

Linda Rash Wins Medal

Alumni Pursue Chosen Careers

What becomes of former Conradians? Since graduation, these alumni have been busily pursuing their lifetime careers.

Linda Rash, famous for the leading role in Sock and Buskin's 1966 production of "Teahouse of the August Moon," returned to her alma mater January 16 in uniform and toting a Navy medal.

Her company of 67 waves elected her honor woman and recipient of the American Spirit

Honor medal at Bainbridge, Maryland, last week.

Travel opportunities abound, and the Great Lakes Naval Training Center and Honolulu lie ahead as she pursues her career.

After training, Linda will be a registered nurse and a commissioned officer.

Bob Russell who was chosen last year as Boy Thespians of the Year, plans to gain acting experience during his time in the Navy. He hopes to be accepted

in Special Services, a branch of the armed forces which, among other things, brings entertainment to the troops.

Bob is looking forward to entering a drama school and pursuing a career in the theater after his Navy days.

Kathleen Widdoes, a 1957 graduate, has appeared in several Broadway plays, one of which is "You Can't Take It With You," staged last fall by Sock and Buskin.

Captain of last years' varsity cheerleaders, Dee Lynn Mulligan was chosen to represent Conrad in the Blue and Gold football game as a Gold cheerleader. As she cheered for the team, Guy Farmer, David Smith, and Bob Watson were playing in the game, a benefit to aid handicapped children.

Several alumni have made names for themselves in sports. Craig Martin and Dave

Smith both did outstanding jobs in football this season. Dave, who was graduated last year, was halfback on the University of Delaware freshman team. Also playing halfback, Craig Martin, '66 graduate, played for Swarthmore.

Barbara Sowden, class of '66, began her career in track while still in school and continued after graduation. She is working hard to reach her goal to make the '68 Olympics.

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Changes In Curriculum Planned For 1968-69 Term

Changes and improvements are in store for next year's curriculum. Administration and faculty have tentative plans well underway for the math, English, social studies, and home economics departments.

Mr. Dwayne Morningred is organizing a formalized course in computer training for a group of 15 to 20 seniors. If more students apply, some type of elimination will be necessary to determine who will take the course.

The program will be offered as an elective. A successful completion of the course will give the student one-half or one credit toward graduation.

Along with learning to work with computers, field trips to various computer centers will highlight the class.

According to Mr. Morningred, "Most people recognize the important role of the

computer." There are many jobs open in this field, and hopefully it may help students, college prep as well as business, decide if they want to continue in this type of work.

A committee headed by Mrs. Eleanor Dill is studying the increasing problem of a lack of reading skills. The committee, also including Mr. Bernard Geaghan and Mr. Leon Lilly, is presently investigating the materials, goals, and techniques for developing a reading program.

The social studies department is considering the possibility of initiating an "honors" class next year for carefully selected students.

The class would involve a three year humanities sequence and consist of tenth, eleventh, and twelfth year students.

Inductive learning, independent work, and problem solving would be the basic concentration of the course.

A recently published four-year sequence is being studied (Continued to Page 4)

Smoke Signal Editors To Hear Governor Terry

Smoke Signal editors Julie Martin, Judy Eckles, Leslie Marquette, and James Trost will attend the Maryland-Delaware Scholastic Press Association Convention March 2. The affair will be held in the News Journal Building.

Governor Charles Terry will conduct a special press conference where student reporters will take notes and write on-the-spot stories. A \$300 Margaret Losure scholarship will be awarded the writer exhibiting the most reporting skill.

A team of six Smoke Signal reporters will enter the Temple University Press Tournament March 28.

The students, to be chosen by try outs, will compete in editorial writing, news editing, news writing, page make-up, speech reporting, and sports interview.

Feature editor Judy Eckles, along with 9 Delaware student journalists, recently conducted a press conference with Lieutenant William Wells, juvenile

The student literary magazine has been postponed until the next Smoke Signal issue.

Pressure of examinations and the closing of the first term are causes of the delay, according to Mr. Raymond Cashel, Smoke Signal adviser.

Seaford To Host All-State Concert

Seaford High School will host the All-State Band, March 14-16. The band, conducted by Mr. Fred Ebbs from Indiana University in Bloomington, will present a concert March 16.

As one of the top 400 bands in the United States, the Conrad band's picture will appear in the first Chair of America, an honor recognition yearbook for outstanding high school bands, orchestras, and choruses.

January 26 the band spent the entire day practicing under the direction of two conductors. In the morning the woodwind section practiced with Mr. Donald E. McCathren, conductor of the Symphony of Winds at Duquesne University.

Later the woodwinds were

joined by the rest of the band and were conducted by Mr. J. Robert King from the University of Delaware.

Santa Claus, clowns, Christmas carols, and rock and roll songs were all a part of the Christmas Party at the Alfred I. Institute December 10. The band played Christmas carols and selections from the half-time shows and were accompanied by the baton twirlers on several tunes.

Council Plans Day In N.Y.

The Student Council trip to New York is set tentatively for March 22. Members will visit the U.N., lunch at the delegates' dining room, tour the city by bus, and possibly attend a Radio City program.

Senior Tag Day will be held in February. Slaves may be purchased at 35¢ each in an unlimited quantity.

Louie DiNetta heads a newly-formed committee, designed to curb destruction of lavatories and other school property.

A dress, socks, and a Chinese checker set are on the way to Elenita Torrente, the Student Council foster child in the Philippines. The gift, was chosen to provide a few basic necessities.

The amount of Conradian Christmas cheer given to the Charity Drive headed by Ken Plech was \$132.

Krebs PTA Sponsors Adult Education Courses

An adult education program will be sponsored by the Krebs PTA for ten weeks starting February 5. Classes will run from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. one night each week.

Fee for each course is \$10. A baker's dozen of courses will be offered. These include beginning sewing, advanced sewing, tailoring, beginners' typing, intermediate typing, and intermediate shorthand. Also available are dancing, reading improvement; slimnastics for women, recreational physical fitness for men, ceramics and crafts, oil painting, and woodworking.

All classes will meet in the Krebs School except dancing and slimnastics which will take place in the Richey School. Registration

forms, which can be secured at Krebs, can be sent to Krebs School in care of Adult Education. Payment must accompany the registration form.

The instructors for the various courses include Jerry Becker, Betsy Conner, John Davis, Dave Emmel, John Erickson, Gladys Harper, Paul Henderson, Leanne Hornung, Charles Platz, Barry Poorman, Evelyn Simpson, and Elsie Whetstone. Special equipment, books, and materials will be at the students' expense.

Prior to the spring session, the Krebs PTA sponsored a fall adult education program which received a generous response. Further information may be secured by calling 998-3616 or 994-1280.



Principal Earl Smith proudly receives the United States flag presented to the school by Atterbury Auxiliary Post 3420 Veterans of Foreign Wars. Left to right are Mrs. Emma Mazzetta, Principal Smith, and Mrs. Gertrude Rhind. Photo By John Glenn.

Assembly Sparks Spirit

The January 8 assembly, which marked the beginning of School Spirit Week, got off to a bad start and quickly proceeded to get worse.

The program was not well organized, the students were unruly and the teachers were apathetic. When a spirited sophomore began to speak in place of a play which never materialized, the "group" in the balcony was a model of rudeness.

Downstairs, however, students were fairly well behaved. Suddenly a remarkable change seemed to come over the audience. Mary Jo Renai asked for volunteers, students and teachers, to speak on school spirit and a trickle of students marched up to the stage. Sophomores, juniors, seniors, all three classes were represented.

The students' speeches varied from Shirley Simpers' lecture banging "Come on, Redskins, show a little spirit!" to Betsy Sutor's "We love ya, baby!"

A genuine spirit began to move throughout the auditorium. This spirit persisted in spite of the competition of twittering and laughter coming from the lobby (a commotion caused, we are happy to say, not by students).

No doubt everyone will join us in cheering Mr. Donald Kasner and Mr. Vincent Scott for speaking at the assembly. We would like to extend our congratulations also to Marsha Beardsley, Jimmy Dykes, Kathy Dougherty, Jimmy Mahoney, Franny Marks and David Dunbar on receiving the School Spirit Awards (their choice of wrestling or basketball activities cards).

That which started out as a fizzle ended with a bang! The Pep Rally Friday afternoon was a big success. The cheering support given to the basketball team Friday night was terrific. School Spirit Week ended with the finest display of this prized ingredient seen at Conrad in some time.

Apathy Fosters Crime

The general apathy of eyewitnesses to crime has been the subject of much controversy and investigation.

Recently 50 mock crimes were set up in Texas with police cooperation to test the truth of claims that people just don't want to get involved.

A child was repeatedly "kidnapped" as onlookers stood by detached, watching the incident. Hidden cameras proved the deceit of witnesses who claimed they saw nothing.

A man boarded a crowded bus with handcuffs obviously clasped around his wrists. The woman sitting next to him pulled the buzz cord without hesitation when he asked. He left the bus without anyone attempting to stop him or alert the police.

Unless the common man on the street begins to consider crime his problem as well as a police project, we cannot hope to maintain a civilized society.

Resolutions Examined

Each January, as the year passes and the new year steps in, the idea of resolutions comes to the foreground. We all have the best intentions of kicking last year's bad habits and leaping whole-heartedly into the new year, full of resolutions.

Limited, honest resolutions are fine. We would all profit by resolving to work a little harder, to try to be kinder to our fellowmen and to iron out our own personal flaws. However isn't it being hypocritical and a bit dishonest with ourselves when we make such hard and fast resolutions as "I will wash the car every Saturday" or "I will never disagree with my friends?"

This kind of resolution is next to impossible to keep, so why make it? Of course fun resolutions can be made in jest, but a real resolution is one to think about. This year let's make resolutions we can keep and set goals we can reach.

Like a ship setting out to cross the ocean we should set our direction and check it periodically to help us sail more smoothly through the year to come.

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January Spotlight

Mr. Bonasso Is Gourmet

By KATHY NEILL

Behind a cloud of vapor issuing from a sizzling pot of "heaven knows what" or hovering over a succulent platter of pickled pigs feet, French teacher Mr. Frank Bonasso can often be found. And when he's not delving into the tantalizing world of the gourmet (he prefers French and Chinese dishes) he will most probably be reading, listening to music, or avidly viewing a basketball tournament.

Grinning broadly, Mr. Bonasso admits that he considers himself a curious person and a sentimentalist. He deeply feels happenings in everyday life "more inwardly than out, I'm afraid."

An advocate of the golden rule philosophy, Mr. Bonasso thinks "do unto others..." could make for a better world. He wonders if people can reason out problems without violence or war...or "is man innately violent in accordance with human nature?"

Happiness is --- a sense of well-being, producing on a job, seeing students achieve, eating a well-prepared meal, and being able to sleep all rolled into one!

"See the U.S.A." rates second as a lifetime goal. He spent some time in Germany and France three years ago.

"Lace and grace" should be a woman, asserts Mr. Bonasso. Chuckling, he terms a woman donning contemporary, mannish fashions as



Pointing to Paris, French teacher Mr. Bonasso contemplates a visit to France this summer. Photo By Margaret Blyskal.

a "traitor to her own sex!"

Italian in background, Mr. Bonasso was born in West Virginia and attended the state University as a French major, doing graduate work there and at the University of Mississippi. He spent three years teaching in Queen Anne's County, Maryland, followed by three in Canton, Ohio, before coming to Conrad in 1960. He heartily admits his joy at working with the younger set.

A comparison between U.S. and French teens, he admits,

would not yield drastic differences. Yet, parents of U.S. teens, overly willing to follow the "pursuit of happiness," give way to too much permissiveness; whereas French parents put sound moral and spiritual upbringing before the child's happiness.

His ability to derive satisfaction from association with people led Mr. Bonasso last summer to work with the largest manufacturing company in the world, General Motors, in consumer credit work. Meeting and talking with others made the job ideal.

"Conradians are capable and well-behaved," declares Monsieur Bonasso, "and I hope to continue at this school." In reply, Conradians would probably answer, "Merci!"

Sutor Sooths For Year '68

By BETSY SUTOR

January 1968

New year's resolutions, right?

New year's parties, right?

New year's predictions.....

New Year's Predictions?

As Conrad's undercover (or under textbook, if you'd rather) sooth sayer, I have been called upon (forced actually) to say some sooths.

"Very well," says I, "stout hearts and like that, lure! Sally forth, don't give up the feature, and don't fire 'till you see the whites of their lifelines!"

Of course, no real sooth sayer would be any good without a Ouija Board (Breathe there a sooth sayer with soul so dead, who never to herself hath said, "This is my own, my native Ouija.") so I dug deep into the confines of my closet. Coming up with the coveted (dog-eared, dust infested) board, I proceeded to sooth. Rather, I tried to. Seems old "Ouija" (as we in the business call him) wasn't in the mood.

It was a stalemate for half

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Students' Shenanigans Riddled With Humor

By KATHY NEILL

Sizzle, crackle, splatter, pop! went George Faux acting out the part of a piece of bacon frying during Sock and Buskin's activities period.

Who says school can't be fun? If students could emerge from the stupor-like slump that mid-years bring, the humor of school life would be apparent.

Psychedelic orange socks blazed the way for junior Joe Murphy on Color Day, while Jim Buckland followed close behind attired in a most unique-looking, man-about-town sweat shirt.

Mr. Lester Maurer, proudly sporting a red and grey striped tie, proceeded to explain to his Chem class the significance of a few misplaced spots located on his tie, reminders of the food which hadn't safely crossed the gap between the table and his mouth.

Tardiness is surely a problem, but often it can't be helped. Peggy Leach, an overnight guest of Patty Craig's, awoke supposedly at 6:30 with the clock only to discover the radio announcer shouting out the time as 8:30!

A "Missing Bureau" is urgently needed here at Conrad to take care of occurrences like Diana Liddicoat's lost voice before the next day's oral assignment, Mr. Bonasso's vanishing venetian blinds, and Ralph Charles's disappearance the day of an algebra test.

Barb Borders, the first prune seed shooter known to the world, was engrossed in the countdown as Wendy Crump, Gail Hudson, and Kathy Biddle looked on at lunch. There was one more observer, however, who had been up until then, "unobserved by the observers" - Mr. Hinnerscheetz.

Sharon Ammerman, recently a victim of teeth extractions, was compelled to lunch on a hearty meal of baby-food, her favorite being Gerber's apple-sauce. Her comment, "Goo," obviously meant "Good."

Some of our more academic students, like Gary Glazer, conjure up revolutionary new Algebra II theories or converse incessantly about latest research developments (like who's wearing what to the dance) until the teacher in charge must resort to "desk-dropping" to call all these young, eager minds thirsting for wisdom back into the "boring state of reality."

But then there are always those uniquely-talented individuals with the power of hypnotism. Recently, an event of this caliber occurred when Dave Goss was fed the words, "Look into my eyes," while doing a problem at the board in Mr. Tom Coder's sixth period Algebra II class.

Ah! It's nice to dream but I must confess, I only asked that to see if his eyes were bloodshot!

Varsity Cagers Clash With William Penn Five

Conrad's Redskins will host William Penn High School tonight in their game against a good Colonial five. Both teams own comparable records as the season nears the halfway mark.

Conrad, playing a deliberate style offense, has been involved in lower scoring games, which have not been decided until the final buzzer. The Redskins lost to Newark 58-62 and to undefeated Christiana 35-37 but found their first win in a 48-47 overtime victory against Wilmington High School. Their second win in the Flight A division came against Brandywine with a 48-42 double overtime triumph.

Co-captain Terry Brown engineers the Redskin offense and leads the squad in scoring, averaging 16 points a game. Brown has played key roles in both overtime victories against Wilmington and Brandywine, scoring 25 and 13 points respectively.

Dennis Johnson is the second best scorer for the Redskins hitting at a 10-point average. Co-captain Dick Allen and Rob

Martin own 8-point averages. Chuck Haney, one of the few starting sophomores in the league, completes the starting five for the Conrad squad.

Colonials Dick Harms and Howard Johnson share most of the scoring load for William Penn, owning 15-point averages. Bill Strickland is next in line with 13 points a game.

To show the balance in the Blue Hen Conference, William Penn has impressive wins over

Newark 71-66, Mt. Pleasant 59-47, and Dickinson 76-64, but was defeated by Wilmington 58-67 and Flight B school A. I. Du Pont 58-67, two teams Conrad notched victories against.

The way the conference games have gone in the first part of the season any team, possibly with the exception of the strong P. S. du Pont team, is capable of defeating any other.

Conrad Meets Brandywine In Key Wrestling Match

When the Conrad wrestlers take on the tough Brandywine team next Saturday, they will be facing, for the second week in a row, one of the leading contenders in the Blue Hen Conference.

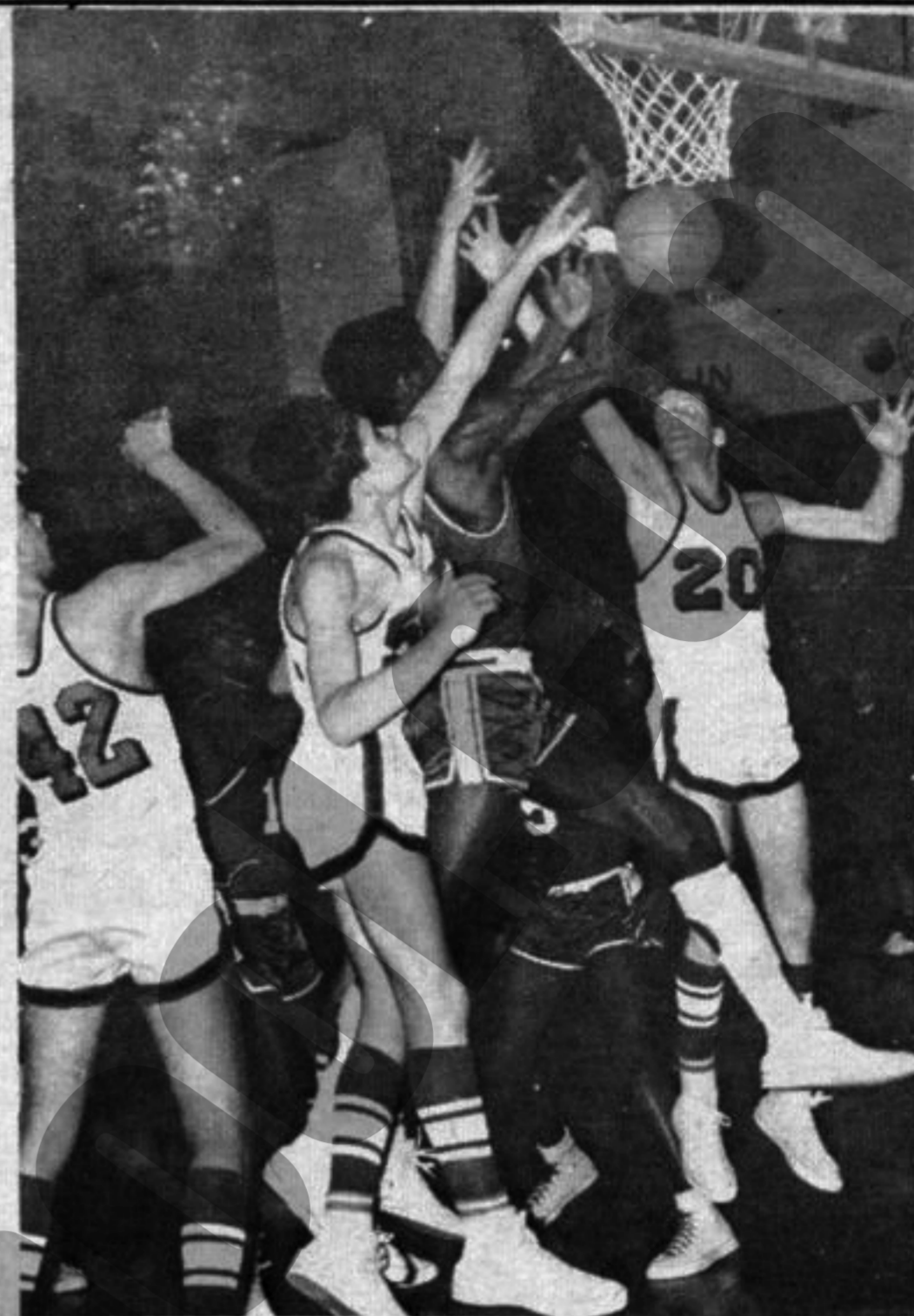
A win this week would keep the Redskins in the thick of the battle for one of the top spots in the league.

Although the team lost a close one to Newark (23-17), they looked impressive in wins over McKean (37-6), Mt. Pleasant

(33-10), and P. S. du Pont (43-5). The results of the William Penn match Saturday were not available at press time.

The starting lineup is Bruce Arterbridge - 95, Daryl Andrus - 103, Gregg Minor - 112,

Jay Harrison - 120, Paul Kempski - 127, Bob Panico - 133, Bob DelCampo - 138, Randy Nowell - 145, Terry Doran - 154, Walter Stryholuk - 165, Jeff Dambach - 180, and Tom Darrah - unlimited.



Junior Dennis Johnson (42) shoots as sophomore Charles Haney and senior Dick Allen (20) battle for the rebound at the Wilmington High Game.

Basketball Teams Begin Intramurals

With 25 basketball teams organized and playing, the 1968 intramural program is at last under way.

Twenty boys' teams and five girls' teams have been organized, homeroom teams total 19, while 6 "at large" groups were formed from homerooms with limited interest.

"The response for the basketball program has been tremendous," said Mr. Frank McDermott, head of the intramural program. "The Student Council helped quite a lot in making our program known and arousing interest."

A lack of facilities is the biggest problem of the program. Mr. Arthur Craig is helping immensely in finding places for the 60 games to be played, according to Mr. McDermott.

Other intramural activities planned for the spring include softball, track, tennis, golf, table tennis, and touch football.

"Much depends on the present program," said Mr. McDermott in regard to the success of future programs.



Gregg Miner goes for a reversal against a Christiana opponent in the Conrad 35-15 victory over the Vikings. Photo By John Glenn.

Girls' Squad To Meet Colonials

The girls' varsity basketball team will meet William Penn, today, on the Colonial's court.

The team lost their first two games; the first to A. I. DuPont 46-41, and the second to McKean 40-38.

Results from the Claymont game were not in as the paper went to press.

Leading the Redskins are the newly elected captain, Kathy Plumline, and co-captain Pat Drozdowski.

Candy Lyness and Carol Seiple are co-captains of the junior varsity. The JV team won their first two games 22-17 and 22-13.

Redskin Gymnasts To Face Springfield

The varsity gymnastics team will meet Springfield High School from Pennsylvania for their fourth meet February 16.

"Inexperience and lack of sufficient members contributed to the team's first two losses," explained Coach Donald Kasner. The results of Friday's meet with Brandywine were unavailable at press time.

At the first meet against Henderson High School, West Chester, Pennsylvania, the team won four of six events, but lost the meet 177.5 to 166.6.

Although Conrad won 4 events of 6 at the second meet against Ridley High School, Ridley, Penn., the Redskins lost 141.5 to 140.6.

Junior Dan Conner, gymnastics

all around man, placed first in four events and second in two events against Henderson. Against Ridley, he placed first in five events and second in one.

Coach Kasner believes the horizontal bar to be the team's strongest event. Dan Conner, Chip Reed, and Jeff Cooper are the three competitors on the horizontal bar.

Mr. Kasner states, "In order for the gymnastics team to thrive, we need a bigger turnout of sophomores. You don't have to be good to come out, just willing to learn and work."

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