

Redskins Turn in Tomahawks for Horns



by Gary Peacock

Sophomores and juniors from Conrad will be going to Wilmington High School next fall. The school, built in 1960, is the only city high school being left open.

Many students look forward to the school, claiming that it is newer and has better facilities. The school is slightly bigger in size but lacks the grounds that Conrad has.

On the grounds there are no baseball or soccer fields. Their track is nothing more than cinder, but they do have a swimming pool.

To alter the situation, the school is building a soccer and baseball field on land they bought across from the school. The land was bought ten years ago, but they weren't allowed to use it. The desegregation process held any money

back that would have allowed them to build on it.

Their gym is no better than ours, but the auditorium is extremely nice, according to interviewed sources. It is new and is one of the biggest school auditoriums in the state.

The newspaper staff works with their own printing press such as Newark High School, and relies on little support from the administration for funds.

The Wilmington library is the worst part of the school. It is smaller in size, making it impossible for study halls to be held there. It lacks the number of books the Conrad library has by far. Conrad's books won't all go to Wilmington. The books signed out by individual teachers will determine what books will be taken.

Science courses will be held in regular classrooms. Any labs that must be completed are done in a separate lab room that is shared by many teachers.

The school parking lot is smaller than ours. If driving

becomes popular next year rather than taking the bus, there won't be adequate parking space.

Overall, Wilmington High has many good points as well as bad. The facilities will be ready to use when

Conrad's remaining students attend the school next year.

Absenteeism Highest Ever

The class of 1978 will be remembered as the 43rd class of Conrad and the last high school class to graduate. But what may not be something that people will want to remember is the high rate of absenteeism this year.

In the history of Conrad never has there been such a high rate of absences among the students. Even with the easier change in policies from a drop in a credit to only dropping a

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This will be the new scene for future Conradians. (Photo By: Rich Gregson)

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Conrad: 43 Years of Legends

by Linda McQueen
History

If you look at Conrad High School from the outside, you'd notice a fairly large red brick building surrounded by tennis courts, the famous "Morris's" deli, and spacious land. But when you take one step closer and look inside, what came out of Conrad is something to be proud of.

It was named after the lawyer and judge, Henry Clay Conrad, a resident of Richardson Park. He was known in the community as a prominent leader of our early 20th century and also noted for his interest in black rights and history.

Conrad opened its doors for the first time in September 1935 after being built to accommodate the ever growing residential area west of Wilmington. The 9-12 grade school provided access to those that found it easier than traveling into town.

Only 400 students were enrolled in 1935, though Conrad produced its first graduating class of 42 in June 1936. Because it served such a large area, Conrad later consolidated with Oak Grove, Park, and Krebs Junior Highs. Due to a large increase in enrollment, Dickinson and McKeen High Schools were built in the late 50's to relieve this burden.

Early Trivia

While many Conradians believe that seven periods a day is too many, there were, at one time, ten periods a day lasting about 55 minutes. For 11th and 12th graders, homeroom began at 7:45 a.m. but while school was dismissed at 4:00 p.m., 10th graders were expected to report to homeroom until 4:23 p.m.

Early handbooks listed rules that must be obeyed. Being caught smoking would result in an automatic suspension. As far as a dress code it read, "Latest fads in clothes, haircuts, etc. may be chic but not the appropriate dress for a Conradian." Jeans and heavy make-up were strictly discouraged. Students were allowed to visit their lockers before and after school and lunch. To alleviate crowded halls it was suggested that, "Corridor counting not only blocks traffic but embarrasses students and visitors."

Students were expected to participate in two activities. If they chose not to, they were expected to remain in homeroom to study (because at that time there weren't any study halls.) Clubs that were popular then but are no longer in existence presently are: the Pigskin Club, Debating Club, Civil Defense, Safe Drivers League and the TNT (a charitable girls club.)

Famous "Redskins"

In all of Conrad's 43 years, there have been many a successful scholar and student pass through a part of its history. Among these classes, these Redskins have risen to fame.

Dallas Green, a former Conrad graduate and Delaware athlete, pitched for the Philadelphia Phillies between 1960-64. He returned to the Phillies in 1967 after a brief stay with the Washington Senators and the New York Mets. During his stay with Philadelphia he compiled 20 wins and lost 22 games.

Kathleen Widdoes, another former graduate became successful in the theater. After graduating from Conrad, she worked for the phone company while she actively participated in the Wilmington Drama League and the Arden Players. She then went to Paris to study on the Fulbright scholarship and billed her first Broadway success - "The Fireborn." Since then she has starred in other Broadway productions, various TV segments, and shots in the Maxwell House coffee commercials.

Changes

Since the first stone was laid for the foundation, many changes have occurred at Conrad - some for the better, some for the worse.



Kathleen Widdoes, past Conradian, has succeeded well in the theatre. (Photo by: News Journal)

Additions to the original building began in 1954 which added several new classrooms and the Cummings auditorium. Two years later, 13 additional classrooms were added.

Because of the increases in enrollment, Dickinson High School was built in 1958. Conrad improved and built the gymnasium, library, various shops, and science labs.

Other than physical changes, there were others noticed among the morals and ways of the student body, faculty and administrators.

According to Spanish teacher Mildred Morrison, who is an alumna and teacher here for many years, "Activities were much more important to the students and more were active than nowadays. Most clubs met a night so to the students, this was their night out. Picnics and teacher-chaperoned dances were also popular."

"Students also studied more she continued, "School was certainly more important to them than today."

Student Expresses Memories

It's that time of year again when graduation is another big tear-jerker. Only this year the tears will be in bucketfuls.

This year's graduation will be a special one. The class of '78 will be the last class graduating from Conrad. Not only will the seniors be graduating, but the Juniors and Sophomores will be leaving as well.

Graduation is a time of remembering way back to those earlier years when you thought you'd never make it through high school. Now, here it is, all over. The struggling, the cramming and the hassles have all paid off.

It's the end of one time in your life and the start of another; by taking that big step into the world of independence.

It's a time of looking back to all of the special, funny and sometimes not so funny moments that have happened during the yesteryears of school.

Graduation means so many things; not only completing school but maturing as well. So many feel they've gone to school most of their lives. Now what are they going to do? Some people may go to college, start a new career, get married or go into the service.

Saying good-bye to

people will probably be the hardest thing to do. Are you saying goodbye to people forever? Will you see half of these people again?

As in the song "Memories," "If we had the chance to do it all again, would we?" If the graduates had a chance to go back and maybe start again somewhere, would they? Would they change some of their ways and do things differently but the past is gone and graduation is here. All that is left are memories.

Farewell Conrad, from the Class of '78. And farewell to the Juniors and Sophomores.

by Debbie Alexander

Parenthood Presents Challenges

In the coming year, approximately six million Americans will make a decision that will drastically change their lives and the lives of those in the next generation: they will have children. How they raise these children will have a much more profound effect on the future than almost anything else they accomplish.

However, these parents will be confronted with more pressures, decisions and choices than ever before. As the extended family is becoming more and more of an extinct fixture in American life, parents of the future will have no one to turn to for assistance in the awesome job of parenting. Thus, the responsibility of child rearing will rest solely in the hands of parents who will also be forced to bear heavier burdens financially and socially.

"It's ironic," says Kitty Ward of the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, "that the most important job many of us will ever do is one for which most of us receive absolutely no training." New York Teacher George Pervin adds, "If you want to become a garage mechanic, you have to get a license. But all you have to do to be a parent is have a baby."

It is interesting to note that while high school students are required to take chemistry, they may not use that education in their future career. However, students are not required to take any type of child care courses, and the vast majority of students will become parents.

If the high school curriculum were to be changed by adding required courses in child

care and parenthood to the already required courses in reading, writing, and "rhetoric, both male and female students could make more intelligent decisions about parenthood.

A program such as this could include firsthand experiences in handling children, 2nd at the same time, provide a free day-care service for neighborhood working mothers. This could be combined with in-class study and discussion. Mini courses, (1/4 years), could be made available, covering subjects such as discipline, parent/child communication, child behavior, and so on.

By informing future parents, perhaps we would also make them think twice about a difficult and demanding job: parenthood really is.

by Kathy Tobin

Which of the following does not belong in the set?



Ready

For

Busing?

Most Conradians feel they should not be bused. Many stood up for what they believed by picketing and protesting.

I agree that forced busing is unfair, but the fact remains that busing will begin in September, and nothing can really be done to stop it. Since this idea is not a popular one, some students will go over to Wilmington High ready for a fight, and the students already attending that school will be ready to take them on. This is a totally wrong attitude to take; the result will be disastrous.

The situation demands

cooperation from all students - black and white. Violence won't prove anything; it will only make conditions worse. A fight could mess things up for the rest of the school, and nothing will be solved.

It is my understanding that police guards will be on duty on buses and in the schools to help maintain order, but I sincerely hope they are not needed. By at least trying to have a good attitude in the new school, students themselves can help make desegregation a smooth change.

by Sue Pinder

Psycho or Pseudo?

In the David Berkowitz case, the guilty pleas in the six "Son of Sam" murders could be tossed out, because of his violent outburst in court. Now experts are saying that Berkowitz could be incompetent and that the judges have no choice but to throw out the guilty pleas of six murderers and seven attempted murderers. I personally think it's stupid. Berkowitz waited until the day of his sen-

outburst; now, experts say he's incompetent and it could be years for him to be found competent again if he's turned over to a psychiatric institution.

I don't understand why a criminal like him has the right to take an insanity defense or to plead guilty again, after he committed those murders. If they know he's guilty, he should be convicted and sentenced.

by Janet Gilmour

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For The Final Time

Redskins Bid Sentimental Farewell

When as a child I could not see the "why" of things that troubled me I'd set my mind at peace and say, "I'll know - when I grow up someday."

Years passed and in their rapid flight I somehow failed to find the "why" as an adult I still can't see the "why" of things that troubled me.

Now to the realms of I-don't know there are at least a score or so of

questions that each day await their answers on some future date...and I can only hope and say "I'll know - when I grow up someday."

- Naomi Russell



Smiles shining behind tear filled eyes...realizing that something very special is coming to a close...A smile for all the good times...a tear for the precious moments left behind...Thoughts searching for words, words not revealing the true feelings...A final handshake and embrace, send us on our way...Smiles shining behind tearfilled eyes...realizing that something very special is just beginning.

by Monica Marshall

Farewell, Conrad

Henry C. Conrad High School has been here since 1935; but as you undoubtedly know, it will be a junior high school next year.

This is a solemn moment for Conradians - the school where we received our education will always remain in our minds.

The Class of 1978 has the wonderful privilege of

being the last graduating class of Conrad.

Well, as for me, I'll always remember Conrad High School and the teachers, the students, the nurse and the secretaries - all of which have helped Conrad to be a better and happier place.

Once again, farewell Conradians. It's been very nice knowing all of you. May our memories of Conrad always remain with us.

-Debbie Smith

CONRAD CAPERS



Recently, the cafeteria has been experimenting with new dessert concoctions. One new invention consisted of strawberry jello mixed with tapioca.

One student, debating whether or not to get the lumpy, reddish mixture, commented, "Well, if it starts beating, I'll know not to eat it!"

During a recent 5th period English Class,

students in the hallway were excessively noisy. At one point, one female student let out a loud shrill, to which senior Carrie Di Criscia questioned, "Is it Ella or is it Memorex?"

In a recent study hall, a Conradian kept whistling after being told not to. He told the teacher in charge that he enjoyed whistling and the defender threatened, "If you don't stop whistling buddy, you'll be whistling a different tune!"

Love and related topics are now usually on the minds of the "spring fever" patients of Conrad, but to math teacher Alvin Lewis, he was on the right track. While recently discussing quadratic equations during a third period class he proudly exclaimed, "Now that we've learned everything there is - we can go all the way!!!"

Recently, Mr. Patterson's Physics class was discussing a new unit. He asked one student, "How

do you see the light?" Senior Gaysala Golden responded, "Where's Leamond?"

One day in Dr. Miller's 4th period math class, two students were talking. One of the students, Junior Robyn Huntington, said to Junior Albert Prosceno, "Albert, you disagree with anything anyone says."

"I do not!", he exclaimed.

Six Conradians Vie for Valedictorian

by Rich Gregson

When the Class of 78 is graduated June 6, there will be a valedictorian picked by the administration and guidance department. At the time when the story was written, there were six people in competition for the award. They are Carla Calfo, Jeff Downes, Teresa Immediato, Tammy Mergenthaler, Janice Miller and Linda Pitrizzi.

Carla Calfo

Carla Calfo, who has completed her high school requirements after two years at Conrad, has had a grade average of above four the entire time that she has spent at Conrad. This, combined with numerous activities, enables her to be a member of the National Honor Society.

The activities that she is in includes Sock-N-Buskin, in which she was the Vice-President, the Conrad Junior Classical League, the Math League, Oreads and Junior Achievement.

Besides her school activities, Carla has done volunteer work for the Delaware Curative Workshop, the Krebs PTA, and the Delaware Heart Fund.

Carla is a good student who is always pleasant and hard working and who deserves every bit of credit given her.

Jeff Downes

Jeff Downes, who is a good candidate for valedictorian, also has a grade average, from his three years at Conrad, well in excess of four.

Jeff is an excellent student, which has enabled him to secure both the University of Delaware Henry Conrad Scholarship and the University of Delaware Baynard Sharp scholarship.

One thing he hasn't really done is to be involved in many school activities. He has played, and organized, the intramural hockey played this year. He also plays on Newark Stars Ice Hockey Club during the winter months.

Jeff has worked hard with a full schedule all three years and still received good grades while working after school.

Teresa Immediato

Teresa Immediato is a very good student who works hard and deserves to be considered for valedictorian.

Teresa is a member of the National Honor Society. She is also a member of Oreads Ski Club, Student Council, and Class Council. She plays both Hockey and Softball and is a member of CAWA.

Besides school activities she has been active in her church and been a volunteer sewing teacher at the Neighborhood House.

These things have not hurt her studies any because she, like the rest of the candidates, has better than a four for her grade index.

Tammy Mergenthaler

Tammy Mergenthaler is a good student who has carried a grade average better than a perfect four, all three years at Conrad.

This has enabled her to be a member both of the National Honor Society and Oreads. She is also a member of the Spanish Club.

Tammy has played varsity girls' tennis at Conrad and has done a good job of doing it. Because of this, she is a member of CAWA.

Tammy is a good student, works in activities, and is a nice person. These qualities make her a deserving candidate for valedictorian.

Janice Miller

Janice Miller is also a member of the National Honor Society and Oreads because of her grade average being over four.

She is in many activities which include: class council, ski club, Spanish Club, and the yearbook staff. She also played varsity volleyball for Conrad.

Janice is a good student, an active supporter of Conrad activities and sports, and a nice person; and she deserves to be considered for valedictorian.

Linda Pitrizzi

Linda Pitrizzi is the last, but not the least, of the candidates for valedictorian.

She, like the rest of the candidates, has a good grade average well in excess of four. This enables her to be a member of the National Honor Society and Oreads.

Linda is also on the class council and the student council.

She plays varsity for both the softball and the hockey teams at Conrad.

Linda is a good student, excellent athlete, and a

deserving person. She should be considered for valedictorian.

The Smoke Signal Staff would like to congratulate all of the candidates for their achievements at Conrad.



Linda Pitrizzi



Janice Miller



Teresa Immediato



Tammy Mergenthaler



Carla Calfo



Jeff Downes

Quinn Subs Skins



Quinn Shows Spirit at Track Meet. (Photo By: Kathy Tobin)

Who holds the honor of being valedictorian in her high school class, vice-president of the Christian Association, and holds a M.A. in psychology? Why, it's none other than Conrad's substitute teacher Miss Roma Quinn.

Quinn, daughter of a minister, was born in Guenaboro, Maryland, and later moved to Delaware. She attended Howard High School, in Wilmington and graduated top in her class.

To further her education

Quinn went to the University of Pennsylvania, majoring in Social Studies. Her other activities included being elected to the Honor Society and active as the Assistant Editor of their Women's paper.

Quinn, who has always wanted to be a teacher, landed her first teaching job at Howard Jr. High School where she taught math and English. After six years of teaching there she decided to extend her education by going to law school.

So, she was off to New York where she worked as a legal secretary during the day and went to law school at night. Although Quinn never finished law school, due to heated opinions over her participation in the Civil Rights movement, she stayed in New York for 18 years.

Now that Quinn is back in Delaware, she is a regular substitute teacher for the Conrad Area School District. "It's been a very valuable experience," commented Quinn.

Quinn mostly substitutes at Conrad but she has substituted at Krebs. Her means of transportation to the schools is limited because she has no car and bus routes aren't available; so she walks. "It's a very accurate means of getting somewhere," stated Quinn.

So, next time you see a woman walking down Boxwood Road on her way to Conrad, you'll know who she is.

Busing Busts Morris

emotional and physical wounds too hard to recover from.

Recently the Smoke Signal approached Conrad's neighborhood store, "Morris's," with the question of how the switch from Conrad High school to a Jr. High will affect his business.

Morris stated, "Sure it will hurt business," and expressed his opinion that high school students have money that Jr. High students wouldn't have.

Since he started his business in 1957 he has had huge success with students buying items before and after school. In the past five years many students have bought things during school as well.

Morris was born in 1929 in Poland where he spent his childhood. He was one of the youths persecuted in the Holocaust. In 1940 he was taken to a concentration camp where he spent five years. The camp forced labor, starved their captives, and many worse things. Many men and women were killed off and others were left with

Morris' left the country and came to Philadelphia in 1946 where he moved furniture for a furniture store. In the early 1950s he was drafted into the army to fight in the Korean War.

The war ended in 1953 and Morris returned to the business world. He became a manager of a distributive company. He took five years of night school at Temple's business school.

In 1957 he opened up what all Conradians know as "Morris's". In 1958 he got married and has made a good living off of his store.

It wasn't until four years that many were upset about the students who were going over to "Morris's" during school time. During this time a petition was started that threatened to force Morris to move out of the neighborhood, but died soon later.

Morris expressed, "I always got along with the high school kids." Then he said that next year will be a giant change from when he started the store.

"If I graduate, I'm going into the Army, if I don't - Well? - **BILL CONNER**

"I plan to go to the U of D and take different courses until I make a decision. I hope to get into advertising or photography" - **KATHY TOBIN**

"I plan to go to college and have a good time. At the same time I plan to keep my present job" - **LYN WINWARD**

"I feel that my goals at Conrad were not accomplished. I intend to fulfill those goals in college next fall." - **BUCK ARMSTRONG**

"In the fall, I'll be going to the U of D to study journalism for two years. And hopefully I'll be switching colleges for the remaining two years, to complete my journalism study" - **MONICA MARSHALL**

"I am planning to go to Baptist Bible College for two years (major-Bible, minor - Psychology), and finish my other two years at the U of D. I hope to be a teenage counselor." - **DEBBIE SMITH**

"I'll probably work for awhile and hopefully in the future, attend the Academy of Dramatic Arts, in New York" - **EILEEN HESSION**

"I plan on going to Del Tech and majoring in police science. After college I'll apply to the Wilmington Police Department. During the summer I may go to California to visit relatives." - **CANITA L. CONSIGLIO**

by Monica Marshall

As the school year ends, and our seniors enter into the cold, dark, outside world, they will have to make many decisions. Perhaps their biggest will be the choice between college or work. Of course there are other possibilities too, travel, marriage, or maybe just to bum around for a year. Following are some of the plans for the Class of '78.

"I am going to Del Tech to study nursing. I hope to get married within three years." - **Cheryl Wade**

"I plan to attend West Chester State College in the fall to study music." - **DAVE EASTBURN**

"I'll be going to Del Tech in the fall, to study electronics. Hopefully one of these days, I'll be moving out of Delaware." - **RAY CHAMBERS**

"I'll be going to College as a United States Navy Alternate." - **ROBERT FINCH**

"I have been accepted at the University of Delaware and plan to major in Criminal Justice" - **CASSANDRA KING**

"I plan to go to the University of Delaware and pretty much play it by ear for the first year. I hope to go into some form of journalism." - **PATTI CARILLI**

GRADUATES PLAN FOR FUTURE



Conrad Tradition Reveals Surprises

Have you ever wondered who the majorette is in the picture over the library door or when the wooden Indian first came to Conrad? Well if you have, here is your answer to these and many other mysteries.

The head majorette in the library is Miss Sylvia Lowe Taylor of the Conrad class of 1957. After graduating, she married George Dallas Green Jr., a pitcher for the Philadelphia Phillies, who also was a Conrad graduate. The painter was Walter Stewart of Bellemeor whose son, Donald, also attended Conrad. The painting was entered in the Annual Art Exhibit by Mrs. Nettie Currier in 1956. It was then bought by the 1956 senior class for \$50.00 and presented to the school.

Conrad's wooden Indian, which stands on guard in the main office, was presented to the school by the 1971 senior class. The senior class was down state and saw the Indian at a restaurant. They bought it as their gift to the school.

The Conrad crest that hangs on the wall over the

clock in the library was presented by the class of 1966.

Other paintings in the library include one of Henry Clay Conrad painted by Lorstan. It was presented to Conrad High School by Mabel C. Conaway on her retirement in June 1964. Also in the library is a picture of Mrs. M. Louise Jackson, a deceased teacher, also painted by Lorstan. All the other paintings in the library were painted by former students with one exception. The painting "Spirit of '78" was presented to the school by the class of 1976.

In the main office, there is a painting of a black student. It was painted by George W. Martin and presented to Mr. Smith in 1975. Also there is the mosaic tile of the Indian of the left hand side of the main door over the trophy case. This picture was made by Mrs. Wasson and her crafts class during the 1970-71 school year. The class chose a painting from a book and then proportioned to the size that they wished it to be with the opaque projector. Next they bought plywood and mosaic tiles and constructed the painting.

Redskin Seniors Leave Happy and Broke

by Kathy Tobin

I must have been a sophomore when I fantasized about how fantastic life would be in my senior year. But, it was easy then, dues were only a dollar, and there was nothing else to worry about.

Nothing, that is, except what type of class ring to get. After being a junior for all of three weeks, the "Ring Man" came to school and gave everyone a three pound bundle of brochures. We could only sit, in open-mouthed wonder, as he told us of all the different extras we could get "for only an additional \$10."

Then, after spending a month in anguish over what type of stone, engraving, etc., to get, we put our \$25 deposit down and made our order. The "Ring Man" graciously informed me that I could pick any side design at no extra charge. I graciously informed him that at \$49, I should be able to get a life-sized engraving of the Empire State Building on the side of my ring.

However, the thrill of it all was still there after waiting six months. The problems

began when I discovered that mine was too tight. This discovery was made after the 76th person, in that wonderful, meaningful tradition, turned my ring and also broke my finger. After paying the doctor \$25 and waiting three months to get my re-sized ring back, the thrill was gone.

The very next day I paid my \$2 junior dues and got information on senior portraits.

Soon, I found myself paying three dollars merely

to sit in front of a fat, smiling, rich photographer. Then, everyone paid "several dollars" for proofs. During this time, the enormously happy photographer told us all that our zits would be removed from the final prints: we all exhaled in a very relieved manner and placed our orders for 8 x 10 glossies. It was only after spending \$40 that we all noticed our "removed zits" had turned out to look like very large mosquito bites.



Then, all college-bound juniors paid at least \$7.50 for the privilege of several pain-filled hours of torture called "College Boards". After seeing their scores, many decided to invest an additional \$7.50 for the pleasure of taking them over again.

Before we knew it, the "Big Senior Year" had come, and we were paying \$12 for that sentimental bargain, the yearbook. Many paid an extra dollar to have their names printed on

the cover. (I presume that this was done so that they might live through any future identity crisis.)

Then we paid \$3 for senior dues and cheerfully put a \$4 down-payment on our caps and gowns. Directly after this, we ordered senior announcements. (Their purpose is not to announce graduation but to beg for graduation presents, preferably money that can be used or passed to pay for these numerous senior expenses.) We also ordered a minimum of 100 name cards for some unexplicable reason.

Recently, seniors paid the balance due on caps and gowns. For eight bucks, we have the privilege of keeping them, sweating in them and reserving them for years to come, until our children can dress up for Halloween in them.

Yesterday, my best friend Prudence asked me to loan her some money so she could buy her prom ticket and prom attire. She mentioned that her gown will cost a fortune, since it must match her date's shirt and B.V.D.s.

Now that I've ordered my \$5 class T-shirt, I've decided not to go on to college, but to join the Union of Organized Senior Con Artists, (U.O.S.C.A.) I will spend the summer thinking of some expensive, new, worthless piece of trivia that next year's seniors will not be able to live without. I will then have this product copyrighted and mass produce. When the profits start rolling in, I will pay off all loans incurred during my senior year and take a cruise to Bermuda.

Growing Up In America

It's seven o'clock Kathy! O.K., Mom, I'm getting up. It's ten after! I'm coming. Breakfast? No, you got me up too late. Buzzi! Only second period. Why do Fridays go so slow? Tendonitis, ligaments, metabolism, food groups. Buzzi! Subject-verb agreement, blah, blah, blah, blah. Looks nice out. I think I'll play baseball after school. What? Yes, I was paying attention. What number are we on? Buzzi! What's for lunch? Pizza? Good. Two pieces, please. Eighty-five cents? You're welcome. Only two periods left. Buzzi! Thank goodness that's over! I'm home, Mom! What? I forgot. I'll clean it tomorrow morning. I'm going out. I know, be in at five for dinner. I get Chris. Jeff, Tony, Lisa, Jina, and Maureen! O.K., let's play ball! Out? Guess I was out. I quit! What? O.K., That's better. I'm safe. It's five of five. I have to eat. Call me after dinner. Meat loaf? Again? Yeah! I'm sick of meat loaf. Yes, my hands are clean. It's not my night; it's Lisa's night today. I wash. I'm going out! Yes,

again! Let's play relievo. You guys go out first. One-two-three-curry-out no, jail break! Everyone's caught. Our turn. Now's my chance. Relievo! Run! Eight o'clock. Let's play cards. Twos and sixes are wild. Five cents. I raise. Full house! Aces over nines—I win. I have to go. It's eleven o'clock. Time for Monty Python's Flying Circus. Goodnight, Mom. Good-night, Dad.

Ten o'clock. I should get up. Two eggs, please. Put on channel ten; Superman is on. What do you want to do today? Let's go to McDonald's for lunch. Quarter pounder, please, without cheese, large coke; hot caramel sundae. Chris, wipe the ketchup off the window, please. I'm stuffed. I'm going home. I'll be out later. Turn on the Flyers.

Oh, well, losing again. It looks like the Islanders ~~about~~ the division. Sandwiches for dinner? Good! Not many dishes. I know, I know, let the dog out. He just ate. Someone's at the door. Let him in. Come on down. I'm watching the Brady Bunch. They're in

Hawaii. Let's go out. Going to the dance tonight? I'm not. They stink. Let's go to the movies. How about Saturday Night Fever? Pass the popcorn. That was good. Thanks for the ride. See you tomorrow.

No, I can't come out now. I have to go to church. I'll be home around twelve-thirty. Hymn 175, sermon, communion. Boy, do my shoes hurt! I'll be up in a minute, Jeff. Yeah, I'll bring my hockey stick. Score! Watch those high sticks! What shall we do tonight? I have to eat. Better do my homework before it's too late. Telephone! I'll get it! Yes, Grandmom, I'm fine. O.K., yeah, that's good. O.K., all right, uh-huh. I'll get her. Mom! Telephone! Back to the grind. Come on in, you guys. Not much to do. School tomorrow. Boy, the weekend sure does go fast. Not much on TV tonight. Just Alice. That's a pretty good show. O.K., I'll see you tomorrow. Good-night, everyone.

Well, I had better get to sleep. I have to go to school tomorrow. I guess it isn't all that bad. I read in

my ~~social~~ studies ~~book~~ that some kids don't even get a chance to go to school. I guess I'm lucky to live in America. Growing up here is truly a privilege.

Kathy Bollinger, Grade 10

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Conrad Trivia

Do you know that when Conrad was first built...

the library was originally the gymnasium and auditorium.

- Faculty Members surrounded the football field to sell tickets because there wasn't any enclosure.

- There were only three houses on Boxwood Road.

- Between 75-100 students rode their bikes to school.

- Only 400 students were enrolled in Conrad's Class of '36.

- Only 42 students graduated from the first class.

- Sitting in the classroom, a student could watch the trolley cars running out to Newport.

(Courtesy of 1971 Edition of the Smoke Signal.)

Tennis Team Tops Spring Sports

As the school year ends, so does the sports year. The spring sports are the final sports to be played for Conrad High. They all deserve to be recognized for their effort.

Boys Tennis had the best record of any varsity sport this year, 9-4.

Dave Hipp was a little surprised that the team did as well as they did, but the reason they did so well, according to Hipp was that everyone on the team worked hard, concentrated on their game, and most of all wanted to win. This was the best tennis team at Conrad in over ten years.

The team was led by first singles player sophomore Al Lasavage and third singles player senior Jerry Gouge. They both had individual records of 9-4.

The other contributors to the team include seniors Chris Gotebiowski, Bill Connors, and Steve Cousins; junior Shawn Brady; and sophomores Tony Nicoll and Mike DiAngelo.

Hipp is very proud of the team and their performance. He expects a good team next year because of the experienced returning players that he will have, but he doesn't know what kind of team is left at Wilmington.

Girls softball had problems at the beginning of the year. Nothing seemed to go right. This included getting key hits to help score runs, to making a throw to second base without hitting the pitcher in the head.

Bud Downey, head coach, thinks it's a shame that they can't start the season over again because now that the season is almost over (they are 7-8 with one game left) the team is playing well.

Downey stated, "Our infield with Shirley Andrews at first, Linda Pitrizzi at second, Karen Carter at short stop, and Lynda Woodward at third, we have the best infield in the conference." He also thinks that the talent is there to be

a contender if they had gotten some breaks at the beginning of the season.

Downey credits the improvement to a total team effort by the infield and other players like Diane Morrison, Donna Hedricks, Teresa Immediato, and Jeanne Abrams.

He thinks a total team effort is the reason they were good. This effort came from the starters, Mrs. Cassel, the reserves, the managers - everyone.

Girls Track had a poor season if you look at the record of 1-8-1, but if you look at the fact that they broke nine school records this year then you would see that everyone on the team did a good job.

They had many outstanding performances including a 6th place in the state meet by Susan Knecht, a 9th place by Sheri Edmanson the high jump and a ranking of 11th place in the two mile by Robyn Huntington.

The school records broken were the 440 by Luanne Holdren, 440 Relay by Edmanson, Alison Forman, Nanci Leary, and Michaelene Koster, the 880 Relay by Judy Sarnecky, Kloster, Leary, Forman, the mile relay: Holdren, Donna Cote, Debbie Jansz, and Leary, the two mile by Robyn Huntington, high jump Edmanson, 220-Forman, and the 880-Cote.

The team had a fine year and expects to do better next year because most of the team is returning.

The Boys Baseball team is experiencing a season of problems brought on by a young inexperienced team.

Mr. Davies said that this year he has had to do more teaching as a coach than he has done in previous years. He still enjoys it because he can see the development of his players.

The high point of the season came when we beat state champion Wm. Penn, 4-3. This was very satisfying to the entire team.

The team is led by seniors John Blackson and Mark Davidson, juniors Lou DiAnico and Ted Filiben.

of many Newark Stars Ice Hockey players against The Pumas. It was The Capitals' first win and they continued to beat each of the other teams. The only team that managed to score against them was The Blades.

The Capitals team consisted of seven players. Scott Austin goalied for the team while Jeff Downes and



Softball Peaked Late

(Photo By: Kathy Tobin)

and sophomores Franny Rizzo and Toby Wadmon. Since so much of the team will be returning, Davies expects a better year next year as these young players mature.

The Golf team is 2-5-1 with four matches remaining. They have a young team with only one senior, Kevin Fogerty.

The team is led by juniors John Ewasko and Steve Valenti. The other team members are Sean Hyndon, Matt Plummeer and Dan DiMichael.

Mr. Patterson stated about Ewasko, "If he plays a good round he might win the states."

He expects the team to be better next year because his players always put out a consistent effort.

The boys' track team won only one non conference meet against St. Elizabeth. They did, however, have a few standouts. This included Bill Valentine and Brian Burbage qualifying

for the state meet in the 100 meters.

Other good performances were by junior Gary Peacock in the mile - half mile and the two mile, Mark Maurer in the long and triple jumps, and sophomore Craig Joachimowski in the two mile.

The team as a whole did not do well but the outstanding performances offset the problems caused by a low number of team members.

The final spring sport is girls' tennis. They didn't win any matches, but they did have some good performances by seniors Tammy Mergenthaler, Dina LaFazia and Carrie Dorcia, juniors Dora Korzeniwsky and Ruth McDowell, and Katie Owens and Ann Luoma.

They worked hard and deserve credit for their consistent effort.



Gotebiowski Wins Tough Match

(Photo By: Kathy Tobin)



Maurer jumps for points

(Photo By: Rich Gregson)

Hockey Intramurals Return to Conrad High School

Intramurals became a reality at Conrad again after a year of absence. Conrad discontinued its intramural program when eighth period was discontinued two years ago.

Hockey intramurals began in early spring. The team's rosters were presented to Mr. Landis and Mr.

Strobel who supervised the games. Five teams, The Flyers, The Blades, The Capitals, The Pumas and The Sabres, were scheduled to play each other once, resulting in the teams with the two best records playing in a best of three series.

The first game involved The Capitals, a combination

of many Newark Stars Ice Hockey players against the Pumas. It was The Capitals' first win and they continued to beat each of the other teams. The only team that managed to score against them was The Blades.

A senior team, The Sabres, beat everyone except The Capitals. They were second in the standings and entered the playoffs with anticipation.

The first game in the playoffs resulted in an overtime victory, by the Sabres. In the second bout the

Capitals fired back with a 4-1 triumph.

Due to rain the last game was postponed because the baseball team had to use the gym. The game was finally played from 3:20 p.m. to 4 p.m. May 24.

The game was full of checking. It wasn't long into the game when the Sabres'

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Conradian Rides Horse for a Living

by Sue Pinder

What would you do if you were short, and weighed only 102 pounds in high school? Well, you could always become a jockey!

Larry Pennington, 18, is doing just that. He started in seventh grade working a summer job at Brandywine Stables, Delaware Park; and at 16 began workouts at Delaware Park.

In September 1977, after he finished his junior year here at Conrad, Pennington began serving an apprenticeship at Pimlico Race Track in Baltimore Maryland, taking up residence with his agent's family. He is hired to race different horses; and

since his first win last March 30, Pennington has had about one winner a week.

The young jockey's mother, Mrs. Toni Pennington, commented, "I think Larry is very lucky to know what he wanted in life and what he wanted to do, even though it wasn't exactly what I wanted him to do."

Guidance counselor Harry Davies helped the apprentice jockey work out a plan to complete his senior year. "Larry had 17 credits at the end of last year," Davies said. "He has completed all requirements and will graduate this year."

Mrs. Pennington said her son bought his graduation cap and gown, and "hopefully" will not have to



(Photo by: News Journal) work June 8. She remarked, "Larry will probably look forward to seeing his old friends when he goes back for graduation."

Conradians to attend Sports Camps

teams in competitive soccer at Brandywine High School. The fee is \$10 per person and any male student in grades nine, ten or eleven and interested in the sport of soccer is welcome to attend, provided he's on a team.

Each team coaches and organizes its own players. Starting May 31 and continuing into July, they will play Monday or Wednesday evenings in 45-minute games.

The whole idea of both sports programs is to provide fun, stay in shape, and discover what the competition is like. "I think it's a really well-kept organization and every soccer player should attend," commented goal keeper Dave Derrick.

Juniors Shawn Brady, Joe Callahan, Bill Clymer, Darric, Rich Gregson, Craig Hall, and Gary Lister will comprise part of the Conrad team. Sophomores Eric Brady, Brian Burbage, Mike Burchfield and Craig Joachimowski will also attend.

College Not the Answer

Due to students working and attending two year colleges such as Del-Tech and Goidey Beacom, fewer applied to the University of Delaware. Out of the 43 seniors who applied to the U of D this year, 39 were accepted.

Wilmington High Accepts Students, Principal

by Robin Fiske

The New Castle Planning Board of Education has announced the administration assignments for the new district which will be effective as of July 1, 1978.

Principal Earl J. Smith will retain his position as principal at Wilmington High School, with Jay L. Hinherscheetz and J. Duane Morningred assuming positions of assistant principal.

Michael Simmons, principal of Krebs Junior High School, will become principal of Conrad Junior High with Rudolph F. Karkosk of Oak Grove and Louis J. Ott, the only remaining Conrad

administrator, accepting assistant principal positions.

Superintendent Leon B. Elder has been selected as Associate Superintendent for Facilities and Services of the new district.

Red is Gray; Gray is Red

by Sue Regan

On the eve of June 6, 1978, 278 graduating Conradians will receive their diplomas in reverse color commencement gifts.

Due to a mix-up in a con-

tract with the Oak Hill Cap and Gown Company, girls will wear gray caps and gowns and boys will don red vestments.

The contract called for the robes in an incorrect order, but it still passed approval in the main office and was sent to the company in Roanoke, Virginia. They were misordered in 1974, also, but for some reason, they arrived at Conrad according to traditional specifications.

Corrections, by trading girls' gray for boys' red, are impossible since the number of each color are not identical and were ordered for 117 boys and 161 girls.

Reilly, Williams Lead Faculty to Victory

After much bribery and pleading the members of the girls' track team persuaded a few brave faculty members to participate in a student/faculty track meet May 25.

The first event of the meet was the hurdles, with the track team competing against Girls' Track Coach Michael Reilly and Gerard Dougherty of the Youth Service Center. Reilly won the event despite his bad form and failure to lean forward, pull his leg through and work his arms. Dougherty placed third in the hurdles, and his competitors realized that he has the rare talent of running and talking at the same time.

Reilly also participated in and won the 440. The

high jump, and the mile relay. In the 440, he was closely pursued the entire way by Debbie "Kid" Jansz, Debbie Dizon and JoAnn "Dizzy" Dzielak, who, despite her laughter and lack of running all year, finished the race.

Another faculty member who proved versatile was Joseph Masters, a newly acquired Drivers Ed teacher. Masters won the discus, shot put and the 100 yard dash, and competed in all three relays.

Dave Williams was a triple winner for the faculty, winning the half mile, the mile and the two mile.

The final score was 61-53 in favor of the faculty, and naturally the team came up with several excuses; such

as the final grades not being turned in yet and inability to perform well because of uncontrollable fits of laughter.

Several of the faculty members benefited immensely from the meet. Ruth Kadlecik has been asked to be on the next Olympic team, (she runs faster when promised lemon water ice), and Sandy Albaugh has signed a contract with the Mike Douglas show to tell of her vigorous training schedule prior to the competition and also about her new book, "How to Jump Hurdles on a Wet Football Field in One Easy Lesson."

The track team wishes to thank all faculty members who gave their time to compete and all those who helped keep times.



Gerry Dougherty leads Deborah Gregson, Patti Carilli in the 110 Hurdles as Coach Williams watches.

(Photo by Kathy Tobin)

14 Seniors to Receive Scholarships

There will be fourteen graduating seniors this year who have received scholarships from many different DUs.

The DuPont Stenography Training Scholarship has been given to Carol Abrams, Linda Wrightson, Donna Szczesiak, and Kathy Murphy is an alternate.

Stylna Lecompte received both the Delaware State College Academic Scholarship and the John B. Lynch Scholarship. The University of Delaware Paynter Award goes to Cathy Ann Patterson. Dina LaFazia received the Goldie Beauchamp Trustees' Scholarship.

The Mt. Mary College, Wisconsin Presidential Scholarship went to Carla Calfo. While Joe Sawicki received both the University of Rochester Alumni Regional Scholarship and a Navy ROTC Scholarship, Jeff Downs also received two scholarships; the University of Delaware Bayard Sharp and the University of Delaware Henry C. Conrad Merit Scholarship.

The American Legion Award went to Steve Horgan and Kathleen Tobin.

The Christiana Lions Club scholarships go to Leah Wilson and Linda Pitirizzi.

Pam Surowiec recently received the Brown University Alumni Award for being the outstanding junior English student. The award was given to the student "who best combines a high degree in English expression both written and spoken, with outstanding personal qualities."

New teacher

Kathy Kraszewski, a 1972 graduate of Conrad, is back again - but this time as a teacher.

"It's nice to be back at my alma mater," said Kraszewski, "and I still call the teachers Mr. and Mrs."

Since there will be no summer Driver Education this year, Mr. Kasner had to teach it this marking period, leaving the job opening for Kraszewski.

"It was nice because I was away all winter," explained the new teacher, "then when I came back to substitute on Tuesdays and Thursdays, they asked me to teach on the following Monday. I guess I was lucky!"

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Bucky Armstrong scored. Anthony Petrucci scored won Sabre goalie Steve Horgan and at half time the score remained 1-1. Both teams showed an effort to win the "Henry Cup" but both teams scored again. The game was tied at 2-2 and the sudden death overtime rule was abandoned leaving the Capitols and the Sabres co-winners.

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letter grade, it hasn't helped much. In fact, the problem has worsened, especially due to the nice weather.

According to guidance counselor Harry Davies a general apathy among students, parents and teachers is the major problem. Says Davies, "I think a change may be just what we need. Hopefully next year's counselors will take a more active part in this problem."

"It's getting to the point now that while both parents are working, the kids have free reins and take off when they want. Parents don't want to give up an hour or two of work to come in about their kids," he continued.

Jerry Dougherty, attendance clerk, feels as though the program never was very effective. "After the first two weeks of the program, I knew it was useless. It's an impossible job to make 120 phone calls on one phone with incoming calls, people dropping in the Service Center every day. I can admit that I didn't do my job because it's a waste of time."

"By the time you're 18 you should be given a full responsibility instead of only half. Either you want to come to school or you don't. But I'd rather work on limited cases where I knew that it may develop into a real problem than with the 15-17% attendance problems that wouldn't benefit anyway."

Dougherty believes that to alleviate the problem you either have to become extremely strict, constant keeping you enthusiasm or extremely liberal but enthusiastic. Davies and Dougherty both agree that the thing must be followed closely is to be consistent in rules and regulations. Davies explains, "You have to be consistent. Just because the weather starts to get nice in April and May is no excuse." Conrad isn't the only school to blame. In fact, many high schools are dealing with this problem.

What programs and rules at Wilmington High will be in effect next year hasn't been

decided yet. But what is chosen will hopefully be for the better.

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