extra exhibition matches as possible. The following boys make up this year's wrestling team:

103 lb. — George Walton, Norman

Wright, Gene Bishoff

112 lb. — Larry Zill

120 lb. — Dino Kusuma

127 lb. — Bucky Wallace, Lester Kerstetter

133 lb. — Mike Downs, Jim McKelvey, Jim Moreland

138 lb. — Joel Weaver, Rich King, Al Sheppard, Jack Fulmer

145 lb. — Terry Comegys, Bob Fox

154 lb. — Frank Van Luvanee

165 lb. — Doug Toland, Al Woodward, Tom Hogate, Jon Rohrer

Unlimited — Gene Gooding, Russ Rouh

The team will participate in the Blue Hen Conference Meet, March 3 and 4 and in the State Meet, March 10 and 11. This being the first year, the team needs more backing; so, if possible, plan to attend the next match and support Conrad.



*Van Luvanee struggles for a hold.*

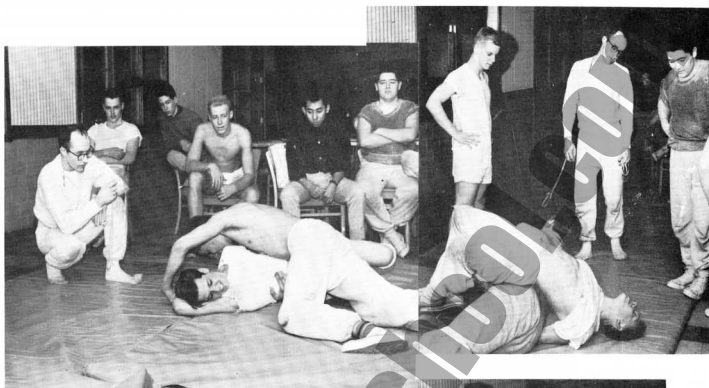


*(Above—Comegys and Van Luvanee demonstrate a new grip.)*



*(Left—Toland and Van Luvanee circle, looking for an opening.)*





*Above - Larry Zill and Powell train under the watchful eye of Mr. Brown.*

*Below - Joe Weaver and Dick King practice hard on the mats.*



*Above - Terry Comeys and Tom Hogate shake hands, preparing for their bout. All Blue Hen Conference meets must begin in like manner or are disqualified.*

# HERE WE GO AGAIN!

## Boys' Varsity Basketball

Bar the gate, men, here come the Redskins! Yes, again this year, the talented members of the basketball team still have the knack of winning ball games. Our team is playing at a .750 clip, winning nine out of twelve, and in the Blue Hen Conference, .889, winning eight of nine — as of press-time.

The Redskins' high men, so far, are Pete Cloud, currently leading the entire state in scoring, Ed Cihocki, and Mike Brown. After these three come an array of players with fairly balanced scoring. Pete has scored over thirty points four times so far, getting his season's high of thirty-eight against A.I. DuPont. The team as a whole is a cinch to crack the thousand point mark once more, needing only 188 points in six more games. We are outscoring our opponents by eleven points, 68-57, on the average.

In the Blue Hen Conference, Conrad is wrestling with Mt. Pleasant and P.S. DuPont for the lead. Mt. Pleasant has been the only conference team to inflict a loss on us, and that by a 59-58 score.

On our three ventures outside the conference we were defeated twice by Salesianum but we romped over A.I. DuPont.

Conrad has been playing without the services of Jim Barger. Jim had thirty-nine points in five games before becoming ill.

Since this is Coach James Davis' first year at Conrad, he deserves much credit for turning out a fine team.

## BOY'S J. V. BASKETBALL

The J.V.'s are playing almost as well as the Varsity, percentage-wise. As of press-time, they have won seven and dropped five. The boys, under the direction of Coach Wood, have run up some very high scores this season, including seventy-eight against DeLaWarr. Their defense has been excellent, too, as shown by the night they gave Brandywine only eighteen points for the entire game.

This year's team includes: Kenny Wallace, Wayne Hanson, Ray Sneath, Buzz Cooke, Dave Lebert, Bill Taylor, Jim Gregg, Tom Spain, Vernon Toulson, Wayne Blackway, Mat Lygate, Jay Parthemore, Ron Spurlock, Jim Higgins, Dick Scarborough, Kenny Thompson, and Danny Mahan.

Two of the boys, Tom Spain and Kenny Wallace, have also played for the Varsity this year.

The J.V.'s have always put on a good show and gone all out for victory. Some good examples are their 60-59 victory over P.S. DuPont and their 63-61 win over Wilmington High.

### Final Scores

Conrad	—30	Conrad	—63
Salesianum	—42	Wilmington	—61

Conrad	—56	Conrad	—34
Brandywine	—18	Mt. Pleasant	—62
Conrad	—36	Conrad	—39
DeLaWarr	—39	Salesianum	—57
Conrad	—60	Conrad	—42
P.S. DuPont	—59	A.I. DuPont	—33
Conrad	—58	Conrad	—78
Newark	—32	DeLaWarr	—52
Conrad	—56	Conrad	—55
Wm. Penn	—34	Brandywine	—48

# Mr. Davis

## HEAD COACH FOR 1960

## BASKETBALL SEASON

Mr. James Davis is new at Conrad as a coach and as a teacher. He comes to us from West Virginia where he was on the varsity basketball, baseball, and football teams at the West Virginia Institute of Technology. This is his tenth year as a basketball coach but his first year in Delaware. He previously coached at the Buffalo High School in West Virginia.

"From what I've seen so far, we stand a good chance of winning the conference," says Mr. Davis. But he made no predictions on coming conflicts and said that any of the teams have a chance to beat us.

All the teams and coaches in Wilmington are new to Mr. Davis and this causes difficulties. Until the game is started, he doesn't quite know what to expect.

Man-to-man defense and the fast-break are this year's standard strategy for the Redskins.

"At the end of the season the players are to choose the captain," explained Mr. Davis. During the season the boys are usually given two chances to be acting captain at one home game and one away game. Then at the end of the season they vote.

What happens when the team is split next year?

"You can't tell. One team might have all the good players or it might have no experienced players at all. We will have to wait and find out next year."

## Home away from Home

This year many more Conradians have been able to enjoy our basketball team's success. All during last year's season, Conrad's gym was packed to see the championship team in action. This year, with our team again playing like champs, the first several home games were sold out and many Conrad fans were turned away. For this reason, the remaining home games were played in Salesianum's gym, which has a capacity of 2100. Mr. Long said that the chief reason for the change was to make it possible for all Conrad's followers, students, parents, and interested members of the community, to attend the games without having to wait in long lines or sit in cramped bleachers. The reason we are using Sallies' gym instead of some other school's gym is that a few years back, before Salesianum had its new school, its basketball team used Conrad's gym. Most Conradians are pleased about this arrangement, for now we all can enjoy the games much more.



### FIRST SEMESTER PRINCIPAL'S LIST

(These students have received all A's or all A's and one B in major subjects)

#### SENIORS

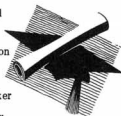
Barbara Greenwell  
Joyce Ryan

#### JUNIORS

Joseph Cavalier  
Michael Davitt  
Joan Lange  
Joann Mansfield  
Susan Vieth

#### SOPHOMORES

Jonathan Bragdon  
Joan Carew  
Ann Garrison  
Judy Hornby  
Susan Kaimbacker  
Steven Lucas  
Kenneth Maclary  
Christine Manning  
Susan Missimer  
Ruth Soltroff  
Henry Stewart  
Joan Theobald  
Carol Whitmarsh  
Mary Young



### CONRAD'S ONE MAN SWIM TEAM

Leonard Bird, lanky Conrad junior, won the 400 yd. free style and placed third in the 100 yd. butterfly in the Delaware interscholastic Swim Meet held at the University of Delaware's Taylor Pool in Newark. His time in the 400 yd. freestyle was 1.4 seconds slower than the state record for that distance. As the only swimmer representing Conrad, Leonard beat four teams and single-handedly tied P.S. duPont't and Sallies' strong swim teams. As a member of the Y.M.C.A.'s swim team, he has traveled to Colorado Springs, Colorado to compete in the National Swim meet. He has also won contests in the State Open and the State Outdoor meets.

### BOYS' VARSITY SCORING AS OF FEB. 15

	Games	Points
Cloud, Pete	12	312
Cihocki, Ed	12	152
Brown, Mike	12	106
Cole, Ernie	11	64
Shew, John	12	60
Barger, Jim	5	39
Bianco, Ron	10	33
Coney, Joe	12	24
Lautenklos, Charlie	11	11
Dabson, Wayne	7	9
Short, Larry	10	2
Wallace, Kenny	2	0
Spain, Tom	1	0

### BLUE MEN CONFERENCE

	8 Won	Lost
Conrad	8	1
Conrad	8	1
Mt. Pleasant	8	1
P.S. DuPont	8	1
Newark	4	5
Brandywine	2	7
Wm. Penn	2	7
Wilmington	3	6
DeLaWarr	1	8

### FINAL SCORES

Conrad	-52	Conrad	-66
Salesianum	-77	Wilmington	-49
Conrad	-83	Conrad	-58
Brandywine	-38	Mt. Pleasant	-59
Conrad	-59	Conrad	-56
DeLaWarr	-56	Salesianum	-71
Conrad	-75	Conrad	-90
P.S. DuPont	-66	A.I. DuPont	-57
Conrad	-82	Conrad	-73
Newark	-54	DeLaWarr	-58
Conrad	-67	Conrad	-51
Wm. Penn	-51	Brandywine	-49

### KAREN ELLIS CAPTAINS GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM

The girls' basketball team, captained by senior Karen Ellis, while not spectacular in the win-loss column, played good ball this year. Out of six games, they won two and lost four. The game scores were as follows:

Conrad 24	-	Brandywine 39
Conrad 50	-	Middletown 12
Conrad 36	-	A. I. DuPont 38
Conrad 44	-	Mt. Pleasant 49
Conrad 47	-	Newark 29
Conrad 37	-	Wm. Penn 43

#### Individual scores

Carol MacDonald	130
Nancy Corrie	45
Phyllis Boulden	32
Leta Martin	22
Judy Maxwell	5

The varsity squad consisted of seven seniors and two juniors.

The seniors were forwards Nancy Corrie, Phyllis Boulden, Carol MacDonald and Leta Martin, and guards Karen Ellis, Alice Watts, and Paulette Bailey. The juniors were Barbara Wicks and Judy Maxwell.

The junior varsity, consisting of eleven juniors and several sophomores, fared better, with a record of four wins and one loss. Their game scores were as follows:

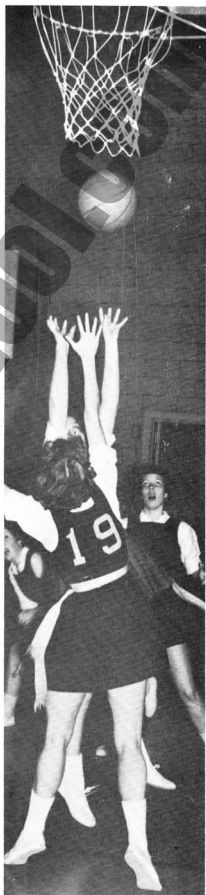
Conrad 21	-	Brandywine 6
Conrad 39	-	Middletown 8
Conrad 22	-	A. I. DuPont 15
Conrad 7	-	Mt. Pleasant 14
Conrad 26	-	Newark 15
Conrad 23	-	Wm. Penn 15

The eleven juniors were forwards Faye Ellington, Judy Rice, Judy Maxwell, Shirley Flowers, Elaine Sheppard, and Joan Lange, and guards Joan Gooden, Linda Chillias, Gloria Faye Smith, Diane Cunningham, and Kay Kemske.

The most active sophomores were forwards Alice Hitchens, Joan Corrie, Jean Brooks, Wilma Harrington, and guards Nancy Raymond, Joyce Buckworth, Linda Grehawick, Gerry Finan and Ann Harvey.

Next year's team will depend largely on these girls, as all but three of the present juniors will be going to John Dickinson.

Miss Doris Eipper, who coached both teams, has every reason to be proud of these girls.



**FLASH!!**

**CONRAD CHESS TEAM SEEKS MEMBERS**

The Conrad Chess Team, coached by Mr. George Brown, is in need of players. Anyone who plays chess, be he (or she) - yes, girls play chess) a senior, junior, or sophomore. Those interested in joining can either see Mr. Brown in room 208 or leave him a note in his mailbox.

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