

Student Council plans Hawaiian Homecoming

"Hawaii" is the theme for this year's Homecoming November 4. The Student Council is in charge of the festivities of the day including the traditional parade of floats and the dance that night.

The council is offering a prize for the best float.

The time for the dance has been set at 8:30 p.m. till 11:30 p.m., and the tickets are \$5 a couple.

Senior Carol Haigh, chairman of the homecoming committee, estimated the receipts of the dance at \$400. Although she is optimistic about the financial end, she is concerned about the lack of participation in preparing for festivities. "Relatively few have come out to help with decorations," she reported. "Many more are needed for a really good Homecoming."

In other Student Council business, a proposal to obtain a bike rack for Conrad students was passed by the Council and is now pending decision by the administration.

The Student Council is set up so that any student can voice his opinion. A student may put a proposal up to vote simply by motioning for a vote and having someone second it.

The Council is broken down into committees, of which any pupil can be a member. The decisions made by the committees are presented to the president who in turn gives them to the principal if the decision affects the school.

The year was begun with a balance of \$491.85 in the Council treasury after granting two \$150 scholarships in September. According to senior Jesse Jones, president of the Council, these scholarships will be greater next year if Homecoming doesn't fall flat.

Jesse puts school spirit at the top of her list of priorities. She wants to "build up spirit and improve the way kids feel about Conrad."

"I think a good Homecoming or any good activity or get-together helps the students' moral and makes the alumni proud," said Jesse.

The old problem of disinterest plagues the Council for yet another year. "The kids in this school don't realize that the Student Council plays a major role in school affairs. The students have more to say than they think," commented Carol Haigh.

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House Bill 509 stimulates career education at Conrad

Some of the biggest changes to hit the Conrad school district in recent years have come about under the provisions of House Bill 509. A brain-child of Governor Russell W. Peterson, the bill offers state funds to stimulate career and vocational programs in otherwise academically-oriented high schools.

Although already responsible for such innovations as the foods training and photography courses, various hold-ups have prevented the program from reaching full effectiveness within the Conrad district.

Mr. Charles Lykens and Mr. Sherwood Shughart, teachers of the 509-funded building maintenance course, have had to supply their own tools and supplies in place of materials ordered with the state funds last year. Students in the course are now in the process of

converting two closets adjacent to the cafeteria annex into a sheet metal and welding lab.

This lab was supposed to be constructed by the state under the 509 program.

Sheet metal and welding equipment to outfit the new lab, also ordered with 509 funds, will not arrive before November.

Food, training and child development classes face similar delays, this time due to natural disaster. Assistant Principal Louis Ott, in charge of vocational courses, had planned on delivery of two trailer units with facilities to accommodate the classes by early September.

Until recently, however, most trailer manufacturers have been too occupied producing temporary homes for victims of Hurricane Agnes to take on such a specialized order.

According to Mr. Ott, bids on the construction of the mobile units were taken last week, and delivery is expected by Thanksgiving.

In order to receive 509 funding for a given course, the school must first submit a detailed proposal to the appropriate state educational supervisor — of business, home economics, trade education, or diversified occupations.

If the program is approved, money is allocated to the district for each "unit" involved in the project. A unit consists of 27,000 pupil-minutes (the number of pupils to take the course times the number of minutes per week of class time).

The money allocated per unit — \$1050, \$2100, or \$3150 — depends on



Seniors John Rawlins (on ladder) and Mike Minsker assembling new partition in the cafeteria annex. (Photo by Don Gibson)

the amount of equipment needed in teaching the course. For example, building maintenance or office practice would receive high-level funding (\$3150), while Shorthand I would receive only \$1050.

Out of every \$1050 awarded by the state, \$850 goes directly to the school for the purchase of equipment and supplies. The district keeps \$200 to cover other expenses.

New grading system adopted for 1972-73 school year

A new cumulative grading system, marking the first major grading reform since 1967, has been instituted by the administration this year.

The cumulative system is designed to give a better indication of a student's accomplishments. Each grade issued this year will not represent the student's performance during an isolated nine-week period, but will be a broad assessment of his "progress to date."

Although specific grading practices vary from teacher to teacher, the new system can be best explained by a general illustration.

For example, in a given course, six grades — tests, projects, or major assignments — may be collected during the first nine weeks. The students' first report card will then show the average of those six grades.

During the second nine-week period, seven grades may be collected,

for a total of 13 grades "to date." The second report then shows the average of all grades — 13 — collected up to that point.

At the end of the school year, all grades collected from September to June will be averaged to determine the student's final mark. The administration feels that this method will provide a better representation of student ability than can be found by averaging four distinct marking-period grades as was done in previous years.

While random interviews found most teachers waiting for more details on the new system, the majority approved the change in theory. The idea most teachers like about the cumulative system, expressed by Mr. Robert Poskitt, is that it "gives the student a better idea of where he stands."

Mrs. Andrea Cassel, social problems teacher, likes the concept of cumulative grading, even though it

could become mathematically cumbersome. Mr. George Poole also favors the new system with reservations. Cumulative grading, he feels, destroys the psychological advantage of starting off each marking period with a clean slate.

Home economics teacher, Mrs. Ellen Brown, on the other hand, is 100 per cent behind the change, having taught under a cumulative system before at P. S. DuPont High School.

Nevertheless, it is the students who will be most directly affected by the change in grading. Most of them, however, have only a vague idea of what the new system will mean.

As the first marking period grades are determined as they were under the old system, the real effects of cumulative grading will not be felt until January. In the words of one teacher interviewed, "It's going to help some; it's going to hurt some."



Five take honors

Principal Earl J. Smith congratulates high scorers in the National Merit Scholarship Qualification Test. While Frances Stoneberger (second from left) ranked as Conrad's only semi-finalist, the others received let-

ters of commendation. They are (left to right) Glenn Bleakney, David Bair, Bill Prestowitz, and Chris Goldsmith. (Photo by Don Gibson)

Logan, McDermott to head drama club

The Sock and Buskin Club is under new management. Mr. Frank McDermott and Miss Faquita Logan, business teachers, are the new

director and co-director respectively. Mr. Donald Morgan and Mrs. Louise Goddin resigned at the end of the 1972 school year.

Bob Zulinski has been chosen as president of the Sock and Buskin club. Other officers elected are Sue Barzewski, vice-president; Karen Faux, secretary; and Sheila West, treasurer.

"Pure as the Driven Snow, or A Working Girl's Secret," a comic melodrama, has been picked for the fall play.

Mr. McDermott has acted and directed at St. Joseph's on the Brandywine and The Abby Playhouse in Philadelphia. He is an old hand at school plays also. "I've directed high school plays for 10 or 11 years," he said.

Miss Logan describes herself as a freshman. "I used to act in high school and college plays," she said, "but I've never directed." Miss Logan won the Miss Delaware State College contest in acting.

Mr. McDermott and Miss Logan are very enthusiastic about this year's drama activities, encouraging everyone to try out for the fall play. "Tryouts are scheduled for next week," Mr. McDermott said, "and the more, the merrier."

Teachers' strike threatens Conrad

Will today be the last definite school day for thousands of Conrad Area students? At press time, with contract negotiations still in progress, whether or not teachers will report to work on Monday is still unknown.

In a meeting held last Wednesday teachers voted to strike if a contract was not forthcoming by this weekend.

Mr. Ray Cassetta, negotiator for the Board of Education, and Mr. Robert Bates, representing the Conrad Area Federation of teachers, met last Sunday with mediator Walter J. Gershenfeld of the American Arbitration Association. Another meeting is scheduled for tomorrow.

If a contract results, it will be approved or rejected by teachers Sunday night. If none is produced or if the contract is rejected a strike will be called.

Education is the goal

In the recent vogue of real and threatened school strikes across the country, it is frightening how many times education itself becomes lost in the struggle between unyielding parties.

The months in which a strike or potential strike situation is permitted to continue allow only that much longer for emotion and personal bitterness to develop on both sides. The danger here is that eventually forcing the other side to give in may surpass education as the primary concern.

With the futures of 1530 Conrad students at stake — including seniors who expect to graduate this June — it is hoped that both sides will work sincerely for a quick settlement of their differences.

The purpose of the school board is not to exploit the teachers, nor is it the purpose of the teachers to antagonize the school board. Both should remember that it is their common goal to further the education of the students.

Nixon vs. McGovern

Student advocates speak out

Yea, Nixon

By Don Gibson

The past years have been very trying times for this country and all those who call themselves Americans. We've been entangled in a conflict condemned by many both abroad and at home; it has required more and more money to buy less and less merchandise; the air we breathe and the water we drink has become less pure; the threat of nuclear war has loomed over far eastern horizons; and one of the most active American factions — youth — has been virtually powerless to voice their opinions.

Four years ago, a man many people regarded a loser became a winner in the Presidential race, and since then times have changed. President Nixon has returned 493,000 troops to American soil from Indo-China, eliminated all U. S. ground combat participation in Vietnam, lowered overall casualties by 96 percent and lowered the draft.

After exercising Presidential prerogative and freezing prices and wages for 90 days, he has initiated a sound wage and price control program and wrestled the spiraling figure of inflation down to 2.8 per cent. President Nixon created the first government department to crack down on big-time as well as pint-sized polluters — the Environmental Protection Agency. He was instrumental in establishing national standard tolerance levels for air pollution, doubled pollution control programs' budgets, and promoted the creation of regulations to cut noxious auto emissions by 90 per cent.

The first United States Government official in 23 years, and the first American president ever, to visit Red China was President Nixon, who by opening a door in the Bamboo Curtain, opened the door to settlements over the conference table instead of the battlefield. Arms limitations and trade agreements were the benefits President Nixon reaped for the United States at a similar parley with Soviet officials in Moscow. Finally, by avid and active support, and by signing into law, President Nixon was one of the major proponents of the legislation granting 18-year-olds the right to vote.

President Nixon is repairing and improving America. His first four years have seen the sowing and fertilizing of the seeds of his institutions. The seedlings have already sprouted, and require tender care for four more years, if they are to mature and bloom into a "generation of peace."

President Nixon has stated we cannot withdraw from Vietnam for two reasons. The first is that we have no guaranteed prisoners of war will be released. It is easy to realize that all prisoners, as in all past wars, are never released until after the hostilities have ceased. His other reason is honor. Considering the I.T.T. affair, the scandalous Soviet wheat sale, and the bugging of the Democratic National Headquarters, honor is an ironic reason for the slaughter of thousands of innocent people.

Yea, McGovern

By Bill Pendleton

As in most election years, the American voter is completely confused by the charges and countercharges made by each candidate for President. However, this year, one candidate stands alone for stating his solutions to today's problems clearly and forthrightly. This candidate is George McGovern, Democratic senator from South Dakota.

Throughout his congressional career, Senator McGovern has fought endlessly for our nation's rural people. His proposals for the farmers, most alienated by the Nixon Administration, include granting federal aid for the families of the young beginning farmers, eliminating tax loopholes for non-farmers, assuring farm workers of a minimum wage, and preventing the use of national reserves as a price depressing device.

Ever since 1960, our nation's economy has deteriorated more and more as the months rolled on. George McGovern feels every man and woman who desires work should be guaranteed a job. He believes this can be accomplished by contracting with private industry to meet the nation's need for housing, public transportation, environmental protection, and other needs.

Unlike Mr. Nixon, who believes in giving large sums of money to big corporations in hope of boosting the economy, Senator McGovern believes in giving low cost credit to home buyers, small businessmen, and farmers — the true backbone of the American economy. He also wants permanent limits placed on price increases by monopolies, such as electric and water companies.

Senator McGovern proposes we withdraw all American forces from Indochina, halt all aerial bombardment, and recognize that President Thieu is not the legitimate leader of South Vietnam. He also feels a coalition government should be set up consisting of all elements of South Vietnam.



Rollickin' Redskins romp 'round reservation

Amid falling leaves, teachers' initiation speeches, and befuddled cries of "Where's the pool?" approximately 500 sophomores have been ushered into the merry-making halls of the Redskin Teepee. Of course, the juniors and seniors are up to their usual antics . . .

PHOTO FOOLERY . . . After sophomore Chris Pytel studied senior

ior Chris Goldsmith's negatives for a few seconds, she apprehensively asked him what the subject of one scene was. Responding that the scene was of three small boys fighting, she sighed in relief, "I thought it was an orgy!"

GOLDIE LOCKS . . . Having emerged from his appointment in room 215, senior Preston Jennings now sports a coiffure by Tinker Simpers. The trim was accompanied by the snickers of his fellow cross-country runners wandering in and out of the room.

ALPHABETICALLY INCLINED . . . Senior Bill Prestowitz enrolled in Mrs. Edna Fisher's personal typing course, and determined to convince his friends of his progress. "Are you typing with ease yet?" a friend asked him at lunch. "E's," Bill exclaimed, "I'm up to F's and G's."

100 PER CENT MOTH-PROOF Moths? Not in Dr. Gene Ziegler's second period chemistry lab! Juniors Beth Ann Acton and Jerry Ruch managed to spill enough melted moth crystals during a recent experiment to moth-proof the lab for at least a year.

BACHELOR OF FRUIT . . . Glancing through college handbooks during a study period junior Priscilla Goldsmith came across one entry she found particularly inspiring. Anyone for a degree in "cranberry technology?"

A TENSE MOMENT . . . In a recent physics class Mr. Hugh Patterson was trying to explain the properties of liquids, in particular — surface tension.

"What can you do with a glass of water?" he posed to senior Carol Cote.

After a moment of thought, Carol's face brightened and she answered, "Spill it!"

REFUSE ROUNDUP . . . After second lunch, junior Jane Johnston accidentally left her 70-dollar retainers (braces) in the cafeteria, carefully stored in a milk carton. Dashing back down to the cafeteria, she realized with horror that the carton had been mistaken for trash, thrown into a garbage can, which in turn was dumped into the large trash bin outside the cafeteria annex.

With high hopes, she embarked on a messy search through the bushels of garbage. Sixth period passed with the retainers still at bay, although the search party had expanded to include junior Heather Haden, and seniors John Rawlins and Don Gibson.

It wasn't until seventh period that the reserves were called in — the entire Journalism II class was soon up to their elbows rooting through the sloppy mess. After some twenty-odd minutes had passed, with Jane on the brink of tears, a triumphant cry rang out, "We've got it!" The needle in the haystack, or rather the retainers in the trash heap, was found.

State lottery, abortion passed by Girls' State

Bills authorizing a state lottery, making it easier to get a legal abortion in Delaware, and setting up central police and emergency centers were among those passed this summer by Delaware Girls' State delegates.

Seniors Carol Haigh and Frances Stoneberger represented Conrad in the annual Americanism program held at Wesley College in Dover. Senior Betsy McGonegal, new to Conrad this year, also attended, representing Corpus Christi.

The five days of activities emphasizing city, county, and state levels of government featured such distinguished speakers as Governor Russell Peterson, County Council President C. Douglas Buck, and State Treasurer Emily Womach.

On the municipal level, delegates were addressed by Mayor Crawford

Carrol of Dover. Then the girls divided into "cities" to institute their own systems of government and to elect officials.

To improve understanding of state politics, mock party conventions were held to draw up platforms and nominate candidates for state offices. A day of rigorous campaigning and speeches followed, climaxed by the election of a Girls' State governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, state auditor, and insurance commissioner.

Legislative sessions occupied the remainder of the program, with students debating and voting on bills introduced by fellow delegates.

Girls' State is sponsored annually for Delaware high school girls by the Women's Auxiliary of the American Legion.



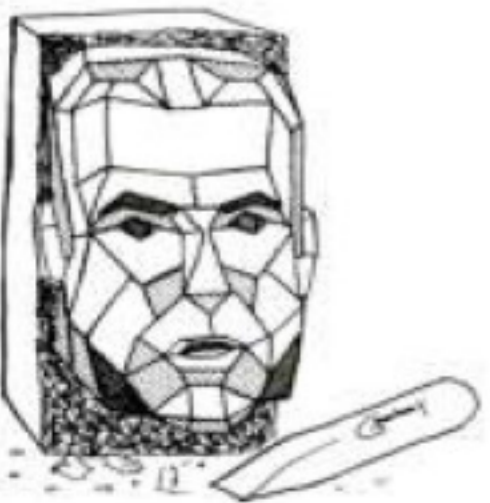
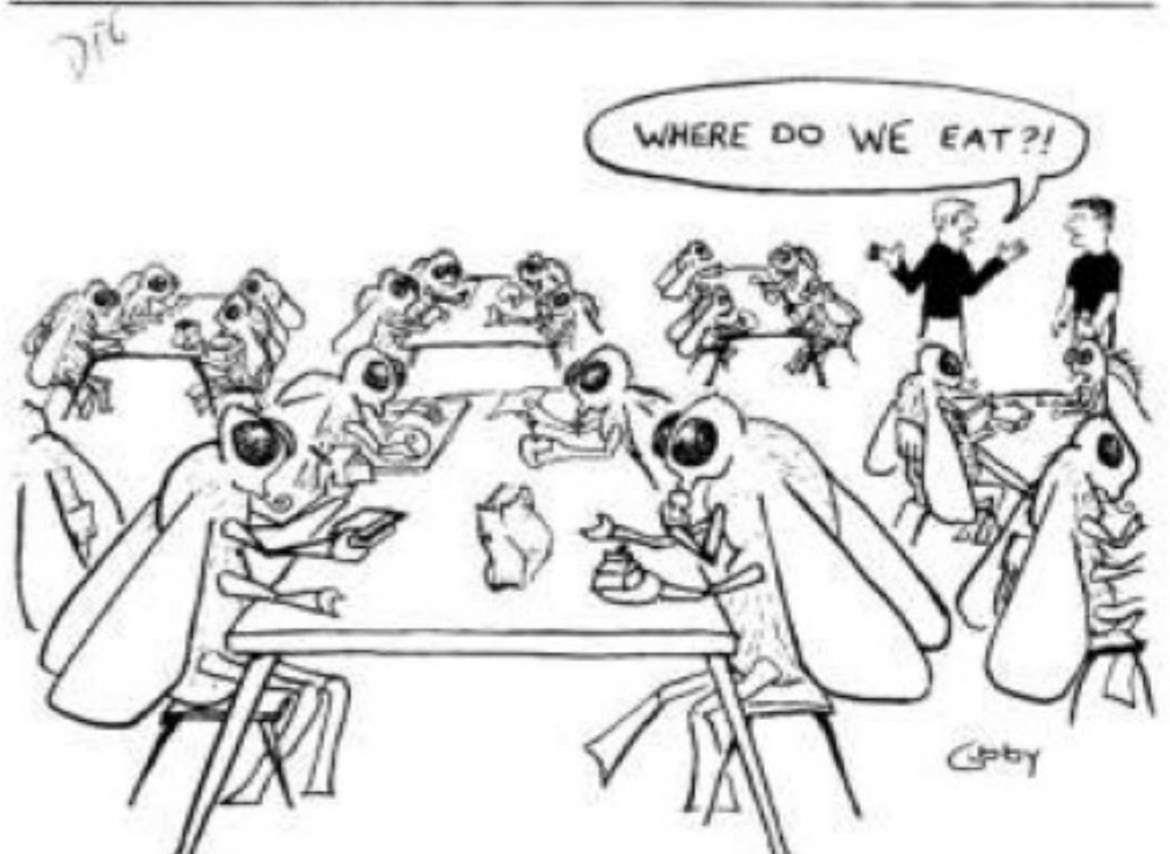
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Nation's space center reveals wonders

By Don Gibson

For any space nut a trip to Cape Kennedy is a real thrill, but a chance to see Cape Kennedy from the inside is the chance of a lifetime.

I had just such a chance last June, when I was selected by the National Secondary School Principal Association to represent Delaware at the Hugh O'Brian Space Seminar at Cape Kennedy, Florida.

The seminar was originally conceived by movie and television star Hugh O'Brian after he had visited with the renowned humanitarian Albert Schweitzer. Mr. O'Brian felt he wanted to do something for his fellow man and so he initiated and has supported annual seminars in politics, oceanography, and space.

All the expenses of the seminar, totaling somewhere in the neighborhood of \$40,000, were paid by Mr. O'Brian.

The seminar began June 10, when I experienced the thrill of my first jet flight, Baltimore to Orlando. When we got off the Eastern jet in Florida (I had already met several other guys flying in on the Atlanta-Orlando flight destined for the seminar) we were herded into the airport's VIP waiting room.

The excitement generated by 65 anxious boys (it was an all male group) in a room comparable in size to the main office electrified the atmosphere enough, but I could almost feel the static sparks when Hugh O'Brian walked into the room.

When the introductions and handshakes were through, we were all carted off in buses to Patrick Air Force Base, 10 miles south of Cape

Kennedy, our home-away-from-home for the week's stay. On the base we were housed in barrack-like buildings, two to four guys to a room. For meals we ate at the base cafeteria, a short walk from our quarters.

The first two days, Saturday and Sunday, were spent getting settled, getting acquainted, and posing for publicity pictures with Mr. O'Brian. On Sunday we began calling each other by the state or country we represented. What followed were the craziest conversations and worst puns ever to be concocted by sane men.

By Monday, however, the worst of the jokes were used up, and we were ready for the "works". And the works we got. The five days that followed were scheduled to the hilt with tours of NASA facilities, including the Vehicle Assembly Building where the moon rockets are "stacked," and Pad 39-A, where the completed Saturn V blasts off for the moon. We were permitted personal inspections of the "hardware" associated with the many aspects of preparation, launch, and recovery of space craft. Included were a tour of the crawler, the mammoth tractor which carries the rocket to the pad before blast-off, and a close-hand observation of the construction of the lunar Rover to be used on the moon during Apollo 17—the next and last lunar mission.

Informal meetings, lectures, and "rap sessions" were scheduled with the "big-wigs" in NASA, including Dr. Kurt Debus, current director of Kennedy Space Center and one of the original Nazi scientists who

came here after World War II, and Dave Scott, the seventh human to have ever walked on the moon.

An unscheduled thrill was watching Apollo 17 mission commander Gene Cernan — fully attired in the bulky, white moon-suit — drive a mock-up of the lunar Rover from an indoor simulation facility to the several-square mile "rock pile," where he and a fellow crew member practiced setting up equipment the way they will on the surface of the moon this December.

During that all-too-short week I must have said "fantastic" and "incredible" at least a thousand times.

Although the seminar is over now, the benefits of it I am still discovering. Not only did I gain a wealth of knowledge about the space program while I was in Florida, but I was given the opportunity to observe life styles and opinions from all over the nation. I saw everything from the radical thoughts and Boston twang of "Massachusetts" to the conservatism and Southern drawl of "South Carolina," from the coolness and snobbery of "California" to the squareness and consideration of "Maine."

One last, and probably the most important aspect of the seminar; I have 65 friends and one rich uncle more than I had before!



Actor Hugh O'Brian greets Don Gibson in the mission control room at Cape Kennedy, Florida.

Shaving cream bombs, water fights . . .

Boys' staters recall week

By Tom Cekine and Ed LaRock

A week away from everything, a free vacation with lots of fun thought seniors Tom Cekine, Mark Comegys, and Ed LaRock when they accepted their appointments to Delaware Boys' State, sponsored by the American Legion.

The Legion sent us information proclaiming that we were "the finest youth in Delaware" but telling us little about what was going to happen on our trip to the state capital.

In the weeks leading up to Boys' State, we envisioned all sorts of cool things we would be doing.

Then came our arrival at Laws Hall at Delaware State College in Dover June 17, where we Conradians found we were unexpectedly in different rooms.

At orientation we were informed of how busy we would be the entire week, learning the procedure of state government.

Later that night after getting acquainted with almost everyone, we found that, like us, many others were uninformed as to what to expect. After looking through our program of events we began to wonder what we had gotten ourselves into.

The next morning at 6:30 a.m. we were awakened by one six-foot-five, 250-pound Captain Skinner of the United States Marine Corps. He taught us how to march and then put us through about ten minutes of calisthenics and two miles of jogging.

It began to look as if mornings were going to come awfully early from now on.

After rushing to get showered and dressed we were assembled outside, and the "finest youth in Dela-

ware" were forced to march 50 yards to breakfast. The marching was conducted by cadets Dave Enswalder from West Point and Tim McAllister from the Air Force Academy.

The rest of the day was spent organizing our two parties — the Nationalists and the Federalists — setting up the House of Representatives and the Senate for a simulated state government, and more marching around the campus.

Our "recreation time" started at 9 p.m. and extended to 11. Lights out was supposed to be at 11:30, but Monday was the only night it was observed by the Boys' Staters.

The next day, Tuesday, we elected officials for our mock government. Mt. Pleasant's Mike Seitz was elected governor.

That night Boys' State woke up. At 11:30 the shaving cream bomb was discovered, and the governor-elect's second-floor room was attacked by a group of third-floor terrorists who were repelled by pillows, mattresses, pumpkin pie — and Captain Skinner.

The next few days were spent in and out of legislative hall working on bills that Boys' State had originated. Among the bills passed were an 18-year-old drinking law and a bill banning the use of non-returnable bottles, both of which were introduced by Conrad's representatives.

Thursday was the big day . . . and night. We received our Boys' State shirts and were addressed by Governor Russell Peterson, who announced the formation of a commission to study the wetlands.

That night we donned coat and tie and attended a banquet at the Officers' Club at Dover Air Force Base.

The quiet atmosphere of the ban-

quet provided a contrast for the rowdiness that was to come on our last night at Boys' State.

About 11 p.m. a Ku-Klux-Klan was formed. Membership requirements were that one had to be either black, Catholic, or Jewish. Members donned sheets and pillow cases and rampaged the floors raiding rooms, routing disbelievers and leaving a trail of shaving cream wherever they went.

The disbelievers were baptized fully clothed in a tub of ice-cold water and initiated into the Klan with the tune of "Take Me to the Water" ringing in their ears.

By 2 a.m. both floors had been the battleground for a water fight.

The Klan's activities were brought to an abrupt and reluctant halt by Captain Skinner, who said he was only trying to preserve the Delaware State campus by forcing us to stop.

The remainder of the night was spent mopping floors, cleaning shaving cream off of everything and hiding ripped sheets and pillow cases.

Needless to say there was no reveille the next morning, or if there was, no one heard it.

The next day after lunch we bade farewell to all the many friends we had made and departed from Boys' State with the knowledge of the problems of maintaining a state government and about 28 hours of sleep.

Boys' State had lived up to our expectations after all.

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Kendikian journeys to Armenian homeland

By Kathy Kwiatkowski

Social problems teacher Miss Lucille Kendikian recently spent 10 months in Lebanon. She was enrolled in a program at the American University of Beirut where she studied Middle Eastern culture.

Miss Kendikian lived for two weeks in her parents' homeland, Armenia, which lies to the north of Lebanon. Although she is Armenian, this was Miss Kendikian's first visit there.

She described Armenians as "very hospitable" and remarked, "It was very nice to go to a place where everyone was Armenian."

Miss Kendikian once ate five meals in one day. "That's how Armenians show their hospitality," she said.

Although she enjoyed the change, Miss Kendikian was sure that she never wanted to live there. "I never adjusted physically or emotionally," she said. "I'm too American."

Living in a foreign country amused and annoyed Miss Kendikian. She was surprised at the fervor for movies and the reactions they received "which were quite different from American reactions." The audience for the "Summer of '42" cheered when the boy got the girl "which wasn't the point of the film," she said.

Miss Kendikian toured many of the ancient mosques and Christian churches during her stay. "One of the mosques had the Moslem word for God, Allah, in neon lights over the door which really surprised me," she said.

Miss Kendikian was impressed by the ages of the mosques and churches. "Churches there date back to the fifth century," she said.

Although Miss Kendikian saw much of the charm of the Middle East, she saw the ugliness also. The Israeli-Arab conflict affected her immensely.

Miss Kendikian believes that living in Lebanon made her see the non-Israeli point of view. A Palestinian guerilla was killed on her friend's front walk "which made me realize how close we were to the conflict. Israeli jets and traveling restrictions for aliens also contributed to her awareness of the Middle East crisis.

Lebanon shares one of America's problems, littering, according to Miss Kendikian. "The Lebanese people are clean, yet they are awful litterbugs," she remarked. The contrasting neatness of Lebanon's neighbor, the Soviet Union, surprised her. "In the Soviet Union total strangers will tell you to pick up your trash and throw it away," she said. "In Lebanon I had to walk two blocks before I reached a trash can and then the bottom was out!"

Miss Kendikian left Lebanon with more than the usual, everyday memories of good times. She had the opportunity to appear in a play which she describes as "very avant-garde. I played an inmate of an insane asylum."

Thoughtfully summing up her trip, Miss Kendikian believes "it was the entire experience of living in a foreign country that impressed me the most."



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Reserve quarterback Jim Olivere hands off to senior Guy Gravino as Roger Sachse blocks.

Redskins to face McKean on home turf tomorrow

The football team takes on the Highlanders of McKean in a home game tomorrow at 1:30 p.m. The Redskins go into the game with a 2-1-1 record with victories over Christiana and Brandywine, a loss to Salesianum and a tie with Newark.

Last Monday against Brandywine the Redskins scalped the Bulldogs 28-6. Conrad scored in every quarter. Don Meyer carried for two touchdowns, and Mark Comegys and Butch Sowden each had one. After a turnover by each team Meyer went in for the first score of the game.

Comegys took in the second score from the five with 8:25 left in the first half. Brandywine's only score came near the end of the first half. The extra point was no good.

Ron Janusz's interception in the second quarter started the Redskins on their third successful drive upfield, capped by a Don Meyer carry into the end zone.

Comegys connected with Sowden for the fourth touchdown. The extra points were also scored on a Comegys-Sowden pass.

The season started on a sour note with a 33-6 loss to Salesianum. Sal's Mark McLane devastated the Redskins by rushing for three touchdowns. The Sal defense also intercepted four Conrad passes.

The Redskins' lone score came on a short pass from junior Jim Olivere to senior Tony Ferrazzo in the last period.

Conrad rebounded the following week by crushing Christiana 28-0 in the first conference game for both teams.

The tenacious Conrad defense, responsible for all four Conrad touchdowns and a safety, was led by ends Joe Fahey and Don Meyer, middle linebacker Pete Skrobot, and defensive backs Gary Parker and Earl Parker.

The safety occurred in the first period when everyone except the Conrad coaches poured through and tackled Christiana's Jerry McNeal in the end zone.

The second quarter saw quarterback Mark Comegys score on a sneak from the two. This score was set up when the Christiana punter bobbled a snap from center and the Redskins got the ball on the Viking 26.

Passes to juniors Paul Jones and Bob Venturina took the ball to the 6. Comegys lost 5 on an option and threw incomplete passes to seniors Gary Lafferty and Al Sowden. Conrad gave up the ball, but on Christiana's second play from deep in their own territory Fahey picked up a fumble. Three plays later Comegys scored.

Later in that period Meyer picked up a punt blocked by junior Joe Swarter in the end zone for one of

his two scores of the game.

Meyer's second touchdown was set up by a fumble recovered by Olivere on the Conrad 25. Meyer rushed for the touchdown from the 8. Sowden made a diving catch on a pass from Comegys for the extra points.

The final score was a two-yard run (set up by a fumble recovery) by Ferrazzo.

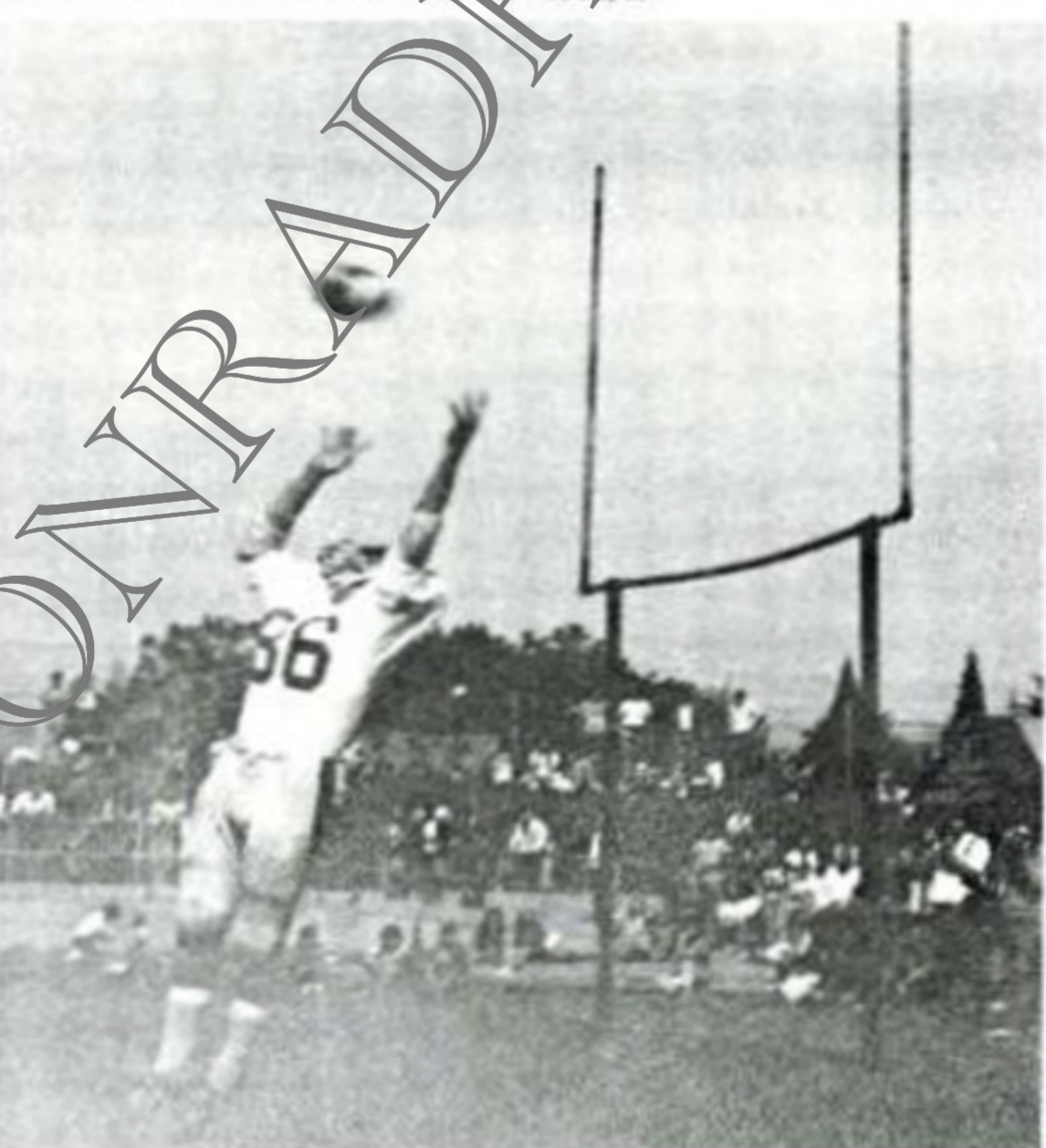
On September 30 the Redskins battled to a 6-6 tie with Newark in the rain.

Again the defense stood out by allowing Newark only one substantial drive in the first period. Paul Jones of Newark scored. Another Newark drive stalled when senior Ron Janusz picked off a key pass.

Conrad scored in the third period on a 16-yard run by sophomore half-back Joe Swarter.

Senior linemen are Roger Sachse, John Rawlins, Bob Rozenko, Larry Bosnick, Paul Rizzo, Jim Jones, Bill Deery, Tony Glenn, Terry Massie, Keith Bowman, Rich Black, and Rick Stephens.

Leading scorers to date are Meyer, 24; Ferrazzo, 12; Comegys, 12; Sowden, 10; Scales, 6; and Blalock, 2.



Senior receiver Butch Sowden goes up for a pass in the Christiana game.

Von Stetten, Davies get girls' coaching jobs

A new look has come to Conrad sports — male coaches for female teams. Mr. Harry Davies has taken over the volleyball team and Mr. Wayne Von Stetten is trying his hand at coaching field hockey.

Both of the first-year coaches admit that they are not well versed in the sports they are coaching. In fact, Mr. Von Stetten confesses to have seen only three hockey games prior to taking the coaching job, and although he feels that experience is the best teacher, he hopes to compensate by reading books.

Senior hockey player Sharon Paola commented, "Mr. Von Stetten doesn't know much about hockey, but he's learning. Yesterday he asked me for some advice."

The coaches are also taking suggestions from players until they know the games better. "Mr. Davies takes our suggestions except about workouts, we always have to run two laps," said senior volleyball player Jane Rest.

One of the biggest gripes the girls had at the beginning of the season was that their coaches worked them too hard. "Yes, I've been hard on

them, but I think it's getting results. If the team falls apart the last five minutes of each half it's no good," commented Mr. Von Stetten.

Many of the girls share the same attitude. "Mr. Von Stetten is a better coach in the long run because of the hard workouts he gives," according to senior Sharon Brittingham.

The only problems Mr. Davies encounters stem from the fact that he is a boys' coach and not used to talking to a girls' team; but the likely embarrassments have been ironed out for the most part according to the two coaches.

"The players have a good attitude toward Mr. Davies," says senior volleyball player Jessie Jones. "He makes a sincere effort to coach the team."

As the teams settle into a routine, Mr. Von Stetten has a different outlook on the girls. "I have had almost a complete change in attitude about girls' sports. Before I thought they were just a club, now I think they can compete with the same intensity and enthusiasm as boys."

Legge cites Conrad runners as best in Blue Hen

The Conrad cross country team faces one of the toughest tests of the season this Monday against Salesianum.

The runners have a 6-0 record and are leading the Blue Hen Conference at press time.

The results of yesterday's meet against Brandywine were not available.

The harriers outran Christiana at Banning Park 22-34 October 2 as Senior Preston Jennings set a new school record at 12 minutes for the course. Other Redskin scorers were seniors Dave Bair, third; Dan Talmo, fifth; Gary Mears, sixth; and Brett O'Neil, seventh.

The team defeated Concord 23-35 Monday. Jennings was defeated by Concord's John Croft but Bair, Talmo, O'Neill, Mears, and Del Campo rallied behind Jennings to win the match. They placed third, fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth respectively.

Mount Pleasant fell to the harriers 26-32 at Banning Park October 5. Jennings dropped his first race to Mount Pleasant's Mark Culhane in the rain. Conrad runners scoring behind Jennings were Bair, fourth; Talmo, fifth; Sagan, seventh; and O'Neill, eighth.

Led by Jennings' record-breaking victory of 13:10, the harriers defeated St. Marks in the season's opening meet at St. Marks. Jennings beat the original course record set by St. Marks' Bill McCartan by 14 seconds.

Next the harriers traveled to Pennsylvania to shut-out Pequea Valley 15 - 50. Conrad's runners nabbed the first ten places.

A team effort defeated Dickinson 21-34 at Banning Park, September 28. Jennings registered his third consecutive victory. He was followed by Bair, third; Talmo, fourth; O'Neil, fifth; and junior Steve Sagan, eighth.

Returning lettermen Jennings, Bair, Talmo, O'Neil, and senior Frank Delcampo head the varsity squad. Seniors Gary Mears, Chris Goldsmith, and Bill Prestowitz, and juniors Rich Shaw and Steve Sagan fill out the squad.

Mr. William Legge, taking over the coaching duties from Mr. David Williams, believes that Conrad has the best team in the conference, but "we can't afford to let down at practice if we expect to stay on top."

Coach Legge is utilizing overdistance and speed workouts he used on track for cross country.

Jennings is in the running for first in the state. Coach Legge says of Jennings, "He has worked hard and is shooting for it." Opposition is expected from Newark's Jim Phillips, Mount Pleasant's Mark Culhane, and "about four guys from Salesianum."

"Our depth will make us a good club," reports Coach Legge. The team has a good shot at winning the state title with ten runners vying for seven spots.

The JV squad consists of seniors Rick Sanders, Francis Hubbs, Eric Johnson, Andy Watson, and George Murphy. Junior Bill Burnette and sophomores Jerry DiAngelo, Jerry Smith, and Carmen Belascio round out the team.



Senior Preston Jennings runs to victory in the Dickinson meet. (Photo by Ed LaRock)

Baseball team wins Flight A

The Conrad baseball team fought to a second-place rating in the state last spring after completing a 12 season and winning the Blue Hen Conference Flight A title.

The strong Redskin team finished second only to Dover with both Conrad pitchers having a good season and Bud Finney going undefeated in conference play.

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Coach Wayne Von Stetten looks on as hockey players do calisthenics. (Photo by Dave Robinson)

Girls' hockey team to meet Rams today

The hockey team meets the Dickinson Rams today at Dickinson. At press time the team record was

Goals scored by senior Sharon Paola, junior Julie Grandell, junior Lori Smith, and senior Kris Fletcher led the Redskins to an impressive 4-0 victory over Middletown September 29. Paola and

Smith scored their first varsity goals in the game.

The Conrad defense was next to perfect, allowing no shots on goal and allowing the Cavaliers to penetrate past the 50-yard line only once.

The team, captained by seniors Kim Smith, Linda Hughes, and Sharon Paola is coached by Mr. Wayne Von Stetten.

Soccer team hosts Highlanders today

The soccer team goes up against McKean today in its fourth game of conference play. McKean, a first-year team, is completely unknown to Coach Ned Landis.

In the first game of conference play Conrad was defeated by the Newark Yellowjackets 1-0, October 4.

The only flaw recorded in either defense came in the beginning of the second half when Newark scored the first and only goal of the game.

The Redskin's next opponent was A. I duPont. Conrad's goalie Dave Archer recorded a shutout, and Ray Subach scored two goals in the 4-0 victory Monday.

Subach's first goal was in the first period on a spectacular head shot from 15 feet out. In the second period Bill Greegs booted one in followed by Subach's second goal.

Joe Sarnecky scored the fourth goal.

Conrad had a tough non-conference schedule finishing 0-2-2.

The first game, against Nether Providence, ended in a tie at 0-0. The defense made a good showing, holding Nether Providence to seven shots on goal while Conrad had 14.

Upper Merion, rated second in its league, defeated the Redskins 4-0 in the team's second outing.

The team faced Pequea Valley in their third game which they lost 1-0 in a very tight game.

The fourth and last game of non-conference play against Medford ended in a 1-1 tie with sophomore Eddie Schmidt scoring the only goal for Conrad.

Coming off a good year in 1971 with seven returning lettermen,

Coach Landis is optimistic. "If we get things together as a team, we'll probably do as well as last year in the conference."

Coach Landis feels that his biggest loss this season is the lack of cohesiveness because there are no on-field leaders.

The starting lineup consists of senior Dave Archer at the goal for his first year. Junior Bob Stevens and senior Dave Sheehan are the fullbacks, and junior Glenn Taylor is at center back. The halfback jobs are alternated between juniors Doug Challenger and Eric Robinson and sophomores Eddie Schmidt and Jimmy Listen.

Senior Ray Subach occupies the outside left position, and junior Billy Greegs the outside right. Junior Joe Sarnecky and senior Larry Laws form what Mr. Landis terms the double forward, in which Laws plays back and Sarnecky plays up.

Of these 12 players, 6 are lettermen - Sheehan, Taylor, Challenger, Subach, Greegs, Sarnecky, and Laws.

Although seven lettermen returned, Coach Landis considers the team basically inexperienced. "The whole team is on and off, typical of an inexperienced team."

Coach Landis showed concern about the line's scoring. "The line is not getting second and third efforts on goal. I have four guys that can score anytime, but they're not taking the shots."

Coach Landis cites the last three teams to be played as the toughest competitors for the championship. "Concord, Mount Pleasant, and Brandywine along with us are the teams most in contention for the title."

Band Camp adventures

Musicians practice and play

By Paul Socorso

Band camp — the band's 21-year tradition of taking the first weekend of school off to go to Camp Hilltop in Downingtown, Pennsylvania, means practicing music, marching, and twirling. And then it means starting over and over again until every move is perfect.

With all of this work, why is the band always so excited about going to camp? Everyone has his own reasons. Twirler captain Mary Ryan likes band camp because she gets to meet all the new people in the band. Junior Melanie Gullett likes the idea of getting out of school.

But perhaps senior Felicia Ciuffe-telli's reason for going is the most representative of all of the band. She likes band camp because she can do things there that she wouldn't think of doing at home.

At Camp Hilltop, after we unloaded the truck which carried suitcases and instruments, we began to knock off some of the long practice hours ahead of us. After lunch we practiced our pre-game show until it was time to assign cabins.

The sophs, who were made slaves for the weekend, were ordered to make beds and carry luggage to the senior cabins. During the time left before dinner we fumbled through the pre-game show.

At each of the band camp meals underclassmen are made table waiters, and are forced to do an excess amount of getting food and cleaning up.

At 10:30 p.m. the Band Association president Mrs. Jeanne Wood (or should I say Sergeant Jeanne Wood) ordered everyone to go to bed. With groans and sighs the band reluctantly obeyed, believing that if

they didn't, Sgt. Wood would probably have made them peel potatoes all night.

That night Persimmon Hill, a band made up of past and present Conradians, performed in the mess hall.

While the band entertained most of the camp, two seniors, Debbie Dorris and Kris Fletcher were busy entertaining themselves by tearing apart practically all of the cabins. There were others, too, who busied themselves in the same way, but because of their unique way of smearing beds with shaving cream and baby powder, Debbie and Kris seemed to be the two names uttered most frequently that night.

Later, however, after Persimmon Hill had finished playing everyone joined in the act. Sheets and pillows were thrown all over the cabin floors; suitcases seemed to spew out their contents throughout the rooms; beds and mattresses were all piled in a big heap; and water balloons splattered everywhere.

Among all of this Sgt. Wood's temper rose to well above the boiling point. Everyone she caught doing something wrong was given K.P. at the mess hall to help clean up. Later, even Mrs. Wood found her bed covered with popcorn, crackers, sugar, and dirt.

By 10:30 everyone was supposed to be in bed, but because of all the cleaning up that had to be done in the cabins, the lights went out later than expected. Right after all the cabin lights had finally been turned out, junior and senior boys were caught outside by Mrs. Wood, who made the whole cabin go outside and do push-ups.

Over in the twirlers cabin, the senior twirlers were stirring up trouble, protesting the early hour that we had to be in bed by singing last year's songs about Mrs. Wood. When senior Lisa Stewart spread the word to stop singing, she was caught out of bed by Sgt. Wood's pair of hawk eyes, who saw Lisa near the window.

The "sergeant" made Lisa go outside, so the rest of the senior twirlers decided to follow her out. Once outside the twirlers, soon to be joined by the junior girls, were told to run laps, but when Sgt. Wood saw how much fun the girls were having while running, she stopped them and made them stand in a push-up position. Apparently Mrs. Wood suffered more than the girls, as she announced that she was resigning as Band Association president.

The next morning the camp awoke to Cherokee played by some juniors and seniors marching around the camp. The senior twirlers were given the privilege of serving breakfast because of their disorderly conduct the night before. During the meal the word spread fast that Sgt. Wood was stripping herself of her rank and had opened up the presidency.

The rest of the day was spent doing some last minute practicing and cleaning up the campsite. When the truck came, everything was loaded on it. Band camp was over for another year.

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Student tutors aid community

A five-year-old tutoring program for third grade students, sponsored by the Richardson Park Community Action Program has been added to Conrad's list of mini-courses.

The students enrolled have received three hours of instruction on teaching techniques, use of resources, and detecting weaknesses of pupils before actually tutoring third graders from Richardson Park School one night weekly at the United Methodist Church.

At least once a month afterwards, the student-tutor will attend a "teachers' meeting" with fellow tutors for common exchange of thoughts, evaluation of students' progress, assessments of personal efficiency, and so forth.

Aspiring engineers attend Explorer Post

Four of Conrad's top juniors are participating in an Engineering Explorer Post in the DuPont Louviers Building in Newark.

Those four students chosen by the guidance department on the basis of interest, ability, and scholastic aptitude, are Betsy Bove, Sharon Hitchens, Ellen Joseph, and Barry Kelly.

As members of the 1972-73 Explorer Post 946, the students will participate in an engineering program under the guidance of the Eagle Scouts and DuPont engineers.

Post members will be presented with the engineering problems of building and maintaining a mythical DuPont "plant" and of the production of an imaginary "product."

In addition to the Louviers Building, members will be using the Engineering Test Center, Science Computer Center, Design Model Shop, and Research and Development Labs, all courtesy of the DuPont Company.

DuPont, through its explorer post, hopes to introduce high school students to possible careers in engineering. In five years since its start in October, 1967, the post has encouraged 43 of its members to pursue engineering, and 25 to pursue math and science careers.

Each student will pay a membership fee of \$2.50 for the duration of the program. Sessions will be held every other Monday 17 times throughout the year.

Spikers open with victory

Conrad's volleyball team, coached by Mr. Harry Davies, began its season with a victory over Middletown 11-3, 12-3. The Redskins meet the Dickinson Rams at Dickinson today. At press time the team was 2-1, losing to Christiana October 3.

Coach Davies describes the attitude of the team as "very good, a lot of spirit." He cites returning let-

termen Marcia Tjaden, Carol Haigh, and Barbara Marciszyn as the team's strong points.

Tri-captains are seniors Jessie Jones, Vicki Langrell, and Marcia Tjaden. Starting line-up consists of seniors Carol Haigh, Barbara Marciszyn, Jessie Jones, Vicki Langrell, Gail George, Janie Best, Marcia Tjaden, and juniors Lisa Alabrudzinski and Mary Girouard.

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New teachers prepare for the academic year. Standing (left to right) are Mr. Charles Miller, Mrs. Pat Buchanan, Mr. Sherwood Shughart; seated (left to right) are Miss Sherry Craft and Mrs. Pat Walrath. Mrs. Arlene Eckell was absent at time of picture. (Photo by Jay Kross)

New teachers added

An English teacher who is mistaken for a student, a special education teacher who "constantly gets lost" in Conrad's halls, and an earth science teacher who collects driftwood and wild flowers are among the six new teachers to enter Redskin territory this year.

The newcomers are Mrs. Pat Buchanan, home economics; Mrs. Pat Walrath, art; Miss Sherry Craft, English; Mr. Sherwood Shughart, building maintenance; Mrs. Arlene Eckell, special education; and Mr. Charles Miller, earth science.

Miss Buchanan, in her first year of teaching after graduating from the University of Delaware, will take over as junior class adviser in addition to regular duties. She cites developing "vocational programs in child care and food service" as her basic teaching objective.

Preparing students for their "particular" interests in art is Mrs. Walrath's main concern this year. A graduate of Kutztown State College, she taught in Pennsylvania and at Oak Grove before coming to Conrad.

Hobbies of painting and sewing occupy most of Mrs. Walrath's spare time.

Miss Craft, frequently mistaken for a student, will undertake to make English grammar interesting this year. A graduate of the University of Delaware, Miss Craft is in

her first year of teaching.

She likes the students here and reports that she expected more problems than she has encountered. Among her interests are oil painting and horseback riding.

Most experienced of the new lot, Mr. Sherwood Shughart has 16 years of teaching under his belt — 12 in New Jersey and four at Krebs.

Mr. Shughart worked his way through Penn State University where he studied geology and developed an interest in spelunking. He came over to the vocational education field because, as he says, "the avenue was more open."

Mrs. Eckell, who moved to Delaware only eight months ago after six years of teaching in Philadelphia, constantly gets lost in Conrad.

Her goals are to find her way around and to "teach the special education students how to cope in the outside world." Teaching Sunday school and organizing her new home keep her busy.

Mr. Miller likes the friendliness that the administration and faculty have when they work together. A skiing "addict," he hopes to help out the ski club this year.

A graduate of the University of Delaware with teaching experience at Krebs School, Mr. Miller tries to convey to his students what man's role on earth is and how he can "improve rather than destroy" his only home.

He also collects driftwood and wild flowers and sometimes enters his creations in competitions.

Conradians form J.A. companies

Junior Achievement programs are being established in 12 area schools this year, instead of traditionally in the downtown Wilmington area, in order to attract more students.

Ninety-seven Conradians have already signed up for JA.

Mock companies, organized during the eight-month course, manufacture and market their products, ranging from bulletin boards to fire escape ladders to pen sets.

At the end of the program, the company is liquidated, and its members reap their share of the overall profit, sometimes as high as \$270.

"It will be a good chance for many young people to look at the business world," senior Ray Griffith summed up, "but the money is nice, too!"

Smoke Signal wins All-American award

The *Smoke Signal*, under the editorial leadership of Rayanne Baron and Frances Stoneberger, has received the All-American Award for the seventh time in eight semesters. This award, the highest given by the National Scholastic Press Association, was given for the second semester of last year.

The nation-wide competition ranked high school newspapers into four categories — All-American, first, second, and third class — according to a point system.

In order to achieve All-American standing, a newspaper must accumulate at least the 3200 points

News-in-Brief

Color to brighten '73 yearbook

Seven pages of full-color foolery will highlight the 1973 Conrad yearbook.

Glenn Fleming, editor-in-chief, and Eileen Gentkowski, assistant editor, lead a production staff of 17 students in the organization of this year's *Conradian*.

Due to the rise in expenses, the cost of the yearbook has gone up to \$8. All orders, with complete payment will be taken on Yearbook Day — October 27.

LEADERS ELECT OFFICERS

Seniors Linda Hughes and Sharon Paola were elected vice-president and treasurer, respectively, of the Student Leader Club last month. Junior Loraine Smith will fill the office of secretary.

Although at press time the club was down to 20 members with prospects for only five or six more, President Marcia Tjaden pledged enthusiastically, "We're going to give a lot more help to the physical education department this year."

SENIORS WORK FOR LIBRARY

Seniors Linda Dorsey and Cynthia Kilby have been hired as general library assistants in an administration effort to compensate for the loss of former librarian, Miss Florence Riggs, now at Richardson Park School.

The girls are members of Miss Leann Hornung's senior co-op program and are on duty every afternoon — Linda, 12 noon to 3 p.m., and Cindy, 1 to 4 p.m.

Filing, cataloging, stencil-making, and other clerical duties have so far been a part of this on-the-job learning experience, directed by Miss Miriam Swayze, librarian.

Photo contest opens to students

Hold it . . . say "cheese" . . . CLICK! Attention, all amateur photographers! The *Smoke Signal* is sponsoring a monthly photo contest, open to all students.

The only requirement of the contest is that the pictures be of sports, activities, or student life at Conrad. Photographs will be judged by photography instructor Mr. David Pugh, art teacher Mrs. Pat Walrath, and *Smoke Signal* photography manager Don Gibson.

The winning pictures will be printed in the *Smoke Signal*.

BAND CANDY SALE BEGINS

A \$200 first prize will again be one of the prizes awarded when the annual band candy sale closes October 27. The sale, which began October 10, is open to any student who wishes to sell the candy.

Junior Jackie Johnson was the first-prize winner of a radio in the band's Community Calendar sale by selling \$100.75 worth of calendars. The other two winners, who also received radios, were junior Jeff Socorso and sophomore Anita Smith.

TYPESETTER PURCHASED

A "cold-type" setting machine, bought last spring for \$2500, is finally destined for use this year after six months dormant storage.

The IBM Selector Composer, a machine hardly bigger than an electric typewriter, is designed to produce finished copy for circulars, handbills, pamphlets, and even newspapers, which in turn is photographed and reproduced in quantity by a professional printer.

REDMAN HEADS SOPHOMORES

Keith Redman was recently elected president of the sophomore class. Other officers are Jo Ann Pennington, vice president; Carol Wertz, secretary; and Karen McKee, treasurer.

BOARD TO MEET HERE

The Conrad Area School Board will hold its monthly meetings in the high school auditorium at least for the remainder of this school year.

Anyone wishing to address the Board may do so by having a Board member request the floor for him at the meeting, or by submitting a written request to Superintendent Leon B. Elder.

WOMEN'S LIB TRIUMPHS

What has happened to male chauvinism in the junior class? Four girls captured all the offices.

Joette Pili was elected president; Jane Johnston, vice president; Debbie Bourdon, secretary; and Eileen Conway, treasurer.

Would-be senior skips, heads for U. of D.

Thousands of former Conradians can remember those lazy, hazy days when "senioritis" set in and spring fever took its toll on attendance. But at least one would-be senior's mind won't be on graduation. That former Redskin is Stephen Johnson, now attending the University of Delaware.

Steve, who is majoring in mechanical engineering, was accepted into an early entrance program after submitting his college board scores to the entrance department of the University of Delaware. This program is open to any senior who the university feels will successfully complete college.

When asked why he entered college a year earlier than his classmates Steve replied, "The courses offered at college and to seniors at Conrad are about the same, and so I decided to get college credit for them."

Steve's courses are chemistry, calculus, philosophy, and engineering drawing.

Although Steve has been attending college only a couple weeks, he has already noticed basic differences.

"The amount of material we cover is much greater, but the thing that has most impressed me is the adult and mature manner in which the professors treat students."



Would-be senior Steve Johnson works on assignment for the University of Delaware. (Photo by Jay Kross)

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