

Dale Johnston and George Eckrich get pointers from an old hand, Mr. Eckrich, while building the new refreshment stand. Photo by Kathy Neill.

Refreshment Stand Tops CHS List of Changes

A \$4000 refreshment stand with triple the serving space of the old one has been erected on the Victoria Avenue side of the football field by the Band Association.

Begun in August, the 20-by-20-foot structure was completed for the first home game. Labor was largely contributed by band parents, according to band director, David Casto.

The Christiana Hundred Lions Club contributed a coffee urn, a hot dog maker, and a French fry maker. More than 30 pounds of hot dogs and 200 pounds of potatoes were used at the old one-sided stand, said Mrs. Jack Minker, a band parent.

Conrad's enrollment of more than 1,450 students is the largest in its history.

However, the administration anticipates no problem in handling

this increase of about 100 over last year, according to Mr. Jay Hinnercheetz, assistant principal.

"Assemblies this year shall be held by class, since the auditorium can hold only 954 students at one time. Other than that, we anticipate no problems in the halls, the cafeteria, or the classes," he stated.

New aluminum windows have been installed everywhere except the home economics area and the cafeteria which will be done next summer. Since the project was financed by the state capital improvements program, no extra taxes were necessary.

Supervising Principal John J. Lacey announced at the September school board meeting that all old heaters have been replaced and are now in excellent condition.

Smoke Signal Maintains All American Rating

The All American award, highest rating given by the National Scholastic Press Association, has been awarded to the *Smoke Signal* for the third consecutive semester.

The award is based on the four issues published during the second semester of the 1967-68 school year. Two issues were produced under the leadership of Julia Martin, and two were published by Ellen Luoma and her staff.

The *Smoke Signal* rated perfect scores on feature and sports writing, page makeup, and headline writing. The 4070 points accumulated are the highest ever achieved by the paper.

The *Smoke Signal* is sporting a new look this year, thanks to a change in printers. The paper, formerly printed in Elkton, Maryland, is now published in Kennett Square, Pennsylvania.

"The advantages of a new prin-

ter are a higher quality paper and a new printing method to improve copy and pictures," commented Mr. Raymond Cashel, *Smoke Signal* adviser.

Fifteen junior reporters have joined the staff. They are Sharon Asquith, John Barlow, Beverly Bove, Margaret Combs, James Dykes, Deborah Dzielak, David Gibson, Joseph Hogentogler, Deborah Huff, Bernd Merforth, Susan Meginniss, Joanne Olkowski, Sarah Swinney, Jeffrey Stabnau, and Janice Wilhide.

New typists include Marcia Beardsley, Halina Cybak, Elizabeth Lindell, Gail McKeever, Helen Mergenthaler, Marlene Moriello, Donna Smith, and Janice Williams.

Jean Sanner, senior, has been named *Smoke Signal* publicity chairman.

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Melinda Neal to Portray Anne Frank in Fall Play

Sophomore Melinda Neal has captured the lead in the fall play, "The Diary of Anne Frank."

The high-tension drama is to be presented November 22 and 23 by the Sock and Buskin Club. Rehearsals, under the direction of Mr. Donald Morgan, started October 7.

The story takes place in Holland during World War II. The Franks are a Jewish family hiding in a factory loft to escape the wrath of the Germans.

The plot unfolds through the diary of the Frank's daughter, Anne. It is a true story taken from the real diary.

Sharing the attic rooms with the Franks are the Van Daans and a dentist, Mr. Dussel.

These people represent only a small portion of the thousands of Jews who took refuge from the Germans during the war.

Other members of the Frank family include Bill Bratton as Mr. Frank, Linda Law as Mrs. Frank, and Anne O'Donnell as their daughter Margot.

Seniors Bob Lantis and Anne Dewey play the parts of Mr. and Mrs. Van Daan, with junior Bill Russell as Peter, their son.

Mr. Dussel will be portrayed by Phil Provin, and Mr. Kraler by Herb Brown. Liga Lidums will take the role of Miep.

"It's a great play, and the cast shows a lot of promise," commented Mr. Morgan. "We will need excellent properties," he added.



Seniors Phil Provin as Mr. Dussell and Anne Dewey as Mrs. Van Daan listen attentively to Mr. Donald Morgan's directoral advice in preparation for "The Diary of Anne Frank," the fall play. Photo by Kathy Neill.

School Board Anticipates Consolidation of Conrad Area

Plans for consolidation of the Conrad, Krebs, Richardson Park and Oak Grove school districts are being made by CASBA (Conrad Area School Board Association), which meets regularly in the Conrad cafeteria.

"No formal action has been taken," said Mr. John Lacey, supervising principal, "because no one has legal authority to do so. All meetings have been conducted on a discussion and research basis. We know about our consolidation pattern because the law requires each school district to contain grades one through twelve."

"Official re-organization plans will be issued by the State Board of Education no later than October 24, and the districts affected will be notified no later than November 3. Because the law does not provide for a re-organized district to take legal action before July 1, 1969, the State

Board of Education plans to introduce legislation in January that would establish Interim Boards of Education to act legally in behalf of the re-organized districts. Present plans are to give the board legal authority sometime in March or April."

There will be 20 members on the consolidated board. Each year the office of four members will terminate and one will be elected. This will continue for five years until the board is pared down to five members.

The Conrad area involves the largest number of districts to consolidate. Mr. Lacey estimates that next year there will be approximately 6500 students in the district, making it about the fifth largest.

From 1934 Conrad has been a high school district only. The Dickinson district was split off from Conrad in 1934.

Wallace Wins CHS Election

Former Alabama governor George Wallace won the September 19 poll taken by the *Smoke Signal* at Conrad. Richard Nixon placed second, while Hubert Humphrey trailed in third.

A total of 1144 votes included those cast for Eugene McCarthy, Pat Paulsen, Hugh Hefner, George Washington, Woodrow Wilson, and Ted Kennedy. "I wouldn't vote for any of them," wrote one disgruntled student.

Things have changed completely compared to the poll taken last spring. "Kennedy for President" was May's motto, with Rockefeller, Nixon, and McCarthy, second, third, and fourth, respectively. George Wallace wasn't even on the poll, but received 11 votes, anyway.

Students Vie for Merit Scholarships



National Merit Semi-finalists (left to right) Linda Rink, Pauline Betty, Pam Casey, and Patty Craig receive congratulations from Mr. Earl J. Smith, principal. Photo by Kathy Neill.

Seniors Pauline Betty, Pamela Casey, Patricia Craig and Linda Rink were selected as semifinalists in the National Merit Scholarship competition. Seniors Earl Buckley, Anne Dewey, Margaret Leach, Ellen Luoma, Katherine Marvel and Guy White received commendations.

The four semifinalists, chosen on the basis of their scores on the National Merit test taken last year, will compete with other outstanding high school seniors for scholarships worth up to \$1500 a year for four years.

They will now attempt to become finalists by making high college board scores and by sending in information about their scholastic accomplishments and other interests and achievements.

Pauline, who plans to take a pre-medical course at Cornell University, is active in the Bio-Chem Club and in dramatics. She has had leading roles in many Sock

and Buskin productions, notably *The Little Foxes*, *Harvey*, and *You Can't Take It With You*.

Pam, currently president of the Junior Classical League, is also interested in science, in which she hopes to major at Radcliffe College.

She and Pauline won third prize in the senior group biology division at the State Science Fair with their project, "Perfusion of Rabbit Kidney in Vitro."

This year they are performing the experiment again for the Bio-Chem Club.

Patty, on the other hand, is more interested in humanities. An excellent journalism student, she is this year's copy editor of the *Smoke Signal* and winner of third prize in news writing last year at the Delaware Scholastic Press Association convention in Rehoboth.

Planning a career in languages, Patty will continue Spanish at

college, and, perhaps, take up French and Russian. This will be her third year in the AFS Club, and she will also join the newly-organized Political Affairs Club.

Linda also plans to major in languages in college. Currently taking both German and French, she will continue studying both at either Pembroke College or the University of Pennsylvania.

News editor of the *Smoke Signal*, she is also interested in English and journalism; last year she placed second in science writing at the Temple University's Press Tournament.

Linda is currently a member of the Library Aides, AFS, and Political Affairs Club. She was also one of Conrad's delegates to Girls' State last summer.

Finalists will be announced in February, and scholarship winners will be notified by May 1.

Welcome to the Tribe

This is not the time for senior nostalgia. After all, there's still one third of our lives at Conrad left to live. But when the new batch of sophomores wander down the halls with a mixture of awe and confusion on their faces, memories return.

We might as well admit it. We, too, tried to find the band room next to the cafeteria, and forgot locker combinations, and lost single tennis shoes. But, warriors that we are, we survived and went on to some of the greatest times of our lives.

So we hope you sophomore Redskins hit it off at Conrad with even a bigger bang than we did (after all there are more of you!) and—welcome to the tribe!

Residents Battle the Spoilers

A homeowner is usually proud of his lawn. He spends his weekend tending the grass and flowers, pruning bushes, and cleaning up his yard.

How disappointing it must be to him to come home from work to find his lawn littered with soda cans, gum wrappers, and shreds of paper. Yet several homes in the Conrad area are left in that condition by students who loiter there in the morning.

What can be done? Our suggestion is to place a litter basket in those areas where students gather before school. Since the jurisdiction of the school does not extend to this area, some other organization must be called upon.

We urge some club or school organization to take up this matter: contact a suitable organization and arrange for the purchase and placement of litter baskets.

Responsible students must come forward to solve the problem caused by the irresponsible.

Eerie Halloween Tale Haunts October Reading

By Diane Johnson

Something Wicked This Way Comes, by Ray Bradbury, is an eerie, wickedly twisting Halloween tale of a carnival, two boys, Jim Nightshade and Will Holloway, and a being known as Mr. Dark.

"Cooger and Dark's Pandemonium Shadow Show" arrives with a whirling something in the air at Green Town in the three o'clock darkness of early morning. Stranger yet, it is pulled by a train engine minus an engineer. Mr. Dark is both the Illustrated Man and one of the proprietors. He is also the seemingly supernatural pull which enmeshes Jim and Will into the unknown dangers of the carnival which appears once every fifty years, each time with the same "people" running it.

Add a carousel with a calliope that plays the "Funeral March" backwards, old people made

young and young suddenly old, and a lightning rod salesman—now you have the formula for a brilliantly terrifying mystery not to be read in the dark.

Dirk Lander — cars — speed — robbery — Juvenile Hall — the terms were almost synonymous. Juvenile delinquent — hood — these also were applied to Dirk.

The Edge of Violence, by Dorris Ritter, is Dirk's story. It's the story of a teen-ager lost — orphaned and living in a home where love and concern are two words not applied to him. From dragging and speeding, Dirk turns to larceny, and he ends up in jail.

Then Adam Wesley appears. Adam, an old friend of Dirk's father, introduces Dirk to a new life — a brighter one. The Edge of Violence tells of Dirk's struggle to find and to live up to what he really wants to be.

Foreign Countries Beckon Vacationing Conradians

For a few lucky Conradians, visiting relatives this past summer included much more than the usual turkey dinner or family gossip.

Senior Rosanna Palermo, along with her mother and brother, Joe, "dropped in" on kinfolk in Rome, Italy, August 3 to 27.

Italian shops close each afternoon from 1:00 till 5:00. "It's sort of an Italian siesta," said Rosanna. "I spent the time reading and waving at people from the windows."

"The Colosseum gives you a creepy feeling at night," Rosanna remarked. "When you listen to the howling of the cats, you can reconstruct what took place there when the Christians were thrown to the lions!"

Rosanna returned home after throwing coins in the fountain of Trevi, wishing to return to Italy someday.

Finland, the land of the midnight sun, became home for sophomores Paul Luoma and Gail Ray.

The Helsinki sports arena swim area was Paul's favorite spot. "For a quarter you could swim all day at the four swimming pools!"

Gail felt the Finns enjoy life more than Americans do, evidenced by sauna (Finnish steam bath), and the neat summer cottages sitting on the banks of cool, clear lakes.

Both Paul and Gail found eating potatoes and drinking coffee twice a day monotonous. "But," added Paul, "I liked my grandmother's pulla (coffee bread)!"

The legendary lost city of the Incas and the student riots in Rio de Janeiro highlighted Ricky Stubbs' visit to South America.

Ricky and her aunt toured Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay, Chile, Peru, and Ecuador August 4 to 25.

"My favorite words," Ricky recalled, smiling "were 'despacio, por favor'—slowly, please. I learned that very well!"

Junior Trudy Alphin, honor queen of the Newport Chapter of Job's Daughters, represented Delaware with another honor queen and six members at the Job's Daughters convention in Topeka, Kansas, August 12 to 18.

"I had a lot of fun at the convention," said Trudy, "but I think my first airplane ride was the biggest adventure."

Seniors Pauline Betty and Ken

Whiz at chess and teaching

Teacher Swings to Young Set

By Kathy Neill

Whether meditating her next move in an after school chess match, forging through foliage at the head of a Science Club expedition, or imparting the fundamentals of biology to a class of science-lovers, Mrs. Eva Milbouer is employed in her favorite pastime—working with young people.

She considers her love of the younger set to be her best quality. Her short temper she vows to be her worst, laughingly admitting, "There's nobody in this school that hasn't heard me blow up!"

In her quieter moments, Mrs. Milbouer indulges in a bit of cookery but protests, "You often spend so much money on one meal that the rest of the week's cooking is just awful!"

Her statement "Find me a math book for real relaxation!" illustrates her passion for solving complex mathematical problems ("The answers are in the back, of course!")

Frogs reeking of "essence of formaldehyde" and plump worms for dissection purposes decided Mrs. Milbouer against taking high school biology. It wasn't until she reached college at Bryn Mawr that she became curious about "what's going on inside."

"But if I went to college today, I would probably choose math as my major," she states.

The biology buff says of the young college activists, "It is true in many cases that their requests are ignored. But in some organized protests a poisoning has taken place. Radicals revolt without realizing the very establishment they criticize is the one allowing them the freedom to protest."

Readers Write

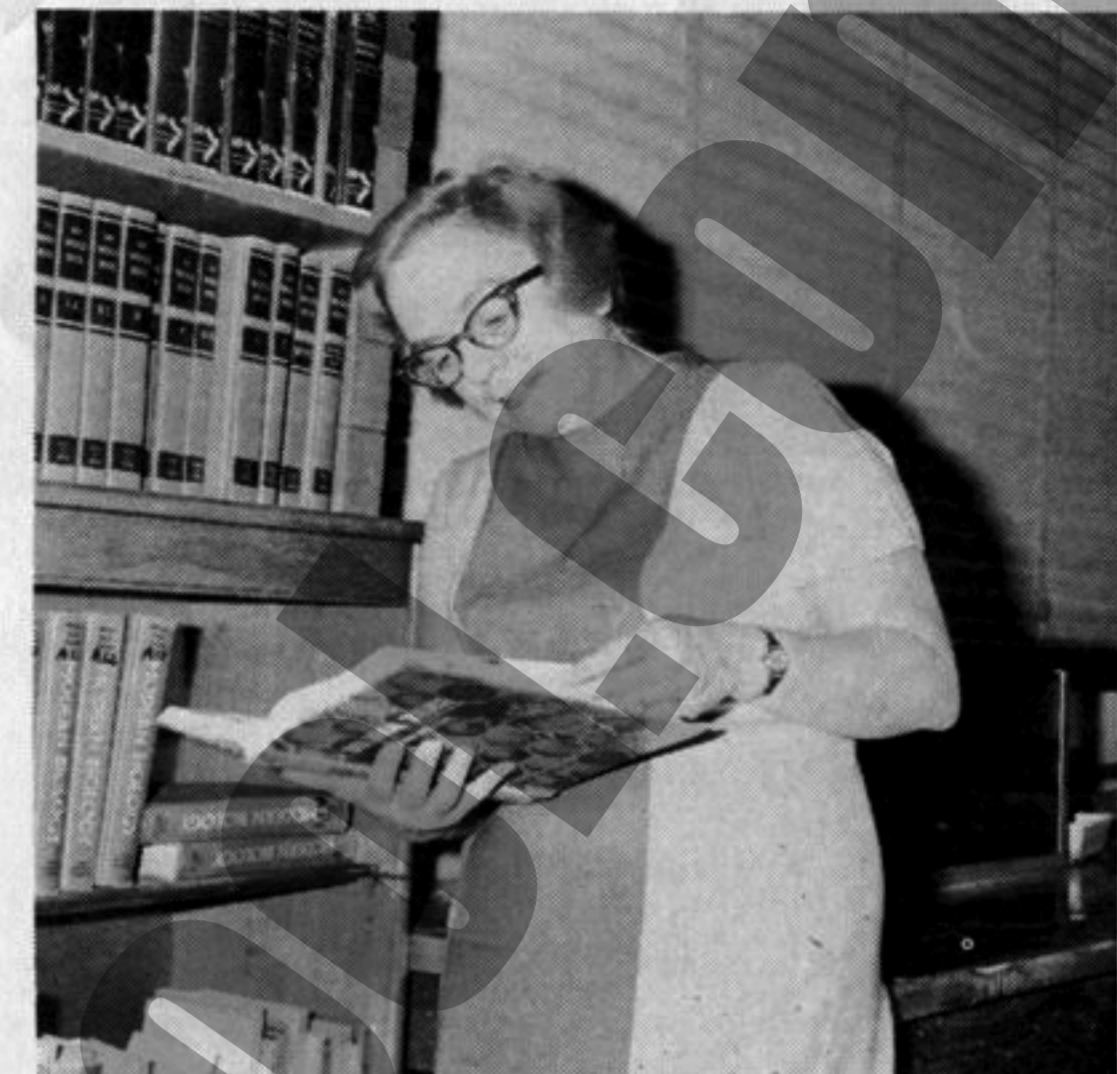
Dear Editor:

Any student who is delayed after class or who stops at his locker between classes has almost no chance of spending a study hall in the library.

At the ringing of the late bell, the library doors are closed. A student with one foot on the threshold is sent back to study hall. A one- or two-minute leeway, giving late students a chance to enter the library legally, will neither upset library policy nor contribute to juvenile delinquency.

Name Withheld

(The Smoke Signal welcomes letters to the editor. Names will be withheld upon request.)



Mrs. Eva Milbouer, science teacher, ponders new ideas for class project. Photo by Kathy Neill.

Tracing part of this mis-communication to the generation gap, she professes that the older must bow to the younger, who do know more in scientific and mathematical fields; however, wisdom stemming from experience exists in other fields.

In relations with her two daughters, she found the simplest solution to the age gap to be, "Do as mother did—cross your fingers and sit it out!"

"Be kind and considerate—

you're happier when you don't have time to worry about yourself," is the primary philosophy guiding the biology teacher's life.

The most important quality a teacher can possess, she feels, is to understand the students even more than the material to be taught.

"Labor Day brings me back to teach every year," Mrs. Milbouer attests good-humoredly, adding that, "It's enjoyable—everything except the homework!"

Local Stores Crack Down On Student Shoplifters

"Tough" is a fitting adjective to describe the attitude of retail stores toward teenage shoplifters.

"We're tough, and getting tougher," asserted one store manager, and another agreed, "A store has to be tough."

Shoplifting deprives stores of millions of dollars of profit in Delaware alone. One national chain loses \$3 billion a year, another Wilmington store reported a yearly loss of \$70,000.

There is no "average" teenage shoplifter: wealthy and poor alike

become "thorns in the side" of the retail store.

Why do teenagers steal?

"Shoplifting is a kid's way of showing off," declared a security manager. "Teenagers are dared to steal by friends who have stolen before."

"Sometimes teenagers are not allowed to have certain items at home," added another manager. "Stealing is the only way they can get these things."

Teenagers don't recognize the seriousness of stealing, another manager believes. "They rationalize, 'Everybody else steals; why pick on me?' They expect to be let go when they are caught," he commented.

Teenage shoplifting is ten times worse than five years ago, accounting for a greater percentage of arrests. Many stores are adopting a "get tough" policy toward teenagers, prosecuting in many cases, and stressing observation of all customers to their employees.

Conradians Join "Kids Crusade"

By Peggy Leach

Youth, with its enthusiasm and energy, has entered the political arena.

Among these volunteers in the "Children's Crusade" are four Nixon-Agnew girls from Conrad, seniors Cindy Benson, Louise Rushie, Claire Snyder, and Suzanne Watson.

"Stamp and lick," Louise Rushie quipped, were her duties. A typical day as a Nixon girl is spent stuffing and addressing envelopes, phoning old members, and recruiting new ones.

Rallies are held periodically. The girls pass out literature on their candidates to passers-by.

The convention was exciting in the Nixon camp—not only because of daily phone calls from Miami. A tear gas gun exploded while they were decorating the headquarters.

"The air conditioning system kept it circulating all through the room," added Claire ruefully.

All of the girls have met most of the local candidates, including Congressman William Roth.

"You find they're just like regular people!" Cindy exclaimed.

"The greatest asset has been meeting people," Suzanne added. "Now when I vote, I'll know what to look for."

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DECA adviser Mr. George Froelich instructs prospective cashiers in the art of "ringing up." Participants are (left to right) Barbara Parker, Sue Citro, Loretta Ruba, Wayne Roher, Linda Graham, and Mike Szesiak. Photo by Barbara Hanna.

DE Course Insures Almart Christmas Jobs

A two-week course on a data processing cash register can open the way to a Christmas job at Almart for Conrad students. The course is taught after school from 3:30 to 4:15 by Mr. George Froelich, distributive education instructor. Students are taught to operate a "salestronic cash register," which keeps a running inventory, as sales are made, on how much is sold, what vendor sold the article, and what it cost. Any student successfully completing the study is eligible for one of fifteen or more openings in Christmas cashier work at Almart. The jobs are offered on a "first-come-first-served" basis,

beginning this month. "It's a good opportunity for kids to get the necessary funds at Christmas," stated Mr. Froelich. "I think that the importance of this course is that it is open to all Conrad students, and a job is available upon completion of the course." To be eligible, one must be 16 and have a social security card. Those without cards can obtain forms from Mr. Froelich. Jobs will also be offered at Easter, and, according to Almart's personnel director, Mrs. Stapleford, "This training also gives someone a chance at summer employment."

Vagabond Teachers Scatter To Summer Pleasure Spots

By Kathy Neill
After stifling their nomadic spirits for nine book-and-black-board months, Conradian teachers scattered to summer pleasure spots, near and far. The "Valley of the Fallen," a historical landmark in Spain, captured Mr. Hilton Cohen's interest while he was touring Europe. He also visited England, Holland, Switzerland, and Portugal. Miss Virginia Powell enjoyed the picturesque value of Scandinavia and Finland during her three-week sojourn there. "I loved the charm of the quaint villages and fjords," she declared of Norway. Within U.S. boundaries, Mrs. Mary Jane McMillen lived among the Hawaiians for sixteen days. She stayed in Oahu, where Honolulu, Waikiki Beach, and the Diamond Volcano are located. In lieu of a luau, Mrs. McMillen skirted the island on a motorbike excursion. Several thousand miles away, Mr. William Kean was browning under the rays of Florida sunshine. Mr. Kenneth Beckel and his wife

also migrated south to Florida, visiting the various "tourist traps" and being awed by the plentiful citrus groves. Flocking to the cooler climate of the North, Mr. Thomas Coder and family pitched tents throughout New England all summer. "If I could swing it, I'd live there," he exclaimed. "It's the most beautiful place in the world!" Dr. Isabelle Miller climbed to new heights in the mountainous area within a 120-mile radius of Boulder, Colorado. She added to her record—now totaling seven peaks (four of 14,000 feet) in Rocky Mountain National Park. Also sharing a love for high altitudes were Mrs. Jacqueline Rofel who spent a week in the Catskills, and Mr. Alvin Lewis who visited the Pennsylvania peaks. Leading perhaps the most dangerous life was Mr. John Strobel who, along with his wife, braved a tornado in Wyoming and a blizzard in South Dakota while pursuing a cross-country camping bout. Water-skiing with her own boat on the Bohemia River in Maryland filled the leisure hours of Miss Marie Christiansen, while

Doors Opened To Teens, Adults

Conrad's doors were open to driver ed students as well as bookworms last summer.

A total of 97 students attended the driver education summer program at Conrad. The state-sponsored program, which cost \$40 previously, was free this year and open to any student living in Conrad's district who met age requirements.

Teachers Barry Drandakis and James DiStefano from Christiana, John Sutton from Mt. Pleasant, and David Hipp from Conrad used educational TV to aid them in the teaching of the overcrowded classrooms. There were two classes and two teachers assigned to each class.

The classes met every weekday for one and a half hours for four weeks beginning July 20. This course was equivalent to the course offered during the school term.

In the past some students were not able to take driver education because of their schedules; this year, however, a state law requires that any student wishing to take the course must be able to take it.

The Conrad library opened to the community for the month of July, Monday through Friday, 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Mrs. Mary Caum and Mrs. Frances Hartman were in charge of the library, which had a total attendance of 369. The number of books circulated was 368 and library cards issued totaled 64. Sixty-five cents in fines was collected.

Plans for opening the library next summer are already in progress, with hopes that a student helper will be needed as the library's summer use increases.

Athletic German Terms America Conservative

By Ellen Luoma

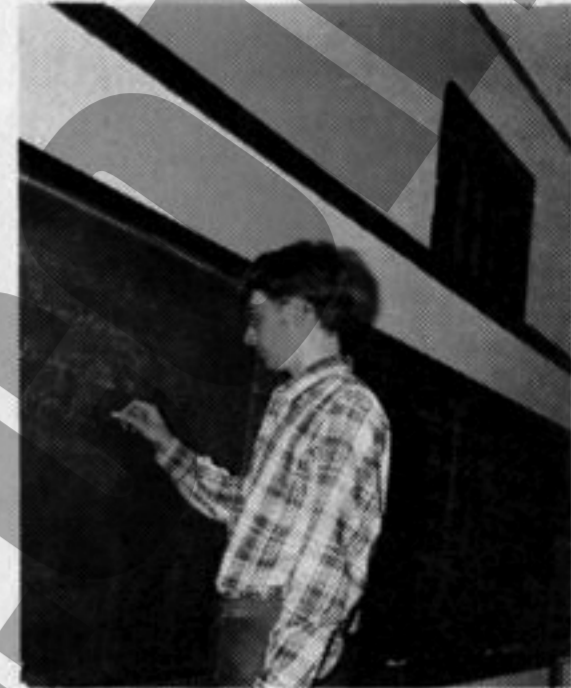
Hitch-hikes and bike trips, journalism and cross country hit the spot with this year's exchange student, Bernd Merforth of Krefeld, Germany.

Bernd's travels include a bicycle trip through 600 miles of Holland, and a hitch-hiking spree through France and Scandinavia. "Something that surprises me," he says, "is the large number of American families that don't travel. We have a big migration of the population in the summer."

Switching to the teen scene, Bernd claims that American college students are conservative compared with Germany's. He described the student extreme left, led by Rudi Dutschke. "They want to build a 'learning society'—one not ruled by manipulators such as power blocks in government."

Likewise, Americans are more conservative in dress. Bernd has already been shorn a couple inches by an American barber. He was surprised to see such maxi minis here. "The skirts are much shorter in Germany," he commented.

On dancing he said, "Beat is popular in Germany. We have monthly beat dances, and there are beat cellars to go to. But I'm surprised that Americans don't learn classical dancing. In Germany young people generally take lessons at dance schools and take part in dance competitions."



Bernd Merforth, AFS exchange student from Germany, goes to the board in Mr. Raymond Cashel's Journalism I class. Photo by Ellen Luoma.

Soccer and a form of handball are Germany's most popular sports. Bernd has taken part in boxing, table tennis, and cross country in Germany and is taking part in cross country here. He has also joined the Smoke Signal staff and AFS.

Bernd looks forward to "an interesting and stimulating year" at Conrad and feels lucky to be a Redskin on the warpath.

UCP Day Camp Proves "Happiness Is Helping"

By Anne O'Donnell

The yellow school bus, loaded with excited children, rumbled into the camp at 9:30 sharp.

The usual activities a day camp encompasses filled the day: flag ceremony, swimming, fishing, nature walks, baseball games, cook-outs, arts and crafts, and lots and lots of songs.

But there was one difference—a difference, however, which did not influence the choice of daily activities.

The camp was Camp Manito, United Cerebral Palsy Day Camp for handicapped children. Campers' ages ranged from 4 to 23 years, and handicaps included cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy, and spina bifida.

For some campers, this month of day camp on the A. I. DuPont Institute grounds was the only bright spot in the usual humdrum life of the handicapped. It gave them a chance to participate in activities of normal children their age.

Working at Camp Manito gave several Conradians the opportunity to prove that "happiness is helping." Ask Nancy Foreman or Pam Casey how it feels to watch a handicapped child's eyes light up at the thought of a day at Aquarama. Margaret Krupa, Phil Provin, Louise Rushie, Claire Snyder, Ricky Stubbs, and Suzanne Watson can give you the answer, too.

Students weren't the only ones who made the scene this summer at Camp Manito. Camp director was Miss Marie G. Christensen, Conrad's health teacher.

A fair was staged by a group of camper council delegates. It included such thrills as a fish catching contest, pie eating contest, bowling, and mouse races.

Air conditioned buses provided the transportation to Aquarama, where the campers saw porpoises performing, divers exploring the depths of a huge water tank, and more varieties of fish than a whole ocean could provide.

The "great outdoors" was the scene for the final camp activity, the overnight trip to Country Center Girl Scout Camp. The rain which fell at irregular intervals in tremendous downpours added to the excitement of sleeping out, but didn't do much for the camp fire.

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Senior halfback Dan Dombrowski cuts for the open field while junior fullback Jim Mensinger throws a block. Action occurred during the Christiana game, which Conrad won 19-0.

Conrad to Clash Tomorrow With Highly Touted Newark

The Redskins, undefeated in two starts, take on the high-scoring Newark Yellowjackets tomorrow on the latter's field at 1:30 p.m.

The winner of this game will be the odds-on favorite to capture the Blue Hen crown.

Randy Nowell, with two touchdown runs, sparked the Redskins in their 24-13 victory over De La Warr last Saturday.

Quarterback Bob Hayes hit junior Jerry Downes for a third touchdown. Fran Maloney went three for three in extra points and kicked a 21-yard field goal.

Against Christiana the Redskins recovered six fumbles while defeating the Vikings on the Christiana field, 19-0.

Senior guard Jim Shaw pounced on a Conrad fumble in the end zone for the first tally. The only other score for the first period came when Randy Nowell, senior, plunged in two yards for another TD.

The Vikings held Conrad scoreless for the rest of the game until senior Fran Maloney took the ball and scrambled across the goal line for the final Redskin score. Place-kicker Maloney also went one for three on the extra points.

"We're pretty green," sighed Coach James Pletcher at the end of the game. Coach Pletcher is facing the 1968 season with only

four regulars back from last year's line-up.

Senior right end Elwood Black and guard Tony Soligo, also a senior, are the only two returning for the offensive unit. On defense, the only two returning are seniors Bob Cochran, end, and Danny Dombrowski, who plays at the halfback slot this year. Mike Dougherty, guard, who was a late season starter on defense, is also back.

Making up the rest of the seniors on the offensive unit for the Redskins will be Jay Hampel, end; Jim Shaw, guard; Jim Taylor, center; Bob Hayes, quarterback; and Randy Nowell, fullback. Juniors Paul Sekcynski and Steve Mashington, both tackles, and Jim Reilly, flanker, will also be taking up starting assignments.

Juniors will make up most of the starting defensive team as Coach Pletcher has given the nod to eight underclassmen: guards, Mike Dougherty and Chris Soligo; tackles, George Schmidt and Paul Sekcynski; linebacker, Jim Mensinger; and backs, Jerry Downes and Bob Maney. Seniors Danny Dombrowski, safety, George Fox, linebacker, and Bob Cochran, end, will round out the defensive outfit.

Senior Fran Maloney, who went 25 for 31 as a place-kicker along with a 19-yard field goal, will be returning to kick the extra points.

Others returning from the 1967 season are seniors Bob Kauffman, quarterback; Jerry Davis, guard; Dana Clark, end; and Don Swain and Jim Burdett, tackles. Returning juniors are Jerry McNesby, quarterback, and Jeff Martin, flanker.

Juniors returning also include: Joe Hogentogler, center; Dave Mis, center and linebacker; Smith Simpkins, guard; Aaron Zebrook, tackle; and Chris Walker, end.

Sophomore backs Mike Nardo and Joe Pacchiolo are also expected to see some action this year.

New additions to the varsity squad are seniors Pat Nagle, flanker; Dwayne Green, end; and junior Don Robinson, tackle.

Last season Conrad was in the same fix. But even with only a few starters back, the Redskins managed to finish runner-up to champion Newark with six wins, two losses, and one tie.

"The inexperience shows," replied Coach Pletcher, "but the boys have been working extremely hard." As a footnote Coach Pletcher added, "I doubt whether we'll be as strong as last year, but we should improve as the season moves along."

Redskin Runners to Face Brandywine Monday

Conrad's cross country runners are off to an impressive start this year, virtually wiping out their first three conference opponents.

Although they lost their initial meet with Salesianum, a non-conference match, they won their next two matches against Christiana and Newark by identical 15-50 scores. Against Mt. Pleasant October 3 they again scored an easy 15-48 victory.

The results of the McKean and Wm. Penn meets were not available at press time.

Against Christiana and Newark Conrad runners copped the first seven places; against Mt. Pleasant, they won the first six. Robbie Martin was the winner in the Christiana meet, while Don Andrus was first against Newark and Mt. Pleasant.

Cross Country captain, Don Andrus, already a two-year letter winner, hopes to lead his team to victory this season under the new team motto "just a little bit more."

That "little bit more" is certainly paying off. Mr. James Hagan, coach, commented that the harder practices have turned

up steady improvements in each meet.

Team strategy has also been changed to account for the loss of last year's great Emile Gardner. Instead of battling for consistent first position, plans are to take second through seventh or eighth places with a block of Conrad runners.

This block, running between 12:00 minutes and 12:30 on the 2.3 mile Rockford course, will probably include Robbie Martin, Captain Don Andrus, AFS student Bernd Merforth, Dan Conner, and Jimmy Lawhorn. Close behind will be Paul Cronie, Mark Clark, and Bill Eastburn.

Other members of the varsity include Bruce Stelle, Chuck Haney, Alton Coleman, Gary Muters-paw, Tim Carson, Joe McNesby, and James Carbine.

The junior varsity includes Tim Hanson, Richard Kehrer, David Gibson, Joe Lenze, Gary Whetstone, and David Kozlaske. Coach Hagan expressed disappointment over the number of sophomores that came out.

Manager Jim Ryan gets some extra help this year from the new post of assistant manger filled by sophomore Gordon Gawronski.

Good Season Expected For Girls' Hockey Team

McKean and Concord were scalped by the Redskin varsity hockey team as seniors Pam Nagle, captain, and Debbie Liddicoat, co-captain, led the team to their 2-0, and 3-0 respective victories. The McKean victory was the first over that team in two years.

The junior varsity, led by junior co-captains Gail McKeever and Patty Donovan, tied McKean 0-0, and beat Concord 1-0.

"The entire team works well together. I expect a very successful season if everyone keeps their spirits high," observed Miss Marie Christiansen, hockey coach. "Altogether we have good teamwork."

The girls lost to A. I. DuPont 3-1 October 1. Coach Christiansen now thinks that William Penn will be the toughest team to beat, judging from past experience.

Other senior members of the varsity include Mary Boone, Kathy Marvel, Beverly Sowden, Joyce Taylor, and Wendy Rowland.

Juniors include Cindy Coogan, and Karen Hardy, while sophomores are represented by Joyce Baumgarten, Sue Hardy and Patricia Wolskee.

The other members of the JV team are Carol Bell, Sandie Denney, Becky Finch, Kathy Henderson, Pat Hurlock, Marlene Knotts, Diane Koterwas, and Kathy Kriebel.

Kathy Kuhar, Karen MacAvaney, Donna McBride, Kathy Ross, Rickey Stubbs and Rose Walls are also on the team.

Soccer Team Eyes Future; Hopes to Improve 1-3 Record

The soccer team, sporting a 1-3 record at press time, have their eyes on the future.

The Redskin booters absorbed two losses at the hands of a strong Avon Grove team 2-1 and 7-0 at the start of the season. They defeated Christiana 3-2, and in their last outing, they lost to Newark 3-0.

"Since soccer is a relatively new sport at Conrad," explained Coach Landis, "our team is young and rather inexperienced, but we are looking forward to winning teams in the future."

This year's varsity consists of wings Jackie Hughes, senior, and Jerry Cherico, junior; insides, Ken Love and Rick Goodman, both seniors; center forward, Vince Montana, sophomore; halfbacks, Skip Johnson and Jan Hayes, juniors, and Bill Wright, senior.

Rounding out the team are fullbacks Dean Burrows and Ed Polaski, sophomores. Dave Reese and Jim MacMicking share the goalie position.

Besides the Christiana game, the team has played against a strong Avon Grove squad twice. At Banning Park September 17 the team lost a squeaker 2-1, while the junior varsity was defeated 6-2.

Away at Avondale September 24, the team was again defeated 7-0. The junior varsity lost 2-0.

"We'll improve as we go along—the team is really starting to pull together," commented Coach Ned Landis of Conrad's team after a 3-2 victory over Christiana September 27.



The soccer squad takes ten during a practice. The team members (left to right) are Roberto Palermo, Dean Burrows, Skip Johnson, John Simmons, Rick Goodman, and Ken Love. Photo by Ray French.

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Pep Club Closes

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In the past the club has sponsored various benefits including an annual award presented to the senior boy or girl who contributed the most during his three years at Conrad.

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Seven Join Staff

Teachers Supply New Look

Seven new teachers give the Conrad faculty a new look this year.

Mr. Ken Beckel, a member of the business department, is an alumnus of Shippensburg State Teachers' College in Pennsylvania, where he received his bachelor of science degree in education.

A former coach of the Wilmington High School golf team, Mr. Beckel describes himself as a sports fanatic.

Mrs. Marie Field, Latin and English teacher, received her formal education at Immaculata College, Fraser, Pennsylvania, and West Chester State College.

Previously, Mrs. Field taught at the Notre Dame Catholic Girls' High School, Ursuline Academy, and the P. S. duPont High School.

For Mrs. Anne Herholdt, the position of mathematics teacher at Conrad is her first teaching

experience. She was graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Delaware.

Psychedelic movies, current pop music, and sports watching are among her favorite pastimes. Mrs. Herholdt described Conrad students as "friendly, interesting to talk to, and hard to teach!"

"Distance running is important to keep fit," declares Mr. David Williams, English teacher and adviser to the newly-formed Polar Bear Club.

Mr. Williams, who received his bachelor of science degree from Villanova University, worked three years prior to that at Georgetown University in Washington, D. C. He is currently working for his master's degree at the University of Delaware.

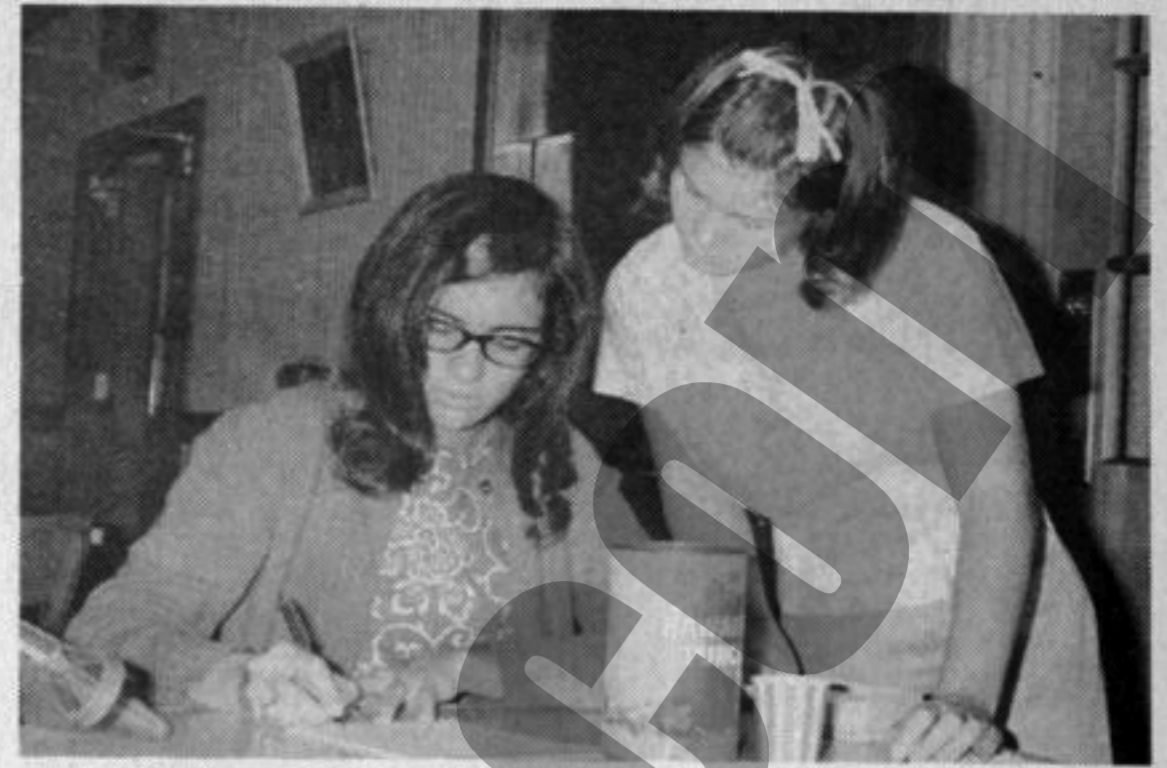
He will also contribute to Conrad's activity program as adviser to the Debating Club.

Mrs. Mary Starks, English teacher, is a graduate of the University of Georgia. She enjoys fishing, reading, and playing bridge.

Miss Susan Watterson, nurse, is a graduate of Albright College and the Reading Hospital in Pennsylvania.

An animal lover, Miss Watterson also enjoys knitting, cooking and painting. Before coming to Conrad, Miss Watterson worked two years at the Delaware division, Wilmington Medical Center as an intravenous nurse.

"I'm a student of the world," said Mr. John Strobel, history teacher. Mr. Strobel, a connoisseur of good music and literature, was graduated from Gettysburg College in Pennsylvania. At the moment, he is doing graduate work in European history at Temple University.



Chairman Mary Casper and helper Peggy Murphy inspect the canteen account book. Photo by Kathy Neill.

Net Team Debuts With Double Win

The girls' varsity and junior varsity volleyball teams began the season by defeating Concord 15-6 and 15-7. They also won their second game against A. I. DuPont with scores of 15-13 and 15-3.

"They've been working very hard. I expect a successful season," Miss Doris Eipper, coach and physical education teacher, remarked when asked about the team. "Brandywine High School will be our toughest opponent."

Varsity members include seniors Debby Clark, Kathy DiFrancesco, Diana Liddicoat, Rossana Palermo, and Diane Stetina; juniors Nancy Forman and Cindy Lowden; and sophomore Linda Cunningham.

Other team members are seniors Carol Gilbert, Patty Higley, Nancy Meadows, Sandy Moore, Gail Simpson, Claire Snyder, Janice Tacik, Pat Williams, and Carol Zulkowski. Juniors include Terry Clifton, Arlene Frederick, Jo Ann Frederick, and Roseann Sanna.

Sophomores are Patty Barnes, Jean Boyd, Carolyn Freed, Betty Lynn Galbraith, Laurie Grodzicki, Jane Mensinger, Jo Ann Nicoletti, Gail Raty, Cindy Short, Donna Staniszewski, Mary Ellen Walls, Janet Wilks, and Debbie Wisniewski.

New Specialized Courses Cover Computers, Childcare

New specialized courses have been added to Conrad's curriculum this year.

The home economics department has completely remodeled its course system. Instead of having to take Home Ec. I, II, III, and IV, students are now offered basic home ec., clothing selection, advanced clothing construction, child development (1 semester), family living (1 semester), advanced foods, home equipment (1 semester), and interior design (1 semester).

The courses, taught by Mrs. Marie Allen and Mrs. Gladys Harper, may be taken in any order (except for basic home ec., required for the advanced classes.)

One-semester courses such as home equipment and interior design may be taken singly or together in one year. A special education class is also given.

"Our classes are already quite full," states Mrs. Allen. "We may possibly need another teacher next year."

If this happens, a fashion design course and an experimental foods course in conjunction with the cafeteria may be added to the curriculum.

A computer knowledge course was operated on a trial basis last year by Mr. J. Duane Morningred, and this year 20 students are learning about the data proces-

sing computer.

"This course is not intended to be professional," says Mr. Morningred. "It gives students an overall view of the computer and its uses and operation."

The humanities class taught by Mrs. Marjorie Mabrey is part of a three-year pilot social studies course "designed to provide an adventure in learning for the most capable students."

To teach the political systems and philosophy, Mrs. Mabrey is trying out the "inquiry" approach to learning, in which cases, articles and reports are used for source material instead of regular textbooks.

Spirit of Oz to Pervade At Homecoming Festivities

"Over the Rainbow" will be the theme for the Homecoming Dance, which will climax the day's festivities on November 9. The dance, sponsored by the Student Council, will be held in the gym from 9 - 12 p.m.

The Changing Tymes will provide the music. Dress is formal for girls and dark suits for the boys. The price is \$3 a couple.

"We're welcoming any students

October Elections Add 11 Sophs to Council

Eleven sophomores have joined the ranks of the Student Council representatives as a result of the election October 1.

The newly selected recruits are Debbie Woodwar, Debbie Wyatt, Debbie Wisniewski, Lorrie Grodzicki, Janice Armento, Sharon Stajkowski, Cindy Willermaux, Beverly Bove, Robert Rainey, Debbie Phillips, and Tim Hanson.

A "bottle hunt" October 24 will send council members a-running from door to door to collect cobweb-hidden returnables which never quite made it back to the store. The bottles will be taken to respective companies for deposit and the money will supplement the Council's treasury.

The Canteen, under the direction of Mary Casper, offers doughnuts and punch to students who want to start their day right.

The canteen opens at 8:00 a.m. in the cafeteria.

Seven Student Council exchanges are in sight for this school year. Schools participating include Newark, Brandywine, McKean, Salesianum, Dickinson, Middletown, and Rehoboth.

A dance will be held November 16, under the direction of junior Reenie Riley. Another is planned for December 7.

Harry Furness headed the sales of parking stickers. No figures are available at press time. The football activities card sales, managed by Ken Piech, totaled 270. Cards to reduce student prices for wrestling matches will also be sold.

Sophomore orientation took place in the gym September 20 under the direction of Kathy Neill.

"We could do a lot, if only we had the backing of the students," said President Ron Talmo.

Art to Highlight PTA Gathering

An art show presented by Conrad students will highlight the December 4 PTA meeting, according to Mr. Earl Hill, PTA president.

The show, offered in cooperation with the school art department, will also enable those attending to purchase the art.

The October 2 PTA meeting featured classroom visitation by parents, who were able to follow their students' daily schedule.

"This year we expect to have a parent enrollment well over 400," said Mr. Hill.

Smoke Signal

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with the Smoke Signal, will be open to sophomores. The club will write its own column, the Sophomore Corner, to appear in each newspaper issue.

Another new Smoke Signal department is the letter to the editor column. "The staff is hoping for a good response in letters from the student body," said Ellen Luoma, editor.

Smoke Signal reporters are also serving as photographers this year. "A reporter takes his own pictures and develops them himself," said Mr. Cashel.

The newspaper has again joined the Delaware Scholastic Press Association. A fall workshop, sponsored by the DSPA, will be held at William Penn High School.

Racism Probe Fights Prejudice

Mrs. Marjorie Mabrey's third-period humanities class is currently researching a project on "White Racism and Black Power."

The aim of the project is to make people aware of their prejudices, and to show the efforts of Negroes to improve conditions in the city of Wilmington.

The class will arrange an exhibit to be presented at the teachers' convention October 24 to 26. The exhibit, consisting of large posters with pictures, photographs, statistics, and other information about prejudices and ways to combat them, will be displayed at the social studies department meeting October 25 and 26.



Maryann Venturena steps proudly to the tune of Cherokee followed by fellow flag twirlers Janice Martin and Lorraine Lenhoff.

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Rick Benson, president, discusses plans for the year with officers (left to right) Carol Mahoney, treasurer; Bernadette Sparco, vice-president; and Kathy Durnan, secretary. Photo by Ray French.

Morris Heads '69 Yearbook Lenderman, Breitigan Assist

Barbara Morris will head the 1969 yearbook staff as editor-in-chief. She will be assisted by Sue Lenderman and Sue Breitigan, associate editors. These appointments were announced last week by Mr. David Owen, yearbook adviser.

The *Conradian* this year will cost \$6. Previous sales show that about 55 percent of the school purchase the annual.

Mr. George Froelich, business adviser, is initiating a yearbook business management club this year.

The yearbook staff is sponsoring the dance tomorrow night and a raffle in the future.

Financial aid in the form of additional advertising, patronage, and subscriptional sales is needed.

According to Mr. Owen, the yearbook will have the same

number of pages, but the increase of *Conradians* will lower the number of feature pages.

Several members of the yearbook staff toured the American Yearbook Company in Cambridge, Maryland, September 30.

Barbara Morris, Sue Breitigan, Sue Lenderman, and Janice Billingsley made the tour along with Shirley Simperts, Walter Johnson, Barbara Drozdowski, Mike O'Hara, and Sandy Moore. Chaperones were Mr. David Owen, Mrs. Morris, and Mrs. Lenderman.

A lunch at the Cambridge Yacht Club was furnished by the yearbook company. Breakfast was at the Sherwood Diner and dinner at Howard Johnson's.

The *Conradians* toured the plant, chose a yearbook cover, saw how yearbooks are made and how books are bound.

Sophs Elect Chiefs

Autumn Activities Abound

Sophomores elected Richard Benson president of their class last week.

Ricky, who hails from Krebs, belongs to Hi-Y, the Ski Club, band, and the cross country team. At Krebs, he was class president.

Bernie Sparco, vice president, has experience from her position as a student council representative at Oak Grove. The Ski Club is another of her activities.

Secretary Kathy Durnan, also from Oak Grove, has joined the Pep Club and Ski Club.

Another Oak Grove alumna, Carol Mahoney, fills the office of treasurer. A former student council representative, she has joined AFS and the yearbook staff.

BAND IS FIRST

For the seventh consecutive year, the Conrad marching band placed first as the best Delaware high school band in the Labor Day parade. The baton and flag twirlers performed in front of the reviewing stand to the selections "Step to the Rear" and "Windy."

The band also placed first in the Oxford Firemen's Carnival and Parade and third place in the Talleyville firemen's parade.

Under the direction of Mr. King, University of Delaware band director, the Conrad band, along with 14 other bands, performed during the University of Delaware half-time show September 21.

The marchers also participated in the dedication of I-95 September 23 and the New Holland Farmers' Fair Day October 2.

Future plans include the Polaski Day parade Sunday.

AFS CHOOSES

Senior Anne O'Donnell and juniors Jimmy Dykes, Linda Jewell, Kathy Rodichok, and Bruce Stelle are anxiously awaiting news on their status as candidates for Conrad's AFS program.

Each must pass an interview with adult AFS members before their names are submitted to AFS headquarters in New York. There officials will assign overseas homes to students who have been selected.

Anne will compete for a year's stay while the four juniors will try for the summer program.

BRASS GOES BAROQUE

Musical selections from the seventeenth century baroque period will serve as practice material for the twelve-member brass ensemble.

Originated this year, the group meets during the first activity period.

Performances will be given for the PTA and band parents, at assemblies, or elsewhere.

Mr. David Casto, director, has in mind works by Bach and Verdi, mostly of a light classical nature.

"How varied the repertoire will be depends upon the ability of the group," explained Mr. Casto. "The kids will get experience in blending—this is impossible to do

in a large group like our band."

CLUB DEBATES

An election assembly will be held October 28 by the Debate Club, newly formed by Mr. David Williams, English teacher.

Various debaters will each present his candidate's views and a mock election will follow. Classes of Mrs. Marjorie Mabrey, social studies department head, are gathering material.

GROUP FORMED

Mrs. Mary Ellen Collins announced the formation of a madrigal group consisting of 16 choir members this year.

The entire choir and Music I class will attend a madrigal concert at Richardson Park School November 14 presented by a Virginia high school group.

OFFICERS CHOSEN

Junior Bruce Baker was elected president of the Chess Club at its first meeting September 13. Other officers chosen were senior Ken Piech, vice-president; and senior Diane Johnson, secretary-treasurer.

A round robin, in which all the members play each person once, was set up. Later a chess ladder, ranging from best players on down, will be organized.

ELECTION HELD

Senior Michele Ascione and sophomore Cindy Durrant were elected secretary and treasurer, respectively, of the Library Aides.

President Kathy DiFrancesco and Vice-president Patti Caudell were elected last spring in order that the Aides could get organized early in the fall.

SCHOOL BOARD NEWS



Scott Joins Gridiron Staff

Mr. Vincent Scott has been hired as an additional football coach. Mr. Scott played football at Salesianum, the University of Maryland, and pre-season with the Baltimore Colts. He was Salesianum's head freshman football coach before coming to Conrad in 1967.

Mr. Harry Davies, business education teacher, will be assistant baseball coach next year, enabling Conrad to have a junior varsity team.

Mr. Earl Reist, head of the industrial arts department, has resigned as golf coach.

Miss Susan Waterson has been appointed athletic nurse; she and a doctor will attend all football

and basketball games.

Foundation repairs will be made in the industrial arts area by Joseph Fortunato and Sons for \$1950.

Basketball games will again be held at night, according to Mr. John Lacek, supervising principal. "The conduct of the spectators will determine whether this will continue," he commented.

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