



Hypnotic Suggestion Locks Hands photo: Donna Hutchinson

by Sue Pinder
She turned Conradians into hula dancers, Santa Claus, and Kate Smith. She got them drunk on water, and locked their hands together - but it was all in their minds.

She is Ms. Darlene Hutchinson, hypnotist. At a recent appearance for a Theater Arts class, she put many students under, suggesting that they were Santa Claus, dancers and even convinced them that water was their favorite drink.

Hutchinson, of Pleasant Hills, became interested in hypnosis when she watched the renowned hypnotist William Venerable work with a girlfriend during a local presentation seven years ago. Venerable agreed to teach her his technique, and she studied and toured with him for three years.

Hypnosis is "an artificial means of inducing sleep," according to the hypnotist. She suggests something to her subject

while he is in a hypnotic state. He listens to nothing else, and will follow her every word. "The voice is the key," she explained. Since a susceptible person will go under just listening to it, she can not allow a tape recording of her "hypnotist" voice to be made.

Not everyone can be hypnotized. Just because a person consciously wants to be, doesn't mean he can be. It may be that he is not susceptible; or, deep down, he is afraid. "Some people are afraid," Ms. Hutchinson mentioned. "Although there's nothing to be afraid of, you're with a professional." However, hypnosis can be dangerous, if an amateur fools around with it.

Ms. Hutchinson herself is one who can't be hypnotized; most likely, she says, because she concentrates more on how her hypnotist is talking, rather than on what he is saying.

The hypnotist's

Hypnotist Puts Redskins to Sleep

daughter, Donna Hutchinson, a junior at Conrad, cannot be put under by her mother, because she's too close to her, and doesn't think of her as a hypnotist. "Being a hypnotist is very time-consuming, especially with a family," Ms. Hutchinson commented.

Hypnotism can be both useful and funny. It can be used for medical purposes, to relieve pain temporarily, as Ms. Hutchinson has done. She will not, however, remove pain permanently, because "Pain is a sign that something's wrong. If I took away all pain, you could be dying from a heart attack and never know it."

Ms. Hutchinson's many performances for private groups is an example of the other side of hypnosis, showmanship. While touring, she had many unique experiences; once she told a woman under hypnosis that she was a bubble gum champion and had blown a

giant bubble. Then she said, "Oh look, I just popped your bubble and there's a gum all over you!" Those last three words were a mistake. The woman clutched at her face, arms, pulled at her dress, trying to get the gum off, until the hypnotist convinced her that the gum had only gotten on her face, and that now she had gotten it off.

"Through hypnosis, you learn to read people," Ms. Hutchinson expressed. She used Mental Telepathy once, when she mentally commanded a girl to get up and greet her - the girl obeyed. "It really even surprised me!" She exclaimed. As for regression under hypnosis, she believes a person can drop back "until day one - not into past lives." However, she has been told by many psychics that she was a witch doctor in her past life.

From witch doctor to hypnotist - that's progress!

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Ring Delay Suppresses Dance Enthusiasm

"I have no feeling one way or another. I'd prefer that the class do what the majority wants. Secondly, I don't want to have the dance if there aren't going to be enough students attending to cover the expenses," commented Junior class sponsor Helen Doherty on the decision made by the juniors to cancel the Ring Dance.

After numerous setbacks, it was decided at a class meeting Jan. 25, not to hold the dance and to receive rings the following day.

The delay in the arrival of 33 rings was a major difficulty. Ring production was behind schedule because desegregation plans were not decided until August. If Conrad students had been bused, it would have been a company policy to provide rings of any school we were transferred to.

Then there was the problem of arranging a date when a band could be obtained, the gym could be used, and the rings were obtainable. Jan. 21 was chosen as the dance date, but when snow forced its cancellation, the officers were faced with having to find a new date.

People were waiting too long and rearranging the schedule would make things longer. "We could have been waiting forever," stated class president Bill Clymer.

The loss of the Ring Dance will not affect our chances for a Senior Prom, because it is held as an activity for students not for the money involved. This year, however, the Ring Dance was open to all grades to produce more attendance and insure enough profit to break even.

"Yes, I would have gone. I was expecting my boyfriend from New Jer-

sey. It was too bad it was cancelled because a lot of people had plans besides me," mentioned junior Leslie Gray. The poor show of hands in favor of a dance at the meeting seems to contradict Gray's statement. However, students are being given a second chance. A petition is posted in the office for those interested in a junior-oriented dance. If there are enough signatures, a dance will be held sometime in the future. "It's for the people who really wanted a dance but didn't raise their hands during the meeting," informed class secretary, Judy Sarnecky.

February 9th and 10th have been set aside as half days for students, so that teachers can arrange parent conferences.

A full Inservice day, Feb. 20th, will involve the faculty in desegregation issues.

On Shore Oil Spill Hits Conrad

by Monica Marshall

Many of us have ended up with flooded basements due to the recent rain, following the snow, but that's only water. Can you imagine what it would be like to have oil all over the floor?

Thursday, Friday, and Saturday passed - no sign of Kirchner Oil Company. On the evening of the 29th around 11:00 they came to

deliver Conrad's oil, but sending a new man to do the job.

He made several attempts to remove the gas cap from the pipe, but still had no luck. Using his trusty C.B. he called the police. Principal, Earl J. Smith was also called to the school, along with Janitor, Cliff Lawhorn.

Before Lawhorn could get there, though, the man (continued on page 9)



Junior Lynette Cubeta shares excitement of new ring with friend Kathy James. - photo by Kathy Tobin

Mary Jane Grows Up

by Christa Bartoli

By Lewis Blevins

I believe that Marijuana shouldn't be legalized and shouldn't be used.

Although it is a drug with an unknown effect, it is still a drug. Marijuana is a drug which is a disease and a desire more than the disease. People look at the desire more than the disease. They believe that Marijuana is a road to life, but I believe that it is a road to destruction.

If a person can't trust his best friend with his most valuable possession, how can he trust Marijuana with his life? If pot users can't face reality, how can they face an unknown world?

The people who smoke Marijuana are walking around blind without a cane, and if they encourage others to smoke, they're like the blind leading the blind.

Marijuana is a dark shadow which covers a person's thoughts. They believe that they're in Wonderland, but they're really in disasterland.



They say that they get a good feeling or peace from things, but really, it is an artificial feeling of joy and peace. They turn to it as an escape from their problems.

I think that pot should be legalized because I don't think it can harm you in anyway.

But, I do think that when you are smoking it that you should stay off of the streets and out of cars, because it does for the time being make your eyesight bad.

They say that most accidents are caused by marijuana, but I myself feel that they are caused by alcohol or when people drink and smoke at the same time.

If it does get legalizied, I think they should have an age limit on it just like alcohol.

I think that cigarettes hurt you worse than pot does. And besides, nowadays, they say that everything can hurt you; like different foods, air pollution, different drinks, etc. What doesn't hurt you in some way?

They say that it has caused too much trouble, but when you think about it, if it wasn't pot, it would or could be something worse.

School Spirit Isn't What It's Pepped Up To Be

After carefully contemplating the amount of positive attitude in Conrad, I unsurprisingly found that the bad outweighed the good.

I'm not knocking the terrific students that hold our sports teams together, but the ones who leave the stands empty and don't support their teams. Come on Conradians, where's your enthusiasm!

I'm not putting down the honor students and extra-curricular activity regulars, either, but what's the matter with all the habitual detention servers? Get your act

together! Spend some of your extra energy on the school. Help make it better so you can be proud to say that you are a Red-skin!

Speaking of energy, our pep rallies could use a lift. If no one has a positive feeling towards the school, administrators, teachers,

and fellow classmates, there's not going to be any favors. How can you expect to get privileges when most could care less what happens to this school?

Reform! Make school a bright spot in your life and you may find little things happening in return.

by Sue Regan

Ladies Learn Lesson From Lord

This letter is in response to Miss Smith's article on God's Will and the E.R.A. I found what Miss Smith said on God's roles of people, especially women, quite interesting. However, I would like to add to the article to further explain both how the E.R.A. is based on a false premise and how a woman really can change man's basic nature.

E.R.A., in its most basic form, is based on the premise that you can change a man's nature (i.e. his attitude and actions toward women) by putting rules around him and making it illegal for him to treat women as inferior. Let's explore some simple examples where an attempt is made to change man by putting rules around him.

Therefore, if the E.R.A. principle of changing man's nature by putting more rules around him were true, then suicide should not exist, the large unemployment rate among blacks relative to whites should not exist and no Conrad student should have ever had an intoxicating drink or smoked a joint. It should be clear by now how ridiculous it is to believe the E.R.A. can legislate a changed man.

Gordon E. Kyle, Jr.

Marston Feels Kick of Carter's Shoe

Watergate should have served as a lesson to politicians that the use of one's office to solve justice problems can get one into trouble, but it didn't.

Recently, Democratic Congressman Joshua Eilberg of Pennsylvania used his connections with President Carter to remove Philadelphia U.S. Attorney David Marston. Two days before Eilberg telephoned the President, he had been investigated by a grand jury on why his law firm took over \$400,000 in fees that helped Philadelphia's Hannemann Hospital to finance a new addition. It is thought that Eilberg used his office to swing the deal for his law firm and Marston was investigating to see if this were true.

The firing of Marston shouldn't be that much of a shock because Marston



was a Republican and is a Republican. When a new party takes over, they usually replace all of these type of jobs with members of their own party.

Maybe this is alright, but why wasn't it done before? President Carter has been in office over a

year now and that should have been enough time to replace Marston. Also, before Eilberg telephoned the President, he didn't really care if Marston kept his job. Why, all of the sudden, did he think that it was imperative that Marston be removed?

The idea that Marston should be replaced is wrong. It shouldn't matter how he is registered, but what kind of job he is doing. In my opinion, from what I have read about him, Marston was doing a good job and he should remain as the U.S. Attorney in Philadelphia.

It really is a shame that politics has once again ruined the attempt of one man who was trying to improve this area.

By Rich Gregson

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Rock -n- Roll Reigns



Mr. Williams, Richard Burbage, and Paul McKnight belt out a song.
photo by Kathy Tobin

by Robin Fiske

Each year the Sock-n-Buskin Club presents a dramatic production. Some years a straight play is done while other years we do a musical. I have been lucky enough to be

in the last three productions that Sock-n-Buskin has presented.

Every year we give at least one matinee performance for the high school and each year the audiences vary. In 1976

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when **The Yankee Doodle** was presented we gave two matinee performances. Both performances went well, the audience was well behaved and we received good reactions.

Unfortunately, the next year didn't go as well. This production was **I Remember Mama** a straight play as opposed to the previous musical. We gave only one performance but the audience was noisy and unresponsive. The people that wanted to hear the show couldn't because the other inconsiderate people were talking so loud, that the lines from the stage couldn't be heard.

We almost decided not to do a performance this year because of the audiences' behavior last year, but we did. We're glad we did now, because this audience was really fantastic. They were quiet, well-behaved and responsive. They were also generous with applause and compliments. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those people who attended the matinee for being a great audience. I think I can safely say that I speak for all other cast members and crews of **Rock-n-Roll**.



Watch Out, You Giants!

by Linda McQueen

Singer and composer, Randy Newman's current single "Short People" is steadily climbing the music charts to the number one slot. Radio stations throughout the country have gotten an overwhelming response to the song. And many people are voicing their negative and positive opinions on the "put-down" of our 5'4" (and under) society. But why is Newman's song such a touchy subject concerning many?

Maybe because I'm not considered short or that I find the song on the humorous side, but I don't really understand why listeners from Boston have had the song banned and short people from New York have protested against it. After all, Newman is a little on the short side himself. I don't believe the reasoning behind the song was

directed on making fun of people. Newman fans dismiss the fact that it is anything but a satirical look, a people's prejudices, in this case concerning height. I have to side with them. I don't find Newman particularly that phenomenal of a singer and composer, but I do think that he had to have some talent to write a novelty record that is selling millions.

*Short people got no reason to live.
They got little hands and little eyes.
They walk around telling great big lies.
They got little noses and tiny little teeth.
They wear platform shoes on their nasty little feet.*

Well, I don't want no short people 'round here.

Parts of the song like the above are just a few negative things said about it. But the next stanza is supposed to really reflect what the entire song really means:

*Short people are just the same you and I.
All men are brothers until the day they die.*

At present, most stations in our area are continuing to play the record. On a popular FM station, WFI, "Short People" is the fifth-most-requested song. People that never heard of "Randy Newman" or hadn't bought any of his records, are buying his latest album, "Little Criminals." Even though "Short People" may be bringing a headache to Newman sometimes, it's no doubt that it is definitely bringing him fame, and money!

The only way that the short person will be able to "stand tall" and fight back is to fight song with song, and write a song about tall people. Believe it or not, somebody has! The song is expected to be released soon! Watch Out You Giants!



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On the first evening performance of Sock-n-Buskin's production, Rock-N-Roll, the audience was left in slight confusion, due to the blunder of junior Pat Soligo's (Forrest Barrett) last line in the musical when he left everyone thinking that he and Paul McKnight (Corndoggie) were going steady with the same girl.

He heard one skeptic fan say, "How can the show be over if they are both still going steady with the same girl?"

I was working in the Raggedy Ann and Andy Trailer and the kids were painting. I walked around and asked them what they were painting and I got some nice answers. Then I asked one little boy what he was painting, he pointed at the picture and said, "this."

One day after play practice, junior Rich Burbage was overheard talking on the phone; "Hello, Mom? This is your number one son, You know, the cute one!"

Recent discussion between two college bound seniors:

"Kathy, I've finally decided where I'm going to college!"
"Really, John? Where?"
"Moore College of Art! It's in Philadelphia, so it's close to home, and I heard a lot about it's advertising program."
"That is a really good college! But, John ... I think you'll have a problem getting accepted."
"But WHY?"
"Because it's an all girl's school."

In one class period of office practice, the students were practicing the techniques of answering the phone, on the job. Senior, Maryann Campbell answered hers, "Hello, April's Massage Parlor."

In Mr. Petrovich's first period typing class, everyone began to do the assigned tabulation on the board. After a few minutes of trying to figure the problem out, one girl said, "Mr. Petrovich, I don't remember what to do." Mr. Petrovich quickly replied with, "You don't have to memorize or remember anything - just check with your notes." The student, Sheri, responded, "That's just it, I don't remember taking notes!"

One day in my English class we had a substitute, Mr. Aluise. So naturally, along with a substitute comes bad behavior from some of the students. Aluise decided to notify the office of their disposition. Placing his finger on the call switch, he talked into the wall,

reporting on the student's behavior.

Little did he know that it doesn't really work unless a key is placed in the key hole. While standing there waiting for a reply, he left us "rolling on the floor."

Senior Donna Cote was arguing with Mr. Nowell one day, insisting that the girls be allowed to play volleyball.

"Come on Mr. Nowell," she pleaded. We always work hard and the guys just play basketball."

"Yeah", replied Nowell, "The boys work hard and the girls hardly work."

After reading a poem about a humming bird, Mr. Williams inquired as to whether anybody in his fourth period class had seen one before. Terry Lawson stated that she saw them drill holes in cactus while in Arizona, but couldn't understand why they never got stuck on the needles. Williams replied, "I guess there have been cases where a humming bird became seriously attached to a cactus." Oh Well, I guess you had to be there!

Conradians of the Past Reflect on College

Making the big move to college can be very bewildering and exasperating, especially since parents, teachers, students and guidance counselors all have very different views of the subject.

Because this is the case, the **Smoke Signal** decided to get some straight answers to various college questions. And, who would be better to ask than the Class of '77, attending the University of Delaware?

"I decided to go to the U of D because it is nearby and much more affordable than other universities," said Bob Weldin, who is majoring in Economics and Business Administration. "It also has an excellent academic reputation."

Cathy Kuzepski, a Political Science Major, commented, "I go to the U of D because it is close, I am able to commute and it offers a wide variety of programs that I am interested in."

Conrad graduates found that their first semester held many surprises in store for them. Sharon Muncy, a Criminal Justice Major, mentioned that she was overwhelmed by walking into a lecture room with 249 other students following her. "Delaware's too big a school for me, I need a

smaller school where there are less people and where I can get to know the teachers better," commented Physical Education Major Cathy Jackson.

Vickie Murphy pointed out that large classes make students strike up conversations and make new friends since there is little probability of sitting next to the same person each time. "People from high school that never talked to you, suddenly start," added Muncy.

Most of the collegians felt that they enjoyed and benefited most from smaller classes, where they could become acquainted with both professor and students.

The Conrad graduates also discovered that college work was much harder than they expected. Classes are usually held two or three days a week, but homework is given generously - to be done throughout the whole week, (plus at least three to four hours of studying is required each night).

They also found that there was quite a bit of reading and writing to be done. "One of my history tests covered about 200 pages in our textbook and a novel that had over 400 pages," explained Murphy.

"You've got to work

your tail off to get a C," said Muncy. "They give you time to prepare your work, but you should get it done as fast as you can because if you put things off at all, you'll get behind and won't know what's going on!"

"I could get the material - it's just the tests that got me," continued Muncy. "The way they phrase the questions, they switch them all around and throw in 10 cent words that you don't know. Then, there's the multiple choice questions:

'A, A and B, but not C, A, B, and C, none of the above, all of the above'... it's really confusing," she explained, rolling her eyes.

"My grades really dropped from high school," said Jackson, "I just wasn't organized enough."

Jackson played field hockey and found combining a sport with regular studies was a worthwhile challenge. However, she decided against going out for basketball in order to concentrate on her grades. "If you're an average student, you should probably be able to play a sport and still do okay in school - you just have to follow a schedule," she added.

The freshmen all felt that at Conrad students

are "led by the hand" where as at college the professors could care less if you do your work or not. They said that while most professors are friendly and very willing to help, it is the student who must approach the professor for help.

"I guess they didn't put enough work on us at Conrad, there wasn't enough discipline. I know nobody likes homework, but if we had more of it in high school it wouldn't have been so hard to adjust to college," mused Muncy. "We really should have written a lot more," added Weldin, "especially essays."

Some felt that they were prepared in some areas but got a big surprise later. "I had six years of Spanish and I got A's, so I decided to take a course in conversational Spanish - I thought it would be an easy credit, but when I got in there, the majority of the class was transfer students from South America. They talked so fast I didn't know what they were saying. I had to drop the class," relates Muncy.

Most of the freshmen commute to the U of D since it is economical and because some have jobs, (living at the U of D means giving up your car). "The social benefit of living there is the only dif-

ference and I would live there if it were possible," said Weldin.

"Most of the time it's pretty quiet in the dorms. We....study hours and the only time it's really noisy is on the weekends," said Murphy. "I can study with the noise, but my roommate (Ronna Wadman) has to go the library."

"Living there gives you an idea of how it's going to be when you leave home. It really makes you appreciate your home, too," she continued. "I think commuters miss the social part, they don't get to meet the people."

Living together also has its bad points. It means you have to live with your roommate's habits and quirks, (plus your neighbors), and this can sometimes cause problems and hurt feelings. "Sometimes you just feel like you see too much of each other," commented Murphy.

But what is the real reason for living at the U of D when it's just as easy to commute?

Murphy explained, "You've got to learn how to take care of yourself without someone else there to make you do this or that. You have to stand up for yourself and be able to get along with other people."

'76 Conradian Works as Cameraman.

"Channel 21 has not made it this far because of us - it has made it this far because of God," Manager, Richard Silanskas Sr., commented in a recent interview.

"The PTL Club and the 700 Club are, as a matter of fact, the most widely watched daytime talk shows," the speaker commented.

These clubs, the PTL and 700 Club, relate to everyone. "We tie entertainment in with God's World. That's what people need, even though they do enjoy the entertainment too," Silanskas added.

They need money to support the show and some very dedicated people come to this studio to work for the Lord - not for money.

These are the people who bring you these two shows, as well as many others, thirteen hours a day: Among Cameraman Betty Ann Hutchins and secretaries, is a former



Former Conradian Kim Shelly hard at work at Channel 21. photo - Patti Carilli

Conradian, Kim Shelly. He is the Computer Operator, and he is presently in his Sophomore year at the University of Delaware, taking Communications.

Shelly has reached one of his goals in life, working at Channel 21.

Silanska's son now works as the Production Director, also.

"We use a worldly

device, the television, to reach people with the good news about Jesus Christ. There has to be a media involved, and God provided the television," he continued. "Satan already has charge of most of the stations through sex, violence, drugs, and wild affairs. Why should we give Satan charge of another channel?" the manager said,

with a kind look of concern on his face.

"We hope to get Channel 61 on UHF within a year," as he revealed his future plans.

"If anyone doubts God, doesn't believe he can and does heal or do anything, just give us a call or come on over. We'll show you proof!" Silanskas added. The phone number is 737-7535.

As Silanskas mentioned, "People think one has to give something up when one becomes a Christian. There's nothing to lose - there's everything to gain."



At The Spectrum:

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Thurs., March 9: BOB TIRE BAND

Sat., March 11: JIMMY BUFFET

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Fri., Feb. 24 ELVIS COSTELLO

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Mopeds on the Move

"Something more than a bicycle, something less than a motorcycle," this is a moped as described by Sports Illustrated magazine.

Mopeds, a contraction of the words motor and pedal, were first developed in Western Europe just after World War II to cope with the severe fuel shortage. Traveling at 25-30 miles per hour, they get approximately 100-200 miles to the gallon, and cost between \$325 and \$500.

Since mopeds have no gears they are easy to operate. The rider simply begins to pedal, as on a bike, and switches on the engine. Twisting the right hand grip towards you accelerates the bike, and hand brakes stop it.

About 30 models of mopeds are being sold in the U.S., most of these being imported from France, Italy, Holland and Austria. So far, only the American Company, the Columbia Manufacturing Co. in Westfield Massachusetts, makes them.

The first to be attracted to mopeds was the student, looking for inexpensive easy-to-park transportation for short distances. Now the majority of buyers seem to be in the 25 to 50 age group, riding them to train and bus stations, tennis courts, markets and to and from work. About half the buyers are seeking a practical way of transportation, and the

other half, a new form of recreation.

In some states, mopeds are regarded as bicycles, but in others, like Delaware, they are considered motor vehicles, requiring a driver's license and registration.

Ralph Ellis, 27 salesperson and mechanic at Newark Schwinn, feels the sales were good this past summer, and hopes for the same this year.

The state with the most number of mopeds is California. Sales have gone so quickly almost every company is back-ordered.

Tom Hodges and Bill Grimason, the owners of Mo-Ped City in Berkeley, are among those benefiting in California. They opened their shop last November and are currently selling more than 50 of the machines a month.

"For 10 years this vehicle was legally considered a motorcycle and there was no demand. Now when we tell people a moped creates one twenty-fifth the amount of pollution of a standard automobile, people listen," commented Hodges.

Bea and Jim of San Carlos, California, bought mopeds because of the high gas prices. But they also found that mopeds help them with their flying. The Howells, who both have pilots' licenses, comment, "You use a lot of the same reflexes."

In Walnut Creek, California, 30 women, aged 30 to

50, meet every Wednesday for group runs, all dressed in T shirts with "The Moped Mamas" imprinted on them.

While mopeds are popular, practical, and fun, there is much controversy concerning their safety. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration conducted a 1974 study in Western Europe, showing that mopeds were more accident-prone than bicycles but safer than motorcycles. The fatality rate per 100,000 vehicles is 8 for bicycles, 171 for motorcycles, and 51 for mopeds.

One motorcycle shop owner says, "It has a motor that will go fast enough to get you in trouble, but not fast enough to get you out."

However, one highway commissioner comments, "You can't go speeds that are suicidal and you really can't cause enough damage to justify insurance."

Some highway officials feel that the driver should wear a helmet, but Paul Zimmerman, of the Motorized Bike Association says that "the wearing of a helmet should be left to the discretion of the moped driver, as it is for the bicyclist, since the maximum speed is the same (about 30 m.p.h.)"

Nobody can tell for sure what the regulations will be in the future. Most moped riders are just too busy having fun to care.



Gerard Dougherty and James Wilson - Counselors

Service Center Here to Help

If they aren't narcs, substitute teachers or shrinks, who can they be?

They're Conrad's Youth Service workers and their job is to help students with their problems. The Youth Service counsels both sexes and they handle problems ranging from pregnancy to court cases.

Most students have misconceptions about them and many people seeking counsel don't know that it is located between room 233 and the Faculty room.

Tom Edwards, the Head counselor, graduated from Conrad in 1968; Gerald Dougherty, Attendance Clerk, worked for two years with problem children in England; Jim Wilson, Specialized Teacher-Tutor came to

Conrad in November as did Dougherty.

Dougherty commented, "whenever I work without being in contact with people, it bores me."

Starting February 2, (Thursday at 3:00), Joe McNesby, an officer from Troop 6, will be at the Center to speak about youth laws, law careers, and law enforcement.

Friday, February 9, Joe Salaki, a drug counselor from Family Court, will be here to talk about Drug Abuse.

If enough interest is shown then a group will be formed called Student Rights and Abilities. It will be a group of people who will be informally taught how to counsel others. As Edwards admitted, "We can't reach all of the kids ourselves, so we need help."

Mittermaier, Klammer Arouse Ski Fanatics

by Patti Carilli

Maybe it was the '76 winter Olympics with such skiers as Rosi Mittermaier and Franz Klammer highlighting the hills, or the abundance of snow over the past few weeks, but whatever the case, the ski bug has bitten all over the country.

Enthusiastic skiers are dragging out their dusty skis, getting them ready for use, while others are flocking to ski rental shops such as Wicks and First Serve.

Tom McQuay, 19, a salesperson at First Serve Tennis and Ski Shoppe in the Almart Shopping Center, feels the Olympics definitely increased the popularity of skiing, while Glen Evans, 26, manager of Wicks, Newark, notices only a slight change. Both Wicks and First



Ned Landis and Tom Faux head for slopes Photo by: Kathy Tobin

Serve agree that the snowy weather has played an important factor in the sport's sudden popularity. Ski resorts in Denver, Colorado report significant increases

compared to last year's disappointing figures.

As of last week, over 150,000 skiers had been on the slopes at Steamboat Springs Ski area, Colorado, compared to

the less than half that last year, and an impressive 73 inches of snow had fallen, as opposed to last year's 29 inches.

Snowfall this winter at the Vail ski area has totaled 225 inches already 5 percent above the record snowfall for the entire 1975-76 winter. Over 300,000 people have skied the resort, compared with under 200,000 last year, and hotel reservations are up 22 percent.

Skiing this season will produce an estimated \$206 million in Colorado, up from a record \$151 million in 1975-76, and more than double last year's \$97 million.

While the income has increased due to the recent boom, the problems have also increased. Friday night traffic jams have reappeared

due to the rush of enthusiastic skiers.

Help is scarce in the ski country. Maids are making up to \$9.00 an hour, and the management of one Aspen resort is offering free lift passes and a trip to the Mexico resort of Mazatlan to anyone willing to work through the end of the season.

The membership in the Conrad Ski Club has increased also, although the advisor, Ned Landis would like to see even more people test their skills on the slopes.

Instructions are given to first time skiers by Landis, Marie Stranahan, Tom Faux and Tom Moran.

An exercise course to help skiers get in shape is also offered early every morning in the gym from 7:15 to 7:45.

Ski Bug Bites

by Kathy Tobin

It is an event that takes weeks of planning, consultation and soulsearching. The spark is ignited by ABC's Wide World of Sports or perhaps by exciting tales from friends.

It's called ski fever and it really gets underway when the enthusiastic skier-to-be returns home with a "ski trip info sheet." Then, with false nonchalance, the announcement is made:

"Mom, Dad, I think I'm going skiing this Saturday."

This bombshell produces several explosions of rebuttals:

"Oh, NO YOU'RE NOT!!"

"I'm not taking you at 5:15 a.m."

"You'll break something!"

For this reason, the serious person makes the announcement at least two weeks in advance. Finally, after one parent says, "If you wear thermal underwear, I guess you can go," the pre-skier then advances to step B.

Step B consists of suckering someone else, equally as bananas in personality, to go with you. Two fools are always better than one. "Oh, come on Prudence, you'll love it!"

Once this is accomplished, (and Prudence's parents buy her thermal underwear with printed flowers), you both make your bus deposits.

Now that the binding agreement has been sealed with your \$3, you both scurry to get ready for the Big Event by digging around for the necessary mittens, bulky sweater and waterproof jacket. Next, you run around the house and to the 7-11 store to prepare sustaining nourishment.

The final step before David is called consultation.

This consists of at least an hour on the phone with Prudence discussing and rehashing all aspects and fears about the trip. It also insures that the two of you will bring exactly the same provisions to avoid embarrassment.

Finally, after a sleepless night, you wake up at 4:00 a.m. to the sound of two alarm clocks going off at once. (At this point the skier-to-be has had 43 dreams about ski related accidents, and was just at the brink of falling asleep.)

After splashes of cold water, you climb into a ton

of clothes and drag your drowsy father from underneath his electric blanket. (This is the most challenging of all the steps involved.)

Suddenly, you find yourself chatting easily to Prudence while eating cream-filled twinkies. The darkness around the noisy rolling bus is slowly creeping away but your nervousness isn't. Both of you compensate for this by consuming enough food to satisfy the Green Bay Packers.

In minutes, the first time skiers are fumbling with their chair lift tickets, (sticky pieces of paper designed to adhere to a wire attached to the body), unfortunately, they seem to stick to everything BUT the wire. Then someone takes your boot size and throws you a pair of bricks that look like leftovers from a Frankenstein movie.

While in the process of buckling, Prudence remarks that even skiing will be easier than getting into the boots.

Once the boots are on, you and Prudence hobble, (like astronauts on the moon), over the window to take a peek at the slopes. You know something is wrong when she suddenly starts taking short breaths and begins to turn white.

"I'll never be able to do it," you say as you drag your skis and poles to the bottom of the mountain.

The problem is that you can't walk, you can't see to the top of the slope and you haven't got the faintest idea of how to put your skis on. Finally, instructions are given for about an hour. Fortunately, emphasis is centered on how to stop.

After seeing all the "pros" and the "hot-dogs," skiing gracefully down the slope, you and Prudence swallow hard, pray that you remember the snow plow method and hike to the middle of the slope.

Biting your lip, you concentrate on leaning forward, bending your knees and getting up again. After falling 20 times in the first five minutes you conclude that you are now a gold medal free-faller and urge Prudence further on up the hill.

"I don't know how I ever let you get me into this," she wheezes while climbing up the slope.

"Climbing up this thing seems to be the hardest part. Next time, let's take the rope tow," you suggest, hoping you won't regret it later.



By the time the two skiers make it down the hill, (in various positions), and stand in the line for the tow, their spur of the moment desire to try the rope is rapidly dwindling. Prudence steps into the ski trades and is jerked quickly upward. Her friend laughs, telling Prudence that she looks like she's walking a St. Bernard. However, she does not laugh when she is jerked. The reason for this is mostly because she lost her balance and is jerked face to face with the snow.

Lying in the reclining position, with her skis pointed in painful directions, she struggles to get up. Meanwhile, other skiers on the two rope proceed to run over her, since the fear of losing their balance exceeds their fear of injuring a snow-covered person. Finally, she manages to drag herself away from the rope's path. After positioning her skis so that she doesn't feel like her legs are being amputated, she lies there,

exhausted.

Suddenly, she feels a cold spray of snow in her face - it is Prudence, stopping with a sharp turn. "Wow, that was fantastic! I came all the way down Beginner's Slope and didn't fall once!"

"Wonderful," says her snow covered friend, "now, Help me up!" Just as she regains her balance and dignity a small boy zooms past, executing perfect turns at an incredible speed.

"Did you see that little boy?! He was so good and he couldn't have been more than seven years old," she exclaims.

"Don't make me jealous," says Prudence, "he's probably the owner's son."

Many falls and bruises later, on the bus, Prudence remarks, "It was really funny when you fell off the chair lift and the attendant caught you!"

"Yeah, really funny, it's the only way I can get a guy to hold me in his arms," her friends retorts. "Anyway, when's the next trip?"

Roman Holiday Responsible For Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day is a day of red and white hearts, candy, and love.

The day is derived from an ancient Roman feast, Lupercalia - "the lover's festival" - formerly celebrated on February 15. But in the year 496, the date was changed to February 14, St. Valentine's Day.

St. Valentine is a name

actually representing two saints that died on the same day. Little is known about either of these saints.

The custom of sending valentines has only an accidental connection with Saint Valentine, and originated from the Roman holiday. In some places, it is still tangled with old superstitions. In

Sicily, it is said that if a young woman gets up at sunrise on Valentine's Day and looks out her window, the first man to walk by is the one she will marry.

An English custom says that if a girl walks around a church 12 times at midnight and sings a certain chant, her true valentine will appear.

Boys Lack Unity

Although their press time record stands at 0-11, the boys' 14-man basketball squad, coached by Chuck McVaugh, they haven't yet given up hope.

The team's top scorers are seniors Steve Horgan and Anthony Cheseroni. According to McVaugh, the most promising player for next year's team include juniors Lou DiAmico, Ken Robinson, Steve Valenti and Dwayne Francis. Francis ended his basketball stardom early this season, due to a leg injury.

Most promising sophomores are Al LaSavage, Ron Wadman, Dave Gibson and John Fitzgerald. Remaining players include Clye Mathes, Kerwin Ash, Jim Kelley, Chris Bedwell, Ron Sanna, Jeff Bollinger and Steve Klapcaniak.

When asked why the team's record was so poor, McVaugh implied, "I think that 'they need to work together as a whole.'"

The 22 member squad started the season enthusiastically. But with the loss of eight players, four of which are starters, it took no time at all to shoot a hole in the team's ego.

When I asked McVaugh what his personal opinion was about the loss of the four, "holiday players," he stated, "It was the best thing for the team." McVaugh feels determination and discipline go hand in hand. "If you allow the team to get away with breaking the rules, you can't expect them to have any self-discipline."

Punk Rock Strives to Make It



The Weirdos pose after Hollywood engagement photo by: Time

by Linda McQueen

*I am an antichrist
I am an antichrist
Don't know what I want
But I know how to get it
I want to destroy*

Excerpt from "Anarchy in the U. K." — Sex Pistols

The press find them newsworthy, fashion designers credit them as a source for new styles, the British government bans them, parents say that they're corrupt, and the kids love them! Who or what is it? Punk rockers ... the major force of the "New Wave" music sweeping the world and making history in the music scene.

Punk has been the headlines during the past few weeks after Johnny Rotten and the Sex Pistols, (known as the pioneers of British punk).

were denied entry in the U.S. and four of their concerts were cancelled because of minor criminal records. They were recently banned on British TV, radio, most concert halls, and were fired by two record companies. After a slight detainment, the Sex Pistols made their American debut in Atlanta before a crowd of 500 people.

Although Atlanta made provisions for a rowdy crowd by removing all the seats so they wouldn't be torn up, their debut was considered tame compared to previous concerts. There wasn't any beer bottle throwing by Rotten and not as many four letter words were uttered.

"Punk looks right at you and says something," according to Willie "Loco"

Alexander of a Boston punk group. With most American groups, punk is mainly musical but with the British rockers, (the Weirdos, the Stranglers, The Dead Boys, and the Sex Pistols), it is a rebellion of the working class kids.

The lyrics reflect a mood of indifference - the way things are now isn't because of their generation. Oddly, they're not doing much to change the situation. The greatest danger regarding its popularity is what happens when they increase in popularity and start making millions? They won't be living up to what they're rebelling against when they are millionaires!

Four letter words and phrases like "God save the Queen, she ain't no

human being" are a natural in punk. The music is compared to primal 50's rock and most groups only play three chords in all of their songs. It's a complete reverse of the smooth styles of other British artists like Peter Frampton and Elton John.

Despite critics, there is a real music value behind it because it's just another extension of rock referred to as "New Wave". Some say Rotten is similar to Elvis Presley in regard that both were loved by the kids but strongly disapproved of by their parents. Remember how big Presley became? But it definitely is an important force in music.

Maybe the most important factor behind their increasing popularity is because "shock is chic." What could be more

shocking than safety pins attached to mouths, ears, and noses! It certainly isn't chic! Most rockers resemble something on Halloween night with elaborate make-up and heavy greased two-toned hair.

Says Elvis Costello, artist of the "New Wave" music, "Many of my songs involve revenge and guilt. I hate the Americans because they've got so much and do so little with it." He combines early rock tempos with contemporary lyrics as do most of the new artists.

Rock guitarist Steve Miller commented in Gig magazine, "I think after the Sex Pistols get out and start making music, they'll probably want to be in tune. If they keep playing, they'll learn six chords instead of three."

Yearbook Pushes for Deadline

by Debbie Alexander

like to see some of the yearbooks out in time, at least for seniors.

The yearbook staff for 1977 and 1978 is pushing hard to have the yearbook out in time. But many problems arose to keep them from getting it out on due time.

Pictures seem to be a major problem. Their delivery of negatives is poor and so is the absence of paper for pictures to be printed on. No color photographs are promised for this yearbook.

Bad weather wasn't exactly on their side, causing the process for the yearbook to slow down.

We can look forward to such things in the yearbook as; more copy, a different layout, more autograph space, and larger photographs.

Mr. Owen, teacher of the yearbook class, admits that the yearbook will be coming out late, possibly July or maybe even August. He would

When asked how the staff felt about the yearbook coming out late, one answered, "It's a shame," while another one stated, "There's really nothing that can be done about it."

If the yearbook isn't out in time, the staff will make an announcement saying so.

The theme for the '78 yearbook will be more realistic and it will look at conditions as they are. No phony or made up title here.

This year is the first time the staff has two different yearbook classes. Co-editor senior Donna Grier, who has been on the staff for two years, stated, "I think that with two classes there's a confusion of what's been done and what hasn't." A lot of the staff feels the same way too. They all think that they would get more done if it were one

class, and most are new people and don't know how to do things.

The other co-editor, senior Mary Fagan, who's been on the staff for two years, suggests that the theme be done before the school year starts. She feels maybe that would help to have yearbooks out on time. It takes a full year to get the book assembled.

The staff thinks they have put out great effort on the book. But when I asked Mr. Owen if they ever worked hard, he bluntly answered "Never" jokingly. He went on to say he thought the staff has fun, no matter how hard they work.

Dave Humphries, head photographer on the staff for two years, says that taking photographs "Gets boring after awhile."

What ever comes up, late or on time, the staff feels that everyone will get their money's worth and that this yearbook will be a very good one.

The Best/Worst of 1977

A poll was taken at Conrad of the five best and worst movies and the following are the results:

1. "The Goodbye Girl"
"It's a funny love story, and it was a change from what we've been seeing."
Ann Marie Maule
2. "Star Wars"
"It's a fun family experience."
Harry Davies
3. "Rocky"
"A movie of true idealism, and being filmed in Philadelphia I could really deal with it."
Earl J. Smith
4. "Saturday Night Fever"
"If you like disco, see it!"
Lori Walker
5. "Black Sunday"
"I liked the way the movie built up to the climax."
Brian Lamborn

1. "Looking For Mr. Goodbar"
"It was very poorly written, and the scenes were repetitious and boring."
Pat Soligo.
2. "Smokey and the Bandit"
"It just didn't hold my attention."
Nancy Evans
3. "Black Sunday"
"Robert Shaw has changed his hair color again."
Gerry Dougherty
4. "Annie Hall"
"It was too confusing because of the flashbacks."
Maryann Callahan
5. "The Heretic"
"It wasn't anything like the "Exorcist."
Donna Hedrick

High Inergy is Turnin' On

by Pat Soligo

What group of ladies hit the charts not more than three weeks ago and are already becoming one of the most popular singing, soulful, foursome ever. They are High Inergy and their first album Turnin On, is doing just that, turning on every rhythmic ear.

These black sisters are the best to hit the pompous public in a long time. Their soulfully seductive sound is very unique.

The girls have already made numerous T.V. and radio sets, not to mention the bash they create when they fill a room with such a fresh, clear sound. Live audiences in New York, Boston, L.A. and Canada have packed the jam halls to the max just to "Turn On" to w h these four south beauties.

Energy is what they produce and it comes from the man up stairs. And being reared on corn

bread, Georgia, and the church didn't hurt any either.

The mountain came to Mohammed in this case of discovery. An agent from Motown caught the Inergy sound at a small local gathering. She set up a recording session, an album was cut and now a hit single, "You can't Turn Me Off" is one of the top ten on the national charts. Talk about over night stardom.

Wrestlers Aim For States

by Gary Peacock

Under the coaching of science teacher, Lester Maurer, seniors Mark Lobley and Gabe Dominelli have achieved tremendous success wrestling for Conrad.

Both of them jumped from the Krebs wrestling team to Conrad's varsity wrestling team which became "Flight A" cham-

pions in 1976.

Lobley, as a sophomore, went undefeated and became the 98-pound champion of that year. He pinned two of his opponents and won with huge leads in many more.

Having to move up a weight class in his junior year, he still was undefeated until the semi-finals of state com-

petition. The 105-pound wrestler from Conrad had to wrestle up a class and lost to the state champion of the previous year, from Sussex Central.

Wrestling at 112 pounds, he is again undefeated so far this year. He registered two pins out of eight matches that took place in the first half of the season, one against Concord in a matter of seconds and the other pin in response to a black eye he received from Newark's Danny Blackwell during the match.

Dominelli, in his sophomore year, compiled a personal record of 7-3-1. He achieved it in the 112-pound weight class.

He became more knowledgeable in wrestling techniques as a junior, and achieved an undefeated record in the Blue Hen Conference. Although he tied with a



Dominelli pushes for title -

wrestler from Brandywine and lost a non-conference match to Sallies, he was still picked to be the 126 pound Blue Hen Conference champion. As he was winning a match in the county tournament his ankle was injured and he couldn't participate any farther in competition that year.

Moving up to the 134-pound weight class this season, he has won all but one match so far, losing

to Mike Hamm from Delcastle in a controversial decision. He has achieved two pins out of the first eight matches.

This year Maurer thinks that Dominelli will get most of his competition from Hamm in achieving the state championship. When asked if Lobley would win the states, Maurer replied, "Yes, barring injuries or sickness, I don't think anyone can touch him."



Lobley prepares for victory

Speaking of Sports...

Baseball Begins

"All positions are wide open. We lost 14 lettermen last year," commented Baseball coach Harry Davies.

Under the instruction of Davies and Pete Ferrario, the baseball team will start the season with practice for pitchers and catchers beginning March 1. Infielders are slated for practice March 6, followed by the start of outfielders no later than March 13.

In his nine years of coaching experience, Davies has led the Conrad sluggers to five championships. When asked how he felt about the 1978 team's possibilities, he replied, "I'm looking forward to the challenge because I've never been in the situation before when I've had a totally inexperienced team."

Super Bowl

The winter months are the worst months to the television sports fans, and this year television sports are especially bad.

From the middle of January until the begin-

ning of April, the three major networks' sports coverages are lacking. This is the period of time where the only sports that one can see are the novelty events like the Challenge of the Sexes and The Superstars.

This period starts after the Super Bowl and ends with the start of the NBA and NHL playoffs. Because the Super Bowl was the last major sporting event covered by television, it is the event that is remembered most by every sports fan. But in most cases the Super Bowl has been an event where the team that won

built upon an early lead and then they controlled the game by wasting time while on offense.

This is a fact because only three of the twelve Super Bowls have had a margin of victory under nine points; and only two of these games had the game decided in the fourth quarter.

For these reasons, the Super Bowl is the most boring sporting event on television. This year's Super Bowl was so boring that many people including junior Pat Horgan turned on Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory.

The Super Bowl is played up by the press as the "greatest American sporting event" as it was described by Walter Cronkite before the game started, but every year it seems that the game gets

worse to watch, unless of course you favorite team is winning, then the Super Bowl is fun to watch.

There isn't much the NFL can do to make the game more exciting, but maybe the networks should make the Super Bowl out to be just another game.

by Rich Gregson

Girls Need Support

Do you need a stricter coach for a Sure Shot? According to Carolyn Littel, Ms. Albaugh is doing an outstanding job of coaching. Who really knows what's happening to Conrad's records and who's showing they care at all?

Well, a team that works like the girl's basketball team, deserves a lot of credit. But who ever gives it to them? Do You? Well ----- Dina, Dianne, Leigh, Donna, Lynda, Carolyn, Debbie, Betsy, Brenda, Lynne, Annette, Michele and Jeannie all do.

You're doing us all a favor by representing us and if you lose who will ever know? We never heard enough about the team anyway. So, I guess it's not the coaches that are to blame anymore, and it seems that the girls are trying hard, so maybe it's us!

Put yourself to a little test. Do you know the players last names?

by Nanci DiVirgilio

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Redskin Squaws Troop to the Hoop

For many of us the school day ends at 2:58, but one group of girls shed their school clothes and don warm-up suits for two hours of running, suicides, foul shooting, lay ups, passing drills and scrimmaging.

They are the girl's basketball team, with current records of 2-9 and 7-3 respectively.

The starting line-up includes seniors Dina LaFazia, Michelle Moore, Dianne Morrison, Leigh Wilson and junior Carolyn Littel, with juniors Donna Hedrick, Doris Korzeniwsy and Lynda Woodward providing the bench strength.

Coach Sandy Albaugh comments about the team, saying, "At the beginning of the season we were lacking in varsity experience, with only

Dianne Morrison and Michelle Moore returning with a lot of varsity playing time from the last year."

Albaugh continued, "I feel the first part of the season was spent with the girls learning to play as a team and recognizing our strong points."

In the past three weeks the team has played a much improved game, while picking up their first two wins against DelCastle and McKean. Leigh Wilson has been a great asset to the team, leading in scoring and rebounding."

Height seems to be a problem this year. Albaugh comments, "Compared to a lot of the teams we were lacking height."

Oil (continued from page 1)

was successful in getting the cap off, and pumped 6,000 gallons of oil into the pipe, producing a "big mess on the boiler room and cafeteria floor," according to Superintendent, Leon B. Elder. The oil was pumped into the sewer drain pipe.

J and J Spill Service was called on the job and had it pretty well cleaned up by 12:50 Monday afternoon, making it possible for the students to return to school the following day.

The incident was the third time that Conrad has had trouble with Kirchner's, the other time

"The spirit we get is good, even at away games we always have someone there to root us on," mentioned Littel. However, J.V. player, junior Brenda Klinger, disagrees with Littel, stating, "The night games seem to cut the crowd down." But, she added, Lynda Woodward's mom seems to make it to home or away games."

Junior varsity coach, Lisa Katurakes feels the team has potential, determination, and perseverance, and that their chances for next year are good. She thinks the squad needs to improve on teamwork and to build their confidence. She added, "Everybody on the team stands out in their own way."

was due to the fact that we had no oil. The first time we remained in school to attend classes, the second time we didn't come to school at all.

"The reason we have this oil company is because the District has to accept the lowest bidder, unless there is justifiable reason to reject them. We can't break our contract because we have agreed to a year," explained Vice Principal Louis J. Ott. When asked what the place looked like, he answered with a smile, "I didn't look; I didn't want my shoes full of oil."



Dina LaFazia breaks away for two points -

Photo credit: Kathy Tobin

It All Adds Up

Can you solve this problem?
Time: 5 minutes

A man has 4 nickels and 5 dimes. If he randomly selects two of these coins, find the probability that their sum will be more than 10 cents.

If you can, maybe you should be a member of the Delaware Interscholastic Math League.

"I think they enjoy the meets and the people. Anyone interested is welcome to inquire," commented Dr. Isabel Miller. Math teams from different schools compete against each other, in a series of five meets. Each meet is scheduled to take place on the first Monday of the month, but some have been postponed due to in-

clement weather.

At the meets, a team consists of five people, who get six, five point questions and three to six minutes to figure out each one. All teams get the same questions. There is also a relay that lasts ten minutes, in which an equation is given to the first member, his answer is used in the second member's equation and so on down the line until the final answer.

"It's fun and different to compete scholastically. We play to get something out of it not just to win," stated senior Carla Calfo.

The team members are as follows: seniors; Carla Calfo, Jeff Downes, Joe Sawicki, juniors; John Maurer, Robin Hunington, Billy Jack, Lynda Woodward, sophomores David Riehm, and Mark Maurer.

Sports Program Weakens

In the past years, the sports program at Conrad has always had good participation. Well, things have changed this year.

Our boys' sports program has suffered badly because there just isn't anyone signing up for the teams. Football Coach Frank McDermott feels that, "the boys just don't want to work, and they don't want the discipline that goes along with sports."

"The basketball team has had a rebuilding year," remarked Basketball Coach Chuck McVaugh. They didn't get many returning players on the squad, and not many other Conradians came out for the team. All of these things have had their effect on the basketball team.

Wrestling Coach Lester Maurer commented, "You can't expect to win when you don't have anyone to put on the mats." The wrestling team, a three time conference winner, just doesn't have enough Conradians in the right weight classes to wrestle.

Maurer added, "There is a tremendous lack of support from the faculty as well as the student body."

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False Rumors Spread About School Closing

News - in - Brief

Within the next few weeks, practices for Conrad's spring sports will be underway in preparation for the seasons starting — April 4: tennis (boy's and girls) baseball and softball; —April 5: track (boys and girls); —April 10: golf.

Most of the coaches will be returning from last year with the exception of two new coaches: Richardson Park math teacher, Bud Downey, softball coach and Randy Nowell, assistant girls track coach.

"The average scores of the 97 students who took the SAT exams were 420 in Verbal and 430 in Math," Guidance Head, Paul Capodanno reveals.

Capodanno, a veteran of 13 years in the Guidance Department, claims, "Scores are slightly lower now than in previous years. I don't think the degree of difficulty is any different from before; the students don't seem to be as serious now or as well-prepared for their tests as they did in the past."

If you're interested in obtaining a scholarship, maybe you should see Mrs. Terranova, in the guidance office, during one of your study halls or between classes.

Each day more scholarship information arrives, and some are announced on the loud speaker but it is impossible to name them all.

Be sure to listen to the morning announcements to hear what is available or go find out for yourself from Terranova.

Prepare for June

Rumors, Rumors, Rumors If you have heard that we will be getting out early at the end of the school, because of desegregation forget it. This has been confirmed by both Mr. Smith and Mr. Elder to be only a rumor.

In recent years Conrad's student enrollment has dropped considerably. We now only have 1,035 students, 354 of them being sophomores. There are 341 seniors and only 340 juniors.

Allen Returns

Mrs. Marie Allen, who missed the first semester of this year, due to the birth of her summer son, returned to C.H.S. last Monday. Congratulations and welcome back from the Smoke Signal staff.

The price of the dues for three years is \$6 - \$1 for sophomore \$2 for junior, and \$3 for the senior year. Class president Leigh Wilson sums it up, "If we get all the dues we'll have enough money for the Prom."

A band still has to be found, there have been suggestions, but the cooperation of them hasn't been good. If you know a band that is available for that night, contact one of the senior class officers.

"They're a very hard working and self-reliant class, the officers are very

effective and conscientious in getting things done, they sometimes go beyond and above the call of duty," stated class advisor Doris Terranova. Ed Malin, the other class advisor predicts, "It will be the biggest and best prom ever!"

But as usual, there are dues still to be paid, and they will be taken until the deadline, March 20th. "We will probably still take dues after the deadline, but if we could get them before it, it will

be better," stated class Secretary, Linda Pitrizzi.

What are you planning to do the evening of June 2nd? If you're a senior, make plans to go to your senior prom.

Yes friends, it's that time again, this year's festival will be held at Brandywine Terrace, with dinner beginning at 7:00 and dancing from 8 to 12 midnight. Arrangements for an after prom party are underway, scheduling it from 1 to 4, the place still undecided.

Morgan Upset

It looks like Conrad's Sock-n-Buskin Club may not be participating in this year's Delaware Play Festival according to Mr. Donald F. Morgan, club advisor. Morgan said that, up to this point, the district has refused to pay for a substitute for his classes and for transportation to the Festival.

Morgan says that he will be looking into the program again through the main office and will let the school know of any changes.

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