

Conrad gains accreditation from team of evaluators

By Margaret Snyder

In a recent *Smoke Signal* interview, Principal Earl J. Smith mentioned that the overall purpose of a school evaluation is to decide whether or not the faculty is keeping in line with their teaching philosophies and if they're doing a good job. It also recommends possible ways to improve the school and its programs.

Our 1964 evaluation was based around the needs of the students. It was suggested and was accomplished that we put in a library balcony, library aides, and the industrial arts department be expanded.

Last year evaluation centered on and concerned itself with the careers of the student. Conrad gained full accreditation. However, three provisions exist.

First of all, any questionnaires sent to us by the Middle States Association Commission on Secondary Schools must be filled out and

returned. Secondly, a progress report must be given every three years. Finally we must provide people to serve on other evaluating teams, involving various schools. Henry C. Conrad is accredited until

December 31, 1984.

Many of the staff have already served on a three day evaluating team the most recent of which was Dr. Isabel Miller, mathematics instructor.



Our busy principal, Mr. Earl J. Smith, takes time to offer an opinion on evaluation. (Photo by Charlie Hobson)



Christmas tree brightens hall; brings Conrad spirit of season

By Debbie Grace

Need a bit of Holiday cheer? Shuffle on down the main hall and gaze upon our noble student council masterpiece, Conrad's Christmas tree. Our beautiful tree represents the combined efforts of Hope Radick, Debbie Robinson, Jack Reineman, Linda Fleming, and Mike Rezenko, Paul Wolfe and other members of the student council, all under the supervision of Mr. Greg

Latzo.

This year's beautiful greenery was not procured without difficulty. As a matter of fact, when the enterprising group went to buy the tree, they were informed that they had to pay for last year's tree first. The student council being these good things, faithful, loyal, trustworthy and all that, paid for both trees and one may be confident it was worth it.

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Forty-seven Redskins gain top honors earning 3.8

Forty-seven Redskins comprise the first honor roll of Conrad's school year. These include seniors Shirley Barry, Barbara Beckley, Evelyn Crowl, Jeannine Cummings, Karen Cunningham, Linda Gennusa, Diane Haley, Karen Kempski, Arthur Lindholm, Scott Martin, Joan McGonigal, Wendy Palmer, Sue Reynolds, Sharon Robinson, Alice Schalles, Diana Thorp, Janet Trost, and Christine Yost.

Juniors earning first honors are Sandra Ardis, Rene Ascione, William Balascio, Bernadette Carucci, Janelle Goralski, David McCallister, James Peckham, Maribeth Riofski, Hugh Sanders, Thomas Sarnecky, Ellyn Stanek, Nancy Szczerba, and Michael Wisniewski.

And last but not least, the successful sophomores include

Michaeline Chinski, James Diefendorfer, Nancy Lynn Ekdahl, Nancy Lea Flowers, Sylvia Gallo, Michael Horgan, Kathleen Janczewski, Catherine Kuzepski, Richard Leonik, Michael Lindell, Joseph Manlove, Philip Russell, Patrick Ryan, Joan Marie Stumpf, Diane Wallace, and Robert Weldin.

All these students have averages over 3.80. The highest average is that of junior David McCallister, whose average is 4.40.

The hundred twenty-eight students comprise the second honor roll, having averages of 3.00 to 3.75.

These include: Seniors: Peggy Archer, Cody Bacot, Gary Baker, Carmine Balascio, Catherine Baxter, William Beaston, Dawn Bestpitch, Donna Bianchino, Michael Brady, Barbara Brown,

Linda Cael, and David Cahall.

Also earning second honors were seniors Robert Calhoun, Rosemary Callahan, Caren Cebenka, Felicia Cieniewicz, Colleen Clark, Stephen Clark, Susan Clark, William Conner, James R. Corday, Ernest Crosse, David Culley, John Cummings, Joanne D'Arcangelo, Laura Ann Dempsey, John Devenney, Gerald DiAngelo, Kathy Divincento, Diana Dominick, Karen Donofrio, Theresa Dorazio, Mary Enslin, John Filipkowski, and Mary Fitzsimmons.

More seniors obtaining second honors are Linda Fleming, Catherine Fontana, Janice Forman, Susan Fraim, Sandra Francis, Barbara Geist, John Giansanti, Donna L. Gibney, Kevin Giles, Geraldine Griffin, Mark Grimes,

Richard Grzybowski, Susan Hayes, Mark Holdsworth, Kimberly Houston, Tony Hunt, Maryann Hynson, Mary Jane Ievoli, Richard Igo, Bryan Irwin, Shirley Jester, Karen Joyce, Cheryl Kehrer, Donna Lane, Bryan Lenker, Carol Lentelle, Sharon Levering, Michael Linen, James Lister, Robert Locke, John Lore, and Wayne Luoma.

Also included are seniors Agnes Mahoney, Dennis Mahoney, Kathy Malin, Betsy Martin, Claire Martin, Ray McDowell, Susan McElwee, William McLaughlin, John Merritt, Diane Mery, Frank Meyer, Michael Moore, John Murphy, Michael Nawrocki, Ann Marie Nichols, Joyce Nichols, Michael Olenderski, Karen Onley, Karen Owens, Joanne Pennington, Rosemarie Permar, Linda Petrucci, Susan Petrucci, Kevin Phillips, James Phipps, Lisa Pierce, Diane Pitrizzi, Elaine Pivinski, Joan L. Powell, Robert Prettyman, and Christine Pytel.

Continuing the seniors with second honors; Donald Quashne, Kathleen Quinn, Hope Radick, Robert Raker, Ralph Randow, Joseph Ratasiewicz, Sandra Reeder, John Reineman, Gina Remedio, Charles Rickenback, Lynn Riddleberger, Paul Riley, Richard Roberts, Bart Rüter, Linda Russell, Loretta Saienni, Robert Sanner, Susan Santillo, Leslie Schmidt, Melissa Scites, Shillie Jean Scott, Kay Shelley, John Shockley.

Remaining seniors on the second honor roll; Gina Sinovich, Peter Skrobot, Jerome Smith, Joseph Snyder, Margaret Snyder, Elizabeth Soligo, Scot Sowden, Deborah Stradley, Joseph Subach, Sheree Suloff, David Swain, Mary Jane Tavani, Carol Trykowski, David Verchick, Connie Vitsorek, Anthony Wade, Bonnie Wade, Patrick Walsh, Carol Wertz, Bruce

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Conradians enjoy "nutritious, delicious, economical" meal

By Karen Cunningham

Approximately 400 people dined on "Roman Rice and Beans" November 26, as part of a senior social studies project.

The meal was planned as an example of a nutritious, economical, meal providing non-meat protein. It took place as part of a study of world hunger, and was based on the book, *Diet for a Small Planet*. Before partaking of the rice and beans, the students saw the movie, "Diet for a Small Planet." After eating the Roman Rice and Beans, the classes were visited by members of *Paxem in Terris* (Peace on Earth), an organization to promote peace.

Social Problems teacher, Mr. John Strobel, who originated the idea of the Roman Rice and Beans meal, felt that the venture was successful. Its principle success, he felt, was that so many people participated and experienced something new. According to Strobel, served learnings occurred,

including awareness that you can eat a nutritional meal without meat and that a non-meat diet can be economical. Also, the meal pointed out a way that individuals can have

an impact on the world hunger problem.

Some students had an opportunity to see themselves on TV since Channel 12 covered the event.



Roman Rice and Beans — delicious?

Athletes honored at banquet; coaches of fall sports attend

Conrad's cafeteria boasted a new appearance recently when it hosted the annual fall sports banquet, December 5, honoring male and female athletes of the season.

Kevin Reilly, 1969 Salesianum graduate and middle linebacker for the Philadelphia Eagles, appeared as the event's main speaker. Reilly joked and mentioned his career in football, including reminiscing about his former trips to Conrad.

Vice-Principal J. Duane Morningred served as the evening's master of ceremonies. Morningred congratulated all the season's teams and coaches and introduced members seated at the head table. In addition to Reilly and Morningred, guests of honor included Girls' Hockey Coach, Ms. Tina Sandberg, Girls' Volleyball Coach, Mr. John Froelich, Cross-Country

Coach, Mr. John Naughton, Soccer Coach, Mr. John Schreiber, sponsor of cheerleading, Mr. Al Lewis, head Football Coach, Mr. Alex Sansosti, and President of the Conrad's Booster Club, Mr. Fred Comegys.

Also Conrad's Athletic Director, Mr. Jesse Malin, School Secretary, Mrs. Cindy Gawarzewski, Assistant Football Coach, Mr. Chuck McVaugh, Mr. William Nicholas, Assistant Soccer Coach and Mr. Paul Eyanson, Assistant Volleyball Coach were recognized as well.

Mrs. Mary Collins and the ladies of Conrad's kitchen prepared a delicious smorgasbord which included baked chicken, meatballs, vegetables, various desserts and beverages. Plans are already underway for a winter and spring banquet this year.

You need not to fool for the fool is you

Love yourself, Need yourself, Let yourself be, don't put yourself to ruins take a look at me, what is it you need that makes you not care, what is it within you, is all hope lost there? To take your mind and hide from the world, can't you face facts or reality, for they cannot be changed, no matter how hard you try. Hide from yourself, hide from your brother, burn out that head you'll need no other. Why can't you live here with understanding, no need to run, just keep on standing, you have to believe, and accept it too that the desire is within to go on through. Life's not so bad just living with you, but live with that burn, and you just took your last turn . . . you've got plenty of years to learn and succeed just look at the one who only needs the necessities of life and

you can accept what is real, and what is created too, you mind, can be easily swayed and squashed how much time, experience, and beatings will it take you to care to understand just why you have lost. Life is a game, you win some, you loose, but only will happen depends on what you choose, find out why, shy you must hide, accept when you are wrong then it will not be long for you will soon change your wrong to right, then of course you will get through the night. Love yourself, need yourself, let yourself be naturally happy, not chemically, find and then you will learn, love yourself, need yourself, let yourself be, be naturally happy, not chemically.

Love Rita

It's not quite the same

Well, Merry Christmas. Ho-Hum. Not to be a scrooge, but some stores started to deck their halls in early November and by now the lights and tinsel have lost their glitter and cheer in my eyes. Working in a small variety store, one may be generally surprised at how early Christmas stock is ordered to be placed on display. And experience teaches that even after Christmas, all that glitters is not sold. Gritting teeth and yearning for the good old days when "Use our terrific Christmas lay-away play for a joyous season" and "Have Christmas paid for when it gets here" signs didn't appear until after Thanksgiving, is becoming more common. The season and spirit of Christmas seems to be old and worn out by December 25. What is one to do? Sermons are preached and carols are sung but they are all just part of the worn out tradition. Or are they? Maybe we should take some time to look past the artificial trees, past the old words and music and look for the spirit behind them. The season may be worn out, but the message is still fresh. "Peace on earth, good will toward men." MERRY CHRISTMAS!

love is . . .

Love is, very patient and kind,
never jealous or envious,
never boastful or proud.

Never haughty, selfish, or rude.
Love does not demand its own way.
It is not irritable or touchy.

It does not hold grudges,
And will hardly even notice
When others do it wrong.

It is never glad about injustice
but rejoices whenever truth wins
out if you love someone you
will be loyal to him, not matter
what the costs.

You will always expect the best
of him, and always stand
your ground in defending him.

All the special gifts
and powers from God will someday
come to an end but love goes on forever.
the greatest . . . is love.

Karen Jones

Food for Thought Time is running out

It is time that some constructive measures were taken regarding world hunger. The recent World Food Conference hasn't accomplished anything concrete to solve the problems of the large part of the earth's population which doesn't have enough to eat. What is the use of such a conference if it brings about so little in the way of results? Instead of talk and more talk, immediate action must be taken before the dilemma becomes even worse. The United States, being as comparatively rich as it is, should take steps to help countries with large numbers of starving people. It may mean some sacrifices for us, but there is no alternative, unless we simply forget about all the hungry people around the world. Time is running out; we cannot ignore this problem any longer.

CONRAD ESCAPEES



On a recent conservation trip to Petersburg, Delaware, Mr. Sache, a former Conrad teacher, shot a quail which landed twenty feet from Mr. Ted Torrence. Mr. Sache said, "Get it Teddy." Being that it was the first time Mr. Torrence had gone hunting he took aim and shot the dead bird again. Running over to the bird he picked it up by the claws. Other than the claws there was only a little piece of flesh left. Mr. Torrence remarked, "Look, I got it."

Mr. Naughton's fourth period journalism class were giving oral reports on inductive reasoning. Suddenly, the whole class began to laugh. When Mr. Naughton asked why everyone was laughing, nobody knew why.

There was no way out. I was caught in the very act of an im-

pardonable crime. I started to offer my feeble excuse to the teacher. Well you see, I stammered, I mean, um, I just thought . . . "You're not to think in this school!" she exclaimed.

Recently, at McDonald's senior Rich Grzybowski ordered an English muffin. An inquisitive band member remarked, "What's an English muffin?" "Well, it's like toast, without the bread," answered Rich.

What was the cause of the laughter coming from the yearbook room? Why, it was the innocent class members reading the literature in Playgirl.

During a recent rehearsal of the band members going to A. I. Du

Pont Institute, Rich Grzybowski, in Mr. Casto's absence at the time, requested "White Christmas." A few bright trumpet players broke into a chorus that would make Bing Crosby cry (it was that bad).

In Mrs. Trivelpiece's first period study hall, she has the students set up in such a way that students who come every day sit at three specific tables. She refers to these people as the regulars. When asked if he was seated at the right table, Mike Zale answered, "Yeah, I'm a regular." Hearing the laughter of the other students, Mrs. Trivelpiece replied, "That's not quite what I meant."

In an expression of devotion for the superstar, Elton John, Scott Sowden pulled out his picture of the rock idol and gave it a big kiss.

Book Review

1. *The Making of the President, 1972*, written by Theodore White explores the complex interaction of men and events that shaped the 1972 Republican and Democratic presidential campaigns.

2. *Walden Two*, written by B. F. Skinner is a fictional account of an organized Utopian community which offers provocative alternatives to a society that lacks direction.

3. *So Slow the Dawning*, written by Inge Trachtenberg is a poignant portrayal of a Jewish family's gradual journey into terror during the early years of the Third Reich.

4. *Snowfire*, written by Phyllis Whitney, is a story about a young woman's hardships when she tries to help her step-brother who has been accused of murder.

5. *Dust on the Sea*, written by Edward L. Beach, dramatizes the adventures and ambitions of the men of a U. S. submarine who are fighting their own private wars during World War II.

6. *Witchcraft and Magic*, written by Arthur Gregor, discusses the myths and beliefs surrounding the practice of witchcraft and examines the significance of magic in today's world.

7. *A History of the Devil*, written by William Woods, tells of the primitive religion, Dronysian rites, wiches, herssies, and demonic possessions and how they are treated in this study of the devil in European culture.

8. *The Curse of the Kings*, written by Victoria Holt, is a story about Judith Osmond's passionate interest in archaeology which leads her to an Egyptian excavation plagued by an

ancient pharaoh's curse.

9. *Daughter of Satan*, written by Jean Peardy, tells of a young woman believed to be the daughter of the devil. She leaves Plymouth, England for the New World in hopes of escaping violence and intolerance.

10. *The Nightmare Reader*, edited by Peter Haining, are stories of universal fears concerning the bizarre and the magical, are dealt with by such masters as Poe, Irving, Doyle, and Bradbury.

Redskins speak out

Dear Editor,

During the recent general elections in Delaware, many good and qualified men and women were elected. But one re-election still puzzles me. This is the one of Congressman Pete du Pont over Dr. James E. Soles.

Soles is as well qualified to hold this position as du Pont, even possessing an obvious advantage over du Pont. With the millions of dollars du Pont has, he cannot personally realize what the middle man is facing with inflation. Soles is facing the problem of inflation from his own view point.

People with whom I have conversed often commends du Pont for his senior citizen legislation. Soles is likewise concerned about senior citizens and if people would listen carefully, that point would have been obvious.

du Pont's voting record with labor has mainly been balanced out in Delaware. We need legislators who are going to support labor. Soles



would have given his support. Delaware's voters, particularly Democrats, should be ashamed that they let a man like Jim Soles get away from them.

Sincerely yours,
B.F.N., H.C. Conrad

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Our present study hall system is an affront to all the responsible members of the Conrad student body. The administration has in formulating these rules, seemingly gone on the assumption that every student is immature and incapable of handling the least bit of freedom. Admittedly, there are some people who fall into this category but it is my belief that the majority would conduct themselves in a reasonable fashion without the restrictive rules. It is also my belief that the trouble-makers who are the real targets of the new discipline code will simply find a way to continue their disregard for what is required of them. Thus, the new rules really don't accomplish anything much except to annoy those students who do obey the rules.

December 10, 1974

Dawn Bestpitch,
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Dear Miss Bestpitch:

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you, members of the *Smoke Signal* staff, administrators, instructors and students of the Conrad High School.

In the spirit of the season, may each of us pause and consider those ways in which our lives may reflect the life and teachings of Him whose birthday we celebrate.

Sincerely,
Leon Elder
Superintendent

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Rip offers beware . . .

Recently, a young male, age 19, was observed kneeling before a shelf containing various hats. Unaware of his being watched in the store, he then proceeded to slide a hat inside his opened jacket. Upon completion, the teenager started to leave the premises. Upon exiting, a man identifying himself as a security officer approached him, inquiring about what he had stolen and its hidden location. Immediately after, the guard accompanied the accused back into the store. While approaching the store's office, the young man handed over the missing item to his accuser. After filling out all the necessary forms, the alleged thief, found to be over 18, was turned over to the authorities.

The New Castle County Police picked him up and then transported him to the County Building. Once there, processing, arrest report, mug shot and fingerprinting occurred, followed by a journey to Court 10 for trial. A warrant for his arrest had been sworn out by the arresting officer. At Court 10, the plaintiff was advised of his rights of trial as well as possible penalties given for his offense. For example, whether or not to be represented by legal counsel or returning for a later trial at that same court are

possibilities. Or, appearing at Wilmington's Court of Common Pleas remains another alternative. Gaining later hearings in either court constitutes a posting of bond to ensure his appearance.

This specific individual preferred having an immediate court decision. Soon after the judge proceeded to read the charges as stated on the warrant. It probably read something like this: "Such and such is accused of entering such and such a store, October 18, and did then willfully remove goods, wares, or other merchandise from further use of that material, thereby constituting shoplifting. In this case, the said article is one men's black fur hat, size large, valued at seven dollars. This is in direct violation of Title II, Section 840 of the Delaware Code. How do you plead to this charge?"

In this case, the subject pleaded guilty to the charge and was given a \$50.00 fine plus court costs, rounding the figure to \$62.50. Although this punishment does not appear severe, shoplifting in Delaware can carry a maximum penalty of up to \$1000.00 fine and/or two years in jail. This young man paid a very high price for a seven dollar hat he didn't even get to wear. Was it really worth it? Think about it.

Theatre Arts starts rolling

Theatre Arts is a different kind of class. The classroom is the stage, and the text book is one's imagination. It's much more free than most classes, but it does involve hard work.

Perhaps some are not aware that there are two Theatre Arts classes. Theatre Arts I, with nineteen students is for beginners, while Theatre Arts II, with an enrollment of seven is for the more experienced Thespians. Both sections are taught by Mr. Donald J. Morgan.

These two groups are currently preparing plays to be presented in March. Theatre Arts I will present "I am Nobody", with some scenes written and revised by the students

themselves, and Theatre Arts II will stage "Ralph Roisterdoister", by Nicholas Udall, which is the oldest play in the English language, predating Shakespeare. Both plays will be shown to faculty and students in an assembly and, in the evening to the public.

Morgan feels that interest in Theatre has lagged in past years. As an example, "Sock and Buskin", a drama club, did not even form this year. "It has been increasingly difficult to get students to come after school for necessary practice, et cetera. We are hoping these 'in-classroom' productions will rekindle interest' ".

Former Redskin helps counselors

By Dawn Bestpitch

"I think the students at Conrad are great and I truly enjoy them", commented Mrs. Erma Podgorski during a recent *Smoke Signal* interview. Mrs. Podgorski is the Guidance Counselor's secretary and her work includes sending out transcripts for college admission or for employers. She added, "I furnish my 'motherly advice' to students and counselors which mostly goes unheeded." Her association with the students and staff is what Mrs. Podgorski finds most enjoyable on the reservation. Starting her fifth year, she has noticed changes at Conrad. Students have shown interest in new added programs. Perhaps one of the most newly adopted programs is the attendance policy. Before, Mrs. Podgorski had to issue "admit" slips but now with the new policy,

she has one less worry on her shoulders.

Mrs. Podgorski has always worked for Guidance at Conrad and is the department's first secretary. She mentioned that "the work was always done by the main office secretaries along with their other work, so for once in my life I scored a first." Before coming to Conrad, she worked at the Blood Bank in the Delaware Division.

Swimming and camping are Mrs. Podgorski's favorite pastime. "I just love the ocean," and she added that any spare time she has is spent at the beach. Her hobbies include reading and all types of craft work such as embroidery, ceramics, and sewing. Having also been a former Redskin graduate in the third graduating class, she has two Conradian sons, Bill and Ed. The former graduating in 1966 and the latter in 1971.



Mrs. Erma Podgorski — a vital asset to the Guidance department.

Answer man speaks out

Dear Wooden Indian,

I have a serious problem. I have middle lunch every day. Evidently, the person who sits in my seat during first lunch is very sloppy and quite fond of jelly sandwiches. I stick to my seat. I really like this seat and don't want to move. What should I do?

signed, Sticky Situation

Dear Sticky,

Be grateful it wasn't peanut butter or the chair would stick to the roof of your mouth.

Dear Wooden Indian,

I love to spend my study halls in the library. Unfortunately, the silence gets to me. First I start tapping my fingers, then I stamp my feet and I end screaming and pounding my fists. I can't control myself. Miss Swayze has tried to be patient. But, I don't believe she understands my problem. Do you have any advice?

Unquiet

Dear Unquiet,

Go back to the cafeteria. It's never really silent there, and if you start screaming, no one will notice. Get yourself a kazoo and play Flight of the Bumble Bee and keep the beat.



Dear Wooden Indian,

My favorite class is very interesting, and is taught by a very enjoyable and vibrant teacher. The teacher, however, keeps moving from one corner to the next, every few seconds. It makes me a little dizzy, and by the end of class I have a headache. I don't want to be rude and tell her to stand still, but if I don't, my headaches may result in permanent brain damage.

Feeling Dizzy

Dear Dizzy,

I suggest that you take a seat in the back of the classroom, and when she starts lecturing, close your eyes, and take motion sickness pills. If this doesn't work try radar. (Radio Shack is having a sale).

Dear Wooden Indian,

I'm convinced I have Rocky Mountain spotted fever and terminal hangnails, but Mrs. Travis insists I am disgustingly healthy. One of these days I shall drop dead right outside of her office. Then she'll be sorry! But as of now what should I do?

signed Hospital Happy Harry

Dear H.H.H.

Put no more strain on your poor, weak heart! I have heard that the Black Death shall rise and spread again.



Superintendent of Conrad Area School District, Mr. Leon B. Elder.

Elder discloses news on Conrad Area District

How many of us can actually say that we really know Mr. Leon B. Elder? OK, so he's the superintendent of the district. But Mr. Elder is still a very likeable person!! No matter how busy he may be, he'll always take time to chat, noted the *Smoke Signal* reporter.

As we entered his office, we talked about the face lift of the Richardson Park Building and District Offices.

"Is there anything new in the district?" Elder was asked. He replied, "No, nothing can be added that wasn't in the newsletter. The public relations is really great. We

had close to a thousand new names added to the newsletter mailing list. There are close to eleven thousand names now!!"

Mr. Elder traveled to Ocean City not too long ago to attend a conference on problems within school districts. Some of the problems included the drop in enrollment and inflationary problems that have to be dealt with. Those concerning electricity and oil rate increases are dominant.

When asked about busing in the Conrad area, he replied that he had no comment on the matter.

If you're going down on a sinking ship, just jump off

By Jeff Mezzatesta

Have you ever found yourself in a weird situation? No, school doesn't count. Thanks to the power of the press, I have created another one.

The story went like this. Dressed as a pound of bacon on Let's Make a Deal, I won a trip for unlimited persons to Jamaica. The boat traveled through a chain of deserted islands, as I was playing shuffleboard, when suddenly, a storm arose, making the seas violent.

During the storm, our boat hit a rock and began to sink. I was scared, so I jumped off, while the others grabbed one last possession before they leaped.

I was floating in the water, when I saw some people from my party. "Bernadette Carucci, what do you have?"

"A radio."

"Tom Sarnecky, what did you bring from the boat?"

"A signal flare (glub, glub)."

"Linda Stilwell, what did you save?"

"I have a life jacket."

"What is that with you, Kathy Johnson?"

"My dog."

"Patty Grissom, how about you?"

"A blanket."

"Oh, you have everything covered then. There's Cathy Hoffman with her live goldfish."

Well, all of us finally made it to the island, but the other members of our group had already arrived.

"Look over there, it's Rick Gryzbowski, Matt Grajewski, Sandy Hollingsworth, Kim Shelly, Donna Halpin and her baton, Dave John-

son, and Mike Line, all with members of the opposite sex. They must be life guards, because they're giving mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. Hope Scites is helping Pete Rose, and Sue Ruiter is there with Joe Namath. Joe, can I have your autograph, Joe, Joe . . . he must be having trouble breathing, too. Sue Schoenberg has brought along Bobby Challenger."

"Gary Snead, did you bring anything?"

"I brought some rare oriental weeds."

Irene Knehnetsky and Ralph Randow have knives to fight off the natives. Good, we could use some cut-ups on this island.

Luckily, someone brought food along. Len Becker brought Life Savers (think about it), Sandy Ardis managed pizza, Maria Rodriguez carried a decade's supply of food, and Cathy Perry has bread. And nobody brought the mustard.

We were even luckier that somebody brought something to drink, like Rich Carter has the rum, Bill Lewis the vodka, and Scott Verchick has his own brand of firewater.

Errrrrrrrrrrr; "what's that?"

It's a bird!

It's a plane!

It's a school of dolphins playing rimbones! No wait, out from the horizon come three boats.

"Hooray, we're saved!"

As the boats pulled up, we could see Debbie Holiday, Dave Draper, and Ellen Stanek on them.

The boats left with all aboard, knowing that a pound of bacon is never what its seems to be.



Sterling Brownlee and Shawn Filliben practice for upcoming wrestling season. (Photo by Charlie Hobson)

Wrestlers to defend their championship

Riddle me this; Who uses the following terms: syracuse spin, half-nelson, fireman's carry, sit-out, switch, and near fall? No, it's not a new All-State Cheering Section cheer, or the lyrics to a Deep Purple release. For the answer, read on.

It's the wrestling team, fans, as coaches Lester Maurer and Gerald Milstead prepare the Redskins to defend their Blue Hen Conference Flight A Championship.

"We're not in bad shape. We'll scare the hell out of them," says Maurer of this year's chances.

"Attitude is very good this year. Baker and Hoffman seem to have taken over as team leaders. So far, the main interest is pulling weight. Last year's varsity guys have already made weight," admits Maurer. "We have one problem, we don't have a heavy weight. We can't get anybody to come out, it's too tough for them. Myron or Sanner will wrestle there. Sanner is heavier, but Myron is stronger. Otherwise, everything is covered."

Returning matmen include: John Hoffman (105); Bill McLaughlin (126); Mark Lindell (132); Frank

Meyer (140); Gary Baker (155); and Myron Korzeniowsky (185).

"Hoffman (10-1-0), Meyer (8-2-1), and Baker (9-1-1)," says Maurer, "are my 'studs', I don't expect them to lose, and I should get anywhere from three to six points out of them every time they walk on the mat."

The coach expects to use the six returnees and six from the J.V. squad who lost only one match, to Salesianum, because they didn't have a heavyweight. He doesn't think any sophomores will break in, but basketball switchover, Mark Grimes, is getting some consideration from the coaching staff.

Conrad will defend its Perryville championship, December 13-14. The tournament includes six Maryland teams, Perryville, Harve de Grace, Rising Sun, North Hartford, Saverna Park, and John Carroll. A Pennsylvania team, Avon Grove, will also attend. "We should have another good chance of winning Perryville," concludes Hoffman.

The Redskins will travel to Harrisburg, Pa. for the Susquehanna Township Invitational Tournament, December 27-28. Two

scrimmages with down state powers Smyrna and Caesar Rodney are also scheduled.

"Most guys just want the matches to start," adds Baker. "Our toughest match should be DelCastle," observes the senior, "there's no interest from the sophomores to build a J.V. team."

Both Hoffman and Baker agree, "Jones, Steve and Joe Janvier, Rubeck, and McKelvey should help out this year."

Hoffman, defending conference champion, informed that, "our middle and heavyweights are strong, but in lower weights, there isn't too many backups."

Maurer concludes, "We'll get tough matches from Concord, William Penn, Dickinson and possibly Brandywine."

Regular season competition begins January eighth at McKean, then every Wednesday and Saturday night for eleven straight matches.

So, if you're home watching All in the Family or your date is sick, come out to the gym and learn the chemistry of wrestling.

Runners finish eleventh

Conrad's cross-country team wrapped up its season November 13, in the State Championship Run at Killens Pond State Park, Felton, Delaware. Sixteen schools competed in both Divisions I and II, and were ranked according to total male enrollment.

Seven varsity runners represented our school in the race. These include seniors Fran Williams, John Cummings, Jamie Manlove, Dave Swain, Carmine Balascio, and Tony Hunt as well as junior Tom Sarnecky. Conrad's team points totaled 266, placing the Redskins eleventh in their Division I competition.

Five harriers represented our school in junior varsity distance running. Included in the list are juniors Bill Balascio and Steve Macky. Joe Manlove, Rick Carter and Marty Nagy, all sophomores, round out the group. Coach Naughton seemed pleased with the championship's turnout when he mentioned that, in addition to placing ahead of the four teams the

group defeated this past season the runners scored higher than Mt. Pleasant. The Green Knights had nipped the Redskins in earlier competition this past fall, 23-32.

In other cross-country news, team members voted individually for most valuable player, team captains and those team members who demonstrated the most conscientious effort throughout the season of practice and competition.

Three seniors captured the top prizes. Senior Williams was awarded the most valuable player honor. In addition, seniors Cummings and Jamie Manlove were elected co-captains for the season. In addition, senior Swain, junior Bill Balascio and sophomore Nagy received honorable mention for delivering the year's most conscientious effort. Naughton remarked that all team members deserve recognition and commendation and added that he looks forward to another prosperous year of cross-country.



Merry Christmas

Staff starts work; changes in store

By Cheryl Brown

What is a yearbook? A book of memories to look back on, when you are old and gray and your memory fails you. How much work goes into the yearbook? No one realizes how much time and money are spent on all those memories, in order to obtain the highlights of the year, and to include all of the activities.

The CONRADIAN, sponsored by Mr. Owens, has a hard-working staff this year. His co-editors are Mary Jane Ievoli, and Joan Powell, who have both attempted much to

improve the CONRADIAN. They plan to change the context of the book as well as the cover in this year's edition.

Our 1974-75 CONRADIAN staff include Art Lindholm, Maryanne Hynson, Diane Gallo, Sharon Levering, Dianne McKeever, Lori Roddy, Sue Ruitter, Eileen Schaal, Hope Scites, Shelia Soukiassian, Pat Thompson, Diana Thorp, Barbara Beckley, Anne Dryden, Laure Croze, Alice Schalles, Juli Williams and Carol Wertz. Cody Bacot, Chris Renai and Tom Shewbrooks are the staff photographers.

Students' accomplishments

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Cushing, Diane Delillio, Roger Dibuo, Kathleen Dickerson, and Loretta DiDiego.

Also; Joanne Diego, Teresa Dominelli, Patricia Dougherty, Anne Dryden, Daniel Elliott, Lee Ennis, Shawn Filliben, Edward Gainey, Diane Gallo, Tanya Gibbs, Deborah Grace, Kenneth Grier, Deborah Haines, Kimberly Haynes, Catherine Hoffman, Deborah Holliday, Carrie Hufnal, Nancy Humphrey, Donna Hurlock, Deborah Kates, Stanley Ketchum, Vicki Knauer, and Irene Knehnetsky.

The second honor roll also included juniors Monica Kosinski, Linda Lattanzio, Joann Lazarczyk, Dwayne Lenker, Susan Loble, Stephanie Lokey, Judy Ludlow, Sean McCollum, Karen McGhee, Dianne McKeever, Jeffrey Mezatasta, Kathleen Mizgala, Michael Monaghan, Charlotte Murray, Charles Novak, Paul Nowland, and Kathryn Pastock.

Remaining juniors on the second honor roll are: Joyce Polecaro, Joan Powell, Dolores Roddy, Susan Ruitter, Marsha Schmidt, Hope Scites, William Scott, Antoinette Setting, William Simkins, Brenda Sluder, Diana Smith, Margaret Smith, James Southand, Karen Thorn, Jay Townsend, David Trece, Jeffrey Tucker, Richard Watts, Elizabeth Wegrzynowski, Joseph Whalen, Althea Wilson, Nicholas Yannucci, Janet Yetter, and Joyce Yetter.

Quite a few sophomores also achieved second honors. These include June Adams, Patricia Andrzejewski, Lee Ann Barrett, Sunnylyn Baxter, John Beckley, Barbara Breslin, Diedre Buckwalter, Ellen Camp, Charles Cebenka, Louis Cecelia, Joyce Cerasari, Ronald Ciarlo, Raymond Cichocki, James Conner, Evelyn Cook, Lauralee Davis, Thomas Delaney, Albert Distefano, Vickie Dolson, Patricia Duffy, John Fahey, Richard Falkowski, Dennis Filliben, and Wayne Finch.

Also, Dawn Gary, Cynthia Gibson, Kathy Gibson, Thomas Golden, Michael Golebiowski, Robin Gray, Karen Gregson, Susan Grimes, Denise Hudson, Catherine Jackson, Donald Jackson, Pamela Janvier, Bruce Jones, Joanne Kosinski, Rosvita Krumins, Marie Lattamus, Brian Laws, Barbara Loessin, Jane Ludlow, Michael MacDowell, Vincent Majewski, Sandra Martin, Donna McAndrews, and Catherine Merrill made the honor roll.

Richard Minker, Jeffrey L. Moore, William Morgan, Kathleen Morris, Sharon Muncey, Leslee Ann Murphy, Susan Nagle, Lorraine West, Paul Wolfe, Deborah Wooters, Lynne Wyatt, Patricia Zabel-

ski, and Jane Zolad.

A number of juniors also made second honors. These are: Debbie Adams, Nancy Gail Arnold, Stephen Bair, John Balaquer, Maryanne Baron, Glenn Barry, Leonard Becker, Sharon Blades, Gary Bonds, Laurie Boruta, Doreene Boulware, Deborah Bowers, John Boyle, Douglas Broujos, Anna Brown, Cynthia Brown, Deborah Brown, Karen Bulat, Anne Callahan, Paul Callahan, Cynthia Cekine, Kenneth Condiff, David Croney, Marc Cubeta, Wayne Netta, Timothy Onley, Karen Lynn Owens, Michael Padovani, Victor Padovani, Jenny Peterson, Doris Petkiewicz, Geraldine Pivinski, Jean Plastek, Deborah Powell, Paul Powell, Richard Realey, K. C. Riley, Barbara Roop, Michael Sadler, Terry Schmidt, Therisa Scout and Billy Shoemate are all sophomore honor students.

Concluding the honor roll are sophomores June Sidwell, Mary Sobkow, Sally Storm, Janice Valenti, Jean VanSeiver, Clifford Vansant, Jeffery Walter, Drewcinda Wanros, Beverly Weigand, Brenda Weigand, Patricia Weldin, and David Withers.

Congratulations to all these honor students!

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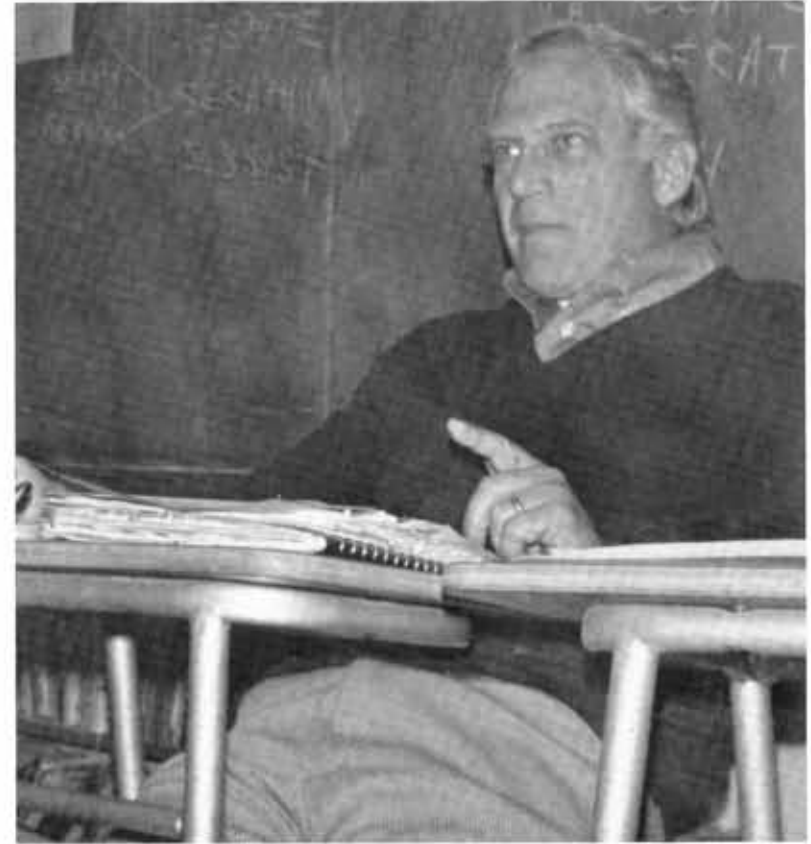
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Mr. Dave Owen, faculty advisor for yearbook, contemplates this year's Conradian. (Photo by Tom Shewbrooks)

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Conrad's cross-country clan patiently awaits the start of the recent State Meet. (Photo by Tom Shewbrooks)

Three return; Cagers are optimistic

As the boys' basketball season starts to warm up, many people have visions of another season like last year's. "The power packed Blue Hen Conference will be no place for the Redskins," remarked a senior. But the Redskins will be attempting to leave their reservations of last year behind them.

Many will agree that tourney bound teams who think Conrad will be such a pushover this year may get a surprise. Returning lettermen Steve Clark, Joe Ratasiewicz, and Fred Swarter will be the backbone of this year's team. Joining them will be juniors Doug Allen, Ricky Jones, Pete LaSavage, Ed Bender, and Joe Whalen. Coach Mann mentioned Clark will have the toughest job, guarding some of the biggest and best postmen the state has to offer. Probably the most

improved player on the team, he will have to do a consistent job for Conrad to be any real threat in the standings. The dribbler bringing the ball up for the Redskins will be Ratasiewicz. He'll have to withstand offense and he'll have to withstand plenty of pressure. If he brakes, Conrad's offensive attack might scratch to a halt. The outside threats will be Swarter and Ratasiewicz. Both are able to burn a team from the outside. Joining Ratasiewicz at guard will be Allen who has a nice outside shoot as well. The forward positions, depending on those who contribute the most, will include Swarter, LaSavage, and Jones. Mann is not promising any state tourney team, but he remarked that the team is better than last year's and they should be more closely matched games than last year's. Mann feels if the team

should try to keep its cool and strive to be able to put some pressure on other squads. Of course a little enthusiasm from the school could make things a little brighter.

When you have the crowds and cheers on the side it makes it easier to hit that important bucket in the final minutes. Conrad has a promising season ahead and should give the basketball fans some highly exciting games.

Off and running

By Marty Nagy

It's time to break out the hats and gloves as the winter track season is approaching once again.

Conrad's squad this year will be coached by Mr. Ted Torrence and assistant coach Mr. Mike Reilly, who guided the harriers of St. Matthew's C.Y.O. team for the last two years. Reilly also coached football this year at Conrad. Torrence has headed winter and spring track for three years now. Both Reilly and Torrence ran track in high school and enjoyed the experience. Reilly explained that winter track, unlike the spring type, is more of an individual sport rather than team work. Reilly commented that his two loves are teaching and coaching because he "likes to have contact with the kids."

Our team consists of five seniors including Rob Corday, Fran Williams, Carmine Balascio, Tony Hunt, and Pete Skrobot; four juniors, Tom Sarnecky, Randy Bascot, Wes Sanders and Bill Balascio; and three sophomores, Joe Manlove, Phil Doherty, and Marty J. Nagy. They practice from 3:30 to 5:00 daily and will begin to run indoors as the weather conditions prove unsuitable for running.

"The goal this season," remarked Torrence, "is to have a decent one mile relay team for spring track."



Redskins on the move against St. Elizabeth Vikings. (Photo by Scott Martin)

Girls expect winning year

Conrad's female basketball team, considered one of the better teams in the state, has posted fine winning seasons the past five years. This year should be no different as the Redskins eye Blue Hen Conference.

Our returning line-up from last year's varsity squad includes seniors Carol Hoffman, Alice Schalles, and junior Mary Fedorkowicz. Remaining team members consist of seniors Gina Sinovich, Lori DuVall, juniors Margie Smith and Cathy Dickerson. Several outstanding prospects are sophomores Joanne Tjaden, Leslie Murphey, and Patti Stewart. Conrad, in the past, has bore height,

speed, and just the right touch of poise, that makes a champion.

Much of the team's success will depend on the control of the boards. Coach Sandberg feels the team will be in contention and is looking forward to a promising year. She would like to see the girls' varsity team play some night games, since even the boys' JV team has that opportunity.

The rules have changed slightly, they are now the same as the boy's rules, except for the back court.

Ms. Sandberg is hoping for a better turn out to give the team support this season.



Girls demonstrate enthusiasm for upcoming season. (Photo by Charlie Hobson)

'Skins finish victorious defeating rival Dickinson

The Conrad Redskins ended their 1975 season in the way every team would want, by defeating a rival, a league leader and spoiling their chances for a play-off berth.

Conrad traveled to Dickinson for its last game of the season and brought home a 21-19 victory. Dickinson tallied first, on a one yard plunge to make it 7-0, but the Redskins battled right back when Scott Martin hit Paul Blome with an 11 yard T.D. pass. It was a scoreless second period, but in the third Pete Skrobot dashed 13 yards for another Redskin T.D. Bob Sanner picked up a Dickinson fumble on the 38 yard

line and swooped into the end zone to make it 21-7. But Dickinson wasn't dead yet, and came back with 2 T.D.'s by Jack Welsh, but both extra point conversions were stopped and the senior Redskins departed victorious.

The leading Redskin scorers this year are Scott Martin 42 pts., Pete Skrobot 42 pts., Paul Blome 24 pts., Steve Clark 14 pts., Jeff Armstrong 9 pts., and Bob Sanner 8 pts.

The Smoke Signal would also like to congratulate the J.V. team who finished their season with a 5-2-1 overall record.



Coach Sansosti observes Redskins Defense. (Photo by Tom Shewbrooks)

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More and more young girls are taking up cigarette smoking; and more women are dying of smoking-related diseases.

J.A. not just a passing thing

By Marty Nagy

In a recent interview, Jo Ellen Collins, president of Junior Achievement's Corprocon company stated that their main goal this year is to pass the \$7,000 mark in volume, which is the current national record held by JA.

Junior Achievement has begun well this year through the selling of stocks and products of Corprocon. If the company proves successful, all stockholders will be reimbursed, in addition to sharing in the dividends. Corprocon, started by Conrad, stands for Coriam products of Conrad. Our JA is also the basis for many other JA groups in the schools.

Corprocon sells various products including clocks, paper weights, and also famous best-selling digital thermometers to raise money. There are two new additions to the program which will hopefully prove helpful. These include a new bicentennial paper weight, and a new committee entitled, the Research Development Committee. This committee is made of JA members for the purpose of thinking of new products and ideas. Members meet each Tuesday night from 7:00 to 9:00 and make products during this time in the school shop.

Junior Achievement's main purpose is to get young people active in business related affairs. This organization teaches how one starts,

runs, and operates a company.

Ms. Collins pointed out that girls outnumber boys in the organization mainly because the latter have a lack of knowledge concerning the purpose of the group. When asked if boys had a chance to come and have explanation of JA's purposes would they join? Ms. Collins replied in a patient voice, "You must get involved and you can't do this at one or two meetings." Furthermore, she remarked, "I don't hold an office just to be there; you must get involved and participate in the group. I also feel that (please forgive me Women's Lib!) JA is boy oriented because of the machinery work involved."

For several years now Brandywine and Conrad have retained stiff competition and are thus, considered "rivals." When asked to mention our chapter's most outstanding feature, Ms. Collins remarked, "Good advisors and the success of Corprocon last year."

In a recent sale to F and F Fabrics, JA reached a spectacular sum of \$1,000 in a one day sale. February 19-22 is the date JA is holding a Mr. and Miss Executive Contest. This contest is for any JA member and business principles. The winner of this contest will then travel to Rojac, Atlantic City, for regional competition. In the near future a sale will be held at the Castle Mall.



Junior Achievement worker, Jo Ellen Collins, puts product together in a Conrad Shop. (Photo by Marty Nagy)

News-in-Brief

Redskins plan spring trips to Europe

How does spring in Europe sound? For many of Conrad's students, Europe will finally become a reality during two weeks over Easter vacation.

Each year, the school offers holiday excursions to various European countries. Next spring, the trips will be continued.

Sponsors for the trips this year are Mr. Hilton Cohen and Mrs. Jacqueline Rofel. Cohen is sponsoring a trip to Italy, while Rofel is traveling to Spain, England, and Scotland. Flights to Europe will be overnight from Philadelphia International Airport.

For further information pertaining to times, dates, and passports, contact Mrs. Rofel in room 139 and Mr. Cohen in room 315 or 103 before or after school.

New Landis

Mr. and Mrs. Ned A. Landis are the proud parents of their new daughter, Heidi Rae, born November 5, 1974 and weighing 8 pounds and 10 ounces. They also have an older daughter, Judith Ann, who is two years and nine months old.

JCL plans trip

The Delaware state JCL convention scheduled for sometime in April will be at Conrad. Mrs. Marie C. Field, faculty advisor, mentioned, "The reason the convention is at Conrad is the state president, Richard Leonik, attends Conrad."

The Junior Classical League is planning a two-day trip to New York in June. There the group will see a Broadway play, eat at an Italian

Star Gazing

ARIES (March 21 - April 20) — Something that has troubled you in the past few days will be forgotten. A surprise is due to occur.

TAURUS (April 21 - May 20) — There will be a new addition to your life very soon.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20) — People of your own age will get on your nerves. Try to be patient.

CANCER (June 21 - July 22) — Quit hiding your true feeling about someone. Let them find out and see what happens.

LEO (July 23 - August 22) — You have either a telephone call or a letter that heeds answering. What are you waiting for?

VIRGO (August 23 - September 22) — You will be reading quite a lot next month. Don't overtire your eyes.

LIBRA (September 23 - October 22) — Someone will pay you a great compliment. But don't go on an ego trip.

SCORPIO (October 23 - November 22) — Keeping secrets has always been easy for you. Use that power effectively this month.

SAGITTARIUS (November 23 - December 21) — Love that was always there seems to take on a new shine. Look into it.

CAPRICORN (December 22 - January 19) — Advice from an elder will be greatly needed soon.

AQUARIUS (January 20 - February 18) — Travel is in the picture, a very long trip. Not just an overnight excursion is in store.

PICES (February 19 - March 20) — A new person in the area will be looking for a friend. Smile and say hello.

restaurant, and visit museums to see Greek and Roman art. A fund raising dance in February around St. Valentine's day weekend, car washes, and bake sales are also planned.

Band helps out

On Sunday, December 8, the Conrad band and twirling corps performed a benefit for the children of A. I. Institute.

The band played music from pregame and half time shows, along with arrangements of well known Christmas carols. The Redskins left, leaving many happy faces at the institute.

New teacher

replaces Lilly

The new tenth grade English teacher at Conrad is Mrs. Sharman Curro. She has replaced Ms. Deborah Altemus, who was called in to teach for Mr. Leon Lilly, as he suffered a heart attack in September. According to Mrs. Curro, Mr. Lilly should return to his regular job some time after Christmas.

Brady Business

Mr. Brady, job hunter

By Diana Thorp

Many students are unaware of a position held at Conrad that could possibly be of great value to them. Mr. David Brady is our Career Guidance Placement Counselor.

Brady wanted to clear up a misconception of the function of his office. "Some people think jobs sit in the office and I send them to the job. Actually I'm here to talk to the students and to inform them of the procedures involved in job hunting, what to do and where to go along with the placement in jobs."

Approximately 20-30 new people visit his office each month. When asked about his success in placing students in jobs, Brady responded, "I'm not as successful as I'd like to be but I think a fair amount, October and November show 45 students placed in jobs in those months."

Maturity initiative and an awareness of responsibilities are the most important qualities an employer looks for in a teenager according to Brady. "Students should realize the employer has a choice of a lot of people. He doesn't just take anyone off the street and hand them a job."

Boys are easier to place, ac-

Christmas feast

December 19, Mrs. Collins and her staff prepared their annual Christmas dinner. The meal consisted of turkey and all the trimmings. Mrs. Collins would like to thank all those who participated in the yearly event.

New faces on reservation

Two new faces in the Math department are Mrs. Kathy Kline and Mr. William Nicholas.

Mrs. Kline, a graduate of Clarion State College, Pa. has a bachelor degree in Library Science and Math. She instructs tenth, eleventh and twelfth grade sections of Geometry and Practice Math. Although Mrs. Kline has taught on college level, she mentioned preferring junior high school.

Nicholas teaches classes in International Algebra, Algebra 2, and practical Math, remarking that he enjoyed instructing all three sections. He added liking working at Conrad and associations with fellow colleagues.

ording to Brady, due to the physical aspect of most jobs available to teens. Fast food services and stock working are the most common for boys of high school.

The most common jobs for girls are fast food services, salesgirls, and serving food at institutions.

The most satisfying element to Brady is when you can "make a young person a job, just to help him get what he needs."

Brady enjoys his first position at a high school. "I enjoy working with kids who really want a job. It is a rewarding experience."

Being in the district for three years and at Conrad for two, Brady says, "I don't think we have many problems here. I think the student body is mature."

In addition to his career guidance duties, Brady teaches career information and employment possibilities at Krebs Junior High as part of a five cycle program there, and works with special education students at Richardson Park Junior High.

Students are encouraged if interested in finding employment or discussing future occupation to stop in Mr. Brady's office.



Mr. Brady, Emperor of Employment at Conrad. (Photo by Scott Martin)

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