



Who is this man? (See story on Page 3.)

Banquet highlights year of DECA's activities

"Excitement, thrills, frustrations," is how Mr. George Froelich, DECA's faculty advisor, describes the State Career Development Conference to be held at the Sheraton Hotel in March. According to Froelich, it is also the culmination of 6 months' work on the part of the students.

At the conference, DECA members from different schools will compete in areas such as advertising, sales display, job interview, and public speaking. As part of their preparation for the competition, the club will be carrying on a sales campaign selling macrame owls at \$2.99 each.

Last year three Conradians, Debbie Trala, Donna Kotohski, and

Elsi Pappilli, won awards at the conference. All three have graduated, but Froelich feels that a good group is involved this year.

Another recent activity of the organization was the Employer-Employee Banquet held on January 9. This was an evening that the students prepared for their various employers. It was held in the cafeteria annex, with approximately 70 persons attending.

Froelich was especially pleased with the banquet because the DECA members prepared everything themselves — from setting the tables and decorating, to cooking and serving the food. He felt it was a good experience for the students because it "shows them how

Redskin invasion

Conradians are on the move; Hit Europe and the slopes

Have you ever felt the urge to eat spaghetti, real Italian style? Five Conradians will be given that opportunity to try some genuine home-style cooking of Italy when they travel there next month. "Spring in Europe" is the fortunate group which includes Mike Colicchio, Mary Jane Ievoli, Mark Lindell, Loretta Saienni and Pa Walsh. They will be departing from the Philadelphia Airport, Thursday, March 27, traveling with Pan-American Airlines. During their ten-day vacation, the Redskins will visit Rome, Pompeii and Florence.

Students from various New Castle County schools will be touring about as well; some may be going to France, while others venture to the British Isles. Total cost for the trip is \$489.

According to Pat Walsh, "It is a new experience and it is somewhere I've never been before." Loretta Saienni feels it will be an "exciting experience," and is likewise anxious to go.

Meetings are to be held to inform the lucky vacationers of what to bring as well as what one might

expect upon arriving in Italy. Arrivederci, vacationers.

Have you ever wanted to glide down a glistening, snowpeaked mountain but fear held you back? Perhaps you should join Conrad's Ski Club. The club is organized by Mr. Miller, Mr. Moran, and Mr. Landis. Its members include Conrad students, teachers, parents of students, and alumni. One needs no experience to join the courageous group on one of its daring adventures to the Pocono Mountains.

The skiers travel by coach, chartered from O'Neals' Bus Service. Their departure for all one day trips is from Meadowood Shopping Center at approximately 6:00 a.m. returning at approximately 7:30 p.m. January 2 was a very successful one day trip to Camelback. "There were 16 first time skiers who attended," and, as Landis commented, "all of whom were skiing and loving it at the end of the day."

Prices for day trips range from \$13-17.00. One might guess such a price quite costly at first glance,

but further notice might clarify. Included is an "exciting day of entertainment," mentioned Landis. Likewise included are approximately eight hours of skiing with all kinds of unexpected fun on the bus traveling to and from the destination. One of the day trips, to Elk Mountain, is scheduled for February 17.

A weekend trip to Killington, Vermont is scheduled for February 28, March 1 and 2. This trip will cost \$65.00 "which includes transportation, lodging, most meals, lift tickets, and rentals" according to Landis.

Do you want to get "a taste of skiing"? Why not join in the "learn-to-ski" trips to Chadds' Peak? The daring group leaves school any Monday or Wednesday, (weather permitting), at 2:45 and arrives at Chadds' Peak around 3:15. After students rent equipment (\$2), get lift tickets (\$3), it's off to the slopes. Transportation is by car. A beginner is charged \$2.00 for an added lesson. Good Times? You better believe it; come out and see.

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to work together."

DECA is supposed to help members to learn about management, and Froelich feels that working together on the banquet helped show the group something about becoming a manager.



Mrs. Field ponders alternative ways of raising money after the unfortunate cancellation of the JCL Valentine dance.

Powerful performers practice; predict pupil's appreciation

by Karen Cunningham

Both Theatre Arts classes are working on productions which will be presented during assemblies in March and April.

Theatre Arts I will perform *I Am Nobody* with instructor Mr. Donald F. Morgan describes as "a study in the destruction of mankind." The title is taken from a poem by Emily Dickenson and the play is based on improvisations, pantomimes, and short skits.

Cecelia Skibicki will be the narrator. Other cast members each take several roles. The cast includes Kathy Janczewski, Tony Wade, Dennis Mahoney, Linda Whaley, Alan Sentel, Cheryl Kehrer, Debbie Thomas and Joe Cronin. Other class members help with lighting and other backstage activities.

Morgan mentioned that the play is "very stylized, non-realistic theater, presentational rather than representational. *I Am Nobody* will be presented March 13 and 14.

Theatre Arts II is producing *The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man-In-The-Moon Marigolds*, a drama with an all female cast. The boys in the class will assist with lighting and backstage work, and the Theatre Arts I class will work on the scenery.

The cast of the play includes Jeannie Zingale as Tillie, Patty Zabielski portraying Beatrice the mother, Rose Saggione as Ruth, Gina Remidio as Nanny, an old lady who exists as a vegetable, and Paula DiNetta as Janice Vickery.

This play, the first full length show ever to be done for the student body will be presented April 24 and 25.

The class had planned to do *Ralph Roisterdoister* one of the first comedies written in the Eng-

lish language but decided that they didn't want to perform a comedy, since they did one, *The Stolen Prince* last year.

Morgan commented that the class is quite enthusiastic about the play although it is a difficult one to perform.

The two boys in Theatre Arts II, Jamie Manlove and Ernie Crosse are working on Samuel Becket's "Play Without Words". The date for this is uncertain due to the illness of Manlove.



Students in Theatre Arts class prepare for upcoming productions.

Honest? Not here!

I certainly hope that Conrad's administration never attempts to install an honor system in this school because it would never work. Conrad students are faced with the problem of habitual cheating, something that could cause severe pain later in their lives.

But the problem continues to be overlooked by everyone in the building, including teachers. Not facing up to the fact that the majority of our students cheat does not imply that the problem will suddenly disappear right before our very eyes. The situation is worsening every day. Even students who normally prepare diligently for their examinations are switching to the obviously easier alternative of receiving more acceptable grades for far less pressure and study. Just choose any classroom at random and peek in several desks throughout the room; one is bound to discover a crib sheet or two scattered about the territory.

In all probability, stricter enforcing during testing would prove futile in hampering group efforts or a bit of help from the textbook or palm of one's hand. Cheating has reached near perfection here, with fewer and fewer numbers of students being detected. Even detection, though, seems unlikely as a probable and permanent deterrent.

Perhaps a possible change in our present system of evaluation would prove a positive step in the right direction. Students could be graded with emphasis on individual capabilities, attitude, effort and interest. Our students will be permanently damaged in future years if something is not done here and now to stifle their astounding dependency in relying on sources other than their own to succeed academically. Who knows? Maybe even our former President learned the tricks of his trade back in his high school days.

Close to your heart?

Is there any real important meaning to St. Valentine's Day? Who celebrates a holiday in chilly February? In a world that is on the verge of destruction who takes time to make merry on February 14? This special day is named in honor of St. Valentine, considered patron of lovers and keepers of those who are unhappy in love, some 1700 years ago. This Pagan festival became quite popular in the Middle Ages. Lovers' greeting cards sent on this day were Valentines in honor of the holy man after whom it was named. Some of the more popular Valentine days were Valentines' Massacre in 1929, where Chicago's North Clark Street became a pool of blood. The special days of our youth, when secret passions were accompanied by greetings of love delivered by our friends, far braver than we and even our special celebration today, with J.C.L. bringing all of us a way of expressing fondness for one another.

One must realize that the idea of Valentine's Day is love. It's about time that many in our complex universe begin to realize the importance of expressing and sharing a bit of love, kindness, and understanding to our fellowman. What better time to reflect on how fortunate we are to have our families and loved ones surrounding us on this memorable day. Happy St. Valentine's Day!

Are you the bore?

By Eleanor Dill

Conrad's new attendance and discipline procedures seem to have had a salutary effect not only upon the general behavior of the student body but upon student grades as well (after all one must be in class if one is to learn). Yet there are students who carry no books, who prefer papers stuffed in pockets to notebooks, who borrow pencils rather than own any, and who dub as "stupid" everything they cannot immediately identify as "relevant."

This obsession with "relevance" — with "now" — is arrogance, a selfish determinant. Their conversations sprinkled lavishly with "You know what I mean" suggesting rather strongly that they do not know and/or cannot articulate what they mean, and their unwillingness to correct those things they themselves know are inadequate, and even worse, illiterate testify to the ennui their "relevant" world has imposed upon them. They are bored and they are boring. Alas!

Our society gives a great deal to its children; it should demand more in return.

CONRAD CAPEERS



Going over topics for term papers "Mrs. Cassel" remarked to her fourth period class the Women's Liberation was a good subject, but it was also a "Broad" one.

Mr. Naughton was talking about the youth of America. He was explaining that some like John Denver and some don't like Denver. Senior Scott Martin commented, "I never did like any part of Colorado."

Junior Joe Prosceno in chemistry class recently was fixing a broken zipper with a safety pin. Eyes turned as Joe exclaimed, "This thing is too small!"

January 9, 1975, in the home of Ms. Kendikian, there was a freak accident. While Ms. Kendikian was in her closet trying to get a yard stick, a brick fell on her toe. After getting her yard stick, she finished her work and proceeded to bed. At 3:30 in the morning, she was in such pain she decided to go to a hospital's emergency ward. After walking uphill to get to the door, they put her in a wheel chair and

took her to X-ray. Finally, after several minutes, the doctor informed her she had a broken toe.

Dave Draper, suffering from a very uncomfortable rash, was standing in his usual place near his locker. A friend, walking down the hall, questioned, "Is it contagious?" "No, but you can catch it," replied Draper.

Tom Shewbrooks reported that he received a bible for his birthday. His father knows Tom very well, for there is a lifetime guarantee of satisfaction, or your money back. Wonder which will run out first?

Sitting in Spanish, Angelo Griffith noticed a small kid sledding in the snow by Mrs. Rofel's room. Angelo nonchalantly opened the window and yelled, "Keep off the grass!" The boy left.

During Mr. Petrovich's 6th period Accounting I class, senior Pat Walsh tripped over the same book three times laying on the floor. After the third time, Petrovich said, "Don't get excited."

For those of you who were mis-

sed by Santa Claus this year, it might not have been because you were bad. Eyewitnesses have said they saw Santa being attacked by a Wolfe. Paul Wolfe, that is, who gave that jolly old fella a free trip making him with that there was something a little firmer than his belly full of jelly to land on. No one knows for sure why Wolfe has harsh reactions toward Santa, but we have reason to believe it's because he was a very bad boy this year.

January 22, Junior Thomas Shrewbrooks was walking through the halls not bothering anyone, when two girls who had been walking in front of him started to argue. The battle waged on until one of the young ladies raised her fist and carefully hit Tom dead center in the mouth.

In a role playing session in Mr. Torrence's sixth period class, Dave Bollinger announced he was pregnant. Grady Boling, acting as his father asked, "He's still the girl?"

Speak out Redskins

Tennis anyone?

by R. Tani

Don't resign yourself to watching weekend television if you are sports-minded and hard pressed for Spectrum tickets for either the Flyers' games or the Freedoms' matches. Meander up to the Conrad tennis courts any Sunday at 1:45 p.m. and watch Woodcrest's own answers to these two teams literally battle it out for possession of a playing surface. Unfortunately, the members of Conrad's tennis team seem to be losing in their fight to keep a group of hockey players off the courts. Equipment is being damaged and no one seems to care. The cold war developing between tennis and hockey players is getting hotter as spring sports approach, though.

Troubles began when the non-intramural street hockey team decided that the lower tennis court, the one with the best net and the best practice wall, provided a more comfortable playing area than the school parking lot. They told uninformed neighborhood players that they had sole school permission to use the court and proceeded to take down the nets. However, the guys are so tired after their game that they can't manage to put the nets back up. More than likely the net will be found lying in a puddle of water somewhere on school property, either on the upper courts or on the football field.

The members of the tennis team, their coaches and miscellaneous players put up with that kind of irresponsibility all summer when the speedball teams were in full swing. Nets were missing for weeks at a time. One 1974 graduate removed a net and then decided to take it home to make a backyard swing out of the seventy dollar piece of equipment. One tennis playing junior practicing off-season was just about to the point of buying his own net when it appeared that the administration and their cavalry were coming to the rescue. They had contacted contractors to repaint the tennis courts' fencing and to offer an estimation for a resurfacing job which was, and still is badly needed. However, the job was refused on principle when the ballplayers were seen uninhibitedly playing their game. The contractor assumed that the baseball playing was sanctioned by school officials and that the taxpayers were just paying for something

that would be worthless soon.

It is understandable that everybody would be caught up in the furor of the Flyers' 74 season. The athletic department has provided for this with an after school tournament. If these sophomores already play under school jurisdiction and play on Sunday simply to be with their Delcastle friends, could not a segment of the gym be opened for them for a few hours every weekend? Couldn't the better nets at least be taken down in the fall?

Two out of nine nets missing. Five out of the remaining seven practically worthless. A bumpy surface that puts a better spin on the ball than Mr. Craig is capable of. With only a month to go before practice begins, the Redskin Racquetees have a lot to look forward to already without the Boxwood Road Bullies walking off with the nets and squandering practice time.

Why Pledge at all ?

This year marks the start of the United States' bicentennial celebration. On the eve of such an important event in our nation's history, we should take a look at what this means to us, personally.

Each day we recite a few words pledging our allegiance to our country. We have been saying these same words since first grade. But, what is the true meaning present? How can a six-year-old be expected to comprehend what he or she is repeating?

There is a phrase in this pledge that states "one nation, under God, indivisible." With the recent Vietnam conflict, how can this hold true? Draft evaders fled our country forsaking it for another that was not involved in a war they did not agree with. The dodgers' actions created a controversy over amnesty that came nowhere near representing a country that is indivisible.

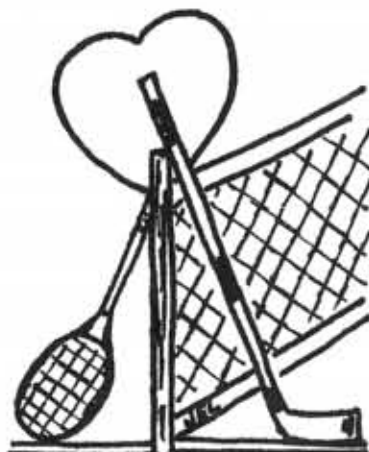
The next words, "with liberty and justice for all," don't appear to be entirely true when one examines this phrase more intently. Recently, the Watergate scandal

demonstrated that some political figures felt that they were above the law. One, in particular, was completely freed without so much as a trial, namely former President Nixon. But, the injustice of this country is not always shown in such controversial topics.

Injustice can also live within the minds of men. The discrimination aimed at blacks, mexican-americans, puerto ricans, women, and other oppressed groups are living examples of this. Earlier this year an incident occurred in our own school that illustrates this. Our reporters asked different people the facts. The information given us was invalid because the interviewed persons' prejudices came out in relating the facts. Certainly, one can think of other events of national interest where particular individuals suffered due to unfair and biased coverage reporting.

Along these same lines women who have been denied many positions of authority and prestige in the past, have decided to stand for such treatment no longer.

Hockey & Tennis
No Courting
between them



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Cha-Cha-Cha-Changes ..

Bowie isn't the only one going through changes, just look around. This is a new Conrad you're now seeing. It's not just new faces either; there are some new ideas, too, for better or for worse. In just three years, Conrad has taken a whole new outlook on life.

Disciplinary policies not what they used to be. The school now is showing an iron hand on little infractions as loitering in the halls and lavatories; among two things.

The population explosion never made a great impact on Conrad for long and the class rooms have been dwindling every since the record high in '71 of 1550 students. In just three years, we've dropped to 1300.

What's happening?

The new rules on absenteeism, believe it or not, have worked. For example, an average of 15% more students are showing up than last year. But little good that will do for the poor souls who missed 12 days and were unexcused.

The school is now cutting back on everything from paper to teachers.

At this rate they'll be cutting back on students soon. The main reason is lack of money, and as Conrad heads toward another in the red. The only hope is a referendum or some millionaire leaving the school his mint.

If you think you're seeing changes now, just wait for we've only just begun.



Henry Clay Conrad

Founder Possessed Many Talents

Who is Henry C. Conrad? Why was our school named after such a man? Henry Clay Conrad was born in Brideburg, Pennsylvania on April 25, 1852. He moved to Wilmington when he was four years old. After attending school, Conrad became a lawyer and practiced law in 1874. During his life he held many public offices and trusts, and, in 1879, he was appointed U.S. Commissioner and supervisor of elections for Delaware and in the same he was elected to Wilmington Board of Education.

In 1880, his career took a turn when he and a friend, Mr. Enerson bought the *Morning Herald* which is now known as the *Morning News*.

Conrad was president of the city council, postmaster of Wilmington, and librarian of Historical Society of Delaware, as well as a member of the state judiciary for many

years. Several periods throughout Conrad's life he also served as a judge of the Delaware Supreme Court, judge of the Superior Court, and of the Court of General Sessions.

Conrad married Sarah J. Longaker and they both were Methodist and members of Grace Church. He was a republican and a believer in equal and education for everyone. He helped to found a society for the betterment of education and was an original trustee of Delaware State College.

Conrad was the first person to write a complete history of Delaware. His works are in three volumes and can be found in our own school library.

Conrad died October 24, 1930. This school was built in 1935 in memory of him and his great contributions to Delaware.



Be my Valentine

School Spirit Splitting?

Both the spirit and morale of Conrad students have seriously deteriorated over the last three years. This is the real reason I feel the new rules were instituted. Students are divided into two groups. They are the athletes or the "Ra-Ra's" and the hippie type or more known as the "Heads." The "Ra-Ra's" have developed a complex in which they feel they are better than others. The "Heads," in return, have done destructive damage to the school in retaliation. Also this situation has developed problems with faculty members. I offer a solution that both sides try to understand each other and unite. Then, maybe, Conrad will become pleasant again.

Sincerely yours,
B.F.N.



Jamie Manlove represents school spirit.

Casto Leads More Than Band

What do you do with a Nixon-Agnew Inaugural Parade Flag? Mr. David Casto, band director, asks that same question.

Mr. Casto is entering his sixteenth year at Conrad High. He has also taught in Webster Springs, West Virginia, and Hancock, Maryland.

Just a music teacher at Conrad, Casto is not. He has performed with different touring bands as they have appeared in our area. Tex Beneke, Vaughn Monroe, and the Glenn Miller Band are just three of these bands that have used Casto's trumpet playing ability. He also was a musician at the variety show featuring Dana Valerie, January 11, held at John Dickinson High School.

Under Casto's direction over the past fifteen years, Conrad's Concert Band has received nothing but superior ratings at the County Band Festival. As to this year's outcome, Casto comments, "I can only hope. We'll try as hard as we did before."

Smoke Signal used this interview as an opportunity to receive Casto's impressions and opinions of Conrad's Marching and Concert Band. The marching band's performances consist of parades throughout the year and the shows displayed at football game halftimes. In regard to the success of the halftime shows, he remarks that many band members are involved in other activities, therefore, the rehearsal time after 3:10 is practically nonexistent. "We average approximately thirty-five minutes per school day." The main reason Casto stays with the type of show he does is that it's more entertaining. "I consider entertaining to be good music, pretty girls, and good routines."

Casto further mentioned that although the band does not bring in as many first places in band competition as it used to, "we don't have to apologize for appearance or sound of any of our band's performances."

Teaching concert band has grown to be Mr. Casto's favorite, holding a slight margin over the marching band. During the concert season the band has averaged four performances a year. This year's spring concert will probably be held sometime in April. Another performance this year will be at

the County Band Festival. Casto reflects on this year's rating, "I never know until that day we get a one. We just keep trying and hoping it'll come out all right."

January 30, 31 were the dates Casto directed students in the All-District Band in preparation for its concert being conducted by Dr. J. Robert King. January 28 was a rest day from his conducting duties when Conrad hosted Dr. King from the University of Delaware in an all-day clinic.

As to the flag, Casto grins, "We've retired it for awhile."



Mr. Casto prepares band for festival.

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Journey into the Unknown

by Jeff Mezzatesta

From time to time, we all have ventured into the mysterious world of the unknown. Sometimes, we've been asked for an answer to certain plaguing questions often merely replying, "I don't know, man, maybe it's unknown."

Mysteries, myths, and legends are all parts of the untold, using the imagination of the reader or viewer as its main weapon.

One of the more famous legends is Big Foot. A fabled man-like creature believed to be terrorizing campers in the high country of Oregon.

Another legend is that of the Abominable Snowman (or snow person, giving equal time to women's lib). It is alleged to survive in the higher altitudes of the Himalayan Mountains of India.

Finally, the Legend of Oak Island exists. A king's ransom of treasure is suspected to be buried in an enormous room beneath the island. The theory that Captain Kidd had engineered the burial of the riches. Many have tried, but failed to exhume the treasure.

An example of myth is the Loch Ness Monster. The creature is believed to live in the darkest, gloomy depths of the waters of Scotland. Witnesses have commented the monster resembles a pre-historic animal. Others say it is a figment of the imagination.

The Devil's Triangle, located south-east of Florida, has been the reason for countless disappearances of ships and planes. Sons of the sea avoid the deadly triangle, fearing they won't return. It has

been the topic of a best-seller entitled *Limbo of the Lost*.

Flying saucers, life after death, and ghosts are other mysteries men have been unable to find answers to for many years. Each has its own convincing story, but none has been definitely proven.

The first half of this story has given a brief resume of myths, mysteries and legends. But, everybody knows about these. After two weeks of forgetting my math homework, I've compiled a list of some little known mysteries that have baffled men for years.

For instance: Is Schlitz the beer that made Milwaukee burp? How do Arabs go to the men's room in the desert? Is there a man in the moon? Where is Bo Belinsky? What did the Three Musketeers do on their night off? What did Robin Hood and his merry men do on their night off? Do Bar-B-Q's have pits? When will the auditorium be ready for use? Is Maxwell House good to the last drop? Is there really an Easter bunny? Does Mrs. Olson live next door to all those people? Does Euell Gibbons ever get a stomach-ache?

A team of Conrad sophomores recently found the answers to such questions as: What sport uses a hockey puck? In what state is Cleveland, Ohio? What color is an orange? How do you spell Minnesota?

To most of us, the sophomore class will always be a mystery. Next time you read a question or find a story hard to believe, remember, it is myth, mystery, legend, or just plain BULL.

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Pick your puck

by Scott Martin

The 1975 Henry C. Conrad Cup was won by the pre-season favorite Flyers whose overall record was 6-0. To receive the Henry Cup the Flyers had to face the tough Boxwood Bullies, which consisted of the Conrad Faculty. The championship game was played on the evening of January 16, 1975 in front of a capacity crowd. Tempers were hot for the game, and a couple of brawls started down in the locker room between the two teams before the game even started. Evidently, the bad feelings were carried into the game, when Wild Bill Nicholas checked Peter Puck three rows back into the bleachers seconds after the opening face off. The 1st period was an even match-up. Boxwood drew first blood on a wrist shot from Hattrick Hayes which slipped under the pads of Flyer goalie Scottie Parent. But less than two minutes later the Flyers struck back when Peter Puck took a pass from Paul Schultz and tucked it in behind the Flyers goalie Mad Munchkin Martin.

Second period action was dominated by the Flyers, who scored three consecutive goals in a time span of eight minutes. The slanted second period ended up with the Flyers 20 shots on goal to the Bullies 9. Flyers second period scores were Dion Dornhoffer (who scored

unassisted), Pokey Clark (assisted by Peter Puck), and Rick Macleish (assisted by Gary Ashbee).

In the third period the Flyers outscored Boxwood but, the Bullies outshot the Flyers 23 to 20. Eight goals were scored by the Flyers to the four by the Bullies. The Flyers' goals were divided pretty evenly among each one, except for Pokey Clark who scored three of them. The others by Rick Macleish (assist by John Clements), Peter Puck (assist Rick Macleish), two by Reggie Learch (assist by Pokey Clark on one, the other unassisted), and one by Paul Schultz (assist by John Clements). The Bullie's scorers were Terrible Toby Craig (assist by Elbows Eyanson), Big Mac McVaugh (assist by Slap Shot Schreiber who himself also scored a goal unassisted), and Nasty Ned Landis who scored with 14 seconds left in the game which incited a fight that emptied both benches.

The final shots on goals were 41 with 5 goals for the Boxwood Bullies and 45 shots with 12 goals for the Champion Flyers.

The five stars of the game were Pokey Clark, Scottie Parent, Mad Munchkin Martin, Kate Cuomo Smith (God Bless her), and Morocco Mole Torrence who coached the worn and "puckered out" Bullies.



Number 33 in action during jumpshot at the William Penn away game. (Photo by Charlie Hobson.)

Spirit fades

Players Pride Never Wilts

Conrad's warring basketball team has already been placed back on the reservation for the 74-75 school year. There is no chance for the Redskins to enter the states and with the season half over and Conrad sitting in last place at 0-9, 1-11 over all, it seems unlikely that they'll move into contention, other than a fight for the basement position.

But with the crowds dwindling at the gates there comes a surge from the players themselves. Pride, honor, with a dash of respect for themselves has appeared in their last two games.

The opening game against Concord, Flight A leaders, proved a dimmer on any real hopes of Conrad's Flight A contentions for the title; with a 50-37 loss.

The towering Green Knights proved no help to Conrad's deflating ego, but went away stunned that they did not dominate the Redskins. The lose 43-37 put Conrad 0-2 in the conference.

McKean, Conrad's only victory 37-36, left the home of the Redskins shell-shocked from the Battle of Mistakes.

The running, jumping sharpshooters at William Penn greeted the Redskins with a 68-49 loss.

Dickinson ran over Conrad during the first three periods, before a fourth period comeback by the Redskins ran short, as the 59-80 loss put Conrad at 1-4 for the season.

Christiana's sideshow of Miracle Macarello slashed Conrad 55-39. Leaving the largest home crowd, this season, with visions of Vikings swooping through the air.

Wilmington's Red Devils made believers out of Conrad, that they are as good as last year's state champs with a 53-29 creaming.

In a game that changed leads several times and ended in a tie at the end of regulation, saw Newark pull ahead in overtime to defeat Conrad 47-43.

In the battle for the basement DelCastle ran down Conrad's defenses defeating them 43-36 giving Conrad sole possession of last place.

Brandywine's Bulldogs defeated the Redskins 72-56. Although they played three beautiful quarters, they just seemed to run out of steam, in the fourth.

Mt. Pleasant was another sad story defeating us 56-48, in a better game. Senior Steve Clark led the scoring.

Our February 3 heartbreaker resulted in a close call against William Penn, 50-48.

Swarter leads the team in average scoring, averaging 8.7 points per game. Clark remains a close second averaging, 7.8. Senior Joe Ratasiewicz has demonstrated great back court talent since he regained his starting position.

Three Strikes You Turkey!

by Dawn Bestpitch

This year Conrad has started rolling with its own bowling teams. Mr. Ott is the coordinator for Conrad's Varsity and Junior Varsity bowlers. Bowling for our Varsity are Senior Buddy Loveall, Junior Joe Senningen, and Sophomores Rich Falkowski and Rick Meyers. Junior Varsity bowlers are Juniors Chip Albertini, Rich Gearheart, Tom Shewbrooks, and Sophomore John Wachter.

Junior Joe Senningen commented, "Not many schools have two teams but Conrad is fortunate to have enough students to have two teams."

Conrad began bowling January 14 at Pleasant Hills Lanes. The bowlers bowl three games every Friday at 3:45. Today the teams will be in its sixth week and competing at Pleasant Hills Lanes. They rotate lanes traveling from Pleasant Hill to Holiday to First State to Prices Corner and to Bowl-erama.

The teams will compete against other New Castle County Schools for 12 weeks. According to Joe Senningen, he believes "the team will do very well because the four varsity bowlers are members of the Pleasant Hills Junior Bowling League." Senningen added, "Since the league is scratch we will not have to worry about handicap hurting us."

All is not lost

by Margaret Snyder

This year's basketball team has had its ups and downs, but it is still pursuing the fight, with six losses and four wins the team still has four games to go. Ms. Sandberg mentioned the team doesn't have a consistent scorer, but they do have a sound defense. Included on the starting line up for this year are Alice Schalles and Carol Hoffman, Varsity Captains; Donna Bianchio, Junior Varsity Captain; and Lori DuVal, MaryFedorkowicz, And Mary Ann Dzielak. Other team members include Gina Sinovich, Kathy Dickerson, Dianne McKeever, Kathy Skinner, Sylvia

Gallo, Kathy Gibson, Kathy Jackson, Leslie Murphy, Brenda Peckham, Patty Stewart, Joanne Tjaden, Jeanne Plastek, and Margie Smith.

The first couple of games were played before Christmas, this year, instead of beginning the season after the holidays. The team felt that they weren't able to operate because of the short time they had to practice before the season opened. They felt that they have picked up and have spotted a couple of good shooters, Laurie DuVal, and Maryann Dzielak. Mr. Bob Hayes is the assistant junior varsity coach, having a record of nine wins and one loss.



Conradians focus attention on basket at home game against William Penn. (Photo by Charlie Hobson.)

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Senior George Martin exhibits his ability in running. (Photo by Charlie Hobson)

Four cancelled

Runners anticipate meets season under the weather

Due to snow, rain, slush, and a pandemonium of confusion the Winter Track Team had to cancel three consecutive meets. The West Chester State College meet scheduled Saturday, January 4, 1975 was the first meet of the season. Pete Skrobot placed fourth in the shotput and John Cummings placed sixth in the two-mile relay. The second meet at Widener College, Saturday, January 11, 1975 was canceled due to a scheduling of another meet in that time slot. Team members then planned to run at Tower Hill Track. When the team arrived at Tower Hill it poured rain and the team went home with a "damp" attitude that day.

This meet has been rescheduled for February 14, 1975. Our next meet scheduled at Delcastle Technical High School for Wednesday, January 22, 1975 was cancelled due to snow. Although others in the squad threw in their hats and boots until Spring it didn't discourage the hard working and dedicated track team. The team consists of eleven members, football player, George Martin and Cross Country runner, Jamie Manlove. These two new runners hopefully will be a favorable asset to the team.

Everybody on the team is hoping for a meet before the end of the season.

St. Valentine's Day wasn't a holiday in Chicago in '29

February 14, 1929 — a memorable date indeed. Seven men were gunned down in a garage at 10:30 a.m. that day. It happened at 2122 N. Clark Street, Chicago, Ill. To us, this would be a front page story; but, in 1929 it was really nothing. These types of happenings were going on quite frequently in the twenties. The St. Valentines' Day Massacre is a perfect plot for a gangster movie. In fact, it was made into a really good flick with such stars as George Segal. The scene opens into a garage. Five of the seven men were from

Bugs Moran's bunch awaiting a supply of alcohol from Canada. None of the gang members were expecting anything. It was just an ordinary pick, one they had done repeatedly. Suddenly a black car that looked something like a police car was seen outside the garage. Two men proceeded into the garage in plain clothes. Two policemen followed them close behind. They ordered the seven men to stand along the wall. Then, machine guns and sawed-off shotguns went to work, cutting down the fearsome line-up quickly. It was perfectly planned. The four men were from Al Capone's gang. Both gangs were always competing for the territory, constantly bickering. All the murders that occurred would never had taken place if prohibition hadn't been in effect. During the twenties, Al Capone's gang was just one of the many such existing organizations at that time in the United States. His gang alone got rid of no fewer than 500 individuals. It turned out that Al Capone's quartet was looking for Bugs Moran, the other leader of the rival gang. His mob was trying to move in on Scarface Al's territory. Capone had been settled down and had everything going for him.

Dazzling dozen sparkles

Grapplers face Newark tomorrow

What does the Conrad wrestling team have in common with a tailor? Well, they both use plenty of pins, when they work.

So true is the case. After two convincing wins at the Perryville and Susquehanna invitational tourneys, coach Lester Maurer's "Talented Twelve" opened the regular season with a non-conference match at McKean January eighth. "We have too much talent for them," admits Maurer, "we needed a good opening match to show we'll be in the running."

Using six pins by: Rich Rubick; John Hoffman; Dan Remedio; Frank Meyer; Gary Baker; and Dave Jones, the matmen massacred McKean 50-5. Other winners included Bill McLaughlin, Mark Lindell, Sterling Brownlee, and Bob Sanner. Myron Korzeniowsky drew in his unlimited match.

"A couple of guys surprised me," confessed Frank Meyer, "I expected Remedio to win, but not by a pin. We're in a lot better shape than most teams."

Conrad took a temporary set back, losing to Del Castle, 28-24, in the opening Flight "A" match.

"The best team won," explains Maurer. Rubick, Hoffman, and Meyer won by pins, while Lindell and Jones decisioned their opponents.

"We're getting back to form," says 100-pounder Rubick, after the Redskins annihilated Concord, 52-7.

"We looked very strong, so, we

cleaned house," added the coach.

John McKelvey and Rich Watts posted victories in their varsity debuts, along with Jones, Hoffman, Rubick, McLaughlin, Lindell, Meyer, Korzeniowsky, and Sanner. Baker tied in his 157-pound match.

Aided by two last second victories by Lindell and Jones, Conrad finally clinched the victory, 26-21, over visiting Brandywine, when Korzeniowsky won a decision in the 187-class. Baker, Meyer, and McKelvey also outscored their foes, as Hoffman recorded the only Redskin pin. Rubick drew in the first bout of the day, 3-3.

"Conrad is in another class of wrestling, I don't know how we lost to Del Castle," concluded Mark Lindell.

"William Penn made us mad," criticizes Maurer, "they used mean tactics in the J.V. match."

Returning the favor, the dazzling dozen completely outwrestled the Colonials, 40-11. The Redskins won all but two matches, accompanied by a draw from Hoffman.

"It wasn't Hoffman's fault, the crowd was making too much noise, and the referee couldn't hear the buzzer," noted Maurer.

"We were just too much for 'em," added Jones.

Mt. Pleasant entered the gym looking for an upset, but left with a severe case of brush burns on the shoulders. An amazing pin by Rubick started the way for pins by Meyer, McKelvey, and Watts.

McKelvey defeated Mt. Pleasant's Tom Heldreth, by dominating the third period. John tied his match, and proceeded to pin Tommy "Tuna" at 5:09.

The Redskins won every match except the 187-class, en route to defeating the Green Knights, 45-3. Charlie Duricek, in his first varsity match, achieved a 7-3 decision. Dave Jones defeated Bill Potts 5-1 to remain undefeated.

The Redskins ended the home-stand with a non-conference match against rival Dickinson.

Following a decision by Bob Sanner, the score was tied 20-20. Myron Korzeniowsky wrestled a tough bout and decisioned Dickinson's Spencer 4-3 to edge the Rams 23-20.

Team Conrad then traveled to Christiana to face the Vikings. They wrestled their usual strong match, and left with a 37-16 victory. Frank Meyer and Gary Baker registered pins.

The J.V. notched victories against McKean 24-11, Del Castle 27-21, Concord 39-7, and Mt. Pleasant 33-20.

Coach Milstead remarked, "I'm impressed, they're more aggressive than I thought. As a group, they're coming along fine, except, I don't have enough people to fill a lineup. In most places we're only one deep."

When you hear a tale about the talented twelve, remember, it's not a "fish" story.



Gary Baker rolls around with Dave Jones during practice. (Photo by Scott Martin)

Philly concerts

- February 14**
Redd Foxx Show,
Tower Theatre
 - February 15**
Roxy Music,
Irvine Auditorium
 - February 15 & 16**
Rod Stewart, Civic Center
 - February 25 & 26**
Jethro Tull, Spectrum
- Some other shows that will be at the Tower Theater (but have made no definite date) are:
1. Bruce Springstein
 2. Leo Sayer
 3. Slade
 4. Bee Gees
 5. Electric Light Orchestra
- For information on these shows and up-coming shows call midnight sun at 1-215-3526-5656.

When Moran moved in, Al became nervous at the thought of becoming second banana.

When the story hit the news, Capone let it be known that he was not happy with the massacre. He also condemned the two gunmen for their actions. The whole time, in reality, he was more worried about the law's cracking down on the mobs. Congress, as Capone feared, made suggestions that the armed services move into Chicago and it did. That was that. The finish of Capone and Moran wars and rule.

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Miss Morrison, teaches class, as she advises the Oreads. (Photo by Charlie Hobson)

Oreads, Conrad's pride and joy since the beginning

Oreads is one club which has been established since Conrad's beginning. It was founded as a service club, the name meaning "mountain nymph." This signifies that the members strive to reach for high places. Membership is open to junior and senior girls with averages of 3 or above.

Since 1959, the main endeavor of the club has been sponsoring a foster child. Mr. Cummings, the principal of Conrad at that time, gave the group information about the foster parent plan. Since then, the organization has sponsored four different children. When the child no longer needs aid, another is chosen.

In 1959, the Oreads began to sponsor Lee Jeung Ji, a 14-year-old Korean girl. In 1961, when she no longer needed help the club started to support an eleven-year-old Vietnamese child, Tran Kim Cuc, whom they continued to sponsor until 1967, when her family's income became high enough to take them out of the category of need. The club was given a Philippine girl, Elenita C. Torriente, as a foster child. Nguyen Thi Hoa, their current foster child, is a Vietnamese girl assigned to the club in 1971.

Money sent by foster parents for

support helps provide medicine, clothes, food, and money for the family. The aid often is needed to help the child to remain in school.

Every month, the club receives a letter from Nguyen Thi Hoa. Both an original and a translation are sent.

In order to support this activity, the members hold bake sales, pay dues, and, this year, sold candy-apples at some of the football games.

One traditional money-raising project of the Oreads was selling chrysanthemums at the annual Thanksgiving game, or, more recently, the last home football game of the season. However, this was discontinued because the club didn't make enough profit.

In the past, when the organization was more active, there was a group of sophomore girls to help with the work of the club. However, over the years there became less for the members to do, so the sophomore club was disbanded.

Although the activities of the Oreads have become fewer over the years, the club continues to carry out its purpose of service by helping its foster child, and hopefully will continue to do so for many years to come.

News-in-brief

Holliday reveals plans and profits

Four canceled

The eleventh of January, the Junior class hosted a dance, featuring the Selectrons, in the Conrad gym. When the clock struck twelve, the juniors had profited over \$780.00.

"We did well, because there wasn't another dance at one of the other schools, and there hasn't been a dance here in a while," admits class president Debbie Holliday.

The class of '76 sponsored a dance February eighth, and is making preparations for the forthcoming Ring Dance, celebrating the arrival of class rings. The class is in the midst of collecting dues for the present year.

Ms. Holliday mentioned, "I'd like to thank Mr. Ed Malin and his wife for chaperoning the January 11 dance."

Career Day

Career Day 1975 is coming! If you have a particular area you would like to further explore, see Mr. Brady at Career Guidance soon. Career Day will take place Wednesday, March 19, 1975.

Look for "Your Local-What It's All About-Tidings", a new publication from Conrad Career Guidance. It will contain items about scholarships, job placement, home study, and any other career related information worth passing on to the student body. If you have an article or announcement which you want to appear in this publication, see Mr. Brady at Career Guidance.

Star Gazing

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ARIES (March 21-April 20) — Your stubbornness will get you into trouble if you persist in being miserable.

TAURUS (April 21-May 20) — Try being nicer to the friends you have made in the past three months.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Your luck will change for the better starting next week.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — If you come out of your shell more, you'll be surprised how many things you can find.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Don't take your close friends for granted. You'll be left out.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Life will be worth living in a few days. Make use of it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Make your spare time into a useful hobby.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 22) — If you think that you have troubles, just listen to others.

SAGITARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 20) — It won't be long until you will be where you want to be.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 21-Jan. 19) — Read more books and catch up on unanswered bills.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Make plans to get away from your everyday routine in a few months.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Be more friendly with people who are shy. You'll make new and better friends.

Hoopla!

The Intramural Basketball season has opened at Conrad High. The two divisions, consisting of eleven senior and junior teams, are the Atlantic Coast Conference and the Big Five Conference. Each team will play there conference opponents twice with the best four from each division going into the playoffs. The games are played after school in the gym and last about thirty minutes. Already becoming dominant forces in their divisions are North Carolina rated third, and Wake Forest of the Atlantic Conference and Villanova, rated first, LaSalle, rated second, and St. Joe's of the power packed Big Five Conference.

Former Conrad booter succeeds

Mr. William Wright, son of Mrs. Elizabeth Wright, of 20 Reamer Avenue, Wilmington, Delaware, was a member of the Brandywine College, Wilmington, Delaware, soccer team and a definite contributing factor to the success of the team with his excellent foot-work.

According to Coach Milton Olazagasti, Brandywine College completed another successful season with 9 wins, 1 loss and 2 ties.

Mr. Wright, a graduate of Conrad High School, is pursuing the Food Service Management curriculum at the college.

Golden-Age Club

As most of you students have already realized we have been having company for lunch. Various senior-citizens, all members of the Conrad Area School District are now eligible for cafeteria lunches at sixty-five cents. Two such ladies who eat here are Mrs. Margaret Williams and Mrs. Hazel Mathews, both of whom were invited by Mrs. Ruth Thomas, cafeteria worker. Mrs. Williams mentioned "it is very good for the people who live alone, it gives them a chance to get out." Following the meal Mrs. Mathews commented that the lunch was very good and that they would be steady customers.

Rock of the age

The Varsity C Club is planning another Rock and Roll concert, if more faculty interest is shown. Mr. Craig Martin, biology instructor and last year's talent director, mentioned that some interest in the program needs to be shown to ensure success in this year's endeavor.

Just our type

Members of the Journalism I and II class wish to extend their sincere thanks and appreciation to Mr. Petrovich and the members of his fourth period typing class for their valuable assistance in preparing stories for the issue of the Smoke Signal.

Juniors await rings, plan annual dance to celebrate

This Year's Junior Class is sponsoring the annual Ring Dance from eight to eleven in the gym. The rings have already been ordered for each and every lucky junior who took time to order his or her treasured rings. The rings were ordered from the same company as last year, Herf Jones, and will be distributed at the dance. Dress for the occasion will be Semi-formal with entertainment being provided by the **Selectrons**. The price of tickets was undecided at press time and can be purchased by getting in

touch with Debbie Holliday or other Junior class officers.

According to Class President Debbie Holliday, "Lots of hard work and timeless effort have been put into the occasion. So, it should be a very organized affair with various refreshments being served as well."

Also in the works, will be a Valentine Dance to be held **February 15, 1975**; time will be from 8 to 11 p.m. with music provided by the **Selectrons**. Cost will be **\$1.50** per person.



Through rain, sleet, or snow, Elder says we must go! (Photo by Charlie Hobson)

Fearsome foursome

Seniors prepare for prom; four storm Board meeting

Following the alleged refusal of Conrad's Board to appropriate funds for this year's diploma cases, four inquisitive members of the senior class took issue at the Board's monthly meeting held Monday, January 27.

Spokeswoman for the group, senior class president Debbie Hitchens commented, "Elder said 'no way', but the board was cooperative and said 'yes'." She added, "The board will give future graduating classes more notice if class members would be expected to purchase the covers individually."

Conflict recently arose when seniors were informed that, due to lack of funds present in the district's expense account, students would be expected to pay the cost.irate seniors, sending a note to the **Smoke Signal**, claimed they were being "ripped off" and should not be charged when former classes consistently received the benefit of

school funds.

Principal Earl J. Smith remarked that, although the total funds appropriated to him by the District has not changed in four years, today's inflation has caused the school to cut some corners in areas not directly related to educational needs. Even prior to the meeting, however, Smith seemed confident that the Board would be picking up the tab.

Miss Hitchens further explained, "Although they asked us to use our class treasury, we don't have it after prom expenses." Accompanying the class president to the meeting were seniors Lily Kirylik, Judy Zdrojewski and Karen McKee, all extremely satisfied with the successful outcome of saving nearly \$500.



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