

Janitor Replaces Principal Smith

by Sue Regan

Effective April 15, Yosuko "Marty" Conner, Conrad's shortest janitor, will replace Earl J. Smith in the position of principal. The decision was handed down from the school board after Smith turned in his letter of resignation.

"She has an excellent background and I'm still wondering how she was hired for a custodian. I think she'll do a fine job," Smith said of his successor.

Hailing from Japan, Conner is a gold medal gymnast from the 1960 Olympics. After touring the world with her troupe, she retired from professional gymnastics to write a novel. Her book "How to Dig to Japan, not China, in Three Easy Steps" received the Pulitzer Prize in literature for 1962. She lectured in

prominent universities throughout Japan, earning her Masters in gourmet cooking as she went.

In June of 1964, Conner hit the jackpot in the Tokyo Lottery, winning an all expense paid trip to Marcus Hook. Once she arrived in Delaware, she immediately fell in love with the area. "The climate is excellent here and I can find superb Lichi nuts for my dishes," exclaimed the future principal.

She searched for a job, and using her excellent credentials, landed a job here as a janitor. She insists that her favorite pastime is to cook Japanese meals in her broom closet and "send them anonymously to Mr. Henderson (Hinderscheetz)."

When she's not

sweeping up cigarette butts in room 122, Conner works on her memoirs, "My Questionable Years at Conrad High School", in collaboration with Frank Bonasso.

When asked what changes she would make in the school system, Conner answered "There would be no more detentions. Anyone who breaks rules will listen to Ed Malin lecture on Quantitative Analysis in Lizard Lungs. Smoking will be allowed except where there's a sign. There will be confiscation of all Randy Newman albums and most important a higher chair in my office."

The Smoke Signal staff would like to wish "Marty" Conner good luck in her future endeavors.



Principal Conner relaxes in new office (Photo by: Kathy Tobin)

Ford to speak

by Rich Gregson

Conrad High School has had many a distinguished speaker at the graduation ceremonies held each June; but the graduating class of 1978 will have an extra special speaker. Ex-President Gerald R. Ford will honor them with one of his orations.

Ford, who is planning to run for re-election in 1980, hopes to use this speaking engagement to get his campaign started. He is going to high schools all across America with the idea of getting young voters to register as Republicans. Then they can, as members of the party, help get him the Republican nomination.

"I am starting with Conrad because I have been told that it is a good representative of Delaware, which is the best state of the 50 for politicians to find out how the nation feels. I think that I have a good chance of being elected, and Delawareans are going to be the first people to support me in my campaign," stated Ford during a telephone interview from his ski lodge in Vail, Colorado.

Principal Earl J. Smith commented about Ford coming, "I'm glad that our students have the chance to hear such a famous speaker. It will be an event that they will remember for the rest of their lives."

Ford is planning to start at Conrad and visit as many high schools and colleges over the next two years in hopes of getting enough support to be elected again. He is plan-

ning about four other graduation ceremonies in Delaware, including the one at the University of Delaware, before he goes on to Pennsylvania, Maryland and the rest of the nation.



Ford has a better idea. (Photo by U.S. World and News Report)

Supplemental Leon B. Elder said, "The district is happy that he has chosen us as the first stop on his speaking tour, since we believe that he is the best President ever to occupy the Oval Office."

Ford's campaign staff also is considering the idea of having him attend class at Conrad for two days before his speaking engagement, but this is only an idea.

As of press time, the details of the ceremonies weren't completed, but Juniors Steve Valenti and Leslie Gray have been picked as student representatives to show Ford around Wilmington and the school. Junior Dave Derrick, has been selected to assist Ford in the distribution of diplomas.

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by Gary Peacock

In an attempt to have equal education, Delaware is desegregating New Castle County schools. The schools are going to be changed to achieve an 90 percent white and 20 percent black student balance.

Under the plan, whites will be bused for three years and the black students for nine. By April 15 the New Castle County Planning Board of Education hopes to assign students to schools for next year.

The planning board will try to keep the number of students affected to a minimum. Principal Earl J. Smith commented,

"The schools expect to keep the class curriculum as close to what it is this year as possible."

Dr. Carroll Biggs, superintendent of the proposed New Castle County school district, wants the schools to hold classes to inform and prepare students for desegregation in upcoming weeks.

All schools in the New Castle County have been asked to take senior portraits for next year in the same style clothing. This would lessen difficulties of future yearbook staffs so that no one in an upcoming yearbook would have conflicting attire.

If desired, any student that attends a different

high school next year will either receive a new high school ring or alterations will be made to their present ring.

The one-district plan, which includes Wilmington and 10 suburban high schools, will be used. The plan calls for tax changes in the different school areas. Conrad area residents, who are now taxed \$1.04 for every \$100 in assessed property value, will have their taxes increased to \$1.97 for every \$100 in assessed value. Wilmington High area residents, who now pay \$2.94 for every \$100 in assessed value, will have their taxes decreased to \$1.97.

This tax increase could keep Conrad out of financial difficulties that have occurred in the last few years.

The planning board proposed a plan for four separate districts with different tax rates. U.S. District Judge Murray M. Swartz ordered the state to stop working on the plan, thinking that if the four-district and the single-district plans were to continue simultaneously, it would result in chaos.

By May 1, the New Castle County Planning Board will notify teachers and administrators as to who will be rehired and to what school they will be assigned. The board intends to keep most of the administrators employed next year. All teachers will not be rehired due to the natural decline in enrollment and the shifting around and closing of certain high schools.

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Redskins fight a losing battle. See page 4. (Photo by: Kathy Tobin)

Editor, student speak on assembly policy

According to the student body, Conrad's assemblies aren't considered one of our positive features. Granted, sometimes the programs don't appeal to everyone's taste; but then again, how can you please 1,000 different individuals?

Take, for example, our last assembly featuring the Andrews Air Force Band. Maybe if the conductor would've left his bossy sarcasm and jokes back at the base instead of chewing the student body out for a few rowdies, things might have gone a lot smoother. Sure, trying to perform before an unattentive audience is hard, but he surely didn't make things any better.

It's a shame for the people that are interested but are distracted or embarrassed by the few trouble makers. Many times it's those few who are the ones that leave the bad impression about Conrad. If that minority feels that the assemblies are bad, why don't they just skip out?

Carilli's Critique

Film Rates Highly

After a nearly fatal skiing accident, Jill Kinmont finishes school and begins teaching Indian children on a California reservation. The movie, "The Other Side of the Mountain, Part 2" picks up on this part of her life, focusing on Kinmont's summer vacation in Bishop with her mother, especially her relationship with truck driver John Boothe. Will tragedy strike her life again as it

It's not that hard to find a place to stay for 55 minutes while the assembly is going on.

Ironically enough though, it seems that for all the complaints that you hear about, no one has complained about getting out of a class or two! The administrators or teachers that plan them are really trying their best.

They are the ones responsible to see that the students get exposed to many different and cultural experiences

If anyone has suggestions, they could approach Mr. Smith or any other administrator about setting up some kind of program. But rowdies at the next assembly should remember that the program could be doing them a favor, if not by teaching them something, maybe by saving them an Algebra or Chemistry test!

by Linda McQueen

did in the past, or will she live happily ever after? See the movie to find out!



The film was moving and enjoyable. With Marilyn Hasset, who

Dear Editor,

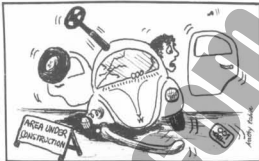
In my opinion, the assemblies for 1977-78 school year were not as well planned as they should have been. When I say planned, I mean they didn't capture the students' interest. For instance, the jazz band: I didn't think anyone really enjoyed it except for the teachers. It just wasn't the type of thing that appeals to a group of high school students, so the lack of attention on the part of the audience was understandable.

On the other hand, the assembly on careers was well presented. It captured the students' interest quickly and held it for the entire assembly.

Everyone can remember being praised for their good conduct, but the speaker should be praised as well. When the speaker shows enthusiasm for his topic, the students in turn understand and become more involved.

So, in the future, if the school expects an assembly to be a success, they must first put themselves in the students' place.

started in Part 1. Timothy Bottoms, Gretchen Corbet and Belinda Montgomery, the acting was excellent. The final scene, a confrontation between the two, was the most moving, with an outstanding job by Bottoms, who showed his emotions beautifully. If you saw Part 1, you should definitely see this outstanding movie, if you didn't see it, the flashbacks and dialogue will fill you in on the plot.



It is hard enough to be on time for school since we have to get up so early, but now that the intersection at General Motors (Boxwood and Centerville Roads) has been re-routed, it's virtually impossible to pass through it in less than five or ten minutes!

Due to the construction of 141 and 195, new signals and re-routing had to be done temporarily, causing more problems than before. The motorists must now wait for two lights instead of one, and they don't even seem to be set right. If you do manage to make it through there in less than five minutes, then you deserve the Purple Heart or Red Badge of Patriotism.

If that wasn't bad enough, there's also the trains to contend with and the huge potholes to watch out for. Okay, I'll admit - they did patch up most of those craters, but if you ask me, I think they're partners with body

alignments. After driving through the "Centerville obstacle course" every day, your car is definitely in need of mechanical work.

It just so happens that at the most crucial point of everyone's day, 2:59 p.m., (the end of school), General Motors is in the middle of changing shifts and the whole place is a total mess! (And they say that the Los Angeles Freeway is bumper to bumper?) If you feel like being nice and letting "one little old car cut in front of you, you may never see the end." Just when you finally edge your car up to the railroad tracks, two little lights flash on and the arm swings down on your roof.

Well, by this time you're a nervous wreck, your gas tank is on E, and the sun is starting to set in the west. As the caboose of the train crosses the road, it's the signal to tell you that you finally might be on your way home, unless

by Linda McQueen

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Carter Rips Off

Delawareans

Presidents of the United States should care about all 50 states, but for some reason, they try to avoid coming to Delaware.

When President Carter came to Wilmington, Feb. 20, he was the first President to walk on Delaware's soil since President Johnson in 1955. To make things even worse, he was only here for one hour and thirty-five minutes, and only about 870 Delawareans had the chance to see him.

Carter made his appearance on behalf of Senator Joseph Biden, who is running for reelection, because Biden was the first U.S. Senator to support Carter in his attempt for the presidency. He might not have come to our "great state" if he hadn't owed Biden the favor - and if Biden hadn't tried to cash in on the favor now.

The visit cost more people than the ones who saw Carter at Padua or the Hotel du Pont; in fact, it

cost every taxpayer that sends a check to the Federal Government. They had to foot the bills for every bit of preparation done by federal officials.

This included three trips here from Washington, by three or four dozen members of the White House Staff. Also, the helicopter pilot flew to Washington before Carter's trip to check out the landing field. Other expenses were: 14 cars driven from Washington for the visit; 22 rooms at the Hotel for

18 electronic experts for over a week; and the phone company put in about 100 new telephone lines for Carter's visit.

It is bad enough that the President of the U.S. doesn't come to Delaware without having to be forced; but what is even more upsetting is the fact that taxpayers pay the expenses of the trip. What is even more distressing is that Biden and the Delaware Democratic Party are receiving money that came from the taxpayers.

Carter or the sponsor of his trip should pay for these expenses. He was in Delaware on a campaign trip for Biden, and maybe even for himself, not on official Federal Government business.

When Carter, or any other Government employee, goes on a trip that doesn't deal with official Government business, he should pay for the trip. This should include all expenses, especially the use of government transportation.

by Rich Gregson

Kline expresses dissatisfaction

by Kathu Kline

Dissatisfaction causes a desire to initiate a change. Dissatisfaction at Conrad on the part of both students and several faculty members and myself caused me to make a change in the library last year. Continued problems have caused me to try to make a change again. Conrad's library is presently open to study hall students every day, every period, except for a few minor exceptions. This has made the library into the location of an "extra" study hall.

I contacted four schools in New Castle County: Salesianum, DeLaWarr High School, Alexis I. duPont High School and Wilmington High School and requested their librarians to send information about the rules used to run the libraries in each school. I received replies from all but Wilmington High School. The results are definitely good for thought.

Alexis I. duPont has two resource centers. The 9th

and 10th grade students have scheduled study halls. The students report to study hall first and then request a pass to the library to work. Students in the 11th and 12th grades are on a mod system and, therefore, there is no basis to compare their system to Conrad's library.

Salesianum students have no scheduled study halls. They each have an unscheduled "open time" when each student may choose one of three areas in which to spend his time: library, talk study, or go to the student center. The library is for individual research and quiet study; the talk study is for the purpose of group study; the student center

is an area of relaxation. The students must check into one of these areas and remain there the entire period. If a student has lost this privilege for academic or disciplinary reasons, he must spend his unscheduled period in the quiet study hall where there is a proctor who can help him with his schoolwork.

DeLaWarr High School has no study halls. Each student either has a full schedule or has "early release," consequently, any student in the library is either from a class or with a scheduled class. Classes are scheduled into the library much the same as at Conrad and teachers may send up to five students from class each period. The librarian at DeLaWarr remains after school one hour Monday through Thursday, voluntarily, to allow students general research time.

I've discussed the three situations with several students, and the following suggestions have been made on the basis of the discussions.

We have tried to suggest changes that would take the least amount of work and confusion and cause no additional discipline problems.

1. Set up a relaxation conversation study hall with a maximum of 30 students permitted. This would alleviate the problem of some teachers allowing students to talk in study hall and others not allowing any conversation at all. The students would be counted as they entered and asked to sign in - similar to the way students sign into the library now. Students could report to study hall, the library, or quiet conversation area.



Junior Lynette Cubeta's David Bowie seems enthralled by Senior Debbie DiBiasi's old man. (Photos by: Linda McQueen)

Redskin Artists Display Works

by Kathu Tobin

Thousands of brush strokes, pencil lines, erasures and colors, created by young artists, have joined together to form the first Delaware Allstate High School Arts Exhibition.

Works representing Conrad were done by juniors Lynette Cubeta and Carol Lessin, seniors Debbie DiBiasi, John Kempeki, Jim McCullom, Jake Stoner and Kathy Taber.

The Redskin exhibit includes 12 pieces done wondrously in pencil, water-

color, acrylic and pastel. Styles range from Cubeta's photograph-like portraits in pencil to McCullom's eerie night scene in acrylics.

Twenty-two other schools are exhibiting media such as photography, silkscreen, batik, etchings, collage, sculpture, paper design and various new experimental art techniques.

Art teacher Sandy Albaugh commented, "Of course, my opinion is biased, but after viewing the entire show, I

definitely felt that Conrad's exhibit was one of the best."

The show is being sponsored by the cultural affairs office in the U. Of D. Division of Continuing Education. Until April 8, the exhibition is being held in Clayton Hall, (next to Christiana Towers), on the university's north campus in Newark. Clayton Hall is open 8 a.m. - 9 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays and 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Fridays. Admission is free to the public.

Concert Corner

At the Tower:

Tue., April 7: TUBES
(\$5.50 - \$6.50 - \$7.50)

Sat. and Sun., April 11 and 12: RENAISSANCE.
(\$6. - \$7. - \$8.)

Tues., April 14: CONWAY TWITTY and LORETTA LYNN. (\$5.50 - \$6.50 - \$7.50)

Wed., April 15: STANLEY CLARKE'S SCHOOLDAYS

Thurs., April 16: MEATLOAF with special guest WET WILLIE. (\$4.50 - \$5.50 - \$6.50)

Tues., April 21: LOU REED. (\$5 - \$6 - \$7)

Wed., April 22: OUTLAWS. (\$5. - \$6 - \$7.)

At the Spectrum:

Tues. and Wed., April 28 and 29: DAVID BOWIE. (\$6.50 - \$7.50 - \$8.50)

At the Academy of Music:

Sun., April 19: CHUCK MANGEONE. (\$6.50 - \$7.50 - \$8.50)

Thurs., April 23: ART GARFUNKLE. (\$6.50 - \$7.50 - \$8.50)

CONRAD CAPERS

One day in Physics Mr. Patterson put the symbol "KW" on the board, and asked what it meant. The students answered "Kilowatt". One of his fellow classmates apparently not listening said, "Kill a what?"

One day while sitting at our lunch table, one of the girls was doing her shor-

thand when a boy from another table asked, "Do you want some help?" She didn't understand what he meant, so he asked again, "Do you want to be saved?" She immediately replied, "No, I just want to do my shor-

thand!"

presented him with a cake and a spur of the moment party in 5th period English. Mrs. Geaghan decided what he really no surprise to his birthday celebration and 'did so' with a kiss.

When the class found out that the Smoke Signal photographers missed the action, they pleaded with Geaghan to do a retake.

Placing her hand over her heart and fluttering her eyelashes she exclaimed, "Oh, heavens, NO! That just might be too much for me!"

The kids in the Preschool trailer are supposed to call each of the workers Miss and then her first name. When we were



Conrad's Last Stand





"I have really enjoyed my participation in the Conrad Choir these past three years."

Robin Fiske,
President

(Photo by: Patil Carillo)

Choir Hits High Note

by Sue Regan

Every morning, under the guidance of history teacher Mary Ellen Collins, 19 Conradians assemble in room 134 and start their day with a song.

The choir meets during first period to discuss fund raising, plan programs, and to do some whole hearted singing.

A production for elementary students in the district, entitled "The Legend of the Twelve Moons," is presently occupying the songsters occupied.

"The choir and All-State definitely helped me decide to go into music as a career," commented senior Debbie Hansell. Members Paul McKnight

and Hansell successfully auditioned for the Delaware All-State Chorus.

Auditioning took place in Dover and involved singing a solo, a quartet and sight singing without musical accompaniment. Winning contestants from the state then gathered for three days at Delcote Technical High School to prepare for a concert.

Senior Robin Fiske, who attended the All-State conferences the past two years, was unable to audition because she was preparing for a performance in "The Sound of Music" at the Playhouse.

Presently on the agenda is a paper and can drive

to raise money for a possible trip this spring. If anyone would like to donate, please contact a chair officer to arrange for a pick-up. Car washes are also scheduled on the arrival of warmer weather.

Members of the choir include seniors Fiske (president); Mary Boulden (vice-president); Hansell (treasurer);

Linda Creamer, and Lucas Randow. Juniors are Ray Dycio, McKnight, Dawn Macdonald, Dianka Walker (secretary); Bill Cousins, Brenda Jones, Shirley Green, Gloria Connors and Terry Lowther. Sophomores Lynn Russell, Michaeline Kloster, Hope Carroll, Anna Berryman and Dawn Swain conclude the list.

Feathered Friends Find New Roost

by Linda McQueen

"I'd like to see as many interested 'watchers' sign up as possible. It's a great way to learn about life and the various habits of nature," explained English teacher, John Naughton.

Beginning April 5, Naughton will be directing a new club entitled "POFF" - (Protect Our Feathered Friends), which will study about birds and their problems. He explains, "Basically, we might be referred to as 'bird watchers,' but actually we will be doing more. We hope to protect various endangered species by alerting the public."

According to Naughton, the idea actually developed from kids coming up to him and showing an interest in his ideas. At first he was very skeptical as to whether or not there would be enough response to the club, but he has confirmed a list of 30 interested students. If all

goes as expected, Conrad may offer it as a permanent club or special credit course next year.

Junior Danielle Nicoletti commented, "I think this will be an excellent program for the school, especially for those pursuing a veterinary or farming career. There aren't many schools that offer this kind of service to their students. In fact, Conrad is the first school in the county to begin a program like this - but there are rumors that several others are adding this to their curriculum."

As far as money-making projects, Naughton feels that the treasury will need "some money but not as much as other clubs in the school." He plans to make it entirely self-supporting and have a few car washes and bake sales during April and May. The WCCF (Wilmington Chapter of Feathered Friends) has donated \$100 and, according to president Dr. con't on p. 10

New Pot Substitute "High" on Swally

by Sue Plinder

A newly discovered hallucinogenic drug has recently gained a bit of recognition when it was introduced in Delaware last January.

The drug, called Swally, was discovered and first used by Marvin Magilla, of Newark, Delaware, in December 1977. That past fall, Magilla had been camping in Shenandoah National Park, Virginia, and had discovered a group of strange-looking plants. They stood two feet high with dark blue drooping leaves and clusters of tiny pink blossoms.

Magilla decided to pitch his tents near the plants, and invite his partner to gather some kindling for a fire. The friend, identified only as Smith, proceeded to cut some of the plants and start a fire, while Magilla went to get some water from a nearby stream.

"When I got back," Magilla explained, "Smith was really acting strangely. His eyes were

all red and puffy, and he started laughing hysterically when he saw me. I finally realized it was the stuff in the fire. I managed to dump the bucket of water on the fire, before I started feeling pretty good myself."

Early in February, Magilla sold all of his plants and seeds to a group of people in Wilmington, whose names he refused to disclose. This private group experimented with the drug and came up with the name Swally. Magilla commented, "I don't know why they picked Swally." I called it Basilisk."

Swally is expected to go on sale in the school store. Joe Froelich, the store administrator, reported, "The big shipment that I ordered should be coming in; the end of April. I'll be charging \$1.25 an ounce. We'll see how student response is. We may lower the price later."

Conrad's administration

has already approved it. Assistant Principal J. Duane Morningred stated, "It'll only give the kids a harmless high, and it's not illegal."

Sophomore Peggy Radel said "There's really nothing wrong with Swally. You can smoke it. con't on p. 10

Roachinski Receives Award

Last week, Conrad Senior Erma Jean Roachinski, 22, was presented with the Nobel Science Award for her distinguished work in entomological nutrition.

"It all began when I was a small child and the other kids called me 'Roach,' Roachinski explained. "I soon began to take an interest in the insect world. Little did I know that bugs would lead me to fame."

Her work started when she was 11, and her father gave her an ant farm. Soon she began collecting various insects from different areas. Then, when she came to Conrad, Roachinski



Roachinski explains insect structure. (Photo by: Kathy Tobin)

enrolled in independent entomology study with Biology Instructor Ed Malin. "At that time, I was also very interested in home economics and nutrition. It was only after studying with Mr. Malin that I began to discover the value that insects could have in the human diet," Roachinski stated.

She began to experiment with concoctions containing various insects. After perfecting her recipes, she contacted Julia Child and the Galloping Gourmet in order to have her ideas tested. Roachinski also consulted with many noted entomologists and dieticians about her

revolutionary ideas. Then she became a bugtarian-eating nothing but insects. "Their nutritional value is absolutely fantastic," Roachinski commented. "The problems that must be dealt with are people's hang-ups about consuming insects," she continued.

Roachinski has developed many interesting recipes including dried and cockroach snacks, bees benedict, ant-ochives and broiled flies and centipedes. "If only I can get people to accept my ideas and incorporate them into their lives, the world hunger problem will be solved!"

County Police Surprised

Bodies Found in Boiler Room

by Patti Carrilli

Questioning of the entire Conrad staff began yesterday after 28 dead bodies were discovered in the boiler room by New Castle County Police.

"We suspected something was wrong about a month ago when the St. James Cemetery reported bodies being stolen. The residents in the area reported strange sounds and lights at night time," stated Sargeant James Foster, who led the excursion.

Frank McBible, who lives directly across the street from Conrad, commented, "About two weeks ago I couldn't sleep so I came out in the living room to watch TV. It was about 2:30 in the morning. I happened to glance up at the front window, and saw a truck pulling in the front parking lot of

Conrad "I thought it was kind of strange, so I watched. Someone got out of the truck, took a big bundle out of the back and walked around to the side of the school. A few minutes later he came back, empty handed, and drove away."

McBible said he reported it to the police the following day. "We didn't connect this incident with the stolen remains at all," said Foster. Although the cemetery is guarded, cemetery caretakers discovered the following day an open grave without remains.

Conrad principal Earl J. Smith stated, "Students and cafeteria workers were complaining of a subtle odor in the cafeteria. At first I saw no connection, but got a little nervous after hearing

more about stolen bodies and the truck, so I called the police."

"This is obviously the work of a very sick person," quoted Foster. He added, "Caskets and remains were missing daily from the cemetery. Whoever it was, probably dumped a body a night into the hole where they were found." He continued, "We have no leads so far. The faculty and administration were dismissed after questioning. We'll just have to keep our eyes open."

If anyone discovers any more bodies or has any information relating to this heinous crime, they are asked to contact the New Castle County Police. The information will be kept confidential.

Lady in White Reflects on Conrad

by Janet Gilmour

"I think the students are quite nice, fairly well behaved. I just wish they'd have a little more school spirit," comments Jane S. Travis, school nurse at Conrad.

Travis has been here at Conrad for 12 years and says she enjoys it. She thinks the school is a little cleaner than last year and she doesn't think there is much graffiti as in other schools.

Before coming to Conrad she worked at the intensive care unit at Wilmington Hospital. Sometimes the kids will come to her office, asking advice about the aches and pains they get, since going to the doctor costs too much. The nurse can

only give advice about the pains, and can't give out pills unless ordered by the doctor. If a student is over 18 and breaks a leg, anyone can take him to the hospital where they can sign in.

As for the signs on the door, she explains that students can't always go home with aches and pains, that people have to endure a little discomfort. At work she says that everybody can't go home for every little ache and pain they get.

The week in February when the flu hit the school, about 30 people were sent home on Thursday and about 10-15 people on Friday, but after the weekend, things quieted down.

No dismissals unless you have

- ① Temperature over 100°
- ② Broken bone or severe laceration
- ③ Visible signs of illness - eg. vomiting

No dismissals unless parent is notified

Think in the a.m. Come to school when you are well
Stay home when ill

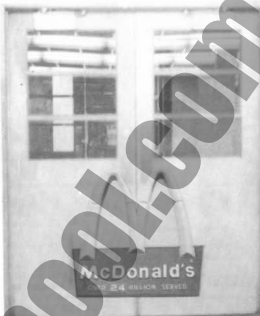
Sign on nurse's door to discourage students

1. Who was the composer of "Show Boat" and "Roberta"?
2. What is the capital of Western Samoa?
3. Who were the three wise men?
4. What is the national anthem of Ecuador?
5. In which country was Greta Garbo born?
6. What would heavy material placed in some boats, to give stability, be called?
7. What was Rembrandt's full name?
8. Where is the oldest street in North America?
9. What makes a rainbow?
10. What is the retina?



- that receives the image.
10. The part of the eye
 9. The sun shining on rain
 8. diana
 7. St. John's, New Foundland
 6. Bellini
 5. Stockholm, Sweden
 4. "Hall, O' Fatherland"
 3. Baltazar
 2. Gaspar, Melchior, and
 1. Jerome Kern

Answers



Ronald arrives at Conrad

by Rich Gregson

A McDonald's hamburger franchise will replace Conrad's financially troubled cafeteria, May 1," stated Leon B. Elder to the press after the Conrad Area School Board meeting, March 14.

The cafeteria is expected to have a deficit in excess of \$125,000 by May 1st. McDonald's Incorporated is going to pay the district the full amount of the deficit and 35% of the gross profits in exchange for the privilege of having the franchise here.

Elder thinks that it "will benefit everyone involved." Because the district will get money for having it here, we won't have to pay the cafeteria staff (they will be fired as of May 1), and the students will receive a higher-quality lunch.

The cafeteria staff and the Conrad Area Professional Association leaders are upset at the decision to dismiss the ten ladies. Both groups are working together to see if they can stop the district from firing the cafeteria staff.

Ed Malin, president of the Conrad Area Professional Association said, "There is no way Elder and the rest of them will get away with this unjust act. We will do anything we have to do, including going to

court and - or going out on strike, to insure that the wonderful ladies will have a place to work.

Despite what Malin said, 85 of Conrad's teachers said that they didn't care if the ladies were fired when pulled March 16 by the Smoke Signal Staff.

Elder seemed optimistic about the situation. "I feel that the ladies will accept our decision gracefully and really don't care what the teachers think because it is none of their business."

The students at Conrad also are in favor of having the McDonalds opened in the cafeteria; so much so, that the Student Council is inquiring as to why it will take a month and a half to convert the cafeteria to the franchise.

McDonalds will employ about 20 Conrad Students during school hours and during the evening hours to keep the restaurant open. It is planning on opening at 7 a.m. and closing at 12 a.m., seven days a week, and will serve refreshments at all sporting events and at any other activity that is held at the school.

McDonalds Inc. hopes that this works out here at Conrad; because if it does, they are hoping to open franchises throughout many high schools across the country.

Graduate Succeeds

by Monica Marshall

For many athletes, football can bring pain, damped spirits or a lot of fun; and for some, great recognition and numerous awards.

Read on and take a stroll down memory lane, back to the year 1973. In June of that year, Conrad graduated an athlete. Someone who has made quite a name for himself, and the team for which he played. He's senior Tony Glenn, a three-lettermat at the University of Delaware.

ACHIEVEMENTS AT CONRAD

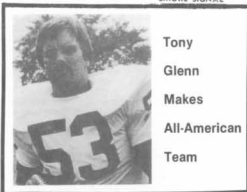
At Conrad, Glenn was involved in more than football; he was also a member of the Winter and Spring Track teams. In his senior year he was co-captain of all three.

In his junior year, football brought him into All Conference. During his senior year, he was All Conference, plus All State - Defense and Offense, and Honorable Mention to High School All American Team.

In track, Glenn attained 2 nd in the state - Indoor Shot Put and 4 th in the state Outdoor Shot Put.

"I went out and worked for a year after graduating from Conrad; it gave me time to think; and it made me see what I wanted to do - learn more and play football," stated Glenn.

At the University he majored in Physical Education, making the Dean's List in his sophomore and junior year, and "just missing it," this year. He



Tony
Glenn
Makes
All-American
Team

played freshman football and then varsity for the next three years.

At the UdD, he's achieved such honors as Eastern Athletic Conference - 2 nd team (A.P. - Association Press) All American, and Newark Touchdown Club - Outstanding Lineman of the Year.

But, no matter how good one is in sports, the cold fact still remains: "You have to study in college, there's no way around it. But if you regulate your time right, you can fit in other activities too," said Glenn.

"For instance, from Monday through Thursday night, I study - nothing else. Then from Friday through Sunday night, I do no studying. I can party or do whatever else I want."

Some of his other activities have been Vice-President, and President of his Frat House, Sigma Phi Epsilon. And he is currently student teaching at Newark Elementary School, but, after Easter, he'll be student teaching Physical Education at Alexis I. duPort High School.

MESSAGE FOR CONRADIANs

"Anyone can try out for

the football team. It's good competition and everyone gets a fair chance. But, when you're a freshman, you can only play freshman football, then you play varsity for the next three years."

When asked what he thought about the scores of the Redskins football team he replied, "When I was here, all the sports were strong. I really don't know what he problem is, but I feel that every school goes through a bad period. I think it's just a bad phase for Conrad."

HIS OUTLOOK

Glenn, now 22, doesn't plan to play anymore football, except for fun as he puts it. "Football has been my life."

But he does have definite plans for the future. "If things work out right, I'll be attending Graduate School for the next two years; getting a Master's Degree by being a T.A., Teaching Assistant, teaching and coaching for UdD while graduate school."

"It was a lot of hard work that paid off," he concluded. "I couldn't have done it without the help of a lot of super people." Glenn concluded.

Sports Quiz

The first person to report the answers to the quiz correctly will win \$5. Report them to room 235.

1. What Player was chosen, in a draft choice, No. 1 before Bobby Clarke?

2. What home-run record does Lou Gehrig hold?

4,5. Which two teams in Pro Football played the longest pro championship game?

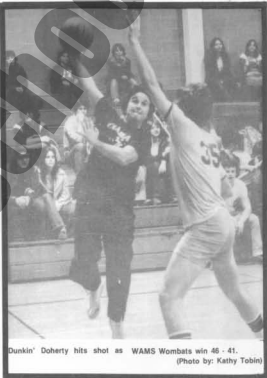
6. What basketball team holds the longest winning streak in professional football?

7. Who holds the scoring record for a single season in hockey?

8. Which player has scored the most points in a N.F.L. title game?

9. Which player in baseball history won the M.V.P. in both the National and American Leagues?

10. What is the record for most knockdowns in a fight?



Dunkin Doherty hits shot as WAMS Wombats win 46 - 41.

(Photo by: Kathy Tobin)

Students visit Dover to run State Government

by Chris Evans

How would you like to have a chance to run the State of Delaware for two days? Well, two Conradians have recently been given the opportunity.

Students from high schools all over the state have been chosen as delegates to learn about our form of government, how bills are created and passed, and then finally a chance to run the state government for two days. Once they are in Dover, they will have to campaign and hold elections

for the different offices that are available.

Conrad will be represented in Boys' State by juniors Steve Valenti, Bill Jack, and John Maurer, with juniors Rich Gregson and Craig Hall as alternates. Boys' State is when the boys' get their chance at handling the states affairs, scheduled the week of June 18-23. Delegate Maurer commented, "I think being picked for Boys' State is an honor. It gives you the chance to see how the state is run."

This activity is not only limited to males; there

will be females participating in running the government the week after the boys have left. The girls that will be representing Conrad in Girls' State are juniors Ruth McDowell and Lynda Woodward, with juniors Linda McQueen and Jacqueline Thompson as alternates. Delegate McDowell said, "I feel very honored that I was chosen and I hope I can make the best of the experience."

These juniors were first picked by the Guidance Department on the following qualities: scholarship, leadership, school activities, and

community activities. Once this list has been devised, it is then given to the co-chairman of the Social Studies Department Hilton Cohen and Andrea Cassel.

Cohen and Cassel then pass the list around to the social studies teachers; and they then pick candidates from the list that show an extra interest and ability in history or government.

The teachers' choices are then given back to the guidance counselors and they, along with Cohen and Cassel, decide who the delegates will be.

counselor Paul Capadanno added, "It's a shame that we can't send more students, because we have many students that are worthy of the experience; but we are limited to three boys and two girls by the committee regulations."

The boys will be staying at Delaware State College, Dover, and the girls will be staying at Wesley College, Dover. All of the students' expenses will be paid for by the Delaware American Legion Auxiliary.



Athletes Turn Out For Spring Sports

by Patti Carilli

When the spring flowers finally begin pushing their way through the melting snow, skis and skates are put away, and baseball bats, tennis rackets, track shoes and golf clubs are brought out.

March 1 marked the official starting date of spring sports, and with the exception of baseball and golf, the turnouts have improved since last year.

The baseball team, coached by Harry Davies, had 45 people try out. Although there are no returning lettermen, Davies feels that John Blackson, Mark Davidson, Lou DiAmico, Ed Rash, Jerry McLaughlin, Butch

Donnelly and Mike Majewski will be standouts. According to Davies, the practices, which consist of conditioning and baseball drills, "are more spirited because there are no set spots on the team."

When asked to predict the season, Davies commented, "I hope I don't get more gray hair, I hope I don't get an ulcer, and I hope to be alive on Memorial Day."

Coached by Bud Downey and Andrea Cassel, the softball team has enough players to "field-strong varsity and junior varsity teams." The practices consist of running, skill development and situation drills. With

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"so many skilled players returning" Downey predicts "an excellent chance for a strong winning season."

The boys' track team has 30 members, 7 of whom are returning from last year's squad. Coach Dave Williams named newcomers Mark Maurer, Craig Joachimowski, Bill Cousins, Bob Finch, Ed Cummings, Dave Riehm, Dave Derrick, Geraldo Casares, Fred Scales and the Burbage brothers as potential standouts. The workouts are made up of calisthenics, weight training, practice on technique and form and plenty of running. In predicting the season, Williams commented, "In my opinion, the season will turn out to be whatever we expect it to be."

Coached by Mike Reilly

and Randy Nowell, the girls' track team has about 37 people out this year. Reilly predicts that "the program will improve from last year due to the increased interest and enthusiasm," and that the team will be "very competitive this year." He added, "I am looking for contributions from all team members, no matter how big or small."

The boys' tennis team, which has 19 players, is coached by Dave Hipp. Potential standouts include Chris Golebowski, Jerry Gouge, Steve Cousins and Bill Conners.

Workouts consist of calisthenics, running and practice skills. Hipp quoted, "We have a good turnout from the sophomore class, with some very potentially good players. I think we will be very competitive."

April 1, 1978

Coached by Mary Ann Sley, the girls' tennis team is made up of 20 players. According to Sley, this is the first year that "there is fairly equally distributed ability." She added, "The skill range is from beginner to intermediate level."

There are several members returning, including Tammy Mergenthaler, Doris Korzeniowski, Donna Mensinger, and Ruth McDowell. Practices are made up of warm-up exercises, coordination drills, tennis skills and actual court play.

The golf team, coached by Hugh Patterson, consists of 7 players, with John Ewasko as a standout. Practice rounds, individual help, and challenge rounds make up the practices. Patterson predicts an "average season."

Winter Sports



Jocks Don Tutus and Tights

by Robin Fiske

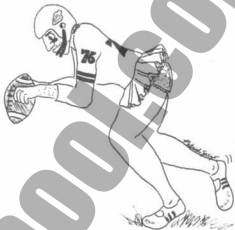
Beginning next season, a new pre-requisite course has been put into effect by the Conrad football coaches. All boys wishing to participate in 1978 high school football must first take a ballet workshop.

them to kick higher and tighten the muscles which are needed to play the game well. It will also give them grace and finesse.

The workshop will be held during the month of August, Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at the Louise School of Dance, located on Old Capital Trail, behind Prices Corner. The instructors will be Louise Ruggerio, proprietor-owner of the dance studio and her ballet assistant senior, Susan Bowdle, captain of the twirlers.

The workshop will cost each boy \$5, not counting the expense for leotards, slippers and tights. These articles may be purchased, with a special discount which may be obtained from the coaches, at Parklane Hosiery in Concord Mall or The Dance Bag on Kirkwood Highway.

When asked what the workshop would do for the players, Bowdle stated, "It would enable



Louis Pili shows aggressiveness. (Photo by: Rich Gregson)

Maurer Looks Ahead

by Robin Fiske

The Conrad wrestling team, consisting of 20 members, ended its season with a 4-10 record. The 12 varsity, 8 junior varsity members competed in the state wrestling tournaments with Gabe Dominelli and Mark Lobley placing second and fourth respectively.

The team's coach Lester Maurer feels that the team worked up to its potential. He also said, "The team needed more bodies but the few we had worked hard."

Maurer commented that his hopes for next year's team are still up in the air

until we see what desegregation brings. He also told us that sophomores Joe Wheelahan, Craig Joachimowski, Louis Pili, Alfie Holliday, Fred Williamson, Mike Reen, Tony Nicolli and juniors Chip Barbour and Rob Fernandes should provide for a promising wrestling team next year.

When asked if he felt the wrestling team would suffer without Dominelli and Lobley, Maurer replied, "Of course. They were the only two that consistently won and their scoring at least kept us from being shut out a few times."

Desegregation Arrives

The teachers will be chosen to return according to their seniority. The board hasn't decided whether to dismiss teachers with one, two, or three years experience in a district.

Next year, in the desegregation process, DeLaWarr high school students will be merged into William Penn High School, William Penn, which has 2,100 students now, will show a large increase in enrollment.

According to the plan the Pupil Assignment Committee proposed March 23, Conrad High School students will be bused into Wilmington High School. The Conrad building would become a Jr. High for Oakgrove and Richardson Park students.

Our approximately 1000 students would share the building with 292 black, 41 Spanish and 45 white students who would remain at Wilmington.

Conrad would be the only white suburban high school where the entire student body is affected. All other school districts except Wilmington and DeLaWarr would be affected in lower grades.

Biggs wants to keep Wilmington a high school in future years. Mr. Ed Magin, President of the E.A.R.A., (Conrad Area Professional Association), stated, "I teach night school there and I think Wilmington High has as good facilities as any other high school around."

(Con'd. from p. 1)

Biggs also thinks that the teachers and students should stay together. If Conrad High students are bused then it would be very likely that many Conrad teachers would be bused to the same school,

 * (Con't from page 3)
 * getting the kids ready to
 * be outside, one of the lit-
 * tle boys asked me what
 * one girl's name was; I in-
 * formed him, "it is Miss
 * Dorothy." The young boy
 * then got a strange look on
 * his face and moseyed on
 * over and called her 'Miss
 * Dopey.'
 * While walking to a
 * recent Conrad assembly,
 * junior Laura Tucker
 * sighed deeply, "Man, I
 * just can't seem to get into
 * these assemblies."
 * Junior Susan Swain of-
 * fered some advice, "Why
 * don't you try opening the
 * door?"
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Poll Results Expose Unknown

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HE: STOP IT!
SHE: STOP what??
HE: STOP chewing your fingernails. It really turns me off.
SHE: Well, your macho personality doesn't exactly turn me on.

This could happen to anyone. So—recently, the SMOKE SIGNAL staff took a poll on how guys feel about girls and vice-versa. Here are the results:

(Figures are close approximations)

WHAT ARE THREE THINGS YOU LOOK FOR IN A GUY - GIRL? (Top Three Answers)

1. Personality
2. Good Looks

3. Sense of humor
1. Appearance
2. Personality
3. Her body

HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT A GUY-GIRL WHO DRINKS WHEN YOU'RE OUT?

- APPROVE 8%
DISSAPPROVE 20%
DOESN'T MATTER 52%
Comment: As long as long as he knows his limit.

APPROVE 22%
DISSAPPROVE 26%
DOESN'T MATTER 52%
Comment: As long as she's not wasted.

WHAT IS ONE CHARACTERISTIC THAT A GUY-GIRL CAN POSSESS THAT TURNS YOU OFF? (Top three answers)

1. Macho Personality
2. Profanity
3. Uncleanliness
1. Conceit

2. Bad appearance
3. Profanity

WHAT IS ONE CHARACTERISTIC THAT A GUY-GIRL CAN POSSESS THAT TURNS YOU ON? (Top three answers)

1. Good looks
2. Sense of humor
3. Nice manners
1. Her body
2. Nice appearance
3. Personality

WOULD YOU BE INSULTED IF A GUY ASKED YOU TO PAY HALF THE EXPENSES OF THE DATE?

YES 24% NO 76%

WOULD YOU BE INSULTED IF A GIRL OFFERED TO PAY HALF THE EXPENSES OF THE DATE?

YES 32% NO 68%

WOULD YOU BE EMBARRASSED TO CALL A GUY AT HOME OR ASK HIM OUT?

YES 51% NO 49%

DO YOU MIND GIRLS CALLING YOU AT HOME, OR ASKING YOU OUT?

YES 10% NO 85%

NOT SURE 5%

WHAT IS THE FIRST THING YOU NOTICE ABOUT A GUY-GIRL?

1. Overall appearance
2. Eyes
3. Personality
1. Overall appearance
2. Eyes
3. Her body

DO YOU EXPECT A GOODNIGHT KISS ON THE FIRST DATE?

Girl's Answer: YES 77%

NO 22%

Guy's Answer: YES 65%

NC 25% YES and more 9%

IF YOU'RE OUT WITH A GUY - GIRL AND YOU DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO YOUR CAR, WOULD YOU FEEL FUNNY LETTING YOUR DATE DRIVE?

YES 39% NO 61%

YES 44% NO 55%

The SMOKE SIGNAL Staff wishes to thank all those who helped make the poll a success.

by Monica Marshall
(Slightly cont. from page 5)

short it, drink it, or inject it. It won't give you cancer like cigarette smoking will, and it's not illegal because hardly anyone knows about it." Jerry Gouge, who works in the school store, commented, "It's good before lunch. It makes the cafeteria food taste almost good."

News-in-Brief

Sawicki Scores

Math students from Dr. Isabel Miller's accelerated classes took the AAM Math tests March 14. This test is designed for students that want some kind of career in mathematics, and interested in getting a scholarship. The highest scorer on the AAM test was senior Joe Sawicki.

Board Info

All college bound juniors should take college boards May 6 or June 3.

If someone is going to take the test May 6, then he should register by March 31 or pay a \$4 late fee and register by April 14. The June 3 registration date is April 28.

The test sites for the May 6 test are at the following high schools: Archmere, Brandywine, Dickinson, St. Marks, and



So, that's it in a nutshell, start making summer plans!

"Anheuser" booked

Salesianum. On June 3 the sites are: Brandywine, P.S. duPont and Tower Hill.
The test will cost \$7.25. The college boards is mandatory for admission to most colleges in this area.

SBE Decides

The State Board of Education decided March 16 that all public schools, including Conrad, will close for the summer June 15.

Before the decision, Conrad was to be dismissed June 26 because the school had been closed throughout January and February on account of snow and lack of heat.

Contrary to popular belief, the senior class officers have found the band "Anheuser," for the senior prom. Mr. Ed Malin, senior class advisor, said that the group "plays just about any kind of music."

June 2 is the big night, with dinner being served 7-8 p.m., following by dancing from 8 p.m. - 12 a.m. Linda Plitizzi, senior class secretary, stresses that dues be paid amounts of money raised and the menu planned will determine ticket prices.

Accent on Art

Spring means rain, daffodils, butterflies and ... art shows!

Art enthusiasts can look forward to three exhibits containing the works of Conrad artists starting with the New Castle Exhibition. It is scheduled for April 17-28.

The Wilmington Flower Market, (date to be announced) will have art exhibits and Conrad will also have its own art show in May.

Thurman Ciatini Jr., John is doing a wonderful job of organizing this program. We'd like to wish him a lot of success.

A definite day hasn't been decided yet on when to hold the meetings but he is sure they will be weekly. Officers will be elected during the first meeting and a trip to Williamsburg National Bird Refuge will be on the agenda. There is no fee to join, just the interest and a pair of binoculars! Says Naughton, "We welcome anyone to come to the meetings! There isn't any obligation at all, but once you come - I guarantee you'll want to come again!"

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