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Debbie Dykes crowned Conrad's 'Queen for a day'

Miss Debbie Dykes was crowned Homecoming Queen by '72 Queen, Joann Celano, during half time activities, November 10. The Queen and her ten-member court were honored at the game and highlighted the traditional homecoming festivities.

The court of senior girls was as follows: Debbie Bourden, Betsy Bove, Angela Celano, Bonnie Durham, Juli Grandell, Melanie Gullett, Jane Johnston, Debbie McKeever, Eileen Reen, and Dawn Reno.

The band, court, convertible drivers and the class floats marched in parade formation before the football game. The procession brought the excitement and gaiety of Homecoming spirit to Redskin neighbors in Woodcrest with traditional melodies from the reservation donned by colorful, flowery floats, portraying the carnival theme.

The class of '74 was awarded first prize in the float competition for the second consecutive year. The carousel of flower animals indeed succeeded in conveying the appropriate atmosphere for the long-anticipated Homecoming day. Parts of the winning float were used to decorate the gymnasium for the evening dance.

At half time, with the Red Devils leading 14-0, the band, twirlers, and Homecoming court took formation



Miss Debbie Dykes is crowned '73-'74 Homecoming Queen. (photo by Tom Jackson)

on the field. Student Council adviser, Mr. John Torrence, narrated the event and announced the 1973 Homecoming Queen. Varsity "C" president, Paul Clark, presented the Queen with a dozen red roses and the court with engraved charms.

The Homecoming Dance was held

in the gymnasium, following Wilmington High's 21-0 victory over the Redskins. The "Selectrons" and a band provided entertainment for the festive and formal occasion. The Queen and court were presented to the guests by Mr. Torrence and honored throughout the evening.

Sock-n-Buskin club announces "Dino" for its Fall production

"Dino," a dramatic play written by Kristin Sergel, was recently selected for production January 18 and 19 by the Sock-n-Buskin Club, under the direction of Mr. Frank McDermott.

The club's new senior officers, Kathy Hawes, president; Donna Kleinguenther, vice-president; Marianne Steele, secretary, and Anthony Anagnostou, treasurer, aided Mr. McDermott in the selection of the play.

As last year's play was a comedy, Dino was chosen as a welcome categorical change; Mr. McDermott felt the type of male characters in the play might attract more boys to the club.

The play features Dino Falcaro, 16, who has just been released from reform school for a murder com-

mitted at twelve years of age. He is a rugged guy, and his younger brother is beginning to follow in his footsteps by joining a gang planning to pull a heist.

"Dino" has never trusted any one and feels that no one in the world cares for him. He begins seeing a psycho-therapist to help with his problems, at the request of his parole officer, Mr. Mandel.

While waiting for his appointment, he meets Shirley Wallace, a shy and withdrawn girl who is hassled by many of her peers. She becomes Dino's only friend, and shows him people are good and can be trusted. She helps him understand himself, so he is better able to live in the world around him.

President Kathy Hawes added that the most difficult aspect of the

production will be getting the actors to feel the emotion of the part they are playing. However, no major problems are expected by either Mr. McDermott or the officers.

The non-acting members of the Sock-n-Buskin Club will be making props and scenery under the technical direction of Mr. Gert Latzo, the newly appointed stage crafter.

Nine-week evaluation gives 352 Redskins honor roll slots

Seniors topped the underclassmen by placing 135 students on the honor rolls. Sophomores were close runners-up with 114, and juniors came in last with 103 students on the honor rolls.

Three students tied for the highest average. Senior Priscilla Goldsmith, junior Art Lindholm and sophomore James Peckham each had a cumulative average of 4.40.

The following seniors attained the first honor roll: Beth Acton, Priscilla Goldsmith, Melanie Gullett, Heather Jo Haden, Kathy Hawes, Sharon Hitchens, Jim Humphrey, Irene Janvier, Ellen Joseph, Cindy Kohler, Barbara Massey, Toni Palermo, Michael Puit, Suzanne Ventura.

These juniors complimented the list, Evelyn Crowl, Linda Gennusa, Art Lindholm, William Loveall, Wayne Luoma, Joan McGonigal, Wendy Palmer, Diane Pitrizzi,

Teachers catch trip-itis, but no one complains

The Redskin teaching staff seems to have contracted a severe case of field trip-itis, and no one is complaining, least of all the students. The exact cause of this strange, but pleasant disease remains a mystery though several possibilities have been researched.

Did the recent additions to the faculty bring the malady with them? Are there more educational opportunities being offered by the community? Is it a reflection of a nation-wide trend away from textbook education? No one in authority has the answers to these questions, but according to Principal Earl Smith one thing is certain. The avalanche of field trip requests pouring into the office is not apt to ease up until the money runs out.

With its plans to attend the four-day National DECA Conference, the distributive education department has outdone any other as far as field trips. DECA members also attended a three-day regional conference in Atlantic City, New Jersey in October, and plan to participate in the State DECA Careers Development Conference, another overnight affair scheduled this spring. Yesterday competitive marketing

students toured Washington, D.C., and its famous monuments.

Members of the English classes which attended a special matinee of the popular tear-jerker, "Romeo and Juliet", placed the film high on the field trip spectrum. Those who viewed the movie "1776" with the U.S. History classes claim it, too, belongs near the top.

Another much talked about field trip was to the Delaware Correctional Institute in Smyrna. The trip, sponsored by Mr. John Torrence, has become a regular feature for his social problems course.

The home economics department has concentrated on local excursions and has visited everywhere from the kitchen of the Hotel DuPont to the maternity ward of the Wilmington General Hospital.

In addition, both the conservation and oceanography classes have discovered the vast opportunities for education outside the classroom. Members of the conservation class traveled to Bombay Hook Wildlife Refuge and Brandywine Creek State Park Nature Center, while the oceanography class visited Cape Henlopen.

Communication satisfies students' curious minds

Communications has aroused the curiosity of many mystified students who have been seeking information on all the new courses. Mrs. Louise Goddin and Mr. James Hubbard teach communication, media, and television; also the use of the technical equipment involved, respectively.

Mrs. Goddin is teaching the different types and uses of media, along with all of the background information needed for television production. Her first semester's instruction will lead the students into working the equipment involved.

Mr. Hubbard has the aid of the equipment donated by Delaware Educational Television, at the time of their foreclosure, for his teaching purposes. During the second semester he hopes to "incorporate graphics (putting printed material on the screen), slides, film, and live action, onto a video tape, and then be able to replay the tape." In order to accomplish this, more cameras and zoom lenses are needed, but

only through Federal Funding can they be purchased.

With the 14 television sets scattered about the school, Mr. Hubbard is planning to set up a closed circuit TV system. He wants to "record programs from the air, and play them back at more convenient times over the available televisions."

One of the goals of this pilot program is to provide video taping privileges for all the teachers. Newark High School produces a program every school night on cable TV, and they have a taping system firmly established. Mrs. Goddin would like to have a video taping service for the school, for it would help train all of the students involved.

At the end of the second semester, both teachers hope to produce a television show where the Communications class narrates and produces it. With the split-second timing and seriousness needed, Mrs. Goddin and Mr. Hubbard are preparing the students for their future venture into television.

Child care and snack bar trailers are finally installed

After two years of problems and delays, the green and gold Child Care and Food preparation trailers have been installed and are finally in use.

Raggedy Ann's and Andy's Preschool, which will hold both morning and afternoon sessions in the gold trailer, has an enrollment of over twenty-four three and four year olds.

Under the direction of Mrs. Allen, students will be divided into three teams, a teaching team, an observation team, and an independent study team. Other student filled posts include receptionist, cook, supervisor and a curriculum and free play planner.

Child Development is not new to Conrad but the interest has grown tremendously as the course evolved into a more vocationally oriented subject.

The pre-school is suffering from a toy shortage, however, and Mrs. Marie Allen asks that any students with appropriate items donate them to the school.

The green trailer now houses the food classes and will be designed to run as a snack bar.

Luncheons will be served to those teachers who choose to patronize the restaurant and snacks will be prepared for students' eighth period.

Nancy Cooper, Candy Cornell, Linda Creeden, Patricia Czerwinski, Pamela Dale.

Roseann Doleba, Sandra Donimick, Emily Dorazio, Karen Durham, Susan Dusen, Debroah Dykes, Gail Eaton, Karen Faux, Carina Fell, Laura Fernandes, Lu Ann Firth, Lu Ann Foreacre, Louis Fournarakis, Jaqueline Fry, Danny Furness.

Janet Gebhart, William Gillaspie, Mary Girouard, Richard Grabowski, Deborah Graham, Juli Grandell, Susan Green, Donald Greever, George Grissom, John Hadfield, Richard Hanna, Wayne Hanna, David Hayes, Linda Hedrick, Nancy Higgins, Lesley Hindsley, Jeanne Hodgson, Gail Hosan.

Pamela Hufnal, Valerie Janusz, Carol Jennings, Jacqueline Johnson, Jane Johnston, Barry Kelly, Donna Kotowski, Janet Kubasek,

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Cheerleaders should cheer all

Many people believe cheerleaders should boost school spirit and get athletic teams "psyched up" for a game. Is this what our Conrad cheerleaders do?

This seems to be questionable since cheerleaders are part of the scene at boys' sporting events only. Last year girls' teams were among the leaders in conference play and even represented Conrad at the State Basketball Tournament. The cheers for these athletes came from the team although the opponents were well represented by cheerleaders, eager and anxious to see their team compete to win.

When will the cheerleaders recognize that girls' sports are equally important as the boys' program?

Stage needs District funds

As evidenced by the taxes paid, the Conrad Area School District receives a good bit of money. A lot of this money is put to good use — the trailer classrooms, industrial art shops, and science labs are capital examples. But funds are badly needed for the large room across the hall from the speech lab — the auditorium.

This structure definitely fulfills its intended purpose. The five jazz banders on stage at last month's concert provided adequate sound. But take a look around—especially on the balcony. If seats that are bolted to the floor can be found, the graffiti and torn cushions make them nearly unusable. It must be really embarrassing for the public to pay their way in, and then witness this ugly example of student abuse.

The stage is no better. Dramatics director, Frank McDermott, estimates the cost of curtain repair as high as \$1600. The complex lighting system is nearly unsafe to use, thanks to a few undistinguished students. The grand piano in the orchestra pit was almost ruined last year by an unknown study haller and his bottle of glue. Mysterious damage renders the organ mute.

The district can afford to make the auditorium as dignified as it was seven years ago, but, if students are going to vandalize it again, the investment is worthless. The question then becomes, "Are Conradians worthy of benefiting from their family's tax money?"

Why was our coach lost?

The students of Conrad High School are now suffering from the second discomfort caused by the negotiation failures between the District Board of Education and the Conrad Federation of Teachers. The Redskins are losing their wrestling coach as a result of salary disagreements.

Few realize the importance of this recent loss concerning the coaching staff. Coach Edgar Baker is probably the best wrestling coach in the state, let alone in the conference, yet he is the lowest paid in Flight A. It seems hard to believe that the Conrad District is that short of funds as to necessitate insulting the integrity of a first-rate coach.

Coach Baker has worked many long and hard years in our high school. He has devoted more than his share of time and effort to both teaching and coaching. Through the years he has lead his wrestlers to victory, developed their talent, and encouraged their self-respect. His dedication, loyalty, and sense of responsibility have earned him endless love and friendship from his boys. He has truly proven himself to be a coach among coaches.

Why should Conradians be expected to swallow such a fantastic professional and personal loss? How can we let dedication and opportunity slip through our fingers into the hands of one of our rival districts? Why are we losing Coach Edgar Baker?

It's past the time to think. Something has to be done before it's too late.

Vending machines proposed

One major bone of disciplinary contention on the Reservation has always centered on Redskins wandering off to the Local Trading Post. This illegal traffic could be deterred greatly by the reinstallation of vending machines in the cafeteria for use during study halls. A readily available supply of sodas and snacks would eliminate the need to sneak to Morris's. If the venture were sponsored by the Student Council, all profits could be used to augment the scholarship fund and thereby justify study hall nibbling.

Letters To The Editor

Students express discontent

Dear Editor,

What has happened to Conrad's athletics? Every year the Redskins have been in contention in their respective sports. This year, everything seems to be falling apart.

Could it be the athletes? Not hardly. Many of last year's lettermen have returned, and should have formed a solid core for this year's teams.

Could it be the coaching? Again, it's not likely. Though Conrad has acquired many new coaches, all of them have been successful in past years.

One must attribute Conrad's decline to non-physical factors, possibly attitude and morale. The coaches' harsh attitudes seem to be destroying the athlete's morale, and without morale a team cannot function as a unit.

Granted, discipline is necessary when coaching a team of boys, especially for a new coach. But discipline must also have its limits. The dissent caused by some coaches' excessive discipline is tearing our teams apart.

I was always under the impression that high school sports were

meant to teach young men sportsmanship. It brings questions to my mind when I see a coach not only disciplining an athlete, but remove him from the squad for displaying such sportsmanship. All I can ask is why?

I wonder when I see a coach inform his seniors, the backbone of the team, that they may as well not go out for the sport because they stand only two chances of making the team — "very little and none at all." I realize that players who have been instructed by another coach may find the change difficult, but I do believe that they should be given a chance.

I am also curious to know how the length of a player's hair affects his athletic ability. If there is a direct relation between the two, I wish I had known about it sooner. I'd have cut my hair in the beginning of my sophomore year.

I cite the examples for only one reason. I think something has to be done (before it is too late). Either the coaches must become a little more lenient, or Conrad's fine athletic tradition will be only memories.

An interested student

Dear Editor,

To many Conradians who enjoy smoking, the recent abolishment of the fifth-period outdoor smoking privilege is unthinkable. Yet, those same students have persisted in violating the conditions of the privilege since its institution last spring.

However, to non-smokers, it means once again being unable to enter the lavatories without gasping for breath.

Even though the adoption of the open lunch policy did not totally eliminate the stagnant air in the halls surrounding the lavatories, it did relieve some of the distress.

Students have already caused the retraction of the open access study hall system. How much longer will the acts of a few immature individuals cause other privileges to be revoked? Once again, a few individuals have ruined things for a majority.

A non-smoker

Editor's note: The members of the Smoke Signal staff welcome comments from concerned Conradians on any topic. We will try to print the letters of most value to the entire school. Letters may be submitted to Miss Sherry Craft in room 219.



Devious Redskins begin rampage

When the last red feather was plucked from Mrs. Eleanor Dill's black hair, the students of Henry C. knew that the football season was coming to a close, and that basketball and snow were not far away. Bulky sweaters, mittens and mums are coming out and the Redskins are settling in for a long fuel-less, yet not too dull winter . . .

1, 2, 3, I spy . . . no one?

Come out, come out, wherever you are! Imagine the surprise of Mrs. Marie Stranahan when she discovered that her third period class was playing hide and go seek. Halfway through the wasted period, the playful girls emerged from station D.

Mr. Stewart turns hip

Mr. Jerome Stewart in faded jeans and an old flannel shirt? His sixth period U.S. History class thought the idea was charming and threatened the meek teacher with the purchase of the outfit for his upcoming birthday. The clever juniors even managed to con the modest man into giving out his vital statistics.

Si o No?

As Miss Mildred Morrison discussed her capabilities to do repair work, senior Anthony Casaveria decided that the liberated Spanish teacher would make a fair wife, so he popped the question, "Will you marry me?"

It's Hanna by a Head

Senior Sharon Hitchens, wishing to knit an afghan that would be big enough to cover the floor in Dr. Miller's room, needed to measure the area of the room so that she could order the correct number of skeins. Being as no ruler longer than a foot was to be found in the room, Wayne Hanna volunteered his six-foot-long body as a measuring tool. After carefully stretching out four times, the calculus students tacked on the stipulation "plus or minus Wayne's head" for the sake of accuracy.

All tied up

The German Redskins were recently on the rampage during Mr.

Paul Capodanno's fourth period class. But rather than tying their unsuspecting victim to a stake, the students, lead by George Grissom, lassoed Mike Wismer to his own chair with several lengths of pink yarn. After John Hadfield had fastened Mike's feet to the legs of the chair, a petite ribbon was fastened to his hair. Before the culprits could yell "Fire!" as they had originally planned, Mike woke up and began his desperate struggle to free himself, much to the seniors' amusement.

Let Me Make This Perfectly Clear:

Two faculty members recently had an accident in the parking lot. However, no information such as the names of the involved teachers, date and extent of damage could be obtained at this point in time. Evidently, the Watergate cover-up can't begin to compare with this one.

A Hair-raising Tale

Junior Dave Swain, the proud possessor of an unmistakable military haircut, tripped up the stairs on the way to class and composed himself just in time to hear a friend quip "What's the matter, Dave? Hair get in your eyes?"

Input: Mr. Williams Output: Questionable

Perhaps Mr. David Williams should trade in his English 10 books for a course in computer science. INPUT: prior to the County Cross Country meet, the mathematical whiz calculated that junior Ed Riley would place as 84 with a time of 13:?. OUTPUT: not only did Ed come in as predicted, but he did it in 13:? minutes. Point to ponder: was it luck (Irish, of course), or is Mr. Williams Conrad's answer to IBM?

Looks can be deceiving

Pathmark Shoppers might have had a surprise treat when they bit into that innocent chocolate cupcake with the orange icing — IT WAS ALIVE! The baker responsible, Gail McGinnes didn't discover that she

had omitted the half cup of shortening required by the recipe until after she got home. Supposedly, the omission of Crisco causes the cake to take on rubbery properties. (All one has to do is put the cupcake in one's mouth; it will bounce down the rest of the way.) The cupcakes were the fastest seller, only showing that a cupcake should not be judged by its icing and nonpareils.

Your body or your life

"Dear Mothers, Please give them what they ask for. We have to go to school Monday. Signed: Jim Stewart, Marsha Stabnau, Bob Loche, and Don Wood." Redskins captured by a maniac? No, just students "borrowed" by senior Nancy Cooper, a member of the Calvary Presbyterian Youth Group. The group had planned the "kidnap party" in advance, yet had failed to notify their victims. Consequently, Jim and Don were dragged away from the TV set, while Marsha had to abandon her phone and Bob deserted a family discussion. Needless to say, Nancy captured a prize for capturing the most people.

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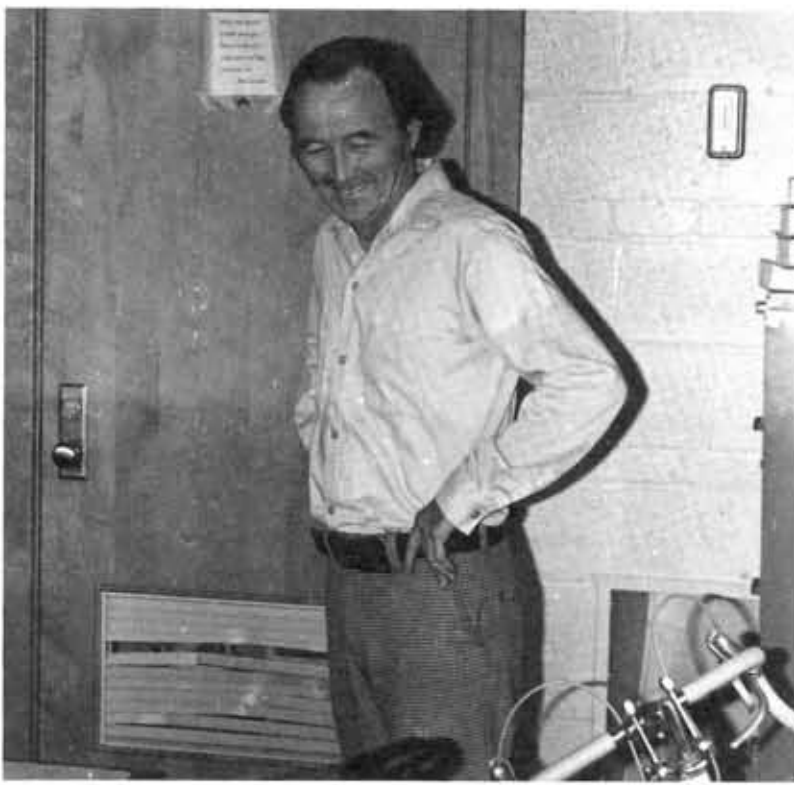
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'Sounds of Silence' hush halls; Conrad loses many friends

Over the past two years, many students have lost cherished parents, close friends, and relatives, to the so-called "better world above." Even the administration has sadly contributed to this list of never-forgotten people.

It is truly sad to realize that you will never see these people again during your life-time on earth. These departed relations played an important role in the merry-go-round called life, and their absence will cause great grief and sorrow. Although there is not much to say, other than what has been said in past years, to soothe one's sorrow, Simon and Garfunkel have expressed comforting words in a popular song called "Sounds of Silence."

Whether their words are meant to express loneliness or another hidden emotion is irrelevant, but my feelings are spoken through this

verse after the loss of an uncle.

"Hello darkness, my old friend, I've come to talk with you again."

Life began in the darkness of the womb, and as ashes to ashes, so must life return to the darkness of eternity. It is not a place of solitude, for "my old friend" shall become an eternal companion, until all loved ones can unite once more.

The students and faculty of Conrad extend their sincere sympathy to the family of sophomore Terry Hynson.

"Because a vision softly creeping,"

As people unknown, but not unseen, to you depart, you know that some day someone close to you will also be taken.

"Left its seed while I was sleeping."

Dreams of people you love being forever near prevail over thoughts of death. Happiness in dreams will always conquer sadness in reality.

"And the vision that was planted in my brain, still remains."

The rationalization that death is dark and lonely has been handed down through generations, but who really knows what life after death is like?

"Within the sounds of silence."

These thoughts are running through the roads of my mind, and my heart donates feelings of sadness and remorse. These two elements are making sounds of joining together, in silence.

Grief is one emotion that everyone hopes to avoid. The loss of someone close briefly brings out solemn feelings, then, life will resume, and only a trace of fond memories will linger forever.

Bikes, songs, and books keep the Irishman busy

Ninety-nine and forty-four hundredths per cent pure?

No, just Irish. "The other .66 per cent is Welsh — my last name," confided Mr. David Williams, teacher.

The happiest little leprechaun of Conrad, Mr. Williams is now in his sixth year with the Redskins, after seven years on the teaching staff of DeLaWarr High School, where he coached the track and cross-country teams. And although he's slightly gray at the temples and the father of five, he can still boast to this day that no younger trackman has ever broken his three mile 15:02 record set at the Middle Atlantic States Junior National Championship. "No wonder — the race hasn't been run there since I won," he spilled out between chuckles.

Track expertise earned the English teacher a scholarship and took him from Gloucester Catholic High School of New Jersey to Georgetown University, where he was the 10,000 meters cross country champion for three years. But his expected four year stay at the college was interrupted by a

desperate call for fighting men during World War II. Mr. Williams was drafted into the Army, or rather, "eight men carried me onto the troop ship, kicking and screaming all the way."

Mr. Williams' well known bubbly personality won him a three month position teaching Japanese during his training session. "I always told the teacher that his phonetic pronunciations of the words were wrong. So one day he said, 'Why don't you teach?' So I did." Lo and behold, after mastering the Japanese vocabulary, the entire regiment was sent to Italy, where he and his comrades of the Tenth Mountain Division "won the war single handedly."

It was early, close to dawn when our noble teacher had his first military encounter with the enemy. Germans making their way back to the front lines happened upon a swarm of raw GIs which included the courageous little Irishman.

"It was like a reversal of a Hollywood 1940 movie," he remarked with twinkling eyes and a

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Seniors get into sensory exercises

Potatoes infatuate students

Have you tried the latest rage — the infamous potato orgy? (Rated S.O., Seniors Only).

Now before you get excited, you should be informed, on the behalf of Mr. John Strobel, that this is merely a perception exercise which he recently employed in his Social Problems classes. The group activities which his classes have been running through for the last three weeks build an "awareness of the environment which is so essential to the study of social problems," according to Mr. Strobel.

In the exercise's emphasizing touch, the students "got to know" their very own potato, or if they wished, their own orange. Many seniors gave the vegetable a name and a personality. Senior Jim Stewart, for one, couldn't really "get into" his spud; never-the-less, he tried to relate to his pet potato, Ambrose. Some even had the desire to "become one" with the potato, whereafter it ceased to exist except in the stomach of a hungry Redskin.

As children, the vast majority of Conradians have echoed, or mirrored a playmate. Imagine making every movement in reverse! The students fared well generally until some of the trickier partners winked or started push-ups. Then the athletes reigned supreme. "Echo Chambers" were also established with one pupil to serve as the number one voice and moderator of the tone and volume of the repetition.

Observation is another form of sight for which the versatile Mr. Strobel has concocted an activity. Half of the class ad-libbed a character role, while the rest observed the actors solving a given problem. A boy can portray a priest, doctor, retarded boy, or suspected homosexual; a girl may be cast as a baby, diabetic, or Spanish prostitute. Hopefully no type-casting was involved!

The taste test received the most notoriety. Blindfolded and deprived of their sense of smell, a hundred of Conrad's best were marched into the cafeteria. There small, tasty tidbits were passed out and had to be identified by taste alone.

That was, in some cases, easier said than done. Some who managed to get the food to their mouths, and

not in their laps, found that they could taste little or nothing, since taste is largely based on smell.

Although Mr. Strobel has used these unconventional methods with Mrs. Marie Stranahan in drug workshops, this is the first year that he has incorporated them into his classwork. He does have plans to modify his activities for future Social Problems classes.

He isn't alone in this pioneer adventure for a more relaxed classroom however. Mr. Jim Smith, social studies, and Mr. Robert Horton, psychology, have both adopted these techniques in their plans.

Even though the activities may have seemed like games, they weren't to be taken lightly. The students generally thought the sensory exercises were foolish "and some got nothing from the lesson," commented Mr. Strobel. "But those who were serious learned a lot."

Suggested post-classroom activities included a walk in the rain, a "blind" shower, sleeping on the floor, and eating without hands or utensils.

So, if you happen upon a person who is eating without the aid of a fork, think nothing of it. He probably just doesn't have any manners.

Scientific failures succeed in Malin's fool-proof experiments

Fortunately for Mr. Ed Malin's students, attaining the expected lab results is not imperative to success in his chemistry class. Mr. Malin is the first to admit, that while some experiments may be fool-proof, no experiment is "Redskin-proof." He asks only that his students set up their equipment so that when it fails they can depend on it to fail the right way.

"Yes, chemistry," according to Mr. Malin, "is a good place to learn from your mistakes." His students have found, however, that when you make careless mistakes you gather a multitude of trivium which you never use and never forget.

One such obscure scientific property might be that a thermometer does not record any temperature change unless the mercury bulb is placed in the substance in question. An anonymous junior added this tidbit to his collection after completing an entire experiment with the thermometer positioned wrong-end up.

But he need not feel alone. Anyone who has ever taken this course has

pulled at least one classic boner. Mr. Malin maintains that last year's students outdid themselves in this respect.

One "mistake" occurred when, after filtering a mixture countless times, a student called, "I hope this isn't important anymore," and proceeded to pour it down the drain. It was one very frustrated scientist who discovered that the liquid was supposed to have been weighed.

Still, no one is perfect — a fact to which Mr. Malin will surely testify. He frequently provides his classes with entertaining demonstrations. They don't always go according to plan, but are nevertheless remembered eternally by his audience.

One such demonstration is his famous ammonium fountain. Theory has it that ammonium gas will dissolve in water. Through witchcraft or magic, if this reaction takes place in a suspended flask with a ready supply of water, the water will be forced up into the flask. A chemical, phenolphthalein, also in the flask, causes the liquid to

turn a bright pink color. After adjusting and readjusting the apparatus, Mr. Malin finally coaxed the pink fountain to flow. He did not, however, consider what would happen as the unsupported flask filled with ammonia water. The entire experiment became top-heavy and crashed to the floor.

But the main problem with Mr. Malin's demonstrations is that he just doesn't know when to quit. After successfully igniting a small handful of hydrogen and oxygen soap bubbles he decided to repeat the experiment with a panfull of the bubbles. While the first experiment merely resulted in a loud noise, the second caused an explosion which sent soap bubbles flying across the room.

Yet, while chemistry does involve a lot of trial and error, there are also some basic laws to remember. Mr. Malin's favorite might well be, "E-MC²". "Never mind what it means," he'll tell you. "If it was good enough for Einstein, it's good enough for me."

Sick and tired of school? Tired maybe; sick - no way

Have you ever awakened in the morning and forgotten what day it was? Have you ever gotten stung by a bee or got blisters on your toes and just couldn't make it to school? Sound ridiculous? Well, these are just a few of the crazy excuses Mrs. Erma Podgorski gets each morning.

If you don't know, Mrs. Podgorski is the lady who accepts or doesn't accept your excuses. She does this job because she works for the guidance department and admit slips are a part of her daily routine.

Every morning she receives excuses ranging in number from 50 to 150. She doesn't always believe the excuses. Mrs. Podgorski said, "It is difficult to believe some people are sick so often — tired maybe — sick no." Quite often she can tell when a note has been written by a student but at times if the parents have been called, the

students have been told to write their own notes.

The most common excuses received are sore throat, headache, and upset stomach. It is suggested to get rid of these three main sources of absenteeism keep your mouth shut, don't watch the late-late movie, and don't gorge yourself with food.

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Junior Joe Scales runs with the ball, under the protection of Art Lindholm and Frank Meyer. (photo by Dave Owen)

Sansosti's fighting Redskins end hard-working '73 season

The Redskins opened the second half of the season with the William Penn Colonials and were defeated 20-0. The Colonials scored early in the first period on a 23-yard pass from John Deny to Tom Colburn. Gary Hackett made it 14-0 in the fourth period on a five-yard run up the middle. With only 23 seconds left in the game, William Penn scored on an intercepted pass to end the scoring and leave the dejected Redskins with a 20-0 loss.

The following week the Redskins were crushed by the Mount Pleasant Green Knights, again by a score of 20-0. A.J. Lipstein sparked the Knights with two touchdowns in the first and second periods on two and eight-yard runs. Mickey Butler

scored the third touchdown after Jim Olivere's pass was intercepted. Conrad had one drive early in the first quarter but fell short on the Knights' one-yard line.

The Redskins then clashed with Concord on the Raiders' turf and came home losers, 38-16. The Raiders took control in the first half, scoring four touchdowns for a 30-0 lead. During the second half, Conrad seemed to get in gear with a two-yard touchdown run by Frank Meyer and a two-point conversion pass from Scott Martin to Paul Jones. Conrad scored again on a 42-yard scamper by Scott Martin and a two point conversion run by Jim Olivere. Conrad spirit weakened while Concord scored again with two minutes left to play.

The Redskins were dealt a bitter but expected defeat Homecoming Day, November 10, by the Wilmington Red Devils, 21-0. The Red Devils scored twice in the first quarter and once in the fourth.

Redskin Willard Talley recovered three Red Devil fumbles and Scott Martin completed 18 passes for 65 yards. Results of the Conrad-Dickinson game were not available at press time.

Though the Redskins finished with a not too successful season, Coach Alex Sansosti commented, "This is one of the best groups of boys I have ever coached."

Runners end season with win, look forward to next year

The Cross-Country team has completed its 1973 season with a seventh place finish in the Blue Hen Conference, an overall record of 2-7 and conference record of 2-6.

The harriers didn't fare well against the combined forces of over one hundred of northern Delaware's best runners at the County Conference meet, November 1. A fifty-ninth placing by senior Rich Shaw was the best Redskin finish at the Banning Park course. The remainder of the runners followed in close behind with junior Jamie Manlove in sixty-second and sophomore Tom Sarnecky, junior John Cummings, and senior Craig Maurer all placing in the sixties.

Mount Pleasant's Jim Gano took the individual trophy at the meet. Powerhouse Dickinson clinched the Conference title and also placed the most individual runners in the top ten.

The November 14 State Meet at Polly Drummond Hill resulted in a fourteenth place rating for the harriers. Manlove ran the 2.5-mile course in 14:56, but came in sixty-second. Cummings managed sixty-eighth in 15:05. Sallies' Bill Nagle took the race in a 13:09 timing, while the depth provided by his teammates brought a first place trophy home.

Three dual meets at Banning

Booters place second, changes plague diggers

SOCCKER

The Conrad soccer team ended its season this year tied for second place in the Blue Hen Conference posting a 7-2 record.

The Redskins hosted Brandywine October 15 at Banning Park, losing 3-2 for Conrad's first defeat.

Next the Redskins faced the Green Knights of Mount Pleasant at Banning. Conrad walked away victors 3-0 on scores by seniors Joe Sarnecky, Bill Greegs and junior Ed Schmidt.

October 30, Coach Landis' booters traveled to A.I. du Pont. Again Conrad prevailed 2-1 on tallies by Sarnecky and senior Glenn Taylor.

The Redskins returned home November 2 to meet Upper Marion of Pennsylvania. The game ended deadlocked 2-2, Conrad's only tie this season.

The Conrad booters closed their season November 5 against McKean. Again Conrad won 2-1 on scores by Challenger and Taylor.

Since the Redskins tied for second in the conference, they were forced to play Brandywine for a berth in the state tournament. The Bulldogs won, however, eliminating Conrad from any post-season play.

VOLLEYBALL

"No one is to blame for our losses," says Shirley Barry. "The team wasn't used to playing together. We did lose some, too, nine out of twelve, but in each of the games we all really tried." Ms. Sandberg was brave enough to take over the '73-'74 team, replacing Mr. Harry Davies.

There was a lot of inner competition as on any athletic team. In reference to this, Billie Jean Scott

said, "There was not enough team unity. When we lost we should have lost as a team but someone always blamed the loss on one individual."

Maryann Hynson sums up the team's trouble in this way: "The first game we almost always won. The second game we would either be losing from the beginning and lose all the way or it would be so close that towards the end each and every one of us was so tense we could not play right."

WRESTLING

This year's varsity wrestling team will be coached by Mr. Lester Maurer and the junior varsity will be coached by Mr. Gerald Milstead. They obtained these jobs when Mr. Ed Baker decided to step down from coaching after grievances with the school board.

The outcome of this season looks very promising with five varsity lettermen returning. They are Frankie Meyer, Mike Ciuffetelli, Bobby Hartnett, Louis Geanopolous, and Zeb Ross.

Bobby Hartnett was the only Conradian to finish in the State Tournament by placing fourth. He also placed first in the Conference along with Zeb Ross placing third.

The hardest team this year is expected to be Dickinson since most of their wrestlers are returning from last year. But the team to beat will be Mount Pleasant. The Green Knights were the only team to beat grapplers last year marring their 9-1-1 record.

"I think this will be one of the best teams we'll ever have," said Frankie Meyer. Zeb Ross summed up this coming season by saying, "We'll win it for Mr. Baker".

Coaches organize teams, practice to begin soon

Adjusting to their new coach, Mr. Al Mann, the Conrad Cagers will take to the floor for their first regular season game against the Colonials of William Penn, December 18. According to Coach Mann they will be playing a conservative kind of basketball: taking only the good shots and playing a tough defense.

Practice for the upcoming season began November 15 on a one-a-day basis with double sessions scheduled during Thanksgiving and Christmas vacations.

Lined up for the forth-coming season are scrimmages with Friends, West Chester, and Caesar Rodney High Schools. At Caesar Rodney the teams will scrimmage in the afternoon, eat dinner, and scrimmage again that night. They have also been scheduled for the Christmas Tournament to be played at Dickinson High School.

Coach Mann believes his philosophy is similar to that of Bob Knight of Indiana, Ray Mears of Tennessee, Bill Musselman of Minnesota, and Hank Iba, coach of the U.S. Olympic team.

With Coach Mann's style of basketball spectators will witness a contest that goes down to the wire full of "drama" and excitement, so that they will feel they got their money's worth.

Coach Mann isn't making any predictions but is looking forward to a respectable and exciting season. The season is broken down into nine home and nine away games. Conrad will face the Salesianum Sentinels only once this season, a home game.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

With three of the five returning letter people from last year's undefeated season, this year's team

eminates a victorious atmosphere. In addition, many enthusiastic, tall, coordinated sophomores will be competing for the open positions.

The first home game is scheduled for January 4 against Christiana followed by five more home games and seven away games.

This year's team will be coached by Ms. Tina Sandberg and Miss Helen Doherty. Miss Doherty is well known from her prowess on the Blue Rocks women's basketball team. The Redskins hope to gain some of Miss Doherty's aggressiveness. In several of her Blue Rock games she had to be held back from fighting with the other team. Miss Doherty swears that they started it.

Ms. Sandberg led the scoring of her high school team with a total of 25 points and holds the record of scoring all the points in one game. Her team lost 7-2, in a very defensive battle.

Ms. Sandberg's style of basketball is to grab, bite, kick, hit, and yell four letter words at the officials. This should be easily accomplished with the help of Miss Doherty. Ms. Sandberg and Miss Doherty feel that spectators will witness a contest that is full of drama and excitement.

Returning to the varsity squad are Lori Smith, Carol Hoffman, Alice Schalles, Debbie McKeever, and Juli Grandell. Some promising sophomores are Mary Fedorkowicz, Kathy Skinner and Tanya Gibbs.

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Junior Jamie Manlove crosses the bridge, leaving the Red Devils far behind. (photo by Dave Owen)

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Senior Gary Blalock kicks off against the Concord Raiders. (photo by J. Rosen)



Senior Louise Liddicoat adds the finishing touches to the Homecoming Queen's throne. (photo by T. Jackson)



Jane Johnston takes a break. (photo by J. Rosen)



Coach Davies and his harriers confer before the Newark meet. (photo by D. Owen)



Junior Scott Martin searches for a hole. (photo by J. Rosen)



A hockey player prepares a drive. (photo by J. Rosen)



Coach Alex Sansosti instructs Pete Skrobot during the Brandywine game. (photo by Mr. David Owens)

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Redskins battle the Rams for control of the ball. (photo by J. Rosen)



The Cross-Country team prepares to face Mount Pleasant. (photo by D. Owens)



Lisa Alabrudzinski returns to the Green Knights. (photo by J. Rosen)

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This member of the Homely Coming Court, Glen Taylor, and her escort, Mike Ciuffetelli, were two delightful additions to the pep rally before the Conrad-Wilmington High homecoming game.

News-in-brief

Haunted House raises \$9000

Over \$9,000 was contributed to the prevention of multiple sclerosis by the WAMS' and Delaware Jaycees' Haunted House. This donation was made possible by the diligent work of students from area schools.

Conrad's exhibit was a reproduction of Dr. Frankenstein's laboratory. The Frankenstein monster was seated in an electric chair with wires connected to his electrodes, while his victim lay mangled beside him on a table. In the background there was a variety of laboratory equipment, but visibility was poor because of lighting.

Fred Comegys, a News-Journal photographer, took pictures of many Conradians who posed in different exhibits. Pat Czerwinski, surrounded by many dangling skeletons, appeared in an issue of the News-Journal.

A certificate of gratitude was sent to Mrs. Walrath and each of her independent-class artists, for their contribution to this worthy cause.

J.A. RETURNS TO CONRAD

Junior Achievement has inherited the spirited ambition of last year's greatly successful program. Four J.A. companies are meeting at Conrad Tuesday and Thursday evenings, 7 to 9 p.m.

Corico, Deco-Plac, Conteens, and Clasco have been chosen as '73-'74 companies. Employees are manufacturing products such as desk clocks, decorative plaques, memo boards, and ecology boxes. Sponsors for the newly formed organizations include Du Pont F and F, Du Pont Film, Du Pont I.C.D., and General Motors respectively.

The future businessmen and women are taking active part in J.A. activities. The J.A. population at Conrad of approximately 100 students looks toward prosperity in the future.

TV APPEARANCE SLATED

A television program will be presented December 12 by Miss Lucy Kennedikian's fourth period social problems class. The 30-minute program will appear on Channel 5 at 10 a.m.

The students will be providing their own material for the program, says Miss Kennedikian. A tape-slide show is planned. Miss Sharon Kelly from Channel 5 will serve as moderator.

SKI CLUB PLANS TRIP

Ready for plenty of winter fun and action? Get with the Conrad Ski Club. Doe Mountain is the first stop

for this year's snowbound Redskins. This trip is planned for Saturday, December 8 and will cost \$13.

Sponsors for this year's ski club are Mrs. Stranahan and Mr. Landis. Carol Hughes was elected club president. The club will hold meetings this fall to plan for future trips.

LIBRARY OFFICERS ELECTED

This year's officers for Library Aides are Jacki Fry, president; Lisa Haas, vice president; Susan Berry, secretary; and Felicia Cieniewicz, treasurer.

The aides perform such duties as checking out books, straightening the shelves, finding books for fellow students, and keeping attendance records.

SMOKE SIGNALERS TRAVEL

At exactly 2 p.m. Thursday, October 25, 18 students filed out to the parking lot, clambered into five cars, and left Conrad High School. Their destination — Springer Junior High.

The 18 students are members of Miss Sherry Craft's Journalism I and II classes and left to attend the annual workshop, organized by the Delaware Scholastic Press Association.

Upon reaching the workshop, the Redskins, along with students from all over the state, were briefed on the contents of the workshop.

Following the briefing, the students broke up to attend specified workshops concerning the various aspects of journalism. Topics covered included cartooning, feature writing, sports writing, promoting school news and editorial writing.

Honor roll filled by Redskins; academic excellence attained

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John Kwiatkowski, Christine Lamborn, Louise Liddicoat, Maribeth Massey, Craig Maurer, Gregory McCabe, Maryellyn McElwee, Gail McGinnes, Carol McGovern, Deborah McKeever, Thomas Meade, Jack Mensinger, Donna Mezzatesta, Christine Miller, Charlotte Mitchell, John Moore, Danny Moretz, Deborah Morris, Patricia Murphey, Rita Murphey, Angela Novak.

Kenneth Orth, Nomrna Overby, Rita Padovani, Elsie Papili, Donna Passmore, Joette Pilli, Sam Randow, Dawn Reno, Patricia Reynolds, Barbara Riviello, Sharon Robinson, Jerome Rosen, Phyllis Ryan, Jean Sacquette, Anita Smith, Lorraine Smith, Robin Smith, Sandra Snead.

Thomas Speakman, Jennifer Spears, Marsha Stabnau, Kathy Stanek, Jane Stewart, Donald Stradley, Denise Stumpf, Susan Thompson, Thomas Wallace, Diane Wapniarek, Martha Welsh, James Whitson, Pat Williamson, Gary Wilson, Kenneth Wilson, Donald Wood, Carol Wooldridge, Nanette

Workman, Keith Wortham, Barbara Zdrojewski, Christopher Zenel.

Juniors on the second honor roll are: Gary Baker, Martin Baker, Barbara Beckley, Donna Bianchino, Michael Brady, Rose Mary Callahan, Pamela Cammock, Grace Capodanno, Caren Cebenka, Felicia Cieniewicz, Stephen Clark, David Cully, Sarah Culver, Jeannie Cummings, John Cummings, Karen Cunningham, John Devenney, Gerald DiAngelo, Joseph Fahey, John Filipkowski, John Giansanti, Kevin Giles, Geraldine Griffin, Mark Grimes, Richard Grzybowski, Anthony Guida, Lisa Ruth Haas, Roger Hale, Diane Haley, Carol Hoffman, Kimberly Houston, Virginia Hughes, Mary Jane Ievoli, Bryan Irwan, Cheryl Jacobs, David Janczewski, Karen Joyce.

Cheryl Kehrler, Karen Kempster, Glenda Krone, Patrick Law, Bonny Lawson, Suzanne Levert, Alfred Lee, Carol Lentelle, Michael Linen, Robert Locke, John Lore, Agnes Mahoney, Donald Martin, Scott Martin, Pamela McDannell, Ray McDowell, Susan McElwee, James McGrory, Michael Nawrocki, Paula

Noble, Michael Olemderski, Eugene Onesi, Karen Onley, Karen Owens, Gary Prospero, John Quinn, Hope Radick, Robert Raker, Sue Reynolds, Edward Riley.

Richard Roberts, Bart Rutter, Robert Sanner, Susan Santillo, Robert Schmid, Gina Sinovich, Pamela Smith, Wanda Smith, Joseph Snyder, Margaret Snyder, Richard Stephens, Sheree Suloff, Sharon Swain, Patricia Thompson, Diana Thorp, Bonnie Wade, Deborah Ward, Francis Williams, Christine Yost, Jane Zolad, John Zolad.

Sophomores are: Sandra Ardis, Jeffrey Armstrong, Nancy Arnold, Rene Ascione, Stephen Bair, John Balaguer, William Balascio, Mark Barczewski, Patricia Beaton, Melody Bixler, Sharon Blades, Gary Bonds, Deborah Bowers, Douglas Broujos, Cynthia Brown, Deborah Brown, Ann Callahan, Paul Callahan, Pat Capuano.

Cynthia Cekine, Joanna Cerasari, Donald Churchwell, Jo Ellen Collins, Lesley Comegys, David Crony, Nancy Crystal, Wayne Cushing, Thomas DeAngelo, Diane DiLillio, Kathleen Dickerson, Loretta Didiego, Donald Eastburn, Mary Fedorkowicz.

Donna Ferrazzo, Michael Figun, Shawn Filliben, Patricia Fitzgerald, Edward Gainey, Mary Godfrey, Janell Goralski, Patricia Grissom, Deborah Haines, Barbara Hayes, Kimberly Haynes, Deborah Holliday, Alan Hubbard, Corrie Hufnal, William Joseph, Stephanie Keith, Irene Knehnetsky, Lou Korzeniowsky, Monica Kosinski, Karen Kradchick.

Joann Lazarczyk, William Douis, David McCallister, Margaret McGrory, Michael Monaghan, Raymond Muller, Kathryn Murphey, Kathryn Pastock, Paul Pickel, Joseph Prosceno, Albert Rizzo, Barbara Roberts, Joan Roberts, Dolores Roddy, Susan Rutter, Eric Russell, Hugh Sanders, Maty Schaubert, Susen Schauberg, Hope Scites, Robert Short, Kathy Skinner, Francis Smith.

Jacqueline Smith, Margaret Smith, Gary Snead, Shiela Soukinnian, Angela Taylor, Deborah Thomas, Karen Thorn, Christine Trager, David Treece, Janet Veasey, Linda Weber, Harry West, Joseph Waler, and Linda Young.

Effervescent Irishman battles traffic on bicycle

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far-away look. "Ten Germans had 200 Americans surrounded and paralyzed with fear for a couple of hours." During the confusion a friend of Mr. Williams was killed by a member of his own battalion.

Back at home, he completed his last year of college at Villanova and received his bachelor's degree. He then taught in New Jersey for several years before "I was kicked out of the state. Then I quit teaching for two years to make a million dollars."

Mr. Williams hoped to find a pot of gold at the end of a rainbow, but found it instead in a cemetery! "I sold something everybody needs - a plot. It was profitable but I didn't like the night work." So he returned to teaching.

The three "R's" and one "S" (reading, running, riding his bike and singing) occupy much of his free time. Of course, his ten speed Schwinn might be considered more of a means of transportation than a

pleasure. Every night, Mr. Williams makes his two and a half mile run around Banning Park before pedaling four miles home. He knows that a great night of sitting around the piano and harmonizing with his children and wife awaits him after dinner. The gentle strains of such favorites as "Who put the B in Maloney and made it Baloney?" can be heard throughout the neighborhood.

Cross-country coach of the Conrad harriers for two years, he was forced to abdicate the position two years ago due to personal reasons, but still serves as the "technical advisor" to the 1973 "half-mad" runners.

Last but not least, he cites his "sweet and gentle disposition when I get my own way" as his best trait and his "outrageous temper tantrums when I don't," as his worst.

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Oread sale spells success at Shop-Rite and Pathmark

The Oreads, sponsored by Miss Mildred Morrison, earned \$83 at simultaneous bake sales at Shop-Rite in Stanton, and at Pathmark in Elsmere. "This was the most successful bake sale I can ever remember," commented Miss Morrison.

The members of this club are all interested junior and senior girls with at least a three average in their major subjects. The word Oread symbolizes beauty and the ability to aspire to heights of achievement.

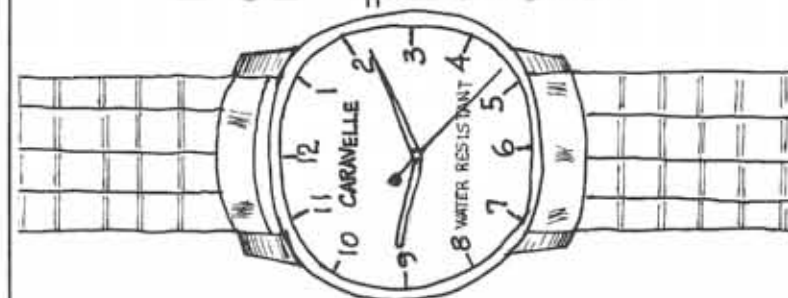
Recently elected officers are Jane Johnston, president; Heather Haden, vice-president; Toni Palermo,

secretary; and Janet Trost, treasurer.

Sponsoring a Vietnamese child under the Foster Parent Plan is the major purpose of the Oreads. Since 1959, this club has acted as foster parents to these children, who frequently write to tell about their daily lives and living conditions.

The Oreads' latest undertaking was the traditional selling of large, yellow, chrysanthemums with scarlet and gray ribbons attached. The Conrad branch of Oreads, along with Dickinson's branch, supplies a beautiful array of mums to be worn at the Conrad-Dickinson football game.

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