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Charlene Davis, Linda Law, Reese Robinson, and Ric Snead discuss costuming for the spring play. The drama features an English setting. Photo by Dave Gibson.

Law, Robinson Head Cast In Spring Play, 'Pygmalion'

"How deliciously low! How horribly dirty!" Linda Law, portraying Eliza faces many such insults from Reese Robinson, as Higgins, in this year's spring play, *Pygmalion*, which will be presented.

Pygmalion, on which one of the most popular musicals, "My Fair Lady," is based, is a personal favorite of director Mrs. Louise Goddin.

The scene begins on an English curb. Higgins glances at Eliza and adds, "In three months I could pass that 'dreggletailed gutter-snipe' off as a duchess at the Ambassador's Ball."

With these words Professor Henry Higgins begins his most challenging experiment — to transform

a poor, uneducated flower girl into a high class lady and flaunt her off before the cream of society.

To further complicate things Eliza's drunken father, Alfred Doolittle, steps in and offers to sell his daughter for some "booz-in" money. What can Higgins do?

Besides the regular rehearsal problems, the cast must also learn the British accent, and the Cockney dialect since the setting is in England.

The stage crew plans to use a combination of realistic and suggestive scenery for this costume play.

Ric Snead will play Colonel Pickering, Higgins' colleague. Bill Russell and Harry Furness share the

role of Doolittle and the job of stage manager.

Jayne Stoneberger will be Mrs. Higgins and student director. Higgins' housekeeper, Mrs. Pierce, will be portrayed by Charlene Davis, who is also costume chairman. Freddy, Eliza's boy-friend, will be played by Don Mears.

Liga Lidums and Peggy Battaglia will play Mrs. and Miss Eynsford Hill, a wealthy socialite and her snobbish daughter. Jim Symonds plays Nepommuck, a Hungarian linguist, and understudies the role of Higgins.

Bernice Witkowski will play the parlor maid; Carol Bowers will be the hostess. The role of host will be portrayed by Peter Barnett. Cathy Carney is prompter.

Mrs. Elston, U.S. Treasurer, Talks To Delaware Teens

By Mary Ann Jackson

With a staff of more than ninety thousand workers stationed in Washington, D.C., and throughout the world, Mrs. Dorothy Andrews Elston, thirty-third Treasurer of the United States, is on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Sitting before an assembled student press conference at the Dover ETV studios, Mrs. Elston explained that on a typical day at the Treasury Building, she arrives three hours before and leaves three hours after her staff in order to cope with the ever-piling deskwork.

Mrs. Elston works with President Richard M. Nixon through

the Treasury Department. "It's a rare thing for the President to pick up the phone and call me," she replied to a questioning reporter, "but we do send memos back and forth."

The first treasurer from Delaware explained that her duties are "spelled out by the law." Keeping track of U.S. receipts, custodies, and deposits is one of them. Each day she is responsible for a complete audit of the country's money along with an accompanying statement.

The Treasury Department handles more than sixty-three million checks each day. These and their complications constitute a large part of her time.

A reaction of joy and delight followed her appointment as thirty-third Treasurer by President Nixon. "I knew I was being considered," she said, "but it was rumored that I'd be appointed director of the mint."

"Getting paid," answered Mrs. Elston firmly as to the job's chief advantage. For five years prior to President Nixon's election, she campaigned throughout the country for him unsalaried.

Describing inflation as "a sign that affects all of us" she said, "We spend a lot of money; the trouble is we don't have it. We have to base our economy around something, and I believe we can have a peace-based economy. I have faith in the ingenuity of the American people."

"As much as I love the young people, I don't think the voting age should be lowered," said Mrs. Elston, "because I don't think the people of today are ready." She would rather see the draft age raised.

Before answering a question about women in politics, she paused to choose her words. "Women have a lot to learn" she began, "they must learn when to talk and when to listen."

Despite the fact that "women have more time" and "men are accepting them better" for politics, the number of women in politics is low. "Too many of them have the don't-pick-on-me, I'm-a-girl attitude," surmised Mrs. Elston. "They have to learn to stop crying in their pillows and fight!"

Dzielak, Gibson To Head 1970 Literary Magazine

Seniors Debbie Dzielak and Dave Gibson have been chosen as this year's editors for the *Algonquin*, Conrad's literary magazine.

The new editors have announced that they are very anxious to receive, for possible publication, short stories, poetry, original plays, essays, or reviews written by Conradians. Any student who wishes may submit material to members of the *Smoke Signal* staff or his English teacher.

March 1 is the deadline for submissions and the magazine is expected to be ready for distribution

sometime in April. Subscribers will pay a nominal 25 cent fee (about 50 per cent of the printing cost). Contributions from the administration and the *Smoke Signal* will make up the other 50 per cent.

Editing and production will be handled by the Journalism II class.

Most of the English teachers are cooperating with the *Algonquin* staff by giving class-work assignments which might be suitable for contributions to the magazine.

Art work will be furnished by the art department under the supervision of Mrs. Ethelbert Ott.

Several New Courses Added to Curriculum

Anthropology and urban geography may be offered to students next year, Principal Earl J. Smith announced last week. Four other courses are also being considered and will possibly become a part of the curriculum within the next few years.

The program for anthropology is being worked on by Mrs. Marjorie Mabrey and Mr. Vincent Scott, both social studies teachers. In the future the course may be included as a section of world culture and later as part of the senior sociology classes.

The pilot program of urban geography, in conjunction with the University of Delaware, will be taught by Mr. Scott to tenth-year students. The course will basically deal with problems of the cities.

A new art course will also be offered next year. The new program is designed to enable students to work on an individual basis.

Courses which are presently being considered for the future include an additional computer class, additional calculus courses, and a second year biology course. One foreseen difficulty with the

biology course will be the scheduling of labs.

The administration is presently interviewing possible faculty members for next year. Openings on the staff include a combination chemistry-biology teacher, a combination business ed-distributive ed teacher, and two math instructors.

Mr. Smith also denies the rumors concerning plans for double sessions at Conrad, and the possibility of bringing up the ninth grades to the high school. He stressed that no such plans have been made, and none will be made in the near future.

"The new eighth-period schedule will be continued for at least two more years," cited Mr. Smith. "I'd like to get the reactions of the sophomores, who will have had it for three years; juniors, who will have had it for two years; and seniors, who will have had it for one year."

Mr. Smith also pointed out the present need for a girls' tennis coach. "If we cannot get a coach by March," emphasized Mr. Smith, "there will not be a girls' tennis team."

Sophs Top Honor Roll; Juniors Rank Second

For the second consecutive marking period the sophomore class has dominated the first and second honor rolls released January 30.

The sophs placed 26 on the first honor roll, all with indexes of 3.8 or better, and 86 on second honors for a total of 112 honor roll students.

The juniors placed second with a total of 73 students on both lists. This total was broken down into 12 first honor students and 61 second honor students.

Seniors finished a close third with 68 students named, 13 on first honors and 55 on the second honor roll.

Two juniors captured top honors

for high indexes. Gail Raty and Kevin Casey both were credited with 4.6 averages.

Seniors who made first honors are Karen Adams, Bruce Baker, Marc Cheban, Mary Ann Clawson, Andrea Devenney, Debbie Dzielak, Laura Engle, David Gibson, Richard Hartland, Cathy Rodichok, Bruce Stelle, Jayne Stoneberger, Marcia Watson and Charlene Wilson.

Juniors who made first honor roll are Janice Armento, Paul Baker, Kevin Casey, Ellen Haden, Keith Irwin, Mary Ann Jackson, Ken Kehrer, Ed Polaski, Gail Raty, Roxanne Ritchie, Vic-

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Mrs. Doris Terranova To Fill Guidance Post

Mrs. Doris Terranova, physical education teacher, has been selected to fill the new guidance counselor position next September. The position was created because of increased enrollment and by the general plan of expansion in the guidance department.

Mrs. Terranova has prepared for her new position through extension courses at the University of Delaware. She will receive her master's degree this spring. Mrs. Terranova, very excited about having reached her professional goal, is optimistic about next year.

The addition of the counselor is only one of many changes being made. Curriculum guides and selection cards have freed the counselors to spend more time on those students desiring help. The number of students this year and the

number expected next year have made individual counseling impractical.

The present system of grade-level counseling will be replaced by a system in which each counselor takes students from all classes, selected alphabetically.

With this vertical division, Mr. Paul C. Capodanno, guidance director, feels that each counselor will be able to see more students, keep in touch with student problems, and have more time to do individual work.

Post High School Planning and Post High School Education are two booklets being prepared. Their specific aim is to inform juniors of prospects after high school. The counselors hope to have the booklets ready this year, but there is much work still to be completed.

Nancy Stumpf Selected As Betty Crocker Winner

Senior Nancy Stumpf, on the basis of her score in the home-making knowledge and aptitude test taken by senior girls December 2, is Conrad's 1970 Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow.

In addition to receiving a specially designed silver charm from General Mills, sponsor of the annual homemaking education program, Nancy is now eligible for one of 102 college scholarships totaling \$110,000.

From school winners in the state, a State Homemaker of Tomorrow and runner-up will be selected within the next few weeks. The state winner will be awarded a \$1,500 scholarship and the runner-up a \$500 educational grant.

These scholarships may be used at any four-year accredited college for any course of study.



Senior Nancy Stumpf eagerly awaits word on her scholarship competition. Awards are administered by the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

Vandals Show True Colors

The scratching of obscenities on the back of an auditorium seat must be the ultimate in a variety of wicked marvey-do pastimes for a quantity of our fellow study hoppers. Some of the stuff back there is obviously the work of a sixth grade genius. No lethargic, heat-wave type sloth would be capable of such profound expression.

The artistic talents thus displayed also include the nifty removal of selected nuts and bolts from seats according to an old English method of opera house bugging—the object of which was having the entire audience fall through their seats at some random point during a serious performance of "Elizabeth the Queen."

It seems strange, however, that such otherwise brilliant defacers and destroyers of the public property would wish to expend their best energies on something as impermanent as the back of an auditorium seat. Certainly, an auditorium seat is more permanent than a piece of say . . . white lined notebook paper; but the seat is bound to be gone in a few months!

It will be gone, not in the usual sense that Supercustodian will come by and unbolt it from the floor to refill the vacancy with a genuine replacement part, paid for by Superconsolidatedschoolboard, and backed up by Superdollar (taxes). No. Not at all. It will be expressed to death. Through carvings, rippings, scrimshaw, tearing, general abuse, disuse, unuse, and ultimate disassembly the seat will be stamped into a fine dust, trailed out to the main hall, and vacuumed off the old grey carpet.

Conrad High could set up a program for those talents that plan to major in graffiti; complete with unguarded walls and no grades. Then our normally studious vandals could enjoy all the prestige of an art appreciation course, instead of going berserk over a few insignificant auditorium seats.

Better still our fellow talents could take a piece of the aforementioned white, lined, three ring, 0.01 cent apiece, notebook paper and write the administration, the **Smoke Signal**, or the Student Council about what is really bugging them. If that medium isn't artistic enough, they could send tapes, paints, flowers, poison, poetry, profanity, or chisled cinder blocks. They could even send a suitable auditorium seat to the State Board of Education. Hmmm But to just sit and carve? Doesn't that strike one as exceedingly uncool?

High School Highlights

Crusaders Battle Drugs

East High School, Phoenix, Arizona
Phoenix high school students are joining the crusade against drug addiction in the elementary and junior high schools in that area. Each high school selected a committee of approximately 40 students who go to the different grade schools under the Dope Stop Program.

Instead of giving the children a lot of technical information, these students simply state their reasons for not using drugs and then try to answer any questions the youngsters may have during a discussion period following their presentation.

Seaford High School, Seaford, Delaware

Senior Marcia Goodell was chosen one of two high school students to represent Delaware in the Senate Youth Conference. Each school in Delaware picked two students who are members of the executive branch of the school government.

From these, 2 "Senators" travelled to Washington, D. C., January 24 to 31. Here they met with

the "Senators" of other states to learn more about the function of the executive branch of the U.S. government.

Overlea Senior High School, Baltimore, Maryland

All over the country, high schools are changing their dress codes to allow girls to wear slacks. Now Overlea has joined that number.

The only restrictions placed on girls' dress are that their appearance must be neat and that no midriffs may show. This new code does not apply to dances at the present time.

Lewiston High School, Lewiston, Idaho

For two hours a day boys became girls and girls became boys; the boys' auto mechanics class became a girls' home economics class.

During this week-long class exchange the boys learned briefly how to select meats, cook, select clothing, make pies, and manage a family, while the girls learned to change a tire, put snow chains on a car, and lubricate an engine.

English Twice A Week Is Reality In Mod System

By Debbie Huff

How would you like to go to a school where you have English only two or three times a week? And some classes only a few hours a week? Or there's the possibility that on some days you may have only three classes?

Sound unbelievable for high school? All these things are fact for the students who go to Dickinson, McKean, and Alexis I. duPont High Schools where the new modular system is used.

This new system (called "mod" for short) differs greatly from the

traditional system which is employed by Conrad. The mod system breaks up the school day into 19 or 20 short periods which are approximately 15 or 20 minutes long. The usual system used by most high schools breaks up the school day into six or seven 45-minute periods.

Another difference of the mod system is that the schools who are currently using it, with the exception of Alexis I. duPont, have a six-day school week rather than a five-day week. That doesn't mean that the students go to school on Saturdays. They attend school

Two Former Londoners Relate How 'England Swings'

By Janice Armento

Fashions, schools, and habits are the main differences between life styles in England and the United States, according to transfer students Jeanette Eversly and Jacque Carr. Both former Londoners, senior Jeanette and sophomore Jacque compared their English life to theirs in Delaware.

"English schools are strictly for learning," said Jeanette. "There are no rings, dances, yearbooks, or extra-curricular activities. English children start school at the age of four; they can read and write at five. Students begin history and geography courses at age eight and continue them through their last year of school."

"The school day begins at 8:50 a.m. with two classes and a 15-minute break for milk, then two more classes and an hour and a half for lunch. The afternoon classes consist of another 15-minute break followed by one or two final classes with dismissal between 3:30 and 4 p.m."

"Red and grey were the colors of my school in England too," remarked Jacque. "The school systems are quite different, though. Elementary school is attended by 4 to 7-year olds; and secondary, by 12 to 16-year olds. In England boys and girls attend separate secondary schools. Public schools are like American private schools, since they require uniforms, and practice strict discipline."

"Dinner in England is eaten at midday," said Jacque, "and at 4 p.m. tea, an equivalent to our lunch, is served. We're always drinking tea." When asked about iced tea she commented, "There just isn't any in England."

"When I left England 18 months ago," said Jeanette, "bell-bottoms were no longer being worn. Stovepipe pants, midi-coats, maxies in winter, see-through blouses, and very short skirts were all very 'in'. I keep informed of the latest fashions through English magazines, and sometimes I send for clothing."

Jacque agrees that the U.S. is



Jeanette Eversly and Jacque Carr discuss their experience in a foreign land — America. Photo by Dave Gibson.

slow in fashion. "In London you can wear whatever you want and not be conspicuous. Most styles are quickly accepted. In America, it takes a long time before people grasp the latest. You can't really do your own thing."

"Some advantages of England

are its cheaper cost of living, (America's is three times higher), and it's a more exciting way of life," commented Jeanette. "Life in general in America is boring. Being from London, I enjoy the nightlife of the city; and Wilmington just doesn't have it."

'Get Up and Go' Subsides As Student Faces NMSQT

By Jeff Stabnau

With two pencils clasped firmly in my fist I entered the room and took a seat. "Not there," boomed a voice behind me, "leave a seat between you and the next person!" Switching to another chair, I sat and awaited my fate.

Where was this scene? A chamber of horrors or a cell on death row? No, only the library, where I was preparing to take my NMSQT—National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

As the test booklets were passed around, I casually took one and moved it to a vantage point in front of me. "Don't handle the booklets," warned the voice, "anyone caught cheating will be referred to the office."

"Open your booklet," ordered the voice, "and remove the answer sheet." I obeyed faultlessly. "Now print your name in the small squares in the right hand corner." Hurrying along I was convinced I had completed this task in excellent time. But my triumph was short lived as the person a seat away whispered, "Last name first, stupid!" Soon a few eraser marks were all that remained of my mistake. While making the correction, however, I had missed most of the instructions. I recovered only in time to hear, "Open your test booklet to page one and begin."

As I scanned the printing in front of me I noticed that I had sixty minutes to complete this section. Sixty minutes should be plenty of time to do sixty multiple choice questions, I thought. Full of confidence I looked at problem one.

No. 1 Find a synonym for lubrication.

- A) luck
- B) study
- C) phantom
- D) success

From this problem I deduced that, A, I'd have to be darn lucky to pass this test; B, I'd never studied vocabulary enough; C, the answers were eluding me like phantoms; and D, my chances for success were slim.

I don't know how, but I stumbled through all sixty with one minute to spare. My ordeal, however, was but half over. Another sixty minutes of mathematics awaited me. Summoning all my remaining strength and knowledge, I was determined to do better in this section.

"Go!"

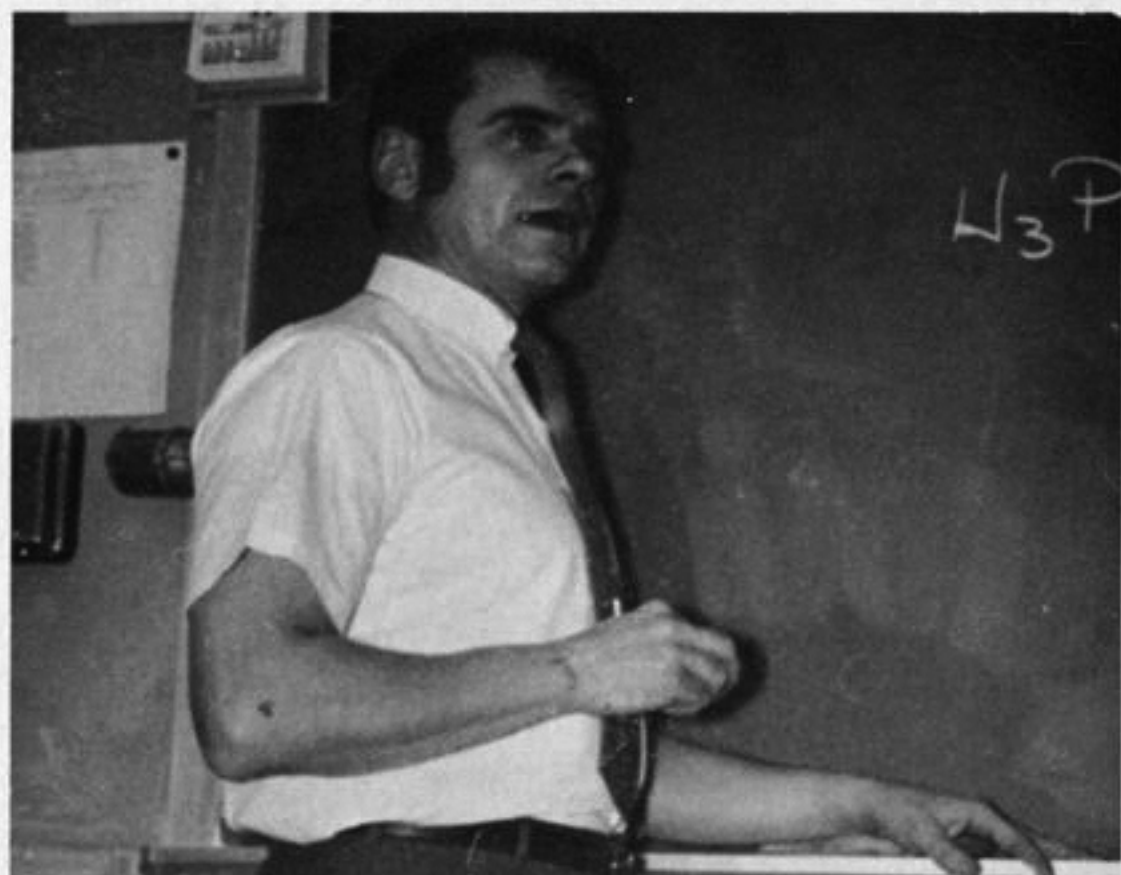
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Mr. Lester Maurer, assistant wrestling coach, lectures his first period chemistry class. Photo by Sue Meginniss.

Travels, Sports, Entice Teacher Of The Month

By Beverly Bove

"I love to travel!" declared Mr. Lester Maurer, chemistry teacher, as a whimsical smile danced on his lips. "When I retire I'm going back to Arizona. It's beautiful out there."

After graduation from high school, Mr. Maurer attended Bucknell but later transferred to Millersville State College in Pennsylvania, where he got his bachelor's degree.

After Rutgers and the University of Delaware, he attended the University of Arizona for his master's degree.

Mr. Maurer explained, "I chose the University of Arizona because I wanted to go out West. The climate's great. You can swim in the morning and then go up to

the mountains to ski in the afternoon. It's like turning the climate on and off!"

Prior to coming to Conrad, Mr. Maurer taught at Newark Junior and Senior High Schools for 11 years and at Stanton Junior High School for 4 years. At Newark he coached JV football for one year and varsity for two years. At Stanton he coached wrestling.

Mr. Maurer, who has four children, claims, "I guess, compared to other parents, I'm pretty strict with my kids."

This year he is assistant wrestling coach at Conrad. He concluded the interview by saying, "I think sports at Conrad are outstanding, compared to how it used to be. In fact, the whole educational system here is outstanding."

Light Show Psyches Out Smoke Signal Reviewer

By Dave Gibson

Going to Philadelphia's Electric Factory to review a light-show? Maybe it's not the sort of thing a reviewer usually does, but why not? The date: December 31, 1969, last New Year's Eve.

The groups that played included: Elizabeth, an all-male group that few have heard of outside Philadelphia; Catfish, a Detroit group which performed December 3 at Dickinson High School; and Lighthouse, a Canadian group the reviewer has seen before, but only at a rock festival where a pair of ten power binoculars were needed to see what instruments the performers are using.

At any rate, one arrives at the Factory (which is, incidentally, only half a block away from the center-city substation of the Philadelphia Power and Light Company) and settles oneself either on the 40-by-50-foot carpet in front of the stage or on one of the wooden benches farther away.

Physically the Factory is about the size of a high school auditorium, the main differences being that the stage is on the long side, not the end, and in the very center there is erected a sort of watchtower.

Two rather weird, but harmless, looking individuals occupied the watchtower, which, when I entered, was projecting a panorama of four shots of the rigging of a clipper ship onto the stage wall. Two overhead projectors and four film-loop projectors were also being readied while a white spotlight reflected off a slowly rotating mirrored ball. With ultra-violet as the dominant light source under a ceiling painted flat black, the total effect was one of a spaceship drifting in intergalactic vacuum.

Under the tower and behind a panel with more volume controls on it than electric meters in the back of the building, sat a middle aged, rather stout woman who gazed

with concern from one fifteen-foot pile of speakers to the other.

The first group, Elizabeth, finally set up, apologized for being late, and started into their act after an introduction by Larry Magid, the proprietor. Elizabeth is not a super group. They can sing and play well; they compose their own material, and they came close to being witty with their between-song comments, but they did not do anything spectacular.

Catfish's act was the same as performed at the Dickinson rock festival, but a gayer atmosphere definitely prevailed, especially during "the Hawk."

Although Catfish does attempt to spotlight each of its members individually, their lead singer stands out most with a voice that reminds one of Janis Joplin's gutsier passages. In pure musical ability Catfish is not near the greatest, but it is practically guaranteed that somewhere in their act they will "get it together" with the audience.

It was, of course, New Year's Eve so something had to be done to reflect the season. Therefore, all of the 14 members of Lighthouse, plus their road crew, plus the Factory personnel, plus Larry Magid, plus members from other groups, plus the two weirds from up in the watchtower, all assembled on the stage. After well-wishes for the event, the countdown for 1970 began, and at the start of the new year, cheers broke out, and everyone sang several round verses of "Give Peace a Chance."

The celebration over, the call went out to clear the stage, and when it had dwindled down to a

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Believe It or Not

'Weird' Records Unveiled

By Jim Dykes

Do other people walk away from you during conversations? Are you known for your dull, uninteresting comments?

If so, the information below may be of practical value. Try a few of these out the next time you are engaged in conversation. They are guaranteed to establish your reputation for being informed and well-educated. All facts are true and taken from *The Guinness Book of World Records*.

Bring this one up at your next weight-watchers club meeting. The heaviest recorded human of all time was the 6-foot-tall Robert Hughes of Fish Hook, Illinois. He was an 11-pound baby and weighed 378 pounds at the age of ten. His highest weight was 1,069 pounds early in 1958. He also possessed the greatest waist measurement of 124 inches (10 feet, 4 inches) and a chest measurement of 122 inches.

Going to the other extreme, the lowest recorded human body weight was the twelve pounds of Welshman Hopkin Hopkins at his death in Glamorganshire in March, 1754. At no time in his 17 years of life did he attain a weight of more than 17 pounds, his weight at 14 years.

The longest recorded finger nails were reported from Shanghai in 1910. A Chinese priest took 27 years to achieve nails of 22 3/4 inches in length.

The longest recorded attack of hiccoughs was that afflicting Jack O'Leary of Los Angeles. It was estimated that he "hicked" more than 160,000,000 times in an attack which lasted from June 13, 1948, to June 1, 1956. His weight fell from 138 pounds to 74 pounds. Over 60,000 people sent him suggestions for cures, of which only one apparently worked — a prayer to St. Jude, the patron saint of lost causes.

mere 14. Lighthouse exploded into "She's a Tracker" and then their own version of an old Byrds' hit, "Eight Miles High."

"Eight Miles High" was definitely the highlight of the evening. The light show, instead of flashing its own, sometimes unrelated, messages as in previous acts, settled down with an Apollo picture of the earth at the center of the stage wall. On either side, film-loops of night-time city driving gave a cruising effect.

Although the light show was superb, Lighthouse's music was enough to sustain itself. Four brass instruments, four stringed instruments (not including the electric base and lead guitars) an organist, a drummer, and two lead vocalists powered the group to more volume than imaginable.

The best part of the performance, however, was watching the way they all truly enjoyed what they were doing. Fun is probably the best way to describe Lighthouse. They succeed in "grooving together" on high spirited numbers while other groups have "to go heavy" to achieve the same unity.

Unfortunately, because of the way the Penn Central Railroad schedules its trains, this reviewer was forced to miss the very end of the show. It was either that or be faced with waiting around until 6 a.m. for the next local, which he did not relish.

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The worst case of compulsive swallowing was reported by the American Medical Journal in December, 1960. The patient, who complained only of swollen ankles, was found to have in his stomach a three-pound piece of lead, 26 keys, 3 sets of rosary beads, 16 religious medals, a bracelet, a necklace, 3 pairs of tweezers, 4 nail clippers, 39 nail files, 3 metal chains, and 88 assorted coins.

The records below were all recorded by normal humans suffering from no compulsive gastro-nomic diseases. George Barham of Great Britain ate 48 raw eggs

in 108 seconds on November 21, 1962. The record for potato chips is claimed by Roger McEwan who ate 30 bags in 59 minutes without a drink. The champion drinking feat was the one recorded in 1810 in Wroxham, England, where a man downed 54 1/2 pints of beer in 55 minutes.

And finally, for anybody who cares, the fastest time recorded for smashing an upright piano to pieces that will pass through a nine-inch diameter hole was set February 22, 1963, by two members of the Delta Chi fraternity at Wayne State University in Detroit, in 4 minutes, 51 seconds.



CONRAD CAPERS

Halls Sparkle With Wit

By Mary Ann Jackson

As your floundering columnist, I feel it is at last my duty to reveal to you some prize-winning examples of teachers' famous sayings. Unfortunately these veritable masterpieces are only too often locked away within the confines of a room audible to only a select few. Unlucky ones, here is your chance!

Masterpieces Unveiled. In an astonished tone Mr. Edward Malin poses this question to his eager, young scientists, "You mean you take other classes besides chemistry and biology?"

Students still cringe when Mr. David Williams merrily inflicts "Take out a large sheet of foolscap" upon his dedicated scholars.

While students go rushing madly out of one of Dr. Isabel Miller's math classes, she never fails to dampen their spirits by reminding them of the inevitable with "By the way, feel free to do some problems."

Anymore Mr. Howard Work just mechanically repeats daily "Get into your pre-designated seats" to his fifth period study hall.

World War III. Guys if you want to take in a good show filled with violence, be sure to catch a girls' gym class basketball game.

Car Buff. Senior Mickey Kelley must have either a thing about cars or a problem. On a few occasions he has entertained the sixth period Algebra II class with his Model T impersonations.

Classroom Democracy. French III students under the leadership of Mr. Frank Bonasso conducted a vote concerning midterms. The question was midterm or no midterm. The result was an unanimous "you can guess what."

HC Strikes Again. Junior Sandi Sieminski fell victim to a new nylon-stocking-ruining technique in the midst of a chemistry lab. In step one you first have to accidentally spill some hydrochloric acid on your hand.

Step two simply involves making contact with that same hand and a part of your leg. In step three all one has to do is sit back and watch the holes appear.

Quiztime. Here is a little quiz for all juniors taking U.S. history, sophomores who would like to guess, and seniors who still remember. Find the errors in this opening line from junior Gary Ford's U.S. history speech. "In 1962 the Monitor and Merrimac, two ironclods . . ."

Senior Suspected. In pointing to a jumbled algebra problem on the blackboard, Mr. Alvin Lewis roared, "Who did that, Jeanne Smith?"

Thanks Steve. The fourth period plane geometry class would like to thank sophomore Stephen Borowski for his efforts at distracting Dr. Miller off geometry onto mountain-climbing. Keep up the good work, Steve!

Hall Violators. I would like to sign off with a few words of wisdom. With the vast majority of the school having had or taking driver education because of the new state law, I can no longer see any reason for the number of hall tie-ups that occur.

If you have ever run out of a class without stopping, soared up a one way corridor, made a left turn in the face of oncoming students, or sideswiped a fellow classmate, you are a hall violator! I propose that we let this month's slogan be "Let safety begin in the halls."

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Redskins Face Brandywine, Battle For Conference Title

The Redskin basketball team faces the Brandywine Bulldogs this evening in an effort to add another win to their already impressive Blue Hen Conference record.

The Redskins, who occupied first place when this paper was printed, (the results of last Tuesday's game were not available, have absorbed only one loss so far this season. The setback occurred at the hands of the Mount Pleasant Green Knights 55-52 January 23 before a capacity crowd of 1300.

The Knights were sparked by Jim Dunning and won the game from the foul line, the same place the Redskins had sparkled in previous contests. Both teams had the same number of field goals (22), but Mt. Pleasant hit 11 of 15 free throws while Conrad had only 8 out of 17.

Center Chuck Haney was high scorer for the Redskins with 16 points, while Jimmy Logullo hit for 15 and Mickey Kelley added 13.

Coach Jim Hagan, in his last year as Conrad basketball coach, stated in a post-game interview, "I greatly respect the Mount Pleasant team. They're an over-all fine club

However, Mt. Pleasant has been upended twice since their victory over the Redskins. The Wilmington High Red Devils, playing the role of the spoiler in the league, used the performance of just eligible center James Boyd to hand the Green Knights their first loss 75-64 on February 3. This victory boosted Conrad back atop the league standings with a 9-1 mark.

Last Saturday in a make-up of an earlier game, the third place Christiana Vikings helped widen the Redskins lead to a full game by downing Mt. Pleasant 57-48. Christiana, who was never behind in the contest, was sparked by senior Freeman Williams who scored 17 points.

Redskins Start Off With Win

Earlier the Redskins started off the 1970 season in defense of their Blue Hen Conference championship with a 51-35 romp over visiting William Penn. Chuck Haney who had 12 points and Denny Cline with 11, paced the Redskins to victory before a surprising crowd of 1100.

In their next two outings the cagers showed their offensive punch by pounding Dickinson 73-49 and McKean 71-61. In the third outing the Redskins out-rebounded the strong front line of the Highlanders 49-41.

The De La Warr Lions, defending state champions, provided the

Trackmen To Meet Rivals

The Conrad winter track team will meet Blue Hen Conference rivals Wednesday at William Penn in a tune-up effort for the Delaware Secondary Schools Athletic Association state meet February 25. Both the trials February 23 and the meet will be held in the University of Delaware Field House beginning at 7 p.m.

Although winter track is a recognized varsity sport, there is no organized league. Teams from most Blue Hen Conference schools meet four times during the season in multi-team competition. The first meet was held January 28 at Tower Hill School. Conrad hosted last Wednesday. The teams will meet next Wednesday at William Penn and will finish the season with the annual Frost Bite Meet at Tower Hill.

Events in the State meet will include the 60-yard dash, 60-yard high hurdles, 440 dash, 880 run, 1 mile run, shot put, high jump, pole vault, 880 relay, mile relay, and 2-mile relay.

Standouts on this year's team are Bruce Stelle, 1 mile; Mike Herbin, 440; Fred Ceccotti, 2 mile; Bob Gilmour, 2 mile; Paul Croney, 2 mile; Otis Evans, 880; and Chuck Bradford, 60-yard dash.

opposition in the Redskins next outing January 13. The Redskins entered the game undefeated and also emerged with a clean slate winning handily 75-53.

Mickey Kelley topped all scorers with 25 points and also added 7 rebounds. Chuck Haney played a brilliant defensive game and had 18 points coupled with 18 rebounds, grabbed away from De La Warr's tough duo of Walt Brown and Mike Irby.

Conrad Rated Number 1

Later that week The Tap-Off Club, a group of Wilmington sportswriters and basketball buffs, who had earlier honored Chuck Haney, began rating the teams throughout the state. In their poll, the Redskins received the top spot followed by Concord and Mt. Pleasant. Conrad held the number one position until their loss to Mt. Pleasant.

The next Friday the Redskins faced the winless Brandywine Bulldogs and took a sloppy 46-29 decision from them. This was followed in quick succession with wins over Newark, 52-45, and Christiana 48-47, with the loss to Mt. Pleasant also sandwiched in.

Kelley Injured

The victory over Christiana, an important conference test, came expensively to Coach Hagan's charges. Starting forward Mickey Kelley slipped and crashed to the floor with a badly twisted ankle under the defensive boards late in the second quarter. Kelley was helped to the locker room hobbling painfully, and did not return for the remainder of the evening.

His injury was later diagnosed as a broken bone; Kelley will be lost to the team for the remainder of the season. "It certainly was a major disappointment," commented Coach Hagan. "It was a shock to the team and a shock to me as coach. Mickey was playing fine ball and was an integral part of our system."

This was the second such mishap to befall the Redskins. Earlier, sixth man Alan Rappaport wrenched his ankle and is only now returning to top form. To help alleviate the vacancies caused by these injuries and the constant

threat of viruses, Coach Hagan has promoted junior varsity center Nick Maccari to the varsity squad.

"With Maccari available we now have someone we can put in without sacrificing any rebounding strength," commented Mr. Hagan. "Nick also has good hands and is a fine shooter."

Even with this addition and the recovery of Rappaport, Coach Hagan is at this point unsure of his starting lineup. "We will have to see who merits the fifth position (behind Haney, Cline, Logullo, and Peacock) and then we might have to shift our defenses around, depending on who gets the position," explained Mr. Hagan.

In action since the Christiana contest, the Redskins have thumped the Wilmington Red Devils 59-49, stopped surging Dickinson 58-49, and knocked off McKean. Results of the De La Warr contest were not available at press time.

Depth Cited

Looking back over the season so far, Coach Hagan cites the bench as the major factor for the team's success. "We have been plagued by numerous injuries and sicknesses, but we have been able to overcome this by our bench and depth," explained Coach Hagan.

"Another reason why we are where we are is the fact that we have an experienced squad who have played together and who show remarkable poise under pressure," he added, alluding to several close games in which the Redskins have been involved.

Looking ahead to the remaining games, Coach Hagan sees many exciting contests. "I honestly think that every single game will be a tough one for all teams," he prophesied. "There is just too much balance in this league to go without a few losses."

Two factors which may play major roles in deciding the final conference standings are health and major upsets. Referring to his own squad, Mr. Hagan stated, "I foresee no drastic changes in our personnel or methods. We are definitely satisfied with the system as it is, and we think we have the right combination.

Girls Occupy First Place In Suburban Conference

The girls' basketball team, coached by Mrs. Jean Barnett, have coasted to a 6-1 first-place tie at press time. This is Mrs. Barnett's first year in coaching girls' basketball.

The varsity team nipped the A. I. duPont girls 23-22 in a touch and go thriller February 4. A. I. duPont was considered this year's main opposition for the team, according to Mrs. Marie Stranahan, last year's coach.

A.I. never penetrated Conrad's man-to-man defense for more than a three-point lead. Diane Petuska, high scorer with 59 points for the season, continually pumped in points as she scored 9 points in the A.I. game for the high scorer there. Patty Donovan was close behind with 8 points. Although A.I. had an obvious height advantage, Conrad ran circles around them.

According to Coach Barnett, "Varsity has done a great job and a fantastic job of defense." This year all girls' basketball teams changed their rules to coincide with the boys' rules.

The varsity team, captained by Judy Scholoto and Patty Donovan have defeated Dickinson 34-24, Concord 33-29, De La Warr 41-19, McKean 38-15, and William Penn 43-19. Their only loss was to Claymont 27-29.

Returning seniors are Patty Donovan, Judy Scholoto, Cindy Coogan, Janet Adams, and Lorraine Angeline.

Junior veterans are Kathy Kriebel, Linda Cunningham, Donna McBride, Diane Petuska, Lorrie Grodzicki, and Tish Wolskee.

Other varsity members include Anita Angeline, Roxanne Ritchie, and Sandy Siemienski.

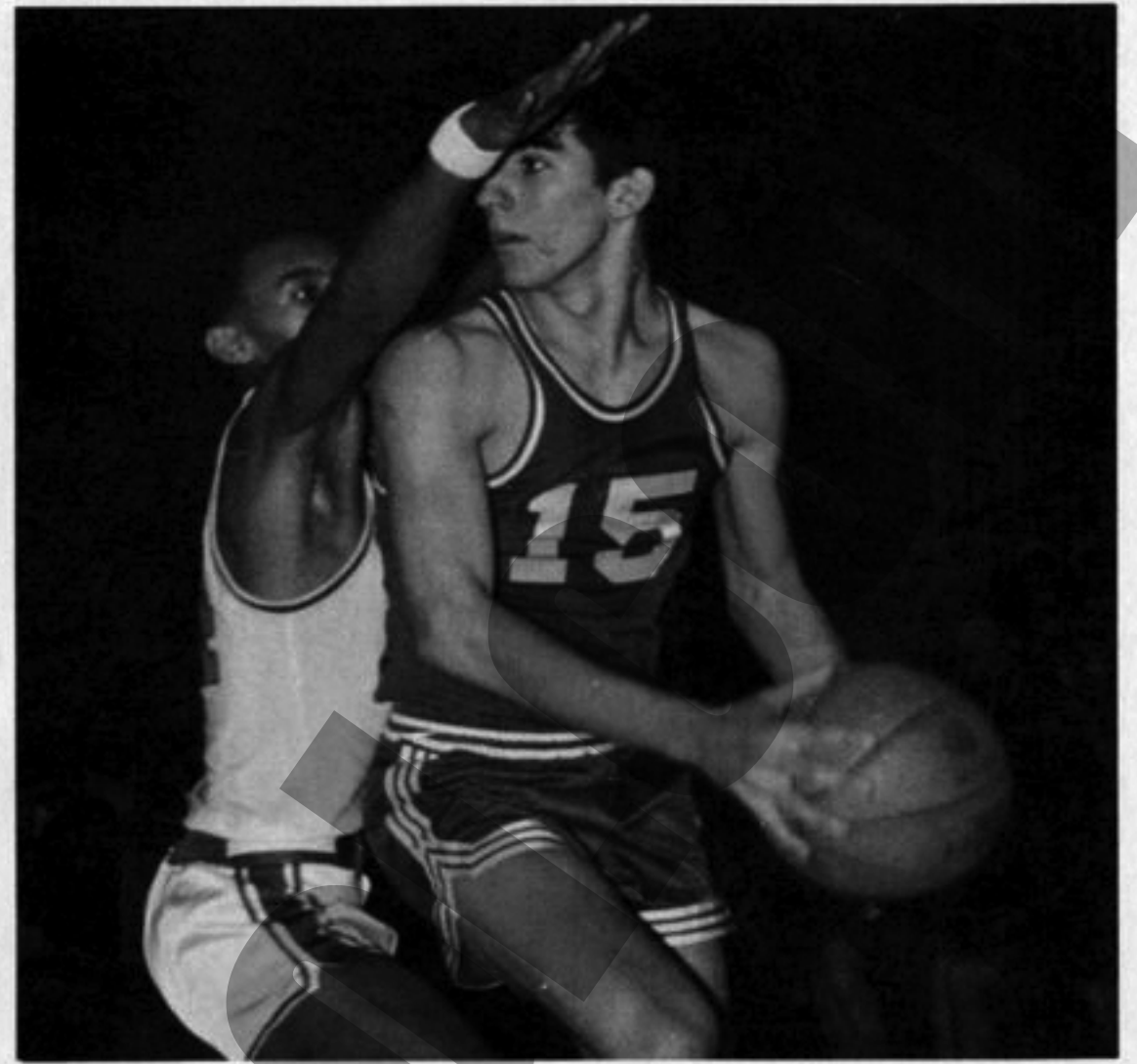
The junior varsity team, captained by Mary Wisniewski and Connie Hughes, have defeated Claymont 12-5, Dickinson 23-7, Concord 18-15, and McKean 27-26. They lost to A.I. duPont 14-17, William Penn 13-15, and De La Warr by forfeit.

Junior varsity members are Linda Capuano, Elaine Johns, Nini Joyce, Kathy Krescowski, Bonnie Lane, Sheila McKelvey, Karen Nagle, Ann Renzetti, Debbie Waters, and Diane Wilson.

Managers are Jackie Nicoletti, Patty Barnes, and Mickie McGinnes.

The team also played Gunning Bedford February 6, Brandywine February 11, and Mt. Pleasant February 13. The results were not available at press time.

Conrad will have one game remaining against Christiana February 17.



Guard Jimmy Logullo looks for an open man at Wilmington High School game. Photo by Jeff Stabnau.

Dartmouth Indians Win Intramural Crown

The Dartmouth Indians, who were ranked second in the APR season's poll, convincingly beat the La Salle Explorers 45-37 in the championship game last Thursday to take the intramural basketball crown.

Dartmouth, who had swept through their season's competition in the Ivy League, combined a tight defense with a balanced scoring attack to sink La Salle, the champions of the Big Five. Senior John Witkowski spearheaded both the offensive and defensive units by grabbing numerous rebounds while pitching in 12 points. Junior Tom Denton shared top scoring honors for the victors also with 12 points. The rest of the points were accounted for by Jon Fletcher and Mike Evans who each had 8 and Bob Benson who added 6 points.

Senior Greg Lacey, one of the leagues leading scorers, pumped in 23 points for the losing Explorers. It was his shooting along with the rebounding of Bruce Stelle and Mike Webb that had brought La Salle back from a 9-2 deficit and given them the lead through much of the second half until Dartmouth pulled away for good. After Lacey came Bruce Stelle and Joe Hogentogler who had 5 points apiece and Vic Venturena who added 3 in a losing cause.

It was this game which culminated the regular season competition plus the post season tournament. Some 22 teams were organized into four leagues just before Christmas and began intra-league competition shortly after. The four leagues, the Big Five,

the Metropolitan, the Ivy, and the Pacific Coast, were then represented by the two teams with the best records in the tournament.

Teams represented in the tournament were La Salle, Villanova, Harvard, Dartmouth, California, Oregon, Seton Hall, and St. Bonaventures.

The basketball season brought to a close a highly successful fall and winter intramural program. Earlier in the year the football championship was taken by North Carolina and the Vanilla Fudge snagged the soccer title.

Commenting on the program so far this year, Mr. Craig explained, "From our viewpoint, the intramural program has been very successful mainly because of the number of individuals it entailed and the interest it stirred up."

Mr. Craig also cited the 8th period as a prime reason for success. "Time is always a big problem in running a program such as this, but the eight period enabled students to participate and still catch their buses," he stated.

Currently, wrestling intramurals are being staged with competition in various weight classes. Ping-pong and badminton are also being organized. Later in the year volleyball, handball, softball, track and field, as well as an open golf tournament will be staged.

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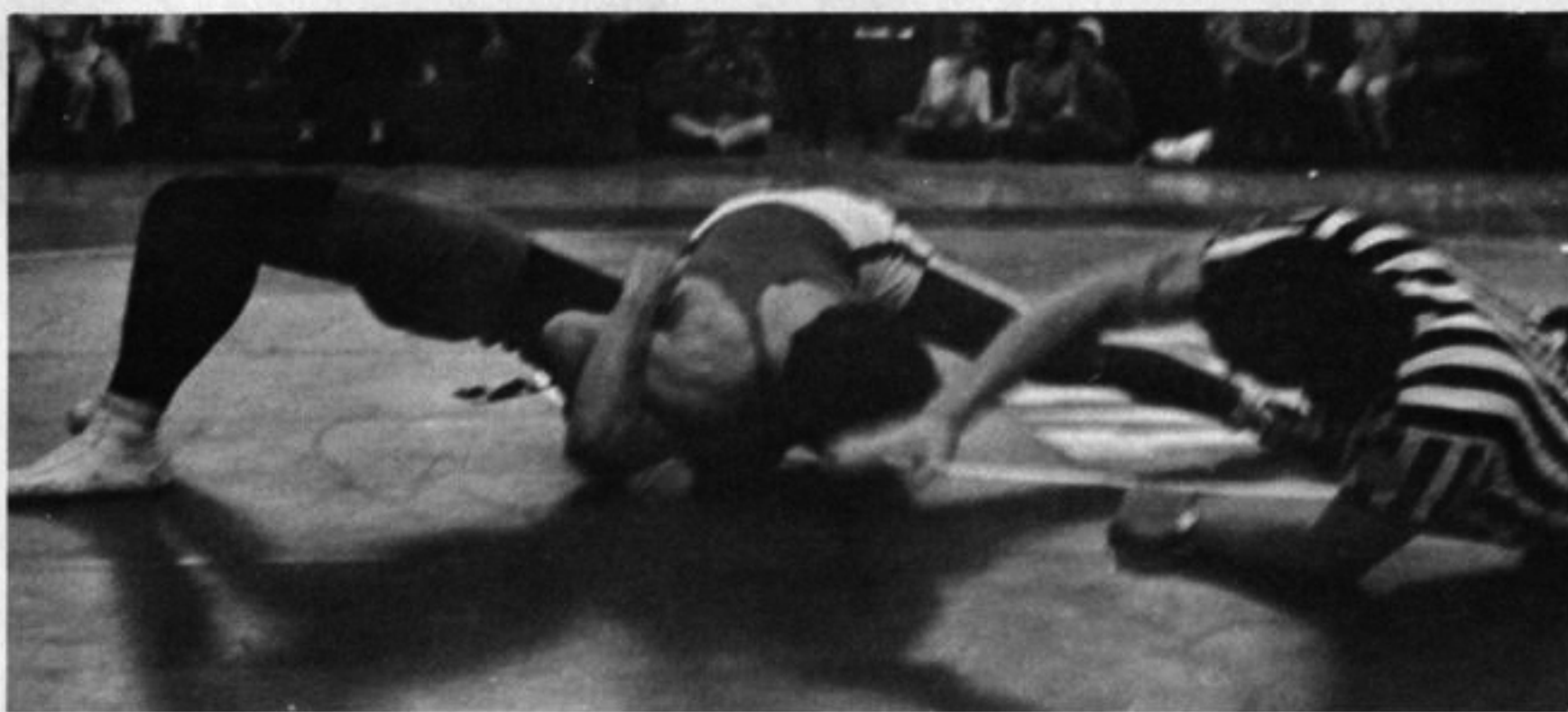
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Referee signals pin, as Bob DelCampo forces his William Penn opponent to the mat. Colonials took the match, however. Photo by Joe Hogentogler.

Redskin Matmen Grapple With WHS Devils Tomorrow

The Redskin grapplers meet Wilmington tomorrow in an effort to move up in the conference standings. At press time the Redskins were 3-2 and in fourth place.

The wrestlers nipped Brandywine 22-20 January 30 behind a pin by undefeated Bob Delcampo in the 145-pound class. It was Delcampo's second pin of the year. The Redskins won five bouts by decision. Winners included Dave O'Neill, Ed Janvier, Gary Hoskins, Bill Bryan, and Max White. Tom Dixon, wrestling for the injured Mark Grandell, drew in the 165-pound class.

Results of the non-conference match with Claymont and the make-up match with Newark were not available at press time.

The Redskins started off the season by ripping host Christiana 32-15 pins were recorded by Gary Hoskins, Bob Delcampo, Wayne Anderson and Don Robison. Bruce Watson picked up 6 points by forfeit.

The following Saturday the wrestlers hosted Mt. Pleasant. The grapplers closed out with four straight pins. Mark Grandell started the pinning in the 165-pound class. He was followed by Wayne Anderson, Max White, and Don Robison. Decisions were re-

corded by Mike Vanella, Bruce Watson, Dave Hosan, Gary Hoskins, Bill Bryan, and Bob Delcampo.

The grapplers then traveled to Concord for a non-conference bout. They again won the final four bouts, three by decisions. Pins were recorded by Ed Janvier and Don Robison, his third straight.

The two losses were to McKean and Wm. Penn. McKean is currently in first place with a record of 6-0. Wm. Penn is a close second with a 4-1-1 record.

Oceanography Club Plans Varied Outdoor Itinerary

Making concentrated foods from algae and fish protein is the first project being undertaken by Conrad's newest activity, the Oceanography Club. Various projects concerning the Delaware River, fresh and saltwater aquariums, and a visit to the University of Delaware's Bay Side Laboratory at Lewes are other planned undertakings.

According to President Mark Miglio, the club's purpose is "to stimulate interest in and to learn about oceanography, and to serve as a first training step for the prospective oceanographer." Joseph

Prezensa and Pamela Wood are vice-president and secretary, respectively, and Mr. Robert Reeder is the club's adviser. Meetings are held during eighth period every Friday.

Some of the club's future projects are to take salinity readings and collect sea life along the edge of the Delaware River and to try to determine whether oysters and clams still survive in the river. They also plan to make a plankton collection and to visit the United States Government's High School Oceanography Department at Millford High School.

Sook Awarded Ring Contract

The Robert J. Sook Company was awarded a five-year contract to manufacture Conrad's rings beginning with the class of '71. This company was chosen over the Balfour and Josten companies.

Under the guidance of Mr. David A. Herr, representative of the Sook Co., the junior and sophomore class officers designed the new ring to be ordered at the end of February.

The stone will remain the same, a round-faceted ruby. Hatchets will replace the arrowheads which separate "Conrad" from "High

School" on the front of the ring. A standing brave will divide the numerals of 1971 into pairs to be placed at the top of one side.

The other side will bear the school seal with the founding date, 1935, placed in the same fashion as 1971. Mr. Herr considered the founding date to be the best possible solution in order to create balance on the sides of the ring.

The juniors are planning a semi-formal ring dance to be held in the gym on the weekend following the issuance of rings, approximately the beginning of April.

Gymnasts To Meet Mt. Pleasant

The Green Knights of Mount Pleasant will entertain the Conrad gymnasts in a conference meet at 3:30 p.m. today.

Conrad's gymnastics team defeated Springfield High of Philadelphia 82-62 February 4 in a meet postponed from January 29 due to scheduling difficulties.

Mike Kwiatkowski led the victory, scoring 23 points to win the all-around championship. Conrad rolled up its large margin of victory mostly on the parallel bars, where Kwiatkowski, Chuck Rhoads, and Ken Kehrer swept the top three positions.

The scores were close in all the other events, but Conrad squeaked by in all but vaulting, where Springfield won by one point despite Tim O'Connell's first-place finish.

In the first meet of the year January 14, Conrad's gymnasts beat Ridley Township, Pa., 80-69. Conrad finished third in a three-team meet January 21, scoring 161 points to 215 for Brandywine High and 237 points for the victors, Lincoln High of Philadelphia.

"Mod" System: Pro and Con discussed

(Continued from Page 2) classes according to the six-day week. For example, a student may be scheduled for English mods 3-7 on A, C, and F days. During those same mods on B, D, and E days the student would have a different class, such as Spanish or a seminar.

The six-day week, plus the fact that there are so many mods per day, allows the students more free time and a more liberal atmosphere. Scheduling is flexible.

Dawn Perdue, editor of the Bagpipe at McKean High School, sees many advantages to the mod system.

"I like it . . . the system is liberal which allows for more independent study."

The independence places more responsibility on the individual student. Due to the decrease of class time per week, the students

are given more homework and outside projects to do.

"But there's always time to do your research work and studying during your free mods," says Dawn.

Barbara Russell, editor of Dickinson's Patriot, also agrees that the system is a good one.

"I like the system because it enables the teacher to keep a steady pace. If you get behind or need extra help you can always see your teachers sometime during the day during your free mods."

"Chemistry, biology, and other science courses have great advantages with the mod system because those classes are always given more mods (perhaps 4 or 5 in a row) when scheduling is done. There's always time for labs which is sometimes impossible with other systems."

Although the mod system has its advantages, there are also disadvantages, too. More of an expense is involved, because extra money is needed for library and research facilities, and the learning centers (certain rooms where the students may go to study books, tapes, or discuss).

Also, because there is more free time allotted to the student, some take advantage of it.

Why, if the mod system seems so advantageous, isn't it used in Conrad?

"I feel the system is not necessary to obtain a quality education," said Mr. Earl Smith, principal. "And our building is not conducive to a program of small seminars."

The main idea of the mod system is to allow the students more free time to do research work or see teachers.

"Our eighth period was devised for that purpose," said Mr. Smith.

Sophs Top Honor Roll

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Sophomores who made first honor roll are Rayanne Baron, Stephen Browksi, Thomas Bruno, Kevin Coogan, Kenny Cooper, Joanne Cox, Karen Dabson, Alan Davidson, Maryanne Della Fera, Kathleen Dewey, Helen Edwards, Mary Galanes, Kathleen Grimes and Deborah Hilyard.

Wendy Hitchens, Pat Janulewicz, David Johnson, Terri Lynam, Janet Lyons, Diane Mackenzie, Stephen Poot, Vicki Russell, Michelle Sinovich, Deborah Spencer, Sandra Spencer, Michael Ward, and Mary Wisniewski.

Seniors who made second honor roll are Sharon Asquith, Lynne Ball, Marcia Beardley, Sharon Bowman, Larry Bulat, Terry Clifton, Cindy Coogan, Charlene Davis, Jerry Downes, Jim Dykes, Greg Elliot, John Fletcher, Nancy Forman, Harry Furness and Pat Giordano.

Karen Givens, Bonnie Gold, Charles Haney, Larry Head, Susan Heninger, Gail Hilyard, Debbie Hitchens, David Hosan, Cheryl Janulewicz, Ellen Jeans, Linda Jewell, Harold Johnson, Dale Johnston, Dorothy Karacz, Jeff Kauffman, Chris Kearns, Mary Larue, Sandy Leisey, Taylor Magargal, Steve Malin, Sharon Matson and Martha Mavity.

Gail McKeever, Bobbie Merrill, Helen Mitchell, Kathy Moyle, Marita Norris, Sam Piccilli, John Reimer, Nancy Ryan, Mary Louise Schuchler, Barry Seldomridge, Karen Shelly, Lois Spicer, Rickey Stubbs, Nancy Stumpf, Suzanne Taylor, Linda Thompson, Alice Turner, Sheila Waters, and Cindy Whitcoe.

Juniors who made second honor roll are Mari Ellen Baker, Patty Barnes, Mary Boston, Jean Boyd, Jim Broomall, Donna Callahan, Judy Carmean, Cathy Carney, Judy Citro, Herb Coates, Joan Cooper, Linda Cunningham, Steve Deery, Bruce Dryden and Maria Duda.

John Falkinburg, Janet Farmer, Sandra Felme, Bobbie Fessler, Mike Filipkowski, Gordon Gawronski, Bob Gilmour, Linda Grimes, Larry Hanna, Tim Hanson, Sandra Helbing, Cathy Henderson, Janet Holsten, Richard Jackson, Roy Ketchum and Mrs. Judith King.

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John Shaw, Tina Shoemate, John Simmons, Susan Smith, Barbara Smithey, Sherri Stout, Mary Ellen Walls, Debbie Wetzler and Patricia Wolskee.

Sophomores who made second honors are Wayne Alphin, Kathy Andrzejewski, Phyllis Andrews, Sara Ann Angeline, Bob Baker, Peter Barnett, Thomas Baumgarten, Michael Broujos, Lee Burke, Linda Capuano, Margaret Carney, Jacqueline Carr and Joann Cavender.

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New Conrad Film Unit Begins Area Shooting

Members of Conrad High School Film Unit arose early one January 1 and tripped down to a 20-degree Augustine Beach with 43 pounds of equipment and 12 donuts. Their purpose? To make an experimental film.

This gung-ho group from the dawn patrol includes Marcia Watson and Harry Furness, actors in the present film entitled "Scarborough Fair Canticle"; Dave Gibson, director-cameraman; Charlene Wilson and Gordon Gawronski, technical advisers; and Christine Kearns, soundtrack selector. Duties are expected to change with each film.

Mr. George Froelich, DECA adviser, is also helping the Film Unit. Originally, he had hoped to start such a club several years ago; but it was not until this year that student interest was high enough.

One hundred feet of super 8 color film has been shot so far, and the group is presently involved in

splicing and editing for a final filmlet lasting about five minutes. Outside of a total lack of experience, the group has had difficulties with viewing the finished product and getting everyone together for a shooting session.

Shooting locations have included Rockford Park, Banning Park, the Penn Central train station, and Mt. Salem Methodist Church.

Whether "Scarborough Fair Canticle" will be shown to the student body or not depends on what the Film Unit itself thinks of it.

Plans for future experiments include the switching over to 16mm. format using the school's Bolex H16 Reflex camera which, for the past two years, has been used only to film Conrad sports events.

"One of the reasons for starting this project," noted Dave, "was the simple torment of having this \$2,000 camera sitting around, for the most part unused."



One of the seniors shown above will wear the crown at the Valentine Dance tomorrow night. First row, left to right: seniors Gale Hilyard, Mary Louise Schuchler, and Carolyn Burkart. Second row: sophomores Maria Maiorano and Debbie Hilyard, and juniors Lorrie Grodzicki and Debbie Allen. Photo by Beverly Bove.

Who'll Be The Queen?

Mr. Poskitt, Mr. Wang Join Conrad Faculty

At the start of the new semester, two new faculty members have joined the Conrad team.

Mr. William Wang, temporary addition to the industrial arts department, has taken over some of the drafting and woodshop classes. He will help out in the department for the remainder of this year and hopes to be back next year.

Mr. Wang received his B.S. from the State University of New York at Oswego. Born in a small town outside of Peking, China, he attended the National Taiwan Academy of Art, a five-year technical school, before coming to America in 1966.

Previous to his first teaching assignment at Conrad, Mr. Wang did his student teaching at the Oswego State Campus School and Kingsford Park Junior High in New York.

"I like the students here, for they are very well behaved," he

commented. "The teachers are the greatest in the world!"

Concerning teaching, Mr. Wang said, "I think that we should give each individual more attention."

Mr. Robert Poskitt, a University of Delaware graduate, has replaced Mr. Louis Ott, recently appointed assistant principal, in the mathematics department.

He cited his previous student teaching for Mr. Ott as a factor in making the midterm change easier on the students and himself.

"Conrad is always highly recommended, and the administration stands behind the teachers," commented Mr. Poskitt on his feelings toward Conrad. "There's discipline here which I think high schools need."

Describing his philosophy of teaching, he said, "I'm not here to win a popularity contest."

State-Wide Contest

Journalists To Compete

State-wide writing competitions are ahead for the Smoke Signal team representing Conrad in the third annual Delaware Scholastic Press Association Spring Convention April 2 at the University of Delaware.

Competing students will vie for awards in newswriting, editorial writing, speech reporting, interviewing, and make-up. Mr. Raymond Cashel, Smoke Signal adviser, is chairman of the committee arranging the writing contests.

Members making up the team will probably be chosen by local competition using classroom situations within the journalism classes, according to Mr. Cashel.

Awards to Newspaper of the Year and Journalist of the Year also highlight this spring convention. Last year Conrad swept both these competitions. The Smoke Signal was named Newspaper of the

Year; and Kathy Neill, retired Smoke Signal associate editor, was selected as Journalist of the Year.

Professional newspapermen from local Delaware newspapers will handle the judging at the convention.

Rounding out the week is the annual Temple University Press Tournament April 4. A Smoke Signal team will attend competitions

similar to those in the DSPA Spring Conference.

After the March issue the junior staff will step up to take over the April and May issues. The early changeover of staffs has become a Smoke Signal tradition to insure a smooth transition for the next year. This custom enables the new staff to receive some practical experience and guidance from the retiring staff.

SCHOOL BOARD NEWS



CAEA Now Legal Agent

The Conrad Area Education Association, of which Mr. Duane Morningred is president, has been recognized as the legal bargaining agent of the district's professional employees. Formal recognition has been in effect since the January 26 meeting of the board.

A holiday in commemoration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. may be scheduled at the option of the district according to the State Board of Education approved calendar for 1970-71. Although, at press time, the local board had not approved the calendar it appears likely that students will attend the necessary 180 days from September 9, 1970, to June 17, 1971.

Club financing, which had earlier this year encountered long delays in the return of checks from the central offices, has been somewhat remedied by the establishment of a "day in-day out" procedure at

the Central office. Mr. Leon Elder, district superintendent, cited the long chain of transfer from club treasurer to club adviser to the principal to the district office bookkeeper to Mr. Elder and back again as the major problem involved.

The December request of the district school board by the Conrad High School Band Association for \$2500 for 25 new band uniforms has been rechanneled through the Conrad High School administration. According to Mr. Elder, the funds probably will be sufficiently covered by the existing Conrad High School budget.

Dave Gibson Wins Honors In Nationwide Talent Search

Dave Gibson, Smoke Signal editor, was recently named one of the 300 members in the honors group of the Twenty-ninth Annual Talent Search for Westinghouse Science Scholarship Awards.

The selections are based on the combined results of a science aptitude test, a paper written by the student on his project, an essay type questionnaire for the student, and a written recommendation by the student's adviser.

Of the 300 honors winners, 40 were chosen to stay in Washington from February 25 to March 2. In Washington scholarships totalling \$67,500 will be awarded to the 40 seniors.

Dave characterized the multiple choice test as "the hardest science test I've taken," saying that in many cases he had to guess the answers.

Dave submitted a seven-page paper along with diagrams about his project which he entitled "Argon Sputtering of Thin Copper Films." He has been working on his project since his junior year.

Sputtering is a method for depositing a thin film of the metal onto a non-conducting surface (in this case, a glass slide). These films may then be used in micro-miniature electrical circuits. His apparatus, made up of equipment from around the science department, must be kept in a near vacuum of an inert atmosphere to prevent impurities in the film.

Dave was notified of his selection by mail and said that when he read the letter he "sat and looked at it for a good long time."

In the past Conrad has had two other students make the honors group in the Science Talent Search. Richard Piech was one of the 300 in 1966, and Kieth Haden was one of the top 40 in 1968.



Senior Dave Gibson working on a resistance test in the lab. Photo by Debbie Dzielak.

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