

# Woodshaven Girls Face Lonely Life

by Margaret Dykes

Getting sent to your room isn't as bad as you may think! Imagine living in confined quarters for approximately six months, without visits from friends and without the freedom to do exactly as you please. Also, picture living with only people of your own sex for an extended period of time.

With all this in mind, you have the setting of the Woodshaven-Kruse School for girls. Located off Darley Road in Claymont, the school consists of several cottages and buildings. The cottages serve as

living quarters for the girls who are sent there, and also as classrooms for the rehabilitation of the girls.

Woodshaven is, as most people would term it, a reform school. Its purpose is just that — to reform the young girls who are sent there and to prepare them for their adult lives.

The reasons for sending a girl to the school vary. According to Mrs. LaVerne Ford, director of the school, "The girls are classified as uncontrollable. Their offenses include running away from home for extended lengths of time, petty theft, prostitution, assault and bat-

tery, truancy, and shoplifting."

When such offenses are committed, the girls are taken to family court, where the judge decides their destinations. If he decides that a girl should be under supervision, he assigns her to the reception unit at Woodshaven. While at the reception center she undergoes a psychological examination, and a thorough medical and dental examination. Her stay at the unit lasts approximately one month.

Consequently, social data can be gathered by her caseworker. This data includes such information as family income, problems, and sta-

bility. The gathering of this information determines what course will be taken in her rehabilitation. "Some girls have severe problems," states Mrs. Ford. "Their family lives are often poor, which accounts for their running away."

"My mother told me to get out," recalls one of the girls, a chubby, unkempt teen with frizzy blond hair. "She didn't like having me any more than I enjoyed being there, so I ran away. That's why I'm here."

The "here" she was referring to denoted one of the several cabin-like cottages set on the grounds of the school. These cottages serve as

rooms for the girls, and classrooms for the school. The rooms are private. Each girl may retire to her room at the end of each day, and either listen to music from a public address system, or read a book.

She may also work on homework left from the day's classes, which begin at 9 a.m. Before attending class, however, each girl is required to do her "chores." These chores consist of cleaning her own room, doing her morning toiletries, and helping set the table for breakfast. She must be up by 6:45 a.m. to complete these tasks by 9 a.m. Break-  
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## British Satire Chosen For Spring Production

"The Importance of Being Earnest," Sock and Buskin Club's spring play, will premiere in Cummings Auditorium March 10 and 11 at 8 p.m.

Written by Oscar Wilde, the play satirizes the sophistication of the early 1900's. The play is directed by Mrs. Louise Goddin.

Senior Jim Bryner, who played David in "David and Lisa," plays one of the male leads, Algernon Monchief. Senior Doug Ennis, Sock and Buskin president, portrays the other male lead, John Worthing. The female leads are junior Melanie Green as Gwendoline Fairfax, senior Terrie Moore as Lady Bracknell, and junior Patty Plummer as Cecily Cardew.

Other characters are Reverend Cannon Chasuble, portrayed by senior Kirk Johnson; Miss Prism, portrayed by junior Sharon Clough; and the butlers, played by juniors Jim Fulmer and Tom McCollum.

"The Importance of Being Earn-

est" made its debut here in the spring of 1962. Mr. Donald Morgan, previous director, remembers it fondly. "It was a lot of fun to do," he said.

Members of the production staff are senior Pete Barnett, stage manager and set designer; sophomore Sue Barzewski and juniors Felicia Ciuffetelli, Karen Conaway and Jessie Jones, ticket salesmen; Bob Zulinski, chairman of lighting; and senior Kathy Carey, chairman of sound and program committees.

Prop chairmen are seniors Terrie Moore and Bob Filipkowski. Seniors Peggy Carney and Michelle Sinovich take care of costumes under the supervision of Mrs. Marie Allen, home economics teacher.

Kirk Johnson is publicity chairman, understudy to Jim Bryner, and assistant director. Patty Plummer and senior Sysan Mayr are make-up chairmen, and Sue Barzewski and sophomore Michael Hillis are prompters.

## To Job Market

### Vocations Lure Students

"Health, Hospital Departments in Dire Need of Professional Nurses," "City Needs Over 100 Dietitians," "Federal Service Entrance Exam Offers 10,000 Jobs." These newspaper headlines are just one indication of the abundant opportunities in vocations and trades. Currently the

vocational scene is where the action is.

According to Mrs. Marion Roth, guidance counselor, there has been a definite increase in the number of students planning to enter trades and vocations.

"In the past many high school stu-

dents just weren't interested in entering service careers, but recently many of them have awakened to the vital need for skilled workers in numerous areas," commented Mrs. Roth.

Mrs. Roth feels that the discouraging job future for college graduates is another reason why more students are turning to vocational education.

Until recently the vocational education at Conrad has been rather limited but the newly organized curriculum in vocational education is beginning to meet the needs of the students. Courses like practical nursing, child care, chef training, building maintenance, and co-op are steps in the vocational direction.

Mr. Charles Lykens, building maintenance instructor, also feels there has been a definite increase in students entering trades, especially those related to construction.

"The demands in construction for more buildings and the increasing population are reasons for the vital need for tradesmen," stated Mr. Lykens. "Increased pay security and fringe benefits are additional reasons why more people are entering construction trades."

While trying to line up jobs for co-op, however, Miss Leann Hornung, co-op supervisor, found the local employment picture very bad.

"There just isn't an over abundance of jobs. Plus, I had a great deal of competition from other schools in the area who have similar programs," said Miss Hornung.

Miss Hornung feels the co-op is working out successfully because  
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## English, History Departments Await Curriculum Changes

Humanities, German IV, photography, and a course entitled "The Mystique of the Middle East" are new additions to the curriculum planned for next year. Another innovation is the division of senior English and senior social studies into four separate categories, with one teacher instructing each category.

"Some students get tired of having the same teacher for the same subject all year," states Mrs. Eleanor Dill, English teacher, "and some teachers feel the same way."

The administration realizes this problem and notes other benefits that would result from a change in the standard system of having only one teacher for a specific course for the entire school year. For this reason English and social studies will be taught next year in a cycle with each of the two courses divided into four topics. Each of four teachers will instruct one of these topics and will switch to another class at the end of the marking period.

"Since we are not sure how successful this will be," explains Assistant Principal Rolfe Wenner, "at first it will involve only four teachers and approximately 100 seniors in each of the two subjects."

"One advantage of the cyclical English and social studies," he continues, "will be exposing students to different viewpoints and philosophies in one particular area. Another will be allowing the teacher to instruct in the area in which he feels most confident."

Mrs. Dill agrees. "I'm good in poetry and drama," she states, "but the novel is one of my weaknesses. The cyclical system will be good. As it is now, everybody tries to do everything, and in the process nothing gets done."

The teachers who will definitely be rotating on this cycle are English teachers Mrs. Eleanor Dill, Mrs. Marie Field, Mr. David Owen, and Mr. Bernard Geaghan. They will teach drama, essay and short story, poetry, and novel respectively.

## Conradians Support Band; Mickey Patiently Awaits

The Conrad band has raised approximately one-half of their goal of \$30,000 for their trip to Florida April 5-10.

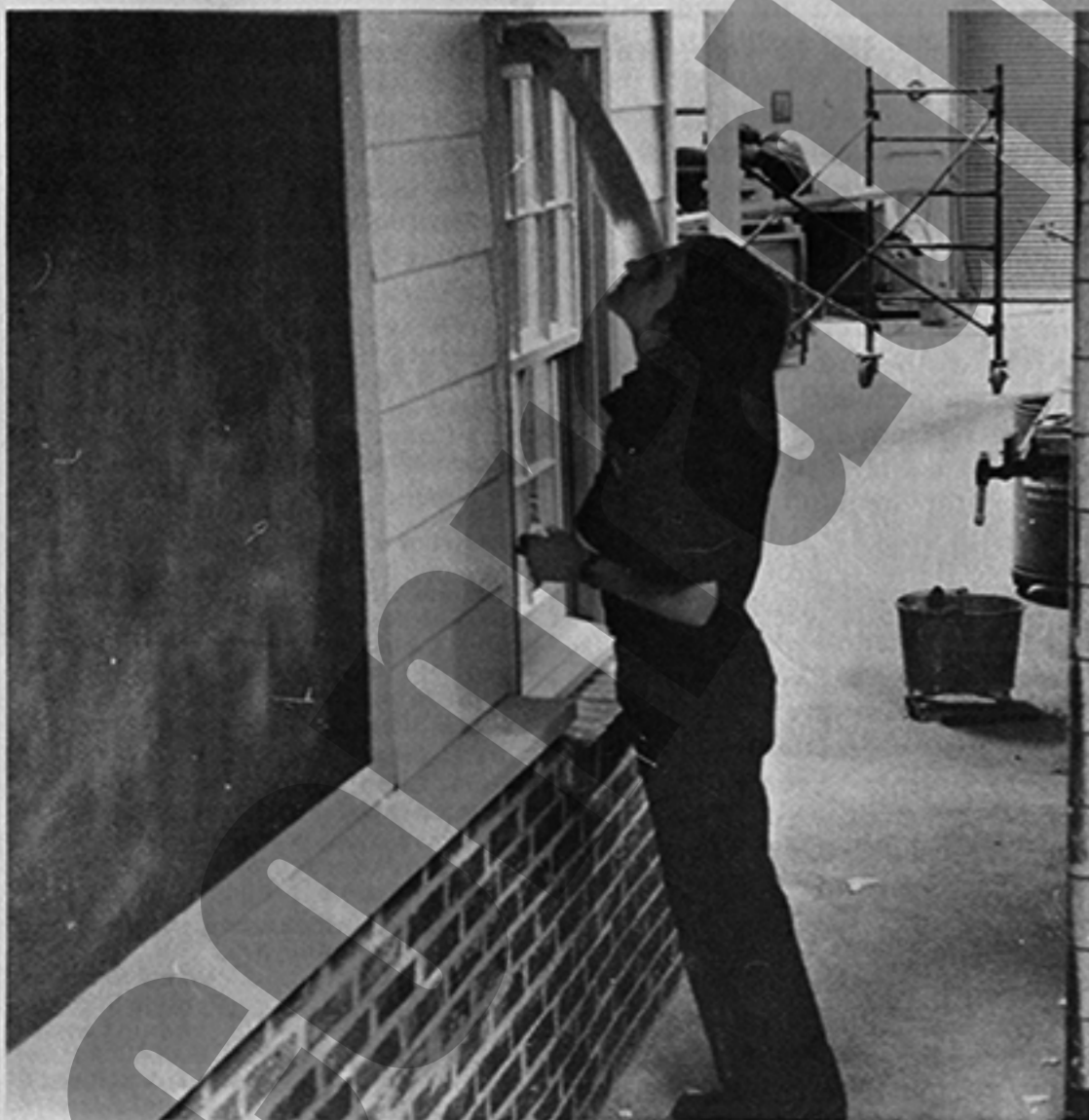
Members held another candy sale February 10, the last money-making project before the trip. At this point each band member must pay approximately \$50 for expenses.

The band held a Monte Carlo night in the Elsmere Fire Hall February 5. Those who attended bet "fun" money at different gambling tables. Every half hour an auction was held

to buy items with the "money."

Band members and chaperones will fly to Florida on a 200-passenger Eastern Airlines jet, and will stay in the Executive Resort, a hotel 15 minutes from Walt Disney World. Five band members, and a chaperone, required by the hotel, will stay in each room.

The band will give two performances in Disney World April 9. They will march down Main Street, U.S.A., with the Disney characters and possibly the Disney World band, and give a public concert.



Junior Phil Henderson gains vocational experience by repairing the window molding of the model house built by students in the building maintenance course. (Photo by Don Gibson)

## Scarce Capital Costs Conrad

Conrad High School is facing a financial dilemma and people in the community must help.

Hopeful plans for the future of the school include the addition of new programs along with the expansion of present courses, but the building is not large enough to incorporate them. Only about six classrooms are not in use during the entire school day.

Another problem concerns the cafeteria. Every day four or five students are forced to stand up while they eat. Seven or eight others can be found seated on the radiators lining a portion of one of the walls. And a dozen or so luckier students can be found doubling up on the cafeteria chairs.

An issue related to this one concerns the cafeteria food. Many people feel that both the quantity and quality of the food has deteriorated. Mrs. Mary Collings, Conrad's dietician, agrees. But she cannot do anything about this because she is not given the necessary funds to prepare a better lunch. The school board cannot help because they do not have the money.

Next, consider the problem of the band; namely, the band room. Every day the students and their instruments are crowded into a room approximately the size of two classrooms. The temperature in the room reaches about 95 degrees in the warmer months. According to Mr. Earl Smith, principal, the room is "unsafe, unsanitary, and miserable."

Another area in need of repair is the auditorium. Due to the fact that fifth-period study hall is held here, the auditorium is a wreck. The seats, with their torn upholstery, dented sides, and ball-point-pen-carved wooden arms, are suffering the most.

It is a shame that study hall must be held here, but there is no other room in the building large enough to serve this purpose. So, what can be done?

Can the building expand to comfortably house the 1,550 students attending Conrad? Not without money! And that means a new source of revenue or more local taxes.

For a fact, Conrad school district is the second lowest tax-paying area in New Castle County. Tax figures show that \$1.20 of the taxpayers' money goes to the school for operating expenses and 23 cents for debt service, past building programs. The view of taxpayers throughout the state, in fact, throughout the country, has been one of rebellion against taxation. But taxation is necessary if improvement for the school is desired.

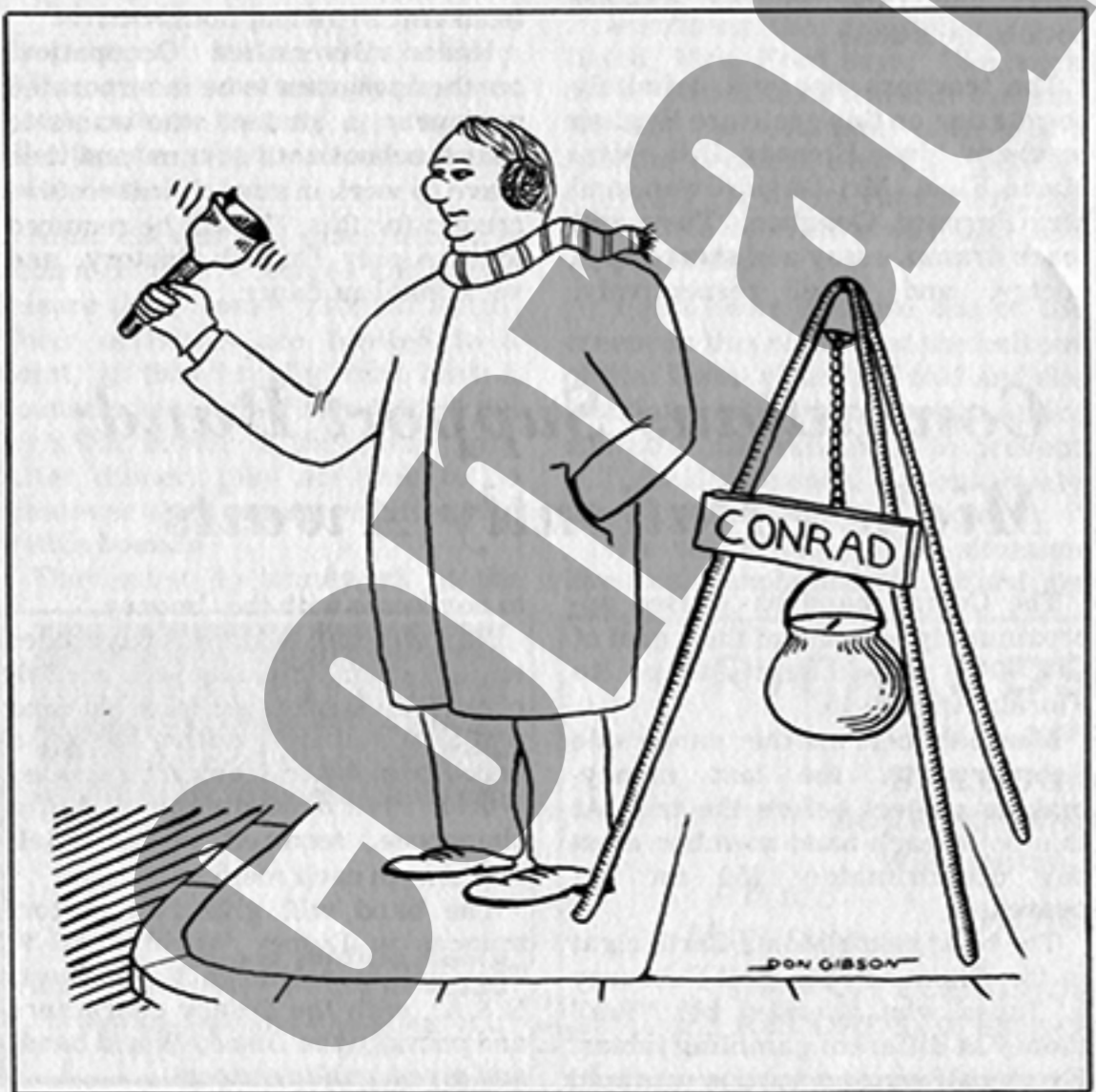
Don't worry about this, taxpayers. Somehow, we will stand. But eventually it will be up to you to decide how good the school system is going to be.

## Spirit Motives Questioned

During this present basketball season several cases of violence have occurred following games.

Spectators, as well as players, are guilty of this. Sure, everyone likes to be with a winner, but for a spectator to ask for a "kill" on a troublesome opposing team member is spirit out of hand. There can never be a clean victory when several players are decked out on the floor, and sportsmanship is never helped when one team plays with a deliberate effort to embarrass another team, or to "nail them to the wall!"

It is too much to ask for everyone to play "Mister nice guy; if I lose, so what, it's only a game." But it is time for ethics and responsibility on the part of both players and spectators to return to sports.



## Sittin' -n- Kissin'

# Parking Secrets Revealed

To park or not to park — that is the question. (And the referral to the verb "park" in this article does not mean "park" as defined in Webster's Dictionary.) The referral is to park in another sense of the word, one that most people, especially high school students and police officers, are quite familiar with.

Parking can best be defined by the following reply made by a male senior: "Do you mean the parking where you park your car and get out and lock the doors, or the parking where you park your car and lock your doors?"

This senior and other students in the school were all asked to name a few of the places where they have gone with friends to park. Among the most popular ones reported were Montchanin Road, Old Airport Road, B & O Lane in Elsmere, Hercules parking lot, and Carr Road off the Marsh Road exit of I-95.

Of course, Conrad couples do not have to go so far away just to be alone, as was shown by several students who named such places as First Avenue in Lyndalia, Banning Park by the pond, and Worthy Brothers parking lot.

"In back of Lancaster Court Apartments" is a regular for one senior girl, and "a place under a bridge by the Brandywine near Sallies" is the favorite of another.

"The best place in the world," though, "is White Clay Creek Road" according to another student. This place, sentimentally referred to as "Freakville" by the student, is a road off Kirkwood Highway that "goes to nowhere." At the beginning the road is paved, but further down it turns to stone and finally is just a dirt road.

One really clever place that was reported by a senior male was a used car lot. (Now how many people would think of that?) "You just drive to the back where they put the

used cars just traded in, and you've got it made. The cops don't go back there because your car looks like the other cars."

The same guy reported another original parking spot — "inside the main entrance to the Wilmington Country Club, by the sixth hole."

How do the police feel about this? It depends a great deal on the individual officer. For example, one girl told about a time she and her boyfriend were parked alongside the road while having an argument. A police officer pulled up behind them and after checking identification said, "You kids want to know a good place to park? Go up to B&O Lane — nobody will bother you up there."

All police officers would not have reacted the same way. Policemen are assigned territories to patrol. "Some officers don't like any parkers in their territories at all," stated an officer of the New Castle County Police.

"In most cases it depends on the situation," he continued. "If the couple is parked in a neighborhood or in a business district, we tell them to go somewhere else."

"If the guy is older, say 30, and the girl is only 15 or 16, they are violating the laws of family court. We bring them in and call the girl's parents to see if they want to press charges."

Charges can be pressed against the male for contributing to the delinquency of a minor, statutory rape, or toying with a female under 15. Parents may press charges against their daughter for being uncontrollable.

An officer of the Newark Police agreed that the reaction depends on the individual officer and on the seriousness of the parking.

"This concerns who is parking and in what area they are parked." If it is an area where several crimes have been reported, the officer will fill out Juvenile Contact cards on

parkers who are under age (18 for girls, 21 for guys) and Interrogation Reports on adult parkers.

These cards are taken back to the station and filed. This information, which includes name, age, description, location, and date, may aid the police in the future if a person who is on file is ever brought in on suspicion of a crime and denies ever being in that area.

The Newark Police officer added that "most of the time we just check them out; we make sure they don't have any alcohol or drugs."

Officer Roy Marconi of the Newport police said that he "just asks the female if she's there against her will." If she is there willingly, he simply checks identification.

"If the parkers are under 18, I sometimes call the parents. And if I suspect something isn't right, just sense anything wrong at all, I fill out Interrogation Reports or Juvenile Contact cards."

"However, if they're not on private property, if there are no complaints, if they are not in a precarious position, and if they are not a disgrace to the street, I leave them alone." He added, "I was 18 once myself."

The policy of the Delaware state police is similar to those of the county, Newark, and Newport police. "We don't go out looking for lovers. The first thing we check to see is if the car is disabled," explained one trooper.

Another state police officer added, "When a trooper pulls up on a car he's just doing a job. A lot of things go on other than innocent lovers parking. If they're not bothering anybody, we'll just check them out."

"We used to park too," he said with a smile. The first state trooper interrupted jokingly, "That's why we like young troopers — they know all the parking places."



## Snowfall Triggers Flurry of Activity

Ah, what a dull month it has been! But, somehow, activity picked up with the arrival of a few small inches of snow. The teepee burst with excitement as snowballs bombarded everything in sight. One amiable school bus driver was reported to have stopped his bus just to let a couple of Conrad's sharpshooters smack his bus with snowballs. Even the driver seemed to get a real joy out of seeing the icy roads and treacherous, snow-covered slopes at least once for the short winter of 1971-1972.

**ALCOHOL ALLEY** — The toys in room 104, which served as a nursery for a few days last month, provided Mr. Louis Ott's first period math class with a lot of entertainment. For example, one day senior Denise Edwards, while checking out all of the toys in the room before class started, found a yellow plastic duck in the nursery's toy refrigerator. Pulling it out, she yelled over to senior Mark Armstrong, "Here, Mark, have some Cold Duck!"

**QUIZ WHIZ** — Trying to improve his score in a test that Mr. Edgar Baker was reviewing, junior Mike Fusca offered: "But Mr. Baker, I don't have it written down, but that's what I was thinking!"

Unmoved, Mr. Baker retorted,

"Next time, pass in your head, too!"

**REVERSE PSYCHOLOGY** — What happens when driver-ed instructor Mr. David Hipp decides to take seven girls into the driver-ed simulator to learn how to drive a stick shift? Hysterical shrieks, "I'm speeding! I'm speeding!" "Uh, oh, another mistake." "Ugh! I just had an accident!" To top it all off, Mr. William Legge decided to demonstrate his skill. Finding his speedometer wouldn't register, he became thoroughly disgusted with the whole thing — until he found he was trying to drive forward with the stick shift in reverse.

**KISS OF DEATH** — Senior Janet Lyons surprised everyone within hearing distance one day in the library by stating: "I read in a magazine that every time you kiss somebody, you lose three minutes of your life." Pondering this gem of information, Wendy Hitchens retorted, "Yeah, but what a way to go!"

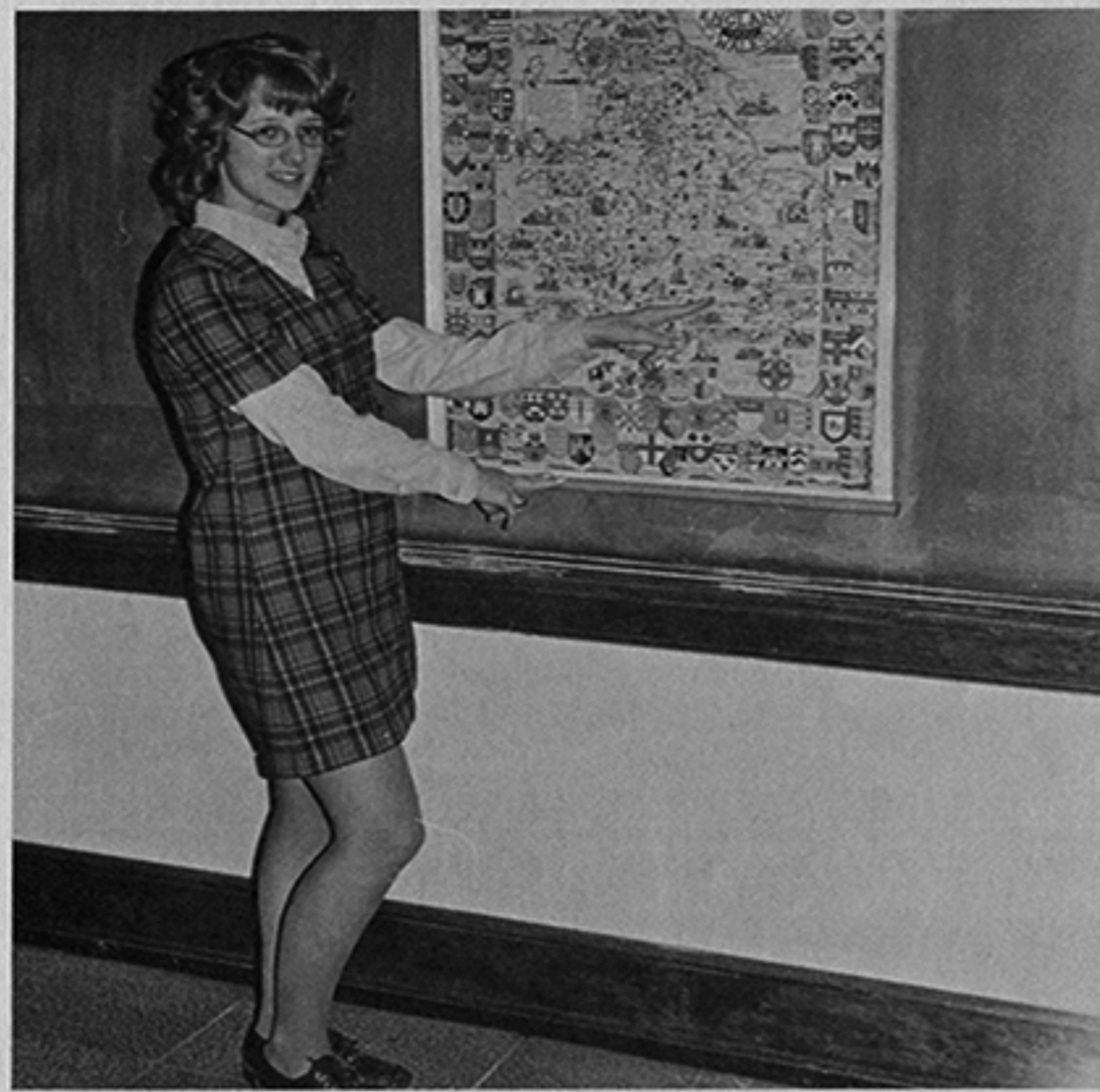
**CHIVALRY SURVIVES** — Senior Bob Ryan revived the art of chivalry in Mrs. Jane Ciabaton's seventh period English class. Mrs. Ciabaton asked him why he had not admitted that he had read the second act of Macbeth and he seriously explained, "I knew the other children

had not done it, and I did not wish to shame them."

**ONCE IN THE MORNING** — The sophomore class just couldn't wait to present their class gift, so they made a contribution to the needy family fund. They left a bottle of Scope under the Christmas tree for all of those "needy people."

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Senior Janet Lyons points to a map of England where she recently spent a month sight-seeing and visiting relatives. (Photo by Don Gibson)

## Senior Cites England As Land Of Contrasts

By Cindy Stabnau

"It's a country of many contrasts — quaint countryside villages, new office buildings, picturesque roadside pubs, and new winding motorways," stated senior Janet Lyons, commenting on her trip to England. Janet, who was born in England, left with her family for a three-week trip December 18 to visit relatives and to sight-see.

"I expected England to have old narrow roads winding through the open country," related Janet. "But I soon found out that my expectations were not very accurate."

"The English drive like maniacs," Janet exclaimed. "They drive 70 miles an hour, following each other only two car-lengths apart." Needless to say, Janet was scared to death the first time she rode in a car in England.

The English road system is different from that of the United States in other ways too. International road signs, which have symbols or pictures on them instead of words, are used. Also, when English teenagers learn to drive they place the letter "L" on their cars so other drivers know that they are beginners.

Janet visited many of the historical sites in and around London including Buckingham Palace, Windsor Castle, Westminster Abbey, Parliament, and the Tower of London. "I enjoyed the Tower the most," admitted Janet. "It was full of English history."

The Tower of London, where the crown jewels are displayed, was once the home of the English monarchy. It later became a prison and a place of torture.

In much of England there is a contrast between the old and the new. "Southampton, where many new buildings have been constructed since World War II, is one example of the contrasts," explained Janet. "At the end of a street where there were many new buildings, there remained an old castle gate."

Traveling to London, Janet discovered that England's capital looks like New York City. One thing different from New York is that the

people are not afraid to walk in the city at night.

"The buildings are all sooty and dirty," related Janet, "but this is because London is an industrial city."

In London there are not many department stores or supermarkets. Instead there are many little shops, each selling a certain kind of merchandise. "If you want to buy a camera you go to a camera store, or if you want to purchase meat you go to the butcher," explained Janet.

Almost all the stores close around 5:30 p.m. They are also closed for lunch from around 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Even the English pubs close around 11:30 p.m. "I don't see why people call it swinging London!" Janet exclaimed.

When Americans think of England they imagine big old mansions, the English butler, exquisite gardens, and peaceful surroundings. But they are mistaken because the English standard of living is much lower than that of America.

"The prices of food and clothing are about the same as those in the United States, but the average English salary is much lower than that of Americans," stated Janet.

Not everyone in England has a telephone, a large refrigerator, color television, central heating, or a car. Most people who do have cars own economy cars because the price of gas is two or three times the price found in the United States.

"English youth seem much more mature," Janet said. Teenagers finish school at age 16 and afterwards usually get jobs. Janet also found the English youth very fashion-conscious, with most girls wearing midi coats and boots. About 70 percent of the girls have their hair cut in the popular shag.

Janet had a chance to experience an English Christmas. The holiday is a lot less commercialized with very few outside decorations and Christmas lights.

"I saw only one Santa Claus the whole time I was in England!" exclaimed Janet. The children receive fewer gifts than children in the United States but are genuinely pleased with those they do receive.

## Praise and Protest

# 'Superstar' Draws Comments

By Kathy Dewey and Gail Dickerson

The rock opera "Jesus Christ Superstar" evokes both criticism and praise. The work is proclaimed as sincere and brilliant, and denounced as sacrilegious.

Recently, "Jesus Christ Superstar" was performed at the Playhouse in Wilmington. The performers put movement and feeling into their parts and brought life to the opera.

The music and lyrics were beautiful. The music encompassed rock, ragtime, and symphonic. Perhaps the most controversial piece is "King Herod's Song," written in early twenties style and depicting Christ's abuse by Herod.

Many lines in the song are objectionable to some people, such as "Prove to me that you're divine. Change my water into wine." However, it is probable that Herod did mock Jesus in a similar fashion.

We selected "Gethsemane" as the most poignant song. It tells of Christ's agony in the garden in a very moving way. Anger, frustration, and acceptance are woven into this song.

The characterizations of the people in Christ's life and of Christ himself are unorthodox. For example, Judas is portrayed as a disillusioned idealist, not as a black-hearted traitor.

He has qualms about betraying Christ as in "Heaven on their Minds," "Listen Jesus to the warning I give. Don't you see that I want us to live," but somehow he feels compelled to carry it out, as explained in "Blood Money," "I have no thought about my own reward. I really didn't come here of my own accord."

Judas feels that he is victim of circumstances and while dying asks God why he was chosen to commit the crime of betraying Christ.

Bruce Scott, who portrayed Judas in the Playhouse presentation, performed his part skillfully. His convincing interpretation of Judas as a man to be pitied rather than hated, was impressive.

Tom Westerman performed the part of Christ fantastically. The rock opera emphasizes Christ's humanity and leaves the question of Christ's divinity up to the individual.

Writers Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice explain, "We

purposely avoided any reference to Christ's divinity, choosing to end our story with his death rather than the resurrection. Our intention was to take no religious stand on our subject matter at all, but rather to ask questions."

Conradians voice different opinions of the rock opera. Senior Kathy Mahoney is representative of those who approve of the opera. "I saw the performance at the Playhouse, and I'd like to see it again," she commented. "The whole idea of the opera was to make Christ seem more human, more relevant."

Senior Diane MacKenzie Disagrees, "I think it's good in that it arouses people's interest in God, but it makes Christ seem too human. The most important part of Christ's life, the resurrection, is completely left out."

Whether or not this unorthodox version of Christ's life offends traditional theological viewpoints, it is magnificently presented and superbly sung. We feel that the writers genuinely attempted to present Christ's life in a manner that they felt was contemporary. All in all, we enjoyed the opera thoroughly and feel that the performance was well worth the money.

## Student Reveals Truth About Principal's Duties

By Cindy Beckley

Assistant principal — what an easy job! He gets the title, and the principal gets all the work.

Such was the train of thought going through my head as I threaded my way through the groups of chattering kids on my way to the office. For I was to spend a whole day with Assistant Principal Rolfe Wenner, so that I could write this feature on the day in the life of.

As I walked into the office, I got a hurried "hello," and then he turned to Miss Mary Ann Clawson and spouted off a number of people he had to get in touch with. So, in return, she named a list of people trying to get in touch with him.

And thus passed the first period. He would get about five words of ex-

planation as to his duties out of his mouth, and there would be another phone call.

The second period was much more productive, for I learned of a few of the changes Mr Wenner was working on in curriculum. Along with Assistant Principal Louis Ott, Mr. Wenner is in charge of all curriculum and scheduling.

Just a few of the programs he is working on include: a new selectric composer for the business department, renovation of the fourth floor book storage room through the building maintenance program, and plans for building a room from the annex through the wood storage room to house a future graphic arts department.

Mr. Wenner also attends state ed-

ucation meetings, writes program proposals for federal funds for things like the selectric composer and the building maintenance program. He works with the guidance counselors on drop-outs, and cooperates with the school psychologist on referral of students for psychiatric analysis.

The third-period bell rang, and Mr. Wenner was off again — this time to teach his class on social problems.

Fourth period began and he arrived back in his office. The flow of words began again. Mr. Wenner explained that he must prepare for Middle States' Evaluation in 1974, and the teachers must be prepared also. So any of his free time is spent

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## Readers Write

# Honor Society Questioned

Dear Editor:

I am writing in regard to the situation of the National Honor Society. It stinks.

In other schools the Honor Society is an important organization. But at Conrad the Honor Society does absolutely zilch! I have heard many people express this same feeling, and the Honor Society is becoming more and more meaningless to its members.

I think this is a direct reflection on its "sponsor." If more initiative was put forth in this direction, the National Honor Society could become a more meaningful and constructive organization. There are numerous opportunities for community and school services that could be taken advantage of.

There is no reason why the Honor Society couldn't be more valuable to the school and the community. If it can't be, then it's totally unnecessary, in fact, hypocritical, to have such an organization.

Disgusted

Editor's note: We asked Mrs. Marion Roth, sponsor of the National Honor Society, to comment on this letter. Here is her reply.

Dear Disgusted:

I agree. Last year I called the Honor Society together and explained how important it was for them to be active in areas other than classroom work. I suggested they divide into groups and work on something serviceable to the school

or community, such as helping tutor our own students, or volunteering for the agencies in our community. I was rewarded with blank stares. No one came forward to offer anything. For the rest of the year I had to check on each individual to find out if each one was engaged in some worthwhile activity.

If any of the members want to work together on a project, I would be only too happy to direct them. Incidentally, I could not get one single member last year who was willing to go to the junior high school and speak at their Honor Society program.

If another faculty member wants to be your sponsor, be my guest.

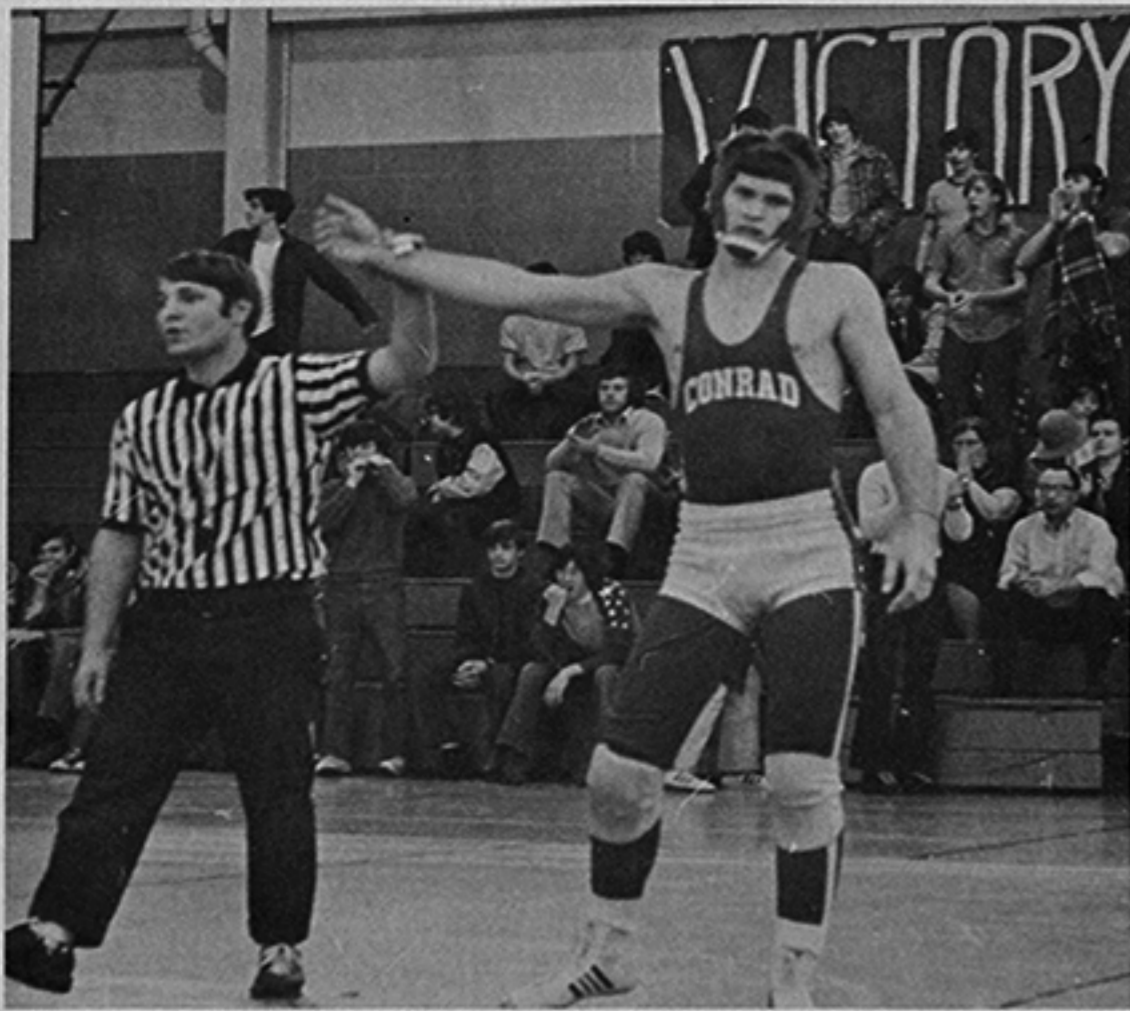
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Senior Wayne Anderson is declared the winner at the wrestling match against Wilmington High. Conrad won 54-1. (Photo by Don Gibson)

## Grapplers to Continue Loop Contests Tonight

The Conrad grapplers will continue their contests individually in the Blue Hen Conference tournament at 6:30 p.m. tonight at Newark High School. The preliminaries were held last night with the results unavailable at press time.

Tomorrow afternoon at 1 p.m. semi-finals will be held, with finals and consolations at 7 p.m. Coach Edgar Baker, commenting before the tournament, said, "I expect at least six out of our twelve wrestlers to win in their weight divisions."

"I would term this season a real success on the standpoint of wins and losses," stated Mr. Baker. "We were really disappointed in our loss to William Penn, but over-all it's been a great season."

The state tournaments are slated to begin February 25 at Delaware Field House. Friday night quarter finals will be wrestled, with semi-finals and finals on Saturday.

At press time, five Redskins had gone undefeated in conference play. They are seniors Mike Vanella, Bob Baker, Dana Swain, Wayne Anderson, and sophomore Zeb Ross.

## Winter Track Team Ready For Spring

With a 4-3 record under its belt at press time, the winter track team will compete in the state meet at the University of Delaware next Tuesday.

"We're not interested in whom we beat or who beats us," commented Coach Paul Eyanson. "Our main interest is in individual accomplishment."

The winter season has consisted of triangular and dual meets, all played at home. The first meet was in the rain against Norristown, a strong Pennsylvania team. Norristown won by a large margin. The team also lost twice to Sallies, but recorded no other losses.

The team went on to tally a win over Sallies and Bishop Egan in a triangle meet January 22.

The mile-relay team (consisting of Ryan Deshong, Robbie Furness, Francis Hubbs, and Preston Jennings) along with a few other participants, went to the Philadelphia Classics January 21, where the relay team placed fourth, setting a new indoor record for Conrad and qualifying to go to the Spectrum later that week.

Conrad romped over Dickinson, 45-8, February 12, to clinch second place in the Blue Hen Conference. Five pins were scored by seniors Dana Swain, Jim Durnum, Wayne Anderson, junior Ron Janusz, and sophomore Zeb Ross.

This final match brought the Redskins conference record to 8-1, with William Penn scoring the only win on the 'skins. This is the second year in a row that Conrad has been edged out of first place by the Colonials.

In earlier conference competition, the Redskins trounced Christiana 39-20 January 29 with pins by Mike Vanella, Jim Durnum, and Wayne Anderson.

Conrad then went on to destroy Wilmington February 5, 59-1. After the Redskin grapplers had racked up six big pins, Wayne Anderson and the Red Devils' Oscar Stewart met at 182.

After being pinned by Anderson, Stewart flung his head gear off the mat. Wilmington's sole two points, achieved in an earlier draw, were reduced to one by the referee.

Several members of the team went to the University of Delaware indoor track meet January 26, where senior Mark Armstrong won the shot-put event and set a school indoor record of 51'1".

"Winter track is mainly an individual sport," commented Armstrong. "Spring track is when the team starts to move. Last year we placed first in the Blue Hen Conference in spring track."

Some personal indoor bests were recorded by Tony Glenn in the shot-put; Earl Parker with a pole vault of 10'6"; and the two-mile relay team.

# Redskins Challenge Knights, Battle For Tourney Spot

The Redskin cagers will battle league-leading Mt. Pleasant tonight at home. The Green Knights will provide tough opposition for Conrad's vastly improved squad. Coach Vincent Scott's charges will be aiming for the upset of the year.

Facing a constantly improving Viking club the Redskins travel to Christiana Tuesday.

"They'll be a very dangerous team. They're out to get some good performances at the end of the year," commented Coach Vincent Scott.

The Redskins will travel to Wilmington High Thursday to face the Red Devils in a crucial battle. "It will probably be like the last game, nip and tuck all the way. A timely rebound or some good shots should decide it."

Concerning the state tournament in March, Mr. Scott noted that "chances were good, but every game is a potentially dangerous affair; there are no pushovers in the league."

"It's a very well-balanced league," he added. "Even though McKean is 1-10 (at press time), no team is out of any game. The tournament berths may not be determined until the final week."

At press time the team had a 9-4 record. "Experience is the only difference between this year and last, just experience."

"It's a very closely knit team. Everyone knows he plays a vital role in the team effort. Even though Bob Ryan is high scorer, he realizes that shooting is just a small part of the game. Speedy McMahon's assists and Bud Finney's timely rebounds and a great effort by the rest of the team also go in to make the total team effort," Coach Scott explained.

Mr. Scott also noted that personal pride and a drive for success spark the team. "This is what I'm most pleased about. They know what they have to do; they've accepted the responsibility. I don't beat them on the back!"

At press time Ryan was leading the Blue Hen flight A scoring race with 273 points. Skip Billips follows him with 129 points.

The Redskins used Bob Ryan's jump shot with one second left to down Wilmington 62-61 in a protested game. They followed that up with a 76-63 victory over a Dickinson

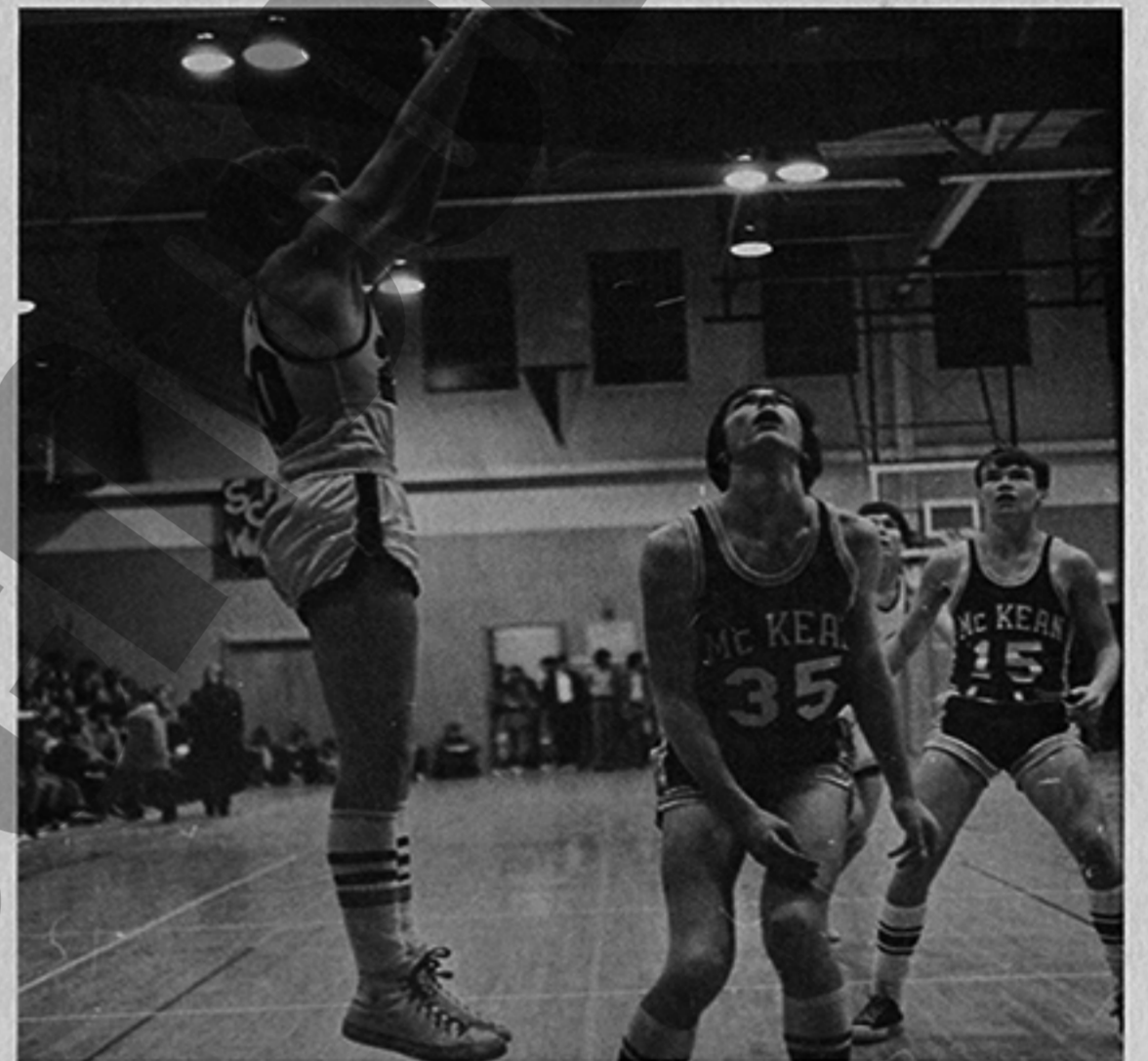
team they beat by only one point in January.

The Skins increased their streak to four games with a 62-35 pasting of then winless McKean.

The streak ended at Concord where the club dropped a heart-breaking 67-65 double-overtime loss to the Raiders.

Led by Ryan's 24 points, the Redskins won a crucial 67-57 victory over Brandywine in a battle for fourth place and the final spot for the state tourney.

Other results were not available at press time.



Junior Butch Sowden aims for the hoop at the McKean game. Conrad was victorious 62-35. (Photo by Don Gibson)

### Redskin Girls To Meet Rams

Continuing their strong rivalry, the Conrad girls' basketball team travels to Dickinson today to meet the Rams. A victory should clinch second place for the Redskins.

The girls were defeated by A. I. du Pont February 8, 25 to 28.

Redskins' team record is 7-3, with their first loss to Concord Raiders 29-41.

Senior players are Connie Hughes, Kathy Kraszewski, Bonnie Lane, and Mary Wisniewski. Juniors are Carol Haigh, Linda Hughes, Lauren Jones, Vicki Langrell, Anita Roberts, and Marcia Tjaden.

"Sophomores are a big part of the team," revealed Mrs. Jamis. Sophomores include Debbie Dykes, Mary Girouard, Juli Grandell, Debbie McKeever, Elsie Pappilli, Dawn Reno, Margaret Schaal, Tracy Short, Lori Smith, and Joann Tolino.

"This is the first year that I've seen so much talent and depth in a team," reflected senior Mary Wisniewski. "The action isn't centered on one player only; the whole team is involved."

The scoring among players is well-balanced and the team's average is 35 points per game.

## Attitude Problems, Injuries Plague Gymnastics Team

The Conrad gymnastics team, sporting a 1-4 record, has three meets left — one each with Brandywine, Mt. Pleasant, and Concord.

An injury to senior gymnast Paul Clark and what Coach Donald Kasner cites as an "attitude problem" have been the two main factors in the team's disappointing record.

Clark, who could have been the team's all-around man, was injured before he had a chance to compete. Whether or not he will return is unknown to Mr. Kasner.

Chris Amalfitano, who is now the team's all-around man, "has done a really good job," according to the coach. Amalfitano is undefeated in the horizontal-bar event.

Despite Amalfitano's showing, the team dropped its first meet to

Mount Pleasant 82-76. Coach Kasner feels "the team wasn't ready for the meet and could have done a lot better if it had worked harder."

He also states that because of a lack of determination, nobody has been able to back up Amalfitano. He says, "In gymnastics depth is a big thing."

Among the four losses was one to Northampton High School, near Allentown, Pennsylvania, a school which Coach Kasner felt was their strongest opponent. The score was 106-65.

Other results included a victory over Concord 82-54; a loss to Brandywine 88-75; and a loss to Henderson High, near West Chester, Pa., 105-79.

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Senior Kathleen Snyder, Conrad's Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow, contemplates her Latin assignment. (Photo by Diane MacKenzie)

## Price of Tickets Reflects Rising Cost of Living

The cost of living is going up! It now costs \$1.50 to get into a basketball game, a wrestling match, or a football game, instead of \$1 as in previous years.

The reason the increase has been made is that all operating expenses except the coaches' salaries must come from gate receipts. Admission is charged for only three athletic programs in the school, while 13 programs charge no admission fee.

"Each activity needs equipment, must pay traveling expenses to and from their matches, and in most cases must pay the officials," explained Mr. Earl Smith, principal.

"As everyone in the community is well aware, the cost of living has gone up. The cost of purchasing and of renovating equipment has jumped drastically in the past four years."

In addition, officials' fees have jumped approximately 50 percent in the past five years. And in those events where police are felt to be needed for supervision, a jump of 50 percent can be seen in the policemen's salaries.

"We feel the program is an excellent offering to our students," states Mr. Smith. "If we plan to maintain the program, we are going to have to meet the rise in costs."

"If gate receipts do not meet operating expenses we must either procure the money from outside sources or curtail the program." Based on figures from the 1969 season, gate receipts are approximately \$6,000 below estimated receipts.

Unlike a few other districts, the price for students attending home games has not increased. Tickets are still available at the regular price of \$1 if purchased during school hours.

At Wilmington High, Concord, and Brandywine, students must pay \$1.50, and the cost for a student ticket at McKean is \$1.25.

## Kathleen Snyder Wins Betty Crocker Contest

Senior Kathleen Snyder is Conrad's Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow for 1972. Chosen on the basis of her score in an examination taken by senior girls December 7, she was awarded a specially designed charm by General Mills, sponsor of the annual educational program. She is now eligible for state and national honors.

The state winner, selected from all school winners in the state, will be awarded a \$1500 college scholarship. Her school will be given a complete set of Encyclopaedia Britannica. The state winners, accompanied by a faculty adviser, will be given an expense-paid educational tour of Williamsburg, Virginia, and Washington, D.C.

The national winner will be chosen on the basis of personal ob-

servations during the tour and interviews. The national winner's scholarship will be increased to \$5000.

Kathy has also applied for the \$1000 Nutrition Scholarship, which was added to the Betty Crocker Search Program this year. To earn this award a girl must be planning a college major in nutrition or a related field, rank among the highest in her state overall examination, and have the top score (from those meeting the first two criteria) on the test's nutrition questions.

"I have my heart set on winning," says Kathy. "I really need the money." Practical experience evidently isn't much help on the test, for Kathy says, "I learned most from reading."

### Bulldozers Coming!

## Historic Dwelling to Die

Can the destruction of a house, one that is old, yet still has live springing from it, be classified as murder?

I am sure such a house — address 503 Burnside Boulevard, Newport. I am over 131 years old, three stories tall, painted white, and made of brick and stone.

I am a 10-room house featuring six bedrooms and a one-and-one-half baths. I have two cellars — one that has three rooms and one that has an unused well.

There are two staircases, one which winds up to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Filipkowski's room and another which leads up to their son

Bob's room on the third floor.

My family includes, in addition to Mr. and Mrs. Filipkowski, Frank, 28, Mike, 18, Bob, 17, John, 14, Missy the dog, and Charlie the parakeet.

My fireplace warmed strangers who came in from the cold, and the wooden beams in the kitchen ceiling still give an old-fashioned feeling.

The Filipkowskis have been asked to vacate me. At first the Highway Department offered them \$24,000. Their second and final offer is \$27,000. Since Mr. Filipkowski will retire in a few years, he doesn't want to start paying on a mortgage. He and his family want to fully pay for a brick house which would mean

less upkeep for Mrs. Filipkowski.

Plans for a highway began nearly six years ago, but it was only last summer that the highway department came to my door. I'm getting old and fragile and it would be too risky to try to move me to another location.

Any money spent to help cut down my decaying process would be wasted. Unless they wish to have a trial, the Filipkowskis must move by June, 1972.

Then my walls will not ring with laughter and bustle with life. Silence will prevail until the bulldozers and wreckers come to noisily take me away.

## Student Council Wins Study Hall Changes

Beginning early next week students will no longer be confined to either study hall or the library for the entire period. Sign-out and sign-in sheets will be provided for the students who wish to travel between the library and study hall. At the end of the period the lists will be compared and any student's name which cannot be found on both lists will be turned in for cutting.

This change came about as a result of a conference held between Mr. Earl Smith, principal, and Student Council officers. At first the council had hoped to regain the open study-hall system for the students, but after observing the current

study hall scene it was decided that most of the study halls are fairly relaxed. The possibility of having Student Council during school and having some type of student-faculty advisory board were also discussed.

The constitution committee, along with trying to rewrite the constitution is trying to make up the guidelines for the advisory board. The committee has set March 1 as the deadline for the completion of the constitution.

Also during this month the Council hopes to sponsor a bake sale and donate the total proceeds to the band for their trip.

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both the students and employers are pleased with it. According to Miss Hornung the students are benefiting from the program by learning things like the operation of various office machines and the responsibilities of a job, which cannot be taught in the classroom.

Regarding changes in the vocational education at Conrad for next year, Mr. Louis Ott, assistant principal, hopes that the district will obtain two trailers, one for the child development classes, and the other for the chef classes.

"If these two trailers are obtained, the programs of these courses will be expanded," said Mr. Ott.

Expansion of the basic program and placement of more seniors in jobs are revisions in store for building maintenance and co-op.

It is the hope of the Conrad district to eventually have some type of vocational training which will run from kindergarten through the twelfth grade. Plans on how to institute such a program and how to determine the guidelines for various occupational courses already being offered were discussed by non-academic junior and senior high school teachers February 10 in Richardson Park cafeteria.

In order to see how students taking vocationally oriented courses

feel about the boom in vocational education, a survey was taken involving students from the building maintenance classes, the chef class, the electric shop, and the distributive education classes.

When these students were asked what trade they planned to enter, a wide range of answers was received. Air-conditioning and refrigeration was the most prominent choice, while others included computer maintenance, welding, and accounting. The majority of students plan to enter trades because "it is where the money is" and because "there are good prospects for employment."

Building maintenance, computer knowledge, chef class, drafting, typing, and the shops, are some of the courses which the students feel influenced them in choosing a trade or career.

Regarding personal evaluation of the various courses, the majority of students seem to feel that their courses are effectively meeting their needs. In the area of building maintenance what most of the boys liked best about the course is working and learning simultaneously.

The participants in the chef class, although they may not be threats to the Galloping Gourmet, feel that the course has no room for improvement. They feel if you like to eat, you cannot help but like chef class.

Students enrolled in DE find themselves more knowledgeable when it comes to understanding how to sell things and how to cope with the business world.

"I like the DE program because it helps me understand what it is like out in the working world and it also helps me realize the value of money," said senior Cathy Zulinski.

A vast majority of students plan to continue their training at some type of vocational school, junior college, or community college. Although some plan to remain close to home and attend local schools like Delaware Technical and Community College, Goldey Beacom, Brandywine Junior College, and Del Castle (night school), others plan to attend out of state schools like Lenoir-Ryan Junior College, Lehigh Community College and the Philadelphia Training School.

## Daily Duties Revealed

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in observation and evaluations of teachers.

Following lunch duty (middle lunch) and his own lunch, Mr. Wenner arrived back in his office about 1:15 p.m. for a curriculum meeting with Mr. Ott and Mr. Paul Capodanno, guidance counselor.

Between the friendly arguments and discussions as to what name to give new courses, the three of them came up with the new course selection sheet for the junior and senior

high students during their three years at Conrad.

When I left for a band meeting at 2 p.m., the three were still busy at work on curriculum and scheduling.

Well, now I've finally figured out why Mr. Wenner's office isn't the neatest place in the school — he doesn't have time to clean up!!!

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Recent additions to All-State Band from Conrad include, from left: seniors Mark Paris, Pam Wood, Tom DiNetta. (Photo by Paul Socorso)

## Senior Soccer Player To Compete in England

Senior Shank McCorkle, will be traveling to England, along with 15 other scholastic soccer players from Delaware high schools, during the last week of April.

The trip is sponsored by Peter Green, Ltd. (West Chester, Pennsylvania) a sporting goods store. Brandywine's soccer coach sent out letters to various soccer prospects, including several Conrad team members inviting them to go.

However, as Robbie Furness, a

senior also, explained, "It's just too much money, though I'd really like to go." The cost of the expedition is \$450. Obviously Shank is the only one able to raise the needed amount.

While in England, Shank will receive a uniform and warm-up jacket. He, with the other Delawareans, will participate in matches against several English farm teams, and attend six professional soccer matches.

## Girls Face Lonely Life

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fast consists of cereal, eggs, bacon, donuts, juice and coffee.

At 9 a.m. the girls start their morning classes, which are very much like those of a high school. They encompass academic, business, or vocational studies. Included in the academic course are math, social studies, science, reading, English, and physical education.

Their vocational studies include upholstery, typing, sewing, horticulture, nursing and cosmetology. The basic difference is that if a girl reads on a third-grade level, she will be given a third-grade reader. Although she may wish to believe she reads on a tenth-grade level, she is kept at her level until she improves.

"Most of our girls are potential drop-outs," states Mrs. Ford. "They come from socially deprived areas where truancy is common. We try to supply them with the education they lack."

After classes and lunch the girls return to their cottages and spend leisure time from 4 p.m. till 5 p.m. Their activities are limited to a point, as they usually must have a counselor present. From 5 till 6 the girls eat dinner in the dining hall. After dinner, they are free to do whatever they want, providing it is within bounds.

They must do homework at the

library (which remains open till 9 p.m.) or just lounge in their rooms and play cards or dance. Music is provided via intercoms. At 9:30 the girls must go to bed. This does not mean the lights must go out, however, as they are permitted to read till 11 p.m.

Most all of the days resemble each other, but one night each week is set aside for club meetings, gymnastics and sports.

"Our behavior problems are similar to what you would find at any school such as this," states Mrs. Ford. "We are bothered by misbehavior problems every day. Sometimes the girls fight among themselves. They may use abusive language or refuse to do their chores, or they may even run away."

Describing the punishments initiated, Mrs. Ford says, "We work on a punishment-reward system. We try to evaluate each girl's specific problem and then act accordingly. If a girl runs away, we first try to determine why, and then we punish her."

"I ran away because one of the creeps in this place beat the hell out of me. I was afraid if I told and she found out, she'd beat me up again, and so I just ran away to prevent it," recalls Brenda, an extremely skinny, withdrawn 15-year-old.

"We would deal with a situation like this," explained Mrs. Ford, by

After heated debating, repetitious studying, and extensive rewriting, Conrad's district committee for the study of the Student Bill of Rights has sent its recommendations to the State Board of Education for approval.

Every Delaware school district, after reviewing the bill, was required to send its revisions to the state board no later than February 1. Conrad's recommendations will be decided on by the State Board by May 1.

Since a major part of the bill was founded on court cases, the State Board must review all of the recommendations that are submitted to them and make sure they are in accord with the precedents of court cases.

The bill is divided into 10 major parts covering everything in the student's school life from freedom of expression and communication to the role of police in the school.

A large part of the bill is already school policy, but there are new aspects that will become school policy by the beginning of the next school year.

Under the new policy an appeals procedure for any disciplinary action must be set up to comply with the student rights code. If a student has a problem, he must first discuss the matter with the school official. If an appeal is extended to the school superintendent or the school board, parental or guardian endorsement is required.

A paragraph that caused considerable debate among committee

members was the topic of freedom of expression.

In this paragraph it is stated that evaluation of a student's academic performance can be related only to subject matter content, the understanding of processes, and the development and application of learning skills. A student's grade should represent academic achievements and nothing else, according to the document as it now stands.

The question now seems to be whether student rights as stated in the document will be respected by teachers and administrators.

"I think that if the bill is publicized, so that the students know what rights they have," said Mrs. Andrea Cassel, member of the committee, "all of the rights, the appeal procedure, dress codes, and so on will be carried out."

While the bill was being revised, members of the students' rights committee were required to keep the bill confidential and to refrain from showing it to anyone. Copies are now available to the community.

Under the bill, certain responsibilities are delegated to student governments. Among these are the right to recommend action to the administration affecting students' educational betterments and the right to create guidelines and policies for various organizations.

# Student Rights Bill Finished Following Heated Discussion

## School Board News



### Substitute Fund Dwindling

"The only thing we're really worried about," stated District Superintendent Leon B. Elder, "is our substitute teacher money." The district had used \$10,000 of the appropriated \$19,470 by the end of December.

Within the first ten days of January \$2,635 more was used. "After the money runs out we will use volunteers, teachers aides, and parents to substitute," explained Mr. Elder. "There is even a possibility of asking interested seniors at Conrad to miss a day of their own school work to teach a few classes."

"It would be a nice experience for them and would help us out a lot." The Board will discuss this problem at their next meeting, February 22.

The Board of Education authorized the establishment of a Health Advisory Committee to assist in developing plans for the health instructional program and the student health programs. Representatives to this committee will be

selected by the Board February 22 from names supplied by the Health Curriculum Council and the school nurses.

Plans for the new Central Administration Building are at a stand-still as the board has not been able to get the zoning request off the New Castle County office's table. Presently they are trying to talk with the Woodcrest Civic Association.

A public hearing on the Student Rights policy was held in the auditorium of the Richardson Park School Tuesday. Mr. Rolfe Wenner, assistant principal, acted as chairman. Also present were board members, administrators, those who helped develop the policy, and interested parents and students.

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