



# "SENIORS, FAREWELL!"

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## Scholarship Awards Presented

During the past years, awards have been presented to outstanding athletes in recognition of their efforts on behalf of Conrad's interscholastic teams. This year awards have been presented for excellence in a somewhat different field of endeavor — scholastic ability.

The Student Council, which also sponsors the annual Sports Banquet, decided that "Through an annual Honors Banquet the Student Council could not only honor those students who have established an outstanding academic record, but also encourage other students, by making them aware of the basic purpose of our high school — education". Members of the student body were invited to the banquet if they had attained a 90 plus average during the first semester. The banquet was held on April 18 in the Conrad cafeteria with Dr. Victor Mankin delivering the principal address on "How to Improve Your Personality".

On May 4 the most current of this series of awards to our outstanding students was presented by the Henry C. Conrad chapter of the National Honor Society. To qualify for this society, the acme of perhaps all scholastic honors, one must have achieved a 90 per cent average during his junior or senior year of high school, depending on the year in which he was inducted into the society. Besides scholarship, one must have received recognition in leadership, character, and school service. Members are chosen by faculty recommendations with the final approval of the administration.

As is the custom, the Honor Society inducted its members before the student body. Names of the new members were announced after the addresses on the qualities of admittance were given by the present members of the society. The students who gave speeches on the four qualities required for admittance are as follows: Scholarship — Curt Livermore, Character — Angela Malanga, School Service — Joyce Buckworth, and Leadership — Gail Borinsky. A total of 15 Seniors and 13 Juniors were inducted this year. These include: Present members — Curt Livermore, Angela Malanga, Debbie Smith, Betsy Phelps, Lynne Kampermann, Joyce Buckworth, Gail Borinsky, Susan Missimer, and Kenneth McClary; New Senior members — Gerry Finan, Diana Moshier, Barbara Altemus, Wilma Harrington, Annette Phillips, Tom

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## GRATULRE

### Governor From Conrad?

During each summer, the reins of our state government are turned over to teenage delegates from high schools throughout the state. The following were chosen to represent Conrad at these functions: Ann Hafslund and Barbara Wilson, Jeanne Schmidt and Kathy Dashiell — first and second alternates respectively; Joe Cocciolone and Roger Suro, and first alternate Al Sonchen and second Ed Ranck. The girls and boys will stay at Wesley Junior College during their respective terms.

The purpose of Girls' State, to be held from June 25 to 29, and Boys' State, June 13 to 15, is to acquaint the delegates with the government of our state so that they will be better informed citizens of Delaware.

### Conrad D. E. C. A. Wins Recognition

At the recent Delaware State convention of the D.E.C.A. the Conrad Chapter established an enviable record of achievement. The Conrad Club was awarded D.E. Honor Club of the Year; D.E. Student of the Year, Margaret Roth; First Place in the Scrapbook Contest, Edith Angelini; and Second Place in the Ad Layout Contest, Paula Jensen. The full significance of this gratifying achievement can be fully appreciated only when one realizes that this is the first year Conrad has had a chartered club entered in this type of competition.

Opportunities are unlimited for young people desiring vocational competence while still in high school. In addition to the Club's activities, the Conrad D.E. students

GOD TUR, Mary Jane! — or more familiar to us, Congratulations — Bon Voyage!

These words of felicitation are bestowed upon Mary Jane Simmons on behalf of the announcement of her acceptance as a participant in the American Field Service Summer Program for 1962.

Mary Jane will live as a member of the Jens Thomas Thommesen family in Arendal, Norway, during June, July, and August. The purpose of her visit is "to gain a real knowledge of this country, its way of life and its people, and for them to gain a similar knowledge of the United States" through her.

Mary Jane's "father", who has been the Mayor of Arendal since 1948, is the managing director of a wood-pulp mill and also a lawyer. Her "mother" is especially interested in social work (children's welfare). Mary Jane has two "brothers", Thor and Nils. Thor, who is 25, is studying economics in Manchester, England; Nils, who is studying in London, is 24 years old. Her fifteen year old "sister", Hanne, enjoys reading and outdoor life. Her other "sister", Helene, is the same age as Mary Jane. Helene has many hobbies, the majority of which are the same as Mary Jane's.

Our Conrad summer exchange student will live with her family in their summer home approximately three miles outside of Arendal. During this time, Helene wrote, "I will try to show her (Mary Jane) how a Norwegian girl spends her summer holidays".

of the future will take over the responsibilities of operating the new student store. This effort, on behalf of our D.E. students, will represent a contribution to our school community.

## From The Principal's Desk

In September 1959 this writer had the privilege of greeting 452 sophomore students attending the afternoon session at the Henry C. Conrad High School. At the end of that school year, this class was to be divided, with those students living outside the Conrad attendance area, as established by the Board of Trustees, required to attend the new John Dickinson High School for the remainder of their high school career. Those students from this class who returned to Conrad for the subsequent years of their secondary education have gone on to establish a fine record in the annals of their Alma Mater. It is to these fine students that the Principal offers a few comments concerning the years ahead.

Always endeavor to excel in whatever you do in life. The road to success has many obstacles, and each rung of the ladder toward the ultimate achievement of one's goal becomes more difficult to grasp than the one below; however, it is wise to remember that many times in life, repeated failures have eventually led to success. The numerous markers on the highway to success are labeled honesty, integrity, hard work, devotion to duty and loyalty as well as the many other attributes and traits of character which are essential to reach the pinnacle of success.

The Principal wishes the Class of 1962 the very best of everything in all future endeavors and a long blessed life filled with good health, happiness and the wisdom to discern between that which is evil and that which is good.

## Gradeless Tests Spark Students Interest

Results of the National Merit Scholarship Tests, taken by the juniors in March 1962, have arrived in Mr. Sullivan's office. Anyone interested in his score is requested to see Mr. Sullivan. The purpose of these tests is to determine the individual capabilities of each student and for some, to win a scholarship to college. In addition, those students interested in taking the "Strong Test" are encouraged to sign up in the guidance office.

Reports from the sophomore guidance room show that the conferences have been very successful. The purpose of these conferences is to discuss with Miss Jackson what subjects are best for the

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Conrad's seniors are preparing for their final farewell to their alma mater. Commencement exercises will be held on Tuesday, June 12, at 8:15 in the Cummings Auditorium. Baccalaureate will be held on Sunday, June 10.

The following students will be graduating in the class of 1962:

Yukiko Abe, Barbara Lynne Altemus, Irene Margaret Anderson, Edith Marie Angelini, Patricia Ann Badders, Carol Jean Baker, Barbara Ann Basara, Suzanne Bell, Eleanor Jeanne Berry, Wayne Thomas Blackway, Paula Gail Berinsky, Diane Marilyn Boyer, Elaine Marie Bramble, James William Brooks, Jr., Jean Ellen Brooks, Richard Ernest Brown, Joyce Carol Buckworth, Everson Russell Bullen, Philip James Bunting, Burman Frank Burgess, Jr., Sandra Ann Burkett, Judy LaVerne Carter, Joann Christian, Dora Mae Christy, Carolyn Anastasia Chuchola, Marcia Ray Clapp, Eileen Emma Clark, Edgar Randall Cloud, Jr., John Raughley Collins, Charles Edward Conaway, Jr., Louis Robert Connell, Thomas Anthony Conte, Nancy Jane Cooper, Nancy Lee Cooper, Joan Elizabeth Corrie, William James Corrigan, Jr., Kathleen Mary Craig, Edward Lee Crew, William Asbury Cross III, Mary Lorraine Crowl, Charlene Ann Cunningham, Wayne Bryon Dahling, Mary Frances Dalton, Glenn William Dawson Jr., Earl Wilmor Deamer, Bernice Faith DeMasi, Virginia Kathryn Donovan, James Wilbery Downes, Jr., Kenneth Ford Duncan, Jr., Mary Louise Durham, Jean Stanton Edwards, Marie Ann Era, Laurel Frances Erdman, Linda Lee Eschelweck, Kathleen Ann Farnandes, Geraldine Elizabeth Finan, Stephen Bartlett Finnan, Raymond Charles Firmani, Richard Thomas Fisher, Robert Lee Fisher, Jr., Eleanor Joyce Flannigan, Paul Eugene French, Carol Ann Garvin, Ronald Joseph George, Maryann Bernadette Guiliani, Walter Maynard Goodman, Linda Doris Grehawick, Beulah Hamilton, Patricia Marianne Hammond, Wayne Denny Hanson, Sandra Kaye Harper, Wilma May Harrington, Donald Wayne Harris, Richard Thomas Hastings, Cathryn Leland Hendrickson, Maurice Joseph Hickey, Robert Herbert Hill, Alice Margaret, Hirst, Linda Jean Hockenbury, William Gordan Haldway, Herman Lenus Holmquist, Jr., Stanley Wilson Howell, Mary Suzanne Hughey, Daniel Malcolm Hunter, Thomas Horsey Hutt, James Edward Jackson, Betty Ann Jaremchuck, Paula Helena Jen-

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## EDITORIALS

## AND NOW IT'S ALMOST OVER

Although I pass off the closing of another year with a sigh of relief, I can also look back over the past two semesters with pride and identify myself—if only in the smallest way—with the definite improvements which have left no stone at Conrad unturned.

A fine class will soon graduate and with them they take our fondest wishes for the happiest and most successful of futures; yet another group has joined the tribe and proved themselves more than worthy of carrying on the traditions of Conrad, and the Juniors, betwixt and between, turned in a year of hard work and perhaps are justified in feeling ready to "hold roost" over their fellow tribesmen—their chance is coming.

Sports, with a lack of key returnees, improved vastly, and showed definite advancements in football, basketball, baseball, and perhaps most notably in track and wrestling. The girls meanwhile (disgustingly enough) won so often that we were able to write their victory stories months in advance.

## Clubs Become More Active

The Honor Society flourished, the Latin club took the lead in the state's planning for the National Convention in Montana, the A.F.S. club had so many members that they had to find other countries to put them in, and were so well organized by May that they were able to help Mr. Kilhefner in his Peace Corps swimming tests. Banquets were given for language and honor groups, Bill Taylor led one of the most active and able Student Councils, the band gave another fine concert, and was asked to be host band at the All-Star football game, and the Sock & Buskin club frolicked from "award winning" Philadelphia to far off Spain and England. Mr. Shahan was also happy to report a fine group of driving students, and then uncrossed his fingers and said something in a language I didn't understand—Same ol' Mr. Shahan!

The yearbook "went" year-round and added color, and the newspaper . . .

At this time, as editor-in-chief, I would like to thank my Staff, most notably Ann Hafslund, Elaine Hughes, Al Sonchen, and Tom Lee, the "page editors," and Fred George—a man of many talents. On behalf of the staff, I would then thank Mr. Work for his understanding and limitless patience. There must be greater rewards for this job than money (fortunately this seems to satisfy him), and last on behalf of the Smoke Signal give extra-special thanks to Mr. Troutman and the rest of the administration and faculty who were so often called upon for information. To our advertisers and subscribers who made the physical realization of our work possible, this today was our best—"tomorrow's" will and must be better; I sincerely hope you will join us in part of that effort.

John Wilson

## Selling or Studying?

June is approaching quickly and all over the U.S.A. high school students are looking forward to the close of school—mainly, because it will relieve them temporarily of their duties as super-salesmen. During the entire school year we students are called upon to sell all sorts of items in order to raise money for any kind of organization to which we belong. There is no club to join which doesn't have its various fund-raising campaigns. At the first meeting of every club the question invariably arises, "What can we do to raise money?" If we belong to more than one organization we can usually expect to have to push a different article every other week. Several times we have had to sell things for clubs of which we are not even members.

We wonder if all the selling is really necessary to achieve the goals which are supposed to come from our careers as students, which are: to get an education and to prepare ourselves for adult life. Of course, if one plans to become a salesman, the practice in selling might be of some use, but otherwise, it only takes up time which could be spent in studying. Perhaps our school clubs and organizations have become more mercenary than scholarly.

## Class Will

The class of '62 goes into the world  
leaving behind many memories.

Yukiko Abe leaves international understanding to the students of Conrad.

Edith Angelini, as treasurer of the D.E. class, leaves the balance of \$9.00 to next year's class.

Patricia Ann Badders leaves her good grades to any worthy person who wants them.

Carol Baker leaves all her "A's".  
Barbara Basara leaves her neat and clean locker.

Jeanne Berry wills her chemistry book to whoever has to take chemistry for two years straight.

Johanna Bevans wills her study halls to some needy person.

Wayne Blackway leaves his windshield wipers to anyone who needs them.

Elaine Bramble leaves her shadow to keep its eye on Joe Cocciolone.

Jim Brooks leaves to David Lemon his football shoes with the hope that he will be able to run faster.

Jean Brooks leaves her detentions to Freddy Cooper and her hair to Mary Jones.

Richard Brown leaves his algebra book and algebra knowledge to Carl Davis.

Joann Christian wills her typing erasers to whoever needs them.

Carolyn Chuchola wills her seat in the auditorium to Mary Eastburn.

Marcia Clapp leaves her hockey socks to Lucy—if she'll have them.

Charles Conaway bequeaths sentiment to juniors, and seniors who won't graduate until next year.

Nancy Cooper wills her first period study hall seat to Jo Anne Jewell.

Wayne Dahling wills one copy of the Chipmunk Song to Mr. Lewis.

Bernice De Macy leaves her parking space at the drive-in to Mary Eastburn.

Earl Deamer leaves all his lockers to anyone who needs them.

Virginia Donovan leaves her spelling ability to Mr. Work.

Jim Downes wills all the Army beer to an Air Force Major.

Jean Edwards leaves all her memoirs to Peggy.

Linda Eschelweck leaves her used book covers to Dave Arnold.

Wayne Hanson leaves his memories (oh-h-h).

Joe Hickey leaves the "26-jump pass" (ha, ha, Mr. Coder).

Bill Holdway leaves all the fun (?) he's had to Pete Mears.

Herman Holmquist leaves all the traditions to the class of '63—what traditions!

Suzanne Hughey wills her giggles to Lucy Cloud.

Daniel Hunter bequeaths all his A+'s to Freddie Cooper.

Paul Johnson leaves a picture of his class ring to the juniors and sophomores.

Susan Kowalski bequeaths her tear-soaked hankie to the dramatics department.

David Lebert leaves two brand new baseballs to Mr. Shultz for the new gym.

Sharon Morris wills all her worn out typing erasers to Sherrie Kreer.

John McDaniel leaves all his

good times he had in bookkeeping class.

James Minker leaves his memories.

William Murray wills the audio-visual aids to Mr. Patterson.

Eugene May leaves his drafting equipment to Mr. Reist.

John Martin leaves his rocking chair in Mr. Stewart's class to anyone suffering from old age.

Linda Morris leaves her sympathy to any girl who gives her combination to a boy on the football team.

Dave Nickerson leaves his sociology book to Warren Jones.

Mike Norris wills his supply of No-Doz to anyone getting Mr. Stewart for sociology.

Yvonne Nuber leaves her typing notes to Mr. Hinnerscheetz and her Swiss accent to anyone who wants it.

Betsy Phelps leaves one shredded tunic to Elaine Hughes.

Annette Phillips leaves everything she can to Barbara Wilson—she needs everything she can get.

Joseph Pisarski bestows his pet hawk upon Paul Liss.

Joanne Porter leaves her English notebook to anyone who can decipher it.

Bill Reader wills one very used '53 Pontiac that has a very wicked back tire.

Shirley Robinson bequeaths her bikini to Judi Hudon.

Sharon Rowe leaves her changing hair color to Jean Henretty.

Joan Ruf wills her flag to any sophomore who thinks she can march five miles in a parade.

Morris Scales wills a pair of his sneakers to Mr. Schultz.

Richard Scarborough leaves all the good times he had in his classes.

Sigrid Schultz leaves her seat in typing class to anyone who gets through typing II.

Sandy Scott wills the typing skill she never acquired to anyone who can make better use of it than she did.

Ed Simpers leaves Mr. Coder's lecture to the next right halfback.

Dorothy Singer leaves her memories of soldiers and marines to any available girl.

Frank Succarotte bequeaths one copy of Carl Marx's *School Impartiality* to the administration.

Allan Swain leaves all the fading traditions to future Conradians.

Kathy Touchton wills her seat in detention to Bonnie Dill.

Lee Walls leaves his locker combination (24-30-24) to any girl who can qualify.

Janice Warren wills her part ownership in the Ellis Drive-In to Mary Eastburn.

Lois Wedhorn leaves her seat in chemistry to Pat Donovan.

Jean Weeks bequeaths the bells and chimes to whoever is strong enough to carry them.

Joyce White leaves the old class ring to next year's seniors.

Judy White leaves her cap and gown to Rick Turtoro with the hope that he may someday wear it.

## Who Am I?



Cowpoke Jimmy is a notorious rustler, who, with his faithful horse Seabiscuit, roams the ranges of Richardson Park. Like most cowboys Jim prefers his horse to people, with the exception of Miss Jeannie, the local schoolmarm. When she's around, this tough hombre is turned into a clumsy schoolboy.

If the law doesn't get Jimmy first, he hopes to get hitched to that little critter and to settle down on his own ranch and raise blue-ribbon winners.

After High School,  
What?

What should I do after high school? Should I chisel my parents, go to college, or pick a job at random? These are the questions which many people ask as their school years near to a close. Since their future depends on the answer, each possibility should be considered carefully.

Should I chisel my parents? Although some people may say yes to this question, it is definitely not the right solution. In the first place most parents would not allow it and in the second place most students want to accept some responsibility after they graduate.

Should I go to college? Many times going to college is the best answer if enough money is available and the person intends to take his education seriously. Otherwise try the next possibility.

Should I pick a job at random? Some may say why not. But if the wrong job is chosen another one must be picked and perhaps another. However, with careful thinking the right one can be found the first time around. Consequently not only will time be saved but also your future.

## PURPOSEFUL MUSIC

Does music accomplish a purpose? This is a very pertinent question, but lying open to anyone who dares give an answer to it. Let us examine some music of today and see just what its purpose is.

First of all we come to the modern or contemporary music—a very intelligent sound produced by no set pre-pattern or preform. This music, as generally accepted, tries to mold a picture of sound in the minds of those who listen to it. Its main purpose, however, is to delve even deeper into the realms of sound. Many people do not accept this type of music merely because they have not yet experienced such a sound. These

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# Baseball, Tennis Squads Eye Blue Hen Titles

## REDSKINS IGNORE HANDICAPS TO POST 7-4 RECORD

Coach Palermo is more than satisfied with the baseball team's performance considering the handicaps the squad has had to overcome. The Redskin nine, now sporting a 7 win, 4 loss record, seemingly has been handicapped from the start by a conglomeration of unavoidable occurrences.

### Girls' Softball Squad Sporting 5-3 Mark

Conrad's 1962 girls' softball team, coached by Miss Doris Eipper, is supported by 24 members—six seniors, nine juniors, and nine sophomores. The members are as follows: (seniors) B. Altemus, J. Brooks, J. Buckworth, M. Era, C. Garvin, Y. Nuber; (juniors) D. Chalmers, L. Cloud, K. Dashiell, J. Ewing, C. Jester, P. Kuhar, A. Larson, J. Rawlins, C. Weeks; (sophomores) D. Becker, D. Brodley, S. Bye, T. Dunbar, N. Eckrich, M. Grehawick, J. Marino, C. Reed, D. Zambino.

Although the girls were not victorious in their first game against Claymont, they redeemed themselves by defeating Newark, their second opponent of this season. The team has played five out of their ten scheduled games to this date, and three of the five encounters have been victories for Conrad. During this season, four girls have succeeded in hitting home runs — Doris Becker (three), Jean Brooks (one), Joyce Buckworth (one), and Donna Chalmers (one). The 1962 girls' softball season will come to a climax when Dickinson entertains Conrad away on May 24. Let's see everyone out cheering the team on to a winning record this year.

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To begin with, even the weatherman didn't cooperate and the squad has had to battle the cold and the rain. Secondly, since our gym is presently being renovated into a library, the team, forced to bypass the usual eight day indoor conditioning period, proceeded immediately to outdoor practices. To add further to this problem, once the team found themselves outside they discovered the Conrad field was not in playing condition. However, through all-out efforts by the administration this problem was remedied and Conrad presently has one of the best playing diamonds in New Castle County. In addition to all this, all candidates had a very difficult time distinguishing themselves as Varsity material since the absence of an assistant coach, for the first time in seven years, forced Mr. Palermo to make hasty decisions in choosing an adequate defensive team plus denying many students the opportunity to play baseball here at Conrad.

**A Young Team**  
However, the young Redskin unit — 52 percent or 13 of 25 members are sophomores — has shown good spirit, cooperation and aggressiveness and Coach Palermo is optimistic about the remainder of the season providing such spirit and enthusiasm continues. Mr. Palermo figures that with the present attitude and without unforeseen injuries, the baseball team could finish over the 500 mark and possibly at the top of the Blue Hen Conference heap with the new point system in effect.

Overall, Mr. Palermo is pleased with the squad at the present. He rates the pitching as adequate, catching as the team's strongest department, the infield as improving and the outfield as progressing. Hitting presently is the best it has been in Mr. Palermo's seven year tenure as headcoach and defensive lapses, attributed to the squad's inexperience and early nervousness, should decrease as the season progresses.

**The Roster**  
At first base three boys, seniors Bob Short, Bill Taylor, and power-hitting junior Bob Kempinski have seen action. At second, a converted shortstop, sophomore Jay Thompson has seen the most action with rightfielder Dale Lewis, a sophomore with a good eye, as his understudy. Shortstop is presently being handled by senior Rich Scarborough who is hitting well and coming along with his glove-work while Bob Hill, also a senior, who is handicapped by being a first year man, seems to have the ability to step in. Third base has been handled primarily by strong hitting sophomore Dave Cathcart, but Short can also fill in at that spot. In the outfield fleet senior Lee Walls and experienced juniors Jim Casula and Will Neiger have



been battling for the left field job, senior letterman Joe Hickey, a good defensive man who is producing fairly well with the bat is handling centerfield while Neiger, Lewis, Kempinski, and sophomore Bob Smith have been dividing right field duties. Catching has been handled primarily by Taylor and Kempinski with Tony Maccari, a sophomore with good potential, waiting in the wings to step in whenever the opportunity presents itself.

The pitching staff is made up entirely of underclassmen. Junior righthander Jack Mahoney appears to be the fastest with junior Tom Lee and promising sophomores Bob Schleuter, George Dawson and Bob Burgess also seeing action. Coach Palermo has also indicated he is pleased with the spirit of sophomores Steve Rowe, Jim Roberts, Barry Polski and Ralph Jamison. Handling the managerial duties and doing a fine job is senior Steve Leech.

### Young Redskin Trackmen Eye '63 Season

Weaknesses in the weight events and the pole vault have thus far been the major problems of the 1962 Conrad track squad.

The young Redskin squad, victorious in only two dual meets so far, seemingly has fairly good strength in the running events, the broad jump, and the high jump, but the points "lost" in the shot put, discus, javelin and pole vault have been too much to overcome. However, since several hardworking underclassmen constitute the entire representation in these events, it is safe to assume that improvement will take place.

In the low hurdles Conrad is represented by senior captain Ed Simperts, a fourth place finisher in the Blue Hen Conference championships. Roger Suro, a lanky junior who has twice broken the school record in his event, is the representative in the high hurdles and it is interesting to note that Rog has finished no worse than second in any dual meet so far. Suro, who has been clocked in :16.2, finished third in the Conference meet.

**The Races**  
Sophomores Gene Calloway and Ernie Anderson and Ed Simperts have been Conrad's entries in the century. Calloway's clocking of :10.1 has been the best this year for Conrad in this event. These three also represent Conrad in the 220 with Anderson's :23 flat the

best time to date.

In the 440 Anderson again has the best clocking with a :53.1. Ernie's 440 prowess was good enough for a second place in the Blue Hen Conference meet. Junior Jeff Crist owns an unofficial :54.5 clocking for 440 yards while running for the Redskin mile relay team.

Junior Leon Price and sophomore Randy Jernigan have given Conrad better than average performances in the 880. Price also runs a good mile — 4:37 time and a third place finish in the Conference championships. Another junior, Jim Gilmore, owns a 4:53 mile.

In the broad jump Conrad has Blue Hen Conference champion Ernie Anderson. Anderson, who has done 20' 9 1/4", outdistanced Wilmington High's Leroy Short with a leap of 20' 5" for the coveted first place medal.

In the high jump tall sophomore Ralph Fillingame, who cleared 5' 9" in the conference trials and senior Matt Lygate failed to qualify for the Blue Hen finals, but have given the Redskins steady performances in dual meet competition.

Junior Don Bishop and sophomore Richard Scout have been the track squad's best "weightmen" so far. Sophomore "Wick" Whetstone has been throwing the javelin. (Continued on Page 5)

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## Conrad Boasts 3 of 5 Top Seeds In Interscholastic Tournament

Conrad's tennis team is making a strong bid for the Blue Hen Conference title despite a slow start. After losing three of the first four matches, the Conrad netters have won five straight.

The first match of the year was played at Saint Andrews. The Saints proved too hot to handle as they crushed the Redskins 9 to 0. Fred George won the only set in the singles, while Riddell and George won the only set in doubles.

The second match of the year Conrad rebounded to crush Wilmington High 5 to 0. However, Conrad's netters suffered a disappointing setback at the hands of Tower Hill 3 to 2. The outlook continued to look bleak as Brandywine's Bulldogs smothered Conrad 4 to 1. After the Brandywine match things began to look up. The Conrad seven reeled off consecutive victories over P. S. du Pont (3 to 2), Mt. Pleasant (3 to 2), Dickinson (3 to 2), Wilmington High (5 to 0), and Howard (5 to 0).

**The Record**  
The first doubles team of Bill Cross and Curt Livermore sport a 5 win - 0 loss record, which is the best on the team. Another strong record is the 8-1 slate of Norm Riddell. Fred George has a record of 7 and 2, while Rod Chronister has a record of 2 wins and 3 losses. Wally Schock and Richard Grelock have posted a 3 and 4 record.

Fred George, number 1 singles, Norm Riddell, number 2 singles, and Curt Livermore and Bill Cross, first doubles were awarded first seeds in their respective divisions by the Interscholastic Tournament Committee.

Cross and Livermore sport the best record on the team and appear to be a threat to go undefeated the rest of the year. Their strongest competition will probably be supplied by the St. Andrews' duo. Also, Brandywine and Mt. Pleasant have strong first doubles teams.

In the second singles division Norm Riddell threatens to take the title hands down. Over a two year period Riddell has lost only one match.

Conrad's number one man Fred George, defending champion, will have a hard time matching last year's performance. Brandywine's Roger Ruckman, Mt. Pleasant's Roger Conant, Sallies' Bill Tobin, and St. Andrews' Carey Fische- (Continued on Page 5)

### Girls' Tennis Squad Awaits First Win

Conrad's girls tennis team has not won a match this year. They have lost to Friends, Mt. Pleasant, and Tatnall.

The Quakers proved too much for the Redskins as we were defeated 5-0. Debbie Smith turned in a good performance, while losing to highly ranked Sarah Miller. Also, Eileen Clark played well extending her opponent to 6-1, 7-5.

The Tatnall tennis team defeated Conrad 3-2. Caryl Lynam and Eileen Clark defeated their Tatnall counterparts, while the other girls lost.

The third match of the year was played at Mt. Pleasant, where the Green Knights defeated Conrad 5-0.

### PURPOSEFUL MUSIC

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people are so content with the works of Chopin and Beethoven, that they do not bother to find out what masterpieces lie untouched in their own present world. Such is the situation, so will it be settled in the next decade or two.

Another form of music today, widely renowned by both young people and many adults, is "rock 'n' roll." An irresistible urge to maintain a constant meter, harmonic, and non-melodic structure is the basis upon which this music exists. The main question brought about is that do people really understand what meter change is, or what it can do for music. This is not a situation whereby a piece of music written in three-four meter changes to a four-four rhythmic drive, but is the difference between painting a picture in nothing but red and green paint, and using many varied colors. This music definitely has its place in the busy world today, but certainly can not be used to provide for the music hunger of the American people. Does this music accomplish a purpose? Only time will tell. For the present let us say that it is mentally superficial in purpose.

Dear Editor:

Perhaps some kind soul can tell our readers why the poor juniors are never informed of any change in plans until they have been made and cannot be changed.

Accordingly, the best phrase to use would be the common cry of men many centuries ago, "taxation without representation", which is no less fitting, as the juniors of our fair school are called upon to sell everything from Afghanistan rugs to Zebra stripe remover, and seem to have little to say in any definite planning. Furthermore, the "elder's" ideas of doing what's best for the "Innocents" is over doing it just a trifle, don't you think?

Confidentially, a little bird is

spreading the word that a revolt is abrewin! Silly bird, by that time, he too will be an elder and forget his complaints of yesterday. Shall he then dust off his former cage or will he remember too well his feelings of confinement and allow those around him help make the decisions? Will the "birds" ever change?

M. B.

Dear Editor:

Many juniors and seniors have the wrong ideas concerning the prom and the after-prom party. I have heard a hundred stories and all of them are different and I think they should know the truth.

First of all, the junior class officers and counsel were not elect-

ed early enough. By the time they had been elected, the only nights open were Saturday nights. After trying many places, they decided to hold the prom at the Wilmington Manor Lions Club on May 26. At this time (sometime in November) they placed their reservation for the Masonic Temple for the after-prom party. However, two weeks before the prom, the Masonic Temple informed the Junior Counsel that they could not have the after-prom party there. The counsel was on the spot. Many parents who were working on the party had to be told. The juniors and seniors, who were naturally disappointed, had to be told — but no one was told why.

G. E. O.

### Scoring High School Tennis Matches

In Delaware a high school tennis team is divided into 5 units. The number one, two, and three men play singles, and the four, five, six and seven men play first and second doubles. Each match is worth one point. The team that wins three matches wins.

However each individual is scored radically different than any other popular sport. Each match consists of the best two of three sets. To win a set, a person must

win six games unless the score reaches five all, in which event you must win by two games. In order to win a game, you must win four points (defeating your opponent by at least two.) A game is scored Love (0), 15, 30, 40, game. However, if the score reaches 40 all, this is spoken of as deuce, and a person must win the next two points to win the game.

### Four Senior Girls Awarded Scholarships

#### Three To Attend University of Delaware

Senior Gerry Finan has received a National President's American Legion Scholarship for \$1000 and also an Education Scholarship of \$750 from the University of Delaware. The National President's Scholarship is unrestricted, with "no strings attached". The only condition is that she must complete one semester of college. Winning these enabled Gerry to enter the University, where she will begin summer classes on June 18. Gerry will major in either secondary or elementary education. If she chooses secondary, she wants to teach German and history.

Candidates for the American Legion Scholarship were judged on the basis of high school records and essays which they wrote.

To receive the scholarship from the University of Delaware, Gerry filled out a general scholarship form.

Gerry belongs to the National Honor Society, the Oreads, the staff of the Conradian, the German Club, Student Leader Corps, and the hockey and basketball teams.

A general fund scholarship from the University of Delaware was awarded to Lorraine Crowl. After working this summer, Lorraine will begin classes in the fall, and major in medical technology. At Conrad, Lorraine works on the Library Aids, the National Honor Society, Oreads, and German Club.

Elizabethtown College, in Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania, awarded an \$800 scholarship to Lois Lynch, whose major will be secondary education. She wants to teach social studies and mathematics.

Diane Moshier also received a general fund scholarship from the University of Delaware. Diane wants to be a teacher, but hasn't decided whether she will major in elementary or secondary education.

#### Gradeless Tests Spark

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student. Miss Jackson states that "Over 25% of the sophomores' parents have attended their conferences".

Since the Yearbook will not be available until later this summer, we have reserved this space for any autographs or sentimental nonsense you may wish to here inscribe.  
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### SENIORS NAMES



# Conradian Wins Journalism Scholarship

John A. Wilson, 17, a junior at Conrad High School, has been awarded a five-week scholarship at the National High School Institute at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill.

The journalism scholarship was awarded on a state-wide competitive basis.

It is the second year the News-Journal Co. has sponsored the award. Classes will be from July 1 to Aug. 14 at the Medill School of journalism at the university.

Wilson, who lives at 102 Beech Lane, Forest Brook Glen, is editor of the Smoke Signal, the school newspaper. He is in the journalism class at Conrad and recently represented his school at the 38th an-



John A. Wilson

nual convention of the Columbia Scholastic Press Association in New York.

He is considering a career in journalism. He said he feels there is a need for better communication and accurate, perceptive answers to questions of importance to an informed citizenry.

"Every day millions upon millions of people want to know who, what, when, where, why and how—the very keys of journalism. It is becoming increasingly important that every minute decision be made by an informed public—to properly inform the public is the challenge and the real hope for a better tomorrow," he said.

## Sam Hughes Wins Citizenship Award

A fifteen year old Conrad sophomore has been awarded a scholarship to the Citizenship Summer Day Camp of Delaware. Sam Hughes received notice of the award from Dorothy S. Allen, director of the camp.

The purpose of the camp is to acquaint Delaware high school students with firsthand knowledge of Delaware history, government, and industry. During the camping period Sam will visit many of the historic spots in Delaware. While studying Delaware government he will spend a day with the state governor, and with the mayor of Wilmington. Several state and city administrators will also be visited and observed at their work. In addition, a study of Delaware industry will take him to many parts of the state. Business offices and large corporations will be toured.

Sponsored by the Alexis I. Dupont Special School District, the camp will be operating for the first time this summer. A meeting will be held the ninth of June for the participants and their parents. The campers will be given the opportunity to meet each other while discussing plans for the camp program.

This program is open to those students who have achieved a superior academic level and are interested in advanced knowledge of state and local government. An application must be sent to the A.I. school along with a recommendation from a social studies teacher and the school principal.

## Around Conrad

A.F.S. Holds Picnic

Recently our A.F.S. Club under the advisory of Mr. Kilhefner, held a picnic at Brandywine Springs Park for Mary Jane Simmons who is traveling to Norway this summer as an A.F.S. student. All A.F.S. club members were invited along with Mary Jane's friends. The picnic was well organized thanks to Elaine Hughes and brother, Sam, who seemed to make all the plans. We played a thrilling game of baseball where our guest of honor (yes, Mary Jane!) made a spectacular play at second base. When she woke up, she didn't have much to say except, "What happened?" Everyone pitched in for the food by bringing something with them. Mr. Kilhefner was also honored with a cake commemorating his trip this summer to Ethiopia in the Peace Corps. The real excitement started after lunch when I opened my big mouth and gave everybody the idea of throwing somebody in that water out there. Yes! namely me! The first thing I knew I was being carried bodily down a steep hill towards the creek. The kids were very considerate, at least they took off my shoes and socks! It didn't take long before I was right at the edge of this creek about six inches deep. That wouldn't have been so bad, but those rocks don't feel very good! Oh well, grin and bear it! At least I wasn't the only one, right Mr. Kilhefner, Debbie Smith, Tom Hartnett, Barbara Marvel, Roger Suro, Charlie Rouh, Mrs. Fisher, John Wilson, Yuki and most of the other kids. Well, they all got their weekly bath. Anyway, we all had a good time; I still have the bruises to prove it!

Latest Assemblies

The Honor Society of Conrad held a very good assembly recently with the choosing of its new members for this year. Only one thing bothered me and that was I was afraid Lynne Kampermann would never get that candle lit! Congratulations to all the new members.

Our Concert Band made a good showing with its annual Spring Concert used for an assembly, which everyone seemed to enjoy. I hope next year they don't need that piano! Of course if we didn't have the piano Gary Chanko couldn't have made his stage debut. The band also had to first parade this spring in Spring City, Pa. I never heard of it either but that's where they marched.

In Conclusion

It's been an interesting year Around Conrad and one that we'll all remember! This is the last issue of the Smoke Signal for this year and I hope you have enjoyed them all. We of the staff have enjoyed writing each issue and want to take this opportunity to wish everybody a pleasant summer and to the graduating class of '62 the best of luck in everything you do.

Confidential to Jeanne Brooks: How's Herbert doing? Confidential to Mr. Kilhefner: Boy, I wish you'd get those brakes fixed.

## Conrad Boasts 3 of 5

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burn all loom as threats to the number one singles title.

Although Rod Chronister, third singles, and Wally Schock and Rich Grelock, second doubles, are not seeded, they could come up with some surprising victories.

## "Seniors, Farewell"

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sen, Leland Thomas Jester, Paul Edward Johnson, Lynne Kampermann, John Roy Kane, Thomas Charles Kane, Deborah Ann Kelly, Lawrence Stanley Kendzierski, Jeraldine Lynn Kirkpatrick, Beatrice Jeanne Knotts, Susan Kowalski, Marilyn Martha Kress, John Richard Kriskia, Jr., Harry Reynolds Land, William Neal Larson, Paul Donald Latourney, David Lebert, Steven John Leech, Curtis Alan Livermore, Nancy Ellen Lloyd, Matthew Lygate, Jr., Lois Jean Lynch, Kenneth Edgar MacLary, Angela Malanga, Franklin Wayne Marsh, Dixie Lee Martin, John Wendell Martin, Judith Ann Matt, Lawrence Patrick Maulo, Jr., Eugene Lawrence May, Thelma Grace Mayer, Barbara Ann McAllister, Linda Jane McCallister, Judith Ann McCauley, John Glover McDaniel, Margaret Ann McGonigal, Carolyn Estelle McLaughlin, Donna Lee Meekins, Deborah Lee Millett, James Leroy Minker, Susan Missimer, Rita Marie Moroney, Linda Ann Morris, Sharon Pamela Morris, Dianna Marie Moshier, Daria Jo Mulligan, Marjorie Frances Murphy, William Henry Murray III, Paul Edwin Neill, David Joseph Nickerson, Michael Brandt Norris, Yvonne Alice Nuber, Judith Kay O'Donald, Samuel Arthur Oller, James Francis Orth, Jr., Ernest John Peet, Elizabeth Phelps, Annette Phillips, Joseph Edward Pisarski, Marlene Mae Poffenberger, Joanne Porter,

Carol Ann Pry, Nancy Carol Raymond, William David Reader, Patricia Ann Redwine, Larry Willow Renninger, Barbara Gail Roberts, Shirley Ann Robinson, Margaret Virginia Roth, Sharon Ruth Rowe, Joan Julia Ruf, Morris Steven Scales, Richard Witson Scarborough, Cheryl Ann Schneese, Woldemar Schock, Sigrid Schulz, Sandra Kay Scott, James Lee Sharky, Jr., Albert Vincent Sheppard, Sharon Elaine Shoenfelt, Robert Lee Short, Edward Lee Simpser, Dorothy Marie Singer, Carole Ann Sitewicz, Deborah Anne Smith, Frederick Eugene Smith, Jane Smith, John Lee Smith, Kathleen Virginia Smith, Preston Jeffery Smith, Jr., Ronald Howard Smith, Sigmund Albert Stanczak, Jr., Cheryl Ann Stevens, Joyce Ann Stevenson, Carolyn Ann Stewart, Thomas Richard Stigile, Francis Thomas Succarotte, Jr., Carolyn Ann Swain, Richard Allen Swain, Diane Carol Swearingen, Linda Martha Szarejko, Nancy Jane Taylor, William Edward Taylor, Jr., Susan Elizabeth Thomas, Loraine Elsie Thompson, Katherine Gail Touchton, Stanley Robert Truszcieski, John King Vanlavanaugh, Joan Louise Wallace, William Leon Walls, Jr., Janice Warren, Patricia Waters, Susan Irene Way, Lois Mae Wedhorn, Eugenia Marie Weeks, Joyce Ruth White, Marie Lucinda Williams, Judith Kay Wilson, Barbara Lynn Work, Ann Marie Yarrusso, Florence Mildred Zieber.

## Young Redskin Trackmen

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lin. In the pole vault two sophomores Steve Gawczynski and Jim O'Neill have been the Redskin's entries.

In the Peninsula relays Conrad's 440 entry of Anderson, Calloway, Simpser and Allen Swain finished second to Howard High's "440 yard high school relay champions of America" with a clocking of :45.6. The same four recorded a 1:35 in the 880 relay.

Next year Mr. Ott's sophomore studded crew should improve greatly on their present record with top point producer Ernie Anderson and potential lettermen Price, Suro, Fillingame, Jernigan, and Gilmore returning.

## Scholarship Awards

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Hutt, Eileen Clark, Joan Corrie, Bill Taylor, Susan Kowalski, Peggy Anderson, Lorraine Crowl, Joan Ruf, Jane Smith, and Woldemar Shock; New Junior members — Barbara Marvel, Arlene Lance, Kathy Dashiell, Mary Jane Simmons, Fred George, Ann Hafslund, Lee Mitchell, Bob Vinyard, Thomas Lee, Edward Ranck, Roger Suro, Rod Chronister, and Jeanne Schmidt.

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## Class Of '62 Prophecy

The years ahead of our '62 graduating class hold many secrets and surprises for all of them. With the help of our crystal ball we can gaze into the future and see what they're doing in the year 1972. It seems like most of the class of '62 is still in Delaware except for Bill Cross who is on the launching pad at Cape Canaveral but he still can't find the key! First we tour the Delaware Hospital and find Joyce Buckworth, chief resident, giving orders to Gail Borinski, Diane Swearinger, Marie Williams, Nancy Raymond, and Nancy Lloyd, all nurses. We leave the Hospital and stop in at Susan Way's drug-store right around the corner for a coke. Burman Burgess comes in with his six kids. Our next stop is the Du Pont Company. Outside Sharon Shoenfelt is sitting on an old box painting a nearby building. We enter the main office and ask Barbara Altemus, head office secretary, for a tour around the office to meet some of the other workers. Linda Hockenbury is behind her desk talking on the phone to some guy named Larry. Charlene Cunningham is having a rubber band war with Florence Zieber while Jane Smith is busily typing a letter to some man named Fred. On the second floor in the engineering department Fred Smith is looking over some blueprints for a new office building while Larry Maulo is going out for his fifth coffee break. Larry Renninger is just returning from his sixth coffee break to help Fred.

We're off again and this time we pass the Alice Hirst Beauty Salon and see Linda McCallister still trying to get her hair straight. Right next door is the Carole Sitewicz Dancing Studio, with Carole teaching her students the twist. Two jets fly over head. It must be Randy Cloud and Bill Taylor dragging.

There's a grand opening of a new store on Market Street! Ginger Roth is store manager and her office workers include Sandra Burkett, Peggy McGonigal, Diane Boyer, and Nancy L. Cooper.

We're out of the city now and are watching the excavation for another new office building. Tom Hutt is supervising the earth moving equipment while Judy Carter, for the Journal is interviewing him for a story. A few blocks away are the new Research Labs where we are now. Phil Bunting is in the chemistry lab experimenting with a new explosive while Kenny McClary, that well known scientist, is still trying to figure out how Dr. Frankenstein made his. The office secretaries haven't gone out for their coffee break so we can see them in action. Sandra Harper and Linda Grehawick are playing poker, while Marie Era is reading Mad.

Bob Short, that millionaire playboy, just rode by in his \$6,000 sports car with Cathy Craig as happy as ever. On the left, as we're going toward Old Conrad High is Cathy Hendrickson's mansion. She always did want to be successful!

Now we're back at Conrad to see who some of the new teachers are. There's Thelma Mayer taking care of detention hall this week. Down in the Latin room, Carol Pry and Diane Moshier are teaching jointly the use of the Roman Empire.

Our last stop is the Medical Arts Building where the first person we see is that well-known psychologist Dr. Albert Sheppard, what a head shrinker! Cheryl Schneese is working as a dental assistant and Lorraine Crowl is a medical technician. They have a new office in there now! It's an animal hospital with Peggy Anderson and Eileen Clark veterinarians.

Well, we're at the New Castle County Airport ready to board a plane for a well needed vacation when we see the last of the class of '62. It's Pat Hammond, the cutest airline hostess this side of Conrad. I'm glad she grew her two inches.

There's a look into the future of some of the class of '62. I hope you all make your dreams and have a wonderful life.

The Old Prophet

### ALL-STAR GAME

Mr. David Casto will direct the Conrad High School Band in the finale of its summer schedule with a performance at the annual All-Star Game at the University of Delaware, Newark, on August 25.

The band supplemented by the twirlers and flag twirlers will present the half-time entertainment. The two bands which were extended this honor prior to Conrad were the De la Warr and Dickinson bands respectively.

In addition this summer the band will march in the firemen's parades with the Elsmere Fire Company and on Labor Day with the Delaware Power and Light Company Union.

## SENIORS' PETS

It is well-known that American people love pets whatever the pet may be. Almost all of the families seem to have at least one pet. This time an investigator came to Conrad to ask some of the seniors about their pets.

Debbie Smith has two French poodles, but she'd rather talk about the chicken she used to have. She got a little cute yellow chicken for Easter. She put him (or her, she could never tell) in a canary cage and gave him canary food, hoping that he would sing like a canary. Well, after a while he grew too big for the canary cage and is now in a farm not knowing how much Debbie missed him. Debbie still goes around the house chirping.

Joe Hicky has a dog named Friday, which was born on Friday. After school Friday comes to see the baseball practice chasing after the ball. Mr. Palermo had to stop playing to put him out of the field. During a game an umpire had to do the same procedure. Friday might be a pretty good outfielder of the Conrad baseball team.

A charming chameleon is taken care of by Diane Swearinger. As usual it changes colors as the environment changes, and it seems

## Sock & Buskin Club

Three fine plays were performed by the Sock and Buskin Club this year. They were the fall play *Cradle Song*; the Christmas play *The Pearl*; and the spring play *The Importance of Being Earnest*. Last November, the dramatics club participated in the Delaware Dramatics Conference at the University of Delaware, by giving demonstrations on stage make-up. The Dramatics Club participated in the twentieth Delaware Play Festival in March. The members in the cast of George Kelly's *Finders Keepers* were Elaine Hughes, Sam Hughes, and Susan Kowalski. This play won, for the second year, the all cast award for excellence in acting, at the Play Festival.

*Finders Keepers* was performed at the Veterans Hospital in Elsmere and for the P.T.A. and the student assembly program in

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that it changes its color into blue when Diane is full of sorrow.

Virginia Donovan has a parakeet who doesn't speak back to her. So just imagine Virginia, sitting in front of the cage talking to the unspeakable parakeet. One day she came to school with a black eye. Her beloved horse threw her, yet on weekends if the weather is fine, she goes out for horseback riding to speak with the horses.

Cathy Hendrickson has a brown dog called Dilly. She is friendly and welcomes everyone who comes into the house by jumping on him. She might be hired by the track team for high jump.

As a result dogs and parakeets are recognized as common pets of the seniors of Conrad High School.

school. The Delaware Dramatic Association honored Conrad High School with a certificate on the occasion of the twentieth Delaware Play Festival for an unbroken record of participation.

Because of the success of the variety show performed for the first time this year, the variety show is going to be a part of the club's program each year.

Officers for the next year are: President, Gary Dawson; Vice President, Julia Guida; Secretary, Charlotte Roberts; and Treasurer, Sam Hughes. We're sure these officers will carry out the fine job that has been done in the past year under the direction of Mr. Morgan.

## Seniors' Farewell

Tonight is graduation, and as I walk through the halls for the last time, I remember the carefree, happy, and yet trying days I have spent here. I remember back to my first day at Conrad, how frightened I was at the prospect of entering a new school and meeting new people, yet how thrilling it was to be a part of this new life. As the year wore on, I wondered how I could have ever dreaded entering high school, as it seemed I had known my new friends all my life instead of just a few months.

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rooms, I remember the teachers who helped make my stay here at Conrad worthwhile, and I will be forever grateful to them.

Some of the days may have been trying, and I may have wished over and over for the time to come when I would finally graduate; however, now that the time is here, I can't help feeling sad and almost wishing I were a sophomore once more.

However, I realize that life must go on and graduating is a part of growing up. So as I receive my diploma tonight, I shall remember it is a passport to newer and braver endeavors.

## Boys' Prom Attire

Prom time is here! The girls have been reading fashion magazines and consulting each other about gowns, hair-cuts, and jewelry for months. The boys, however, are often left to their own resources. Here then are some hints which the Conrad male may find helpful:

What to Wear

1. A hair-cut and a shave are the order of the day. Personal neatness is as important as a clean white shirt.
2. Hands and nails should be clean. Nails should be trim, not broken or chewed.
3. Jewelry should match; it should also be conservative. This includes studs and cuff-links. Extremes in jewelry look cheap rather than elegant.
4. Boys should wear black oxford-type shoes rather than loafers. Shoes should tie in front instead of down the side. Conservative socks are equally important.
5. Wear a smile. Look pleasant and show your date that you are anticipating an enjoyable evening with her.

What to Do

1. When giving a girl flowers ask (in advance) what color gown (Continued on Page 5)

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