

# Teachers, school board agree on new contract

Conrad teachers finally landed a contract after a two-year struggle and a two-day strike October 17-18. The new contract, extending until June 30, 1974, contains a \$200 increase in local pay per year and other teacher benefits.

Mr. Leon Lilly, head of the Conrad Area Federation of Teachers feels, "It is a reasonably good contract except for the money." He continued to explain that the \$200 across-the-board increase is inadequate since the teachers have not received an increase in local pay since 1970-71 and the cost of living has gone up about 25 per cent since then.

The contract provides for a "re-opener" to negotiate next year's salary between now and the end of the current fiscal year, June 30. A date for reopening these negotiations has not been set yet.

According to Mr. Lilly the contract has also provided teachers with many benefits they never had before.

One provision that will directly affect students is a policy for adjustment of behavior problems. The policy provides teachers with a standard method of dealing with student discipline problems. Mr. Lilly believes this will be fair and

equitable to all students and eliminate favoritism.

A grievance procedure for teachers, another first, was also gained. The procedure would result in advisory arbitration between teachers and the school board to settle a grievance.

Mr. Lilly adds, "Personally I would like to see binding arbitration instead, but it is against present state law. In the case where an impasse is reached in negotiation, this would give a method of solving without a drastic measure such as a strike."

Another provision concerns limited access to personal files. Teachers are now permitted to see their files to defend themselves if it becomes necessary.

A limited format to be followed for transfer or reassignment of teachers is also included. It forbids transfer or reassignment on the grounds of personal conflict between a teacher and the administration. Teachers are also allowed to request a transfer.

Requiring at least one nurse in every building is another new provision of the contract.

Mr. Lilly believes that the new contract will basically cause no radical changes at Conrad.

# Companies assemble as JA hits high gear

The Kookie Copper Kor, Wix 'n Wax, and Quaker Suds are just a few of the zany new names of Conrad Junior Achievement companies. More than 540 high school students in northern Delaware have been busy selling stock, electing officers, and getting the production of their products into full swing.

Four companies meet at Conrad once a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Officers of the Con-Craft Company are Ray Griffith, president; Jackie Fry, vice president of sales; David Trykowski, vice president of manufacturing; Kathy Stanek, vice president of personnel; Debbie Bourdon, corporate secretary; and Dawn Reno, treasurer.

Officers of the PENSKI Company are Sheila West, president; Jeff Moore, vice president of sales; Ed Talarowski, vice president of manufacturing; Lu Ann Firth, vice president of personnel; Marsha Stabnau, corporate secretary; and Gary Clinger, treasurer.

Officers of Bulico Company are Carol Cote, president; Chris Baker, vice president of sales; Ellen

Joseph, vice president of manufacturing; Connie Thorp, vice president of personnel; Diane Wapnicurek, corporate secretary; and Eileen Conway, treasurer.

Officers of the Gloco Company are Glenn Bleakney, president; Diane Haley, vice president of sales; Ray Barbic, vice president of manufacturing; Susan White, vice president of personnel; Elains Pivinski, corporate secretary; and Diane Pitrizzi, treasurer.

The four companies each consisting of approximately twenty-four charter members are producing products ranging from bulletin boards to pen sets to candles and wrapping paper to plastic crafts.

Twenty of the thirty-three companies are sponsored by DuPont. Other sponsors include Electric Hose and Rubber, Avon/Motor Wheel, Hercules, General Motors, Diamond State Telephone, Getty Oil Company, Delaware Power and Light, and Ferris School.

## New DECA officers

# Susan Hall elected president



Susan Hall has been elected president of the Conrad chapter of the Distributive Education Clubs of America. Other officers are Elsie Papilli, vice president; Dawn Crumley, secretary; and Debbie Barbour, treasurer.

The installation of the new officers and the initiation of all new members took place at a breakfast November 1 at Perkins Pancake House.

The organization of six professional chapter meetings is the most recent DECA function. Different groups of three students will organize and actually conduct each meeting. They will be in charge of all phases including planning menus and times of departure and choosing guest speakers.

These and other activities help to strengthen leadership qualities in

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# Queen Joanne Celano reigns over 1972 Homecoming Court

Joanne Celano was honored November 4 as the 1972 Homecoming Queen. Also recognized were the ten members of her Homecoming court: Barbie Albers, Cathy Barnes, Kathy Callahan, Rhonda Dale, Carol Haigh, Michelle Holdsworth, Barbara Lantis, Ruth McCallister, Mary Ryan, and Tinker Simpser.

The Homecoming Dance, sponsored by Student Council in the gym, netted \$187, according to Jessie Jones, Student Council president. The formal affair following Conrad's 37-26 victory over Concord attracted approximately 125 couples.

The junior class float earned first prize in the float contest before the game, one of the highlights of the day's activities. The winners triumphed over the class of '73 who had taken first prize for its float for two consecutive years.

Student Council plans to participate in student exchanges again this year. The officers have received letters from Cape Henlopen, Seaford, Dover, Brandywine and other high schools. A student exchange committee has been appointed, but any student is eligible to visit the other schools, added president Jessie Jones.

Thanksgiving baskets of food will be distributed to people of the



Senior Joanne Celano is escorted by Alan Cienwicz before being crowned 1972 Homecoming Queen. (Photo by Don Gibson).

poorer sections of the city of Wilmington by Student Council members during the Thanksgiving holiday. In December the officers have planned a Christmas dance and a visit to one of the local hospitals.

A Christmas tree will be

decorated and displayed in the main hall before Christmas vacation. Student Council will sponsor a Can Drive to collect can goods for needy families in the Wilmington area. All donations will be placed under the tree.

# Sock and Buskin to present 'Pure as the Driven Snow'

This year's fall play, "Pure as the Driven Snow, or, A Working Girl's Secret," produced by the Sock and Buskin Club under the direction of Mr. Frank McDermott, will be presented December 15 and 16 in the auditorium.

The play, a basic Gay-Nineties melodrama, centers around Purity Dean, the heroine and working girl with a secret, played by Linda Wil-

son; Leander Longfellow, the hero, played by Mark Schoenberg; and Mortimer Frothingham, the villain, played by Chris Baker.

Also in the cast are Linda Petrucci, Sue Hall, Betty Hill, Margaret Snyder, Don Stradley, Bob Zulinski, Donna Kleinguenther, Glenda Krim, and Jill Meadows.

Purity falls in love with Leander, but Mortimer will even resort to foul play to keep him from her.

He even tries to kill Leander, but Leander escapes; Purity's secret is disclosed, and they live happily ever after.

Mr. McDermott is hoping for ease in production. "I don't anticipate any problems, but that's not saying there won't be any," he said.

Although Mr. McDermott was not the director of last year's play, he took the job because, "I love it and

the job was open."

Susan Barczewski, student director, will be giving Mr. McDermott's orders to the cast to try to keep them under control at the practices scheduled for each day until production night.

Susan, also last year's director, commented on the outcome of the play. "I hope it will turn out well because it's a good play, and we've got a pretty nice cast."

The admission for the play, which will run about 2 hours and 14 minutes, will go to the Sock and Buskin treasury to help pay for props and other production costs.

The costumes for the play will be rented, but the sets will be built by the students themselves.

Miss Faquita Logan, co-director of the Sock and Buskin Club, will be in charge of the production of the spring play.

# Open study hall system endangered by abusers

Too many students leaving school grounds and excessive damage to lavatory areas may force a shutdown of the open study hall system for the remainder of the school year.

While Principal Earl J. Smith hopes to keep some degree of freedom in the system, stricter discipline — especially for students loitering outside the building and in lavatories — must be adopted.

and closer supervision of the building and grounds were the only steps taken by the administration; however, the entire open study hall system will be endangered if abuses continue. Last year's system remained in effect until Christmas before being discontinued for similar reasons.

Student Council president Jessie Jones, who worked for the institution of the open study halls, urges all students to cooperate in the

## Professional contact needed

The purpose of secondary school is to prepare the individual for a productive, personally satisfying role in society. Sadly, especially for the student uncertain of his future plans, this objective often goes unfulfilled.

While the guidance department may supply a wealth of information on virtually everything from airplane mechanics to x-ray technology, this aid is often of limited practical value.

What the student needs is direct personal contact with an experienced person. A thirty-minute conversation with an engineer or carpenter is more influential in a student's final decision than a whole roomful of printed material.

Since personal contact is so important, it is imperative that the student be exposed to as many different careers as possible before making his choice. The Student Council would be most effective in this area by undertaking to bring career representatives directly to the students, possibly in the following way.

A "career day" could be first designated for sometime in the future and the students surveyed to determine in which occupations and professions there is the most interest. Persons in these fields should then be contacted and invited to Conrad on the appointed "career day."

Several days before this date students could sign up for those career representatives they would like to talk with. Then on the final day each representative would be assigned a classroom.

Students would be able to pass from room to room in regular periods and talk with members of different occupations and professions.

In this way students would have more than printed information on which to base the most important decision of their lives.

## Music calms savage student

With the present popularity of "piped-in" background music in restaurants, department stores, dentists' and doctors' offices, and even gas stations, it is surprising no one has tapped the background-music pipeline for students' enjoyment. Why shouldn't students listen to music during study halls, lunch periods, and between classes?

No one can deny "music makes the mood." By creating a relaxed atmosphere in critical traffic areas in the halls (i.e. in front of the library) with gentle but popular music, the frantic jostling, bumping, and shoving could be reduced to patient yielding and courtesy.

During "talk" study halls in the cafeteria, background music might solve the problem of excessive noise. When a student is enjoying a popular tune, he is less apt to act as loudly and aggressively as he would in an environment controlled solely by his friends' chatter.

Background music would not constitute a distraction if it were played only under circumstances when the student's mind is unoccupied by studying. Those students who prefer silence could readily find a quieter environment in either the cafeteria annex or the library both without piped-in music. Also, volume and selection of music could first be approved by administration, faculty, and student representatives before being aired.

For a small investment, and with no risks to students' education, the administration, the faculty, and the students literally have "nothing to lose and everything to gain" regarding piped-in background music.

# Active senior does her 'Best' in sports and school activities

By Paul Socorso

Trying to corner senior Janie Best for an interview is quite a task, for between her involvement in senior class activities, Student Council, and the volleyball team, it's hard to say which keeps her the busiest.

Janie, who is both president of the senior class council and vice-president of Student Council, enjoys both jobs equally. "I usually spend 60 per cent of my time with Student Council activities and 40 per cent with class activities one week," she said. "Then the next week — I spend more time with the senior class and less with the Council."

When Spirit Week rolls around in February, Janie is very optimistic about having the senior class win. One complaint she has is that not enough seniors are interested enough to help their class. "There isn't even one fifth of the number of people I had hoped for to be helping the class!" she added.

Janie believes the Student Council has the same problem. Her main goal there is to get more students involved. "The Student Council is all the students at Conrad," she said, "but when it's the same ones that attend the meetings and help on activities, it's not a true Student Council."

Janie would like to see two additions to Conrad — a bike rack and vending machines. "I think something like vending machines would cut down on so many students running over to Morris's." She also believes that something should be done about the auditorium.

Janie's favorite subject at Conrad is the child development program.



Senior Janie Best reads the morning announcements, formerly one of her jobs as a Student Council officer. (Photo by Paul Socorso)

"I enjoy it so much because — I love working with children," she admitted.

Besides her school activities, Janie also takes part in projects out of school. She has been tutoring a boy in her neighborhood for three years and helps her church during bazaars and dinners.

Janie also has an unusual hobby — collecting matchbook covers. "The farthest one is from Alaska," she said. "Then there are also some from Puerto Rico, Canada, California, and Florida." At last count Janie had close to 300 different ones.

Janie believes that she doesn't have a best trait, maybe it's her modesty; but she cites her temper

as her worst trait. "It doesn't take much to get me angry," she admitted, "and when I do, I usually don't hesitate to tell a person how I really feel about what they said or did. Maybe the Irish blood in me has something to do with it."

Ten years from now Janie sees herself married with maybe three or four children. "I plan to have a dozen children," she said. My family is large, and so I just can't imagine it any other way."

With a last name like "Best," Janie has heard more than her share of sick puns. "But," she explained, "so far none have been superior, not even the most frequently repeated one — 'Do your best, Best.'"

## Readers write

# Journalism motives questioned

Dear Editor:

I am an avid fan of the Smoke Signal and wait anxiously for the publication of each issue. But I share a serious complaint about the paper with a number of my friends. I don't want to be cruel in my evaluation of the paper, but I was under the impression that a school paper was supposed to be about the school. It seems to me that the sole purpose of the Smoke Signal is to

compete with other school papers and not for student interest. This is justified by the fact that many of the articles are about subjects that don't even pertain to Conrad.

I believe the Smoke Signal could be a much better publication if more articles that students enjoy, such as Student and Teacher of the Month, were substituted for less interesting stories. After all, what use is a good rating if people do not

enjoy reading the paper.

Respectfully,  
Felicia Ciuffetelli

Editor's Note: The very real problem which you point out is not so much as result of insensitivity on our part as a lack of interest and participation on the part of the student body. The production of any newspaper is a two-way process. Not only must the staff write those articles that will appeal to the students, but the students must respond and make their interests known. We can only print what we believe the students want to read, and if we are wrong in our appraisals, we sincerely ask to be corrected. All students should realize their part in the production of the Smoke Signal by letting us know which features they did or did not enjoy, and by supplying leads to news-worthy events.

## Prime time pickings slim; new TV season falls short

By Dave Robinson

Thursday, prime time. Is this any time to watch television? Who knows?

The evening started out great; nobody was home; the TV was mine.

Where is my paper? I'll have to look for it myself. I'm ready to watch TV, and I can't find my listings. Could I be the proverbial blind man trapped in the library?

No. I've found it. Now, what is on... "Hollywood Squares." Oh, wow! Paul Lynde is always good. Wait, 48 has Dick Van Dyke; I'll have to flip a coin. Heads, it's "Hollywood Squares"; tails, it's Dick Van Dyke; if it lands on the edge three out of five times, I'll watch Lassie.

Heads, it's "Hollywood Squares" after only five tries; and the show is half over. Paul Lynde doesn't get any questions.

Eight o'clock. Flip Wilson is on, but so is "Get Smart." Maybe I could watch "Get Smart" and half of Flip Wilson. No, it's Flip.

Flip's not up to par tonight; and David Steinberg, his guest, has not done anything new.

(Maybe I should have watched

Edward G. Robinson on the 8 o'clock movie.)

As I was waiting for Flip Wilson to come on, a girl (a raving beauty) appeared on the screen and tried to talk me into watching "Ironside" and "Dino" after the Flip Wilson show.

I managed to control my conscience, having promised the girl I would, when I turned the channel after "Ironside."

"Ironside" was no good, and so I decided to give Raymond Burr a second chance and watched Perry Mason at 10.

Perry's plot was so good I got half way through before I realized I had seen it before and turned it off in sheer disgust.

I had to take sleep in lieu of Pat O'Brien and "The Helen Morgan Story", and thus ended my night of TV.

As I look back on it, maybe Dick Van Dyke would have been a better choice at 7:30; after all, he won the first four tosses; and maybe "Get Smart" and the 9 o'clock movie would have passed the time better.

In any case, Thursday night could not possibly be the best night for television, or me.



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# CONRAD CAPEERS



## Turkey time titillates Redskin teepee

With Thanksgiving only one day away, Smoke Signal scouts have spotted more than the usual activity in the Redskin Teepee. Undoubtedly, the natives are getting restless . . .

**ROCK-A-BYE BABY . . .** Junior Bobby Combs announces a new way to beat the hectic school pace — the afternoon nap. Trying out the technique during a fifth-period history lecture, he discovered one fatal flaw. Oblivious to the ringing bells and changing classes, Bobby didn't wake up until halfway through the sixth period.

**FORWARD MARCH! . . .** Battalion halt! . . . Foreign invasion? War games on the football field? No, just members of Mr. John Stroebel's fifth-period War in Modern Society class completing a routine assignment. The class took to the field to act out battle tactics from Medieval

to Napoleonic times.

**SPIRIT OF '72 . . .** Junior Jim Stewart and his Republican tuba really got into the spirit of things at the October 26 reception for Vice-President Agnew at Rodney Square. Affixing a Nixon-Agnew bumper sticker to the top of his instrument, he proudly carried it throughout the rally.

**TOPSY-TURVY TENNIS . . .** The field goal is just one feature of the game of creative tennis, invented by seniors Kathy Treible, Anita Roberts, and Karen Conaway. Described as one way to make the game "more interesting," the field goal involves hitting the ball out of the court at least to the far side of Boxwood Road.

**NOW YOU HEAR HER. NOW YOU DON'T . . .** After senior Janie Best's heated two-minute pep talk over the loudspeaker system, con-

vincing more seniors to help with their homecoming float, one person inadvertently failed to show up to help — Janie.

**JUST WHAT THE DOCTOR ORDERED . . .** Dr. Isabel Miller has the most fashionable thermostat in all of Conrad. Keeping room 200 at a constant 95-degree temperature, the control unit required a red and gold sweater, hand-knit by Dr. Miller herself, before it would shut off the heat.

**TWENTY-TWENTY TRICKERY . . .** "I've lost my contact lens!" junior Melanie Gullett cried to her substitute Spanish teacher. The whole class was soon down on their hands and knees, and spent the remainder of the period searching for the tiny lens. What the substitute never found out is that Melanie has perfect vision and is quite a convincing actress.



Dr. Gene Ziegler airs his philosophies to Journalism I students. (Photo by Dave Robinson)

## Dr. Gene Ziegler gives views on education

By Betsy Bove

"Education is values," announced Mr. Gene Ziegler, Ph.D. and teacher of chemistry at Conrad. Talking and getting to know people, he says, is the best way of gaining these values.

Dr. Ziegler was born March 2, 1942, in Tucson, Arizona, and attended Roger G. Sullivan High School in Chicago. Interest and talent in high school chemistry earned him a half scholarship to the Illinois Institute of Technology where he earned his bachelor of science degree. On a full scholarship, he attended the University of California at Berkeley for three years and was presented with his Ph.D.

Employed at the DuPont Company after college as a basic researcher, Dr. Ziegler commented that he did little work for a lot of money and had good benefits.

However, the idea of spending the rest of his life with "test tubes and technicians" did not appeal to him. Desiring a job with more emphasis on the human side of life, Dr. Ziegler decided to try teaching, and wound up at Conrad.

Why teaching? "I had taught all along," he replied. Dr. Ziegler aided the professor in graduate school, and had taught or tutored off and on at various schools, including Delaware Technical and Community College and Wilmington High School. He felt also that teaching

would give him the best opportunity to get to know people. "The greatest thing about teaching," he added, "is there's nowhere to go," or in other words, there's no promotion problem.

Dr. Ziegler believes that many changes should be made in our school system. "You don't learn just by attending classes," he claims. You learn from people, teachers and friends. Find out what makes them tick . . . that's education, he says. Open classrooms help to set this casual atmosphere and to eliminate regimentation. Better teacher-student relationships and less restricted lessons result.

Looking back on his own educational experiences, Dr. Ziegler suggests that students avoid limiting their circle of acquaintances by attending a "segregated" college, meaning an all-male, all-female, religious college or the like.

He also stresses the need for a mastery of language, not only as an aid in school work but also serving as a bridge over the communication gap.

"School is the easiest and nicest thing in the world," said Dr. Ziegler. "So stay in as long as you can. It's good experience and gives one practice in decision-making. Choosing a career is most difficult when there is doubt about the future. One should vary his courses and try many things. Talk to teachers and get to know people!"

## Evil legends come alive in Follies Woods at night

By Ed LaRock

Old folklore and legend has denoted Follies Woods as "a place of mystery and evil doings" for more than 100 years. Most of these legends have been forgotten over the years; but at night Follies Woods, now part of Banning Park, still retains its old air of mystery and evil.

A recent happening in Follies Woods has cast some light on the old legends. According to a newspaper article and rumor a county police officer and some friends drove down to Follies Pond around Halloween night two years ago.

They got out of the car and stood looking across the mist-covered pond. Suddenly, they heard a blood-curdling scream from behind and turned to see a woman sitting on the hood of the car. Her face had a deep, bloody gash across it as though she had been slashed with an ax.

Not much more has been said of the incident since it supposedly happened. The Saturday night before Halloween, Steve Johnson, senior Dan Foley, junior Jerry Rosen, and I decided to walk down through Follies Woods and see what we could find.

As we entered the woods from

Maryland Avenue, the dark mystery of Follies Woods fell upon us. A thick, low-lying fog covered the ground giving ghostly apparitions to surrounding bushes. Trees rose out of the fog like giants, and their trunks creaked as they swayed in the gentle breeze. The woods seemed to block outside noises and to cast a strange stillness as if it were trying to capture us in its spell.

In places where the tree tops parted, a luminous quarter moon cast eerie light through the trees. The moon was often swallowed by dark, black clouds that stole our only light.

A cold chill crept up my spine as we followed a dirt path to the pond. The woods surrounded us and began to play tricks with our minds. Trees along the path appeared to close in on us; and their branches, like giant arms, reached to grab us. Shadows turned into forms of demons lurking among the trees. Falling leaves became bats and other creatures swooping upon us. Roots and sticks were slithering snakes at our feet.

Water-filled potholes in the path seemed to be some monster's tracks that walked ahead of us. Mist boiled out of the gulley along the

path, and hideous beings crawled out with it. Dripping water from the trees sounded like hidden footsteps rustling through the leaves. Cold, damp air filled our quivering lungs.

Finally, we reached the pond. Dull reflections of surroundings shimmered on the surface. Unseen creatures at the edge of the pond leaped in and thrashed about like serpents.

We sat on a bench and waited. We could not keep from turning around to make sure nothing was behind us. We felt the eyes of the devil himself staring at us.

The black void of the woods surrounded us. Follies Woods was trying to possess our minds with fear. We waited, and the woods closed in as though it were going to swallow us. All the beings of the woods were coming after us, and there was no escape. Follies Woods had us in its grasp.

Then, nothing happened. The woods left us alone as if to mock our fear. Silently, we walked back to Maryland Avenue.

Regardless of legend or rumor, Follies Woods has a secret mystery about it at night that can only be measured in fear. Follies Woods is no place to be at night!

## Woodshop II students produce original creations

A kidney-shaped coffee table, a gun rack, a fruit bowl — all can be found in Mr. Cornelius Sach's Wood Shop II class, one of the most popular among Conrad students.

Mr. Sach believes that Wood Shop should be an enjoyable yet educational experience. Students are allowed to work on any project that they wish. He feels that they should be able to learn by their own experiences and does require that the students keep busy.

Mr. Sach doesn't give tests, but grades the boys according to how hard they work and the quality of the finished product.

In order to get ahead in Wood Shop, one must be able to use the machines. Students in Wood Shop I must demonstrate this ability during the first week. For example, Mr. Sach will ask them to cut out a dovetail joint for a cabinet. The ones that pass are allowed to work on their own. Those who do not pass are confined to smaller projects.

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Junior Joe Sarnecky celebrates goal during a soggy Concord match. (Photo by Don Gibson).

## Kickers take fourth, end season at 5-3-1

The soccer team completed its season with a winning record this year, posting a 5-3-1 conference record and a 6-5-3 overall record.

Seniors Dave Sheehan, Dave Archer, and Larry Laws were elected tri-captains, with Sheehan earning the title of most valuable player.

The Redskins booters won their McKean game 4-0 October 13 on two goals by junior Joe Sarnecky, and one each by junior Bill Greegs and senior Ray Subach.

The soccer team next met William Penn on the Banning Park field October 17. The Redskins beat the Colonials on tallies by senior Larry Laws and juniors Sarnecky, Paul McCullen, and Greegs.

The team was defeated in its next game by the Brandywine Bulldogs, 3-0, October 20 on calls which Coach Ned Landis termed "very debatable."

Mount Pleasant, one of the conference powers, was Conrad's next opponent October 24. The game ended 1-1, Conrad scoring on a penalty

kick by Subach.

The Redskin's next game was against arch-rival Concord. The Raiders outlasted the Redskins, winning 5-4 October 28. Sarnecky scored twice, with junior Doug Challenger and sophomore Eddie Schmidt each tallying once.

Conrad's final conference game was against Delcastle at Banning Park's field November 1. The Redskins defeated the Cougars 2-0 on single goals by Sarnecky and Greegs.

Conrad defeated Sanford 4-0 November 3 on three goals by junior Ed Kowalczyk and one by junior Bob Hartnett.

Coach Landis considers this year's team much better skilled than his conference-winning team of a year ago, but thinks the attitudes this year were much poorer.

Mr. Landis now looks only to the future. He feels that work on the part of next year's returning lettermen will give Conrad a championship team.

## Harriers win Flight A, rank third in state

The cross-country team completed an almost perfect season, winning the Blue Hen Conference Flight A title with a record of 6-1.

After winning the Flight A crown, the harriers took second place in the County Conference Meet. Preston Jennings finished 8th with Dave Bair finishing 13th.

Next was the state meet November 7; the Redskins finished behind Salesianum and Newark. Senior Preston Jennings fought to a fifth place finish, and Seniors Dave Bair and Gary Mears came in 19th and 20th respectively.

In the Brandywine meet, October 12, the team raced to a 24-35 victory. Although Brandywine put the first man across the line, the Redskins beat them with their depth, finishing six men in the top ten positions.

Jennings finished second on the Banning Park course with Bair seven seconds behind him for third. Other scorers were Seniors Dan Talmo, fifth; Gary Mears, sixth; and Brett O'Neill, eighth.

The runners were defeated by Salesianum at Rockford Park October 16. Jennings took first place, but seven Sallies runners came across before another Redskin

reached the finish line. The score was 20-43.

William Penn fell prey to the Redskin racers 23-36 on the Colonials' course October 20. Jennings won the race in 12:48; Bair finished third, and five other Conrad runners occupied positions in the first ten.

Conrad dropped to a first-place tie with Newark in the Blue Hen Conference after their defeat at the hands of the Yellowjackets October 23.

Jennings finished first in 11:52, 12 seconds ahead of the nearest competitor; but this was not enough to defeat the Newark runners.

The Redskins regained first place in the conference by beating Wilmington October 26 in their last dual meet and by receiving a big assist from Christiana who defeated Newark the same day.

# Gridders nip Wilmington, assured of tie for 'A' title

Conrad's football team squeaked by Wilmington, 14-8, November 11 to be assured of at least a tie for the Blue Hen Conference title and a possible state tournament berth.

A desperation pass by quarterback Mark Comegys to wide receiver Butch Sowden, netted a touchdown with four seconds left in the game.

The Red Devils, after receiving the kickoff, marched straight down the field for a touchdown. The 6 points were scored on a run by Anthony Johnson, who also crashed over for a 2-point conversion.

Conrad scored later in the half on a pass from Comegys to Ron Janusz. The conversion failed and the Redskins were held scoreless until the game-winning touchdown.

With 1:50 left in the game Conrad got the ball on their own 9-yard line. Comegys took to the air and completed six passes to Sowden and Don Meyer. After missing two in the end zone by inches, Sowden hauled in the winning 30-yarder. A pass to Meyer added the final 2 points.

Conrad has beaten Christiana, Brandywine, William Penn, Mount Pleasant, Concord and Wilmington. Results of last Saturday's Dickinson game were unavailable at press time.

In a non-conference battle on October 14 the Highlanders of McKean upset the Redskins 18-12 despite the fact that senior quarterback Comegys completed 18 passes out of 23 attempts.

The Redskins beat William Penn Colonials 15-6, October 21 with Meyer running for one touchdown and scoring another on a pass from Comegys.

Conrad surprised the entire state by upsetting Mt. Pleasant, 27-14, October 18. The game knocked the Green Knights out of first place and virtually out of the running for the state tournament.

Scoring was by Meyer and Sowden on passes from Comegys and a 45-yard romp by 220-pound senior tackle Tony Glenn who recovered a fumble and outran everyone into the end zone.

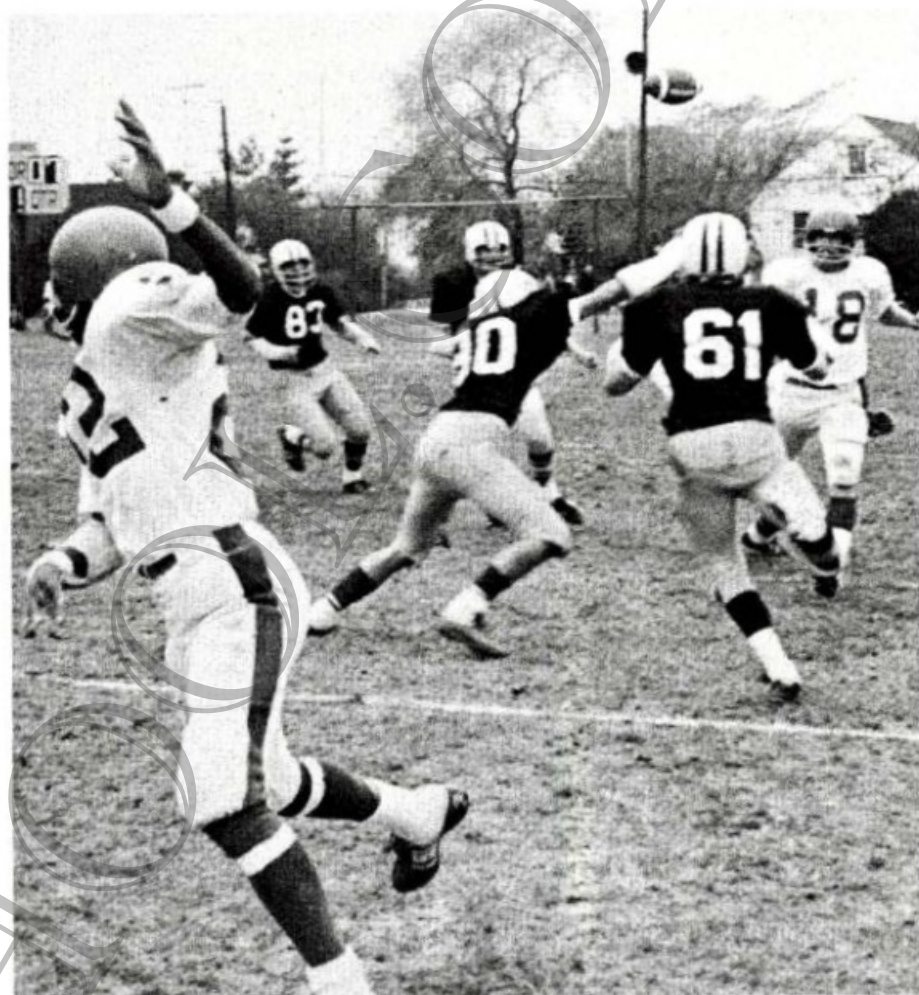
Comegys and Sowden led Conrad

## Redskin spikers end 6-5 season

The Conrad volleyball team boosted its record to 6-5 with a victory over Mt. Pleasant in its last game of the season November 13.

The team was led by tri-captains Marcia Tjaden, Jessie Jones, and Vicki Langrell.

Senior members of the team, Carol Haigh, Barbara Marciniszyn, Marcia Tjaden, Vicki Langrell, Jane Best, Jessie Jones, and Gail George wish to leave their kneepads to future members and hope they hustle again next year.



Senior Mark Comegys passes to junior halfback Joe Scales over the heads of Concord defenders. (Photo by Don Gibson).

to an impressive 37-26 victory over the Concord Raiders November 4.

The Redskins netted 20 first downs in an offensive display that had Comegys complete 9 of 11 passes and gain 53 yards on the ground including two touchdowns on runs from scrimmage.

Sowden had six receptions for 150 yards — one on a 60-yard touchdown pass from senior Ron Janusz on a fake punt play.

Meyer rushed for 96 yards on 19 carries. Although he failed to score,

he led a hard-hitting defense with sophomore Pete Skrobot, juniors Gary Parker and Zebb Ross and seniors Glenn, Janusz and Earl Parker.

Despite giving up 26 points the defense caused three fumbles and Earl Parker intercepted a pass.

The game started with Concord's Bob Cummins intercepting Comegys' first pass of the day. Comegys' first thoughts after the interception were of the Salesianum disaster when he was 0-9 in passing.

## Coach Von Stetten leads team to second place tie

The Conrad hockey team, under Coach Wayne Von Stetten, has captured second place in the suburban conference.

The Redskins defeated and shut out Middletown 4-0, Christiana 3-0, Claymont 4-0, De La Warr 2-0, Dickinson 2-0, McKean 2-0, Newark 8-0, A.I. DuPont 2-0. They tied with Concord 0-0, Mt. Pleasant 0-0, and William Penn 0-0 and lost to Brandywine 3-0.

Leading scorers were junior Juli Grandell, senior Kris Flecher, junior Lorrie Smith, senior Anita Roberts, senior Linda Hughes, senior Sharon Paola, and sophomore Cheryl Kehrler. Juli Grandell led the league in scoring.

Other seniors on the team were Debbie Dorris, Sharon Brittingham, and Kim Smith.

Paola, Hughes, and Smith also tri-captained the team.

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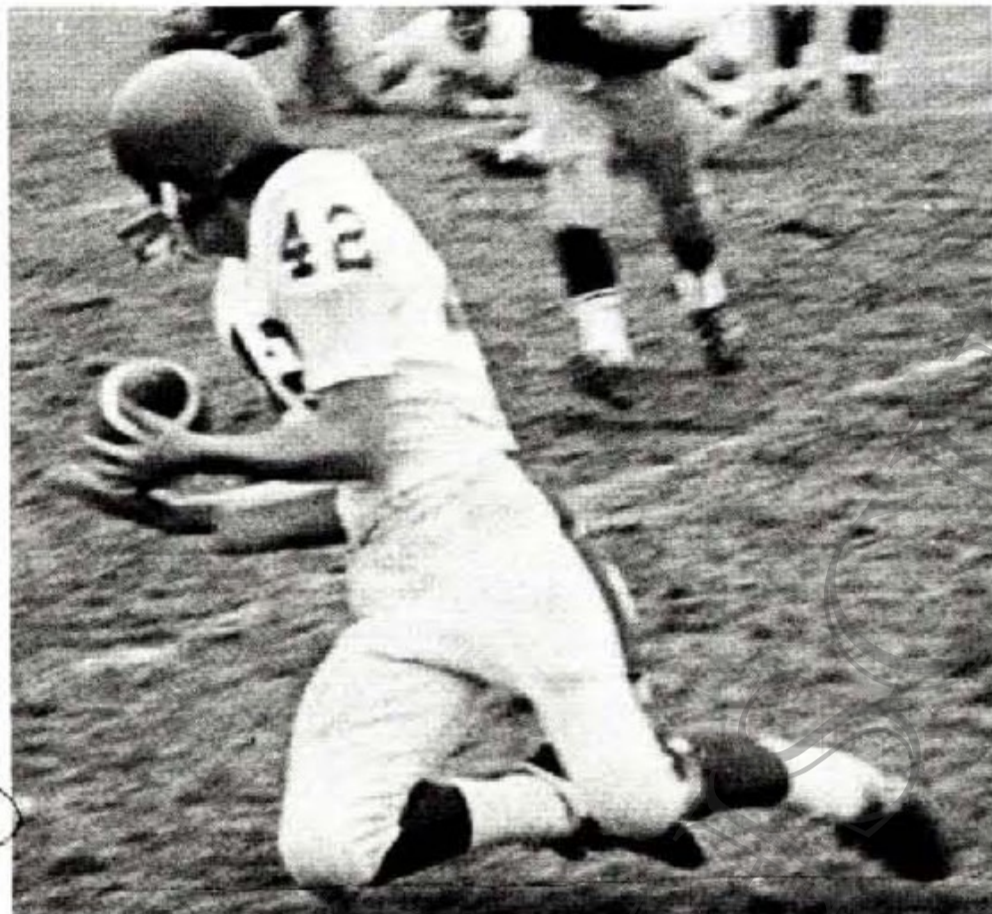
Senior Carol Haigh goes up for the spike as sophomore Shirl Barry looks on.



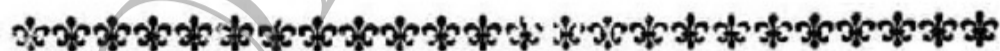
Defensive end Dee Meyer blocks for halfback Joe Scales for several tough yards.



Senior Dave Bair pours on the steam.

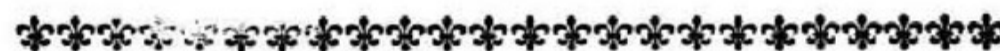


Flanker Ron Janusz cradles a pass for the two-point conversion.



# Fall Sports Round-up

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Goalie Dave Archer guards the goal with help from Dave Sheehan, Larry Laws, Ed Schmidt, and Glenn Taylor.



Senior Preston Jennings pushes for eighth place in the county meet.



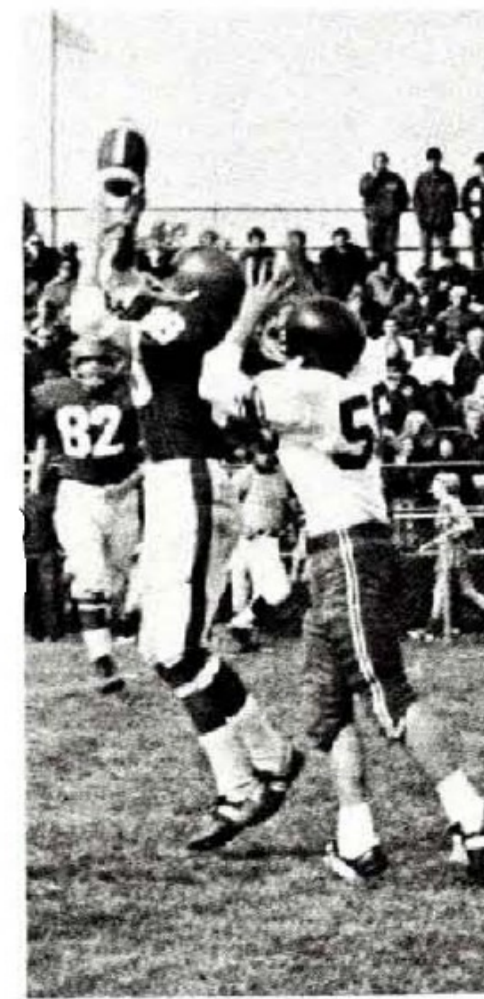
Center Julie Grandell fires at the goal.



Quarterback Mark Comegys dashes for extra yardage with guard Bob Rozenko to block.



Center forward Joe Sarnecky races after the ball.



Split-end Butch Sowden pulls down a pass.

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# Conrad staff adds 3 new teachers



Three recent additions to Conrad's faculty include (left to right) Miss Anne Dugan, Spanish teacher; Mr. David Pugh, photography instructor; and Miss Tina Sandberg, girls' phys ed teacher.

Three new teachers have been added to the Conrad faculty since the beginning of the year.

The latest addition to the girls' physical education faculty is Miss Tina Sandberg, a graduate of the University of Delaware. Her background includes substitute teaching in San Francisco and Minneapolis.

In Minneapolis, Miss Sandberg coached the Edina Recreation gymnastic team. She also played hockey for the Minneapolis Hockey Club, bowled in team competition, and was the "star" second baseman on the Brooklyn Center Slobs, coed slow pitch softball team.

Miss Sandberg is excited about working at Conrad and hopes to someday obtain a desk!

Miss Anne Dugan, a former graduate of Conrad High, replaced Miss Jean Marie Burns of the Spanish Department, November 1.

Being active in the Immanuel Episcopal Choir and in the National Organization for Women does not in any way interfere with Miss Dugan's main hobby, traveling. After spending one summer studying in Mexico, she was inspired to return three more times. Spain and the Virgin Islands were two other places Miss Dugan visited. She has also been to Texas, the South, and the entire northern coast of the United States.

Following her education at the University of Delaware, Miss Dugan taught for one year at St. Elizabeth's High School and was also a social worker and a Spanish interpreter at the Delaware League for Planned Parenthood.

Miss Dugan claims that she is very, very happy to be at Conrad High, and that all of her classes are composed of fine students.

This year the darkroom is being brightened up by an energetic young teacher, Mr. David Pugh.

A graduate of the University of Delaware, he helped produce an award-winning, three-minute film entitled "Wordbath" for the 1969 University Film Festival. He has captured similar honors in local competitions.

A resident of Landenberg, Pennsylvania, Mr. Pugh is an avid outdoorsman, enjoying canoeing, parachuting, caving, mountain-climbing, and "hang-kiting" (flying man-powered gliders). His travels include a raft trip down the Colorado River and a summer spent roaming Europe.

Presently a bachelor, Mr. Pugh is "in no hurry" to get married.

"I guess you could say I'm looking forward to marriage... far forward!" he says. "Right now there is too much to do and see."

## News-in-Brief

### Don Wood wins \$200 prize

"Would you like to buy a box of candy?" By October 27, when this year's annual candy sale ended, band and twirling corps members were as tired of asking this question as students were of answering. But 532 people said "yes" to junior Donald Wood, who sold 38 cartons — enough to win the \$200 first prize, which he plans to put towards a car.

Second prize, a portable black and white TV, was won by junior Ray Barbic, who sold 32 cartons.

Each carton sold entitled the seller to one chance on the \$50 drawing, which was won by Jimmy Lindeman.

Lesser prizes were awarded to runners-up: Sharon Robinson, Denise Stumpf, Pam Hufnal, Janet Trost, Gail Hosan, Kathy Quinn, Marsha Stabnau, Ellen Joseph, Sandra Queen, Kenneth Wilson, Pam Hanna, and Linda Rainey.

#### ROOSA ELECTED PRESIDENT

Senior Donna Roosa is the newly elected president of the Library Aides. Becky Barber, Patti Murphy, and Jackie Fry are the vice president, secretary, and treasurer, respectively.

Other members of the library aides are Cheryl Peltit, Martha McCarthy, Nina Misera, Susan Dusen, Debra Hill, Debra Bredbenner, Susan Berry, Joseph Cannon, Mary Rogers, Debbie McGinness, Susan McElwee, Diane Hugg, Bonnie Wade, Diane Ruark, Lisa Haas, Ellen Hann, Wayne Manning, Pam Cammock, Susan Harkness, Paula Noble, Beverly Jones, and Mary Okoniewski.

#### CONRAD AWAITS TRAILERS

Child development and foods management classes may wait until some time next year for two trailer units originally scheduled for delivery by Thanksgiving.

Bids on construction of the trailers were to have been advertised in October, but at press time no action had been taken.

While the classes suffered no setbacks this marking period because of lack of the trailers, Assistant Principal Louis Ott states that if delivery is still not in sight by Christmas the courses face a very bad situation.

#### ECOLOGY CLUB MAY DISBAND

The Ecology Club, depleted by graduation of key members, may disband due to lack of membership. In an effort to reorganize the club, remaining members are meeting every Tuesday.

A "barbecue-cleanup" of the surviving 90 of the original 200 loblolly pine trees planted along the railroad in Banning Park last year is planned. All those helping in the leaf-debris cleanup will be treated to a barbecue sponsored by the club.

#### FOUR ATTEND JCL SEMINAR

Four Conradians attended a state JCL meeting at Howard Johnson's in Newark November 9. Representing the Conrad JCL were juniors Tracy Short, Linda Wilson, Barbara Succarotte, and Don Greever. The purpose of this meeting was to organize this year's chapter of the JCL.

Juniors Don Greever and Barbara Succarotte are the temporary president and secretary of the Conrad Junior Classical League. Faculty adviser Mrs. Marie Field appointed Barbara and Don to these positions because they were the only veteran members still in the club.

#### CONRADIANS FORM POW CLUB

Junior Joyce Collison is heading a new Prisoner of War—Missing in Action Club which meets every Friday, eighth period, under the supervision of Mrs. Verna Trivilpiece, English teacher. Selling POW bracelets, having bake sales, seeing movies, and having a "walk-a-thon" are just a few planned activities of the club.

#### JUNIORS ADDED TO PAPER

Twenty new reporters have been added to the *Smoke Signal* staff. They are Linda Atkinson, Debby Barnes, Betsy Bove, Priscilla Goldsmith, Julie Grandell, Bill Greags, Don Greever, Sharon Hitchens, Cindy Kohler.

Gail McGinness, Debby McKeever, Donna Mezzatesta, John Moore, Joette Pilli, Patty Reynolds, Jerry Rosen, Kathy Stanek, Connie Thorp, Karen Ventura, and Laura Fernandes.

Smoke Signal staffers joined forces with statewide high school staffs in attending the Delaware Scholastic Press Association Workshops hosted by Caesar Rodney High School November 9.

#### OREADS FOSTER VIET ORPHAN

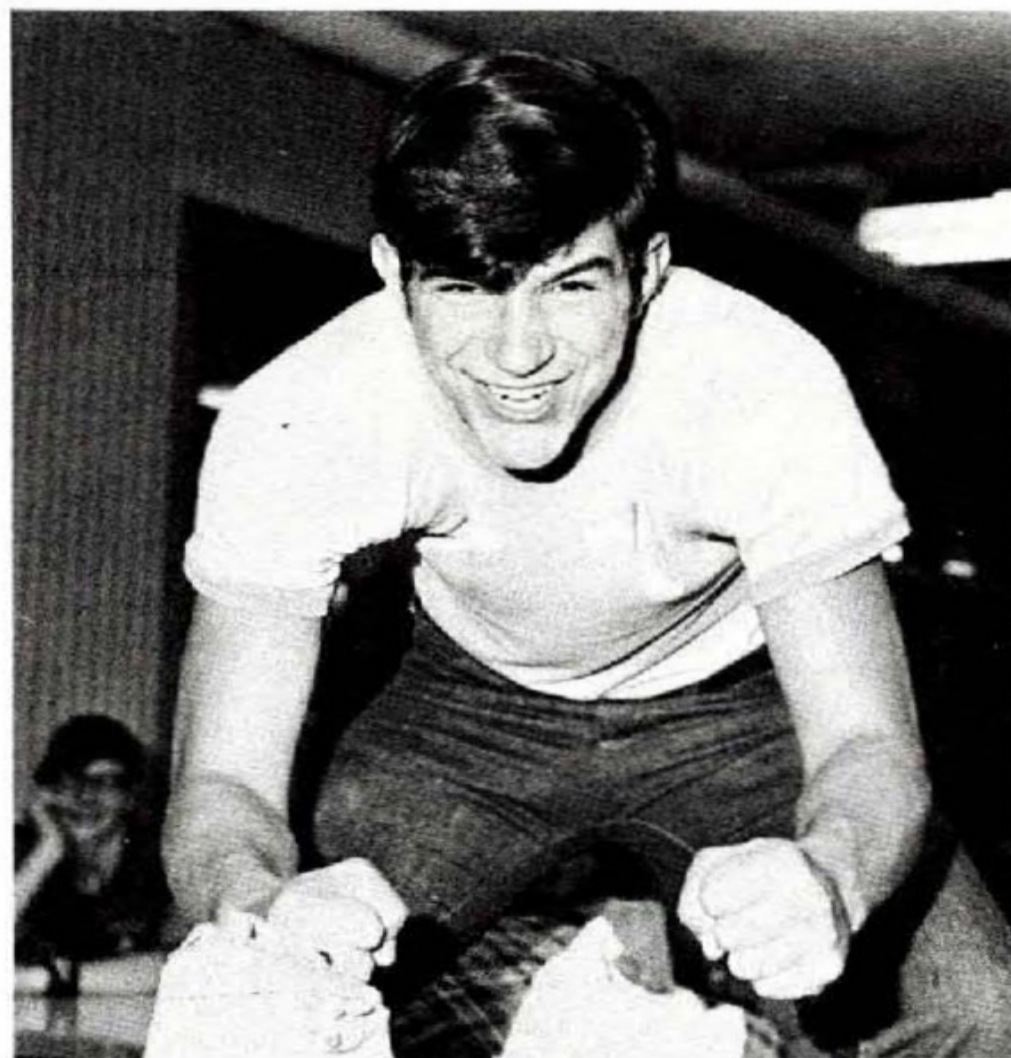
Sharon Paola was chosen president of Oreads November 6. The other club officers are Betsy Bove, vice president; Cindy Szwed, secretary; and Jane Johnston, treasurer.

Oreads, under the leadership of Miss Mildred Morrison, sold large yellow chrysanthemums for the football game against John Dickinson High School.

Each year the Oreads send \$190 to provide food and clothing for their foster child. She is a 6-year-old girl who lives in Vietnam. This money will help pay for her food and clothing.

Club membership is open to junior and senior girls who have a 3-point average or better. The girls must maintain this average in order to remain in Oreads.

## Picture of the Month



Senior Bill Deery strikes a pose as senior Bob Dzielak snaps the winning photo in the *Smoke Signal* photo contest.

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