

Seminars Head Redskin Reforms

New programs and scheduling changes being planned for next year hint at an upheaval of Conrad tradition.

Next year Conrad will extend beyond its present room capacity, according to Principal Earl J. Smith. To combat this problem the conversion of the cafeteria annex into an assembly room for large group discussions is under study as a possible solution.

Mr. Edward Malin, chemistry and biology teacher, is working toward the large-group-assembly idea for possible use in the science department next year.

Under his proposed program, all of his chemistry classes will be scheduled to meet together during a double period for large group lectures. Each class will retain its present double-lab period.

In the remaining two periods each class will meet separately for chemistry seminars. These single sessions will be used for discussions, individual help, and projects.

A "retrieval system" made up of the notes and recordings taken from the large group sessions will be available to students who miss the lectures or need extra help.

Mr. Malin considers advanced college preparation, student scholastic freedom and responsibility, and an economy of teacher's time as the goals of this program.

According to Mr. Rolfe Wenner, assistant principal, scheduling difficulties will arise if Mr. Malin's program is employed. The math and science departments are working together to avoid such conflicts.

Scheduling of the math classes around the gaps left by the chemistry classes is now under consideration.

If the new chemistry setup proves successful, Dr. Isabel Miller would like to see double-period sessions included in her accelerated math classes. She would use the double sessions to discuss theory and the single sessions as workshops.

The social studies department is examining a new plan for possible use in the senior social problem classes next year. According to Mrs. Marjorie Mabrey, department head, the course will be divided into several half-semester teaching units.

Students will be able to select

the unit in the required area that they prefer and experience a new teacher with each unit.

Mr. George Poole and Mrs. Mabrey will represent the Conrad district at the American Historical Association Joint Economic Council sponsored by Amherst University at the University of Delaware this fall.

They will be part of a local study of social studies teachers preparing U.S. history teaching units. "They will give us an economic look at American history," said Mr. Poole.

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Dave Gibson, former editor-in-chief, presents Mr. Smith with the award the Smoke Signal won at the DSPA convention for first place in the "Best Paper - Class I" division. Photo by Joe Hogentogler

Smoke Signal Captures 'Best Paper' Award

Conrad's Smoke Signal captured first place in the Best Newspaper, Class I, competition at the third annual Delaware Scholastic Press Association Spring Convention, held at the University of Delaware April 2.

Class I designates schools with a student enrollment of 1,000 or more. Mount Pleasant and Brandywine were the second and third place runners-up respectively in the Class I division.

The five-man Smoke Signal writing team clinched third in the individual contests. Senior Jim Dykes captured first place in sports interviewing. Senior Dave Gibson and junior Mary Ann Jackson placed third in editorial writing and speech reporting respectively.

Professional newspapermen from local Delaware newspapers judged the contests.

Mr. Bill Frank, ace reporter for the Wilmington Morning News and Evening Journal, was a guest speaker. A total of 30 schools and more than 300 delegates were represented at this state-wide event.

Journalism I and II students not attending the contests viewed Bertolt Brecht's play "The Private Life of the Master Race," performed by the Humanities II class of Dickinson High School.

After the competitions, while the faculty advisers held their meeting, student newspaper delegates gathered for a meeting of the newly-formed student journalist organization of which former Smoke Signal editor Dave Gibson is one of the "founding fathers."

New plans for next year along with talks from various students who had attended different journalism summer camps were presented.

Rounding out the week was the twenty-sixth annual Temple University Scholastic Press Tournament April 4. This event was similar to the DSPA Spring Convention, but on a larger scale.

A total of 40 schools representing Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania entered this invitational tournament.

A team of eight Smoke Signal writers traveled to the Temple contests. Seniors represented were Dave Gibson, science writing; and Debbie Dzielak, page makeup.

Juniors competing were Janice Armento, news writing; James Broomall, editorial writing; Larry Hanna, sports interviewing; Mary Ann Jackson, news editing; Sue Osmond, speech reporting; and Lauren Russell, editorial cartooning.

Pennsylvania Democratic gubernatorial candidate Milton Shapp, player-coach of the Philadelphia Eagles, Irv Cross, and television news commentators, Trudy Haynes and Donald Barnhouse, headed the tournament guest list.

Philadelphia area newsmen conducted the morning contests and the afternoon workshops. The judging was performed by members of the Temple University staff. Results were not available at press time.

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

Accumulating a total of 3,550 points the Smoke Signal received marks of distinction in content and coverage, writing and editing, physical appearance, and photography.

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Students, Teachers to Tackle Redskins' 'Council Crisis'

A proposal to choose representatives from classes (social studies or English) was among many suggestions made for improving the Student Council at a special meeting of interested students and teachers April 15.

The "Student Council crisis" has been the subject of many recent Conradian conversations.

According to Student Council policy, elections are supposed to be held by the end of March. Eleven council members have been dropped due to poor attendance at meetings, and eighteen others are under probation. These are the facts surrounding the current Student Council situation.

Smoke Signal has launched a crash interview program in an attempt to examine the issue.

Honor Society Adds Members

"We have a larger group this year than ever before," said Mrs. Marian Roth, in speaking about the Conrad students eligible for National Honor Society.

Members are selected on the basis of four things—scholastic average, character, service, and leadership. Juniors must average 3.5, whereas seniors must average better than 3.

New senior members are Karen Adams, Bruce Baker, Beverly Bove, Marc Cheban, Cynthia Coogan, Andrea Devenney, Charlene Davis, Nancy Forman, Jon Fletcher, Joann Frederick, Harry Furness, Deborah Huff, Charles Haney, Richard Hartland, Gale Hilyard, Ellen Jeanes.

Christine Kearns, Diane Koterwas, James Logullo, Gail McKeever, Roberta Merrill, Helen Mergenthaler, Roy Peacock, Ann Rawley, Richele Stubbs, Michael Valenti, Charlene Wilson.

Junior Members are Janice Armento, Mari Ellen Baker, Paul Baker, Mary Boston, Jean Boyd, Cathleen Carney, Kevin Casey, Judy Citro, Janet Farmer, Bobbie Fesler, Linda Grimes, Ellen Haden, Sandra Helbing, Keith Irwin, Mary Ann Jackson, Karen Jones.

Kenneth Kehrer, Roy Ketchum, Judith Maloney, Jo Ann Nicoletti, Edward Polaski, Gail Raty, Charles Rhoades, Roxanne Ritchie, Patricia Roberts, Norma Robertson, Thomas Rodenhiser, Nancy Rosiak, Gwen Ross, Brenda Shade, John Shaw, John Simmons, Susan Smith, Barbara Smithey.

Sherri Stout, Victor Ventresca, Mary Ellen Walls, Patricia Wolke, and Leonard Zabinko.

A short ceremony was held for the new members April 16.

Council members, school administrators, teachers, and student body members were asked to relate their views, opinions, and ideas on the "Student Council crisis."

"I am the first to admit that Student Council operations did not run as smoothly and efficiently as they should have," confessed senior Jim Dykes, Student Council president, "but I feel that with a new slate of officers and the clearing up of the outdated constitution things could run much smoother." He cited "lack of organization" and "lack of interest" as the causes of this year's problems.

Mr. Louis Ott, Student Council adviser, feels that student apathy is a result of no central problem on which students can base their interest. He places his faith in more student-body-involved projects sim-

ilar to homecoming and the heart-fund drive.

"It seems to me that we could do fine without one," said junior Janice Polecaro. "The kids that really want to be on the council can't get the popular vote."

Sophomore council member Kevin Coogan admits that the council has "not done anything new for the students." He cited his turned-down, casual-dress day proposal as an example.

"I feel there ought to be a Student Council," said Mrs. Marjorie Mabrey, social studies department head and former Student Council adviser. "The training and experience one gets is vital and essential for citizenship and political life."

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Convention Delegates Picked For Boys', Girls' States

Juniors Jim Broomall and Len Zabinko will represent Conrad in the annual Boys' State Convention June 15-19 on the Delaware State campus, while Janice Armento and Jean Boyd will travel to Wesley College for Girls' State June 22-26.

Alternates Bob Gilmour, Ed Polaski, Gwen Ross, and Jackie Nicoletti will assume positions as regulars if any of the delegates cannot attend. Last year's delegates were Jimmy Dykes, Debbie Dzielak, David Gibson, and Marcia Watson.

Selection of delegates and alternates was made by the social studies faculty, who judged the male participants on the basis of studies, leadership, and interest in government. The girls were judged on leadership, ability to speak before a group, character, and scholarship.

The delegates will have an opportunity to learn the fundamentals of city, county, and state government. Legislation on current issues will be enacted throughout the week.

Bruce Baker Takes Second In National Chess Tourney



Senior Bruce Baker finished second in the National Junior Chess Championship sponsored by the United States Chess Federation. The championship was held the weekend of April 4 in New York City.

Bruce participated in the third division. The divisions were grouped according to international points.

Bruce won his division by collecting five and one-half points out of a possible 6.

Juniors Paul Luoma and Keith Irwin, as well as Dave Johnson, a sophomore, also participated in the tournament.

Currently Conrad's chess team is 9-2 in New Castle County play.



Juniors James Broomall, Len Zabinko, Jean Boyd, and Janice Armento discuss their future duties as representatives to Boys' and Girls' States. Photo by Bob Rainey

Legion Lacks Tolerance

The Delaware Department of the American Legion, an organization supposedly dedicated to the principle of "Americanism" and to upholding the Constitution, has recently decided to ban all "long-haired hippie types" from its Boys' State program in June. Apparently the Legion feels that admitting such students would be inviting disturbances during the event.

But does long hair automatically brand a person as a troublemaker or a subversive? Perhaps the Legion has forgotten that many of the men, such as Thomas Jefferson and Benjamin Franklin, who helped write the Constitution they profess to uphold, had long hair. And what is the meaning of the word "hippie"? Is a hippie a person who wears long hair and far-out clothes? Or is he the person who believes in pacifism? Or who believes in anarchism? Obviously, the word means different things to different people. So just how does the Legion intend to decide who is a hippie and who isn't? Or, for that matter, who has long hair and who hasn't?

The Legion is guilty not only of extreme vagueness in the wording of this regulation but of great hypocrisy as well. One of the dominant principles of this nation is that no one is to be discriminated against because of his personal appearance or personal beliefs; yet that is exactly what the Legion has done in imposing the "no-hippies" ban. If a student disrupts the convention, he should be expelled, but only after he has committed the act. By making such a blanket indictment of a certain group of students, the American Legion can only damage its image in a time when many students are becoming dubious toward patriotic organizations.

Juveniles Need Haven

With the current rise of juvenile delinquency it is becoming increasingly aware that the youth of Delaware need a recreation center. The street corners, parking lots, and drive-ins that currently serve as a meeting place should be replaced.

We of the Smoke Signal see Youth Centers as the only feasible solution.

These Centers could enable teen-agers to have a place where they could dance, listen to music, or just rap.

The Delaware State Youth Council has begun work on the establishment of these centers. We urge them to continue their work.

We do not advocate that these centers serve as "baby-sitters" or "pacifiers" but as a place for constructive action.

Earth Day Airs Concern

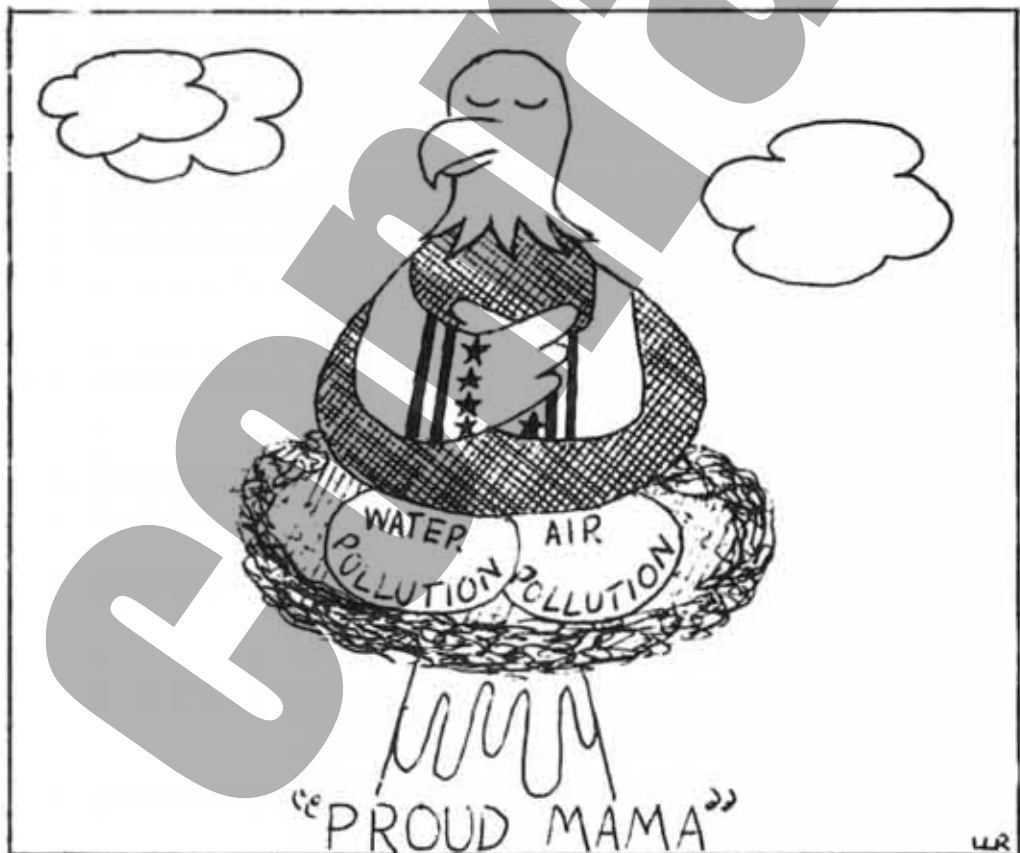
Environmental Moratorium Day or more commonly known as "Earth Day" (April 22) marked the nation's first full-scale protest ever delivered against its deteriorating environment.

Naming a specific day in honor of this taken-for-granted problem may appear to many as a piece of dramatic exaggeration. Our current pollution and urban ills seem to be doing quite well without the magnification.

All the fanfare and publicity that would accompany a so-called earth holiday is perhaps what is needed to jar its inhabitants from their protective shells.

We congratulate "Earth Day" even if all that it can boast is the establishment of some concern in a few. A defined and recognized problem is the first and key step toward any solution.

If a "Moon Day," why not an "Earth Day"? We hope that this national protest will at least help to curb off the moon fever epidemic.



Teacher of the Month

Mr. Cohen to Wed in June

By Robert Rainey

"My favorite hobby is traveling; when I am talking about places in class, I believe I can be more effective if I have been there," said Mr. Hilton Cohen, history teacher.

England, France, Portugal, Switzerland, and Germany are a few of the far-off lands Mr. Cohen has been fortunate enough to visit. This summer he will be visiting the Scandinavian countries and Canada.

Mr. Cohen's other time-consuming hobbies are reading historical novels, listening to good music, and being an avid sports fan.

Before he was employed at Conrad, Mr. Cohen taught for three years at Millsboro High School, Millsboro, Delaware. He enjoys Conrad very much.

"There is a very close relationship between the faculty, administration, and the students, all of which makes for excellent working conditions," he stated.

Mr. Cohen will be busy in the next couple of weeks coaching the spring track team. In his first year as head coach, Mr. Cohen feels the team's biggest problem is in gaining second and third place meet finishes in order to have a successful year.

When he's not busy with the track team, one could probably



Mr. Hilton Cohen explains the benefits of making history more than text book drudgery. Photo by Sue Meginniss

find him working with the Junior Class Council. "Next year Mr. Vincent Scott and I will share the responsibilities of advising the senior class," he added.

Mr. Cohen has a very important date coming up this June. He is now making preparations for his marriage to Miss Rochelle Rose. As for looking forward to it, Mr. Cohen answered like any expected husband-to-be, "Yes!!!"

Mr. Cohen considers his worst

quality as having a tendency to put off for tomorrow what should be done today. His best quality is having an even temperament, which enables him to get along with almost anyone.

Mr. Cohen's philosophy on teaching is that the teachers should try to get the students more involved in the material. This way it would become more meaningful for them and perhaps even give them a better understanding of the ways to solve the problem.

Age of Aquarius Dawns With Starry-Eyed Predictions

By Laurie Russell

With the debut of the Age of Aquarius has come an all important emphasis on our key to the future—the stars. Yet when I pick up the daily newspaper to read my horoscope, I am baffled. Under my sign, Scorpio, I read "bad news is on its way." Now, should I prepare for World War III or for no oatmeal at breakfast?

In order to solve this problem for a few of my fellow stargazers, I have made my own notes on tomorrow's forecast.

Born under the sign of Aries (March 22 - April 20) you are warned that "you may lose in the first part of your fight for survival." In other words, you might not get the prize in your bowl of Rice Honeys. Also, "be careful of unnecessary close ties." They may lead to a sore neck.

If you were born within the influences of Taurus the Bull (April 21 - May 21) your horoscope reads, "people are inclined to be agreeable but limited in what they can afford and the distance they can travel." This means your mother won't be able to drive you to school in the rain next week. It also predicts "you are able to help someone who is having difficulties." This may include something as earth-shattering as tying your little brother's shoes.

If you were born between May 23 and June 21, your sign is Gemini the Twins, and your astrological forecast advises you to do "what is expected of you by your community in a gracious manner." Like, take a bubble bath. You are also advised to be aware of "fine experts who will give you the data you need to take care of important matters." So don't worry, someone will give you the answers to your chemistry homework.

Under the sign of Cancer (June 22 - July 23) your future will be successful if you "get together with allies so they can help you to achieve your finest aims." The stars shine well upon you who seek the lavatories as a between-class resort. Someone will lend you a match. "You can give him some good ideas as well." You may return the favor by lending him a smoke in return.

If your sign is Leo (July 24 - August 23) you should "show that you will listen to others that are meant to help you in the business world." This suggests that you either make a visit to your local guidance counselor or stay awake during morning announcements. Also included in your predictions is

a warning that "matters at home may get complicated enough to force a change of plans." So be prepared, girls. Your mother will undoubtedly forget to iron your gym suit.

According to the stars, those born under the sign of Virgo (August 24 - September 23) are advised to "mind your manners, make all the graceful moves quietly and watch closely what everybody else does," but also to "do whatever will please a loved one." So if you're going to butt up in the lunch line, let somebody else up, too.

Librans (September 24 - October 23) take heed! "Now is the time to join forces with friends and neighbors of like views and tastes." You will find someone to drive you up to the Pit. But also "do necessary things." Like brush your teeth twice before you go.

Fellow Scorpions (October 24 - November 22) are able "to improve your health now." You will eventually get over your onslaught of spring fever. And "be sure that wardrobe selections are in good taste." Please put your maxi in mothballs.

Sagittarians (November 23 - December 22) are "alert of the needs and hopes of your loved ones today." So lend a needy friend

three cents for milk.

Those of you born between December 23 and January 20 are under the sign of Capricorn. You are advised "to put the new plan to work that will help you understand some new philosophy." Watch Sesame Street. The stars also predict a "slowdown in your social life." The paperboy has already begun collecting every two weeks.

If the heavens have chosen you to be an Aquarian (January 21 - February 19) "the division between intellectual interests and strict family emotional sharing is quite sharp." You may be stuck in your bedroom all weekend reading Moby Dick. But, "be wise." Advance to your local bookstore and pick up Cliff's version of the dreaded novel.

Born under the sign of the fish, Pisces (February 20 - March 21) "you will learn to do on your own something that you previously depended on others for—like your history notes." And start packing; "travel is in your future." You may venture as far away as the mailbox.

So you can thank your lucky stars Chicken Little wasn't right, or we would have nothing to look up to.

Readers Write

Lavatory Lock-Out Hurts

Dear Editor:

As a student at Conrad, I feel that I should be allowed to enter the lavatories during school hours. On March 12 I attempted to enter a lavatory and found it locked. If it had been a more severe ailment than a stomach ache, I would have visited the nurse. Locking us out of school lavatories is an infringement of our human rights.

Dear Editor:

Recently it was announced in the Conrad library that the balcony, that epitome of status, is now "open" to all students—that is, all students who are on the Honor Roll. Somehow the theory is that if you're smart you can be trusted; if you're dumb, tough luck.

Every day students have been rushing into the library during the study halls to grab a seat before they're all taken. Inevitably some are turned away, while other empty seats and tables look down ominously

from the balcony ledge upon this scene of confusion, serving as an enigma to the student and the taxpayer. Now I have no "bone to pick" with the librarians—they are very efficient and helpful workers. But I am against this policy of ignoring school facilities.

John Barlow

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Cafeteria Chefs Mass-Produce Daily 'Food for Thought'

By Mary Ann Jackson

Armed with my trustworthy notebook and not so dependable Bic pen, I ventured at 7 a.m. into the Conrad cafeteria kitchen confines—just in time for breakfast!

Mrs. Mary Collings, cafeteria head, was already stirring a large pot of dried beef gravy for the 7:30 breakfast the cafeteria serves.

Because we both had deadlines to meet—hers, food and mine, news—we quickly decided upon an I-follow-her-around-the-kitchen-style interview.

Mrs. Collings, a 20-year veteran in the food business, described cooking as a "creative art." "I love to cook," she went on, "the food business is a big challenge; I wouldn't take any other job!"

While Mrs. Collings temporarily left me to fix some toast, I wandered over to the tub-like stainless steel sinks where Mrs. Johanna Mulronney was washing an army-sized pot.

She explained to me how everyone does everything in the cafeteria, but that her specialty was salads. Celebrating her twentieth year of service in Conrad's cafeteria, Mrs. Mulronney cited the convenient hours as her reason for liking this line of work.

I then switched back to the black, cast-iron stove, where I encountered Mrs. Marguerite Martin stirring the same pot that Mrs. Collings was stirring some 15 minutes earlier.

Concerning her number of years of service in the cafeteria world, she cried, "15 — isn't that awful!" Labeled with the title of head cook, Mrs. Martin mentioned cooking for two instead of hundreds and overseasoning as two cafeteria-to-home transition problems.

The clock suddenly ticked 7:30, the time the baker was due to arrive. Mrs. Martin kindly escorted me over to the long wooden cutting board where the baker, Mrs. Ada Workmen, worked.

Mrs. Workmen began by showing me the overhead shelves of canisters. The bucket-sized, baking-powder one caught my eye. In reply to my amazed look, she said, "We bake in pounds down here, not cups."

After telling me of all the delicious pies, cakes, and biscuits that she makes daily at Conrad,



Mrs. Ada Workmen ices cakes for 1500 Conradians.

Photo by Mary Ann Jackson

she confided, "The joke at our house is that I buy Mrs. Smith's pies."

By holding the swinging doors open for Mrs. Collings, who was laden down with aluminum trays, I earned a few more minutes to talk with her. As she passed by, she wailed, "I don't know how I got in this crazy business!" While Mrs. Collings went over to tend to the milkman, I found Mrs. Martin again.

Standing before a pot that came up to her waist, Mrs. Martin told me how she works with hundreds of pounds of meat daily. She cited pre-preparation as a key step in cafeteria work.

Mrs. Martin explained that whenever there is a spare minute, they begin working on another day's meal. At the time of the interview, she was in the midst of making some two thousand meat-

balls.

Tired of running in circles and smells of the environment, I decided to depart. The busy cafeteria ladies had already been generous with their time, and besides, the other workers would not be in until 8:30.

As I went filing out past the breakfast lines, I was then ready to believe something Mrs. Collings had said earlier — "If anyone misses lunch around here, it's the cafeteria workers!"

Italian Girl-Watchers Charm Visiting American Tourists

By Janice Armento

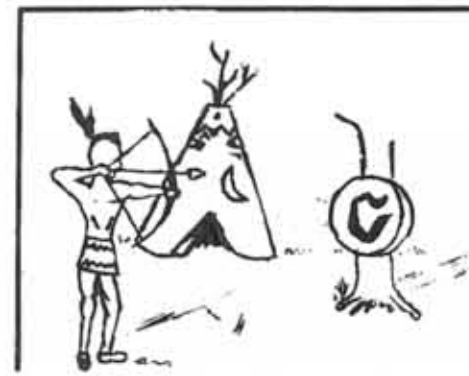
"Geeve me a keese, meess." and "Go dancing tonight?" seemed to be the only phrases most Italians knew of the English language.

But this was only a sampling of the Italian charm that was thrown my way as I, along with approximately 90 other students and teachers from Wilmington area high schools, took a ten-day tour of Italy. The trip held during spring vacation was sponsored by the Delaware Junior Classical League.

Italy is a glamorous country, especially for the feminine sex. Since most Italian girls are not permitted out at night, American girls are a rare treat. Italian men trailed our buses, waited outside our hotels, and even chased us down the halls. But excessive attention can become nauseating.

Our first ancient city to conquer was Florence. Here the tour, consisting of students primarily from Brandywine and Concord, viewed the town from Michelangelo Square and saw the usual tourist attractions—the Golden Doors, the Church of Santa Maria de Fiore (St. Mary of the Flowers), and the Cathedral of Santa Croce (Holy Cross).

Earlier in the day I had independently toured the cathedral



CONRAD CAPERS

April Fools Conradians

By Mary Ann Jackson

What turned out to be the biggest joke on April Fool's Day was the report card distribution in home-rooms. After that punch line Conrad went on to suffer a rather dull April 1. I wonder if the report cards had anything to do with it?

TEACHERS' HONOR ROLL. With this being honor-roll time for the students, I thought it would be interesting to see just how many of our teachers could make an honor roll.

The students themselves were the judges in this Conrad Capers' on-the-spot survey. Honor roll requirements were a total of 15 A's (votes) in any of the following areas — homework, reports, pop quizzes, hard tests, and talking.

I now have the honor to announce the teachers who have gained a coveted place on Teachers' Honor Roll along with their best subject — Dr. Isabel Miller, reports; Mr. Jerome Stewart, talking, and Mr. Edward Malin, hard tests.

Others were Mr. Hilton Cohen, pop quizzes; Mr. David Williams, homework, and Mr. Frank Bonasso, hard tests. All I can say to the rest of you is to try a little harder next time.

DAVE OF ALL TRADES. Mr. David Williams, besides being a teacher, has acquired within the past month the titles of St. Patrick, Rough Rider, and Door Buster.

On St. Patrick's Day Mr. Williams, attired in green from head to toe, paraded through school disguised as ole St. Pat himself. Easter time found him wearing a borrowed Australian Bushmen hat in

an attempt to spur on the main-floor-locker-cleaner-outers.

At the sound of the bell during one of Mr. Williams's fourth period English classes, the group sprang to the door only to find that it would not open. With a few kicks and jabs fearless teacher was able to rescue the crew from the clutches of room 217.

TEACHER'S PET. Did you ever hear of the dog that went to school? Mrs. Eleanor Dill, the teacher in this caper described it as a "sad story."

As the story goes, the dog wandered into Conrad, but the odds say that he was given some help. Tired and hungry, he found refuge and love with the teacher and students of room 227.

With a continuous flow of peanut butter and ham sandwiches, milk, and fudge, Charlie, as the students named him, did not stay hungry for long. Just in case he got sick, senior Jayne Stoneberger took him for a walk.

After a day of luxury and leisure, Charlie went on to spend the night at junior Jackie Lindell's house and then in her boyfriend's garage until they could get him to the Delaware Humane Society the next morning.

Charlie's stay caused a few mishaps, as Mrs. Verna Trivelpiece, whose room is next door, learned each time she tried to talk over the dog's whines.

Poor Charlie was locked alone in Mrs. Dill's room during lunch. Senior Mark Grandell climbed into the room through the outside window to keep Charlie, who was really a Charlene, company.

Hook Shots, Rebounds Net Honors for Chuck Haney

By Sue Meginniss

"I admire someone who has determination and the will to go after something he really wants," smiled 6'4" senior Chuck Haney.

Having started on Conrad's varsity basketball team as center for three years, Chuck admits he really likes to dribble.

It was Chuck's unusual hook shot and consistent rebounding that led him to berths on the all-tourney and all-state teams. Since Chuck never really thought about the publicity the team received, he "never felt any pressure."

After the season's close Chuck played for the second consecutive year with the Sharpies in a tournament run by Delaware Junior Referee Association. His teammates included Jim Dunning, Bill Velvel, Steve Chubb, and Ferris Wharton, all of whom started for Mount Pleasant.

Basketball consumes most of his spare time. Chuck is also interested in track and is competing in the high jump event this season.

Washington University, University of Maryland, and Drexel Institute of Technology are the schools Chuck is currently considering. He plans to major in architecture because "it pays a lot and I like it."

Chuck likes his senior advanced math class, which includes calculus. "It's my best subject; I get straight 5's," he said.

This summer he hopes to work at Delaware Park, where he spent two weeks selling programs last year. He also plans to spend a lot of time at the beach.

Since it takes five years for architectural training, Chuck has no

plans for marriage. He said he simply couldn't afford it.

Concerning the most serious problem facing the United States today, Chuck replied, "That's a good question. No, seriously, it's the racial question. It can only be solved through mutual trust, help, and understanding."



Chuck Haney, student of the month, investigates prospective colleges. Photo by Sue Meginniss

after a noon-time mass. When I had satisfied my curiosity, I headed for the monstrous wooden doors which were unexpectedly bolted and chained. I quickly glanced around the area. No one was in sight.

Keeping my adrenalin count at a minimum, I headed for the rear of the church. A short stubby monk confronted me and started speaking Italian jibberish. My common sense told me to "follow him, he knows the way out."

I later learned that everything in Italy except restaurants and bars close at 1 p.m. for siesta.

My ignorance of Italian gestures created another problem. Our hand expression for stop is the Italian hand expression for go. An elderly

waitress was putting sugar in my cup of cappuccino, (a drink similar to coffee but mostly cream). When I thought there was sufficient sugar I said, "That's enough" with my voice and also my hands as many Italians do. She interpreted it as go and continued for two more teaspoonfuls.

From Florence we moved to Sorrento, with Carpi and the Blue Grotto nearby.

In order to see the grotto's water, which is an astonishing psychedelic shade of blue, it is (Continued on Page 6)

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Shortstop Dennis Cline makes a warm-up throw before game with Middletown. Photo by James Broomall

Track Team Opens Season With 74-53 Loss To Sallies

The track team opened its season with a 74-53 loss to a more experienced Salesianum in a non-conference meet held on Conrad's track April 16.

The 880 relay team composed of Bob Wijkowski, Ryan Deshong, Joe Paccioli, and Mike Herbin took first place.

The only runner to take two first places was Jerry Downes who finished first in both the 120-yard high hurdles and the 180-yard low hurdles.

Chuck Haney placed first in the high jump, clearing 5' 8" in his highest jump of the meet. Nick Maccari and Bill Bryan gave Conrad its other two first places when they finished first in the long jump and pole vault respectively.

Bruce Stelle ran the mile in 4:31.7 coming in two seconds of

the school record, but he finished only second.

Conrad took second and third places in both the 100-yard dash and the 220-yard with Ryan Deshong finishing second and Mike Herbin finishing third in the 100-yard dash while Bob Wijkowski took second and Ryan finished third in the 220.

Bob Gilmour finished second in the two mile; Otis Evans finished second in the 880; and Robbie Furness finished third in the high jump and the 440.

In field events Chris Walker placed second in the discus, and Ken Ventura placed third in the shot put.

Mr. Hilton Cohen attributes the loss in part to Salesianum's experience and Conrad's inexperience.

"Having this their fourth meet and our first wasn't too good."

In addition to the lack of experience Mr. Cohen thinks lack of depth also contributed to the loss. "We have no depth," he said. "As it is now, some people have to participate in three events."

"We're pretty well balanced, but we need more people," he stated.

The results of the home meet against Christiana last Wednesday were not available at press time. The Christiana meet was Conrad's first Blue Hen Conference meet this season.

Mr. Cohen sees this year's tough opponents as Mount Pleasant, Dickinson, Newark, and Christiana.

Baseball Team Splits Two With Middletown

Conrad's baseball team split their first two contests of the season, losing to Middletown 5-4 at home April 4, then turning the tables on the Cavaliers for a 7-3 victory at Middletown April 9.

The baseball team extended their winning streak to three with victories over Claymont April 17 and Salesianum April 18.

Mike Evans started the first game and, despite 14 strikeouts, became the losing pitcher when a wind-blown pop-up fell in for a non-scoring single in the sixth inning. Third baseman Jim Mensinger contributed two hits to the losing effort.

Evans took revenge on Middletown in the second game, coming in late in the game to save the 7-3 victory for winning pitcher John

Witkowski. Mensinger continued his heavy hitting, picking up three hits, and Greg Lacey added two hits and two runs-batted-in. The Redskins also shone on defense, with Dennis Cline making several fine plays at shortstop and catcher Alex Krajewski handling four foul tips for strikeouts.

Jim Mensinger was the big gun in the 8-3 win over Claymont. Mensinger's three-run home run capped a wild second inning during which the Redskins scored six runs on live hits, a walk, and two Claymont errors. Conrad scored its other two runs without a hit in the seventh. Bob Benson and Al Rappaport were both hit by pitches to lead off the inning and subsequently scored on a bad throw by the shortstop.

Junior Captures First Place In Girls' Tennis Singles

Junior Roxanne Ritchie captured first place singles on the girls' tennis team while senior Janet Adams and junior Donna McBride made second and third singles, respectively.

The doubles spots are uncertain, but at press time, after several challenges, juniors Tish Wolskee and Linda Cunningham are first doubles trailed by seniors Gail McKeever and Nancy Forman. Either Debbie Riofski and Janet Garver or Debbie Riofski and Ricky Stubbs will play the unofficial third doubles spot.

No one was cut from the team this year. Mrs. Marie Stranahan, coach, explains that the girls not playing officially will still get the practice necessary for them to help the team next year.

Conrad was victorious in a match against Concord (5-0) April 16 but the score of the McKean match April 23 was not available at press time.

The girls will play all the teams the softball team plays, the same day and place with the exception that the tennis team will play at Newark May 27.

Softball Team Battles Unsuspecting Reporter

By Gail Raty

Out to the field I trotted, the eager reporter ready for work. Assigned a story on the softball team, I decided to get some first-hand knowledge.

Jogging my tenth lap around the field, I began to have some doubts. My first victim, Mary Serano, came around the turn. "Mary, may I talk to you a minute?" I asked exhaustingly.

"Sure, you can talk to me . . . but I'm too tired and 'huh' busy to answer."

If the captain won't help you out, who will? I had 65 other

choices. Who, but the pitcher, came into view.

"Sarah, may I ask you a couple of questions?" I pleaded.

"Look, Jan, we're just starting pitching practice. I have to keep in the starting line-up. Try someone else."

Desperately, I tried first, second, and third base. Dejected, I decided to trudge out to the field.

Grabbing the first fielder I saw I began. "Kathy, why did you come out for the team?" I had decided to take a direct approach, since all other methods had failed me.

Kathy smiled. There was some hope left. All the aches, pains and disappointments I had suffered might not have been in vain.

Then Kathy answered, "I don't know why."

Not Another Practice!

Weary Junior Can't Escape

By Leonard Zabinko

Three, two, one, zero — it was all over. As the final buzzer sounded, I let loose with a tremendous sigh of relief.

As I walked across the field-house floor at the University of Delaware, I dreamed of nights before the television set. No more coaches to yell at me, no more practices; all I had to do now was learn how to live like a bum again.

But then, on the first day of Easter vacation, it hit me. I don't quite know what to call it—probably insanity would be the best word—but suddenly I decided to

put off my rest for a while. Next stop—baseball practice.

As I stepped into the gym, I must have waked up. "What's going on here; where am I?" Then it really hit me as I heard a voice coming down from above telling of the joys awaiting me. First, 20 laps and then calisthenics, and if I made it that far, fielding and batting practice.

Well, what do you know, I made it; but not without quite a bit of huffing and puffing. Now I prepared for a journey into the twilight zone, fielding practice in the parking lot in all of the 40 degrees.

It must have been the wind, because whenever I put my glove down to catch a grounder, the ball would change course just enough to take a nice bounce and hit my chin or smash a couple of fingers.

So, complete with crushed fingers and frostbitten toes, I took batting practice. But something told me it would be better to just forget about it. And to save the best things for last — there were wind sprints to do.

As I left the locker room after this rousing start, I could think only of summer and my return to the life of a bum. But . . .

Novice Tennis Team Meets Vikings in Conference Clash

Conrad's inexperienced tennis team will travel to Christiana today for its first conference match of the season.

The team lost its first two matches

of the season by identical 4-1 scores to A. I. DuPont April 7 and Tatnall April 10. John Shaw won in the third singles position against A.I. and Dave Hosan in the first

singles against Tatnall for the Redskins' only victories in the two matches.

The tennis team picked up its first victory April 17 against Claymont, 4-1. Singles winners for Conrad were Dave Hosan at first singles and Bill Schaubert at third singles. The Redskins swept both doubles matches, with Walls and Paris defeating Claymont's Page and Elasic at first doubles, and Darone and Ryan defeating Humphrey and Lavin of Claymont at second doubles.

The Redskins didn't fare as well April 16 against Friends School, being shut-out 5-0. Hosan, Schaubert, and John Shaw were defeated by Brown, Kay, and Weber, respectively, of Friends in the singles positions. Walls and Paris were defeated by Friends' Fryve and Smith at first doubles, while Waterhorse and McEhoy took Darone and Ryan at second doubles.



Dave Hosan, first singles, returns a backhand volley before practice match. Photo by Leonard Zabinko

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Seniors Cindy Coogan and Karen Hardy warm up for game. Photo by Roxanne Ritchie

Sophs Take Lead

Junior Leonard Zabinko Rates Top Honor with a 4.6

For the third consecutive marking period the sophomore class has dominated the first honor roll. In the list released April 1, the juniors placed the largest number on the second honor roll.

The sophomores placed 30 on the first honor roll and 82 on the second, for a total of 112 honor roll students.

The juniors numbered 19 for first honors and 84 on second, for a total of 103 honor roll students.

The seniors finished last with 85 students named, 11 on the first honor roll and 74 on the second. They upped their total by 17 over the last marking period.

Junior Leonard Zabinko captured top honors with an index of 4.6. Sophomore Cynthia Beckley, came in a close second with a 4.5 average.

Seniors who made first honors are Karen Adams, Bruce Baker, Mary Ann Clawson, Harold Johnson, Andrea Devenney, Debbie Zielak, Susan Meginniss, James Mensinger, Nancy Ryan, Jayne Stoneberger, and Charlene Wilson.

Juniors who made first honors are Mari Ellen Baker, Paul Baker, Kevin Casey, Gordon Gawronski, Ellen Haden, Keith Irwin, Mary Ann Jackson, Karen Jones, Ken Kehrer, Judy Maloney, Jackie Nicoletti, Edward Polaski, Gail Raty, Roxanne Ritchie, Patty Roberts, Nancy Rosiak, John Shaw, Victor Ventresca, and Leonard Zabinko.

Sophomores who made first honors are Sara Ann Angelini, Rayanne Baron, Cynthia Beckley, Stephen Borowski, Thomas Bruno, Lee Burke, Kevin Coogan, Kenney Cooper, Joann Cox, Karen Dabson, Alan Davidson, Maryanne Della Fera, Helen Edwards, Mary Galanes, Kathy Grimes, Wendy Hitchens, Pat Janulewicz, Michael Kelleher, Carolyn Kulesze, Bonnie Lane, Terri Lynam, Janet Lyons, Diane Mackenzie, Mark Miglio, Stephen Poot, Francis Sarvis, Deborah Spencer, Sandra Spencer, Michael Ward, and Mary Wisniewski.

Seniors who made second honors are Bruce Amalfitano, Margorie Anderson, Sharon Asquith, Stanley Bachmura, Lynne Ball, Marcia Barker, Marcia Beardsley, Elizabeth Bestpitch, Beverly Bove, Sharon Bowman, Lawrence Bulat, Carolyn Burkhardt, Nancy Char-nik, Marc Cheban, Cynthia Coogan.

Charlene Davis, Patty Donovan, Jerry Downes, Laura Engle, John Fletcher, Nancy Forman, Arlene Frederick, Jo Ann Frederick, Harry Furness, Bonnie Gold, Chuck Haney, Richard Hartland, Beverly Helms, Susan Heninger, Gale Hilyard, Deborah Hitchens, David Hosen, Debbie Huff.

Linda Jewell, Dorothy Karacz, Mary La-rue, Sandie Leisey, Liga Lidums, Taylor Magargal, Janine Maichle, Sharon Matson, Gail McKeever, Helen Mergenthaler, Bobbie Merrill, Richard Morris, Kathleen Moyle, Cathy O'Brien, James Ogonowski, Roy Peacock, Bonnie Reamer, James Reilly, John Reimer, Maureen Riley, Catherine Rodichok.

Kathy Ross, Jacqueline Russell, Jeannette Saxton, Judy Scholasto, Mary Schuchler, Patricia Scott, Karen Shelley, Jeff Stabnau, Viola Staker, Timothy Steele, Bruce Stelle, Karen Stradley, Richelle Stubbs, Nancy Stumpf, Suzanne Taylor, Linda Thompson, Carol Tjaden, Alice Turner, Douglas Walls, Marcia Watson, and Cynthia Whiteoe.

Juniors who made second honor roll are Debbie Allen, Janice Armento, Patricia A. Barnes, Debbie Barone, Monika Boerstler, Mary Boston, Jean Boyd, James Broomall, Donna Callagan, Judy Carman, Cathleen Carney, Judy Citro, Joan Cooper, Marianne Croze, Linda Cunningham, Tommy Dixon.

Joanne Domolevich, Susan Draper, Bruce Dryden, Maria Duda, Kathy Dunlap, John Falkinburg, Janet Farmer, Richard Fedkiw, Sandra Felmev, Bobbie Fesler, Rebecca Finch, Carolyn Freed, Robert Gilmour, Linda Grimes, Lawrence Hanna, Timothy Hanson, Sandra Helbing, Elizabeth Hessey.

Janet Holsten, Richard Jackson, Lois Jam-ison, Vera Janvier, Norma Jones, Roy Ketch-um, Kathaleen Kriebel, Reed Lloyd, Paul Luoma, Deborah Maltman, Mike Marcini-zyn, Charles Mcghee, Allen Miles, Cynthia Miller, Carleen Myers, Melinda Neal, Sue Nicholson.

Anita Osmond, Donna Price, Lorraine Quashne, Lois Redding, Judith Revelle, Charles Rhoads, Norma Robertson, Beverly Robinson, Thomas Roderhiser, Gwen Ross, William Schaubert, Linda Schueler, Brenda Shade, Tina Shoemate, John Simmons, John Simpson, Mike Singles.

Robin Smith, Susan Smith, Barbara Smith-ey, Paul Spadaro, Donna Staniszwski, Sher-ri Stout, Janet Taylor, Doreen Toomey, Vic-tor Venturana, Mary Ellen Walls, Debbie Wetzler, James Whitson, Donna Wilkins, Deborah Wisniewski, Patricia Wolkeke, Gail Woolridge, and Deborah Wyatt.

Sophomores who made second honors are Phyllis Andrews, Mark Armstrong, Peter Barnett, Carol Bowers, Michael Broujos, Kathleen Burkens, Linda Capuano, Jacqueline Carr, Margaret Carver, Joann Cavender, Maureen Clawson, Linda Cronshaw.

Susan Cross, Karen Dagostino, Gregory Dambach, Ryan Deshong, Kathleen Dewey, Gail Dickerson, Deborah Donahoe, Susan Dunkelberger, Maryann Eaton, Elizabeth Falkowski, Deborah Fontello, Patti French, Robert Furness, Michael Goldsmith.

Deborah Hilyard, Linda Holladay, Connie Hughes, Mary Hughto, David Johnson, De-borah Johnson, Bonnie Kelley, Robert Kelley, Denise Kempiski, Robert Kerr, Kathy Kras-zewski, Susan Kubasek, Jane Larson, Kathy Lind, Roger Longest, Kathy Mahoney.

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Michael Szymanski, Michael Vauella, Eliza-beth Walraven, Joann Witkowski, Pan Wood, Michael Yourinson, and Thomas Zeigert.

Gunning Bedford Falls Prey to Softball Team

The Conrad girls' softball team, coached by Mrs. Jean Barnett, completely devastated Gunning Bedford 45-14 in its opening game April 13.

The game turned into sheer practice for the Conrad girls, as they scored nine runs in the first inning. Cindy Coogan, Diane Katerwas, and Connie Hughes scored home runs for the team.

The team, with 66 girls trying out, has 20 girls on the team after cuts. Captain and co-captain of the team are Patty Donovan and "Turk" Hardy, respectively. Other girls making the team are seniors Cindy Coogan, Diane Katerwas, and Kathy Ross; juniors Sue Har-

dy, Jackie Nicoletti, Linda Schueler and Cindy Short; and sophomores Helen Garton, Connie Hughes, Nini Joyce, Kathy Kraszewski, Bonnie Lane, Sheila, McKelvey, Karen Nagle, Sandra Nowell, Irene Raymond, Diane Wilson, and Mary Wisniewski.

The results of the following games were not available at press time: Concord, April 16, and Mc-Kean, April 23.

The girls will play A.I. duPont April 27, at home; Dickinson April 30, away; Claymont May 4, home; William Penn May 7, away; Brandywine May 11, home; Christiana May 14, away; De La Warr May 18, home; and Mt. Pleasant May 21, home.

State Youth Council Provides Avenues for Student Energies

By James Broomall

There was a time when high school and college students were content to spend their time eating goldfish and taking part in panty raids. But as the Dylan song goes, "the times they are a-changing."

An excellent example of student awareness is the Delaware State Youth Council. The Council is under the direction of Dr. Ruth M. Laws, chairman; and Mrs. Dora A. Back, executive secretary.

Through discussion and the exchange of ideas the State Youth Council is making an attempt to better the quality of life for children and youth in the state of Delaware.

This reporter has had the privilege

of being a member of this group and attending the Delaware White House Conference on Children and Youth.

I recently had an opportunity to ask some members why they joined the State Youth Council.

The reasons the students gave ranged from "it's a way to change the system" to "I like to help people" to "somebody asked me so I joined."

The most common reason given was to dispel the idea that all students are anarchistic and destructive rather than civic-minded and constructive.

"It's ridiculous how some people generalize about students," a Sussex-Central junior said. "They

lump us all into one category — bad!"

"I think it's good experience, a way to see democracy in action," a McKean senior said.

"I joined it because it shows that young people are aware of what's going on," a Dover boy added. "Besides my hair's too short for the SDS."

The State Youth Council has attempted to establish Youth Centers, work with underprivileged children, and formulate a Youth News Service.

Delaware, like all states, has seemingly insurmountable problems. Using the State Youth Council as an avenue, the youth are attempting to solve many of them.

Elusive Mouse Invades School

By Bobbi Fesler

Who's Wilbur Timothy? He's a faculty member employed in the math department by Dr. Isabel Miller.

Four years ago when Dr. Miller began teaching fundamental trig. functions to some of her geometry classes, she found that there was a slight problem—how to explain radians. That's where Mr. Mouse stepped into the picture.

Wilbur Timothy, as he is affectionately called by his friends, saw an ad in the News-Journal for a radian runner. Not realizing what he was getting himself into, Wilbur immediately applied.

Commenting on his first impressions of Conrad and his new job, Mr. Mouse said, "At first I wasn't too crazy about chasing around a circle all day, but it was a job and I had to eat. But after a few months I became attached to the job, the faculty, and the student body here at Conrad."

Student reaction to Wilbur Ti-mothy runs from "He's too small for us" to "Eek!" to "Help! Get out the mouse traps!"

'Student Council Crisis'

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Junior Roy Ketchum explained that if he knew more about the council, he might have more interest in it. "I don't even remember who was elected," he added.

"The students will have to take the first step," said Mrs. Andrea Cassel, social studies teacher. "I don't think the teachers or administration can create enthusiasm."

Junior Student Council representative Janice Armento thinks the best thing to do is abolish the council for one year. "In this way," she said, "concerned students would realize their loss and put forth a better effort in the succeeding year."

"It's up to the students to make it run or die," said Principal Earl J. Smith. He explained that the administration could not exert its influence on a student matter such as the council.

Lorrie Grodzicki, junior Student Council representative, believes a student service like Student Council should be saved. She emphasized that the students should be able to tell a council member suggestions and ideas and have action taken on them.

"The Student Council of the present should be eliminated," said Mike Webb, junior class president, "but there should be some type of organization more effective than the present set-up to benefit the students."

Junior Leonard Zabinko, Student Council vice-president, is in favor of dissolving the council and creating a student advisory committee in its place. The advisory committee would be consulted by the administration in the making of school policy affecting students, according to Leonard.

Questioning the need for a Student Council, Mr. George Poole, social studies teacher, can see no reason in having a council just for the sake of form. "If it's gone, it's gone!" said Mr. Poole. "Maybe the Student Council has died a natural death; how can you revive a corpse?"

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According to Mrs. Mabrey, Mr. Poole and she will probably be teaching U.S. history classes next year. They will attend workshops at the University in the afternoons and try out their findings on their classes in the morning.

Mr. Wenner has announced that individual original research projects to be conducted in the community will be available for three or four selected students as a course in the social studies field next year.

Conrad can expect an enrollment of 1560, an increase of 36 students for next year. Mr. Smith explained that this estimate depends on the number of students that are accepted at the newly opened New Castle County Vocational School.

Summer activity at Conrad this summer will be in the form of an open library and driver education. The library will be open week-days starting June 24, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., through July.

Cheerleaders will be sponsored by Mr. Paul Capodanno, guidance department head, next year. Mr. Capodanno hopes to have some boys on the squad as gymnasts.

Conrad will serve its first term on the College Entrance Examination Board beginning in August. Mr. Smith will represent Conrad throughout the three-year term. The CEEB is a governing body of selected high schools and preparatory schools which determine the make-up and objectives of the college board entrance examinations.

PTA, Teachers To Give Aid

Seniors worrying about financing their education might look into the two scholarships available within Conrad.

A partial scholarship for students pursuing higher education in a college or technical school in Delaware is being offered by the Conrad PTA.

The scholarship is given to applicants on the basis of need and academic achievement. The award will be sent to the school in which the student has enrolled.

The PTA executive committee distributed letters for contributions on March 31. Contributions were accepted April 1 at the PTA meeting and are being accepted by mail or in person. All contributions should be sent to Conrad in care of the PTA Scholarship Fund. All patrons' names will appear in a folder at graduation.

An award of \$200 will be awarded to a senior boy or girl by the Conrad High School Faculty Association. The George F. Haney Award is granted to a student studying in an accredited college for a bachelor's degree, qualifying him for certification in education.

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News In Brief

Concert to Feature Wagner

Musical highlights from Wagner to the present are to be presented in the annual Spring Concert beginning at 8:00 p.m. tonight in Cummings Auditorium. Admission is \$1 per person.

Jon Fletcher, trumpet, and Margaret Combs, clarinet, will perform the solos of *Sounds from the Hudson* by Herbert Clarke and *Fantasia and Rondo* by C. M. von Wiber.

Other selections include *Moorside March* by Gustav Holst, selections from the *Music Man* by Meredith Wilson, and Caesar Giovanni's folk rock *Alla Baracca*.

The cafeteria was the scene April 2 for the band dinner. More than 200 students attended along with Mr. and Mrs. Leon Elder and Mr. and Mrs. Rolfe Wenner. Music was presented by Ray Knehnetsky and his band.

After dinner, guests were entertained with the presentation of service awards and films of the band in action.

Last Thursday the concert and dance bands performed for the Richardson Park and Krebs Junior High.

The Redskin marching band's first spring outing is scheduled for May 8. They will march in Rockford Park for the kick-off of the 20th Anniversary of the Wilmington Flower Market.

STUDENTS TO TEACH

Student Government Day will be held May 5. Today is the last day for interested seniors to sign up. This year Student Council is spon-

Newport Youth Center Moves To Krebs Junior High

Despite widespread belief that it had ceased to exist, the Newport Youth Center has in truth merely switched its location from the old Greenhill drive-in building on Maryland Avenue to the H.J. Krebs Junior High School.

"We couldn't continue at the old location because our lease on the property ran out, and Mr. Neal had other uses for it," said Mr. Samuel Tammany of Newport, treasurer of the organization's board of directors.

He was referring to Mr. Alton Neal, a Newport contractor who owns the property on which the building is located. A Wawa Food Market has recently been built on the property.

In addition to the change in location, the Youth Center has also undergone a change in administration, according to Mr. Tammany. The center was formerly a private operation controlled by a board of directors and financed by contributions, but since the transfer, the New Castle County Park Commission has taken over its operation. The program also now receives state funds. The board of directors, presided over by Mr. Brendan Begley, retains indirect control of the center.

Mr. Tammany said the move to Krebs School has apparently helped

soring Student Government Day. Senior Gale Hilyard is in charge of the event.

This year teachers will have the option of deciding whether or not they wish to have students take over their classes for the day.

AIDES NOMINATE

Nomination for next year's president and vice-president were held at the Library Aides' meeting April 9. Nominees for president are Debbie Wetzler, Anita Miller, and Pam Shellingford.

Norma Black, Leslie Mayhan, and Mickie McGinness were nominated for vice-president. Final voting will be held later this year or early next year.

Library Aides have planned a bake sale, picnic, and a senior dinner for the future. Dates are not definite.

MISS U.S.A. VISITS

Wendy Dascomb, Miss U.S.A., made an appearance at the J. C. Penney's Prices Corner Store April 22. The purpose of her visit was to introduce the new line of "Miss U.S.A." swimsuit fashions. A fashion show was staged that evening to display the fashions.

Earlier in the afternoon a luncheon was held at Schrafft's Restaurant in honor of Wendy. Students from area high schools and press representatives were present at the luncheon to talk with Wendy. Karla Weingarten, a Fashion Board member at Penney's and Debbie Huff, Smoke Signal staffer, represented Conrad at the luncheon.

"We have more youngsters now than before," he stated. "It's hard to say just how many come in each night, because some come early and some come late, but I would guess we get about 75 each week night and Saturday afternoon."

"We have more girls coming in now, too," he said. "Up at the drive-in there were only about a half-dozen, but now there are many more."

He also said that the program is in better shape financially now that it is using state and county funds instead of relying on private contributions.

At present the center's recreational activities include basketball, table tennis, and table games. "We'll also be starting some outdoor activities soon," said Mr. Tammany, adding that instruction in arts and crafts is also planned for the future. No dues of any kind are required for participation in the center's activities.

The Newport Youth Center first opened its doors at the Greenhill building March 31, 1968, with a ceremony attended by more than 600 people, including Senator J. Caleb Boggs. The organization used these facilities until early this year, when the move to Krebs School took place.

FESTIVAL HELD

A choral festival, featuring choirs and choruses from all over New Castle County, began at Wilmington High School yesterday and is continuing through today.

Mrs. Mary Ellen Collins, choir director, said the festival was for enjoyment, and that it gave the choir a chance to hear singers from other schools.

Mary Ellen Baker, Judy Linen, Charles Dorsey, and John Lobley are Conrad's contributions to the All-State Choir. Members of the All-State Choir were chosen by audition. The choir practiced on April 9, 10 and 11, and gave a concert in Dover at 8:00 p.m., April 11.

90 Visit Italy

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necessary to take three boats, the last one being a rowboat which just fits into the narrow opening of the cave.

The man rowing our boat serenaded us with "O Solo Mio" and later asked to be tipped.

While I was stepping out of the boat one of the buttons on my raincoat fell into the sea. Although I was a bit disturbed, I comforted myself with the idea that a part of me would remain forever in the Mediterranean.

After two days in Sorrento we packed for our final stop, Roma.

On the way we took the Amalfie Drive, a narrow curvy road that looks impossible for a bus and a car to pass by each other without losing some paint.

We also stopped at the Abbey of Monte Cassino which was a useless stop since none of the girls were allowed in due to short dresses, anything above the knees according to the monks.

We hit Rome at 8:30 p.m. and were on our way to the Piper Club by 10. (Because Italy has no legal drinking age we were allowed into the club).

The Piper Club is American and psychedelic. Strobe lights flashed on with every song, and confetti fell from the ceiling, adding to the effect of the lights. Huge bubbles seemed to slither up the screen behind the band that soothed our homesickness for "Let it be." One of the most popular records at the club was the unforgettable "Twist."

We toured the Eternal City Thursday and Friday, leaving Saturday free. I spent my free day with three other girls completing their list of gifts. After shopping we took a green taxi to Trevi Fountain.

Taxi riding in Rome is a dangerous sport. Cab drivers resort to the left lane when straight route driving becomes monotonous. They don't stop for pedestrians but make unusual curves around them.

After 10 minutes of defensive driving we arrived at the fountain. Here we each threw one coin. The legend goes that one coin thrown into the fountain promises a return to Rome.

At St. Peter's Square on Easter Sunday, we, along with thousands of others, attended Mass celebrated in six different languages by Pope Paul VI. Seeing the Pope caused an indescribable sensation in everyone and was the ultimate of the trip for many.

The following day we boarded an Irish Airlines jet for the flight back to the States.

As we stepped on U.S. soil I overheard someone say, "Air Pollution, it smells great."



Liga Lidums and Ric Snead grieve over the sand-box corpse of Judy Linen. Photo by Lauren Russell

'Last of the Lowries' Captures All-Cast Award

Sock and Buskin's "Last of the Lowries," starring Bill Russell, Linda Law, Jayne Stoneberger, and Melinda Neal, won an all-cast award at the 28th Annual Delaware State Play Festival.

The program was held at Mitchell Hall, University of Delaware, and was sponsored by the Delaware Dramatic Association and the University of Delaware Dramatic Center.

Thirteen amateur performances were entered in the High School Theater Division. Emphasis was placed on the acting, directing, costuming, and make-up.

Numerous Local Colleges Provide Varied Opportunities

By Jeff Stabnau

Delaware high school students who plan to attend college after graduation face a unique problem. Within our state's boundaries there exist only two prominent colleges: the University of Delaware in Newark and Delaware State College in Dover.

The college student who may wish to remain close to home or to commute appears, at first glance, limited in choice. However, in reality there are many colleges of varying enrollment and curriculum close at hand in neighboring states. The following schools are all within 40 miles or approximately one hour's traveling time of Wilmington.

Washington College in Chestertown, Maryland, is a private, non-sectarian college of liberal arts and sciences. Glassboro State College in Glassboro, New Jersey, is nationally known for a fine teacher training program. Both schools are close enough to Wilmington to permit frequent travel or even attendance by commuting.

The southeastern counties of Pennsylvania provide the greatest number of colleges within the 40-mile radius. A large variation in enrollment, curriculum, religious affiliation, and expense is present among these schools.

The Drexel Institute of Technology in Philadelphia provides courses in various engineering fields. Haverford College in Haverford is another liberal arts school for men renowned for its high scholastic standing. Enrollment is approximately 600.

La Salle College of Philadelphia is a day and resident liberal arts college conducted by the Brothers of the Christian Schools of the Ro-

The curtains rose at 9:00 a.m. with the critic judge, Professor C. Richard Gillespie commenting on each play between set changes. Dr. Gillespie is director of theater at Towson State College in Maryland.

The two other high schools winning all-cast awards were Cape Henlopen with "All Saint's Day" and Tatnall School with "The Lottery."

Last of the Lowries, an Indian folk drama, had everyone in tears at the finale. The all-cast or production award signified that the above plays excelled in everything.

man Catholic Church. Lincoln University near Oxford is a private liberal arts institution enrolling approximately 1000 men and women.

St. Joseph's College for men in Philadelphia is a well-recognized college of liberal arts. Enrollment is approximately 1850 men. One of the nation's finest schools, Swarthmore College of Swarthmore, is one of the most selective and distinctive liberal arts colleges in the country. The coeducational school enrolls slightly more than 1000 students.

Temple University of Philadelphia, with over 33,000 total students is one of the largest universities in the country. The University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia is an independent, non-sectarian institution which has an impressive educational past and present. The University enrolls approximately 7000 students through highly competitive admissions standards.

Villanova University of Villanova is a Roman Catholic University conducted by the Augustinian priests; it offers undergraduate degree programs in the liberal arts and sciences. Coeducational enrollment is approximately 4600 students, of which 4300 are men. West Chester State College at West Chester is a coeducational institution largely devoted to instruction in education. Enrollment includes approximately 4000 students.

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SCHOOL BOARD NEWS



Board Approves Salary Hike

A base, local-fund salary of \$875, an increase of \$75, was reached in an agreement between the Conrad Area Education Association and the Board of Education for next year. This sum is multiplied by an index (based on years of service and education) to determine the amount of local funds contributed to each teacher's salary.

Teacher evaluation, teacher assignment, and superintendent liaison were the three Board Personnel Policies provisions which were modified and accepted by the board at their March 16 meeting.

As a result of an accident involving a child on his way to a school function, the board made

part of district policy that all organizations using school buildings must file a certificate of insurance.

The repair of some basement windows at Conrad High School was authorized by the board.

A closed workshop session was held by the board last Monday to begin setting up the framework for next year's budget.

Mr. Leon D. Elder, district superintendent, attended the National School Board Association Convention in San Francisco April 11-14.

Mr. Elder indicated that some news on the building plans of the new district office should be available at the next board meeting April 27.