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Newly elected Student Council officers are, left to right: Bruce Stelle, treasurer; Debbie Allen, secretary; Jimmy Dykes, president; and Lenny Zabinko, vice-president. Photo by Debbie Huff.

Dykes Heads Council; Zabinko Fills VP Spot

Jim Dykes, Bruce Stelle, and Debbie Allen of the SCOT party and Len Zabinko of the Cherokee party captured positions as president, treasurer, secretary and vice-president respectively in the Student Council elections March 28.

The newly established system of registered voting revealed an apparent lack of student interest in the elections. A period of one month was provided for student registration. Of the eligible students, only 491, roughly 50 percent, registered. Of these, only 450 cast final election ballots.

The newly-elected officers taped an "Impression" program on WAMS about the Student Council. This program is an effort to pro-

New Officials Head District

By Debbie Dzielak

Five administrators will assume new positions when the consolidation program becomes effective July 1. Conrad and all three junior highs—Krebs, Oak Grove, and Richardson Park—are represented.

Mr. Leon B. Elder, supervising principal at Richardson Park, heads the program as district superintendent. After receiving his Master's Degree in school administration, Mr. Elder began an educational career which has lasted for 33 years.

According to Mr. Elder, "We expect no major changes to take place immediately, but some will probably be incorporated as we go along."

Supervising principal at Oak Grove, Mr. Austin D. Baltz will become assistant superintendent. Receiving his Master's in science at the University of Pittsburg, he has held the position of principal for 21 years. His immediate plans for the district include his role as chief of personnel.

Also from Oak Grove, Mr. Coleman Metzler will become the new administrative assistant. A native of Wilmington, Mr. Metzler earned his Master's Degree in English at the University of Michigan. Special plans for the district will center mainly around maintenance and repair, along with cafeteria and federal programs.

Mr. John J. Lacey, supervising principal at Conrad, will assume the position of director of finances. With a Master's Degree in social studies, Mr. Lacey first came to Conrad in 1955 and became assistant principal in 1960. In 1963 he became principal and two years later took over as supervising principal.

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mote the better side of youth.

President Jim Dykes also commented on Mayor Haskell's Youth Council, "We'll work our Council in with the problems brought up there." He added, "I think we have a fine nucleus of representatives that will work with the Student Council for the school."

The newly elected senior representatives are Beverly Bove, Nancy Charnick, Maryann Clawson, Gale Hilyard, Debbie Huff, Barbara Marks, Bobbie Merrill, Reenie Riley, Jackie Russell, Sarah Ryan, Rickey Stubbs, and Karen Stradley.

The junior representatives are Patricia Wolskee, Gary Whetstone, Mike Webb, Bernadette Sparco, Pat Roberts, Debbie Lord, Karen Jones, Ellen Haden, Lorrie Grodzicki, Judy Citro, and Bernice Witkowski.

The Council is planning an "Underground" concert May 3 and a possible trip to New York during May.

Smoke Signal, Editor Excel In Contests

Paper and Staff Capture Honors

The *Smoke Signal* won first place in Class I in the Delaware Scholastic Press Association Convention March 29 at Dover High School. The papers were judged by the Dean of the School of Journalism at the University of North Carolina.

In Class I, schools with 1,000 or more students compete. In Class II, schools with 500 to 1,000 students compete and in Class III, those with less than 500 students compete.

Kathy Neill, retiring associate editor of the *Smoke Signal*, was named "Journalist of the Year" in the individual competition. She and 17 other contestants were judged by samples of their writing and 500-word autobiographies. There were 4 finalists, including Kathy, out of the 18.

The retiring editor-in-chief, Ellen Luoma, won third place in editorial writing. Altogether, about 190 students from Delaware competed in the individual contests, and a total of 30 schools competed in the newspaper contests in all three classes.

The *Smoke Signal* writing team, consisting of seniors Ellen Luoma, Linda Rink, Kathy Neill, Mary Jo DiAngelo, Patty Craig, and Peggy Leach, competed in the Temple University Press Tournament April 19. Results will not be available for approximately six weeks.

Provin, Bratton, Russell Fill Leading Roles in Spring Farce

Charley's Aunt, Conrad's spring play, is a popular farce which has been produced as a Broadway play, a musical, and a movie.

The cast includes: Pauline Betty, Kitty Verdun; Bill Bratton, Jack Chesney; Tom Bullen, Stephen Spettigue; Harry Furness, Bracket; Linda Law, Donna D'Alvadolez; Phil Provin, Lord Babberly Fancourt; Reese Robinson, Sir Francis Chesney-Baronet; Bill Russell, Charley; Barbara Schmidt, Ella Delahey; and Jayne Stoneburger, Amy Spettigue.

The play will be presented May 9 and 10 at 8:15 p.m. in the Cummings Auditorium.

Around the turn of the century, two Oxford University students plan to introduce their girlfriends to their aunt at a luncheon engagement. However, they receive a message saying that the aunt isn't able to attend. Fortunately, their friend, Lord Babberly Fancourt, is persuaded to pose as the aunt. Before the true identity of Charley's aunt is discovered, many complications arise.

Mrs. Louise Godden selected this comedy in order to contrast with the fall drama—*The Diary of Anne Frank*.



Phil Provin attempts a smile as Mrs. Godden helps him look his feminine best for the spring play. Photo by Sue Meginniss.

Juniors Hit Slump

Sophs Dominate Honor Roll

Sophomores topped the first and second honors lists with 31 and 69 students respectively. Seniors were second with 17 on the first list and 67 on the second. Juniors finished last with 6 receiving top honors and 54 receiving second honors.

Seniors who made the first honor roll are as follows: Pauline Betty, Elizabeth Brown, Earle Buckley, James Burdett, Patricia Craig,

Phyllis Crowe, Anne Dewey, Kathleen Dryden, Margaret Leach, Ellen Luoma, Francis Maloney, Bernd Merforth, Katherine Neill, Faye Nichols, Kenneth Piech, Linda Rink, and Guy White.

Juniors on the first Honor Roll are as follows: David Gibson, Richard Hartland, Sandra Leisey, James Mensinger, Catherine Rodichok, and Marcia Watson.

Sophomores on the first honor roll are as follows: Janice Armento, Paul Baker, Donna Callahan, Cathleen Carney, Kevin Casey, Janet Farmer, Rebecca Finch, Ellen Haden, Sandra Helbing, Keith Irwin, Mary Ann Jackson, Karen Jones.

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A beaming Kathy Neill accepts Journalist-of-the-year Award from Mr. Harvey Fenimore, director of the Delaware Scholastic Press Association convention, March 29. Photo by Sue Meginniss.

NSPA Awards All-American

For the fourth consecutive semester the *Smoke Signal* has received the All-American rating, the top classification awarded to high school newspapers by the National Scholastic Press Association.

Accumulating a total of 3,805 points, the *Smoke Signal* received perfect scores in balance, sports coverage, printing, and captions. Other categories included news sources, news stories, style, leads, features, display, and photography in which scores ranging from very good to excellent were obtained.

The *Smoke Signal* faced stiffer competition in this last contest, since it moved up one category, due to increased student enrollment in the school.

Professors from the University of Minnesota judged the competing newspapers.

Sophomores who have joined the staff after a brief course in journalism are as follows: Janice Armento, James Broomall, Cathy Carney, Janet Farmer, Mary Ann Jackson, Kevin McDaniel, Cindy Miller, Sue Osmond, Roxanne Ritchie, Lauren Russell, Robin Smith and Mary Ellen Walls.

All sophomores who schedule Journalism I for next year will automatically become staff members.

Boredom Challenges All

"I'm bored" is an expression which every high school student has uttered in disgust. It is a problem which can be solved only if students and teachers work together toward the common goal of education.

We think that the purpose of modern high school physical education is to introduce the students to some activity which they can continue after graduation. If the sophomore gym classes provided an introduction to all the sports available at Conrad, the junior and senior years could be devoted to the activities in which one has a particular interest or skill. Therefore, we feel that the student who is adept in and enjoys participation in a certain skill is more likely to continue it throughout his life.

We also feel that more thought should be given to the idea of teacher-rotation, such as takes place in the junior year speech and English program. Usually a switch in teachers will renew the student's interest in the subject matter.

However, boredom is not merely the administration's dilemma. By paying attention and participating, we students can help to revive even the dullest classes.

New Staff Reaffirms Policy

We, the new editors of the *Smoke Signal*, have inherited a Conrad tradition of journalistic freedom.

The administration's long-standing encouragement of *Smoke Signal* independence has fostered an atmosphere of free inquiry and effective communication. We believe that objective reporting of controversial issues has helped build better school-community understanding.

Journalistic freedom, of course, implies certain responsibilities of accuracy and good taste. News is useless or even harmful when it is biased, false, censored, or in any way distorting the true picture.

Our wish is, therefore, to present school and community developments in the coming year in such a manner that readers can form intelligent opinions from an informed point of view.

Constitution Stir Fizzles

The Student Council is in the process of writing a new constitution—a good idea since presidential powers were the center of such heated controversy last fall.

However, we don't know whether to praise or scorn the new constitution. Nobody does. Homeroom representatives' visits are few and far between in most cases, and even if representatives did visit faithfully, they would have little to say about the constitution, which hasn't been unveiled to them as we go to press. One would think that such a controversial issue would cause more of a stir.

Some day the matter will be settled. Meanwhile, the school must wait for someone to take interest and action.

Buttons, Pamphlets and Lollipops

Companies, Students Mingle at Job Fair

By Jeannie Sanner
and Barbara Hanna

Buttons, pamphlets and lollipops decorated a record 50 booths at the annual Job Fair March 25, 26 and 27 in the Conrad gymnasium.

The fair, sponsored by the Delaware State Chamber of Commerce, is a career-opportunity project. Its purpose is to provide students with information on the companies in this area and the variety of jobs that are available.

"Hercules Incorporated is very interested in high school students," said Mrs. Fait, the Hercules representative. "The company hires a good percentage of high school graduates. We send speakers to talk to students and to interest them in the company."

The Hercules Company has two locations. The home office is located in the Hercules Tower, 910 Market Street, Wilmington.

The positions ordinarily available at the home office are clerk-typist, messenger, stenographer and typist. At the research center there are the same positions with the addition of chemist assistant.

The starting salary for a high school graduate working as a switchboard operator, mail clerk, or messenger is in the range of

\$2.80 an hour. "The salary varies. The person with more education and experience is, of course, going to receive a higher salary," said Mrs. Fait.

Raises and promotions in salary are based on merit. Hercules employees are subject to various company benefits. The benefits include medical and life insurance programs, savings and vacation plans, a retirement plan, and an educational reimbursement plan. Hercules employees may also join the Hercules County Club.

Carol Johnson Assists

Senior Carol Johnson, assisting at the Huber Baking Company, Inc., booth explained the jobs available at Huber Bakery. There are jobs for bakers' helpers, apprentice truck mechanics, electronics and equipment mechanics, clerical positions, data processing positions and driver salesmen.

"The company hires 30 to 40 high school students during the summer, and the company will send employees to school for the data processing positions," Carol said.

The approximate salary for clerical workers is \$65 to \$110 a

Sports Buff Sam Womer Digs Music Scene, Too

By Debbie Dzielak

If not out limbering up his pitching arm on the baseball field, or vigorously pounding away on his drums, senior Sam Womer can no doubt be found working on his '57 canary yellow Chevy "which I take great pride in," he describes with a grin.

Life for Sam has obviously been busy. Just this year he is senior class president, a varsity baseball and basketball player and an honor-roll student. In the ninth grade at Krebs he was Student Council president and band president.

All of Sam's accomplishments, even the Oratory Exuberance Award he won as a Boy Scout, aid him in reaching one of his main objectives in life—to get involved.

His plans for the future hold just as much involvement and activity as his past. After earning a B.A. in education from the University of Delaware, Sam plans to attend Drew University in hopes of becoming a minister.

Complaining people top Sam's list of pet peeves. "People just don't stop and think how lucky they are," he relates ruefully. For himself he merely desires self-contentment. "I like to be an individual and do things without being afraid of what people may think."

Sam's solution for the problems



Sam Womer, student of the month, relaxes at the drums during a busy day at school. Photo by Debbie Dzielak.

of today's world can be summed up in one word: rejuvenation. "For people to get along with each

other," he concludes, "they have to change their entire attitudes on life."

Visit to Dentist Fraught With Tension, Trauma

By Diane Johnson

"Miss Johnson, this way please," smiled the dental assistant.

Yeah, I thought resentfully, you can smile. It's me who's going to get two cavities filled and a tooth pulled, not you. And while I'm suffering, you'll stand there and smile so pleasantly and hand that butcher his tools.

"Just sit down and relax, now. The doctor will be here in a minute." She bustled out of the room, leaving me to contemplate my fate.

I glared around at the room in general, wishing for a power failure or the dentist's sudden death. The loud-speaker, spouting forth soothing music, caught my attention momentarily as I wondered why they wouldn't play something decent, like Blood, Sweat and Tears or the Doors. A row of sharp, gleaming tools caught my gaze—I shut my eyes and shuddered.

Then the dentist came hustling into the room, the plump little assistant hot on his heels. "Well, well, and how are we today? Beautiful day, isn't it?" The sun went behind a cloud and the day grayed.

I concentrated on telepathy. Maybe if I thought a few evil thoughts at him he'd get uneasy and go away. No such luck.

"Open wide now." He peered closely into my mouth. I wonder what he'd do if I bit his nose. Or I could clamp down on his fingers.

"Ah-ha!" he said pleasantly. "We'll fill those two. And this one definitely has to come out to make room for the other. Won't hurt a bit. We'll just use a little novocain."

He was so cheerful about it. I watched him as he prepared the needle, humming happily the whole time. Then, "Open again, please. Now this may pinch just a little, but it won't hurt. Hold very

still now. I don't want to hurt you."

Threats! He knew what I had been thinking. Now he was warning me not to try anything. Ow! Ooo! Yike!

"Doesn't hurt a bit, does it?" grinned the dentist, pulling the needle out and sticking it in near another tooth. Mouth hanging open, wishing I could scream, I glowered balefully at him.

"Now, just sit a little while and let it get numb," purred the fat assistant as the dentist bustled out of the room saying, "I'll be back in a minute."

I sat quietly, contemplating first degree murder, as my mouth grew numb. Ick, it felt all rubbery and swollen and dead. My nose was numb, too. Dead to all feeling. Uh oh. Now I need to blow it. What an awful feeling.

Several hours later, the dentist rushed into the room and got down to work. Z-z-z. The noisy drill bored holes into my teeth.

"Doesn't hurt a bit, does it?" leered the dentist, smiling a horribly pleasant smile.

Not you, it doesn't, I thought furiously. Ouch! Ow! Hm! Arsenic or strychnine would do a good job. Or maybe a cat-o-nine tails. It'd drag out the agony longer.

Several days later, he finished the fillings. "Now," he beamed, "we'll pull that tooth."

More agony. Pain. Hate. Misery. He took some sort of horrible-looking knife and proceeded to dig. Leaving it stuck in there.

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Employees Own Stock

Employees own the greatest amount of Sears' stock, which is a benefit not many companies can boast.

Many students in Conrad found Job Fair a rewarding experience. Susan Rash, a hostess, said, "The Job Fair gives you more opportunities to apply for jobs which you wouldn't ordinarily have." Cheryl Hicken, another hostess, feels that "the Job Fair gives you more opportunities by coming to you instead of making you go to them."

week. Transport drivers average \$3.84 an hour, and mechanics average \$3.25.

Atlantic Aviation, located in New Castle, might appeal to those who seek adventure. Jobs range from mail girls to executive secretaries. Atlantic Aviation, one of the smaller companies, has a lower-range in salary than the bigger companies, but Beverly Howett, an Atlantic Aviation employee finds the atmosphere pleasant.

Boys can receive positions as mechanics or can be trained to fly at the company's expense. John Hite, senior, has already received his solo license in flying.

One of the highest paying companies represented was General Motors. Stenographer, clerk typist, data processing and assembly line are some of the jobs open for girls. For men the assembly is the most prominent job, but GM also offers foreman training.

Among the many benefits, a discount is given to each employee for purchasing a car. There are also many different types of insurance offered. "so many that no one can really explain them unless you need it," were the words of Mr. Samuels, the GM representative for Job Fair. Some of

Marriage Counselor Urges Discretion in Teen Marriage

By Kathy Neill

"What shall I do after high school?" is a question all seniors begin to contemplate as graduation day approaches. For some the answer is college or a job in the business world; for others the answer is marriage—when one gives up thinking in terms of "I" and begins to plan for "we".

The reasons for marriages are often unsound, however, and the divorce rate among teen unions is a shocking 50 percent. "Happily ever after" paints a rosy picture, but this aura of happiness can suddenly shatter if the unsuspecting couple is not ready for the big step.

Maturity Essential

Miss Doris J. Boller, marriage counselor for Family Service of Northern Delaware, warns that only the mature individual—a person who is ready psychologically to live independently of parents, has a sense of who he is and where he's going, and knows what he feels—should venture into marriage.

"To get married for sex is a real dead end," she states. "You will avoid the disappointment that comes when the kick is gone."

Too often the infatuation and sex urges lead to pregnancy—a blunder the couple then hastily tries to correct by getting married.

Or sadder still, "Girls equate sex with love and think of a lasting relationship. Then when a girl gets pregnant, she is astonished to find that the boy has lost interest, or will later resent her and feel trapped."

Miss Boller cites girl clients who later recalled, "I lost out on all the fun because I got engaged right away." The males, she explains, are still relatively free after marriage to live pretty much the same life as before, hanging out with their buddies and continuing to frequent previous spots of leisure. Meanwhile, the wife, especially when children come, is stationed at home and resents her mate's freedom.

Another reason teens choose to marry is to escape dilemmas at home. Parents don't listen to their son or daughter or just are unable to understand. Too late, Miss Boller reveals, "There is a wall of distrust on both sides."

It is easier for parents to say "so-and-so did this" rather than "we've made a mistake." That is why parents are required to be present during counseling.

The cliché, "Look at your future marriage partner's home life before you say 'I do,'" holds a lot of truth, according to the counselor. Chances are, problems at home

carry over into marriage."

She cites one couple as a prime example: "The boy was 19, the girl, 16. She was very unhappy at home because of her domineering father, and so she saw marriage as a way out. After the marriage she took orders from her husband and all seemed fine until she grew up. She resented the say-nothing position she had fallen into again, this time with her husband, and she wanted out."

Money Troubles Common

Financial troubles are one of the most common occurrences, according to Miss Boller. "These hardships could strengthen a relationship that's already sound—but usually it's just something else to fight about."

If the boy hadn't completed his education, with marriage he's usually put in the position of earning a living in a way other than planned, and he usually makes less money, too. In later years, the fact that he "missed out" is almost always a source of aggravation.

Marriage is a deciding step in one's life, and it is a decision that demands quite a lot of foresight and planning. The institution of marriage is not a question of "now or never", but more one of "later and forever".



Miss Louise Jackson, after 34 years of service, glances fondly about her office as she prepares for retirement in June. Photo by Sue Meginniss.

Miss Jackson to Retire, Recalls Years At Conrad

By Kathy Neill

When Conrad's doors first swung open to the bobby sox set in 1935, Miss Louise Jackson was a member of the faculty. Now, 34 years later, students sporting mini-skirts and flaring bell-bottoms are still the objects of her dedication.

Having been born and raised in Wilmington, Miss Jackson attended Wilmington High School and then was graduated from the University of Delaware as a liberal arts major. After 11 years of teaching at William Penn, she arrived at Conrad and assumed her position of Dean of Girls and English teacher. She has since become strictly devoted to guidance and has announced her plans to retire at the end of the school year.

Students Haven't Changed

Over the years Miss Jackson has noted two significant changes: growth in the student body and, more important, enrichment of the programs. In the students themselves, though, she has seen no marked differences.

She points out, "Conradians have the same enthusiasm and thoughtfulness as they had the day the school opened," adding with a warm chuckle, "as well as the same lateness and absenteeism!"

Administering guidance to the students is "a kind of bringing together of the school programs, the child, and his plans for the future." She stresses the importance of faculty co-operation and declares, "No guidance teacher can work or feel secure without excellence of faculty—and we have the best."

"The preparation of young people for the increased rapidity with

which change will occur" is an urgent necessity. She cites stenographers as among those who will be replaced by such automated marvels as voice computers.

Vehemently, she also calls for an end to "inferior-superior employment" replaced by a respect for those employed in the less glamorous, but equally significant, service industries.

Job Fair Her Brainchild

Much concerned about the "forgotten student," Miss Jackson modestly admits, "Perhaps the one idea I'd be proudest of is Job Fair." She feels a driving need for similar programs catering to the average boy or girl.

In dealing with students, the counselor abides by a three-point philosophy: "Have faith in young people—that is the most important thing of all; teach them and give them something to think with; and then help them, don't fight them."

When her retirement is finalized in June, Miss Jackson is determined to "catch my breath first." Soon afterwards she will embark on a trip West to "see those glorious mountains and avoid cold weather if I can." As far as hobbies go, apartment remodeling rates a first on her agenda.

An occasional visit to Conrad is also in store—but only as a visitor. "Conrad will always have a spot in my heart," she says, "since the students have been my whole life."

Space Odyssey Found Controversial, Stimulating

By Ellen Luoma

2001—a Space Odyssey is controversial; one either dismisses it as a farce, or finds within it a deeper meaning. The difference lies in the viewer's assimilation into the world of year 2001. To this reviewer 2001 was an unparalleled and thought-provoking experience.

The many mechanical devices used in the film are alone awe-inspiring. The simulations of outer space and of world, lunar, and other planetary terrains were breathtakingly realistic. Sound and other filming effects complemented this experience.

The odyssey is more than a

space adventure; it is symbolic of man's odyssey—his quest—for the infinite. The opening chapter of the human odyssey is vividly portrayed; the ape stands to battle his environment with primitive tools.

2001, an odyssey in itself, is yet another chapter of the greater odyssey. Straddling space through his ingenuity, man again battles his environment. The struggle is thrilling; the reward is the birth of a mankind closer than ever to the nonentity he strives to grasp.

2001—A Space Odyssey ends, leaving one with faith in the nobility of mankind; his great quest earns him the title, "homo sapien".

Dentist

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hanging out of my mouth, he turned away to get another. I was astonished. It just hung in there.

He turned back, and all of a sudden, grabbed it and put a piece of gauze in.

"There. All done." "I couldn't believe it. "It's out? I'm done?"

"Certainly. Want to see it? No? Okay, well, hold that gauze on it for half an hour."

Gee, getting it pulled didn't hurt a bit. Huh. From now on, I'll get all my teeth pulled, I thought wozzily.

Free for another six months! I staggered happily out of the office and into my car.



The new sophomore members of the Smoke Signal staff, from left to right, are, first row: Janet Farmer, Cindy Miller, Sue Osmond, Robin Smith, and Janice Armento. Back row: Mary Ann Jackson, Cathy Carney, James Broomall, Kevin McDaniel, Roxanne Ritchie, and Mary Ellen Walls. Not pictured: Lauren Russell. Photo by Jim Dykes.

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Junior Denny Cline raps out one of his two hits against Claymont in a 11-1 victory. Photo by Sue McGinniss.

Redskins Boast 2-1 Record In Pre-Season Competition

Conrad went down to its first non-conference defeat of the 1969 season at the hands of Salesianum last Wednesday. The final score was 2-1 as the Redskins failed to take advantage of numerous scoring opportunities.

The baseball team gets its conference season under way today in a home game against Christiana. The Redskins hope to improve on last year's record of 9 wins, 7 losses. "As it looks now, McKean will be the team to beat in the flight A," commented head coach Harry Davies.

A young pitching staff combined with several good hitters characterized Conrad's performance in its non-conference games. Against

Claymont, Conrad pounded out a total of eight hits for a final score of 11-1. Denny Cline led the hitters with a single and a double, and continued as the winning pitcher by striking out nine and giving up four hits.

Against Brandywine Greg Lacy took complete control and limited the Bulldogs to three hits while striking out six. Conrad made a total of five hits with Bob Hayes and Bill Scullion both contributing doubles. The final score was 2-0.

"We do have a very strong pitching staff," commented Coach Davies. It will be headed this year by seniors Sam Womer and Joe Murphy, and juniors Dennis Cline, Mike Evans, Greg Lacy, and

John Witkowski.

"I don't feel that we have any weak spots on our team this year," said the coach. The boys who will probably see most of the action this year are as follows: at first base, John Netta and Jim Mensinger; at second, Dick Pry and Joe Palermo; at third, Bill Scullion and Jim Mensinger; at shortstop, Bob Hayes; in left field, Dwayne Greene; in right, either Roy Peacock or Jay Hampel; and in center, Dan Dombrowski and Carmen Maiorano. Handling the catching chores will be Randy Nowell and Jay Hampel.

"I'm counting on Dwayne Greene and Bill Scullion to lead the hitters," Coach Davies said.

Track Team Eyes Future; Faces Rough Competition

Opening its track season with a sweep in the 120-yard high hurdles, Conrad defeated visiting Salesianum 72-50.

Jerry Downes, Dan Conner, and Ray Knehnetsky placed 1, 2, 3, respectively in the 120-yard hurdles. Mike Herbin won the 100-yard dash with a time of 10.5 as teammates Jack Hughes (2nd) and Joe Pacchiolo (3rd) completed the sweep. Jerry Downes also took first place in the high jump, as Chuck Haney and Mickey Kelly finished second and third respectively.

Mike Herbin also placed first in the 440 and 220 distances to give him a complete sweep of the sprint events. Other first place finishers were Skip Johnson, 180-yard low hurdles; and Jim Burdett, discus. Conrad's mile-relay team (Charles Bradford, Joe Pacchioli, Mark

Clark, Tim Carson) captured that event with a time of 3:37.7.

The athletes composing the nucleus of this year's squad are Dan Conner, hurdles and long jump; Jim Burdett, shot-put and discus; Mark Clark, ¼ mile; Tim Carson, ¼ mile; Jack Hughes, sprints, Bruce Stelle, 1 and 1½ mile; Joe DiMichelle, 1 and ½ mile; and Tom Callahan, high jump and pole vault.

Coach Charles Lykens sizes up this year's competition as very tough. "We are definitely in the midst of a building year," he said, "however, we could have a very respectable season if everyone reaches his full potential." Coach Lykens regards the sprints as Conrad's strongest event.

Weightlifters Stage Meet

A power lifting meet for all members of the Weightlifting Club highlighted April's Activities I.

The lifts were the dead lift and the bench press. To make competition fairer, members were distributed into various weight classes; lightweight, 140-150 pounds; light-heavy, 151-160; heavy, 161-170 pounds; superheavy, 171-180 pounds; and unlimited, 181 pounds and over.

Outstanding lifts were performed by lightweight Don Horton and unlimited, Mike Dougherty. Don bench-pressed 225 pounds and Mike deadlifted 410 pounds.

Mr. Vincent Scott, club adviser, said, "Most of the boys have made good progress. Several have increased their ability 40 to 50 pounds."

Seniors Hold Key To Success For Boys' Tennis Team

The tennis season's lead off match with Salesianum was rained out last Friday and has been rescheduled for next Wednesday. Results of the Friends match were not available at press time.

"We've lost only four matches in the past three years," points out coach Toby Craig. "The 1969 team has a lot to work for."

A scrimmage match April 11 with last year's state champions, St. Andrews, resulted in only one Conrad win—Don Swain playing fourth singles. Only the first three singles matches and the first two doubles matches determine the team score,

however.

Letter winners Jim Shaw and Ken Piech and senior Jody French played first, second and third singles respectively. Gary Simkins and Gene Mackin played first doubles while sophomore John Shaw teamed up with George Fox for second doubles.

Letter winner Rick Goodman, along with Neil Ryan, Ken Sarnecky, and Gary Glazer, make up the rest of the seniors.

Juniors Dave Hosan, Doug Walls and Richard Hartland, together with sophomores Gordon Gawronski and Larry Kelly, round out the rest of the team.

Sport Shorts

Sharpie Cagers Place Second in Tournament

By Jeff Stabnau

The end of regulation season play on March 15 did not mean the termination of court activities for several members of Conrad's varsity and other Blue Hen Conference players as they teamed to compete in the Delaware State Junior Basketball Tournament.

Conrad's Chuck Haney, Robbie Martin, and Bob Kauffman joined such players as Jim Dunning of Mount Pleasant, and Phil Tiews of Brandywine to form a team known as the Sharpies.

The Sharpies went all the way to the championship game, where they were defeated by Earl's Pearls 60-53 at Salesianum Gym on March 22. The Pearls were led by Crawford Woodruff of Wilmington, along with Charlie Bowers and Mike Irby of De La Warr.

Robbie Martin was selected by tournament officials to receive the sportsmanship award.

In recent downstate conference changes, the Diamond State Conference has been absorbed by the Henlopen Conference. In the process Middletown High School was snubbed by the Diamond State

Conference and has joined the ranks of non-conference teams. Reports are now circulating that Middletown will join the Blue Hen Conference.

Mr. John Bushman, Blue Hen Conference president, has been quoted as saying that although Middletown has not made an application for admission, there is a possibility the school could become a member of the conference in time for the '69-'70 football season.

The National Basketball Committee of the United States and Canada, which sets the rules for all high school games, has established several new rules which will take effect for the '69-'70 season.

Beginning next season a jump ball shall be called when any closely guarded player in the front court holds the ball for more than five seconds.

Under another new rule a second free throw now can be awarded by the referee when a technical foul is also an intentional foul.

Also outlawed was "air dribbling" which can be defined as throwing or batting the ball in the air and then batting it again before it touches the floor.



Coach James Hagan and Senior Dennis Johnson proudly display the team's state tournament trophy. All-Stater Robbie Martin who was absent from the photograph, contributed heavily to Conrad's Conference Championship team.

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Spring Weather Stirs Clubs' Wandering Spirit

As spring weather and warm temperatures return many Conrad clubs and organizations are making trips and outings.

Art Clubs I and II went on their annual trip to New York April 18 under the supervision of Mrs. Ethelbert Ott. They visited museums and did general sight-seeing. Art Club I sponsored a raffle, with cash and candy prizes to help with trip expenses.

The Investment Club, along with Mr. James Hagan's economics class, visited the Laird, Bissell, and Mead stock exchange March 20. The club also took a trip to General Motors last Tuesday.

Conrad's Madrigal Choir sang at the 10:45 Mass at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Woodcrest last Sunday. The choir plans three future engagements. They will sing Tuesday at the Newport Women's Club annual banquet. Krebs, Oak Grove, and Richardson Park junior high schools will hear the choir when it takes its annual tour this spring. The choir will also participate in an informal music concert for Conrad students May 28.

Senior sociology classes traveled to Wilmington-area businesses April 16 as part of the Aces pro-

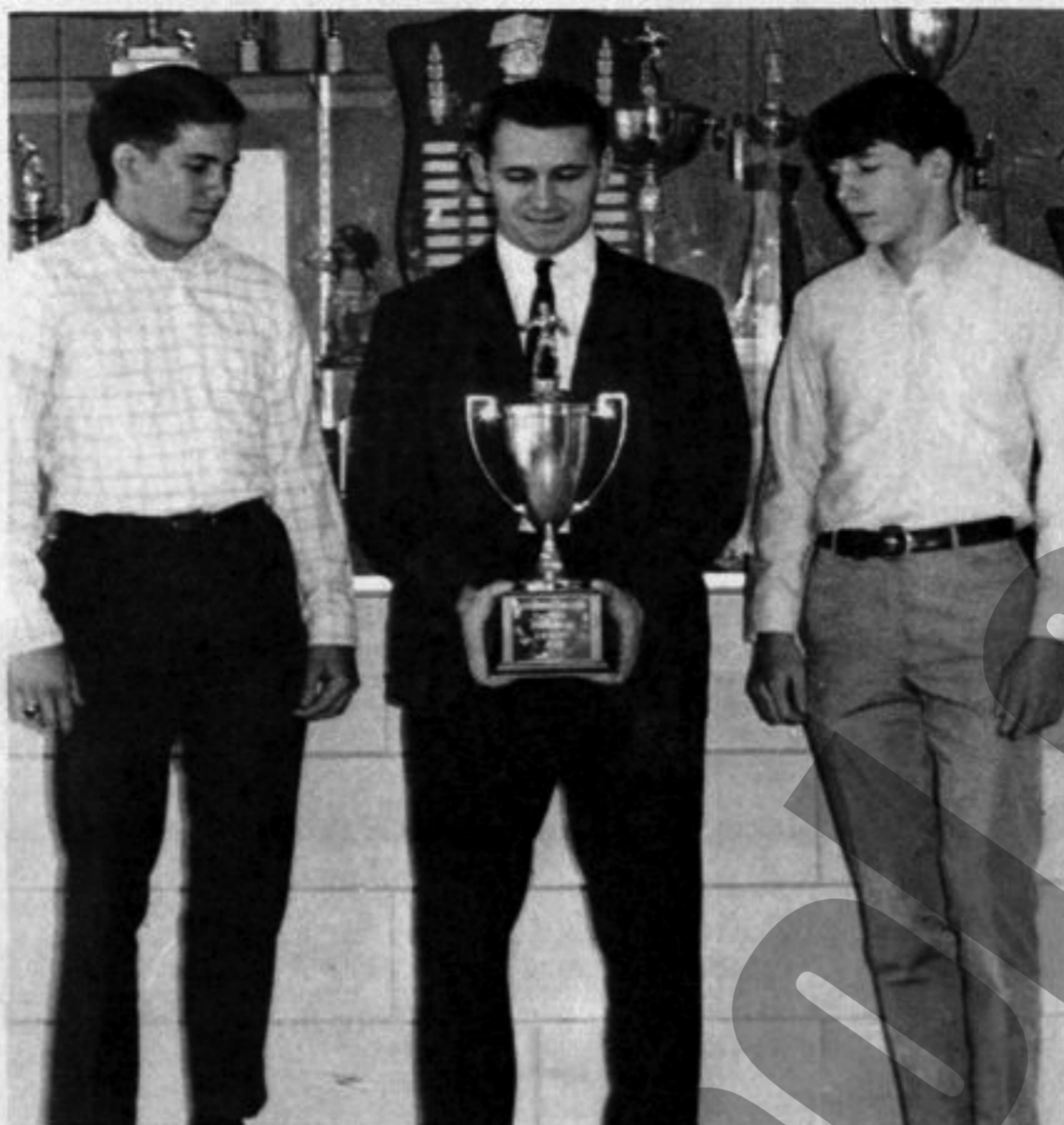
gram. In the future, the Sportsmen Club plans a return trip to Petersburg Game Preserve May 9, 10 and 11.

Mr. Morningred Heads Teachers

Mr. Duane Morningred, Conrad math teacher, was elected president of the Conrad Area Educational Association April 15.

The purpose of the association, which evolved through consolidation, is, according to Mr. Morningred, "to maintain and enhance the educational program in the district through good district employee relationships with the new School Board and the public. This kind of relationship is a must if we are to keep a very high quality of education."

Other officers include: vice president, Rudy Karkasak of Richardson Park; treasurer, Donald Zook of Krebs; recording secretary, Sandy Griswold of Richardson Park; and corresponding secretary, Alex Dubil of Oak Grove.



Coach Edgar Baker and wrestlers Bruce Watson (right) and Bruce Arterbridge (left) admire Blue Hen Conference Championship Trophy. Conrad matmen finished in a first place tie with Newark. Both teams had 8-1 records.

Twirlers Select New Members

Nine girls join juniors Barbara Marks and Jackie Russell, both two-year members, on the '69-'70 baton twirling corps.

They include juniors Karen Adams, Carolyn Burkhart, Laurie Martin, and Sue Meginniss; sophomores Debbie Allen, Susan Nicholson, and Debbie Woodward; and freshmen Debbie Johnson and Marcia Meidling.

They were selected by Mrs. Andrea Cassel, twirling adviser; Miss Leann Hornung, cheerleading adviser; Mr. C. John Stroebel; and Miss Jean Tordella.

From 120 girls, 14 were selected to join Lorraine Lenhoff and Renee Scales in next year's flag twirling corps.

They are as follows—juniors: Marlene Boyle, Nancy Charnik, Maryann Colicchio, Nanette Flowers, and Susie Hayman; sophomores: Laurie Grodzicki, Mary Ann Janczewski, and Judi Thompson; and freshmen: Cindy Beckley, Debbie Donahue, Mary Galanes, Debbie Hilyard, Janet Johnson, and Claudia Neaves.

The flags and twirlers are judged on appearance, marching, twirling, dancing, and an exhibition of the Cherokee ritual.

These girls, along with the color guard, will perform with the band next year in parades and football games.

Sophs Dominate Honor Roll

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Podgorski, Edward Polaski, Donna Lee Price, Roxanne Ritchie, Patricia Roberts, Norma Robertson, Nancy Rosiak, Doris Ross, John Shaw, John Simmons, Barbara Smithey, Victor Ventresca.

Gary Whetstone, Patricia Wol-skee, and Leonard Zabinko.

Seniors who made the second honor roll are as follows: Susan Armstrong, Alice Bennett, Joseph Benson, Cynthia Bixler, Doris Bogucki, Jeannette Bukay, Linda Burkum, Mary Chlebowski, Ronald Ciancio, Deborah Clark, Deborah Cline, Pamela Cunningham, Barbara Diffendall, Kathleen Di-francesco, Karen Doran.

Robert Faries, Judith Faux, Carol Gilbert, Richard Goodman, Deborah Grabowski, Janice Graves, Nancy Griffith, Barbara Hanna, Paul Herrmann, Cheryl Hicken, Patricia Higley, Miles Hoelzel, Edith Hogan, Jacqueline Jewell, Diane Johnson, Elaine Kind-beiter, Anne Koiv, Nancy Jean Le-ber, Diana Liddicoat, Kenneth Love.

Peggy Love, Steven Martin, Katherine Marvel, Donna McCle-land, Betty Mensinger, Sandra Moore, Marlene Moriello, Barbara Morris, Faye Nichols, Anne O'Don-nell, Kathleen O'Neill, Sarah Pa-lermo, Joann Polecaro, Deborah Reed, Emma Rushie, Steven Russ, James Ryan, Betty Sanner, Ken-neth Sarnecky, Barbara Schmidt.

Jack Schetron, Terry Shaw, Robert Simmons, Gail Simpson, Helen Smolka, Claire Snyder, Virginia Spence, Deborah Stewart, Carole Swiatek, Joyce Taylor, Janice Williams, Samuel Womer, Esther Yost.

Juniors on the second Honor Roll are as follows: Stanley Bachmura, Bruce Baker, Elizabeth Bestpitch, Lawrence Bulat, Marc Cheban, Mary Ann Clawson, Edward Cline, Mary Ann Colicchio, Robert Day-ett, Charlene Davis, Deborah Dzielak, Gregory Elliott.

Laura Engle, Nancy Forman, Harry Furness, Douglas Griffith, Charles Haney, Edgar Harvey, Susan Heninger, Gaile Hilyard, David Hosan, Deborah Huff, Cheryl Janulewicz, Harold John-son, Dorothy Karacz, Jeffrey Kauff-man, Christine Kearns, Barbara Kerr, Diane Koterwas, Gregory Lacy, Mary Larue, Richard Latch-ford, James Logullo, Gail Mc-Keever, Susan Meginniss, Roberta Merrill.

Cathy O'Brien, Joseph Palermo, Roy Peacock, James Reilly, Kath-erine Ross, Nancy Ryan, Judy Scholato, Viola Staker, Bruce Stelle, Jayne Stoneberger, Nancy Stumpf, Suzanne Taylor.

Carol Tjaden, Michael Valenti, Kathy Waters, Charlene Wilson, Richard Wilson, and John Wit-kowski.

Sophomores on the second honor roll are as follows: Marie Ellen Baker, Patricia Barnes, Debbie Barone, Pamela Blanchard, Mon-

ika Boerstler, Mary Boston, Wil-liam Bryan, Judy Carmean, Peggy Chitwood, Eileen Conaway, Joan Cooper.

Marianne Croze, Carol Cum-mings, Steven Deery, Joanne Domolevich, Susan Draper, Maria Duda, Sandra Felmeij, Bobbie Fes-ler, Carolyn Freed, Gordon Gaw-ronski, Robert Gilmour, Doug Gib-ney, Linda Grimes, Diane Hanna, Timothy Hanson.

George Higley, Dianna Holla-day, Richard Jackson, Edward Janvier, Norma Jones, Susan Kramer, Kathy Kriebel, Reed Lloyd, Mike Marciniszyn, Kevin McDaniel, Cindy Miller, Norma Jean Moore, Carleen Myers, Me-linda Neal.

Joann Nicoletti, Gary Nowell, James Picarro, Nancy Piorkowski, Janice Polecaro, Rita Raty, Carol Rawley, Lois Ann Redding, Charles Rhoads, Pauline Roosa, James Russell, Lauren Russell, William Sanner, William Schaubert.

Brenda Shade, Cindie Short, John Simpson, Susan Smith, Jo-seph Stevens, Susan Storm, Sherri Stout, Joann Szymanski, Janet Taylor, Doreen Toomey, Victor Venturena, Maryellen Walls, Mi-chael Webb, Debbie Wetzler, Ellen Whiteside.



John, Terry, and Jimmy Shaw give a family flavor to Conrad's 1969 tennis teams. Photo by Joe Hogentogler.

Officer Willing to Listen, Inform

Conradians with problems will find a sympathetic listener Mondays in room 229.

Corporal Kenneth King of the Delaware State Police is available from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. to discuss confidentially any situation and to answer questions concerning the law and students' rights.

PTA Elects Hill New President

President Earl J. Hill was re-elected for another term at the PTA meeting April 2. Other officers chosen are Mr. William Pry, first vice-president; Mr. Edgar Anderson, second vice-president; Mrs. Audrey Rash, secretary; and Dr. Isabel Miller, treasurer.

A proposed "Trip of the Month" Club was discussed at the meeting. PTA members plan to support such a club to enable students to expose themselves to cultural events such as art shows, concerts, and theatrical productions.

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Mr. Leon B. Elder, supervising principal of Richardson Park School, will be district superintendent of the new consolidated school district. Photo by Jeff Stabnau.



Mr. Austin D. Baltz, supervising principal at Oak Grove School, will take the position of assistant superintendent. Photo by Sue Meginniss.



Mr. Coleman Metzler, assistant principal of Oak Grove, will be the new administrative assistant. Photo by Debbie Dzielak.



Mr. John J. Lacek, supervising principal of Henry C. Conrad High School, will be director of finance.



Mr. Jack Caum, supervising principal of H. J. Krebs School, will be assistant superintendent and director of curriculum. Photo by Beverly Bove.

'Official Band' Invades Sunny St. Petersburg

Conrad band members, cited by Governor Russell W. Peterson as the "Official Band of Delaware," began their six-day working vacation April 8 aboard a D-C 8 jet bound for the Festival of States in St. Petersburg, Florida.

All was not work without play, however. After a parade Monday evening, members "blew their minds" at a psychedelic dance.

At Busch Gardens on Tuesday, the band members enjoyed tropical gardens, parrot shows, tours through the Budweiser plant, and the Wild Animal Kingdom. Mary Ann Venturena ventured to hold four button-eating macaws (parrots) on her arms while friends took her picture.

In the noon-time parade April 11, Conrad finished seventh in the 30-band competition. Worried by rumors that entire bands from the North sometimes drop out from the heat, Conradians anticipated more disaster than actually occurred.

A sunny Saturday was spent at Treasure Island on the Gulf of Mexico. Unfortunately, the sun did its damage before anyone realized it. Perhaps the most pitied person was sophomore George Higley who hobbled around on swollen feet and ankles.

Becoming heroes in the process, John Netta and Jon Fletcher sacrificed their health to haul ice from the hotel's first floor to sick sun bunnies on the fifth. After sev-

eral trips Jon Fletcher was found sprawled on the fifth floor, exhausted.

The flight home was delayed seven hours, forcing the group to spend several hours at the exotic Hawaiian Village Motel. Senior Sam Womer, undaunted, kept everyone's spirits high with his humorous antics during a smorgasbord at the Sweden House.

The Capital jet left Tampa at 3:00 a.m. and the band ate the last meal of their Florida trip while in the air. The fun-filled trip to Florida ended as band members sleepily found their luggage and departed for home.

Globe-trotter Allure

Travel Bug Attracts AFS'ers

By Anne O'Donnell

Magic words like "travel" or "foreign countries" hold the key to American Field Service hearts.

The Conrad chapter is a small part of a world-wide organization dedicated to promoting international friendships through person-to-person contact. This year Delaware alone is host to students from France to New Zealand.

Curiosity is a common characteristic that Conrad AFS members share. "Anyone who joins AFS

Officials Elected

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Stressing that improvements will be made in the educational program, and not necessarily in efficiency, Mr. Lacek stated that the most urgently needed building is the district office.

Krebs supervising principal, Mr. Jack Caum, will act as the new director of curriculum. Mr. Caum, who earned his Master's at the University of Pennsylvania in romantics, stated, "We're not trying to change the curriculum as much as to co-ordinate it. The process is an evolutionary, not a revolutionary one."

Immediate plans under the new administrator include an investigation of the curricula of all the schools, and development in the weak areas.

Recent Grads Excel In Scholastic Records

Statistics on Conrad graduates attending the University of Delaware for the first semester of the 1968-1969 school year suggest a sudden increase in scholastic performance.

For the past six years the number of students on the dean's list and the number dropped by the University differed by no more than two students. This year the difference is 21 in favor of the dean's list.

The following analysis was reported to the school board by Principal Earl J. Smith.

Of 258 students who started the year at the University 39 or 16 percent made the dean's list, 143

or 57 percent continued as regular students, 58 or 23 percent were dropped and 7 (not counted in the percentages) withdrew for personal reasons.

Ex-Conradian Bill Podgorski continued with his high scholastic record, maintaining an overall average of 3.96.



SCHOOL BOARD NEWS

Mr. Wenner To Return

Mr. Rolfe Wenner, who left a Conrad teaching position in December, 1967, will return next year as a second assistant principal. He is presently an assistant principal at De La Warr.

The Board also approved, at the March 31 meeting, the appointment of Mrs. Ellen J. Brown to fill Mrs. Gladys Harper's position in the home economics department. Mrs. Harper is leaving at the end of the year.

The administration is still searching for two additional teachers, one each in the social studies and English departments, to offset increased enrollment.

Priced at \$179 each, three additional basketball backboards will be placed against the west wall of

the gym.

Provision of more space for the physical education classes and the creation of additional recreational facilities for neighborhood use were the main reasons the Board approved the purchase, according to Mr. John Lacek, supervising principal. Funds for the backboards will come from the Capital Improvement Program.

Also brought up at the March 31 meeting was the introduction of House Bill 126 in the state legislature. The bill is designed to transfer funds from the debt service to current operating expenses in order to complete window replacements as already approved under the Capital Improvement Program.

must be interested in other countries," said sophomore Joyce Baumgarten. "I joined the club because I wanted to meet new people and I love to travel." With a laugh Joyce attributed the overwhelming number of girl members to "boy exchange students".

Others, such as senior Claire Snyder, are lured by the promise of being an exchange student. "In AFS, you are exposed to different opinions, and you get a broader view of life," said Claire, who recently acted as a weekend hostess for a Swedish student. "This increases your awareness and your tolerance toward others."

"I agree that AFS is a worthwhile organization because it enables you to meet different people," said sophomore Roy Ketchum. Both he and Curtis Woodward, a

sophomore who hopes to visit Rome, admit that a love of travel influenced them to join the club.

The organization offers both a summer and a winter exchange program for American students to live abroad. "Very few Conradians apply for these programs and they miss out on a good opportunity," said Anne O'Donnell, current club president.

Both Anne and junior Jimmy Dykes are awaiting word from the New York headquarters concerning their acceptance as exchange students.

Each year the club must raise the phenomenal sum of \$850 in order to bring an exchange student to Conrad. "We may not have a club next year unless we can find officers and a sponsor," stated Anne.

Conrad's DECA Places Third in Conference

Conrad's DECA Chapter placed third in "Chapter of the Year" competition at the State Leadership Conference March 23 and 24 at the Tally-Ho Motor Inn.

This award is determined on a point system which follows a chapter's activities throughout the year—chapter meetings, guest speakers, field trips, civic group appearances and other events.

Individual awards were received as follows: Frank Capasso, who placed first in the state in salesmanship; Carmel Addesi, who placed second in advertising and who also received honorable mention for "Student of the Year"; and Jerry Smuzyinski, who placed third in the state in management decision making.

During March DECA officers met Governor Russell W. Peterson. President Joe Benson, vice-president Bob Ramsey, and Secre-

tary Jerry Smuzyinski went to Dover to present an award to Senator Anthony J. Ciccone for his outstanding service to future civic leaders. The senator in gratitude insisted that the boys meet the governor. The day was topped off with a tour of Legislative Hall.

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