

# SMOKES SIGNAL



## Mr. Troutman Announces Fine Points In Building Plans

Final details for the renovation and enlargement of Conrad High School are now being drawn up. A new gymnasium is high on the list of new additions along with new science laboratories.

The new gym will be divided into three individual teaching stations. In order to encourage school spirit at indoor athletic competitions, the seating capacity will be 1,025 persons. The boys' shower room will contain 20 shower heads. In addition to the 20 shower heads in the girls' shower room there will be two individual booths. There will also be a drying room for uniforms and equipment in each locker room. For the convenience of the gym instructors, there will be an office adjoining each locker room.

In the science department there will be two chemistry labs with a capacity of 28 pupils each.

A new physics lab will be built plus a practical science lab. The old chemistry and physics labs will be converted into a new biology lab.

Graphic arts including printing will be provided for in the shop area. A new drafting room and a dark room will be built for blueprinting and developing of photos. The present wood shop will be converted into a metal shop.

In order to consolidate the administrative and guidance departments, a new guidance area will be located where classrooms 202 and 204 are now found. The guidance area will consist of three individual counseling booths, an area for group testing, and a large reading area containing pamphlets and college catalogues.

A new assistant principal's office will be built adjoining the principal's present office. The assistant principal's old office will be eliminated to provide for more office space. A work office for mimeograph and ditto machines will take the place of the teacher's conference room.

The renovated girls' locker room will contain the student store and infirmary. Dressing rooms for the dramatics department will

take the place of the present infirmary.

We as future alumni of Conrad will find a bigger and better school in this community soon because of an increased interest in athletics, science, and mechanical arts.

### Math Contest Winners Chosen

Mathematics tests are given annually here at Conrad to academic math students in the sophomore, junior, and senior classes.

The first type of test is sponsored by the University of Delaware for the sophomores. Roger Suro was the first place winner this year. Besides high academic work, Roger was manager of the football team and a member of the junior varsity basketball team. Runners-up were Rodney Chronister and Mary Jane Simmons.

A second type of test is given for the junior and senior math students jointly by National Mathematics and the Society of Actuaries. Heribert Hoefler, our foreign exchange student from Austria and a member of the National Honor Society, was this year's winner of this contest. Jo-Ann Mansfield and Bob Fisher were the runners-up.

Pins of merit will be awarded to the winners at the end of this school year.

### Seniors in German Contest

Seniors Frank Lawrence and Dennis Holton represented Conrad High School at the all-state German Contest held at the University of Delaware recently (March 10). These students competed with 45 other second-year German students from Delaware for a national prize (trip to Germany) and a local prize (\$100 scholarship to the University of Delaware). The contest took the form of a two-hour examination in both oral and written German. The contest was sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of German.



The cast is caught during a comical moment.

## Lawyer Lincoln Commended At Delaware Play Festival

Conrad's Sock & Buskin Club has won high commendation from the Critic Judge of the recent Delaware Play Festival for its presentation of the one-act comedy **Lawyer Lincoln**.

Doctor L. Howard Fox, Chairman of the Department of Speech and Dramatics of Montclair State College, Montclair, New Jersey, was the Critic Judge for this year's Festival. The duty of the Critic Judge is to give constructive criticism of each production, and make awards to those actors and casts whom he feels have delivered outstanding performances.

Doctor Fox commended the cast of **Lawyer Lincoln** for "the infectious spirit of fun" with which they presented the comedy, as well as for the choice of the play. He awarded a Certificate

of Merit to the entire company—director, cast, make-up crew, costume designers, and all connected with the production—for the "general excellence" of the performance. To Bill Harlow he awarded a Certificate in praise of his comical and "consistent" portrayal of the typical "country bumpkin" character.

The Delaware Play Festival has been held annually for nineteen years at Mitchell Hall on the University of Delaware campus, the home of the E-52 University Theatre. Seventeen high school dramatic clubs, plus several community theatre groups, participated in this year's Festival, held March 23 and 24. Conrad has the honor of being the only high school taking part in this Festival which had participated in all eighteen previous Festivals.

### Won't Be Long Now

Members of the senior class are busy distributing and exchanging name cards, deciding to whom to send announcements, getting measured for caps and gowns, and in many ways filling the halls of Conrad with the atmosphere of graduation.

## April Calendar

Date	Event	Place
10	School re-opens after Easter Vacation PTA meeting Safe Drivers League Tour to General Motors Golf game—Brandywine at Conrad	Hercules
11	Safety Assembly	
14	Golf game—Conrad at Dickinson	Cavaliers
15	American Field Service Dance (8-11 P.M.)	Gym
17	Golf game—Conrad at Wilmington High Trackmeet with Newark	Green Hill
18	Report cards to students at close of school Softball game with Mt. Pleasant	Conrad
19	Lions Club Organ Recital	Auditorium
20	Trackmeet with Wm. Penn	
21	Golf game—P. S. DuPont at Conrad Band Concert (8:30 P.M.)	Hercules
22	French Club Dance (8-11 P.M.)	Gym
24	Golf game—Conrad at Mt. Pleasant Trackmeet with Mt. Pleasant	DuPont
25	Softball game with Dickinson All Sports Banquet (6:30 P.M.)	Conrad Cafeteria
27	Band Banquet (6:30 P.M.) German Club Dinner (6:30 P.M.)	Home Ec. Room Cafeteria
28	Golf game—A. I. DuPont at Conrad	Hercules
29	Tennis Club Dance (8-11 P.M.)	Gym

### AFS Dance in Future Offering

Cielo Burce and Heribert Hoefler will be the hostess and host at the annual AFS Carnival. The top 50 records will be played by our own Bill Harlow. To add to the entertainment, there will be concession stands such as "weight guessing," "fortune telling," "ring tossing," and "booth kissing" (new game). There will also be a refreshment stand. Foreign exchange students from Norway, Brazil, Japan, Sweden, France, Germany, Denmark, and South Africa to entertain during the course of the evening. Don't miss this exciting event!

### Sports Banquet To Be Held

Conrad's annual All Sport's Banquet, sponsored by the Christiana Hundred Lions Club, will be held this year in the cafeteria on April 25. The Banquet, held exclusively for all those participating in sports on any level at Conrad during the year, has always been a great success with speakers from the Phillies, the University of Delaware and many other sports organizations. This year's speaker will be Chuck Bednarik of the Philadelphia Eagles. The dinner is free and all those invited will receive invitations within a few weeks.

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## Editorials

### GONE, BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

It seems that by the time *Smoke Signal* goes to press current events that were once noteworthy are no longer in the limelight and are therefore forgotten. The subject of this editorial falls into that category, but we decided to go ahead and to remark about it anyway.

Student Government Day was, in our estimation—and for seniors that goes back three years—conducted in the best way ever. Student teachers were chosen fairly and they seemd to have handled themselves well. Each was aware of his subject matter and tried to present it in an interesting manner, which was more often than not accomplished. But that is only half the story. The students are the other part. And they came through just as well, for without their cooperation the whole thing could have been just one big mess. We know of no reports of unattentive or so-called "rowdy" classes. Each class seemed to try to please just as much as the student teacher was trying to make the period pleasing. All in all it was a fine blending. Perhaps it was the general meeting beforehand of the student teachers, the briefing sheets they received, and the help of each teacher that brought about this success, but, whatever it was, it worked.

We of *Smoke Signal* just wish to thank everyone concerned for his help and to express our wishes that this same spirit will continue in ensuing years so that the tradition of Student Government Day may long continue.

### THE TAXPAYER'S LAMENT

Two score and eighteen years ago our fathers brought forth upon this nation a new tax, conceived in desperation and dedicated to the proposition that all men are fair game. Now we are engaged in a great mass of calculations, testing whether that taxpayer or any taxpayer so confused and so impoverished can long endure.

We are met on Form 1040. We have come to dedicate a large portion of our income to a final resting place with those men who here spend their lives that they may spend our money. It is altogether anguish and torture that we do this. But in a large sense, we cannot evade, we cannot underestimate this tax. The collectors, clever and sly, who computed here, have gone far beyond our poor powers to add and subtract.

Our creditors will little note nor long remember what we pay here, but the Bureau of Internal Revenue can never forget what we report here. It is not for us, the taxpayers, to question the tax which the government has thus far so nobly spent. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us—that from these vanishing dollars we take increased devotion to the few remaining; that we here highly resolve that next year will not find us in the higher income bracket; that this taxpayer, under-paid, shall figure out more deductions; and of the people, by the congress, for the government, shall not cause solvency to perish.

### Science Fair To Be Held

In a short time the annual Science Fair will roll around once more. This fact can be easily recognized here at Conrad as this year's entrants work madly to complete their projects.

Naturally everyone can't be a winner as was Conrad's Jonathan Bragdon last year, but we know that everyone will do his best to represent our school well.

Members of the *Smoke Signal* Staff wish this year's Conrad entrants the same good luck as Jon had last year. Everyone in the Conrad student body as well as the faculty extend the same good wishes.

Those students submitting projects to this year's Science Fair, being held April 12-15 at Tower Hill School, are as follows: Howard Brooks, Jean Brooks, Robert Hogan, Barbara Marvel, Michael Norris.

### "Y-Teens" to Hold Fashion Show

The Conrad "Y-Teens" are holding a Fashion Show, Thursday night, April 20, 1961, from 7:30 to 8:30. It is being held at Conrad in Cummings Auditorium. Fashions to be shown are ball gowns and spring fashions. The gown are being appropriated by Renzi's Bridal Shop on Delaware Avenue and the spring clothes by Teen Towne on Delaware Avenue. The commentary will be done by

Miss Delaware herself, Miss Deborah Benoit. The show is being directed by the club's adviser, Mrs. Mae Mansfield, who is also fashion designer. All members of the club will participate. Student tickets may be purchased for seventy-five cents and adult tickets for one dollar. Music for the show will be played by Lee Mitchell and refreshments will be served during intermission.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

Many of the students are glad because the school discontinued the smoking lounge. In most people's minds it is senseless to have one. Smoking on school property reflects upon the school. People see the students outside in groups smoking, and think it is a disgrace. And do you blame them? Parents say the school is

boasting smoking. Many of the students and teachers are against the smoking lounge. Some students are even embarrassed to go outside and smoke because they know it does look bad. So why have a smoking lounge? We want people to have respect for Conrad. Hurrah! it's gone.

Signed,

E. H.

### Remember When?

These are past headlines of *SMOKE SIGNAL'S* past ten years:

- 150 Graduate Friday—June, 1951
- Steel Allotted for New Auditorium—October, 1952
- Redskins Surprise Sallies with First Win of Season—October, 1952
- Marie Grier Names Conrad's First Newspaper—October, 1950
- Globe Trotting Nurse Settles Down at Conrad—May, 1951 (Miss Albers)
- Milville Plows Thru to 27-7 Win
- Blueprints for 1955 Addition Now in Planning Stage—October, 1956
- Twirlers Add Red Crinoline, New Routine—October, 1954
- Smoke Signal Wins Second Place at Press Convention—April, 1954
- Carnival Set for February 20th—January, 1954
- New Physical Education Teacher has Wide Experience in Sports World "Cal" Wood—January, 1954
- Wanted: A Name for Our Indian—January, 1954 (Did they name it?)
- Getting Acquainted with B.B. (That's Basketball not Bardot)—January, 1952
- Girls Varsity Hopes for 5th Record Smashing Basketball Season January, 1954 (42 Victories in a row)
- A Salute to Mr. Cummings—June, 1956
- Referendum Squeaks Through, Second High School Gains Approval, October, 1957
- Yellow Jackets—Here We Come—November, 1956
- Baird, Brown Revive Hi-Y—November, 1956
- Buchanan New D.S.E.A. Head—November, 1956
- Jay Hinnerscheetz Voted Best Teacher—June, 1955
- Jerry Blackway Named Delaware's Athlete of the Year—March, 1957
- Driver Education Course Proves Its Worth—April, 1956
- A.F.S. to Send First Conradian to Europe this Summer—March, 1957
- Conrad Above Average—67% of Boys Pass Physical Fitness Tests.
- Broadway Comes to Conrad With Presentation of "Brigadoon"—April, 1958
- Trackman Places Second in State—June, 1953
- Personalities: Conrad's Big Five in Basketball—Nate, Pete, Charles Miek, Wayne—January, 1959
- Lee McMaster and Mike Brown Represent Conrad On Gridiron—February, 1959
- Bob Fisher's Brother Dino—February, 1959

Do these headlines bring back past memories. If they don't to you, why not ask your older friends and parents.

### Conrad P.T.A. Plans Scholarship

The executive committee of the Conrad High School Parent-Teacher Association announced plans to establish a scholarship fund.

This will be the only major fund raising effort of the P.T.A. this year. It will be held in the school on May 3, and will include

a dinner, a bazaar, entertainment, and a dance.

Tentative plans for the scholarship provide that it will be a cash award to academically qualified students on the basis of need. It also provides that the student or students chosen must go to the University of Delaware.

### A Dissertation on Dogs and Cats

I think it's pretty safe to say that, at least in our part of the world, the cat and the dog are the two kinds of animals that people know best, and they're certainly the leading household pets in the United States.

The cat and the dog each have their own large following of enthusiastic, noisy, and sometimes antagonistic human admirers. Cat-lovers and dog-lovers will probably argue forever about the relative merits of the cat versus the dog as they have been doing for many long years.

I personally am a dyed-in-the-wool admirer of cats, and though I have nothing against dogs, I do prefer the company of cats. Before we go any further, however, I'd like to tell you about an old Palestinian legend that offers an explanation why cats and dogs, as everyone knows, don't always get on too well together.

This legend has it that once upon a time, many ages ago, a duty was assigned to each and every animal on earth except the cat and the dog, who were excused from work because of their respective virtues of cleanliness and faithfulness. A written document was given to them, which they could show if anyone tried to make them work. The dog took charge of it and buried it with his old bones. But the horse and the ox, were jealous because they too had virtues and had not been given any dispensation from work. So they bribed the rat to burrow underground and to destroy the document. Since this took place, the dog has been chained for his carelessness and the cat has never forgiven him.

Ever wonder how many cats there are in the United States? Nobody really knows. Various organizations and individuals have estimated that there are fifteen million, fifty million, and a hundred and fifty million cats. As you can see, this proves only that there are great numbers of cats. One writer on the subject has said that "for every dog that has a home, at least three cats share food and fireside. Then there are the free-lance cats who go on their own way and who earn their own living. You can't very well estimate their number, since all cats are potentially alley cats, and any alley cat is potentially a pampered pet, and their status shifts from day to day. And also we have working cats, wha go to sea in ships, for example, or who earn their living in stores, warehouses, and on the farm.

How did cats, and dogs for that matter, ever come to take up with people in the beginning, anyhow? Well, it was pretty much this way: In prehistoric times

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## SPORTS SHORTS

### Golf

With the return of just one veteran, Bob Bried, Conrad's golf ranks fortunately are filled with sophomores. Since most of these boys are novices in the sport, we cannot anticipate a too successful season. This coupled with the fact that inclement weather has not permitted practice is enough to discourage anyone, but not so with Mr. Hinnerscheetz, the coach, and his proteges. They know that their chances for a winning season are slim, but they also know the experience they gain this year should prove worth while. Within the next two years Conrad's golf team should be on top.

Bob Bried, who holds the number one spot, Clay Will and Don Willis are the seniors on the team. The juniors are represented by William Corrigan, a young man with good chances of holding down the number 2 spot. Sophomores William West, John Maloney, Roger Suro, and William Taylor complete the team. It is in these sophomores that Conrad places the hope of a winning within the next two years.

### Baseball

Conrad High School will open its boys' baseball season against William Penn on April 11, at 4:00 P.M. The game will be played at home. Last year Conrad was the Blue Hen Conference Champion with 13 victories and only 3 defeats.

This year the team started with a handicap having 3 of the 4 lettermen going to Dickinson. The one letterman left is Jim Gregg. The Seniors on the team are Dennis Holton, Joe Sisofo, Glenn Adams, Jack Coyle, Ronnie Bianco, and Ronnie Powell. The Juniors on the team are Don Harris, Jim Brooks, Steve Leech, Joe Hickey, Jim Beatty, Wayne Blackway, David Lebert, and Bill Taylor. The Sophomores are Al Sanchen, Ed Ranck, Pete Mears, Tommy Lee, Will Neiger, James Casula, and Wayne Holdsworth. With the help of coaches Joseph Palermo, Richard Smith, Donald Norris, and Luther Jones, we are sure the team will do good job.

### Boys' Tennis

Last year the Conrad team won third place in the Delaware ment; the expectations for this ment, the expectations for this year are good.

Everyone on the team has had at least one year's experience, including the sophomores. The members are as follows:

Seniors—Jay Parthemore, Tom Spain, Jim Kieder.

Juniors—Lee Walls, Bill Cross, Curt Livermore, Burman Burgess, Charles Firmanl, Waldemar Schock, Albert Sheppard.

Sophomores—Fred George, Rod Chronister, Norman Riddell.

Parthemore, Walls, and Livermore are our three returning lettermen. We're sure to have a better record this year than last year with the fine team we have.

At first match Conrad beat Sallies, 5-0.

A total of eleven matches plus the Interscholastic Tournament have been scheduled.

### Girls' Tennis

We hope to improve last year's record of wins with a fine team consisting of: Debbie Smith, Eileen Clark, Joanne Porter, Cathy Hendrickson, Debbie Kelly, Debbie Millett, Barbara Marvel.

We're sure to win all the seven matches that are scheduled for the girls.

Good luck to the girls! !

### Softball

Have you been hearing such things as, "Oh, my aching back," or "I sprained my finger." Well, the girls are trying out for softball. If there is to be a split in the team, it hasn't been made yet. The schedule has just been released.

Good luck to all girls trying out!

### Girls' Varsity Basketball

The Girl's Varsity Basketball team ended their season with two victories and six defeats. The first game of the season was lost when Brandywine beat us 32-27. The next game was against Middletown; the score was 56-22 favor Conrad. The next two games Conrad lost losing to A. I. Du Pont 52-19, and Mt. Pleasant 49-41. The big game was at Dickinson and Conrad won it by a score of 35-30. The next two games were lost by two points. Each of the scores were, Newark 32-30, and William Penn 31-29. The last game of the season was a loss to Claymont 36-30.

### King Fourth in State Tournament

Richard King, senior, won a fourth place in the State Wrestling Tournament at the University in Newark. This following on the heels of the four fourth place wins during the Blue Hen Conference Tournament proved that our boys did have some of what it takes to stay among the champions even though the team was relatively inexperienced. Emory Reader at 112, Richard King at 145, and Russell Rouh at 180 were the winners in the Blue Hen Conference.

Mr. Pletcher, the coach, is looking forward to a season next year which will better the 2-8 won and lost record compiled this year.

## Teachers in the News

### Mr. Kilhefner

One teacher in the news is Mr. Donald Kilhefner who is originally from Ephrata, Pennsylvania, a small town outside Lancaster. He graduated from Ephrata High School and attended Millersville State College where he received a B.S. degree. This is his first year of teaching and he really likes Conrad.

Besides teaching geography and German Herr Kilhefner is advisor to the German and Chess Clubs. Reading, creative writing, and tennis are the leisure time activities which he enjoys.

While in college Mr. Kilhefner was kept busy, not only with classes, but as editor of *The Opus Campus Literary Magazine*, as President of the Phi Sigma Kappa Men's Honorary Fraternity and as a member of Xenophile Society.

Most of Mr. Kilhefner's summers are spent in the Pocono Mountains where he serves as a counselor and instructs tennis. This coming summer he plans to do graduate work at Columbia University in history, or spend a vacation in Germany with relatives.

Mr. Kilhefner likes the enthusiasm of Conradians better than anything else at Conrad. He is, however, also repugnant to overly talkative girls and people who don't read or think.

### Mr. Shahan

One of Conrad's most fearless teachers is the pleasant looking man usually seen standing in front of the main office or on his way out the front door with two very nervous students following him. This is our own driver's education teacher — Mr. Ruskin Shahan.

Like a number of other teachers on the faculty, Mr. Shahan comes from West Virginia. To be exact, Czar, West Virginia, located in the central, most mountainous part of the state.

At Czar he attended Buchanan High School and took the Commercial Course to become a telegraph operator for Western Union. While in high school he had his own radio show of popular songs called "Songs by Ruskin."

After graduation he became a Western Union operator-manager. On realizing that this was not quite the job he wanted, he moved to Lockhaven, Pennsylvania, where he got a job at Piper Aircraft Company as deliverer and mechanic.

During the war he was in the Training Commander Corps for 42 months.

In 1947 Mr. Shahan attended West Virginia Wesleyan College where he majored in science and social studies. While in college he played the guitar in our own Mr. Casto's band.

His first teaching job was at Pennsville Memorial Junior High School which is just across the river in Pennsville, N. J.

In 1952 he moved to Akron, Ohio, where he was hired as a tire-tester for General Tires. For three years he tried to tear up tires in any possible way.

When he came to Delaware he taught for two years at Alexis I. duPont. His subjects were general science and aviation. He was in charge of visual aids and he started the Brandywine Squadron Civil Air Patrol.

In 1957 he attended West Chester State Teachers' College and took a course in Driver's Education. After completing this course he came to Conrad.

Mr. Shahan now resides in Millcreek Trailer Park with his wife and three-year old daughter, Starlynn.

When asked his opinion of Conrad, Mr. Shahan replied, "The students are by far more informal, level-headed, better all-around students than I have ever been associated with, and the faculty is very congenial and excellent. I am very happy here."

### New York, New York—It's a Wonderful Town

Slam, bang, bzzt.

"What floor, please?"

"Sixteen."

"Eighteen."

"Thank you."

"Oh, John, are you coming to the party tonight? We're having pizza."

"I thought we weren't supposed to have parties until tomorrow night."

"That's all right. It's in Mrs. Richardson's room. She's getting the pizza."

"Gee, that sounds like fun; what about the others?"

"Oh, they're all invited?"

"Well, what time?"

"Probably around one a.m., or whenever we get back from **Leave It to Jane.**"

This conversation is quite commonplace on the Taft Hotel elevators when a group of Conradians in the Press Club dash off to New York, supposedly to attend a convention.

Actually, the convention was well-covered; we learned a great deal pertaining to the making of yearbooks, to the printing of newspapers, and to just journalism in general. Also well-covered were Rockefeller Plaza, O. Henry's Steak House, **Leave It to Jane**, Mama Leone's, the Hotel Taft (from top to bottom), the subways, the Waldorf-Astoria, and the Statue of Liberty (also from top to bottom).

Activities ranged from meandering up and down Fifth Avenue to meandering up and down the elevators. Parties took a large part of the night. Yet, no one showed his fatigue until a strange quiet settled through the bus for the trip home.

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### Dogs and Cats Continued From Page 2)

people were tramps. They wandered around picking berries and scribbling on the walls of caves and throwing rocks at rabbits. People were careless with old bones, when they had any bones, so dogs started to follow them around and soon became domesticated. Sometimes the dogs would help the people run down wild game and then there were plenty of hand-me-down bones. When game was scarce, the people ate roast puppy. This arrangement worked out pretty well, and the dog soon became known as Man's Best Friend. Cats made the scene when, somewhere in Egypt, some of them found out that people drew mice. Cats didn't swap freedom for a gnawed bone, as dogs did. Cats took up with people to get a bargain in mice, but they have kept their liberty and independence to this day.

Here's where the big difference between dogs and cats comes in, and here's why some people like cats and others hate them. The cat is the rugged individualist of the domestic animal kingdom. The relationship of dog to man is often that of slave to master. The dog can be trained to do almost anything merely to please his master. To the well-trained dog, his master is an almost god-like being who can do no wrong. This is all very gratifying to man's ego. But while the dog tries to enter man's world, the cat deals with man as an equal, and is "superlatively concerned with the business of being a cat."

People who believe in freedom and independence like cats. Thomas Jefferson, George Washington, and Abraham Lincoln loved liberty and cats. Alexander the Great, Julius Caesar, Napoleon, and Mussolini head the list, which includes any bully you can think of. No bully can stand any creature he can't boss, and nobody can boss a cat.

We who keep cats do so because we like their company, and they stay with us for the same reason. We can all be sure our cats live with us because they like us; otherwise, they would "leave cream, cushions, and cuddling for the hard liberty of the alleys."

Margaret Cooper Gay, author of **How to Live with a Cat**, has written: "There's a cat for anyone sensible, tolerant, wise, and successful. There are stodgy cats and stodgy people, business-like cats for practical people, beautiful cats for artistic souls. There are smart cats, wise cats, stupid, sly, and indifferent cats, feline rascals and feline genies to fit the proper people. You need only to discover a cat, or be discovered by one, which suits you and which you suit."

Gene Lincoln



Bob Briek on Student Government Day  
(See Editorial page 2.)

### "Down the Stretch"

Now that spring vacation is over and we've rounded the last turn and are heading down the homeward stretch, the finish line is so close, but yet so far away. All it takes to reach the end successfully is that final burst of speed. For many of us this can be the time to put the finishing touches to a job already well done; for many this can be the time to work harder to insure success; for too many it will be a time to "take it easy."

Springtime with its warm days, sunny skies, and general pleasantness makes us all want to relax and absorb some of this

pleasantness, especially since the past winter was such a rough one. But for students this is no time for a general "let-down." Too many opportunities will be missed. We need to work harder than ever to achieve a satisfying degree of success to insure a completely restful and enjoyable summer. Nine and a half months of school surely is enough; no one wants to attend summer school. But for some of us this is the only thing we have to look forward to.

None of the unhappiness which accompanies a failure need happen if each one of us just puts forth that extra burst of energy as we go down the home stretch.

### German Club Plans Busy Schedule

Der Deutsche Verein von Konrad Gymnasium, better known as the German Club, is busy moving ahead with a full schedule of activities for the second semester.

At recent meetings the Club has seen slides of Germany taken by Bob Bried on a visit to the Country last summer, slides of Austria taken by Club president, Heribert Hoefler, and films on scenic Germany and Austria.

On Sunday, March 12, the German Club traveled to the University of Delaware to see the Classic German film *The Revolt of Gunner Asch*. The film was part of the university's foreign film series for College students.

On Thursday, April 27, the Club is planning to hold a banquet which is going to feature German food prepared entirely by Club members. The menu includes Deutsches Gemuse Suppe, Wunst und Sauerkraut, Schnitz und Knepp, Deutsches Boot, Applestrudel und (root) Bier. Also included is a German song fest.

On the first Sunday in May the German Club will be traveling to Reading, Pennsylvania, to worship as a group at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church. The entire service at the church is conducted in German.

Advisor to the Club is Mr. Donald Kilhefner.

## Student Personalities



**BOB FISHER**

The boy student personality of the month is Bob Fisher. He is a boy originally from Ohio. After coming here from Ohio, he attended Krebs Junior High. In Conrad he is taking the academic course, and is a strict "B" student. Bob is vice-president of both the German Club and the Choir. His favorite hobby is tennis, and you have also probably also seen him in many plays at Conrad. The first was *Our Town*, in which he played the beloved Stage Manager, and the latest was *Lawyer Lincoln*, in which he played the immortal Abe Lincoln.

Bob is also an active participant of the American Field Service program at Conrad. He has had three exchange students living at his home. The first was a girl from Guatemala, next a boy from Indonesia, and at present a girl from Brazil.

After Bob graduates from Conrad, he intends to go to a college in the mid-west and study science and math. As yet, Bob has no definite career in mind.

One of Bob's ambitions is to tour Europe and visit many other recent exchange students to the United States whom he has met. It is a known fact that one of the high spots of the tour will be Belgium. I wonder what there is there of any interest to Bob?

### NEW YORK

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Monday morning some thirty-four students groped their way either to Conrad or Dickinson, snored through classes, and forgot to take books home. The only thing on their minds was a nice, cozy, warm bed.

Yes, we were tired. Who wouldn't be after being blown around a city for three days and going all night? We enjoyed ourselves. Now underclassmen are looking forward eagerly to next year, and seniors are carrying away fond memories. New York will never be the same again.



**JUDY VERNON**

Have you seen this active, intelligent senior around? You should have. She's a member of the National Honor Society, Future Nurses, Oreads, Twirling Corps, and the Senior Executive Council. Quite active, isn't she? And it's no one other than Judy Vernon.

When we asked her what she did in her spare time, she said, "I don't have much spare time, but I like sports, especially basketball and bowling, riding and looking at pretty scenery, and, oh! I love to eat."

Planning for a career in nursing, Judy is very happy about her acceptance at the Wilmington General Hospital.

Judy likes French, English, and John (Maloney for those who are wondering). When asked her favorite game, our Judy replied a brazen "footsies." It seems her special skill in this area was unexpectedly unearthed during a recent air raid by of all people, Mr. Lacey!

With a personality like Judy's, it's obvious that she'll be a successful nurse. Anyone going to be sick—in about three years?

### Clock-Watchers!

"Hickory - dickory - dock, the eyes look up at the clock." This scene can be found in any classroom. A student sits there impatiently, glancing up at the clock every three minutes, wondering if the period will ever end.

The teacher is lecturing, but the student sits there unaware of what is being said. When the day of the test arrives the student is unprepared because he failed to take notes on the information that the teacher had brought out in class. A failing mark may be the result. He just sat there and watched valuable time go by. Will we sit and watch opportunity pass also?

"Only time will tell whether or not he realizes it that being a clock-watcher does not pay."

### Ode to Y-Teen Show

The season of dances and proms is near.

Teenagers are excited—the reason is clear,

A new gown is needed—inexpensive or dear.

Some girls may be lucky and get two gowns to wear,

And to choose them and shop takes, time, strength and care,

So to make the task easy—so your curls you won't tear,

The "Y-Teens" are giving a fashion show here.

Here are the details you should all know.

Come Thursday, April 20, at 7:30 p.m. with paper and pencil in tow,

To take notes of where to get these gorgeous clothes and do go.

### THOUGHTS — by Frank Lawrence

Show me love, oh wicked world;  
For without love death will precede death.

All is covered, nothing shines true.

If the climb is painful and rugged, the fruit will be sweeter,  
Than the fruit of him who is let off at the top.

Why must man work so hard for something, that afterward seems like silver instead of gold.

Power is held in the hand of man.  
With his four fingers he can rule four great continents.  
With his thumb he must rule himself.

When anger governs man, man is no longer the image in the mirror.

If a wheel is held by its axle and a moving pressure is placed upon it,  
it will spin;  
With the pitter-patter of feet, the beating of hearts,  
The gleeful squeal, the cry of pain, the magic of love, and the misery of loneliness,  
The world turns.

Moderation in all things produces quality in life.