

# Sun-soaked Band Plays for Disney

By Paul Socorso

At 7:30 a.m., Wednesday, April 5, 186 excited band members, twirlers, and chaperones heading for Walt Disney World assembled in the auditorium and answered to the roll call given by Mrs. Jeanne Wood, band association president. After the "all present" was announced, we boarded buses to go to the Wilmington Airport. Traveling on Basin Road, we caught a glimpse of the "monster" DC8 "stretched" jet that would fly us to Orlando; excitement mounted.

After boarding the jet, I inspected the pouch in front of my seat, finding a magazine, a stomach distress bag, and a card telling what to do in case the plane was going to crash. The latter two really helped build the confidence of those who had never flown before. The demonstra-

tion of how to use the oxygen system in case cabin pressure was lost, didn't help matters much, either.

The jet began crawling along slowly to the runway where we would take off. Having never flown before, I wished the pilot would decide to drive this thing all the way to Florida as he was doing then.

Suddenly the jet stopped. Then the engines let out a tremendous roar. The jet burst forward, ramming us back into our seats. Faster and faster, the plane moved forward until we were up and off the ground, leaving behind us envious parents and friends who came to see us off.

When we reached Orlando the pilot gave us a preview of Walt Disney World by flying over it, so that we could get a look at it from the air

The jet came closer and closer to the ground. Suddenly, the plane touched (banged would be a better word) down. We kept up a high speed on the ground, and I began to wonder if the plane stopped by itself or if it had to run into something to stop. Finally we reached a crawling speed and then stopped. Mass hysteria. We unbuckled our seat belts, reached for the things we had carried on the jet with us, and ran for the door. Stunned by the slight change in temperature, from 40 degrees in Wilmington to 80 degrees in Orlando, we shed our heavy coats.

Once inside the airport we had to walk what seemed like a mile to get to the main entrance. Outside again we got our first look at a genuine Florida palm tree, and sniffed the fresh air filled with the fragrance of orange blossoms.

On the way to the hotel we passed a McDonald's, a Gino's, and a Burger King. We knew if all other places to eat failed to satisfy us, we could turn to our old friends.

We proceeded to the hotel by bus, and the rest of the day was spent wandering around the hotel, exploring the city of Orlando, swimming, or just basking in the sun.

We rose at the ungodly hour of 5:30 a.m. and headed for the Picadilly restaurant which was about two miles from our hotel. They served a unique breakfast, which caused many of us to forget about eating. Each morning we were served scrambled eggs with spongy green chunks in them, limpy bacon or very rare sausage, fried potatoes, muffins, and a breakfast drink. And if we were still breathing after that we also had a glass of

dust-laden water.

After breakfast we boarded the buses again for the 15-minute ride to Walt Disney World. Actually the ride averaged 30 to 40 minutes. The first day the ride seemed even longer because everyone was really excited.

We finally made it through the gates and into the parking lot, where we caught our first glimpse of "Cinderella's Castle."

The tour began with a ride on a "tram" that took us to the entrance of "The Magic Kingdom." Inside "The Magic Kingdom" we could look directly down "Main Street U.S.A.," modeled after a typical 1890 town, and see the storybook-like "Cinderella's Castle."

After the train ride the tour led us through the six different lands in  
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## Jessie Jones Elected New Council President

Junior Jessie Jones was elected president of the Student Council by an overwhelming margin May 20. Other officers elected were juniors Jane Best, vice president; Carol Haigh, treasurer; and sophomore Debbie McKeever, secretary.

The all-girl executive board assumed their duties at the May 11 meeting.

This year the Council held elections in accordance with the provisions in the newly adopted constitution. In order to vote in the election it was necessary for students to register prior to election day. Approximately 100 students took part in the elections.

Nominations for officers took place at a mass meeting May 3 at which past activities and services of the Council, the organization of the Council, and future plans for the Council were discussed. The main purpose of the program was to develop interest in next year's Council. Seconding of the nominations and a brief question-answer period for presidential candidates, Jessie and junior Jean Croze, took place at the May 4 Council meeting.

Looking ahead as far as plans for next year's Council, Jessie seems to

be bursting with enthusiasm.

"Once again I would like to attempt to get a smoking lounge for the students. I'm not sure how successful I'll be, but I'll give it a try. I also would like to try to gain some senior rights for next year and also try to clean up the auditorium," stated Jessie.

Taking a glance back on the activities of the Council for the past year, the Council has accumulated quite a list. In addition to the annual Homecoming and Spirit Week festivities the Council has performed additional services not only within the school but also out in the community.

Closing out the activities for this year the Council hopes to award two \$150 scholarships to two graduating seniors who have displayed a great deal of school service while attending Conrad.

The Student Teacher Day, held yesterday, was organized by the Council and enabled seniors to assume various faculty and administrative positions for the day. The Council is currently investigating the possibility of a beach trip, June 9, but nothing definite has been set yet.

## New Cafeteria?

# Building Addition Proposed

A new cafeteria and expanded industrial arts and home economics departments are part of Conrad's future capital improvements program. The budget bill, if passed by the state legislature this summer, will provide 60 per cent of the funds necessary for the construction of a new wing at the north end of the building.

To obtain the remaining 40 per cent of the funds, a referendum to

increase taxes will be put before the community. If this, in turn, passes, bids will be taken from building firms and definite plans will be drawn up.

As the actual construction, if the wing is approved, will not begin for at least four years, current information about the project is speculative.

If the new wing is given the go-ahead by the state and the com-

munity, it will be constructed in the ground between the front driveway and Boxwood Road. Entrance to the wing will probably be gained by a corridor from the Boxwood Road entrance to the building.

With the cafeteria occupying the ground floor, new biology classrooms are tentatively planned for the upper floor of the addition. Biology instructors Jesse Malin and James Pletcher may then move to the new rooms, allowing the home economics suite to expand on the third floor of the old building.

As the current cafeteria annex will no longer be used in its present capacity, it will most probably be absorbed by the building maintenance course. The main cafeteria will provide space for the expansion of the industrial arts department or the transplanting of the art department from the third floor.

Some of the good points of the proposed addition, according to the administration are that the cafeteria will no longer be underground and the facilities may be made large enough, if practical, to require only two, rather than three separate lunch periods.

## Smoke Signal Ranks 2nd In State-wide Competition

The Smoke Signal fell into second place behind Christiana's Viking Voice earlier this spring, breaking off a three-year run as Delaware's best high school newspaper. The announcement came at the March 28 convention of the Delaware Scholastic Press Association in Seaford. Staff members Kevin Coogan and Cindy Beckley received first place awards for the convention's individual writing competi-

tions in speech reporting and feature writing respectively. New managing editor Don Gibson won third place in editorial cartooning.

The "best newspaper" contest was judged by the journalism department of Penn State University. Judges for individual competitions were provided by commercial newspapers throughout the state.

All competitions were state-wide.

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## New Courses Bring Interest To Next Year's Curriculum

By September the school's curriculum will have swelled by the introduction of 17 entirely new courses and the transformation of seven others. The product of the incentive of numerous Conrad teachers, the new courses and changes have already been given the green light by Assistant Principals Rolfe Wenner and Louis Ott, District Director of Curriculum Jack Caum, and the State Department of Public Instruction.

Intermediate bookkeeping, a senior co-operative work course, food training for graduates of boys' chefs' class, a building maintenance co-op course for seniors, and a diversified occupations course are being introduced next year.

Other altered courses include economics, split into one-semester mini-courses of consumer economics and comparative economic systems; psychology, divided into semester-long courses entitled Introduction to Psychology and General Psychology; Child Development I and II renamed World of Children and Working with Children, respectively; and Shorthand II and Transcription now open to juniors.

A big renovation in the English courses involves the option of taking Journalism I, or the new humanities or creative writing course in lieu of either English III or IV.

New mini-course electives in the social studies department are War in Modern Society, Public Opinion

and Social Control, History of the American West, Shakespeare and History, Black and Ethnic History, and Mystique of the Middle East.

In the science field, bio-chemistry and organic chemistry will be offered to physics graduates. The art department will offer a full-year photography course, and the foreign language department is making preparations for German V.

The physical education program has been modified to enable juniors passing eleventh grade phys ed to skip gym in their senior year, unless they choose to take it as an elective.

In comparison to the many new courses Conrad is receiving, only one is being discontinued. Library Skills will no longer exist due to lack of student interest.



## Planning Legislation?

Juniors Tom Cekine, Mark Comegys and Ed LaRock have been selected to represent Conrad in the Thirtieth Annual Delaware Boys' State to be held in Dover, June 17-21. Nominated and selected by the faculty, the boys will meet with the state legislature and will have discussions about state government. Boys' State is sponsored by the American Legion. Photo by Paul Socorso.



## Planned Parenthood Lauded

Last month's Planned Parenthood presentations were resounding proof that students can be taken seriously as young adults.

Although the introductory assembly was hampered by poor acoustics, the following morning's discussion groups were rewarding for all involved. Covering pre-marital sex, contraception, pregnancy, and abortion, the sessions offered a rare opportunity for the exchange of straight talk and information.

We feel that intelligent discussions in these vital areas are often hampered by lack of information, self-consciousness, and immature attitudes. We, therefore, commend the participating students and Planned Parenthood representatives for the earnest and informal atmosphere of these sessions.

Although some students felt parts of the presentations were boring, we feel that the program as a whole was extremely worthwhile and sincerely hope it will be repeated in future years for the benefit of other students. Perhaps parents, teachers, and administrators may also be involved.

## 1971-72 Record Looks Good

With June just around the corner and students already restless at their desks, now is a fitting time to exercise our 20-20 hindsight and take a glance at the 1971-1972 school year.

Back in autumn, the cross country team ran its way into a tie for second in the conference behind outstanding performances by junior Preston Jennings.

The wrestling team wound up in second place in the conference, sending Bobby Baker, Butch Colazzo and Wayne Anderson to the state tournament to take first, second and third places respectively.

Behind the masterful footwork of regional All-American Robbie Furness and all-staters Shank McCorkle, Bob Kelly and Bob Mays, the soccer team tied for first place in the conference.

The basketball team drove their way into the finals with immeasurable assistance from all-stater Bob Ryan on the hardwood and Coach-of-the-Year Vincent Scott along the sidelines.

On the academic side, with President Kathy Grimes at the helm, the Student Council won a determined struggle to reopen the library to all students all of the time. The Council also established a working constitution after two years spent renovating it.

Mr. Charles Lykens and Miss Leann Hornung embarked on career education courses this year, resulting in the highly successful building maintenance course and co-op business course.

The band managed to finagle enough capital this year to send them to Disney World, Florida, where their performance was met with local acclaim by Disney World tourists.

The baseball team is already undefeated with 11 wins tucked under their belts (at press time), thanks to the pitching expertise of junior Rick Brown and senior Bud Finney.

The track team is also streaking towards an outstanding season, having lost only one meet at press time.

To all those listed here, and the many other outstanding athletes and academicians who have made this year a memorable one, we tip our hats and emphatically say, "well done!"

## Faulty Showers Questioned

Four out of sixteen — that's a losing record for anything. However, this record does not pertain to sports, but concerns the number of properly functioning showers in the old section of the boys' locker room.

By "properly" working, I mean that these four survivors still can regulate hot and cold water and keep up a steady flow. The other 12 only trickle, or dispense only cold water.

Put an average gym class of about 35 guys, each trying to take a shower within the eight minutes provided, into this ill-equipped shower room. The result is many either go without showers or are late for their next class.

According to Principal Earl Smith, the showers are repaired each summer and are in working order by September.

The question is then raised as to how the showers break down in such a short time. It may be that athletic teams using the showers before school opens are to blame, or else the plumbing work done leaves something to be desired.

Whatever the reason for the showers' deterioration, why can't the showers be given periodic inspections and repairs if necessary rather than just once during the summer?

This action might just reduce the number of students late to class from gym, as well as wash a lot of sweaty bodies.

# Seniors Reckon Year's Value; Propose School Improvements

After three years of Conrad, what would you like to see changed in the school? A group of seniors were recently asked to answer this question.

Being allowed to leave the building during study hall and for lunch was the most popular answer. Updating the library and revising the guidance department tied for second place in this survey, while providing a smoking lounge came in a close third.

Surprisingly, (since only seniors were asked to answer this question) the idea of more senior privileges placed only fourth. Maybe this year's graduates figure that, "Since we couldn't have many privileges, why should they?"

Diane MacKenzie feels that both the library and the guidance department are in need of more up-to-date materials. "Much of the information on careers in the guidance office and many of the reference books in the library are not recent," she stated.

According to Denise Edwards, the guidance department is too impersonal. Other seniors would like to see a specialization of the guidance counselors. One guidance counselor for college-bound students, one for vocational, and one for general students was suggested.

Kathy Snyder feels that the library should be opened as soon as the school doors are opened in the morning. "I wasn't allowed to enter the library one morning at 7:45," she complains.

Debbie Fontello would like to see the library completely changed and would also like to see more participation in the Student Council.

"The school should provide some kind of facilities for recreation for kids on weekends," said Kevin Coogan. He and Margaret Dykes jokingly came up with the idea of "organized orgies" as a suggestion.

Kevin thinks the school should also provide more career oriented courses. "It should concentrate more on students getting jobs," he stated.

Mary Galanes would like to see a better student-teacher relationship. "The teacher shouldn't be so much of a God, with the student being so inferior," she stated. As a means of improving this situation Mary suggests smaller classes and personal conferences between teachers and students.

Cindy Beckley thinks some teachers should be replaced. "But I don't want to mention any names," said Cindy.

Kirk Johnson feels that more attention should be devoted to the music and drama programs. His only other gripes are the poor care of the auditorium and stage, and the limited variety of food in the cafeteria.

Donna Combs suggests a smoking lounge in solution to the problem of smoke and trash-filled lavatories. "Besides keeping the lavatories cleaner," she explained, "if a smoking lounge was provided, kids wouldn't have to bag classes to

sneak into the lavatory to smoke."

The present English courses were another main problem discussed by seniors. According to Gail Dickerson, her English course is the one giving her the most problems. "I'm in a class with a combination of kids who want to learn and kids who don't want to learn. I can't learn anything," she complains.

Cindy Stabnau also dislikes her English class. "Next year's system sounds good where you can change teachers," she stated.

Jim Allen feels that more extra-curricular activities would be beneficial. He suggests dances and other types of recreation other than sports.

"The Student Council should have some type of definite power," contributes Kathy Dewey. "Right now all they can do is make suggestions."

Kathy Kraszewski's first reaction to the question, "What would you like to see changed in Conrad," was, "I don't care; I'm leaving." Sara Angelini's was, "Seniors should get out a month before everyone else." And Dave Darone's was, "A new set of swings."

With a fierce gleam in his eyes, Tom Ziegert bluntly replied, "The teachers should be fired and the kids thrown out. And you can quote me."

The question seemed to have a strange effect on Mike Goldsmith; he merely rolled his eyes upward, sighed, and walked away, mumbling under his breath.

## Readers Write

# Band, Twirlers Say Thanks

Dear Editor:

We of the Conrad band and twirling corps would like to say thank you to the community and school district for helping make possible our trip to Walt Disney World, with special thanks going to Mr. Dave Casto and Mrs. Jeanne Wood. Without their careful planning, hard work, and continuous efforts, the trip would not have been possible. We would also like to thank the following outstanding contributors for helping us reach our goal: Mr. Leon B. Elder and the school district cafeteria workers for donating the proceeds from a district-wide spaghetti dinner; Mrs. Mary Collings for all proceeds from chances for a week in Wildwood at the Hotel Pennsylvania; Mr. Jim Shaw, Mr. Carroll Humphrey, and all those parents and friends for donating their time and proceeds from a very successful Variety Show; Modern Press for donating programs and

tickets for the Variety Show; the Elsmere Fire Company for the use of their hall one evening for Monte Carlo Night; Mr. Mel Harting, manager of Burger King, for donating half the profits from two evenings of sales; the Getty Oil Company for its donation of \$500; the Anna Maria Dance Studio for donating all proceeds from a ballet; Mr. S. Cooper Gregg and the Gregg Bus Company for donating bus transportation to and from Wilmington Airport; and Mr. Dean Whittaker and American Van Lines for donating a van to transport luggage and instruments to and from the airport.

Finally we would like to thank the parents and teachers who chaperoned the trip and, of course, the countless number of people in the community for all of their contributions.

The Conrad Band  
and Twirling Corps

Dear Editor:

Maybe Women's Liberation has something going for them. They are fighting for recognition. Our high school girls' softball team believes that we are just as good as the boys, and should have as much news coverage in regard to our games. This includes our volleyball team, basketball team, etc. We are in the Blue Hen Conference, practice very hard, have tryouts, and compete with other high schools, but the only praise we get is from "Our Coach."

Our contribution to the sports page is usually a few lines which take a magnifying glass to find. We are not only rooting for our own high school, but for all girls' teams in Delaware.

A concerned student

**Editor's Note: We plead guilty to this charge and promise that in the future the Smoke Signal will give due coverage to girls' sports.**

**Readers interested in girls' sports are referred to the tennis and softball articles on pages 4 and 5.**

**The staff appreciates readers' comments and suggestions.**

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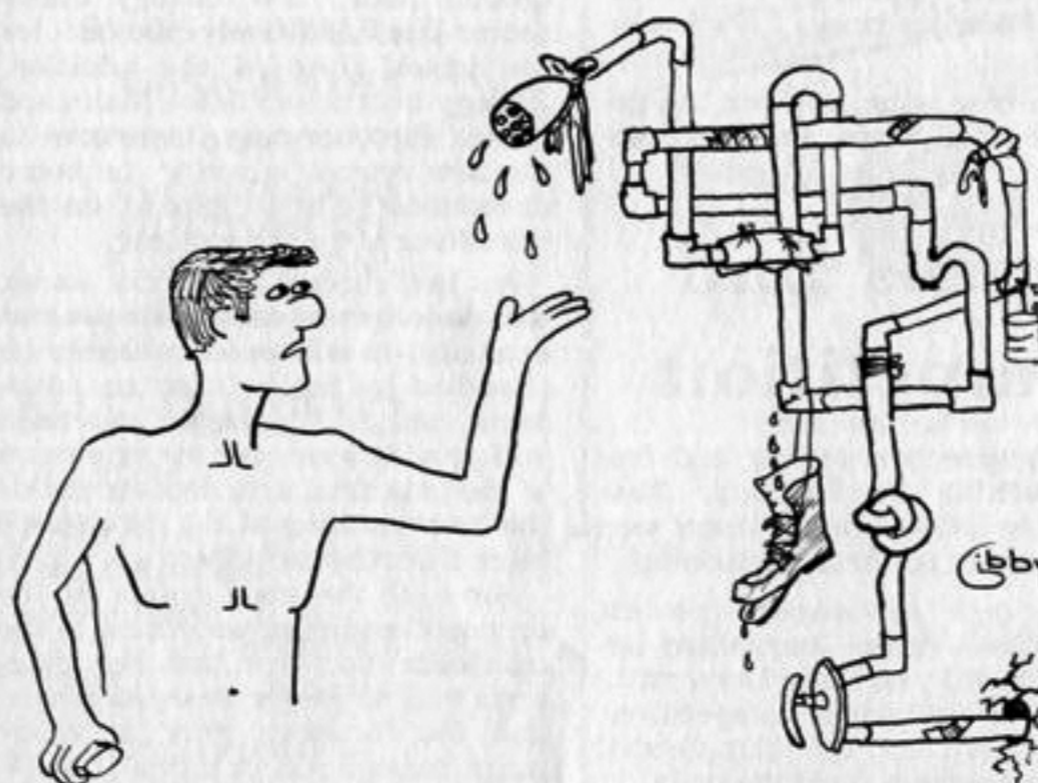
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A JOB FOR BUILDING MAINTENANCE?



# Cave Explorers Seek Adventure

By Ed LaRock

Straining through muddy crawlways, descending deep pits by rope, climbing rock ledges, or walking beneath tons of rock formations — sounds insane, doesn't it? However, all of these are looked upon as fun or challenging in the art of spelunking or cave exploring.

Caving is a sport growing rapidly in popularity. Science is blended with exercise, excitement, discovery, and a small amount of danger in caves.

About 25,000 explorable caves are known in the United States, an estimated 25,000 have yet to be discovered. Most caves occur in soft rock called limestone, but can be found in other rocks on occasion.

The National Speleological Society has been in existence since 1941 and is composed of cavers who study the caves in our country. Its 3,500 members meet together at local chapters called grottoes. The nearest grotto to Conrad is in Philadelphia.

Weird rock formations, rivers plunging deep into the earth, strange animal life, and historic

relics are to be found in caves. Scenic beauty in stone, scientific finds, and adventure attract people beneath the earth.

However, vandalism is an ever increasing problem in caves. Delicate rock formations or remnants of ancient man have been thoughtlessly destroyed by the casual cave visitor. The motto of the NSS is, "When in caves, take only pictures, leave only footprints."

Maintaining good caver-cave owner relationships is considered "caving courtesy" by the NSS. Checking with the owner upon entering his cave and respecting his property are necessary to prevent cave closings.

The real danger of caving occurs only to those who are unprepared, foolish, and unskilled in the subterranean world. Accidents usually happen to the Sunday caver who attempts to explore a cave with a single flashlight or climb into a pit with a length of clothesline.

Getting lost and falling are common problems of unskilled neophytes. However, the NSS has a fine safety record in this respect.

Freak mishaps of falling rocks and sudden floods have only a slim chance of happening. With proper care, skill, and preparation, the challenge of the underworld can be met with relative safety.

Recently, junior Don Gibson, my sophomore brother Mark, and I accepted the challenge. We traveled to Wind Cave on the banks of the Susquehanna River in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, where we prepared for our underground exploration with confidence.

We hiked to the cave entrance upon a rock ledge where a narrow slit opened into darkness. After starting my carbide headlamp, I followed the sloping entrance passageway downward and caught my last glimpse of sunlight.

The cave presented us with many challenges. We found it necessary to traverse rock ledges and crawl through muddy crawlways in our exploration. Frozen walls of ice, dangling icicles, and columns of frozen water glistened in our lights.

Because the cave maintains a cold temperature year round, it is

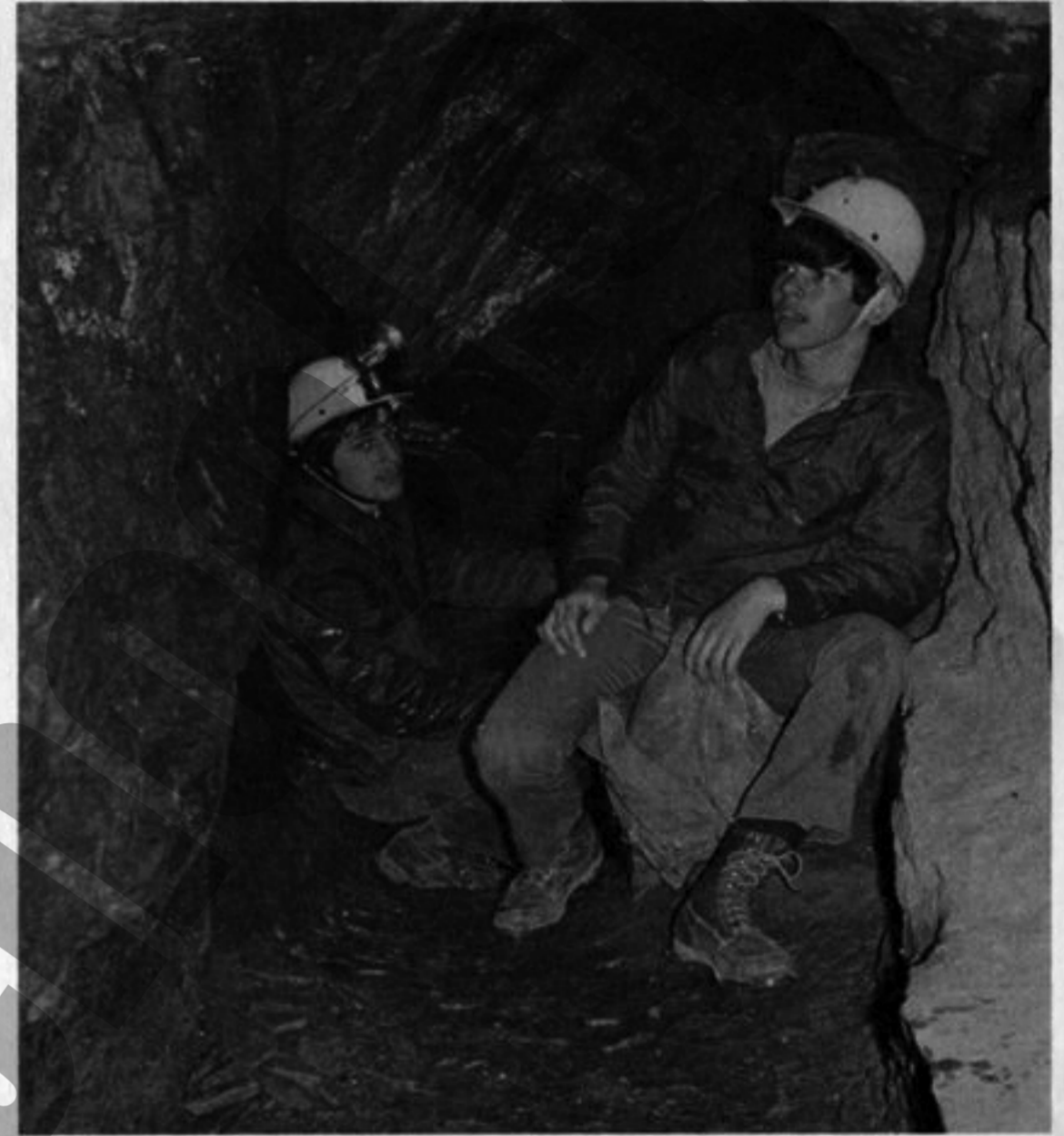
possible for water seeping in during the winter to freeze and create ice formations. The ice sometimes lasts into the summer months.

In the "living room" of the cave we descended a pit by rope and a series of ledges to a lower level, looking for another large room we were told was down there.

Glancing at our watches, we

noted that we had been underground for four hours. It was time to leave, and so we regretfully made our exit from Wind Cave.

The afternoon sun dazed our eyes which had become accustomed to darkness. We walked back to the car wet, muddy, and tired, but happy that we had met a challenge underground.



Junior Ed LaRock (left) and his brother, Mark, explore lower level of Wind Cave in Pennsylvania. Photo by Don Gibson.

## Neil Who?

# Apollo Star Dims With Time

By Don Gibson

Quick! Who was the first man on the moon?

"Frank Anderson?"

"John O'Neil?"

"Nikita Khrushchev?"

to know the answer to the question you're wrong.

The name Neil Armstrong was as common a household word as Spiro T. Agnew back in July, 1969, when he became the first human to walk on the moon. What has happened in that long, three-year lapse. Have we just filed Armstrong under "A" in some dark corner of that big dust-box on top of our shoulders?

How can one remember a name like Neil Armstrong if it isn't going to be on a history test, and was last mentioned over 800 Walter Cronkite reports ago? Or maybe we just don't want to know.

Interested in finding out, I conducted an informal survey. On April 26 I polled what I hoped to be a wholesome cross-section of Conrad students — 11 girls, 11 boys, and 7 teachers. My first question: Who was the first man on the moon?

Of the entire 29, 12, or about 41 per cent, couldn't come up with the right answer. For a space fanatic like myself this was bad enough, but closer examination revealed that four of the seven teachers asked didn't know Neil Armstrong, either!

With the remaining 22 students, I ran the risk of being attacked by Women's Libbers by cataloging the girls' and boys' responses separately. Surprisingly, every one of the 11 boys could name the first lunar walker, while 8 of the 11 girls could not.

In an attempt to determine whether the students simply couldn't remember Neil Armstrong's name, or they didn't care enough to remember the name, I posed two more questions, these pertaining to the Apollo 16 space flight, which was still in progress when the survey was taken. Question number two: Do the names "Casper" and "Orion" mean anything to you regarding spaceflight, in particular

Apollo 16? The third question: How many of the Apollo 16 astronauts can you name?

When asked if they could identify the code names "Casper" (for the command module) and "Orion" girls replied that they knew nothing. One knew the nomenclature precisely. Nine of the boys readily knew the names and corresponding designations, one had a vague notion to their meaning, and to the remaining one, "Casper" and "Orion" meant nothing. The teachers were fairly evenly split with two knowing the terms, three vaguely, and two not at all.

For citing the astronauts on board Apollo 16, the boys again dominated the column of "knowers" and the girls resigned to the "not-knowers" list. Eight girls knew neither Young, Mattingly, nor Duke; two could name one astronaut; and one girl could name two. No girls' responses included all three space explorers' names.

Of the boys, however, five could recite all three astronauts' names; three could name two crewmen; three boys could recall one name; and one could name none of the Apollo 16 crew. But the girls were not alone in the standings — the teachers also made a poor showing: none of the seven could remember Young, Mattingly, and Duke; one struggled for two names; two teachers scraped up one name; but the majority — the remaining four — knew none of the astronauts.

So far the survey eliminated the possibility of simply forgetting past space accomplishments, and was beginning to give the impression space exploration was slowly losing disciples. To hopefully disclude this latter thought, I put one final question to the students polled: Do you favor the space program?

To each of my three previous questions the majority of boys replied affirmatively — 100 per cent knew Neil Armstrong, 82 per cent knew the code-names "Casper" and "Orion", and 72 per cent could name two or three of the Apollo 16 crew. In the girls' column, 63 per cent favored the space program in answer to the first question, 63 per cent answered affirmatively to the second, and 63 per cent answered affirmatively to the third. In the boys' column, 99 per cent favored the space program, 99 per cent answered affirmatively to the second, and 99 per cent answered affirmatively to the third. In the girls' column, 63 per cent favored the space program, 63 per cent answered affirmatively to the second, and 63 per cent answered affirmatively to the third.

When boiled down, these statistics say, "Most young men favor space flight and follow the missions relatively closely. Most young women oppose a space program, apparently couldn't care less about astronauts and spaceships, and would rather see the money invested elsewhere."

But NASA, the current space program, and the future of mankind cannot continue solely for the enthusiasm of the 'majority' of teenaged boys, nor can it be abruptly halted for the 'majority' of economic-minded teenaged girls, but will depend on the open-minded evaluation by the "governing" generation — the "older" generation — by that time, our generation.

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Senior shortstop Gregg Dambach guns to first base as junior Mark Lenza looks on. Photo by Gary Lafferty.

## Redskin Nine to Face Rams in Season Finale

Conrad's baseball team goes into its final game today against Dickinson at Conrad.

Led by senior left-hander Bud Finney and junior left-hander Rick Brown, the Redskin pitching staff has given up only 18 runs in 10 games for an average of 1.8 runs a game.

The southpaw duo has not been beaten with Finney 7-0 and Brown 4-0.

Besides Finney and Brown alternating between the mound and first base (Brown playing first when Finney pitches and vice versa), the rest of Coach Harry Davies' team looks like this: senior Kenny Hall, second base; senior Gregg Dambach, shortstop; senior Bob Baker, third base; senior Jamey Webb, catcher; junior Mark Lenza, center field; senior Rob Meys, right field; and seniors Tom Deptula and Larry Lorrenzoni and junior John Nowell in left field.

Conrad opened up by beating Dickinson 4-3 behind the pitching of Finney.

Finney then made it four straight by beating Newark 5-1, McKean 6-3, and Christiana 4-2.

Brown then one-hit Concord to

win 3-0 followed by Finney's fifth win over Mt. Pleasant, 1-0, and Brown's 10-0 victory over Christiana.

Finney tabbed his fifth, sixth, and seventh wins by beating McKean 4-1, shutting out William Penn 2-0, and beating Brandywine 9-5 while striking out 14.

Brown then beat Wilmington 11-3. He struck out 10 in five innings before Coach Davies emptied the bench and brought in junior right-hander Scott DeBoda, who has seen limited action this year.

The Wilmington game gave the team an 11-0 record with two games remaining. The results of the Newark were not available at press time.

The Redskins are assured of a state tournament berth and at least a first-place tie in the conference.

Leading batting averages after the Wilmington game were as follows:

Jamie Webb	.428
Greg Dambach	.410
Rick Brown	.370
Mark Lenza	.355
Rob Meys	.344



Rick Brown takes his lead off first base in the Mt. Pleasant game. Photo by Tom Cekine.

## Netmen Hope For .500 Season

The boys' tennis team, with one match remaining, is ending a disappointing season with a 4-4 conference record and a 5-7 over-all record at press time.

The Conrad netmen close out their season today with a match against Friends School.

Looking ahead to next year, Mark Paris remarked, "The loss of all the starting players will certainly not help next year's team."

Coach David Hipp reports that the success of next year's team will depend upon what the boys do during the summer.

"With 8 sophomores on the squad next year looks like a rebuilding year," he said.

Coach Hipp hopes that the boys' showing in the state tournament, which begins Monday, will be better than their season's performance.

The Conrad racketeers dropped their opening match to a strong Sanford team, 0-5, but were vindicated a week later by overcoming Claymont 3-2.

Upset at the hands of a surprisingly strong Sallies team, the Redskins established a short-lived winning streak by downing both Christiana and McKean by scores of 3-2 and 4-1.

Unfortunately, the streak was offset by losses to Concord, Mr. Pleasant, and A. I. duPont with scores of 1-4, 0-5, 0-5, respectively.

The Skins made an admirable showing against Wilmington and William Penn by blanking both 5-0.

The boys then made an about-face and were shut out by both Brandywine and Dickinson, 0-5.

The results of the Newark match on Tuesday were not available at press time.

## Girls' Tennis Team Having Tough Year

Conrad's girls' tennis team, in a rebuilding year, is 1-8. The team has had a disappointing year, being shut out six straight times.

Despite the poor record, Coach Marie Stranahan is optimistic about next year's team. Mrs. Stranahan stated that the team has shown "steady improvement" and sees good potential for next season.

Leader of the team are Jessie Jones, first singles; Cindy Szwed, second singles; Debbie McKeever, third singles; Debbie Fontello and Lu Ann Venuti, first doubles; Kathy Trieble, and Anita Roberts, second doubles.

The team's bright spot was a 4-1 victory over De La Warr. That lone win was keyed by victories from junior Cindy Szwed, sophomore Debbie McKeever, the doubles team of senior Debbie Fontello and junior Lu Ann Venuti, and the doubles team of juniors Jessie Jones and Kathy Trieble.



Senior Bob Ryan drops in a putt during the Sallies match. Photo by Don Gibson.

## Golf Team to Face Dickinson Rams Today

The golf team will meet Dickinson today in what is expected to be one of the toughest matches of the season.

Coach Hugh Patterson cites Dickinson as being one of the team's hardest competitors, along with Sallies and A. I. duPont.

Led by junior Dave Powell and senior Bobby Ryan in the first and second positions, the golf team has had a winning season, losing only to Sallies and A.I. at press time.

The rest of the six-man team is filled out by junior Jim Malloy, senior Wayne Alphin, junior Billy Wertz, and sophomore Lou Bartoli.

The first match, played at Sallies' home course, was lost 2-7, Dave Powell being the only scorer.

Undaunted by this early loss, the team went on to beat Claymont 8½-½, April 19; Sanford 6½-2½, April 20; and Sallies 5½-3½ on our home course, Hercules, April 24.

The next match was dropped to A.I. duPont 1-8, May 1; but the team recovered to beat Newark 5½-3½, May 5; and Christiana 8-1, May 8.

The golf team has only two matches left, against Brandywine on Monday, and Wilmington, next Thursday.

Powell and Ryan both have attained winning records. Powell remained undefeated with a record of 6-0-1 in seven matches at press time. He reached this record starting four times at first position and three at second. Ryan, with a record of 4-3, started the first three matches in the number one position; but played the last four in the number two spot.



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# Solitary Loss to Newark Mars Winning Track Season

A solitary loss to Newark High ironically may make the 1973 track season a total catastrophe. Extraordinary as it may seem, if the Conradians don't end the year as the champions of the Blue Hen Conference, Coaches Paul Eyanson and William Legge, as well as the team, will consider the season a complete loss.

The Redskins opened the season with a win over Lansdale April 1. This meet was primarily a warm-up for the first intra-state meet against P.S. DuPont April 19.

Conrad defeated the Dynamiters 89½-37½. Senior Ryan Deshong swept the 100- and 200-yard dashes, as the Redskins prepared for their next foe, Salesianum.

"We had a fine over-all performance against P.S., but we're really looking forward to the Sallies meet," Coach Eyanson remarked after the win.

Preparing early for Sallies paid off as Conrad whipped the Sals 73-54, handing them their first loss after a long winning streak.

"I think we're pretty much on our way now," commented Mr. Eyanson. "I'm really looking forward to the upcoming meets."

Robbie Furness, Ryan Deshong, and Ron Janusz paced the Redskins, each earning three first places.

After the meet the track team and coaches yelled, jumped, and hugged one another as they claimed the number one position in the conference and hopefully the state.

In its fourth consecutive home meet with the Christiana Vikings, Conrad won with an identical score of 73-54. Deshong sprinted to victories in the 100-, 220-, and 440-yard dashes to score a fifth of the entire Redskin total.

Then disaster fell in the form of a team of "yellowjackets" — alias the Newark track team.

Despite a genuine effort by Ron Janusz, who won the 120-high hurdles, placed second in the long jump, and was a member of the victorious 880-relay team and Ryan Deshong, winner of the 220-yard dash and the 180 low hurdles and second in the 100-yard dash with a time of 10.1 seconds, the Conradians were upset 69-58.

"We just have to hope that Newark loses at least one meet," Coach Eyanson said. "This one was really a heartbreaker. We just have to show that we are champs and come back and win the remaining meets. Defeating Wilmington, Dickinson, and William Penn, will be tough, however."

"What a scare," sighed Assistant Coach Legge immediately following the Mt. Pleasant meet. "A few poor performances almost lost us the meet." He was speaking of the 69-58 victory over the Green Knights. "If we plan to take it all or tie, we'd better win the remaining meets or a Newark loss wouldn't even help," Coach Eyanson warned the team at a meeting following the match. "You guys have to go 100 percent at all times."

Junior Don Meyer pole vaulted a fantastic 12 feet, 8 inches to help the Redskins edge it out.

Meyer and fellow junior, Earl Parker, placed first at the Dover Relays May 5, with their combined heights equalling 24 feet.

In a May 8 dual meet, the Redskins redeemed themselves and outclassed the visiting McKean Highlanders 104-23. Deshong and Janusz sparked the revival, each sweeping three events.

# Simpers, Albers Head Varsity Cheerleaders

Tinker Simperts and Barbie Albers have been elected captain and co-captain on the 1972-73 varsity cheerleading squad.

Kathy Barnes, Betsy Bove, Rhonda Dale, Bonnie Durham, Marianne Hehman, Elaine Janulewicz, Kathy McElrone, and Gail Ventresca were selected to complete the squad.

The twirling corps of next year has also been selected. The 11 girls selected include Mary Ryan, Ruth McAllister, Cindy Martin, Doreen Doran, Liz McLaughlin, Kathy Simpkins, Jo Ellen Stevens, Anita Smith, Kim Hilyard, Jill Adams, and Karen Marx.

The cheerleaders were judged on

their spirit, appearance, and ability to do cheers, cartwheels, and round-offs. The six judges involved in narrowing the 31 candidates down to 10 were the cheerleading sponsors of Christiana, Concord, and Newark High Schools, this year's cheerleading captain and co-captain Patti Janulewicz and Gerri Renai, and Conrad's cheerleading sponsor, Mr. Paul Capodanno.

Head majorette and captain of the twirling corps will be determined this June. Mary Ryan and Ruth McAllister will be the only candidates for those positions, as they are the only twirlers with two or more years' experience in the corps.



Junior Preston Jennings breaks the tape to win the mile against Newark.

# Softball Team Has 6-1 Record

Conrad's "enthusiastic" girls' softball team coached by Mrs. Mary Jane Weldin finishes its season today against Dickinson.

At press time the team was 6-1, losing only to Concord and was in the midst of a four-way tie for first place.

Led by the pitching of Marcia Tjaden and the catching and hitting of Mary Wisniewski, the team has

what Coach Weldin calls a "good attitude with no weak spots."

The starting line-up consists, in addition to the battery of Tjaden and Wisniewski, of senior Connie Hughes, first base; senior Bonnie Lane, second base; senior Kathy Kraszewski, shortstop; junior Kris Fletcher, third base; junior Carol Haigh, left field; junior Linda Hughes, center field; and senior Nini Joyce, right field.



Junior George Hutynan takes the baton from junior Francis Hubbs during the heated 880-relay against Christiana. Photo by Ed LaRock.

# Golf Tournament Highlights Spring Intramural Program

The Conrad Open Championship Golf Tournament highlights the spring intramural program with 80 possible entries vying for first prize.

Senior Dave Johnson will be the man to catch in the ten-hole, par-35 tournament. Dave is defending champion and is out to make it two in a row.

Track, tennis doubles, and paddle

tennis for sophomores are other intramurals on the agenda for spring competition.

Four handball teams remain from the 17 starting teams, but at press time results were not available.

Commenting on the intramural program this year, Mr. Arthur Craig, gym teacher, said, "It was a very successful year and 960 have participated so far."

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New Smoke Signal staff prepares to put out first issue. Seated, left to right: Karen Conaway, business manager; Frances Stoneberger, editor-in-chief; Don

Gibson, managing-editor. Standing, left to right: Paul Socorso, feature editor; Tom Cekine, sports editor; and Ed LaRock, news editor.

**Smoke Signalers**

**New Staff Rekindles Fire**

With a new blanket and a plentiful supply of firewood, the Smoke Signal is again ready to be sent up each month next year by a new tribe of Redskins.

Senior Rayanne Baron is passing the chiefton's headdress to the new editor-in-chief, junior Frances Stoneberger, with this issue. The number two position on the totem pole is taken by Don Gibson, with Paul Socorso, Ed LaRock, and Tom Cekine filling the ranks as feature, news, and sports editors, respectively. The production of the whole affair must be kept from bankruptcy by an economy-minded business

manager, the position now filled by Karen Conaway.

Reporters again roaming the halls and athletic fields include Mark Comegys, Marie Sadowski, Dave Robinson, Kathy Kwiatkowski, Jay Kross, Gary Lafferty, Sam Whitaker, and Ellen Hann.

Frances, a graduate of Richardson Park, is anxious to 'revitalize' the newspaper. "I'd like to see the Smoke Signal become a strong positive force in school affairs," she conjectured.

Oak Grove's only contribution to the staff, Don Gibson, is expecting a good year for the paper. "We've al-

ready got a great reputation to build on," he declared. "We've got a really fine bunch of kids here — with their talent and spunk I'm sure we'll be number one in the state by next June."

Karen, also from Richardson Park, maintains that with renovations, in particular more pictures and sports, "we can do a good job — a better job. We have to!"

With a general agreement of the staff on the need for more student-oriented articles, more photos, and hopes for a larger paper, the 1972-1973 Smoke Signal staff is, in the words of Tom Cekine, "looking forward to it."

**News-in-Brief**

**Golden Age Club Formed**

Mr. Howard Stopp, retired citizen of Belmor, became the first official member of the Conrad District's Golden Age Club at last month's school board meeting. This membership entitles him to free admission to all school activities, including concerts, plays, and athletic events.

Mr. Stopp proposed the club as a means of keeping senior citizens active in school affairs.

Potential members are instructed to call the district office and request a mailed application form. After the form is completed, returned, and approved by Superintendent Leon B. Elder, a membership card will be mailed to the applicant.

A monthly bulletin will be drawn up to keep card holders informed of school events.

A summer program of driver education was also approved by the board at a cost per student of \$55 (\$60 for those living outside the Conrad district).

"monster," highlighted the program of lectures and research laboratory tours.

Student speakers, one selected from those five or six presenting papers at each of 31 regional symposiums last November, presented individual research projects. All regional speakers were eligible to attend.

**MEMENTOS FROM FLORIDA**

Senior Rayanne Baron enjoys collecting souvenirs. Among the oranges and coconuts, she returned with a small memento of sand and water in a paper cup from Walt Disney World.

**JOHN KROSS DEBUTS ON TV**

Staff member John Kross represented Conrad in a televised interview with Mr. Lafayette Jackson, state human relations commissioner. He and 12 other high school journalists discussed problems such as busing, racial harmony, and job discrimination.

The interview was televised last March from the Channel 12 studios in Wilmington.

**LIBRARIAN HOSPITALIZED**

Mrs. Florence Riggs, librarian, has returned to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, New York, where she is currently being treated for an allergy of unknown origin.

**SENIORS HEAD FOR COLLEGE**

The University of Delaware's enrollment will soon be increased by 111 graduating Conradians. An additional 17 seniors will pursue their academic careers at several out-of-state colleges. These schools range in size from the renowned Michigan State and Penn State to the smaller, rural colleges of Georgetown (Kentucky) and Slippery Rock.

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**Traveling Band Plays In Florida Sunshine**

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the Magic Kingdom: Main Street U.S.A., Liberty Square, Adventureland, Frontierland, Fantasyland and Tomorrowland.

Throughout the tour we rarely blinked our eyes, fearing we would miss seeing something.

After the "two-and-a-half hour tour," which lasted four hours, we were turned loose to wonder at will.

Before we headed back for our hotel that night, we watched a fireworks display putting the finishing touches on a dreamlike incredible day.

Cypress Gardens was on the itinerary for Friday. The hour and ten-minute bus ride there was spent either catching up on some over-due sleep or diagnosing the latest additions to our mistreated gullets.

The four main attractions at Cypress Gardens were the water shows, a speedboat ride, a silent electric boat ride, and the gardens themselves.

We were scheduled to stay at Cypress Gardens all afternoon, but because most of us were burning under the sun to the point of sickness, we left early for the hotel to practice for Sunday's march.

We returned to Walt Disney World on Saturday for another fulfilled and thankfully less-crowded day.

Sunday came all too quickly. At Disney World we had about an hour to ourselves before lining up in marching formation. Dressed in our uniforms, Disney World tourists thought we were employees and persisted in questioning us as to the location of one attraction or other.

Marching down Main Street, U.S.A., was just like marching in any parade except the street was much shorter and the excitement was greater since we were — in a sense — all alone.

In front of "Cinderella's Castle" we performed without a hitch, then turned back up "Main Street" and out to the parking lot. We were complimented by many of the spectators, some even were under the impression we were a college band.

The remainder of the day we roamed about Disney World and flocked to gift shops to do some last-minute shopping for those back home.

While waiting to board the buses to return to the hotel, we took our last look at Cinderella's Castle. It was a sad moment, since we knew that it was our last night and that we might never have the opportunity to come back.

On our last day in Florida, the time not spent swimming was used for packing.

We loaded our treasures and ourselves onto the buses and went back to McCoy Airport. There, with some trouble, we boarded the jet carrying everything from luggage to band hats, oranges to grapefruit, and stuffed animals to Mickey Mouse hats.

Florida soon dropped out of sight behind us, and we issued our last departing sighs.

One bumpy ride (due to air turbulence) and one steak dinner later, we were in a landing pattern for the Wilmington Airport. A slight jar, a screech of wheels, and we were home.

The night of our return, our mouths never stopped telling about everything that we saw, heard, smelled, tasted, and touched for the past week.

The whole trip to Walt Disney World started as a dream and now we knew the dream was over, for we had to come back to Henry C., to homework, to teachers, and to old, cold Delaware.

**Advisers, Coaches Sought**

New advisers for several extra-curricular activities are now being sought by the administration. Some coaching positions are also open.

Mrs. Louise Goddin and Mr. Donald Morgan both have resigned their positions as drama coaches.

After directing plays for 17 years at Conrad, Mr. Morgan believes that "it is no longer fun." He attributes his attitude to "an apparent lack of student interest in maintaining the program on the same high level we have become accustomed to in the past."

"A decrease in the kind of commitment and dedication needed from the students," he continued, "and a lack of proper use and maintenance of the facilities have resulted in unnecessary burdens on the sponsors."

In sports, Mrs. Joan Jamis will be taking a sabbatical leave for a year, leaving the positions of hockey coach and basketball coach open.

Mrs. Mary Jane Weldin, softball and volleyball coach, will be too involved in her studies to continue both coaching positions. She is giving up the volleyball position.

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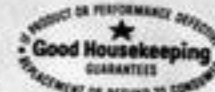
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