

# Benson Hopes To Get Chapter of Year Honor

New DECA president Joe Benson is "dedicated to trying to win 'Chapter of the Year' for Conrad."

Joe was elected at the October 24 meeting at Perkins Pancake House in Newark, along with Bob Ramsey, vice-president; Jerry Smuzyinski, secretary; Mary Ann Weick, treasurer; and Cathy DuHadaway, parliamentarian.

Carmel Addesi and Barbara Parker won publicity director and historian offices, respectively. John Dalbow, state DECA president, was guest of honor at



Joe Benson stands to acknowledge the DECA presidency.

the meeting and presented the candidates before the election.

DECA's plans for '68-'69 include a survey of last year's graduates to determine what type of jobs they now have and how many are in distributive occupations. Mr. George Froelich, DECA adviser, hopes to have this survey completed by Christmas.

DECA members are also selling a record put out by the national DECA organization entitled "Merry Christmas from the DECA Blazers." The \$2.39 album features on the front cover Delaware DECA students, including Carm Addesi and Joe Benson, seniors at Conrad.

Ten Conradians have obtained cashier work at Almart as a result of a two-week DE course taught after school by Mr. Froelich and open to all students.

Walt Ely, Sheila Waters, Barbara Parker, Dorothy Taylor, Sam Piccirilli, Jean Griffantini, Jim Vietri, Steve Raker, Donna Basher, and Cheryl Mergenthaler are now employed at Almart.

Jobs for fifteen or twenty more cashiers are available. Carol Dierolf, Wanda West, Ron DeNest, and Sandy Blyman have successfully completed the course and are eligible for work.

The offer also includes possible Easter and summer employment "for students with initiative, ambition, and ability," according to Mr. Froelich.

## Junior Captures Reward With Expert Salesmanship

Junior Harold Johnson won a \$200 prize for selling the largest amount of candy in the Conrad band candy sale. He sold \$456 worth of the Betsy Ross candy.

Other winners are Debbi Stewart, television set; Ginny Spence, tape recorder; Fred Martin, record player; Dale Johnston, radio phonograph; Ron Talmo, radio; Reanee Scales, camera; Margaret Combs, watch; Debbie Allen, watch; Yvonne Hartnett, radio; Gloria Casey, wallet; and

Kathy Marciszyn, wallet. These winners all sold at least \$80 worth of chocolate candy.

Maureen Riley, junior, won a \$50 prize in the drawing. Each student had his name entered for each box of candy he sold.

"This year's sale didn't go as well as last year's," stated Mr. David Casto, band director. The money raised will be used to meet the expenses of the construction of the new refreshment stand in the football stadium.

The band, color guard, flag twirlers, and twirlers competed in a parade in New Holland, Pennsylvania, October 2. Out of the sixty participating bands, Conrad was awarded first place for best front of the band.

Included in this category are the color guard and their captain, Diane Stetina; head majorette Linda Marks; and the twirlers, led by Debbie Robinson.

Mischief night the band participated in the Milford Halloween parade and placed first.

Christmas candles will be sold by Conrad band members and twirlers starting Thanksgiving weekend.

The candle money will be used to purchase a new French horn and a bassoon. The band will also participate in two Christmas parades in Wilmington and Coatesville.

## Bio-Chem Course Lures Science-Oriented Students

In a new bio-chem course, science-oriented students working under the supervision of Mr. Edward Malin for two or more periods a week, can now earn an extra quarter credit toward graduation.

The fifteen students in the course, which is closely tied with the Activities II Bio-Chem Club, work on projects of their own choosing to acquire a working knowledge of statistics and specialized equipment available at Conrad. Some of the equipment include the Spectronic 20, pH meter, analytical balance, and the atomic scalar rate meter.

During Activities II, Earle Buckley was elected president of the club and Pauline Betty, vice

president. Mr. Malin hopes to use activities periods for speakers and films, devoting all course time to projects.

Some students have already started their projects. Earle Buckley is working on bacterial mutations, Pauline Betty on the surgery of mice, Steve Martin also on bacteria, and John Czerwinski on cancer in mice.

Pam Casey and Ken Piech have almost finished dissecting fetal pigs, and Jim Ryan's fuel cell research has resulted in the school's deciding to buy a gram of a special platinum compound for \$3.20.

Other projects include tracer experiments with radio-active iodine and an investigation into the regeneration rates of hydra.

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## Talmo Hands In Resignation; Doherty Assumes Leadership

Student Council vice-president Kathy Doherty will assume the presidential duties as a result of president Ron Talmo's resignation at the meeting last Wednesday.

"I am resigning because of a strong difference of opinion between myself, the adviser, and the vice-president," stated Ron. The controversy is over the extent of presidential power.

After a vote on boys' dress at homecoming, Ron, without consulting Council, declared that tuxedos would be optional. Kathy and several other council members criticized this action. The Council constitution, which states that the president shall preside over meetings, does not allow him to make even minor decisions, according to Mr. Louis Ott, adviser.

"Whether I agree or disagree that the president should be able to make minor decisions without a formal vote is not the point," said Kathy. "The point is that we have a constitution and all of us

must abide by it."

Stating that he felt unjustly accused of overstepping his powers and that he, Mr. Ott, and Kathy could not work in the same council, Ron had issued an ultimatum October 23 saying that he would resign unless Kathy did by last Wednesday.

"I feel this whole situation is senseless. Personal disagreements should not enter into the workings of the Council," Kathy commented.

Four representatives gave up their duties in response to Kathy's declaration that anyone not wishing to remain after Ron's resig-

nation should feel free to leave. Mary Casper, Cindy Whitcoe, Peggy Murphy, and Joy Brown then left the room.

The traditional Christmas charity drive will get under way soon guided by chairman Ken Piech.

Harry Furness will head a six-man team to thoroughly revise the Council Constitution so that no loopholes remain.

Ken Piech reports a net profit of \$90 from the 213 football activity cards sold.

Council representatives from Brandywine are spending the day at Conrad today. On Tuesday six delegates will make a return visit to Brandywine.

## Players Add Final Touches Before "Diary" Plot Unfolds

With little more than one week of rehearsal remaining, the fall play *The Diary of Anne Frank* is nearly ready for opening night. The curtain will rise at 8 p.m. next Friday and Saturday nights.

The Sock and Buskin Club is expecting a big turnout, as the play appeals to a wide general audience. According to Mr. Donald Morgan, director, the play is partly concerned with the age-old problem of the "generation gap," in addition to its story of the growth and maturity of a young girl.

Mr. Morgan comments that the play is "coming along on schedule. The greatest problems right now are concentration and character development," he continued. "The cast has worked hard and we're all looking forward to a great opening night," concluded Mr. Morgan.

The publicity committee is con-

sidering new methods of advertising this year, such as arm bands, "sandwich" signs, and radio announcements. Posters, banners and newspaper articles will also be used as publicity.

Mrs. Goddin comments that costumes are "coming along well," and she does not anticipate any problems.

The un-usual multi-level set is also well under-way. Mr. Dwayne Morningred, director of set construction, says he is "very pleased with the progress of the set" and expects it will be completed by November 17 or 18.

Ticket sales began November 1, headed by Mrs. Louise Goddin and committee chairman Terry Shaw. Tickets may be purchased at a cost of \$1 either in the cafeteria at lunch time, from a member of the ticket committee, or at the door the night of the play.

## McNesby Pilots Juniors' Work

The junior class, under completely new leadership this year, is beginning a "year of hard work," according to Jerry McNesby, this year's class president. The other new officers include: Roy Peacock, vice-president; Chris Soligo, secretary; and Jim Rielly, treasurer.

The class council contributed a float displayed in the homecoming parade. In the immediate future, the class will be collecting dues and laying the groundwork for the 1968 Junior Prom.

## Once Flourishing Industry

# Mills Symbolize Bygone Era

by Linda Rink

On the banks of the elegant Brandywine River stands the Hagley Museum, dedicated to portraying the development of early American industries located along this stream.

Eleuthere Irene DuPont, a French immigrant and black powder maker, settled here on his property at "Eleutherian Mills" and established a new industry—that of powder manufacturing.

Today, the Eleutherian Mills-Hagley Foundation maintains 185 acres along the Brandywine, containing the Museum, the remains of 21 powder mills, millraces, and the Eleutherian Mills Historical Library.

The Hagley Museum, located off Route 141 near Greenville, was originally constructed as a textile mill in 1814. Still retaining its old exterior, it houses three floors, each with an individual theme.

"Industry Along the Brandywine" is the theme of the first floor. Dioramas (small scenic representations employing three-dimensional figures in an illuminated setting) and working models show the evolution of the crude mortars of the Indians to the automatic flour mill of Oliver Evans, and the advancement from individual sheets of handmade paper to the endless rolls

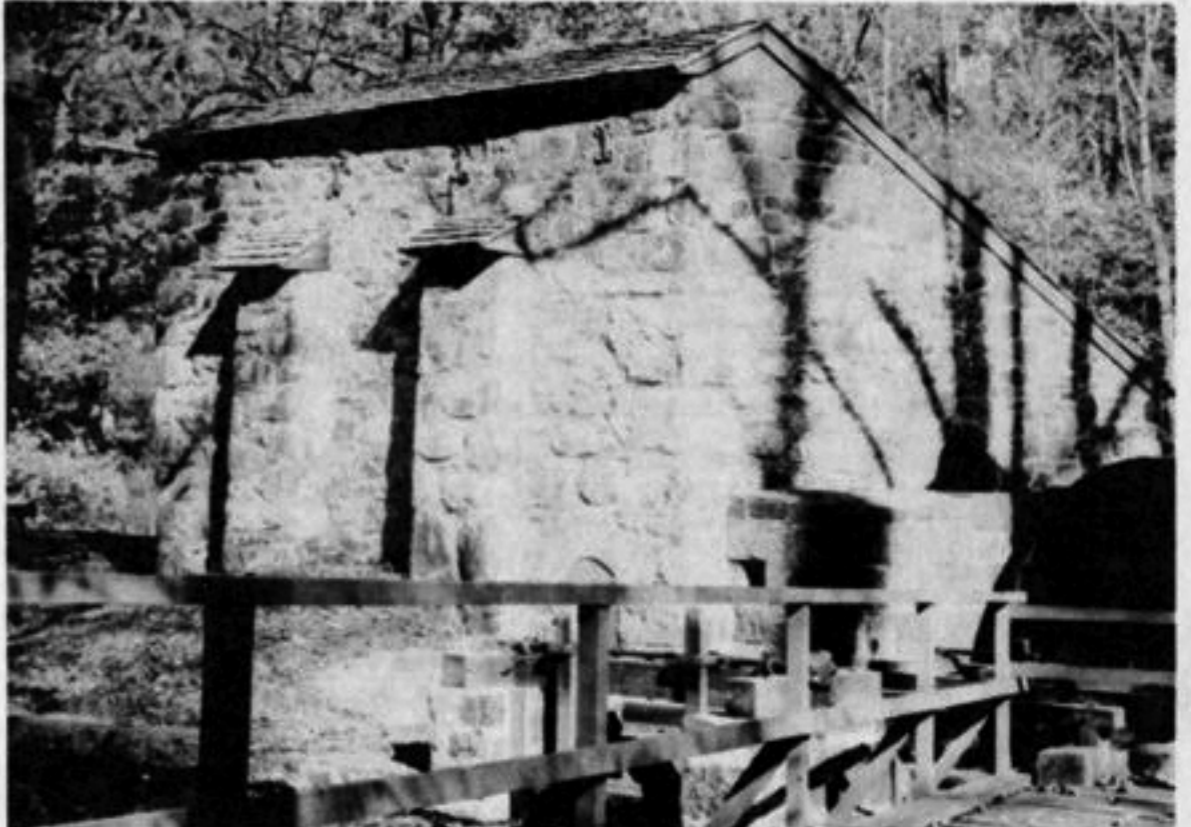
of the Gilpin Mills.

Other displays include a talking map of the Brandywine region and sections from an actual eighteenth century Delaware grist mill.

The theme of the second floor is "Growing Industry in an Expanding Nation." These exhibits depict the dramatic changes which took place in American industry during the last half of the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

"American Ingenuity," and exhibition of clever, and sometimes humorous, patent models, is located on the third floor.

The remains of 21 powder mills are still standing between the raceway and the Brandywine. The mills were constructed with heavy stone walls on three sides, having open sides facing the stream. Thus, the blast force of an accidental explosion would be vented harmlessly across the water.



Strewn along the sloping banks of the Brandywine, old powder mills preserve industry and beauty of the past. Photo by Kathy Neill.



## Conrad Offers Congratulations

Congratulations to:

(1) Mr. David Casto, band director, who was cited as one of the ten most outstanding music teachers in the United States and Canada by the School Musician Director and Teacher Magazine.

(2) The elementary education committee of the Black Power project in Mrs Mabrey's third-period class. The committee, including Linda Rink, Anne Dewey, Patty Craig, and Jim Ryan, have put in work above and beyond the call of duty to complete a display on elementary education in the Negro community. The project was viewed by the DSEA teachers at their convention October 24-25.

(3) The social studies department for enlivening the program with political speakers for the Democrats, Republicans, Socialist-Labor, and American Independent parties.

(4) Mrs. Mary Collings for her principle that "nothing is too much trouble for the students." Modestly she admits receiving several "cute little letters," some sent anonymously, praising her for offering such lunch-time favorites as free leftover rolls, free juice, extra fruits, hot dogs and hamburgers in the cafeteria extension, and the much requested spaghetti.

In many schools the quality of the food is the most common gripe. In this area we Conradians are indeed fortunate.

(5) The administration for showing its respect and understanding for students and their problems by taking a "hands off" stand on the Student Council controversy.

## Conrad Loses Gracious Lady

We on the Smoke Signal staff, along with countless other students and faculty members of Conrad, mourn the passing of Miss Jean Albers, who died last July of a heart attack.

Her somewhat gruff exterior failed to conceal a warm personality with a genuine liking for teen-agers.

Conrad has lost one of its most enthusiastic supporters, and the Smoke Signal has lost one of its most devoted fans. Miss Albers, herself a Conrad graduate, served as school nurse for 17 years.

Those of us who knew her will always reserve a special place in our memories for one of the world's "finest."

## Do Clubs Rate Big "C"? Pro Con

by Ellen Luoma

by Jim Burdett

Anyone who earns recognition for exceptional school service should get the type of award he wants. If he wants a letter, he has a right to one.

If letters are athletes' exclusive privilege, there is an implication that others' work is not as important as athletes'. All but the most narrow minded know that that is not true.

That non-athletic letters would be confused with the traditional red and gray block style athletic letter is unlikely, since letters can be varied in size, style, color and emblem attached.

Some fear the letter's status will depreciate with "everyone" receiving one. The point is that "everyone" will not get one because letters are rewards for achievement. Honest achievement is never degrading.

Hard-working non-athletes deserve awards as impressive as athletes' to show for their efforts.

For years, letters have been awarded to members of athletic teams, who, in the opinion of the coach, have worked faithfully and efficiently towards bettering themselves in the sport. Therefore, a letterman is considered a proficient athlete and is eligible to receive the honor and respect of a letter-winner.

Recently, however, members of other school clubs have asked for support in their fight for letters. The members of these clubs say they want the letters for recognition of what they have done.

It's not my intention to say that these "other" clubs don't do much work or deserve an award, but to borrow the method of recognition that has so long been known to athletics is an insult to the intelligence of the members of these clubs. Do they want an award for what they have done or do they want to be mistaken for athletes?

## Sadie Hawkins Strikes Again; Tiny Yokum Seeks Haven

by Ellen Luoma

Tiny Yokum, Dogpatch's 15½-year-old muscle-bound glamour boy, shudders in his army surplus boots as Sadie Hawkins' day ominously approaches tomorrow.

With the other freedom-loving bachelors, he wistfully wishes the unattached males in Dogpatch vastly outnumbered the marriage-hungry females. Even if each gal doomed one man to matrimony, the rest would remain free to dread next year's race.

If a high masculine to feminine ratio is in order, Conrad High is no place for a Sadie Hawkins' Day race. The girls outnumber the boys by 53, and the number of boys per 100 girls is 93.

# Athletic Teacher Sports Gardener's Green Thumb

by Peggy Leach

Whether he is working out with weights, punching bags, or merely exercising his green thumb, social studies teacher Vincent Scott finds life "great!"

"I have never met an unfriendly Conrad student, but girls make a big difference in the classroom," the former Salesianum teacher declared with a grin.

Before beginning his teaching career, Mr. Scott played pre-season football with the Baltimore Colts.

"After graduating from the University of Maryland, I really wasn't sure what I wanted to do, so I signed with the Colts. My former coach at Sallies called me one weekend to see if I'd be interested in a teaching-coaching position there, and I've been teaching ever since," he explained.

Currently a Conrad coach and still an advocate of physical conditioning, Mr. Scott keeps in shape by playing touch football and championship softball for Del Campo's. "I have never regretted my decision to enter teaching," he stated.

In between softball games and

summer courses, Mr. Scott takes time to answer the call-of-the-wild through back-yard gardening. A true Italian connoisseur, he grows tomatoes to make homemade spaghetti sauce.

"I supplied my whole family with vegetables this summer," he laughed.

Describing himself as "easy to get along with," Mr. Scott is a firm believer in "to each his own."

"Teachers shouldn't label students. They should try to get to know each student as an individual," he explained.

Sponsor of the sophomore class, Weightlifting Club, and Hi-Y, Mr. Scott believes that extra-curricular activities should be complementary to learning. "Students need the opportunity to learn to get along with other people."

"I don't believe that there is a gap between my generation and that of my students," he said. "The hippies have some very good ideas, but I believe in getting into life—not looking at it from the outside."

Referring to college protest movements, Mr. Scott agreed



Sociology teacher Vincent Scott ponders a student's question. Photo by Kathy Neill.

that some ideas were beneficial, but that others were breaking down respect for authority.

"Hopefully, my students will remember me as someone who taught them something!" he concluded with a smile.

## Gripes Revealed

by Kathy Neill

No longer are students willing to be "seen but not heard." Unsatisfied with the world situation, today's youth has exploded with a vigorous questioning spirit that cannot be brushed aside or stifled by time-honored cliches.

Conradians also speak out. Society's double standard plagues the mind of senior Jim Shaw who states, "People say one thing and practice another."

Along the same line, Sam Womer comments, "There are few people who really believe in God; it's easier for people to make their own rules."

Pam Casey speaks out saying, "My biggest gripe is the riots and the way people can't get

along." Pam fails to see war as a substitute for reasoning with one another. As a solution Pam offers, "People should be willing to talk about issues and compromise."

Barbara Schmidt reflects a similar viewpoint stating that, "If people weren't greedy, the world wouldn't be in such a mess. Here in the United States," she points out, "there is an everybody-for-himself attitude."

This "me" attitude openly invites apathy, a quality strongly abhorred by former Girls' State representative Anne Dewey. "I'd rather have someone open his mouth, put his foot in it, and chomp hard than not take any stand at all," she declares vehemently.

Junior Doug Griffith is an ad-

vocate of change, asserting himself on the voting age. Says Doug, "You should be able to cast your ballot if you're expected to fight in Viet Nam. If we could vote at 18, the young voices in government might wipe out much of the Viet Nam dispute and draft card burning."

A defender of youth rights, Jean Scofield, protests the sending of young boys to Viet Nam. She suggests recruiting the older men "who've lived most of their lives already."

Unbelievably, contentment comes at an early age for sophomore John Zabo who spouts, "I'm completely happy with the world," adding as an after-thought, "but they could put a coke machine on the main floor!"

## Readers Write

Dear Editor:

This is with reference to Name Withheld's letter concerning library policy. The letter appeared in the October Smoke Signal.

1. Any student who is legitimately delayed after class is admitted to the library upon presentation of a note signed by a faculty member which explains his delay.
2. Students who are in the habit of stopping at lockers between classes should refer to page 17 of the student handbook which expressly forbids same.

All of the library rules are based on the concept of common courtesy. It is only courteous to be on time.

Library Staff

## Weekend Camping Trip Pits Editors Against Elements

by Mary Jo DiAngelo

My father's *Outdoor Life* describes camping in glowing terms. "Pit yourself against the elements, get back to nature," urges *Outdoor Life*.

The most memorable moments of my first camping trip were (a) diving into a bush on the side of a lonely country road to escape the searching headlights of a strange car; (b) waking in the murky light of dawn to an eerie panorama of half-lit hills and valleys (and a sippy sprinkle of dew); and (c) falling into a ditch and breaking my foot.

But as I did manage to come back alive, I now consider myself an expert on the art of camping.

A camper's best friend is his campfire. Our "friend" was

kindled in the center of a rubbish heap. The logs were large but our fire was small and we all huddled close to the flames.

We fed our fire with paper plates, paper bags, and hot dogs. (The hot dogs were accidentally cremated when our roasting sticks caught fire and snapped in two.) One drawback to a campfire is that it attracts snakes, moths, and curious people. I spent part of the night nervously playing my flashlight over black trees and shrubs, on the lookout for any wandering maniac willing to murder six innocent girls in sleeping bags.

My companions and co-editors Patty Craig, Peggy Leach, Ellen Luoma, Kathy Neill, and Linda Rink didn't share my fears and slept peacefully.

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Editors are, left to right, Mary Jo DiAngelo, Kathy Neill, Peggy Leach, Patty Craig, Ellen Luoma, Linda Rink.

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# Cross Country Team Rates Unofficial Second

Sophomore Ken Kehrer nabbed tenth place junior varsity trophy in the Delaware State Interscholastic Cross Country Meet, November 5. The varsity took fifth in team scores, the junior varsity third.

Dwight Byrd from P. S. duPont placed first on the 2.6-mile Polly Drummond Hill course with a time of 14.04. Brandywine High School won both varsity and junior varsity competitions.

Though the State Meet is the actual end of the cross country season, the last race on the 2.3 mile Rockford Course was the Blue Hen Conference Meet, October 29. Conrad runners Paul Croney, Don Andrus, Robbie Martin, Dan Conner and Chuck Haney captured tenth, sixteenth, nineteenth, twenty-first, and

twenty-second places respectively, out of a field of 64.

"We took an unofficial second place behind Brandywine," commented Mr. James Hagan, team coach, as he looked over the scores. Because entrants ran on an individual basis, team scores were not officially computed.

Awards were given to the first 15 varsity runners, but this year JV's got none.

Junior Paul Croney ran 11:35, an improvement of more than a minute over last year's time, and Captain Don Andrus finally broke 12 minutes to run 11:47. Junior Chuck Haney has also improved more than a minute from 13:39 to 12:11.

The final varsity conference record stands at 6-3; including the non-conference Salesianum meet, 6-4.

## New Squad Leaders Club Started for Athletic Boys

The new Squad Leaders Club has been started by phys ed instructors Mr. Arthur Craig and Mr. Cecil Schulze. "The boys who were elected have excelled in athletics and show leadership

## Student Leaders Elect Marvel

Kathy Marvel has been elected president of the Student Leaders. Other officers will be selected after the new members have been chosen.

Beginning this year, each student leader will be assigned one class period to conduct as she wishes. Miss Doris Eipper and Miss Marie Christiansen, phys ed instructors, feel that it will provide good experience for the girls.

Three plump turkeys will be raffled off to lucky Conradians by the Varsity "C" Club in their annual turkey give-away on November 16.

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Halfback George Fox (19) starts a sweep against Wilmington. Randy Nowell (30) and Tony

Soligo (63) prepare the way. The Redskins were upset by the Red Devils 37-7. Photo by Ray French.

# Conrad Redskins To Face Colonials In Battle For Second Place

With second place laurels of the Blue Hen Conference hanging in the balance, the Redskins will tackle the Colonials of William Penn at New Castle tomorrow.

Conrad has a chance at second place with wins in their next two conference games, with William Penn and Dickinson. If the Redskins fail to win both contests, then the runner-up spot will go to William Penn.

Homecoming Day at Conrad was celebrated with pleasure as the Redskins upset the Highlanders of McKean, 7-0.

A stout defense, coupled with a one-yard sweep by Danny Dombrowski early in the second period provided the win for Conrad.

Dombrowski's score came after Dave Mis, junior, recovered a Highlander fumble on McKean's 12-yard line.

The Redskin defense, sparked by George Fox and Don Robin-

son, was outstanding. On one series of downs, Bill Henry, McKean quarterback, was thrown for a loss on three successive plays.

With only three games to go—William Penn, November 16; A. I. Du Pont, November 23; and Dickinson, Thanksgiving Day—Conrad's football team still has a good shot at the Conference runner-up spot.

The Redskin's biggest game of the year was against Newark, October 12. The highly touted Yellowjackets were favored by more than three touchdowns. The stubborn Conrad team, however, put together a sizzling, air-attack to bring the Redskins to Newark's five-yard line twice in the first half. Pedro Swann's score and Gary Hayman's intercepted pass accounted for two touchdowns, enough to win. Conrad's only score came when Fran Maloney made a 27-yard sweep in the last period. Final score: Newark 13, Conrad 6.

After the October 18 Wilmington game was rained out and rescheduled, the Redskins were upset by the Red Devil's 37-7. Jim Reilly's touchdown reception in the final period was the only score for the Redskins.

Conrad rebounded against Mt. Pleasant the next Saturday 33-14. After the defense held the Green Knights on the first series of plays, Jim Reilly ran back the punt 55 yards for the first score. Quarterback Bob Hayes, besides piloting the team to their third victory, scored twice from nine and ten yards.

## Soccer Team Closes Season with 3-5 Record

The Conrad soccer team closed out their first organized season on November 5 with a 5-4 win over Christiana. The victory was their second straight over the Vikings, and brought the Redskin's record to 3-5.

The other victory came over P. S. DuPont. Losses were absorbed at the hands of Avon Grove, 2-1, 7-0; Newark, 3-0; Concord, 2-0; and Brandywine, 2-1.

"This was a building season, and although we had a rather disappointing year, we feel we have the nucleus of a good team for next year," commented Coach Ned Landis on the team's record.

Coach Landis has good reasons to be optimistic. They are in the form of seven returning starters. Back next year will be wing Jerry Cherico, junior; fullbacks Dean Burrows and Ed Polaski, both sophomores; and junior goatee Dave Reese.

Commenting on next year's team, Coach Landis predicts, "For the first time next year the Blue Hen Conference will have organized play. We are looking forward to bringing the first Blue Hen Conference soccer crown to Conrad."

## Girls' Teams Wrap Up Season

Girls' hockey and volleyball teams ended the season with winning records.

After being defeated November 1 by Christiana, the girls' varsity volleyball team ended their season with a 5-4-0 record. The junior varsity ended their season with a 1-8-0 record.

The hockey season ended November 1 with a varsity record of 4-3-3. Junior varsity record was 8-1-1.

Sandy Leisey, varsity center-forward, was omitted from the names of the hockey team last issue.

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## Schedule Revised For Basketball

Revisions in Conrad's '68-'69 basketball schedule include dates and locations of fifteen games.

Students may clip out the following schedule, to replace the handbook list.

January		
3	Wm. Penn	A
7	Dickinson	A
10	McKean	H
14	De La Warr	A
17	Brandywine	H
21	Newark	A
24	Mt. Pleasant	H
28	Christiana	A
31	Wilmington	H
February		
4	Dickinson	H
7	McKean	A
11	De La Warr	H
14	Brandywine	A
18	Newark	H
21	Mt. Pleasant	A
25	Christiana	H
28	Wilmington	A
March		
4	Wm. Penn	H

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# SCHOOL BOARD NEWS



## New Coach Guides Golfers

Mr. Kenneth Beckel will take over as golf coach, replacing Mr. Earl Reist, who resigned last month because golf conflicted with his duties as industrial arts department head. Mr. Beckel coached golf at Wilmington High School for five years before coming to Conrad this year.

A section of fence at the Victoria Avenue exit will be relocated by the Pioneer Fence Company of Newport for \$250 to allow drivers to see the road clearly before turning onto it.

The Board authorized replacement of the eight remaining incandescent lamp clusters on the grounds with mercury vapor lamps. The new lamps will each require 1800 watts less electricity and will shed more light on a wider area.

The principal's and assistant principal's offices will be paneled

and the ceilings will be lowered by Joseph Fortunato Contractors for \$1745. The district will pay 40 per cent of the sum, the remainder being provided by the state minor capital improvements program.

Property assessments have increased by \$66,000 in the Conrad district the first quarter. (Quarterly assessments are required by a law passed by the state legislature last year.) About \$1400 of the increased revenue will go to operating expenses and \$600 will go to the debt service.

Mr. John Lacek, supervising principal, reported at the DSEA convention October 24 and 25 that annual maintenance, such as lock replacement and painting, which were made under state funds, has been completed.

The annual report will be ready for community distribution soon.

## November Spotlights Exchange Candidates

Senior Anne O'Donnell and junior Jimmy Dykes were chosen as Conrad's AFS candidates for the winter and summer exchange programs respectively.

Anne (who is president of AFS) and Jimmy now face screening by AFS officials in New York.

Linda Jewell was elected secretary-treasurer and a constitution was adopted during the October 23 activity period. At a meeting that evening Bernd Merforth, foreign exchange student, showed slides of Germany.

The AFS will again sponsor a bonfire and dance the night before the Conrad-Dickinson Thanksgiving Day game.

### AIDES ELECT

The new Library Aides officers are Kathy DiFrancesco, president; Patti Caudell, vice-president; Michele Ascione, secretary; and Roy Ketchum, treasurer.

Library Workshop officers are Josephine Zambini, president; Nancy Roziak, secretary; Patti Barnes, vice-president; and Dianna Holladay, treasurer.

During the October book sale, which was sponsored by the Library Aides, books worth \$311.50 were sold with a profit of \$62.30. The library will use this money for library materials.

### FTA TO HOLD SALE

Maryann Venturena is the new president of the Future Teachers Club, succeeding last year's president, Julia Martin. The FTA's secretary is Debbie Reed and the treasurer is Donna Meyer.

"The club will sponsor a bake sale to raise money for their annual scholarship to be given to a senior member of Future Teachers," stated Mrs. Andrea Cassel, sponsor.

## JV Cheerleaders Chosen by Panel

Ten junior varsity cheerleaders were chosen by a panel of judges consisting of Miss Leann Hornung, adviser; Mrs. Andrea Cassel, adviser to the twirlers; and Judy Faux and Jeanie Sanner, captain and co-captain of the cheerleaders.

Sophomores on the squad are Maryann Croze, Debbie Lord, and Penny Poore. Juniors are Marcia Beardsley, Beverly Bove, Joanne Cael, Kathy O'Brien, and Debbie Rioski.

Juniors Kathy Lawrence and Charlene Wilson are alternates.

## Versatile Senior

# Sports, Music Interest Fox

by Jody French

Football linebacker, treasurer of Sock and Buskin, team member of both wrestling and tennis—George Fox has a lot of responsibilities.

"I feel that by participating in these activities I help Conrad and my community," said George, who is AFS brother to Bernhard Merforth, Conrad's foreign exchange student.

"So far, it has been really great having Bernd as my brother," remarked George; "he is an exceptional student."

George's interests outside school tend toward music. The Rumors, a rock group he helped create (he plays the organ) is well on its way to success. The Rumors have played at many Conrad dances.

George will apply for admission soon at the University of Delaware as either an art or a physical education major.

He is hoping for an 7-3 football record this year. "The coach may start me at fullback in some upcoming games if I'm lucky," said George while heading on to the practice field.



Linebacker George Fox takes time out from his busy schedule of athletics, dramatics, and music. Photo by Kathy Neill.

## Editors Camp

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A sleeping bag is a must for a camper. Mine was one of those deluxe jobs with pictures of men roasting rabbits over a campfire stenciled in the lining. Surprisingly, the bag was warm and comfortable, and the assortment of bugs that crawled in with Linda, Ellen, and Kathy avoided me. When I slept at all, I slept comfortably.

A camper must be uninhibited. When nature calls, he must rely on a nearby bush or tree to provide a primitive bathroom. We were fortunate enough to camp near a partially restored farmhouse, which did contain the necessary plumbing.

Nor can a camper be fastidious; dirt is synonymous with camping. After an hour in an ash heap, we lost all our conventions of cleanliness. Though a fine coat of dirt covered our breakfast sausages, we ate them anyway.

With little regret, we left our campsite immediately after breakfast.

But ground into my brain (like dirt) are a thousand memories guaranteed to inhibit any potential campers.

## Polar Club Races Olympic Time

Polar Bears and cross country team members raced 12½ laps around the school track against the winning time of Olympic titlist Mohmond Gammondi.

Polar Bears were handicapped according to their ability and cross country men were given a two minute lead on the Olympic time.

Following the race, the Polar Bears held its weekly four mile run through the streets of Woodcrest. In honor of Thanksgiving the club will hold its first Turkey Trot November 21.

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