

# SMOKE SIGNAL



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## Russell Is 'Best Actor', Critic Lauds Play Choice

Senior Bob Russell climaxed his distinguished high school acting career by winning a commendation for his performance in Conrad's production and an award for the best actor in the entire high school division of the University Play Festival.

The Critic's Award for the best-chosen high school play in the University of Delaware Play Festival was given to Conrad's entry, Moliere's "School for Husbands."

"I've been waiting a long time for this," was Bob's comment.

"It has sure made me happy."

Out of the other participating high schools, three besides Conrad had actors worthy of the critic's commendation. These were Christiana, Mount Pleasant, and Salesianum.

All schools except Conrad and Alexis L. DuPont had to enter Regionals before being eligible for the festival.

Theresa Hayden, professional New York critic, judged the two day Festival and made

evaluations of all of the performances for the benefit of the participants and the audience. Her main criticism of Conrad's production was the actors' poor diction.

"The costumes look like someone went into a museum and took them right out of a picture. They're out of this world," was Miss Hayden's comment on senior Kathy Laramore's costumes.

## Girls, Boys To Go Politic

Ellen Prestowitz and David Ingold are Conrad's junior delegates to the annual Girls' State and Boys' State conventions.

Mary Ann Phillips and Jim Trost are alternates. The convention, sponsored by the American Legion, will be held in Dover June 26-30.

Representatives from Delaware schools will convene and form political parties, choose a governor, pass bills, and act as a general assembly. Social events are also planned, so that delegates may enjoy themselves and get acquainted.

## Seniors To Enslave Sophomores and Juniors

Sophomores and juniors, beware! Senior Tag Day is coming.

Tag Day will be held this year on May 2. Tags will be sold by Student Council members May 1 and before classes May 2.

The lower classmen tagged by seniors must do, within reason, anything their masters dictate.

Plans for a student activity card are also being discussed

## DECA Room Project Captures First Prize

Conrad's DE Club won first prize for a state project at the 11th Annual State Leadership Conference of the Delaware Association of the Distributive Education Clubs of America held April 2 and 3 at the Tally-Ho Motor Inn.

The trophy-winning achievement was the class project of decorating the DE room.

## Conrad Buzzes With Show Biz

Tryouts for the Variety Show, sponsored by Sock and Buskin, are being held this week after school. The Steve Palmer Trio, the twirlers, the dance band, and some members of the choir are among those who are expected to perform.

The tentative date for the Variety Show is May 13. A Master of Ceremonies and the theme for the show have not yet been selected.

Linda Rash, president of Sock and Buskin, hopes to have some new and unusual types of talent this year.

The entire class worked at the project and Pat Dunkelberger was in charge of preparing the club's entry in this competition. Jean Jones acted as her assistant in this project.

The DE Club hopes to send two of the students who were leaders to attend the National Leadership Conference to be held later this month in Chicago. The conference is open to any DE student who has received an award on the state conference level.

Other Conrad DE students who competed in the state conference were Diane Widowson and Florence Saegar for point of display, Frances Smith for interview, Sheila Moore for advertising, and Terry Colecchio for Sweetheart Contest.

Vincent Arkins, who replaced Luther Jones April 1, will be in charge of Conrad's DE program until the end of this year. George Frolich will assume the responsibilities of being head of the DECA department next year.

## Band Members Strut In Bibs and Spats

Band members proudly displayed their new uniforms for the first time at the New Castle County Band Festival April 19. They now claim to be not only the best-sounding but the best-looking band in the state.

The uniform consists of a red coat with a silver-colored overlay, a pair of gray trousers with two contrasting stripes, a hat (Shako) with a detachable plume, and spats.

The next appearance of the new uniforms will be at the Annual Spring Concert to be held Thursday, April 27. The concert will feature two soloists, first clarinetist Kay Gentle, playing "Creole Clarinet," and first trombonist David Lowden, playing "Reflective Mood." The tempo will flow from the lively "March of Golden Brass" to the sweet strains of "Man from La Mancha." The band is hoping for an overflowing crowd.

New uniforms and accessories for the twirling corps are expected to arrive by May 1. These uniforms are designed the same as the old ones.



Steve Palmer proudly displays the new band uniform to be worn at the concert April 27. Photo by Paula Barnett.

## Resort Town Welcomes All-State Chorus Members

Convention Hall at Rehoboth Beach was the scene of the All-State Chorus April 13-15.

Millie Donovan, Susan Hartnett, Kathy Hosan, Janet Walsh, and Roger Campbell represented Conrad in the 300-voice choral program.

Auditions to fill the 300

chairs were held at William Penn High School.

Robert K. Baar, director of choral activities and associate professor of music at Murray State University in Kentucky, was guest conductor.

Three hundred Rehoboth families opened their homes to chorus members for the three days of rehearsal.

A dance given Saturday evening for the chorus members highlighted the three-day event.

Mayor Lester Johnson of Rehoboth Beach was among the dignitaries present at the concert.

## Haden Wins

Junior Keith Haden won first prize in the senior biological division of the Delaware State Science Fair April 5 for his project on HeLa cultures of cancerous tissue. He was also first alternate for the Naval Cruise Award.

## Julia Martin To Head New Smoke Signal Staff

Julia Martin, junior, has come up on top of the deck as editor-in-chief in the annual Smoke Signal staff shuffle.

Other newly-appointed members of the executive council, all juniors, are as follows: Judy Eckles, feature editor; Leslie Marquette, news editor; Paula Barnett, activities editor; James Trost, sports editor; Leslie Wilhide, assistant editor and business manager; and Lorraine Bloch, chief photographer.

Linda Deputy, junior, and Barbara Morris, sophomore, have been added to the typing staff. Junior John Glenn and sophomore Kathleen Dry-

den have joined the photographic staff.

The new staff began their duties with this issue and will continue in office until April of next year. Nineteen sophomore reporters are now working on the paper.

The creation of the new position of news editor, according to Raymond Cashel, faculty adviser, will enable the editor-in-chief to spend more time in improving organization and writing quality.

Leslie Wilhide, Julia Martin, and Leslie Marquette accompanied Mr. Cashel to the Maryland Scholastic Press Association Convention April 22 in Baltimore.



Putting its new policy of April changeover into effect, the new Smoke Signal executive council looks eagerly forward to a new year. (Left to right: Leslie Marquette, Judy Eckles, Lorraine Bloch, Julia Martin, Leslie Wilhide, Paula Barnett, and Jim Trost.) Photo by Frances Maccari.



## Editors Say Good-bye

With this issue of the Smoke Signal, the former editors have been promoted "upstairs" to new positions as student advisers for the staff, and junior staff members, in turn, have taken over their duties as editors.

As we, the past editors, reflect upon the challenges and responsibilities our positions imposed, we regret that we are now shedding these duties that have provided us with such satisfaction and enjoyment.

Yet, we realize that we will always carry with us the benefits and pleasant memories of our experience.

We would like to express our gratitude to the staff for their cooperation and beneficial efforts and to our adviser, whose generous interest and innumerable efforts have provided us with a keen sense of fulfillment.

We are thankful for the opportunity of sharing these benefits with the rising editors for the remainder of the school year. Our best wishes are extended to them in the hopes that they will profit by the opportunities opened to them and will serve the school generously through their capabilities.

## Juniors Become Editors

To us, the new editors of the Smoke Signal, the opportunity to serve the school and to broaden our own learning experience is before us.

We accept the responsibility as a privilege and recognize our obligation to emulate the fine achievements of the outgoing staff.

Our goal will be to improve the Smoke Signal, which is a reflection, not only of those who write and publish it, but of the student body and faculty of Conrad.

In striving to attain this goal, we feel certain that we will gain much more from the experience than we can ever hope to contribute.

## Compliments To Cafeteria

Things are looking up in the cafeteria nowadays.

A lunch-time frequenter of the "temple of gourmet delight" has begun to find that instead of the usual meager offerings, his famished gaze is being appeased with the all-too-lovely sight of appetizing food.

In short, Sue and Charlie are getting their nourishment--and liking it.

Silverware has taken on a new sparkle (or has it just been hidden in the past?) Floors gleam with the cleanliness of frequent mopping. The staff snaps to their individual duties with new-found incentive.

We would be the last to suggest that a change in staff composition is responsible for the violent innovations: "Ours is not to wonder why . . ."

With the rise in the quality of cafeteria conditions, we note the simultaneous rise in the number of students taking advantage of them.

Sworn "baggers" of long standing are trading their wax paper for the silver trays.

What if the ice cream sandwiches are a little smashed--the pears are free!

# Oregon's Senator Morse Speaks At Youth Forum

By JULIA MARTIN

A casual observer might have found it hard to believe that an ordinary-looking elderly man with sparse grey hair could command such obvious respect from a predominantly teenage audience.

Senator Wayne Morse, however, is no ordinary man. "I come not asking for agreement, but for thought," he asserted, introducing his topic, "Dissent: Its Use and Misuse."

The occasion was a youth forum at Mount Pleasant Senior High School. It was evident from the senator's easy manner that he was comfortable talking on the controversial subject.

The Oregon senator's views

are unexpectedly in keeping with those expressed by the younger generation. He defended the publicized dissenters of the University of California campus and stated that it is "patriotic, at a time of crisis, to dissent."

Known for his definite propensity for taking the minority view in many Congressional hearings, the senator openly expounded his views on Vietnam.

"I have never voted one dollar for the war," he stated, an emphasis on each word. "Cut funds, and it will force a change in policy."

The daring politician described the function of dissent as the prevention of error

## Teacher-of-the-Month

# Ambitious English Teacher Leads Well-Rounded Life

"I always wanted to be a doctor - a great surgeon," commented Howard Work, English teacher, in his highly sophisticated manner.

The often-boyish educator, performed his first operation on a fishing trip. Being 97 miles from the nearest doctor or town, he was forced to operate on a friend in need, who had a rather large fishing hook caught in the side of his face.

"What an experience! I felt so good afterwards because I knew I had accomplished something," chuckled the naturally optimistic pedagogue.

Never regretting becoming a teacher rather than a famous surgeon, Mr. Work enjoys working with people, especially with kids, "where all the action is!"

Contrary to the popular belief that teachers lead dull lives, Mr. Work's fishing trips

have supplied many exciting moments. While on another of his fishing expeditions, the enthusiastic adventurer and several of his colleagues had to spend the night on a deserted island after their boat developed motor trouble.

Although fishing keeps Mr. Work busy in his spare time, he also finds time to hunt.

When fishing and hunting are not in season, this natural admirer of literature occupies himself by reading and writing.

During the two years he served Uncle Sam in the army, Mr. Work climbed to the rank of sergeant while stationed in Italy. He returned home to Millersville State College, Pennsylvania, where he obtained his bachelor's degree in English.

An ambitious person, he went on to Temple University



English teacher Howard Work enjoys working with kids - "where the action is!" Photo by Lorraine Bloch. He works on his master's degree. His past four summers have been spent studying at Wesleyan University in Connecticut. Driving more than 50 miles from his home in Lancaster, Pa., every day to be with his students, Mr. Work resolves to spend the rest of his life in public education, because "young people fascinate me."

# Cheerleaders Depend Greatly On Crowd Enthusiasm

By DIANE VENTRESCA

Megaphones, bobby socks and sneakers, shakers, football games, excitement, "the thrill of victory, and the agony of defeat" all describe the kind of world a cheerleader is a part of.

The true cheerleader, we are told, should be characterized by pep, vivacity, pride, integrity, leadership, and spirit. She is actually a symbol representing her school and its sportsmanship. Often, we don't feel up to cheering and leading the crowd, but we know that as cheerleaders, this is our responsibility.

A question has popped up many times-- Is a cheerleader a cheerleader to put on a show? Most of us cheerleaders firmly believe there is more to cheering than just exhibition.

Perhaps many people see only this aspect of the

story. In fact, we cheerleaders sometimes feel that we are the only ones who understand and realize the hard work and emotions involved.

Walking down the halls of Conrad after school, one might hear the distant but mighty roar of the cheerleaders and the beat of their imaginary tom-toms. All of us find it very difficult to practice on an empty stomach, but it's for the team.

## Drama Group Visits Conrad

The National Theater Company presented a program to theater-interested students April 6.

Scenes from "The Humanities," "The Miser," "Hamlet," "Henry IV," and "The Bear," were enacted by the professional actors.

The drama group, which started their tour in Washington, will present their program throughout the East Coast states.

Long hours are spent in preparation of pep rallies, practicing for games, or raising money for new uniforms.

Before a pep rally, one can hardly imagine the anxiety that builds up -- a fear that it might be a failure or that flip might be a flop. Will the student body cheer? Will they just sit there like bumps on a bleacher (or warts on a toad)? Will they encourage the team or don't they care?

The satisfaction that is reaped from a successful cheering section is a reward to any cheerleader. To hear the crowd cheer zealously is like music to our ears.

When the alma mater is played, many tears are shed by the sentimental cheerleaders. After a defeat, especially a close, hard-fought defeat, we're as downcast as the team. At times of victory we, too, are happy.

The crowd has a lot to do with the success of a cheerleader. Without its support and enthusiasm, her efforts are worthless.



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# Redskins To Clash With Mt. Pleasant

The baseball team will clash with the Green Knights of Mt. Pleasant today.

Conrad opened their regular season with a 4-1 win over Christiana High. The Redskins ended their winning streak from last year's undefeated season by dropping two non-conference games to Salesianum, 11-7 and 5-2.

"With desire we will get our share of victories," remarked baseball coach Joseph Palermo. Mr. Palermo and Coach William Kean have been concentrating on the team's defense, a necessity if the squad is going to be a contender in the Blue Hen Conference.

This year's squad is built around the nucleus of the five returning lettermen, Joseph Cherico-ss, Guy Farmer-rr, co-captain Bob Sidowski-lf, Dave Smith-lf, and co-captain Bob Wulkewicz-p. Other boys rounding out the ball club are Mickey Aviola-2b, Bill McTheny-p, Ray West-ss, seniors; Dick Allen

-1b, Don Henry-p, Bob Riley -3b, Bob Scott-c, David Yost -3b, juniors; Bruce Arter-bridge-rr, John Barr-cf, Jim Cherico-cf, Bob Finney-c, Duane Green-cf, Joe Murphy-p, Randy Nowell-c, Richard Pry-2b, Sam Womer-p, sophomores. Tom Edwards and James Jannaman are the team managers.

Coach Palermo envisions a lot of close one- or two-run decisions this season. "Any ball games we win will be by the sweat of the brow." Mr. Palermo also does not see any pitcher at the present time strong enough to go the seven-inning distance, but is relying on the players' good physical condition and their capitalizing on the other team's mistakes to win those tight games.

Mount Pleasant, William Penn, Dickinson, and Flight B opponent McKean appear to be the schools who have the teams "to beat."



Pitcher Bob Wulkewicz warms up for the game against Salesianum, April 14. Photo by William Enslin.

## Boys' Tennis Team Opens With Win

The boys' tennis team is off to a good start this season with a 3-2 win over Sallies (non-conference match) and a 5-0 win over Christiana.

The team's starting line-up is as follows: junior Jack Minker and seniors David Clapp and Charlie Collins - first, second, and third singles respectively; juniors Evan Ritchie and Jay Peacock, first doubles; and seniors Louis Nicoletti and Bill Mavity, second doubles.

Arthur Craig, team coach, has hopes of bettering last year's record of 7 wins and 2 losses. He expects the toughest match to be against Brandywine.

## Veterans Lead Softballers

Six returning veterans form the mainstay of the girls' softball team. They are Mille Donovan, Pat Drozdowski, Betsy Hill, Sandy Minner, Kathy Sheehan. Approximately 25 girls are on the team, including foreign exchange student Karl Torvik.

Miss Doris Eipper, coach of the softball team, feels she has a good team of hard-working girls. Their first game was at Christiana (because of press schedule results are not included).

# Track Team Hopes To Improve In Future Conference Events

The track team opened the 1967 season with an 80-37 win over Christiana.

In a practice meet with McKean earlier they lost by a 70 1/2 - 46 1/2 score. Coach Tom Coder expects the track team to make a creditable showing in the Blue Hen Conference.

McKean high jumpers failed to do better than 5 feet, 8 inches, while Frank Downes, senior, cleared 6 feet. Charles Gruttaduria, also a senior, took first place in the long jump with a leap of 18 feet, 9 1/2 inches.

Other seniors returning this year to take their place on the roster are: John Tolbert and Tom Porter, pole vault; Ted Haas, discus; Bob Gervasi, 220- and 100-yard dashes; and Bob Watson, high hurdles.

Some of the outstanding juniors participating are: Dave Brown, discus; Jeff Dambach

## Girls Strive For Perfection

"We should go undefeated this year," stated Miss Betty Ann Genevich, new coach for Conrad's girls' tennis team. "Friends School will be our toughest match, though."

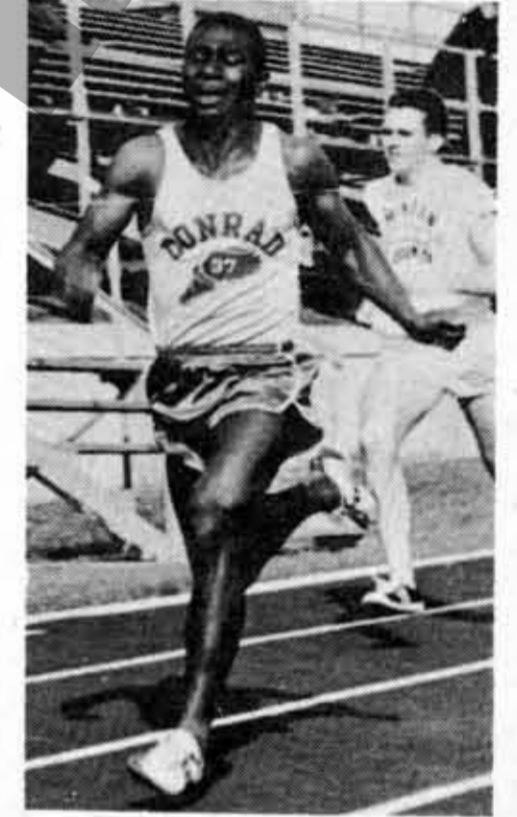
Pat Szwed, a two-year veteran, plays first singles; Maret Koiv plays second singles, and Cathy Chlebowski holds down third singles.

Double's players are seniors, Joanne Riddell and Sandy Surowitz; first doubles: Anne Koiv, sophomore, and senior Lynn Hafslund, second doubles; and juniors, Ellen and Carol Prestowitz, third doubles. Other players are Lynn Ellicot, Rosanna Palermo, and Betty Ann Fry.

and Jack Smiley, shot put; Clarence Helm, 220-yard dash; Emile Gardner, mile; Jack MacElrone, 2 mile; Pete Graustein, half-mile; and Gordon Croom, high jump.

Representing the class of '69 will be Elwood Black and Dan Dombrowski, long jump; Roland Helm, 440-yard dash; Rob Martin, half-mile; Tony Soligo, mile; Dave Thorp, two miles; and Jim Burdett, shot put.

With the upcoming sophomores outnumbering the seniors, Coach Tom Coder replied, "We're a young squad looking for a bright future."



Clarence Helm sprints to a winning finish in his heat of the 100 against McKean.

# Redskin Golfers Open Season With Christiana And Newark

The golf team opened their 1967 season April 24, entertaining Christiana High School's linksmen. The Redskins had a non-conference match against A. I. DuPont April

## Spring Intramurals Feature Archery

The spring intramural season is featuring a rerun of the fall archery shoot May 9. Participants may still sign up.

The Hole-in-One Event has been postponed indefinitely. The Free Throw Event has been permanently cancelled due to a lack of student interest.

## Hi-Y's Two Teams Win 2nd and 5th

The Cherokees, one of Hi-Y's two basketball teams, won second place in the Hi-Y tournament. The other Conrad team, the Redskins, made fifth.

The club, under the supervision of Rolfe Wenner, is composed of about 20 members. The officers are Dave Clapp, president; Jack Minker, vice-president; and Bill Mavity, secretary and treasurer.

The members are allowed to go once a month to the Western Branch of the YMCA for swimming.

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**Club News**

# AFS Volunteers Plan Parking Lot Festival

THE COMBINED FORCES of adult and student AFS chapters will sponsor the annual fair in Conrad's parking lot May 6.

Plans are underway for a coffee house complete with snacks and folksinging. Other attractions, geared to accommodate all ages, will include a white elephant sale, various games and contests, and a plant and shrub sale. A sponge toss, featuring Conrad teachers, is being designed for the students' recreation.

A net profit of \$300 must be reached in order to sponsor the foreign student exchange program, as Conrad boasts two New York finalists this year. They are David Ingold and Ellen Prestowitz.

NEXT YEAR'S VARSITY cheerleaders will be boosting school spirit in brand new uniforms. The uniforms have not been ordered or selected yet, according to Miss Leann Hornung, sponsor of the squad.

A SLAVE AUCTION, Olympics games, and workshops highlighted the Delaware Junior Classical League convention held in Smyrna April 15.

The slave auction, sponsored by Conrad, was run by Keith Haden and John Henderson. The sale raised \$64, which will be placed in the state treasury.

Barbara Jamarowicz, sophomore, was appointed state historian for the club.

Conrad's 18 delegates en-

joyed a buffet-style lunch at John Basset Moore High School, the hosting school.

TOURS OF THE MUSEUM of Natural History, the Museum of Science and Technology, and the Medical Museum highlighted the Science Club trip to Washington, D.C. April 12.

Mrs. Eva Milbouer and her husband chaperoned the group of 41 Conrad students, consist-

ing of Science Club members and their friends.

THE ANNA SOKOLOW Dance Company's presentation of Edgar Varese's "Deserts" was one of three dances viewed by Modern Dance Club members April 6.

Miss Marie Christiansen, club sponsor, hopes the dramatic experience will spur club members onto some creative choreographical work of their own.

## School Board News



## Two Accept New Posts

Miss Betty Ann Genevicz, English teacher, and William Keay, chemistry teacher, have resigned to accept positions at Newark and Tatnall schools respectively.

Miss Genevicz, who has been teaching French I and English IV at Conrad, will teach literature in her new position.

Mr. Keay will be teaching chemistry and physical science classes at Tatnall. "I'll miss all the friends I've made," he commented.

The appointments of two new teachers were announced by John J. Lacey, supervising principal.

Mrs. Eleanor Cook, a former Conrad teacher, will return from Dickinson to teach English. David Owens will also teach English and will be in charge of the yearbook. Mr. Owens is currently teaching at Newark.

The administration is researching the possibility of purchasing a small digital computer for the math and science departments. Also being studied is the idea of buying portable T.V. cameras, video tape recorders, and playback equipment to enhance instruction.

The library will be open to the community this summer on an experimental basis. "This would benefit both students and other community members," said Mr. Lacey.

Under the present building program there remains only one major project. This task would include black-topping the remaining parking lot, installation of a drinking fountain on the athletic field, placing a turnstile gate at the entrance to the football field, and the construction of three outdoor basketball courts for school and community use.

## Student of the Month Has Won Many Awards

Senior Chuck Rau, named by Student Council as Student-of-the-Month, has won many awards.

At Oak Grove School, which Chuck attended for nine years, he won science and math awards in the sixth grade and the American Legion award in eighth grade. In his last year of junior high he won many honors including the civics, English, French, Greenhill Lions, and county-wide current events test awards.

In his sophomore year, Chuck received a scholastic letter, an NEDT award, and was elected vice-president of his class. The following year he earned a National Merit Test Commendation and another scholastic letter. Chuck has also been a member of the "It's Academic" team and the National Honor Society.

As you can guess, he is an "A" student, maintaining a



Chuck Rau, student-of-the-month, diligently types his Smoke Signal story. Photo by Margie Blyskal.

4.5 average this year. Chuck still finds time for outside activities, however, even though his job (after school and 10 hours on Saturday) limits them. His extra-curricular activities include playing the trumpet and serving as sports editor and photographer on the Smoke Signal.

## Gardner To Preside Over State Hi-Y

Emile Gardner, junior, was elected president of the Delaware District Hi-Y April 10.

The election climaxed a weekend conference held at Brandywine Junior College and the Brandywine YMCA. Discussion groups concerning housing, law enforcement, civil rights, and sex education highlighted the conference. The theme was "A Society and Its Problems."

Emile was elected by delegates from each chapter in the Delaware District, an area encompassing New Castle County, Dover, and parts of

the state of Maryland.

This is the second consecutive year that a Conrad student has been elected to the office. Senior Dave Clapp is this year's president.



Joanne Capuano, Red Skelton, Ken Morris, and Dave Brown pose casually at the foot of the Lincoln Memorial during the Student Council's Washington, D. C. tour.

The Charcoal Pit, frequented by many Conradians after school activities, has instituted a 50-cent minimum charge.

The purpose of the charge is to discourage large numbers of teenagers from excessive loitering on the premises during rush hours when adults want service.

The Pit management states that it does not wish to offend any Conrad student, but that it is merely trying to be fair to both its teenager and adult customers.

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