

Atlantic City Rocks With Pop Festival

By David Gibson

Picture the scene—The Atlantic City race course, August 1, 2, and 3. The four levels of the brick and concrete grandstand slope up from the track like a gigantic ramp. On the nearest portion of the track stands a huge tubular steel structure resembling a four legged geodesic spider. Spotlights cling to its sides, and a dark red canopy stretches across the top. Under the spider is the stage, seven feet off the ground with a revolving center portion and a chrome jungle of microphones.

Atlantic City Pop was not the biggest festival of the summer. Eight times as many attended the Woodstock affair, while Hampton Rock in Georgia the month before drew 125,000. Atlantic City did have, however, one of the best performer-audience ratios — 25 groups versus 40 or 50,000 kids.

The entire event was broken up into three movements: Countdown (Friday), Launch (Saturday), and Oblivion (Sunday). Each movement was in turn divided into afternoon and evening sessions with ten-minute breaks be-

tween each act.

Countdown didn't have a definite beginning, it just picked up the strain of music known as hard rock that goes back to 1965 and Haight-Ashbury.

Three groups performed without the P.A., running their own amps. It was impossible for most of the audience to hear.

Then . . . POWER! BOOM! Howooooowwwllll! "Now ladies and gentlemen . . . Mother Earth!" Mother Earth played a 40-minute concert followed by Procall Harem, Joni Mitchell, The Chambers Brothers with "Time", and a new blues rock group, Chicago.

The Iron Butterfly, however, literally brought down the house. Midway through "Are You Happy" two or three thousand fans suddenly spilled over the double fence onto the track. Flaming torches and " . . . 4,000 watts sparking at your feet . . ." are all that kept them off the stage.

The Butterfly went on—"Apples of the Sun," "Unconscious Power," and 40 minutes of "In-a-Gadda-da-Vidda." Tapes were running, hands were clapping, everyone was standing, and flashbulbs were

flashing—a regular mind-benders' delight. But the Butterfly was the last act of Countdown. It was 11 p.m., 14 hours to Launch.

Saturday was sunny. Rock's pilgrims were greeted by an eerie, droning sound emanating from the stage. Some said it was the Jefferson Airplane tuning up; others, that it was a grass cutter, still others thought it was the P.A. moaning over the beating it took the night before.

Bigger groups were scheduled and the crowds numbered 42,000 by 1:00 p.m. The American Dream, The Byrds, Tim Buckley, Booker T and the M.G.'s, and Hugh Masakela played during the afternoon. B.B. King did a performance followed by the Butterfield Blues Band.

The first act of the evening—Lighthouse—brought out the numerous Canadians in the audience. Meanwhile, three frisbees crossed and crisscrossed from end to end of the human ramp.

Finally, Creedence Clearwater Revival came on. Everyone was standing and double time clapping to "Proud Mary," "Chuglin,"

and "Born on the Bayon," not to mention "Bad Moon Arising" dedicated to George C. Wallace.

There was a delay while The Jefferson Airplane set up its light show. A rear projection translucent screen was lowered from the spider. The Airplane was off and flying: "The Crown of Creation," "Lather," "Star Track"—ally synchronized with fluid projections, psychedelic photographic techniques, and zooms into a TV screen of magnified microbes.

They reached their zenith with "Don't You Need Somebody to Love," accompanied by nearly 50,000 voices. The Launch was complete.

Oblivion, however, was something else. Weather ranged from hot and sunny to a near rain-out for Janice Joplin. Drugs were up and groups were down. Overheard conversations were "Did you get that whiff of grass?" "Don't you know? It's the other end of this bench." "I'd ask for a cigarette but I'm afraid someone would hand me one with crinkled paper and twisted ends."

Yet it was a pop festival, and a pop festival must have music. So . . . The Sir Douglas Quintet, Santana, Three Dog Night, and the Buddy Miles Express played the afternoon.

Canned Heat made it through the twilight hours by jamming, and some motorcycle gang member made it through Canned Heat by stripping.

The Mothers of Invention took a short, but sweet, part—20 minutes. Janice Joplin made her appearance, which by itself was something, but most think that she has done better.

Little Richard danced all over his piano (hid up); and then it was over. The sound, though, was still chaotic; people shouting, talking, running, and walking to their cars.

After a total of 25 hours of high volume, driving, hard rock one's audio nerve twitches spontaneously, beating out an impulse that is the total of all you've heard and felt and seen. You try to sum it up in words but you can't, so you just sit and drink it all in.

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Conrad Enrollment Soars; Several New Positions Filled

Conrad may have three assistant principals next year. "The present enrollment," according to Principal Earl J. Smith, "allows a maximum of four administrators." The new assistant, if hired, will head the curricular activities in the science, math, and industrial arts areas.

Along with the consolidation program, various other changes have resulted this year.

Conrad opened with an enrollment of 1524 students, an increase of 61 from last year.

With the addition of Mr. Rolfe Wenner to the administration this year, the duties of the assistant

principals have been grouped into specific areas. Mr. Wenner is in charge of curriculum in the fields of English, social studies, art, music, and the foreign languages. His district duties include evaluation of first and second year teachers, and the coordination of the high school program with that of the district.

Assistant Principal Jay L. Hinnerscheetz will continue his role as head of discipline and transportation.

A new directive from the district office has been issued stating that the school will pay for all the neces-

sary classroom materials, unless the student wishes to keep the item. Voluntary student trips will continue, including the annual Stratford trip sponsored by the English department, since only those students who have the desire to participate will attend.

Another change came about in the class schedules. Although no classes are scheduled for the eighth period, its purpose is to allow teachers and students to be available to each other for conferences, make-up work, or extra-credit assignments. Therefore, school is not officially over and buses do not leave until 3:10 p.m.

'Paradise Island' Selected As Homecoming Theme

"Paradise Island" has been selected as the theme of this year's homecoming dance November 15.

The Student Council will again sponsor the dance. Reenie Riley has been appointed head of the homecoming committee, composed of Student Council members and other interested students.

The time of the dance will be from 9 to 12 p.m. As yet a definite price and band have not been chosen. Whether dress will be formal or informal also has not been decided.

A total of 15 sophomores have petitioned the council for voting

membership. Eleven of these will be elected in the near future.

"We hope to gain fresh ideas and talent through the elections of these new members," stated council president Jim Dykes.

The Student Council sold approximately 240 parking stickers at 50 cents each. This year, because of shortage of space, parking was limited to seniors, and, with special permission, to juniors. This special permission was granted for jobs or athletic obligations.

Drivers Education teachers are currently patrolling the parking lot in order to enforce the new ruling.

Activities cards were also sold during September. The council reported a sale of 81 activities cards. The cards sold for \$3.50 each and covered admission to the five home football games.

Six New Faculty Members Relate Views on Conrad

Sophomores aren't the only ones getting over the nervous jitters of starting at a new school. Six new faculty members feel the same way.

Delaware graduate Miss Maureen Thackery, who was Dr. Miller's student teacher last year, returned to Conrad this year as a full-fledged faculty member. "I really like it here. That's why I came back," she replied.

After teaching at P. S. du Pont and Mount Pleasant High Schools, Mrs. Diana Smith, new English teacher, transferred to Conrad. She also taught several years in Virginia after graduation from Mary Washington College, an extension of the University of Virginia. She did graduate work in literature and American stud-



Junior Reese Robinson and sophomore Jackie Carr assume roles during try-outs for the fall play. Photo by Debbie Dzielak.

Law, Mears, Robinson Capture Play Leads

Linda Law, Don Mears, and Reese Robinson captured main roles in the fall play.

Other main roles are to be played by Jayne Stoneberger, Janice Wilhide, Bill Russell, Jim Symonds, Doug Ennis, Dave Wetzler, and Barry Bradfield.

Members of the supporting cast are Larry Trentham, Sharon Asquith, Barbara Smithey, Linda Jewell, Kathy Price, Paulette Chambers, Jackie Carr, and Doug Walls.

For the first time in Conrad's history of dramatic productions, a courtroom comedy, "The Night of January Sixteenth," will be presented. The jury will be selected

directly from the audience, and the outcome of the play will depend on their verdict.

The play is directed by Mr. Donald Morgan and will be presented November 26 and 27.

The play centers around Karen Andre, the accused; the defending lawyer, Stevens; and the prosecuting attorney, Flint. Karen is charged with the murder of her employer, Bjorn Faulkner. The motive given: Karen wanted all the money that the both of them swindled from many corporations.

Karen, Bjorn, and a third conspirator, Larry Reagan, decide to escape to South America.



The new teachers are from left to right: first row, Mrs. Smith, Miss Thackery, Mrs. Brown; second row, Mrs. Fisher, and Miss Kendikian. Mr. Paul Eyanson, new physical education teacher, was not available for this picture. Photo by Debbie Dzielak.

ies at the College of William and Mary, at the Virginia Commonwealth University, and at the University of Delaware. "I like Conrad . . . the student body is a nice group," she said.

Miss Lucy Kendikian, who taught at Wilmington High School for four years before coming to Conrad, attended Immaculata College near Paoli, Pennsylvania. She received an M. A. degree from Villanova.

"I love it! There's a congenial atmosphere . . . the students are terrific!" This was Mrs. Ellen Brown's reaction to the question "What do you think of Conrad?" She graduated from Drexel Institute in Philadelphia and previously taught at P. S. du Pont High School.

The business education department's new member, Mrs. Edith Fisher, attended Susquehanna University and took summer courses at Indiana State, Pennsylvania, and Salem State, Massachusetts. Before coming to Conrad, she taught at Wilmington High School. What does she think of Conrad? "I love it!"

Mr. Paul Eyanson, the only male addition to the faculty, attended West Chester State College, where he received a B. S. degree and Southern Connecticut University, where he received an M. S. degree. Before coming to Conrad he taught athletic training at Yale and at Seton Hall Prep. "I like Conrad very much. The physical education system is very good."

Smoke Signal Welcomes All

Another school year is upon us. We're back to the books, lectures, crowded halls, sports practice, and lunch lines.

More than 500 new faces are in the Conrad fold and our enrollment is the highest ever. We welcome all of you—sophomores, transfer students, new faculty and administration members.

The aim of the Smoke Signal staff, besides producing a quality newspaper, is to provide news and features which would be of interest to a large number of students, faculty, and parents. In this task we solicit your help. We are especially concerned about uncovering interesting items about students—awards, experiences, or unusual hobbies. We also urge you to "speak out" in letters to the editor. If the letter has merit, we'll be glad to print it and withhold your name, if you desire.

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Peace Comes to Rock Fest

Almost 400,000 people spent three muddy, rainy days at the Woodstock Music and Art Fair with shortages of food and water. Yet, there wasn't as much as a fist-fight.

The **New York Times** reported a state police official as saying, "I was stunned by the size of the crowd. We haven't had even minor incidents of misbehavior by the young people."

More than 415,000 people live in northern Delaware (New Castle County, Wilmington, Elsmere, Newark, etc.). Yet, there are an average of nine larceny complaints per day and one mugging every two days in Wilmington alone (based on 1969 statistics through August).

How do you explain something like Woodstock? "Why," we ask, "was order kept without the fear of riot guns and tear gas?"

Was there something in the music, the attitude, or sheer numbers that made it work?

Woodstock may or may not have shaken conventional ideas about keeping peace. It should have. The results of the Woodstock experiment were spectacular.

We All Share The Blame

The lack of a foreign exchange student this year breaks a long-standing Conrad tradition. The immediate cause was, as in most failures, money. The sum of \$850 was needed to support the cost of such a student, but the 55 members of the AFS raised only \$400.

It's easy to lay the blame at their feet, call them apathetic, and wash one's hands of the whole matter. But this kind of attitude is self-defeating. The whole school benefited from Bernd Merforth's presence — the Cross Country team, the **Smoke Signal**, the German Club, the Student Council elections. (Remember how we laughed until our sides nearly split over that speech.)

Next year's deadline is not far off, but \$850 is. We sincerely hope that a tradition of no exchange student does not become established. If it does, we will all be the poorer for it.

Picturesque France Charms Senior Jim Dykes

By Jim Dykes

Perched in the green sprawling foothills of the Pyrenees Mountains in southern France lies Montréjeau, a typical French village of 3,000 inhabitants.

The French have an expression which fittingly describes Montréjeau. It is "fausse-moderne," which translated means that even though the city tries to become modern, it is unable to do so and remains much as it has for centuries with many of the same customs and ways of living.

The area surrounding Montréjeau is beautiful. Nestled in among the Pyrenees, it presents a beautiful image for the eyes of a visitor. On the southern side of the city flows the Garrone River, one of the four largest rivers in France. The river takes its course through the Pyrenees, and the cool, sparkling clear waters cut through the green forests and under the town's only bridge, providing many hours of fun for the village children.

The town itself sits on a massive hill which overlooks the Garrone valley. From the town one can take in the whole panorama of the surrounding French countryside with the stark beauty of the Pyrenees dominating all. This panorama is typical of the Basque country in southern France. Red, tile-roofed houses, narrow winding streets, vineyards, orchards, all these things meet the wandering eye.

The city has its cafes, night-clubs, ancient churches, rugby stadium, gossip corners, and, every Monday, open-air markets. Everything typically French is here. However, for me, Montréjeau can never be a typical French village. It was my home last summer as an American Field Service foreign exchange student.

I experienced and became a part of many things that you read about and see slides about. One of these things was the great French cooking. The French look upon cooking as an art, and, consequently, eat very well. I have the stomach to prove it.

All meals started off with some kind of appetizer, whether it was cantaloupe filled with wine, sardines, or meat paste on bread. Usually some kind of salad came next. Since only one plate is served at a time, a vegetable comes next. Finally came the main course, consisting maybe of steak, chicken, lamb, fish, or pork, typical American dishes. Or maybe snails, octopus, frogs' legs, mussels, crayfish, pheasant or horsemeat, all not-so-typical American dishes. After the main course, came maybe another vegetable or salad, the usual assortment of cheeses, deserts, fresh fruit, and then coffee as a topper.

Bread and wine are eaten and drunk continuously during the meal. The bread comes in loaves maybe two or three feet long.

The wine is entrusted to the father of the family who serves every-

Foreign Countries, Islands

Beckon Vacationing Faculty

By Debbie Huff

The allure of distant lands beckoned many of Conrad's faculty during the summer months, while others were content with the familiarity of home.

The Treasury, containing Russia's crown jewels, captured Miss Miriam Swayze's interest as she toured Russia for 22 days. "I found the Russians very friendly and considerate," she said.

Farther west, Mr. Hilton Cohen was visiting Germany, Austria, Yugoslavia, and Italy. The highlight of his trip was the Isle of Capri, off the coast of Italy. "I was impressed by its beauty and unusual surroundings," he said.

Miss Maureen Thackery, new mathematics teacher, also enjoyed Europe as she spent 11 weeks touring 13 countries.

Spain, Portugal, and Morocco intrigued Miss Virginia Powell for three weeks. "Spain's beauty lies in its cities," she reminisced. She remembers Morocco as a "city of

contrasts."

On the other side of the globe, Miss Leann Hornung was enjoying the exotic Fiji Islands and Hawaii. She also visited Australia and New Zealand.

Mrs. Andrea Cassel spent over a week enjoying the beauty of Canada.

Mr. Leon Lilly preferred to stay a little closer to home as he and his family vacationed in Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia.

The camping bug bit a few—Mr. Thomas Coder and his family ventured to Nova Scotia, while Mr. Ned Landis and his wife traveled to the Poconos.

Switching places with their students for a change were Mr. Rolfe Wenner, Miss Jean Burns, Mr. Jerome Stewart, Mr. Lester C. Maurer, Mrs. Marie Field, and Mrs. Marjorie Mabrey, who were all enrolled at the University of Delaware. Mr. Joseph Palermo and Mr. Arthur Craig attended summer sessions at West Chester State College.

Mrs. Eleanor Dill, Mr. David Williams, and Mr. Bernard Geaghan taught summer school at Mt. Pleasant High School and Wilmington High School.

Driver ed instructors, Mr. William Legge, Mr. Ned Landis, and Mr. David Hipp taught the summer driver ed classes at Conrad.

Mr. Earl J. Smith and Mr. Jay L. Hinersheetz spent their summer working out the details of the new district consolidation.

Mr. Paul Eyanson, new physical education teacher, worked as a waterfront camp director in New York. Mr. David Owen, Mr. Arthur Craig, Mr. Jim Hagan, Mr. James Pletcher, and Mr. James Kaut also worked at swim clubs over the summer.

Cupid struck the hearts of the ex-misses Eipper, Christiansen, McMillen, and Tordella as they became the Mrs. Terranova, Mrs. Stranahan, Mrs. Wood, and Mrs. Barnett, respectively. Mr. William Legge was also married over the summer.

Teens Try Hand At Government As Girls' State Participants

By Debbie Dzielak

The week starts out just as any other week away from home—solemn promises to call at least twice (collect), towering suitcases loaded with thrice the necessary apparel, loving kisses from little sister.

Things are no better when I arrive at my destination—Carpenter Hall at Wesley College—as I discover 79 other girls repeating the same last-minute procedures.

Although any father would cringe at the sight of 80 high school females, we girls are initiating with the expected amount of chaos and confusion, the first day of what is appropriately titled **Girls' State '69**.

As registration begins, roommates are assigned, names are exchanged, clothes are unpacked and best of all, friends are made. After the official welcome from the director, dinner is served, and

more friends are made, this time at the pajama party given by the counselors.

Just as the cokes and pretzels disappear, so does the 11 o'clock curfew, as girls retire to everyone else's rooms, comparing notes on schools and boyfriends.

The second day at Girls' State sets a precedent which is to last all week—the flag ceremony. Each morning a circle of girls, the tell-tale signs of a sleepless night on their faces, solemnly recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

After breakfast, the initial intention for Girls' State takes effect. Sessions on city and county government with keynote speakers including prominent state senators, and the secretary of state, give first-hand opportunities to get involved in the important issues concerning the state and its citizens.

We also carry the responsibility of developing our own form of government, and electing to office

its officials. Both Nationalist and Federalist party members feel certain that their candidate for governor is the better of the two.

After the frenzied campaigning, the election results are announced with the Federalist party the victor. The new government immediately sets to work as bills are proposed in both houses of legislature. Pictures are taken of Governor Russell W. Peterson and the candidates elected to office. The girls end their week of citizenship sharing the day with their respective government counterparts.

Friday arrives, much sooner than anyone hoped, and the entire cycle repeats itself. Hurried packing, happy tears, sad smiles—all contribute to the excitement of ending another memorable experience in our lives. The lessons in government, the campaigning, the cafeteria food, the gab sessions at all hours of the night—the memories are warm ones—but best of all, friends are made, and kept.

one. Sometimes the younger children take theirs with water. My "father," not being a stingy man and because I sat right next to him, always made sure my glass was full, even after I couldn't see straight.

All teenagers in France above the age of 14 drink alcoholic beverages, ranging from wine at dinner to beer at the cafe, to whiskey or pastis for before dinner drinks. Because the alcohol is available everywhere at all times, the French youth do not abuse the privilege. Very seldom is it that you see someone who has drunk themselves silly.

Probably, it was my "family" and the many experiences I shared with them that will leave me with my most lasting memories. I can still remember sitting on the train going to the Jean Jorda's for the first time. Naturally I was scared and a little hesitant of joining a whole new family. My uneasy feelings were quickly dispelled when I stepped down off the train and was immediately surrounded by a warm smiling ring of understanding, expectant faces. This was the planting of the seed which would grow into a lasting relationship.

The first month was spent at La Escala, Spain, a resort town on the Costa Brava of the Mediterranean. All the while in Spain, under the broiling sun, I was becoming easily adapted to my new environment. The language presented no problems whatsoever.

By this time my brother, Jean-Louis and myself had found we had much in common and became quite literally, brothers. My cousins, Martine and Philippe, were also constant companions.

More and more I found myself being the fourth son of the family, Jimmy Jorda. I spent many enjoyable hours discussing American life with my "family." Topics ranged from hot dogs and hamburgers to Apollo 11, football and baseball. The American dating system was particularly interesting to Jean-Louis who couldn't for the life of him figure out why one boy and one girl would want to go out alone.

All in all, my days in France and Spain were always busy, enjoyable, and tiring. I had swum and sailed on the Mediterranean, lounged on a Spanish beach, rode Spanish horses and taken many genuine Spanish siestas. In France, I had learned to love mountain climbing, ping-pong, rugby and wine. I had made many friends, taken many pictures, learned much French, and seen many things I shall never forget.

When my final day was upon me, I was quite occupied by farewell parties and last minute packing, but I found that nothing could appease my sorrow at the thought of leaving those wonderful people and places. That evening at the train station I found myself with a million things to say, a million things to give thanks for, and a million wonderful memories, and

not able to say anything but 'merci' and 'au revoir'.

I kissed my family goodbye and everyone reached for their handkerchief. Never in my life had I grown so attached to a group of people and a place in the short space of two months. But I suppose it was because it wasn't just a group of people or a place. It was my family. It was my country. I know that as long as I live I will never forget those two most wonderful months of my life and the people and places who made it so.

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Sophomore Class Sports Talent In Varied Fields

By Bobbie Fesler

Upperclassmen, beware! The sophomore class is something to really beware of. They have talent in every possible field—athletics, leadership, and scholastics.

Krebs Junior High sends Wendy Hitchens, whose 98 average for the year won her an English award. She also won an award for typing speed. Her other activities included Honor Society and Library Club.

Greg Dambach, besides class president at Krebs, also participated in sports, winning letters in basketball and baseball; he was co-captain of the Krebs football team. Greg is now playing varsity football at Conrad.

Ryan Deshong was a letterman in three sports: football (where he was also co-captain), wrestling, and track. Ryan is playing varsity football.

Cindy Beckley was secretary of the Krebs Student Council, a member of the Honor Society, and a varsity cheerleader. She is a flag twirler this year.

Also from Krebs is Marsha Meidling, who was president of the Student Council and a varsity cheerleader. She is now active in the band and twirling corps.

President of the Student Council at Richardson Park was Robert Furness. He also won the outstanding athlete award. He was co-captain of basketball and soccer and was utility man in baseball. Robbie is currently out for soccer and would like to be on the basketball and track teams.

Christine Drozdowski acted as secretary of both the Student Council and chorus. She was a member of the band and cheerleaders. Other activities included captain of the hockey team and twirlers.

Last year's valedictorian, Mary Wisniewski, was also in Honor Society and won a Home Ec award. Mary wants to be on our girls' basketball and softball teams.

Also from Richardson Park is Vicki Russell, who was salutatorian. Vicki won an award for the highest average in English and social studies. Besides her academic



Multi-talented sophomores Robert Furness, Greg Dambach, and Kevin Coogan are Redskin hopefuls. Photo by Sue Meginniss.

accomplishments, she was a member of the band, a hockey and basketball letterer, and Student Council representative. This year, Vicki plans to play hockey and softball.

From Oak Grove come Kevin Coogan, Margaret Dykes, Roger Longest, Joann Witkowski, and Shank McCorkle. Kevin was Student Council president and vice-president of the Honor Society. He lettered in soccer and is playing this season for Conrad. Kevin's other activities included sports editor on the *Acorn* (Oak Grove's school newspaper) and score-keeper for basketball.

Roger Longest was editor of the *Acorn* and a member of the French Club. He also represented his homeroom in the Student Council. Joann Witkowski was assistant treasurer of the Student Council. Her duties in this office included

working out the schedules for the Oak Grove student store. She won letters in both basketball and hockey, was president of the Honor Society, and a member of the French Club. Joann was also girls' sports editor on the *Acorn* and a member of the editorial staff.

Treasurer of the Student Council, Shank McCorkle, was a letterman in soccer, wrestling, and basketball.

Last, but not least, Margaret Dykes, who was secretary of the Student Council, was also associate editor of the *Acorn* and a letter winner in hockey and basketball. The crowning of the king and queen of the Valentine Dance found Margaret and Michael Paglia reigning for 1969. During her years at Conrad, Margaret wishes to be a cheerleader and secretary of our Student Council.

Student of the Month

Ministry Calls Poetic Senior

By Sandra Leisey

Writing poetry is just one of the many pastimes of Harry Furness, Conrad's student of the month. "It probably sounds corny," Harry says, "but to me writing poetry is an excellent way of expressing your points of view. Ginsburg, Whitman, and Dylan are some of my favorites."

But writing isn't his only artistic interest. Harry is also very interested in the field of music. Psychedelic and folk music rate as his favorites, with the compositions of Crosby, Stills, Nash, and Young as tops in groups.

Harry is a unique person in many ways. His goal in life is to be a Methodist minister. When asked why he picked this ambition, Harry replied, "I feel I was born not to be served, but to serve." He has already started to serve in his church community. His activities there include being a member of both the administration board and the council on ministries.

Harry is well known for his many services to Conrad. Heading the committee for writing the Student Council constitution was one of the principal duties Harry carried out last year. Also he was chairman of the committee on student parking. This year being



Senior Harry Furness revises his latest poem. Photo by Debbie Zielak.

parliamentarian is his chief job in Council.

Harry is also a member of the Varsity C, a student-trainer for the football team, and a member of the gymnastics team. Wherever the action is, that's where you'll find Harry.

Summer Activities Show Student Interests

As in years past, the varied interests and talents of Conradians took form in exciting and sometimes unusual activities during the summer.

Traveling abroad with the Delaware Junior Classical League, senior Sam Venuti toured the European countries of Germany, Austria, Yugoslavia, and Italy. Sam recalled an Italian flea market as one of the most interesting sights he visited.

Also vacationing in Europe, junior Bruce Dryden traveled farther north to visit England and the Scandinavian countries of Norway and Denmark.

Senior Jimmy Dykes spent the entire summer as a foreign exchange student in France and Spain under the auspices of the AFS.

Closer to home, senior Rick Snead could describe his summer as "a big drag." Rick raced class "C" fuel-injected dragsters in professional competition at tracks along the Eastern Seaboard. Of 12 official races, Rick won six and once had to scramble for safety when his super-stock engine caught fire.

Rock music festivals proved to be a large attraction with seniors Aaron Zebrook and Bill Russell attending both the Woodstock, New York, and Atlantic City, New Jersey, outings.

Juniors Kevin Casey, Kevin McDaniel and Gail Raty attended the Delaware Summer Science Workshop for six weeks during June and July. Mr. Edward Malin, Conrad teacher, was in charge of the program which included trips to Washington, D.C. and area industries.

The "Upward Bound" program at the University of Delaware captured seniors Barbara Marks and Alice Clark. The girls spent six weeks studying such diversified courses as chemistry, English, math, and Swahili. Both girls enjoyed the relaxed atmosphere and field trips to Atlantic City, New York City, and Hampton, Virginia.

Working as volunteers, juniors Ellen Whiteside, and Joyce Baumgarten and senior Nancy Forman devoted time to aiding physically and mentally handicapped children in summer camps. The girls agreed the experience was a most rewarding one.

Traveling within the United States junior Janice Armento toured New England. Outstanding in her travels were the cities of Boston and Plymouth in Massachu-

setts and York in Maine, an early English settlement.

Senior Tom Harvey combined business with pleasure as he traveled to Arkansas to finalize the purchase of a school bus. Tom flew to Arkansas and drove the bus half-way across the country on his return trip to Delaware.

Joann Cael, senior, traveled south to visit the states of Virginia, South Carolina, North Carolina, and the District of Columbia. Joann thought the sites of the nation's capital to be outstanding and especially enjoyed the Smithsonian Institution where a special "space-age" display was in progress.

Traveling to the West, senior Geoff Martin spent a rugged western-style summer on his uncle's ranch in Texas. Senior Ed Jackson spent several weeks at exclusive Camp Philmont which sports a rugged itinerary in the desert and mountains of New Mexico.

Junior Lennie Zabinko and seniors Denny Cline, Sam Ableman, Bob Benson, Greg Lacy, Jim Mensinger, and Mike Evans all were members of Stahl Post 30 which won the local championship and competed in regional tournament play of American Legion baseball. The team traveled to Paoli, Pa., and placed second in the double elimination tournament which was locally televised there.

Mr. Capodanno Takes Over As New Head of Guidance

By Debbie Huff

Along with the new additions to the faculty this year, there is also a new face in the guidance department—that of Mr. Paul Capodanno, new director.

Hailing from Wilmington, Mr. Capodanno attended the University of Delaware for his bachelor's degree in German and Spanish. He also attended the University of Delaware to receive his master's degree in guidance.

Before coming to Conrad, he taught English, German and Spanish at several other high schools—Wilmington, Brandywine, Concord, and Ridley Township (Pennsylvania).

He finally settled at Conrad because "the area and school looked promising; it was a step up in position, and I liked the student program."

One reason he chose the field of guidance is that he likes working with high school students. He feels guidance work is a rewarding experience because "you get to know and serve the students better."

If he could, he would make changes at Conrad that would enable him to see every student as often as possible.

Has he formed an opinion of Conrad in the short time that he's been here?

"Terrific! I made the absolute best choice I could ever make . . . I've finally found a home."

Outside of school and his guidance work, Mr. Capodanno is also interested in sports, carpentry work, reading, drawing, and painting.



Carpentry, reading, and painting fill the leisure hours of Mr. Paul Capodanno, new guidance director. Photo by Debbie Huff.

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Redskins Meet Yellowjackets In Crucial Test Tomorrow

The Redskins, undefeated and unscored upon in three starts this season meet Newark tomorrow in what shapes up to be the Blue Hen Conference game of the year. The Redskins plan to snap the Yellowjackets' 35-game winning streak in the game which possibly will decide the Flight A championship.

Newark, who many people believed were left punchless by the losses of the three aces Tucker, Hayman and Swann, have again fielded a powerful squad led by guard Dave Chapman and bruising running back Paul Watson. So far this season, the Yellowjackets have rolled over Mt. Pleasant and De La Warr by runaway scores.

The Redskins, however, have also shown that they pack quite a bit of power. The rugged defense has so far blanked Salesianum, Christiana, and De La Warr for three straight this year and running their two-year shutout streak to six out of seven. Quarterback Jerry McNesby, who has thrown a total of six touchdown passes, provides Conrad with a potent passing attack should the Redskins take to the air, while Jim Reilly, Jim Mensinger, Joe Pacholi and Mick Valenti provide a balanced running attack.

In their last victory, Conrad rolled over De La Warr 32-0. Joe Pacholi ripped off two touchdowns of three and six yards, and also a two yard run for extra points. Quarterback Jerry McNesby passed for the other two touchdowns, a 35-yarder to Jim Mensinger and a 20-yarder to Jerry Downes. McNesby also clicked to Chris Walker and Jerry Downes for two extra point plays.

The first shutout of the still-young season came against the perennially powerful Salesianum squad 20-0 under the lights at Baynard Stadium. The new and different playing conditions seemed to have very little effect on the Redskins, as they marched for a touchdown on their opening series of plays. The drive went 35 yards in eight plays with quarterback Jerry McNesby capping the drive with a two-yard sneak.

The defense, led by linemen Dave Mis, Mike Dougherty, Paul Sekcinski and defensive secondary players Geoff Martin, Jerry Downes, and Bob Maney, took over and never let the Sals penetrate their 27-yard line. However, the

Sals also got tough on defense and didn't allow another Conrad score until the fourth quarter when Mickey Valenti returned a Sallies punt 63 yards deep to the 17-yard line. Jerry McNesby put the Redskins on the board again with a 17-yard pass to tight end Chris Walker, in the corner of the end zone. McNesby then added the extra two points with a keeper play.

McNesby and Walker combined again for six points, this time on an 18-yard pass play. The extra points pass failed, leaving the score as it ended up 20-0.

Christiana provide the opposition for the Redskins for the Blue Hen Conference opener for both teams. Because they had lost very little from last year's team, Coach James Pletcher rated them highly. However, the Redskins found them to be very little trouble, winning handily 30-0.

Offensive laurels went to halfback Jim Reilly and quarterback Jerry McNesby. Reilly, who ran over Viking ballplayers all afternoon, ended up with 224 yards in 25 carries including an 80-yard touchdown run. Quarterback Jerry McNesby engineered two of the touchdowns with his passing. He passed to Jerry Downes for the Redskins fourth score on a play that covered 15 yards. He also started off Reilly's dash with a little swing pass along the home sideline. McNesby completed 8 out of 15 passes in two games.

Again the defense sparked forcing the Viking offense to give up the ball repeatedly. Led by Chris Soligo, Paul Sekcinski, Mike Dougherty, Geoff Martin, and Jim Mensinger, the Redskins never let the Vikings penetrate the 30 yard line.

Coach Pletcher, interviewed after the Christiana game, was hesitant to single out any ball players as outstanding. "We have too many guys on this team who are contributing heavily to our success to single any out. Even our second string pushes the starters in practice. It is just an overall good situation."

"Many positions and formations were not pat at the beginning of the season but have since been filled. Jerry McNesby, who saw some action last year as a signal-caller, has picked up the job very capably. Jimmy Reilly switched from tailback to halfback and made the transition well. Lenny Zabinko, who played only J.V. last year, has moved up to a varsity spot as flanker."

The junior varsity squad, coached by Mr. Robert Reeder and Mr. Toby Craig, sports a 2-0 record at press time. The J.V.'s started off the season with an identical blanking of Salesianum 20-0. Their second victory came against Christiana, 14-0.

The J.V.'s all-sophomore starting backfield includes Greg Dambach, Ryan Deshong, Steve Warren, and Mike Paglia. The starting line is a combination of juniors and sophomores.

Coach Craig, commenting on the team's success, stated, "This is the first time I can remember a team with such a potential scoring ability. As you know we run a pro-type offense which is primarily a passing game. This is the first time we have had the quarterback and ends to run it."

The next encounter for the J.V.'s comes Monday against the Newark Yellowjackets at Newark. Game time is 4:00.



Quarterback Jerry McNesby (16) is preparing to unleash a 10-yd. pass for a Conrad first down. Tight end Chris Walker (84) and tackle Paul Sekcinski (75) provide protection. Photo by Dave Gibson.

Football Statistics Reflect Redskin Punch

The 1969-1970 version of the Conrad gridders sports an undefeated 3-0 slate. Much of the team's success is due to the fact that they have been playing as a team. Nothing shows this better than the statistics taken from the first two games against Salesianum and Christiana.

In the defensive department, linebacker Mike Nardo leads in tackles with ten. Specialty team members Howard Davis and Joe Saggione lead the squad in tackles on kick-offs and punts with two apiece.

Defensive standouts Steve Mashington, Jim Reilly, and Geoff Martin share the honors in the recovery department with one recovered

fumble apiece. Jerry Downes leads with one fumble caused. He also shares the lead with Jim Mensinger, and Bob Maney with one interception.

In the offensive department senior halfback Jim Reilly captures most of the laurels. The workhorse of the backfield, Reilly has carried the ball 44 times from scrimmage for 250 yards and a 5.7 average. The total points scored also goes to Reilly with 14 points.

Jerry McNesby leads in passes completed with eight, while his favorite target seems to be Chris Walker who has snared three passes.

Gridders' Summer Practice Begins Rugged Training

By Joe Hogentogler

It's a hot muggy day in the last week of August. A beautiful day to be lying in the sun at the beach. But for about ninety guys, this is the first day of football practice.

The first day of practice is exciting. For many sophomores, it is the first time they have put on a football uniform. It is also a time to talk to guys you haven't seen all summer. The excitement wears off quickly when you get up on the practice field.

Practice begins with a loud whistle from Coach Pletcher and the statement, "Let's start cal's." The first week of practice the calisthenics are very strenuous. This is the time when you get in top shape. Guys grunt and groan doing pushups. Sweat pours off your brow as you do situps, and your throat becomes parched as you finish cal's by doing neck exercises.

Agility drills are also strenuous. Some guys are so tired that when they do a forward roll, they don't

have the energy to get up. Seven o'clock rolls around quickly, and it feels as if you have muscles all over.

During the second practice of the day, your legs are so tired and sore, you don't even know if you are walking or running. The hot sun also tends to make it a bit dry. The dirt turns to sand, and as you run across the field you feel like you are trying to cross the desert. After practice the favorite spot is the water fountain. Some guys drink water like they might not get any more.

Between practices we have a rest period in the gym. The first day everyone usually talks, but by Wednesday you don't have to tell anyone to get some rest. Almost everyone is sound asleep within five minutes.

On Thursday the fun begins, for we have our first intersquad scrimmage. This is what you have been working so hard on during the first three days of practice. Then the best fun of all—we begin working on the Sallies game.



Senior Cindy Coogan and junior Susan Hardy battle four Concord defenders before scoring goal. Photo by Debbie Huff.

Hockey Team Wins Openers

The Redskin varsity hockey team, led by captain Gail McKeever and co-captain Patty Donovan, defeated McKean and Concord in their first two meets. The scores were 1-0 and 4-3 respectively.

The junior varsity with co-captains Kathy Cochran and Karen McAvaney tied McKean 0-0 and lost to Concord 3-0.

The varsity lost its first game September 30 to A.I. DuPont with the score 2-1. The junior varsity tied 0-0. The scores of games on October 2 with Dickinson and October 8 with Mt. Pleasant were unavailable at press time.

Other members of the varsity team include Cindy Coogan, Sandra Denney, Karen Hardy, Susan Hardy, Sandie Leisey, Donna McBride, Kathy Ross, Rickie Stubbs, and Tish Wolskee.

Members of the junior varsity are juniors Ellen Haden, Kathy Kriebel, Joyce Rash, and Roxanne Ritchie. Sophomores are Linda Capuano, Connie Hughes, Bonnie Lane, Jane Larson, Jean Mahoney, Barbara Schalles, Cindy Stabnau, and Sue Walraven.



Junior running back Joe Pacchioli (23) rips around right end, while junior lineman Mike Webb (63) blocks. Photo by Dave Gibson.

Victory Over McKean Breaks Slow Conference Start

Redskin runners marked up a 1-2 conference record with a rainy victory over McKean October 2. Bruce Stelle snatched the number one position with McKean's Chip Lambert close behind. Remaining Conrad runners placed third, fourth, fifth, and eleventh for a score of 24-32.

Scores for yesterday's meet with William Penn and Monday's contest against Christiana were unavailable at press time.

The season opened September 18 with a disastrous defeat.

Five Salesianum runners finished before the first Conrad man — Bruce Stelle — to win by a score of 15 to 45. Both Bruce Stelle and Paul Croney ran 13:09, which is considered a good time for the Banning Park course.

The harriers bounced back, however, in their win, against A. I. DuPont 22-23. Junior Bobby Gilmore, a new recruit from spring track, led the pack on the A.I. course.

Newark edged a victory over Conrad September 29 with a score of 28-29, and the team lost again to Mt. Pleasant 23-33, September 29.

In contrast to last year's running of meets at Rockford Park, the

majority of meets this year will be held at Banning Park. A. I. Dupont, and William Penn both have their own courses and most of their meets will be run there.

Seniors back this year include Paul Croney, Joe Gilbert, Chuck Haney, and Bruce Stelle. Juniors Tim Hanson, Bobby Gilmore, and sophomores Mike Manlove and Mike Kelleher round out the varsity squad.

J.V.s include Bob Langshaw, Bob Snyder, Doug Ennis, Mike Horgan, and Bob Johnson.

"I'm disappointed in the interest the sophomores have shown in the sport," remarked Mr. James Hagen, coach. "I know it's a hard sport," he said, "but we always managed to get about 18 on the team, with around 10 sophomores." As of October 1 the team was at the absolute minimum—14. Less than seven starters in either a varsity or J.V. meet is considered a forfeit.

Mr. William Legge, who ran cross country at college, will aid in coaching duties this year.

Senior Tom Saienni is the new manager.

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Junior fullback Dean Burrows (28) heads the ball out of danger as Gary Hoskins (26), Bob Simmons, and Robbie Furness look on. Photo by Dave Gibson.

Band, Majorette Reap Honors; Annual Candy Sale Begins

The band won three top honors in the Crisfield Crab Derby in Maryland last summer—best band, best band in parade and second-best head majorette. In the Fireman's Parade in Rehoboth Beach, Jackie Russell won best head majorette, while the band was nosed out by the Cardinal Dougherty Band of Philadelphia.

The band placed third in competition at New Holland, Pennsylvania October 1. Exeter Township High School in Pennsylvania took top honors. Last year in the same competition, Conrad took first place for best front of the band and second place for best band in the parade.

For the first time in eight years, Conrad didn't place first in the Wilmington Labor Day Parade.

Barbara Marks and Carolyn Burkhardt are captain and co-captain of the baton twirling corps. Captain Nancy Charnik, assisted by Mary Ann Colicchio, heads the flag twirlers.



Captain Barbara Marks leads from left to right Karen Adams, Laurie Martin, and Debbie Woodward through the halftime performance during the Christiana game.

Each corps is working on routines and costumes for the halftime shows under the supervision of Miss Maureen Thackery, new adviser.

The annual band candy sale, which began October 8, will last for two weeks. Cash prizes and/or gifts will be given to the people who sell the most.

Soccer Team to Meet William Penn Today

The Redskin soccer team will meet the rival William Penn Colonials in an away game this afternoon. Optimistic, Coach Landis predicted, "I encourage the students to support the team this afternoon in what should be a winning effort by the boys."

Winless in their first two conference starts, the Redskins booters bowed to Friends and Mount Pleasant. The results of the Concord game were unavailable at press time. The Redskins rallied for two goals against Mount Pleasant October 2 but were unable to overcome the scrappy Green Knights in a 5-2 losing effort. Wayne Jackson scored for the Redskins on a penalty kick to combine with a 20-yard direct kick into the net by Skip Johnson.

Coach Landis cited numerous missed opportunities against Friends September 26 as the Quakers shut out the Redskins 2-0.

In pre-season scrimmage action, the Redskins lost to Octoraro High School 1-0 and Penncrest High 6-1. The booters rallied to tie perennially strong Avon Grove 1-1 in a contested game.

Ten returning lettermen spark

Conrad's third season of varsity soccer. They are seniors Jerry Cherico, wing; Skip Johnson, wing; Dave Reiss, goalie; Jan Hayes, inside; and juniors John Simmons, inside; Ed Polaski, center back; Wayne Jackson, inside; Dean Burrows, fullback; Vince Montana, center forward; and Roberto Palermo, fullback.

Commenting on the prospects for this season, Coach Ned Landis said, "The team has the ability to record a winning season, but in a league as tough as ours we could go either way. A lot will depend upon the attitude of the boys," he added.

Adding an extra punch to this year's team are sophomores Shank McCorkle, halfback; Bob Mays, fullback; and senior Gary Hoskins, halfback. Senior Paul Richardson will assist this year's Redskin booters as manager.

"I would like to see more support for home games at Banning Park," commented Coach Landis. "I am sure if students supported their team at several games they would see why soccer is the most popular sport outside of our country."

Eighth Period Help Session Endorsed by Teachers 45-1

A recent poll of the Conrad faculty conducted by the *Smoke Signal* proved most teachers overwhelmingly in favor of the new eight period schedule. Of the 50 teachers questioned, 45 were in favor of the system while four expressed mixed or uncertain opinions. Only one teacher expressed opposition to the new schedule.

In support of her opposition Miss Virginia Powell, business ed teacher said, "It doesn't give business students enough time to practice their skills." She emphasized the fact that in eight minutes a student has plenty of time to practice a new technique at least one more time.

A typical favorable response was given by Mr. George Froelich, distributive education teacher, who stated that the new schedule is a "fabulous" idea, because it allows students to do what they feel is important. "If walking home is important to them, they can do that; but if they want to stay in school and study, they can do that, too." He feels it will show who the really interested students are.

Mr. Tom Coder and Mrs. Arthur Craig have differing ideas. Mr. Coder feels that having an eighth period is a "good idea academically, but doesn't do much for sports." But Mr. Craig likes the change because he is able to have a better intramural program. He also said that it allows the students in sports to have more studying time.

Mrs. Eleanor Dill's reply was typical—she feels she can reach more students individually, "especially boys in sports. It's great!"

Mr. Leon Lilly was thinking of assemblies when he answered our question. He said it gives a desig-

nated period for assemblies. This eliminates the conflict between classes and assemblies which occurred last year.

Mrs. Florence Riggs spoke for the library staff when she said, "We like the eighth period because the students who do come in have work to do, and they sit down and get settled." The librarians enjoy a lack of discipline problems during this period.

Mrs. Ethelbert Ott has both likes and dislikes on the subject of eighth period in the art department. She thinks it helps the advanced art students who have art seventh period because this gives them a double period to finish their projects. It also helps Mrs. Ott get materials needed for the students.

Varsity "C" Club Plans Activities

Sports, sports, and more sports will quite naturally dominate the activities of the Varsity "C" Club this year.

Jerry Downes, club president, announced that a trip to see the University of Pennsylvania play Cornell and a visit to the Spectrum to see the 76'ers play are tentatively scheduled.

The club, organized to promote fellowship among student athletes, sponsored the first dance of the school year following the Salesianum game. A picnic for club members, coaches, and cheerleaders was also held September 28.

Invitations for boys who earned their letters last spring will be sent out in the near future so that they can join the club.

Unsung Heroes

Backstage Crew Runs, Weeps

By Liga Lidums

Do you think that being on the backstage crew for a performance of a Sock and Buskin play is simple work? Guess again. From the minute I enter the doors, I feel like I am running the two-minute mile. Such tasks as checking the stage set, costumes, and make-up, and consoling the Thespians have me busy. Everyone who tries to put on make-up has to overcome such obstacles as blinking eyes and moving mouths. After the make-up is applied, the actors are helped into their costumes.

During the production of "Charley's Aunt," I happened to step on the train of one of the actresses' costumes. The harsh sound of cloth ripping made me turn pale and want to faint. But fortunately, nothing serious happened, and the tear was soon fixed.

Besides the ever-present problems of fragile costumes, such complications as missing shirts, disappearing shoes, and vanishing actresses arise. But finally, through all chaos, true actors and actresses appear. Then the production staff is rushed over to Mrs. Goddin's room, where the customary good luck speech is presented by the director.

After good luck wishes are passed

FTA Members Tutor At Park

Selected members of the Future Teachers Club are developing real know-how this year. Every Thursday night they tutor students of the Richardson Park School District at the Church of the Brethren.

This program has been set up by the members of the Community Action Program to aid elementary children of poorer families. It will give them a place to study and someone to help them with their homework. The program is also open to non-members.

Along with this new volunteer plan of action, the club plans to do many of the things it did last year. For instance, it will again offer a \$50 scholarship and plans to visit the University of Delaware.

Just as the cue lines for Phil's entrance approached, the "new" Charley's Aunt emerged from the speech lab, panting and cursing. After getting him on stage, I let out another sigh of relief.

The curtain closes, signaling the end of act one. Now comes a true test of speed. In less than ten minutes, the scenery, furniture, costumes, and sometimes make-up have to be changed. Just as the backstage work lights come on, masses of people emerge from every nook and corner of the stage and adjoining areas. Vigorous activity is applied to the removal and replacement of a wall, the tacking up of drapes, pictures, decorations, and substitution of props.

Remarkably, everything is accomplished in ample time, and all stage equipment is checked and double-checked. Again the anxiety of the curtain opening is repeated. Suddenly the warning lights dim and everyone inhales sharply. Tension builds. Again the traditional good luck wish is chanted: "Break a leg!" A weakly humorous retort, "I probably will, too."

Then all is over. The curtain closes for the last time, and, to say the least, the actors are ecstatic. Congratulations are said and when the realization of all the hard work becomes concrete, tears appear.

Sure it was hard work; but rehearsals everyday, and the time spent on making costumes, building the set, prompting lines, and worrying about props has brought everyone who helped in the presentation of the production closer. The experiences have taught all of the staff something and in later years these will be fond memories—remnants of our high school years.

PTA Attracts Large Turnout

"Parents - As - Students - Night" brought one of the largest turnouts ever at Conrad to attend the first PTA meeting October 1.

Plans for the PTA, according to Mr. Earl Hill, president, include exceeding the \$1240 raised for last year's scholarship fund.

New officers selected are: Mr. William Pry, vice-president; Mrs. Audrey Rash, secretary; Dr. Isabelle Miller, treasurer; and Mr. Jay Hinnerschetz, liaisons officer.

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Stelle, Webb, Furness Capture Class Elections

Senior Bruce Stelle, junior Michael Webb, and sophomore Robert Furness won top spots in recent class elections.

Bruce, who ran without opposition, was elected president of the senior class September 25. Other officers include Cindy Moore, vice-president; Beverly Bove, secretary; and Jackie Russell, treasurer.

The seniors will sell red and grey balloons in the shape of footballs tomorrow at the Newark game for 25 cents each. The balloon sale is the second money-making project for the seniors this year. The first was a fashion show sponsored by the Corner House September 30, which netted approximately \$80.

Senior dues this year will be \$2 to be collected \$1 at a time. Cindy Moore has been named chairman of the senior-class float for Homecoming.

Michael Webb was elected junior class president September 28. Other newly elected officers are Janice Armento, vice-president; Lorrie Grodzicki, secretary; and Bernie Sparco, treasurer.

McKean students are possible guests to the junior class dance October 18. Profits will go to the junior prom to be held in the gym. Date for the prom is undecided.

Other projects of the junior class are a float for homecoming and money-raising projects for a foundation for next year's senior prom and senior gift.

Robert Furness won the presidential contest in the September 25 sophomore class council elections.

Other officers chosen include Dave Lewis, vice president; Cindy Beckly, secretary; and Joanne Witkowski, treasurer.

The sophs are planning a Sadie Hawkins dance November 1.



Senior class officers: Cindy Moore, Beverly Bove, seated; Bruce Stelle, and Jackie Russell. Photo by Sue Meginniss.



Junior class officers: Berndette Sparco, Janice Armento, seated; Lorrie Grodzicki, and Mike Webb. Photo by Debbie Zielak.



Sophomore class officers: Cindy Beckley, Robert Furness, David Lewis, and Joanne Witkowski. Photo by Beverly Bove.

Seven Seniors Commended

Seven seniors won letters of commendation for their outstanding performance on the National Merit Scholarship Test.

The Conradians, who finished in the top seven per cent of 700,000 students, are David Gibson, Christine Kearns, Jeff Kauffman, Cynthia Lowden, Nancy Stumpf, Marcia Watson, and Charlene Wilson. This year 15,000 semifinalists were selected, and 39,000 students were commended.

Mr. Earl J. Smith, principal, stated, "I think it is a wonderful achievement, indicative of their ability and a matter of pride to their families and the community."

DECA Attends Workshop

Conrad DECA members along with chapter groups from all over the state attended a workshop at Delaware State College yesterday. State officers were elected and experts in the marketing field sponsored workshops for the students.

This was the first event on DECA's 1969-70 activity calendar. Coming up in November is a trip to the Poconos to attend the North Atlantic Regional Conference.

NARC is a three-day affair that will be attended by DECA members from all areas of the North Atlantic Seaboard. The Conrad DECA chapter already has 40 members interested in going.

DECA has not as yet held any meetings or elections for chapter officers. Mr. George Froelich, DECA adviser, said that he is not certain if the regular monthly banquet meetings will continue.

Finding meeting places is a major problem. Lack of funds and chaperones are other contributing factors.

Alumnus Joseph Benson, DECA president at Conrad last year, is presently employed as a disc jockey for WILM radio in Wilmington. "He is the youngest disc jockey in the United States," commented Mr. Froelich proudly.

Parisi Heads Conradian

Senior Vicki Parisi has been selected to head this year's yearbook staff. According to Mr. David Owen, faculty adviser, the 1970 Conradian will be unique, with more close-ups, better quality pictures, and fewer full-page layouts.

Photographers Joyce Baumgarten, Gordon Gawronski, Mark Miglio, and Joe Pritzler will be taking pictures of all activities as soon as each group gets organized.

The Conradian goes on sale this month at last year's price of \$6. Whether sales will be on a subscription basis with a down payment, or on a first-come, first-served basis is a question now being decided.

Picture packets will be distributed for sale again this year to cover costs. The profits from the pictures will be split with the senior class.

The staff hopes to attend a yearbook convention and hold a spring picnic. The staff also will take an annual trip to the Cambridge, Maryland, yearbook plant to choose a cover.

Club News

Autumn Activities Come Alive

STUDENT LEADERS

Senior Pat Donovan was elected president of the Student Leaders Club for the 1969-70 school year.

Practice for girls wishing to join the club began September 15. To prepare themselves for try-outs, the girls worked on apparatus skills, exercises, and athletic skills under the supervision of Mrs. Jean Barnett, Mrs. Marie Stranahan and Mrs. Doris Terranova.

THREE HEAD DEBATE TEAM

Senior Larry Head and juniors James Broomall and Kevin Casey, returning veterans, head the Conrad 1969-70 debate squad.

Miss Lucy Kendikian, history teacher, has joined Mr. David Williams, English teacher, in sponsoring the team.

This year's additions to the team are juniors Bill Schaubert and Tim Hanson, and sophomores Debbie Shockley, Stephan Barowski, Ka-

thy Dewey, Stephan Foot, Denise Edwards, and Sheila McKelvey.

The first intra-team debate was held Wednesday. The topic was "Resolved: that Congress should prohibit unilateral U.S. military intervention in foreign affairs." Defending the resolution was the affirmative team of Kevin Casey and Jim Broomall. The negative argument was given by Sheila McKelvey and Larry Head.

CAEL ELECTED

Joanne Cael was elected president of the Future Nurses Club October 1. Other officers elected were Gale Hilyard, vice president; and Trudy Alphin, secretary-treasurer. Mrs. Jane Travis and Susan Watterson are club sponsors.

A \$50 cash scholarship will be awarded by the Future Nurses Club to any senior who will attend a three-year nursing school. This scholarship is dedicated to the memory of Miss Jean Albers.

A candy-apple sale at a home football game is included in their future plans.

NEW OREADS CHOSEN

New Oread members will be chosen next week on the basis of last semester's grades.

Miss Mildred Morrison, Oread adviser, said that junior and senior girls who have a "3" average are eligible to join the club.

The club plans to continue the sale of chrysanthemums for the Thanksgiving football game to sponsor a foster child.

AIDS NEEDED

Gordon Kendall, senior, has been selected to head the Library Aides this year. Other officers elected at the semi-monthly meeting are Debbie Wetzler, vice-president; Mike McGinnes, secretary; and Anita Miller, treasurer.

"The library is in need of more aides, especially during the eighth period," commented Miss Miriam Swayze, one of the club's sponsors.

'All-American' Award Granted to Smoke Signal

For the fifth consecutive semester the Smoke Signal has been granted the "All-American" award, highest rating given by the National Scholastic Press Association.

More than 1000 high school newspapers from across the nation took part in this semi-annual competition.

The four issues published during the second semester of the 1968-69 school year were those judged. Two of these issues were published under last year's editor-in-chief, Ellen Luoma, and two were by the present staff headed by David Gibson.

The Smoke Signal won "marks of distinction" in the areas of content, writing and editing, editorial

leadership, and physical appearance.

Several staff members will attend the fall workshops of the Delaware Scholastic Press Association at Mt. Pleasant High School November 6. The workshops, covering many areas of journalism, will be conducted by professional newspapermen.

This year's Journalism I class, with 21 members, is the largest ever. Senior editors, however, number only seven, two less than last year.

Regarding new ideas for the newspaper, Mr. Raymond Cashel, faculty adviser, commented that he would like to see more in-depth or investigating-type reporting.

SCHOOL BOARD NEWS



Membership Reaches 19

With district reorganization an accomplished fact the combined school board membership has swelled to 19. Five each came from the former Conrad, Richardson Park, Krebs, and Oak Grove districts with the exception of Mr. Clifford M. Stelle who served on both Oak Grove and Conrad boards.

As of September 16, district enrollment for kindergarten through twelfth grade totaled 6,938, making it the seventh largest in the state. Of the 453 employees of the district, 303 are teachers.

Remarking on the effect of consolidation, Mr. Leon B. Elder, dis-

trict superintendent, noted the standardization of school hours for each grade, the introduction of a course of study for kindergarten, and the standardization of school lunch prices as those most directly affecting students.

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