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Seniors, Sophs Outdone By Juniors On Honor Roll

Juniors dominated the last honor roll of the first semester, outdoing the seniors 81 to 26, and topping the sophomores by a margin of 14.

FIRST HONOR ROLL

Seniors: Robert Ciociola, Louise Dinetta, Keith Haden, Leslie Marquette, Jay Peacock, James Trost.

Juniors: Annette Beeson, Earle Buckley, Pamela Casey,

Patricia Craig, Anne Dewey, Barbara Diffendall, Kathleen Dryden, Diane Johnson, Margaret Leach, Ellen Luoma, Francis Maloney, Katherine Marvel, Donna McClelland, Faye Nichols, Ann O'Donnell, Kenneth Piech, Linda Rink, James Ryan, Robert Simmons, and Guy White.

Sophomores: Marc Cheban, Charlene Davis, James Dykes, Deborah Dzielak, David Gib-

son, Harold Johnson, Diane Kotter was, Cynthia Lowden, Joanne Olkowski, Kermit Patton, James Reilly, Catherine Rodichok, Judy Scholato, Jayne Stoneberger, Nancy Stumpf, and Marcia Watson.

SECOND HONOR ROLL

Seniors: Linda Armento, Valarie Armstrong, Sandra Berson, Lorraine Bloch, Margaret Blyskal, Sandra Bramble, Stephen Caum, Cheryl Crozier, Wendy Crump, Mark Derby, Anne Diffendall, Patricia Drozdowski, Judith Eckles, Betty Fenton, Joyce Gearhart, Peter Graustein, Guillermo Chachon, Joanne Hamilton, Sandra Hedrick and Shirley Hubbs.

David Ingold, Georgia Jones, Barbara Kane, Linda Krapf, Steven Marciniszyn, Joanne

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Governor To Speak At Job Fair Opening

Governor Charles L. Terry will visit Conrad's gym next Tuesday for the opening of Operation Job Fair which will continue through Wednesday and Thursday.

Job Fair, a pilot program for the benefit of June graduates in search of jobs, will replace the annual business-education-day trip to a single firm.

Dennis Romanoski and Frances Marks, seniors, have appeared on ETV hourly every day this week to publicize the fair. In addition, TV channel 12, radio, newspapers, and school announcements throughout the county have spread the word.

"Finding the job is not the aim of the fair," said Miss

Louise Jackson, guidance department head. "It is to acquaint the youngsters with various employment opportunities, so that they can see the range of firms and kinds of benefits available."

More than 40 employers, including General Motors, Hercules, E.L. DuPont, Delmarva Power and Light, and the armed services will each have numbered booths distributed throughout the gym.

Here representatives will explain the types of jobs their companies offer, job requirements, salaries, and fringe benefits.

More than 1070 students from New Castle County secondary schools are anticipated. Members of the junior class will act as hosts and guides to visitors.

The fair is sponsored by the Delaware State Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with the Delaware Association of Certified School Counselors, and the Delaware State Department of Public Instruction.

While the guidance department regrets that the entire school cannot attend, the faculty is invited. A complete booklet on Operation Job Fair is available at Miss Jackson's office.

Conrad To Send 33 To DECA Conference

Conrad will send 33 members to the state DECA Leadership Conference March 24-25 at the Tally Ho Motor Lodge. Mr. George Froelich, DECA adviser, will supervise the students during the trip.

Some junior students competing in different DECA contests are Joe Benson for student of the year; Carmel Addest, student of the year; Dennis Barone, public speaking; Rose Walls, merchandise information manual; and Bob Ramsey, area of display.

Senior DE Students are pre-

Six Journalism Juniors To Travel To Temple

Six Smoke Signal reporters will represent Conrad at the Temple University press tournament, March 28.

Those chosen to attend are Ellen Luoma, Kathy Neill, Patty Craig, Peggy Leach, Linda Rink and Mary Jo DiAngelo.

The six will compete in various writing competitions covering all phases of newspaper production.

Mr. Edmund C. Arnold, nationally known expert on newspaper make up, will be guest speaker at the Delaware Scholastic Press Association's spring convention May 11.

The event, to be held at Rehoboth High School, will feature competitions in news-writing, editorials, speech reporting, newspaper makeup and yearbook layout.

Another contest will desig-

paring individual surveys that deal with some aspects of DECA. These are Jeanne Sianne, influence of TV advertising; Sally Fallers, public's opinions of apartments; Sheila Moore, riot effects on Wilmington's gas stations; Tracy Kilby, popularity of home buying parties; and Bonnie James, trading stamps causing higher gasoline prices.

Any member who wins first place in any of the events will go to the vocational convention in Houston, Texas, in May.



"Ooh! This bowing wears out the knee joints!" sigh Ann O'Donnell and Rich Lipinski as Bob Lantis looks on. Photo by Paula Barnett.

Dramatists To Stage Frolicking Fantasy

William Shakespeare's play of courtly loves, "A Midsummer Nights' Dream," will be brought to life on Conrad's stage March 22 and 23.

Assuming main roles under the direction of Mrs. Louise Goddin, speech and drama teacher, are Bill Bratton, Oberon; Anne Dewey, Titania; Wendy Rowland, Puck; and Tom Bullen, Nick Bottom.

The comedy is a combination of three plots, the first of

which concerns the misadventures of four lovers and the story of the marriage of Theseus and Hippolyta. This plot provides the framework for the whole play.

The pranks of Puck and the quarrel of his master, Oberon, with his queen, Titania, link the story of the fairies to the main plot. Into this dream-like world drop Bottom and his fellow artisans with a heavy thud. The play-within-a-play, performed by the rustics, is a good-natured ridicule of the plays put on by the villagers in rural England in Shakespeare's day.

Other roles are played by Bob Lantis, Jan Wilhide, Anne O'Donnell, Rick Lipinski, Dave Brown, and Linda Law.

"I've wanted to do something from Shakespeare for a long time," said Mrs. Goddin, "because it has many elements of children's theater, which I think is excellent for high school."

Mrs. Miller To Teach 3-Year Honors Course

The first of a three-year cycle of honors courses will be inaugurated by the social studies department next year.

The accelerated course, "Economic and Political Philosophy Since the Enlightenment," will be taught by Mrs. Marjorie Miller. Open to juniors, seniors and perhaps sophomores, the course will meet twelfth grade requirements in social studies. Students will be selected on the basis of interest and aptitude, with emphasis on creative ability. NEDT and PSAT scores, as well as teacher recommendation, will also be taken into consideration.

A U.S. history honors course, meeting eleventh grade requirements, will be offered two years from now; and the third course in the series will be "Problems in World History." After that, the cycle will be repeated. The courses do not have to be taken in order, as long as graduation requirements are met.

The courses will place an emphasis on individual work, with close rapport between teacher and student. Regular classes will meet three to four times a week, with the remaining days spent in doing research or having individual conferences with the teacher.

Interested students should see their guidance counselors for more information.

Seniors To Teach

Seniors will take over classes on FTA's Student Teacher Day April 5.

An FTA committee, consisting of Julie Martin, Chick Bradford, Gail Hudson, Ellen Jeanes, Juanette West, Joanne McConnell, Carol Roberts, and Christine Kearns, will decide the rules for the day.

Each teacher will choose his replacement from a list of students who have applied for that particular class.

FTA members visited the University of Delaware February 28, and toured the new education building.

Council Fills Vacancies

The Student Council has appointed sophomore Karen Stradley and junior Kathy Dougherty as official voting members. These appointments were necessary to fill places of members who were compelled to resign their posts.

All students interested submitted letters of application which were then evaluated at a Council meeting.

An exchange program enabled six Conradian Council members to experience a Newark High School Day February 15. Those participating were Brenda Whyte, Barbara Heller, Kathy Neill, Chip Reed, Debbie Reed, Debbie Huff, and Harry Furness.

The Council Constitution is currently being revised by a committee headed by Keith Haden.

The official date for the New York trip is May 3. After a UN tour, the group will split into sub-groups which will go to various points of interest.

Campaign posters for Council elections will go up in the latter part of May.

Kindness Demands Effort

An impatient horn blares at a nervous driver causing a near accident. A courteous young customer is ignored as the result of an elder's "me first" attitude. Human being's feelings are trampled because their clothes bear the wrong label or their skin pigment is different. A once happy face is saddened by a reputation-ruining rumor.

One could continue infinitely citing examples of inhumane behavior. But should we just accept the fact that it will always exist and conform with it?

Can we forget the warm feeling inside us when that rare person takes time to perform a kind deed without a showy display?

Wouldn't it be wonderful if kindness was a natural inborn characteristic of the human race?

Since it is not, we must each have a desire to strive for it if we wish to attain harmony with each other.

We are here not by choice; nevertheless, we ARE here, and we are here together.

Problems Need Probing

Larry was a student with capabilities he was not living up to. All tests showed an above average intelligence, and his teachers commented on his apparent brilliance.

However, his grades were low; he didn't hand in many assignments. Larry was constantly in danger of failing in spite of his ability.

A closer look at Larry's family would be revealing. His parents were far from ideal: his father, an alcoholic, his mother, apathetic toward her children. A family examination is often more telling than an IQ examination.

Many high school students find themselves in situations similar to Larry's; personal problems present insurmountable barriers to academic advancement.

The guidance office is so busy with scheduling and course problems that personal troubles must remain unprobed. Help of a more informal nature is sorely needed.

We suggest that the rapport which exists between many Conrad teachers and students could be utilized in helping solve these personal problems.

To make this plan work successfully, a considerable number of teachers would have to volunteer to offer their services. These volunteer counselors could then make themselves available, either at stated times or by appointment, and would have to promise to keep all personal conversations confidential.

The students in turn would have to understand the limitations of this arrangement. Teachers should not be expected to do more than offer advice. In case of legal difficulties, for example, students would have to realize that teachers could not be expected to withhold evidence from law enforcement authorities.

We suggest that help in this area is far more important than explaining mathematical theorems or grammatical intricacies.

Scrub That Sink!

A school newspaper editorial is not supposed to preach or tell its readers what is wrong with them as individuals or society in general; rather, it is supposed to imply, to be subtle. Then one walks into the lavatories. Is there any way one can suggest subtly that these filthy, smokey rooms should be kept clean and used for the purpose for which they were made? A valiant effort on the part of a few made some temporary improvements, but the situation is now nearly as poor as before --- hair-filled sinks, ash-covered toilet seats. Is this the way students keep their home bathrooms? Are they as dirty as these bathrooms appear? We hope not.

Wrestlers Applauded

Conrad wrestlers deserve a hearty pat on the back for the season's performance. Although they had a disappointing fourth-place finish in the Blue Hen Conference race, they attained their place of glory in the conference tournament by capturing six out of 12 scheduled bouts.

Coach Edgar Baker and his assistant, Mr. Cecil Schulze and Mr. Lester Maurer, are to be congratulated for this outstanding feat.

Special notice should be given to senior Terry Doran, who started the Redskins uprising at the 154-pound class, defeating the only man he lost to during the regular season. He trailed his undefeated opponent 4-1 and then rallied to win.

Special congratulations are also in order for winners Bruce Arterbridge, Paul Kempiski, Chip Stryholuk, Jeff Damback, and Tom Darrah.

Conrad wrestlers, good luck tomorrow!



"Anybody who'd coach for a living is crazy," says Coach Coder. "To me it's a challenge." Photo By Lorraine Bloch

Spunky Spirit Is Coach Coder's Key

By ELLEN LUOMA

Whether he is encouraging the team on the field or getting the kids to work up a bonfire that'll set the world ablaze, assistant football coach Tom Coder is behind his boys all the way.

Team play is nothing new to Mr. Coder, for throughout his life athletics have been his guiding star. As a senior in high school at Mount Union, Pennsylvania, he was chosen out-

standing baseball player and played in the western Pennsylvania all-star football game.

Again at Indiana University in Pennsylvania he played both football and baseball, but during his sophomore year he was injured in a football game and his quarterbacking days were over.

A year after graduation from Indiana, Mr. Coder was in the army. Because of his math major, he became a computer programmer at the Philadelphia equipment depot, where army supply records were kept.

The "little rumble down in Cuba," as Mr. Coder puts it, was his big army adventure. Called out of bed at 2:30 a.m. he helped to program the shipment of army supplies to strategic points. Consequently, he was the mum holder of classified information.

Although he was offered a job with IBM after his discharge, Mr. Coder became assistant coach at Conrad at a financial sacrifice. He says, "Anybody who'd coach for a living is crazy. Your whole life depends on what 40 kids are going to do. But to me it's a challenge."

Even though Mr. Coder felt like "a robot sitting at desk 13 in a row of 18" as a programmer, he wonders if he is cheating his family out of the financial benefits of an IBM salary.

Of his wife and four little Coders, he says simply, "They are my life. I'm very lucky in my family."

Topped by a sparse crop of brown hair, Mr. Coder eagerly awaits the day when he can be rid of his pet peeve and wear a wig. "I hope it comes before

Ten Teachers Brave State Line Daily

By ANNE O'DONNELL

Among the cheery souls who journey each day to teach at Conrad, several brave the Delaware state line and venture fourth from neighboring states.

Truth is that 10 Conrad teachers are out-of-staters, who have various reasons for traveling to Delaware every day.

Traveling the greatest distance is Mr. Howard Work, who drives about 45 miles from Lancaster, Pa. Both Mrs. Ethelbert Ott and Mr. Raymond Cashel come from Chester County, Pa., both traveling about 20 miles twice daily.

Other out-of-state teachers include Mr. James Hubbard, Chadds Ford, Pa.; Mr. William Kean, Uwchland, Pa.; Mr. Charles Lykens, Pennsville, N. J.; Mr. Donald Morgan, Elkton, Md.; Mr. Cecil Schulze, Nottingham, Pa.; Mr. Frank McDermott and Mrs. Miriam Roth,

both of West Chester, Pa.

A few of these remark that they prefer living in the country. These hearty outdoorsmen enjoy more spacious homes and sports such as fox hunting.

Still others admit that the salary in Delaware is "a little better" than in Pennsylvania.

Living a little out of the way, how did these teachers "discover" Conrad?

Some answer that they came to Conrad purely by chance, citing various accidental happenings.

Others simply heard about an open position here, and applied for it. Some came here on recommendations of friends.

All of the teachers feel that coming here to teach is worth it. "Other wise," remarked one, "why would I do it?"

Besides all that, one teacher laughingly admits that "the students get better every year!"

Skateboard Rider

Becomes Dancing Fairy

The metamorphosis of a caterpillar into a butterfly is a mysterious biological process. More mystical yet is the change from a skateboard rider into a moth. Impossible as it seems, this feat presents no difficulties for senior Barbara Kane.

For those who are confused, Barb is presently practicing for Conrad's spring play, "A

Midsummer Night's Dream," where she will portray a graceful fairy named Moth.

The word "graceful" brings to mind ballet, an art in which Barbara is very interested. However, she sighs that her biggest disappointment is that she'll never fulfill her dream of becoming a ballerina.

The future is blurry for Barbara as she is still undecided as to what she will major in at the University of Delaware. She is considering quite seriously either psychology or sociology.

Art, poetry, folk music, and motorcycles play an important part in Barbara's life. She loves to read E.E. Cummings, to listen to Joan Baez and Pete Seeger, and occasionally to try her

hand at writing poetry.

War and hatred completely bewilder Barbara. What frightens her more is indifference: "I would rather have someone know me and hate me, than have someone know me and be indifferent toward me."

"To be real," is an essential part of Barbara's world--"no more artificial Christmas trees and especially no more artificial people," she asserts.

Even though Barbara maintains a high "B" average and a place on the second honor roll, she has one downfall -- physical education. How can Conrad's greatest skateboard rider manage that? As was said before, anything is possible when it comes to Barbara Kane.



"Eat your heart out Michaelangelo," snickers Barbara Kane. Photo By Margaret Blyskal.

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Six Conrad Wrestlers To Try For State Crowns

Six Conrad wrestlers will try for state championships at the University of Delaware tomorrow.

Despite a fourth-place finish in the regular conference season, the boys made a spectacular showing in the Blue Hen Tournament at the William Penn gym February 24.

Redskin grapplers captured 6 of the 12 championships and won 2 fourth places.

First place winners were Bruce Arterbridge-95, Paul Kempki-127, Terry Doran-154, Walter Stryholuk-165, Jeff Dambach-180 and Tom Darrah-unlimited. Greg Miner and Don Swain took fourth places.

Coach Edgar Baker commented, "The coaching staff

felt before the season began that Conrad had one of the strongest squads in the league, and I feel that our outstanding showing in the conference tournament is evidence of this."

The team's conference record was 6-3; the overall record was 7-3. The junior varsity had a 6-3 conference

record.

"We had some injuries and illnesses before or during crucial matches which undoubtedly hurt us," Coach Baker said. "Also some of the wrestlers were relatively inexperienced at the beginning of the season and needed the entire season to mature into accomplished performers."

3 Conrad Track Men Win State Medals

At the State Interscholastic Winter Track Meet, last Friday, Larry Thomas and Emile Gardner, seniors, and Jim Burdett, junior, were medal winners.

Larry took a second place in the pole vault and won a silver medal, while Emile and Jim took third places and were awarded bronze medals in the mile run and shot put respectively.

February 20, at the state trials, sophomore Steve Mashington placed fourth in his 60-yard high hurdles heat; senior Emile Gardner took a fourth in the mile; and the mile relay team, consisting of senior Larry Thomas, juniors Mark Clark and Tim Carson, and sophomore Jim Reilley, placed second with a time of 3:48.4 minutes.

In two other meets, at A.I. DuPont and Tower Hill, Conrad participated in each of the eight events: 60-yard high

hurdles, 60-yard dash, 440-yard dash, 880-yard run, the mile run, the two mile run, the mile relay and the two mile relay. In the medley run Conrad took a second place, Emile Gardner, Jack Keller, Jim Reilley and Paul Crony ran the event for Conrad.

Delaware track coaches for the first time have made up a winter track schedule for Delaware schools exclusively.

In previous years a group known as the Greater Philadelphia Track Coaches Association has held its meets in the University of Delaware Fieldhouse, but only if they allowed Delaware athletes to participate. This year the state's coaches set up a program for six meets, including the state interscholastic trials and championships.

The last meet of the winter season, the "Frostbite" at Tower Hill, will start today at 2:30.

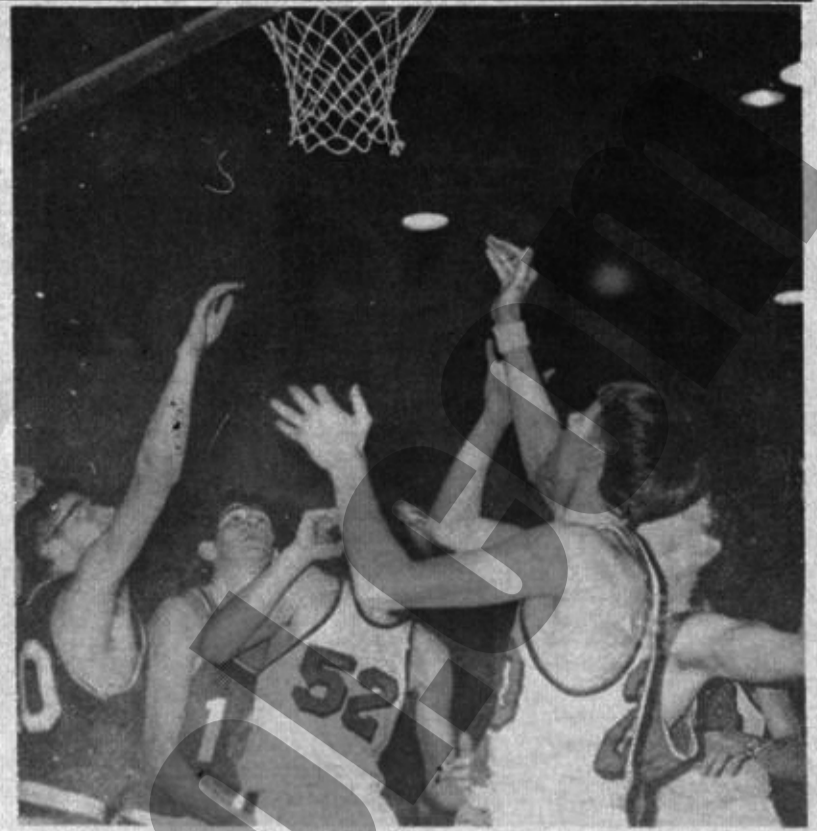
Gymnasts To Host Delaware State Meet

Conrad's gymnastics team will host the state gymnastic meet, a contest for Delaware's juniors highs and high schools, to be held soon at Conrad.

The Redskin's varsity season ended with the February 21 match with Brandywine. Conrad won the high bar and long horse events and tied on the rings, ending with 232.0 points against Brandywine's 244.8.

Junior Dan Conner, Redskin's all-around man, placed first in two events and second in two events in the January 26 meet with Brandywine. In the second Brandywine match February 21, he took three firsts, three seconds, and the all-around.

Against Springfield, Conner had three firsts, two seconds, and the all-around. His season's average is three firsts and two seconds each meet.



Where'd It Go?

Chuck Honey, Dick Allen, and Rob Martin ask the question, as they go for a rebound against Christiana. Photo By John Glenn.

Redskins Scalp Dickinson, End Season With 8-10 Record

Conrad's basketball squad wound up their season Tuesday with a 66-41 win over the Dickinson five. The Redskins logged a record of 8 wins-10 losses.

"We worked so hard to come so close," commented Coach James Hagan concerning the season's effort.

Conrad lost to DeLaWarr 71-75, Christiana 46-48, and to Flight A champs P.S. Du Pont 45-46. The last two contests were decided with baskets just seconds before the final buzzer.

In most games fewer than 10 points separated the winners from the losers. Throughout the season, featuring evenly-matched teams, the

Redskins made their presence felt more than their record indicates.

Juniors Dennis Johnson and Rob Martin led the team in the offensive department with 12.7 and 10.8 averages respectively. Seniors Terry Brown and Dick Allen followed with 10.3 and 10.1 averages.

Looking towards next winter, Coach Hagan is more optimistic about the future than he has ever been. Starters Dennis Johnson, Rob Martin, and sophomore Chuck Honey should provide a seasoned nucleus for next year's squad.

Girls' Cage Team Has 4-4 Season

Kathy Plumline, senior, and Diane Stetina, junior, were high scorers for the girls' varsity basketball team. Diana Liddicoat, junior, was high scorer for the junior varsity.

The varsity record for the season was four wins and four losses. The girls lost to A.I. Dupon, McKean, Wm. Penn, and Mount Pleasant, but defeated Claymont, Christiana, Brandywine, and Dickinson. The JV record was 6-2.

Cherico Honored At Sports Fete

Senior Joe Cherico appeared as a guest of the DuPont Country Club at its annual sports show January 20. Joe, the American Legion National Batting Champion, played with the Stahl Post team in the World Series at Memphis, Tennessee, last summer.

Joe, planning to play for semi-pro team Canada Dry this summer, discussed baseball with Lou Brock. Later Lou personally took Joe to lunch.

Joe was also an invited guest at the St. Anthony's sports banquet February 8.

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