

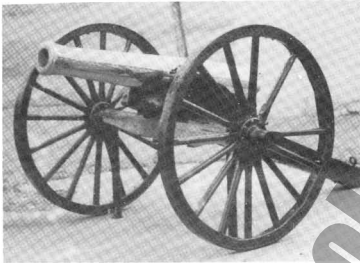
# Revere Rides as British Attack at Lexington-Conrad

The village of Lexington, outside of Boston, was awakened this morning by the cry of "The British are Coming!" by John Teddy Revere, as General Thomas Shaw prepared a surprise cannon assault on the sleepy town.

Revere received the signal, oneth by land or twoth by sea from the old north church, and proceeded to alert ye townspeople.

Here he comes around the corner spreading news about the British.

Revere yelled "I'm trying to find an open 7-Eleven." He added seriously, "I got the word that the Red Coats are going to make a land at-



British artillery ready to fire at Conrad.

(Photo by Jeff Mezzatesta)

tack and I'm warning the town to prepare a defense. But, I've got to get something to eat." So there he goes into the night spreading the news that will soon change the history of the world.

With the rumor of an upcoming British attack, the town of Lexington is dosed up tightly with all men prepared for the attack.

Local residents are talking about a special messenger who might tell them what the exact British position is. Groups of soldiers are scattered here, wondering what the night will hold for them.

Outside Lexington, Shaw, under director orders from General Louis Ottwallis and the Earl of Smith, positioned his troops on the outskirts of the village and gave the command to open cannon fire. However, due to the heroics of Revere, colonial "minute men" were ready for the intended surprised attack.

The British battered the colonists, but were unable to siege the territory because of reinforcements from Conrad, sent by General Jay L. Washington, with powder and ammunition stolen from the British.

As the minute men slowly became overpowered and British cannon-fire became heavier, the revolutionists were forced to retreat. But, the new Americans gained confidence against England and questioned the rule of King Leon III of Richardson Park.

The owner of the pub, "Ye Old Tankert of Ale," James Kautington laid 5-3 odds that the colonists would gain their independence.



## Ye Olde Smoke Signal

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### Citizens Declare Independence

Today in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, delegates from the 13 colonies gathered to review and discuss the Declaration of Independence, as a group of village craftsmen prepared the cast of the Liberty Bell to celebrate the occasion.

Four patriots, Stanley Petrovison, John Malins,

(photo by Jeff Mezzatesta)

Bernard Geaglin, and Samuel Morgans, presented the final draft of the document to the members of the Continental Congress.

At day's end, 50 of the delegates accepted the document, more than enough to ratify it.

Now, a copy of the Declaration will be sent to

the king. Nevertheless, the new land has broken the rule of the English government.

Woodcraftsmen Gregory Latzington and Sir Ward E. Shughart led a band of villagers in the construction of the Liberty Bell by order of the Continental Congress.

An inscription, "Proclaim liberty throughout all the land into all the inhabitants thereof.", appears on the structure which weighed over 2,080 pounds and costs \$300 worth of materials in Pennsylvania.

Latzington remarked about the completion of the bell, "I hope the bell lasts for more than 15 years, because the first cast was broken in transport from England."



Delegates assemble at Independence Hall in Philadelphia.

This bicentennial page is brought to you by the SMOKE SIGNAL staff. A special thanks goes to those of the student body and faculty involved.



Conrad, snow bound Feb. 2 and 3.

(Photo by Jeff Mezzatesta)



(photo by Jeff Mezzatesta)

Above Bus is one not involved in recent snow accidents in district.

## Elder Discloses News -- No 'Snow Job'

Conrad Superintendent Leon B. Elder discussed several district issues with SMOKE SIGNAL reporters in a recent interview.

When questioned about his specific plans regarding the Desegregation issue, Elder mentioned that he has no definite information concerning any ideas emphasizing that no one knows for certain what arrangements will be implemented. He added that the Board is anxiously awaiting the court decision.

Elder commented on the recent election of the

bargaining unit in our district. He stated that the election proved extremely important for faculty members desiring to have a group represent them, negotiating both proper working conditions and salaries. The superintendent further remarked that it is necessary for an organization to speak for teachers and discuss problems.

Many individuals expressed surprise recently over the two day district snow holiday, February 2 and 3. In discussing this point, Elder declared that he has been criticized for

years regarding his insisting upon school attendance on snow days. Recently he received a petition from district residents and employees, expressing their desires to keep district schools closed when inclement weather necessitates.

Elder explained that according to union agreement, it is necessary to contact radio stations to announce school closings no later than 6:30 a.m. However, sandtrucks are not available Mondays or Tuesdays and he further stated, "I'm not always sure what road

conditions will be by then." "It's a job that I don't particularly relish. There is no way I can please everyone," he added. Although he denied that the petition swayed his decision in cancelling school the days mentioned, he emphasized that "It's their right," when mentioning the written complaint.

Being a resident of the district, Elder expressed concern over what can be accomplished here, "let's make the Conrad District a 'can do' district," he concluded.

### Exchange Program Teachers Togetherness

Mr. John Torrence is the man who takes the job of Student Exchange.

"I think Student Exchange is successful. I was very disappointed, though, because no white-students would sign up to go to Wilmington High School. Its good experience with desegregation coming up," he suggested. He added, "It's really beneficial. All schools are run differently. Especially the Catholic schools and the way they dress."

Torrence continued

"Hopefully more students will have this learning experience, too. Different people go each time, usually about ten in number. Students who express interest can be chosen to go, with first choice is given to Student Council Executives."

This year Conrad has gone to or is planning to visit schools including Wilmington High, St. Marks, St. Elizabeth, McKean and Dickinson.

Student exchanges occur approximately every two weeks.



Mr. Elder was bound to tell us the news.

(Photo by Tom Shewbrooks)



Ms. Shervais interviewed by Kim Shelly.

(photo by Jeff Mezzatesta)

For Shapiro

## Conrad Adds Shervais

Ms. Jean Shervais is the newest and youngest member of the redskin teaching staff. At twenty-one, Ms. Shervais has come to Conrad to take the place of 10th grade English teacher, Mr. Ron Shapiro.

Hailing from Pottstown, Pennsylvania, she is a graduate of West Chester State College. There she majored in English on the secondary level.

Conrad is Ms. Shervais' first formal teaching job. In the past she has taught high school dropouts who were studying to receive their diplomas.

Regarding her first day at Conrad, February 16, Ms. Shervais remarked, "I was scheduled to begin teaching on the fifteenth but I had the flu so I came in the next day. I told my students that they would have to learn grammar and spelling. They didn't like that too much; but these things have to be taught."

Ms. Shervais seems to like what she has seen of Conrad High. She commented, "This school has a healthy atmosphere. The kids are fairly involved in activities, and the behavior is pretty good."

In her spare time, Ms. Shervais likes to go on backpacking and canoeing trips. At home she enjoys doing needlepoint.

She mentioned only one complaint about Conrad's students, "On my second day here one of my students told me 'you're a hard teacher.'"

## 'Yankee' Debuts Tonight

In previous years, Theatre Arts I and II were combined classes. Now in its 2nd year as a separate class, Theatre Arts II is busier than ever. A Bicentennial George M. Cohen musical will be presented February 27 and 28. The Theatre Arts class and the members of the reorganized Sock n' Buskin drama club, along with others, will make up the cast of THE YANKEE DOODLE. In addition to those activities, the class is also starting to work on a light comedy, THE LOVE KNOT. This play will be presented to the student body, and then taken to the University of Delaware, where it will be presented as part of the Play Festival.

## JCL Planning 'Field' Trip to New York

J.C.L. is planning for their trip to New York sometime this year. The excursion will include

having dinner and sight-seeing. One main attraction they will attend will be a Greek or Roman Tragedy Play. Mrs. Field explained, "We are going to enter an art contest and a costume contest."

## DECA Opens Buying Project

Upon taking a look in the student store, one might notice some interesting items for sale. This is a marketing project for D.E.C.A. Nick Martinez heads the group as chairman of shop. Included are such items as a record player, blow dryers, and golf clubs. Any students interested in this project can take advantage of the opportunity to get in contact with Mr. Joseph Froelich or any D.E.C.A. member. Martinez mentioned that "any individual contributing items to the second-hand shop receives 90 percent profit."

Mike Wisniewski, senior, currently reigns president of the club. For any of you who are unfamiliar with what J.C.L. involves, it is the Delaware Jr. Classical League. Wisniewski mentioned, "We are preparing for the State Convention May 7, which is going to be held at Concord High School. There will be 28 members involved. A skit based on mythology will be presented. The Conrad Club wrote the theme. The officers of this year's club include, Vice Pres., John Balagueyc; Sec. Patty Dougherty; Treas. Mary Sabkow.

## Careers Coming

This year, Career Day will be held Wednesday, March 24 during the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th periods. For those who don't know what career day is, it's the day when people from the community come to tell the Conradians about their careers.

Students can learn more about jobs they are interested in, but know little or nothing about. Some of the choices include: health careers, governmental jobs, beauty culture, modeling and others from all areas; some which require extra schooling and those which do not.

Mr. Brady, the career guidance counselor commented, "The program is highly successful. Also, the people who come really enjoy it and don't hesitate to return the following year."

These thespians even planned an end of the year presentation, something totally new and different. A whole show of improvisations. (An improvisation is an extemporaneously rendering of an act; a show with no script, no previously formed ideas. In this case, the ideas acted out will come from music or the audience.)

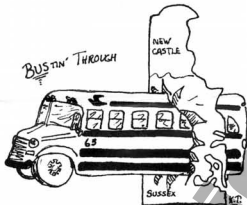
With all these activities, it may be of interest to the reader to note that the entire Advanced Theatre Arts class is made up of only eight students. They include Anna Berryman, Joe Cronin, Debbie Grace, Kathy Janczewski, Debbie Thomas, Cecilia Skibicki, Jim Wallace and Robert Boyer.

## What's the Verdict?

By this time next year students may be busied as a part of desegregation to achieve racial balance in Delaware schools. The outcome of this action, if passed by the courts, is being heavily debated by Delaware tax payers. The effectiveness of desegregation also raises questions in the minds of all who may be involved.

Tax payers will have an increased burden when taxes are raised due to the necessity of more funds for transportation of students. Much demanded energy will be needlessly consumed by the increased numbers of buses being used for school transportation. Money which could well be used for the higher education of pupils will be used for their transportation. Students who live near schools may be forced to take buses to schools further away, instead of walking to the closer school. Other pupils will be required to wake at earlier hours to catch their bus.

The question of safety also arises. Several weeks ago, buses in the Conrad Area School District were forced to transport students to schools, in spite of dangerous secondary road conditions. Two accidents, involving Conrad Area School District buses, occurred within 45 minutes of each other on the same day. A bus was moving cautiously down an ice covered road when



it went into an uncontrollable skid. Despite efforts of the busdriver to recover the vehicle, it crashed into a parked car. Fortunately, no one was injured. Forty-five minutes later, the exact same accident happened to another busdriver, who was driving down the same street. The same parked car, damaged earlier, was hit once more.

Again, no one was injured. More buses will be used for desegregation and it can only be expected that more accidents will occur.

It seems that tax payers and students will be forced to submit to many inconveniences for a plan whose outcome is unsure. It is very questionable as to whether or not desegregation is the answer to education problems. Citizens and students alike have written to legislators and newspapers to voice their opinions against busing. However, the legislators and courts seem to be in favor of desegregation, regardless of the majority's opinion. Two hundred years ago our forefathers fought against taxation without representation and in favor of freedom of choice. Have our country's principles changed since then?

By Kathy Tobin

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## Don't Forget Our State

by Marty J. Nagy

I have had it. Why is it that everyone holds the state of Delaware in such low esteem?

I am a Delawarean and proud to be so. However, it is my profound belief which leads me to think that this fact will not be known in the near future.

It is our country's 200th Birthday and till this day it appears that Philadelphia is still playing a "huge part in the history books." Philadelphia was the city in which the signing of the Declaration of Independence took place. It is the city which housed and still displays the Liberty Bell. If I'm not mistaken, however, the Declaration stated "We the people, one nation under God," not one CITY under God.

Each of the original thirteen colonies, now states, should have an equal share in the Bicentennial activities.

Philadelphia, recently built a new home for the Liberty Bell and spent an allegedly \$195,000 for art works to postal and federal buildings. I'll give you one guess what it was all spent on -- right, they were for commemorating of the Bicentennial. I suppose their reasoning behind all the expenditures was that they wished to be like the forefathers of our nation. Most of them came to the new world broke and look after 200 years Philadelphia still has the right spirit.

Well, I have always gotten the instinct impression that people in New Jersey or Philly don't know there is even a state which exists called Delaware.

Whenever there is an accident that occurs in Delaware it is reportedly . . . died near Philadelphia or . . .

was shot and lives near New Jersey. I think all the Philadelphians and residents of New Jersey have an unexplored area marked on the map, which we all know better, and call it proudly the first state -- our state -- Delaware.

The one ironic thing is that even though we are called the First State, the State that started a nation, hasn't started any Bicentennial festivities.

I have faith in our state and it's people and am a firm believer in the old cliché, "Good things come in small packages," or states.

## Friends Remain Precious

By Brenda Jones

Dedicated to Nancy Walker and Nancy Abel

Two friends who are close to me, always find time to help me. Without them I would bleed. That is when I need a friend indeed. A friend is like a seed. It grows with help or need. And that's how a friendship grows like a seed. They always help you when you're in need, just like a seed in need of water. They have to have water to live and breathe. If my two friends leave, what would life be?

## JHL Rates

There is an old cliché which states, "Two heads are better than one." This may be true in most instances. However, if the head is that of our Vice Principal Jay L. Hinerscheetz one would do just fine.

Some students are scared and hate Hinerscheetz and others are "rocks" and aren't scared of him or anything else. Well, there is one thing I like to tell the entire student body Scheetz is a human being not just a hard-shelled Vice Principal who enjoys knocking everybody around." One more thing "Mr. Morningred and Mr. Ott are fine Vice Principals but before Hinerscheetz went out there wasn't any problems with smoke-filled lavatories." I sincerely hope Hinerscheetz will bring back some order to Conrad.

Cordially yours,

Marty Nagy, Junior

## Man Retreats to Woman

What is this sniveling creature you set before me? How dare you call it a man? It may have the same appearance or better still the intellect, but in his heart you will find nothing but lies, deceit, and coldness. His mind works like a clock, always trying to stay one step ahead of the next person; he thinks himself sly, but yet not clever enough. He is here for one purpose alone, to take one of us and make a foundation for generations to come. It is said that man is the stronger of the sexes. Why is this? Because he does not cry? Does not show emotions? Does not show he cares? Or is it just something someone made up because it sounded logical? If man is so strong, why can he not look me in the eye when telling a falsehood? Does he feel guilt? Does he have a conscience? Or why does he crumble in the palm of my hand at the mere thought of losing me? He will not admit to love yet he can not live without it. You see, I am woman, and he is helpless without me. I am stronger.

But until he realizes that, man has to be so damned independent, has to pretend that he needs nothing or no one but himself to survive. Why should I have to suffer and swim in pain every day of my life just to pay for his stupidity? I can't understand. No one can make it in this menagerie of a so-called world. Everyone needs someone or something to live. We need each other, for we can not make it alone.

Nancy Salacki



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## Students Blow Out Hot Air

Dear Editor:

What is the purpose or advantage of purchasing a \$2.00 lunch ticket? If lunches cost .40 per meal anyway, why is there no discount given to students interested in the weekly meal plan? Or, better yet, how about a guarantee of quicker service or choice of desserts for these hungry individuals? Certainly, there should be some distinct benefits in attracting persons to this plan. Without one, how can we expect anyone to take advantage of it?

Bargain Hunting Junior

Dear Editor:

A lot has been said about the smoke filled halls and lavatories and how bad they are. Well, recently I walked into a lavatory and believe it or not I could breathe! I've noticed a great change in the halls, too. If the smokers could give us this break a few times a day it would be great!

Maybe if you people show a little bit of responsibility and compromise with us, the school board might also consider a slight compromise.

M.M.

Dear Editor:

I am a library aid and find that my patience is wearing very thin. Some people weren't fond of Mrs. Swayze and now they're praying for her to come back. Mrs. Kline's goal in life seems to be to embarrass everyone she can. Everything I do she jumps down my throat. One day I got yelled at from her two or three times when she wasn't even around to find out the details.

L.S.

# Conradians Offer Comments and Criticism

Dear Editor:

Again, Conrad students show what savages they can be, this time in full view of the public. I don't mean all the students are savages, just a small minority, as usual.

These "savages" are guilty of the following crime: On Jan. 21, of this year a small, but potentially dangerous fire broke out in the building maintenance room of the school. As a result, three local fire companies; specifically Elsmere, Five Points and Minquis responded. As some of the fire trucks rounded the corner from Boxwood Rd. onto Jackson Ave., they were bombarded with snowballs thrown by Conrad students. Several men who were riding on the trucks were struck by the snowballs, one hit squarely in the chest. If this isn't a crime, I don't know what is!

The men who ride these trucks don't need to take this kind of abuse. They are volunteers, taking their own time and money to respond to a fire. If you ask me, these men should be praised, not assaulted with snowballs.

I don't know. Maybe I'm writing this letter in vain. The savages who threw those snowballs probably don't have enough brains to read a newspaper such as ours. For the firemen's sake, I hope they do.

Sincerely,  
K.D.S.

Dear Editor:

Can't something be done about the constant smoke-filled halls around here? I'm aware of the fact that this subject is brought up almost every year but the smoke is bad near the lavatories, between classes, it's not funny!

Dear Editor:

Losers are sometimes winners, too. CAFT's recent efforts to obtain the right to negotiate our next contract, though unsuccessful, cannot go unrecognized. Being a former member of DSEA (CAPA), little was explained to me as a new teacher regarding district procedures and reasons for striking. Contrariwise, I am highly impressed with both CAFT's officers and members as well as their willingness to discuss issues with me and other instructors relatively new to the profession. I am confident that CAFT, under the leadership of Ms. Lucy Kendikian, will continue to represent us well. The recent election cannot be deemed a mere defeat for the union. One hundred thirty-three of us who voted CAFT still strongly believe in its principles and leadership. Finally, I would like to extend my congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Edward Malin, President of CAPA and his group.

Perhaps together we can better both our district and ourselves.  
John P. Naughton



I am sick of these World War II left over lunches. They taste like the hamburgers are fried in grease for 6 hours. And the hard as a rock expensive cake, watered down juice, and the crushed ice cream burns me up. Try again, Conrad, the lunches are terrible. It's not the way the ladies cook them in the back room, it's the food they buy from Fort Dix in New Jersey. MJM

Dear Editor:

Many of us have an extreme distance to travel in between our daily classes. It is utterly impossible for many of us to travel the area in four minutes, our allotted time period. I realize that many individuals loiter and block traffic, but how about those of us who are conscientiously concerned about getting to our next class? Even the lavatories are so jammed that it is virtually impossible to have any time to stop there. Perhaps several improvements, such as a smoking lounge or student lounge would decrease the number of persons who not wander around and leap about.

Disgusted Student

Dear Editor:

Can't something be done about the irritating fire alarms which have now been occurring at even more frequent intervals? Many of us are tired of standing out in the rain or cold much to the delight of the unbalanced prankster. But why does

everybody assume it's a male student bothering us all? Why couldn't it be a girl?

Why can't the Conradian Staff consider that many of us just don't have ten dollars to spend in one day on a yearbook? Isn't there time for students to make payments of \$1 or \$2 from September or October through December? A lot of us don't work because we can't find a job and are unable to get \$10 from our parents during the Christmas season? I'm sure many more books would be sold and many more persons would be happy if we switched to the easy payment plan.

Dear Editor:

Most of the high school's have smoking lounges, why can't we? It will prevent the chance of fire and keep some of us non-smokers in good health.

H.A.S.



## Ladies Dish It Out

The ladies of the cafeteria staff warrant commendation for their conscientious efforts in preparing and serving the roast beef dinner at the recent DECA banquet. So often, these hard-working individuals efforts go unrecognized. My congratulations to the cafeteria staff.

Often, people who do the most criticizing about these ladies are the very ones who act like barbarians while eating lunch. If any student or faculty member feels he can do a better job, I'm certain the cafeteria staff would be most delighted to accept an additional staff member. But, remember, this person must be willing to labor under the adverse conditions of overwork, underpay and constant criticism. It doesn't sound too easy, does it? Think about it.

## Even Principals Have Vices

As most of Conrad's students already know, Mr. Jay Hinnerscheetz, Mr. J. Duane Morningred and Mr. Louis Ott all have two things in common. They're all assistant principals at Conrad and they are all teachers. In fact, Morningred and Ott still teach math here besides maintaining the job of assistant principal which involves working on the budget, counselling, curriculum and discipline.

Hinnerscheetz, the assistant principal who has been here the longest, went to Moravian College, receiving a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English. He also attended Lehigh before coming to Conrad High School to start his teaching career in 1948. He started here and has been here ever since.

Ott, who was a member of the 1955 graduating class of Duke University, obtained a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Economics and Math. In 1962, he received his Masters at North Carolina. His first teaching job was at Liberty Central Area School in New York. It was a small school when one considers it consisted of one building enclosing grades from kindergarten through twelfth grade. Ott instructed 7th, 8th and 9th grade math there. When asked to explain the reason he left he responded, "My wife is from the south and not used to snow. The first year there we got 144 inches of

snow, so we decided to look for less snow."

Arriving in Delaware, he joined the Conrad staff in 1960 and began teaching. He became assistant principal in 1970. Ott mentioned that he still enjoys teaching because he enjoys the contact with the kids.

The newest member in the assistant principal position is Morningred. He didn't become one until July 1, 1974, thus making this only his second year on the job. Morningred is a 1958 graduate of Villinova University where he received his Bachelor of Arts Degree. His Masters came from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. His first teaching job was at Tyrone Area High School located in Tyrone, Pa. Morningred taught Latin I and II and English in his 5 years there. He left because he wanted to teach Math and Conrad offered him the chance to do just that. So, he joined the Redskin faculty in September of 1968 in the Math Department.

Hinnerscheetz, who has seen plenty of students come and go had some good things to say about Conrad, as well as some not so good things to say. He commented that we were definitely brighter and more aware of what is going on today. On the other hand, he stated that we were more disrespectful for authority, more arrogant, had more freedoms and were more disobedient.

*a curious  
duel*



A duel was lately fought by Alexander Shott and John Nott. Nott was shot and Shott was not. In this case it is better to be Shott that Nott. There was a rumor that Nott was not shot, and Shott avows that he shot Nott, which

proves either that the shot Shott shot at Nott was not shot, or that Nott was shot.

Notwithstanding that circumstantial evidence is not always good, it may be made to appear on trial that the shot Shott shot Shot Nott, or as accidents with firearms are frequent it may be possible that the shot Shott shot shot Shott himself, when the whole affair would resolve itself into its original elements, and Shott would be shot and Nott would be not. We think however that the shot Shott shot shot not Shott but Nott. Anyway, it's hard to tell who was shot.

Mrs. Janet K. Jones



Mr. Louis Ott's fourth period college algebra class was discussing mathematical fields, when Doug Broujos was called upon for an answer. Broujos became silent, so Dwayne Lenker came to his defense and said, "he was out in left field on that one!"

One afternoon I walked in Math class late for the fourth time in a row. I began to give her my feeble excuse by saying, "But I thought....." The teacher cut me off by saying, "You're not supposed to think in this school."

Mrs. Estock had finished explaining her geometry lesson when she announced to her class, "You have some exercises to do, so get busy!" While the rest of the class groaned, Debbie Grace began to do push-ups.

## CONRAD CAPERS

Early this month Mr. Patterson's 2nd period Physics class began a new unit, Work, Energy and Power. Patterson asked Senior Mary Jane Morrison to define one of the three. Mary Jane chose work. Before she could murmur another word Kevin Brady, from across the room gave his own definition "work is my least favorite four letter word."

Mrs. Dill was discussing the great lovers in history. After mentioning Anthony and Cleopatra and other notables Kim Shelly asked "How about Ozzie and Harriet?"

The Spanish Club may go to Washington this year instead of New York City. As two of the members sat and chatted one laughingly joked, "I'm glad, because I hardly ate my dinner last year for fear it might bite back."



(Photo by Tom Shewbrooks)

Vice-Principals Ott, Hinnerscheetz and Morningred take a photo break.

# Students Rock to the "Gramophone"

by Kim Shelly

What is there to do on a Friday or Saturday night? Maybe a movie or school game will do, but where can a teenager go to meet friends from other schools, dance a little, and have a good time?

With over 5,000 members from virtually every high school in New Castle County the **Electric Gramophone** club seems to fit the bill.

When one walks into the Electric Gramophone he/she can not comprehend how this building, located at 2012 W. Newport Pike, was once an A & P Supermarket. One glance around the interior reveals an array of flashing lights, a snack bar, a claims check area, pin ball machines, dance platforms, and a movie projector beaming old movies onto the wall.

Club Manager, Clay Rutter, 28, boasts that the club is everything a teen could want. "We welcome any ideas the kids may have to make the club better. What the kids want, we'll get," states Rutter.

The club, open on Friday and Saturday evenings for dances, offers a complete disco scene. According to Rutter the dance floor space in the club is 50 percent larger than any high school gym. It also has 300 parking spaces, more than any other school.

Last June marked the opening of the Electric Gramophone. Rutter explains, "The group of disc jockeys, the Selectrons, formerly operated out of the gym at Dickinson High School." Then because of conflicts associated with the use of the gym and dropping attendance, Rutter decided this location wouldn't do.

The Selectrons needed a place of their own. An old supermarket seemed to be the perfect place.

Rutter looks toward a bright future for the Electric Gramophone. When asked about if he thought the "disco craze" of the last two years would continue Rutter answered, "I've been in the business for 15 years and I haven't

about 30 teenagers. According to Rutter they are currently in the process of making a film about the Electric Gramophone. Rutter hopes that Cablevision Channel 5 will air the film in order that the parents may have a look at their kid's club without actually going inside. The Electric Gramophone also em-

by Checker, Jill Baby Love and K. C. and his Sunshine Band. Sometime in February the Electric Gramophone plans to mail a newsletter that will inform its members regarding future events at the club. This letter is the first form of publicity that the club has ever attempted. "Word of mouth has been our best advertising," remarks Rutter.

The Selectrons retain a record library of over 5,000 records and add 20 or 30 more each week. When asked which of the records is the most requested at the Electric Gramophone Rutter replied, "That's the Way I Like It" by K.C. and his Sunshine Band." He added that the most popular dances at the club include such "block dances" as the "Gramophone Walk" and the "Mushroom." The Selectrons named the latter after some teenagers from Kennett Square, Pa.

According to Rutter it doesn't take much of a hassle to join the fun at the Electric Gramophone. All that is required to become a member is to (1) be in the age group of 14 through 19 years (2) have some proof of age and (3) have one dollar to obtain an identification card with a picture.

Where's a nice place to go on a Friday or Saturday night? Maybe the answer is the Electric Gramophone.



This is the site on Saturday Night.

(photo by Tom Shewbrooks)

seen any ups nor downs. The increased interest in the disco scene is mostly for the adults. Teenagers will always want to dance."

Rutter's ultimate goal is to make the Electric Gramophone "a junior nightclub and a classy place." Some future improvements to be made include: chairs to replace the benches around the walls, a popcorn machine, a bigger snack bar which would sell hotdogs, more pinball machines, another air-hockey table, and a big screen television, an expanded claims check, a movie viewing area, and a lengthened platform.

Rutter remarks, "The kids can see exactly where their money is going. At a high school dance, it gets kind of vague where it goes.

Besides being a place to dance on a weekend night the "Gramophone" provides a place of part-time employment for

employs eight disc jockeys on a rotating basis. "I'd like to see a girl apply to become a disc jockey. Some of the girls have talent. It would be nice to have a female D.J.," comments Rutter.

For the past few months live bands have appeared at the Electric Gramophone on Friday nights. Rutter laments, "They were good bands, most from the University of Delaware, but attendance dropped so we had to go back to records."

Rutter describes the less crowded Friday night dances as having a more casual atmosphere than the usually more crowded Saturday night dances.

"We have limbo and hoola hoop contests and sometimes we let the kids come up and D.J. for a while," says Rutter.

Rutter hopes to boost attendance by featuring such attractions as Long John Wade of WiFi, Chub-





## Redskins Prove Best On Mats In Flight 'A' Again

by Jeff Mezzatesta

"Be as mean as possible, and make sure he's hurtin' at the end."

Rich Rubick explains why the Redskin wrestlers have compiled a 7-3 record and their third straight Conference title.

The season opened at the St. Mark's gym, as coaches Lester Maurer and Gerald Milsted's first test was against an improved Srtan team.

Aided by victories from Rich "Crazy" Watts and Bob Sanders the opening match became a 27-23 Conrad victory.

"Watts and Sanders saved us," Maurer commented. "They stopped the snow ball and turned the momentum the other way."

The matmen avenged their only conference loss last year by beating Del Castle at the Conrad gym January 10, 28-18.

Maurer observed, "We wrestled badly at St.

Mark's, we couldn't beat anybody in the Blue Hen, but we wrestled very well against Del Castle.

Conrad jumped out to a 15-0 lead after Mark Loble, Gabe Dominelli and Rubick won the opening three matches, the last two by pins.

Del Castle then closed the gap to nine after the 157 lb. class, but Dave Jones defeated Rick Ruchert 7-3 to close the cougars out.

"We owed them," mentioned the coach. "Jones lost in the finals to Ruchert, 8-3, at Perryville, it was the big match of the day, he was the hero."

Other winners included Watts, Burt Reen and Steve Janvier.

Concord was the next foe in a home match bringing a 34-20 victory. The Redskins were victorious as they won their first four matches. This time Dan Remedio joined the winning ranks.

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Coach Maurer Shows Concern.

### Against Brandywine

## Cagers Aim For Tourney

by Rich Falkowski

This year's Conrad Basketball Team has shown a much improved squad. After the last two disastrous campaigns, this year's team has made a drastic turn-around. They have already compiled more wins this season, then they had in the last two put together.

The Redskin's thus far have a 9-7 record over-all, and a 8-4 record in the conference which is good enough for fourth place and a chance at the State Tournament. Conrad has a very experienced team this year with the return of eight seniors from last years cagers. The starting line-up consists of four seniors; Ed Bender, Fred Swarter, Doug Allen and Pete Lasavage, although Junior Bob Warrington is an occasional starter. Joe Becker is the only Junior to crack the starting line-up. Paul Blome Joe Whalen, Rick Jones, Steve Webb, Jim Hutyan and Bruce Jones provide the bench support.

Our Redskins opened the season in enemy territory against the Green Knights of Mt. Pleasant. They came away with a hard fought 51-49 win.

Conrad next traveled to McKean for a non-conference game. They hustled to a close but satisfying 65-62 victory starting thoughts of a undefeated season. Allen led the scorers.

Finally returning home after two successful road games, they played Salesianum. It was a hard fought and controversial game. Conrad lost with shots that would have won

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Rich Watts takes his turn against Del Castle.

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# Conrad Squad Anticipates Tournament

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the game in the last seconds, just missing the mark. The final score was 45-43, Sals. The Redskins hit the road again for a game with Concord. As it turned out it was not a very pleasant visit. The Redskins lost by the "slight" margin of 73-57. Our warriors next marched to Dickinson to try and break the hex that the Rams have had over us this year but Conrad couldn't quite do it. The final score was 58-54 Rams.

Our side returned to their friendly reservation hoping to get back on the winning track against Wm. Penn. And did they ever. Conrad romped to a 70-52 over the Colonials with the help of Swarter's 29 points. The Redskins next tangled with the Vikings of Christiana on Christiana's home floor. Conrad had the game in hand until the fourth quarter when Christiana closed to within 4 pts. but they pulled away again with the help of Swarter's 14 pts.

At that point Conrad was 4-3 and 3-1 in the conference, now gaining momentum going into their showdown with conference leader Wilmington. They came out of the game shell shocked and 2 games behind the undefeated Red Devils. The final score was 82-53. Swarter led the attack for our guys with 25 points. Conrad next invaded Newark and were involved in a real barn burner. Newark missed a chance to break the tie and win the game in regulation time, but

they missed and the game ended in a 48-48 tie.

Conrad outscored Newark in overtime and came away with a 54-53 squeaker. Swarter led the way for Conrad.

The Redskins came back and beat Flight "A" rival DelCastle handily, 58-49. Bender led the scorer for the night. Next came an important game with Brandywine, but unfortunately, Conrad was hit by the flu bug which really rapped the strength out of the players. The flu plus incredible shooting displays by the Bulldogs completely dismantled Conrad and Brandywine won 81-52.

On the Friday home game, the Redskins had another tough game with the Green Knights. It was another tooth and nail fight to the finish. Conrad came away with a shaky but well deserved 63-59 victory. Holding a rather comfortable 32-22 lead, the Knights tied it after three quarters. Bender led the Redskins with 10 fourth quarter points and had 24 points for the game.

The Cagers next took on Wm. Penn on the Colonials home court. Again, Conrad came away with a victory, this time 59-47. Allen led the scorers with 19 points. The Redskins only had a 2 point lead at the half but they pulled away in the second half to coast to their seventh conference victory.

Through the first 17

games of the season, Swarter is the team's leading scorer with 266 points for a 15.6 average. He is also the leading rebounder. Allen is the 2nd leading scorer with 216 points with a 12.7 average and Bender, the captain of this year's team, is the 3rd leading scorer with 202 points for a 11.9 average. Warrington and Lasavage are 2nd and 3rd leading rebounders, respectively. Becker is this year's "Mr. Assist" with Bender a close second. This year's team is a veteran squad and they should make the playoffs, but next year they will have to rebuild starting with the Becker line. It consists of Jones,

Becker, and Hutyan with Warrington coming back to provide the height.

The team's next appointment was a return (continued page 12)

## Puckers Play Well

Our hockey teams were off to a good start this year. The Hockey Tournament has a sophomore, junior, and senior representative. A single alumination was played by 18 teams. Red Army and the Bruises are the two teams that played on February 17, results of the game were not available during press time. On February 17 the Intramural Volleyball games started, these were students from the gym classes. In the near future, the Intramural Basketball Tournament will begin. A Senior representative quoted, "This has been a well organized group, but there were not enough games, and the referee was great." Our outstanding official was Mike Cutrona. The steller officials were U.S. Gary Bonds, Roy McNelly, Mark Cubeta and Mark Culley.



Senior Joe Whalen makes lay-up shot during practice session.

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Rubeck, Dominelli, Lonnie Harnett and Jones recorded pins and Janvier outlasted his opponent 5-3.

Brandywine ended the bid for an undefeated season with a 26-21 upset.

After a 13 point lead mounted, the Bulldogs came back to win five matches, one by a pin, and draw another in the next six bouts, and went ahead 20-15. Janvier won by default and Conrad regained the lead, 21-20 "But, if we had a heavyweight we would have won," explained Maurer regarding the 26-21 defeat.

The grapplers "came back strong" after Brandywine to defeat Wm. Penn, 28-18. The coaching staff moved Janvier to heavyweight and inserted Mark Combs at 187 to cover the final spot after Mike Jacobi broke his hand. It paid off as Janvier pinned his man at 5:19 to ice the match.

Mt. Pleasant and former Redskin coach Edgar Baker fell victim to "Maurer's Men" 47-3, when Conrad won 11 of 12 bouts.

With several starters out or slowed down by sickness, Dickinson ran away with the following match 37-5. Sanders drew and Jones had the five points at the Dickinson gym.

Conrad over matched the Christiana Vikings 36-22 in the first home match in two weeks, winning eight matches and defaulted the last two.

Elkon visited the gym February 4, as they were thoroughly massacred, 58-0.

Salesianum hosted the Redskins February 11, winning a non-conference, but territorial match as Conrad went down to defeat, 30-19.

Coach Milstead's J.V. is now 6-3. He remarked "The attitude is great, they wait in a holding pattern for their turn to wrestle. It's good." He ad-

## Good Luck to Mark Doble, Gabe Dominelli, Dave Jones and Steve Janvier in the State Wrestling Tournament

ded, "They're all doing a good job, but we're not getting the participation or the competition we need from the students."

Both Milstead and Maurer have seen many wrestlers in the J.V. make it to the varsity after a year or two of practice. Milstead concluded, "It's a good feeling to see a kid finally make it to the varsity. He gains the confidence in the J.V. matches and it's just a good feeling."

## Lajoie's Ladies Listen, Learn

"We've taken our lumps, gained a lot of experience and gotten 100 percent better through the season," commented Coach Ruth Lajoie, concerning this year's girl's basketball team. This year's squad, according to the coach, has learned to work as a team and use all the skills they were taught.

The team started with a losing streak but broke it with a win against Del Castle. "A new coach, a new season and the challenge of having to play all the extremely tough Flight A teams brought us off to a bad start," explained Lajoie, "But wait till next year." The top scorers for varsity include Maryann Dzielak, Mary Fedorkowicz, and top rebounder Joann Tjaden. For J. V. the top scorer LuAnn Wardell, top rebounder Janice Miller.

Lajoie added, "a special thanks goes to Maggie Surowiec for doing such a tremendous job as team manager. She had most of the dirty jobs and continued to do them all by herself. Without her, I don't know what I would have done."

## 'Oreads' Adopt, Bake

"Oreads" is a service club here at Conrad comprised of girls with a three or more average grade in major subjects. The club, one of Conrad's oldest, was formed in 1935 by a Latin teacher and has been a tradition ever since. She named the club "Oreads" which means "mountain ymph" in Latin.

Spanish teacher Miss

Morrison currently sponsors the club. This year the members have sold sticky apples and homecoming mums to raise money. According to Miss Morrison the money raised by the club is used to sponsor an Indonesian foster child. The club gives almost \$200 a year to buy food, clothing and medicine for the boy. In

When asked what the club will be doing in the future to raise money Miss Morrison replied "bake sales". Miss

Sue Lobley holds the office of president for this year's "Oreads". Other officers include Hope Scites as vice-president, Lisa Haden as secretary and Sylvia Gallo as treasurer.

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## QUOTERS QUOTE

Marty J. Nagy

1. Some students tend to live as if adolescence were a last fling at life, rather than a preparation for it.

Marty J. Nagy

2. American proverb: Hats off to the past; coats off to the future.

Anonymous

3. The worst moment for an atheist is when he feels grateful and has no one to thank.

Samuel MacCrea Cavert

4. Always behave like a duck-stay calm and neat on the surface but paddle like the devil underneath.

Marty Nagy

5. Beauty may only be skin deep but when you're ugly it's all the way to the core.

Anonymous

### FOR NEW SEASON

## Davis Gets New Man To Replace Departed Von Stetten

Mr. Pete Ferrario will be the new assistant coach for the '76 baseball team this spring. He will replace Mr. Wayne Von Stetten.

Ferrario will become the new leader of the jayvees, following Von Stetten's resignation after several years of ser-

vice, under head coach Harry Davies. Von Stetten mentioned an abundance of activities and conflicting schedules.

"He (Ferrario) played college baseball, so he was the best of those who showed interest," added Davies. "But, I'll hate to lose a good man like the Baron."

engagement with the Rams of Dickinson. It looked like Conrad would finally scalp the horns off the Rams as they took a two point lead into the locker room at halftime. The second half proved no fun at all as the Rams gored our Redskins and left Conrad with a ---- victory. Thus far Conrad has yet to beat Dickinson in any sporting event.

McVaugh's Maralders went back into the conference to play Christiana at home. Conrad found playing at home was sweet as they rolled over the Vikings 70-58 for their 8th conference victory. Conrad got big nights from Fred Swarter who scored 18 points and Ed Bender who canned 17.

Upset? Was it possible? Could they do it, possibly winning 12-10 after the first quarter? But it wasn't to be. Conrad could not hold

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that lead. They played Wilmington a very good game, especially at Wilmington, but The Red Devil's fire power prevailed and Conrad fell 63-45. Ed Bender led the scorers with 21 points against Wilmington. The loss dropped them to 5th place and temporarily out of the tournament. They still have a chance if they win their remaining 4 conference games.

Conrad improved its chances of gaining a tournament berth by defeating Newark 76-68 behind Swarter's 23 and Bender's 20.

The game ended in a tie at the end of regulation

time. Sparked by an 11 point performance in overtime by Swarter, the Redskins pulled away and iced the victory on lay-ups by Allen and R. Jones.

Coach Chuck McVaugh's warriors are in fourth place fighting for a berth in the state tournament. In reference to the playoff chances of Conrad he said, "If we can repeat our 1st half season performance, Conrad should take 4th and a tournament berth. However, all the teams are improving and it will be a difficult task. Newark appears to be our toughest competition for the 4th and Concord for 3rd."



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