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5 Conradians to Attend Annual Science Workshop

Five sophomores are planning to attend the fourteenth annual Delaware Summer Science Workshop to be held from June 15 to July 10 at Conrad High School.

This four-week itinerary, sponsored by the Delaware Chapter of the American Chemical Society and funded by area industry, is open to thirty outstanding science students from throughout

the state who apply.

Mr. Edward Malin, Conrad science teacher, will begin his third consecutive year as director of the program. He expressed his hope to see more Conradians involved in the project. Last year juniors Gail Raty, Kevin Casey, and Kevin McDaniel represented Conrad in the state-wide event.

This year Conrad has been se-

lected as the home base center for the state-wide workshop. In the past students have usually spent most of their time on the way to area industry visits, lectures, and field trips than at the headquarters itself.

The Naval Observatory, John Hopkins Medical Center, Crystal Cave, and Franklin Institute were among the several stateside and area trips that last year's group took.

A similar agenda can be expected for this summer's program, according to Mr. Malin. He hopes to include a camping trip at Hawk Mountain on this year's schedule.

Members of the Conrad Science Department, along with Mr. Earl Smith and Mr. Louis Ott, attended a two-day science institute for high school and junior high school teachers at the University of Delaware March 18 and 19.

The theme for the two-day conference was "Technology and Society." The conference was basically an attempt to acquaint teachers with the latest developments in the scientific world and their effects on society. They also attempted to acquaint the teachers with areas outside their specialized fields.

The conference was jointly sponsored by the DuPont Company and the Thomas Alva Edison Foundation of Detroit, Michigan.

The teachers were addressed by some 15 outstanding scientists including Dr. Michael E. DeBakey, who performed a large number of heart transplants in Houston; Dr. George Wald, winner of the Nobel Prize in biochemistry for his studies of the mechanism of vision; and Dr. James D. Watson, winner of the Nobel Prize in biochemistry for discovering the structure of DNA.

Fine System Resumed As Offenders Persist

Since the beginning of the present school year, fines have not been levied for overdue books. According to Mrs. Florence Riggs, librarian, "Students were always complaining to us that they were responsible young adults and they wanted to be treated as such; so we were willing to give it a try."

From the beginning of the school year until March 3, when the system of fines went back into effect, between 50 and 100 students were withholding books, and some of these books were overdue since October 8.

"The system of no-fines would have worked if it were not for the few who spoiled it," said Miss Miri-

am Swayze. "It is just not right for students to have a book out for several months while other students wait on it."

The only alternative was to put the fine system back into effect. Some members of the administration went as far as to suggest that students who violated the no-fine system should not be allowed back into the library.

Under the new system, effective March 3, a fine of 5 cents a day is imposed on holders of overdue books. If the overdue-book fine is greater than the actual price of the book, the student can pay the price of the book instead of the fine.

Mary Ann Jackson Named New Smoke Signal Editor

Junior Mary Ann Jackson has been appointed editor-in-chief of next year's *Smoke Signal* staff. She will succeed senior Dave Gibson, retiring editor-in-chief.

Seven other juniors have also received editorial positions: Janice Armento, James Broomall, Larry Hanna, Sue Osmond, Gail Raty, Roxanne Ritchie, and Lauren Russell. Bobbie Fesler has been appointed business manager.

The new editors will begin operating as an editorial board. Specific duties will be assigned later, according to Mr. Raymond Cashel, faculty adviser.

The junior editors along with the rest of Journalism 1 class will take over the next issue of the paper. The early changeover of staffs has become a *Smoke Signal* tradition in order to insure a

smooth transition for the next year. This practice enables the new staff to receive both actual experience and guidance from the retiring staff.

Both senior and junior staff members are planning to attend the third annual Delaware Scholastic Press Association Spring Convention April 2 at the University of Delaware. A team of *Smoke Signal* writers will represent Conrad in the state-wide competition.

Topping off the week is the annual Temple University Press Tournament. A team of six *Smoke Signal* members will attend writing competitions similar to those offered at the DSPA Spring Convention.

Last year the Conrad team won first place in this tournament.

Jim Mensinger Captures Scholar-Athlete Award

Senior Jim Mensinger has become Conrad's second Scholar Athlete in as many years. He received this award sponsored by the Football Hall of Fame Foundation, before 150 people at the Ex-

ecutive Club March 4.

Jim was more than a little surprised at being chosen, for he sat out much of the football season with an injury. He went on to explain, however, that the award was established to honor outstanding achievement both in the classroom and on the gridiron and added that scholastic laurels must be emphasized.

Currently ranked fourth in his class, Jim plans to enter the University of Delaware in September and major in chemical engineering. Does he plan to participate in sports? "Probably baseball, but I haven't decided about football, yet," he stated.

During the season, Jim's name was constantly being misspelled Messinger and sure enough the nameplate on the award was wrong. To top it off, he suddenly found that he was from Concord High.

Former Conrad recipients of the award include Craig Martin and last year's winner, Fran Maloney.



Scholar Athlete Jim Mensinger works on an upcoming term paper. Photo by Beverly Bove.



Seniors Jayne Stoneberger and Linda Law make last-minute preparations for the spring play, "Pygmalion." Photo by Joe Hogentogler.

Curtain Rises Tonight On Conrad Spring Play

The Sock and Buskin Club will present *Pygmalion* as its spring performance tonight and tomorrow in Cummings Auditorium. Curtain time for the famous George Bernard Shaw play, upon which the film *My Fair Lady* was based, will be at 8:15 p.m.

The main characters of Professor Higgins, a respected English gentleman and Eliza, a poor uneducated flower girl, are portrayed by Reese Robinson and Linda Law. The plot revolves around a bet between Higgins and his colleague Colonel Pickering, played by Ric Snead. Higgins wagers that in three months he can transform the unmannered Eliza into a high class lady and flaunt her convincingly before the cream of London society.

The unusual production has presented numerous problems for the

cast and crew. Making and finding old style costumes for everyone in the cast was the major problem of the costume committee. The hardest prop to rescue was an early 1900's telephone. Physical education teacher, Mrs. Marie Stranahan, has been teaching several players to waltz during the eighth period.

The production offers many challenging roles to the Sock and Buskin players. In an unusual development, Bill Russell and Harry Furness will share the role of Higgins.

Harry will double as Doolittle while Bill replaces him as Higgins. Liga Lidums and Jayne Stoneberger find their roles as older women more difficult than the younger characters they usually play.

ROTC Offers Insight, Training To Prospective Officers

By Larry Head

Those Conrad graduates who would like to serve in the Army as officers after college will find valuable training offered by the ROTC at the University of Delaware.

Last year among Conrad graduates commissioned as Army officers were Cadet Captains Douglas Allston, Barry Polsky, and Robert Shrouds; Cadet First Lieutenant Alan Taylor; and Cadet Warrant Officer Charles White. Among those who will graduate and receive commissions this year are Cadet Second Lieutenants Robin Crossin, Richard Yost, and John Lenderman.

When asked about the purpose of the program, Colonel Frank Nemethy, Professor of Military Science and Commanding Officer of the Delaware ROTC said, "Our objective is to give the student an insight into how the Army operates and our mission is to select and train young men who have the motivation, the physical stamina, and the mental capacity to become Army officers."

Controversy Arises

Within recent years ROTC at the university has been in the center of controversy.

"Much of the opposition to ROTC here centered around the compulsory status of the two-year basic course," remarked Major Charles Raymond who assists Colonel Nemethy in training cadets, "but most of that has died down since the fall semester of '68 when the

program was instituted on an elective basis."

Responding to a question about his reaction to the change from compulsory to the voluntary status of ROTC, Colonel Nemethy expressed a mixed reaction. He said, "The voluntary status makes for an improved program because we now have only those who are honestly motivated young men, men who will put forth a maximum effort to become good officers, but a good point to the compulsory program was that it gave many students a better understanding of our military organization through exposure to its functions."

800 Enrolled

Out of the 283 universities and colleges offering ROTC this year, Delaware has one of the largest all volunteer units in the United States. Presently, there are about 800 students enrolled in the University of Delaware's ROTC program. The University will commission its largest ROTC class in its 99-year history this school year. Approximately 135 cadets will receive commissions as second Lieutenants.

Aside from the prescribed course, ROTC offers many extra-curricular activities. Cadets can learn to fly at no expense to themselves through the ROTC flight training program. Interested cadets can also participate in precision drill teams, marksmanship teams, or the military band. For the exceptional student there is the fraternity Scabbard and Blade.

The Ranger Company is open

to ROTC students who have a lot of extra time and energy. The company offers an intensive training program including mountaineering, hand-to-hand combat, weaponry, map reading, communications, patrolling, and physical conditioning. The training is aimed at perfection in combat and is specifically adapted to guerrilla warfare. All Ranger cadets are taught to be proficient in karate and judo.

Uniforms Provided

Upon entering the ROTC each cadet is given, free, two complete uniforms (one for dress, and one for field) and all required textbooks. During the advanced course, which lasts through the cadet's junior and senior years, the cadet receives \$50 per month, tax-free, except during a six-week period of summer camp which comes after the cadet's junior year when the cadet receives \$151 per month.

A scholarship for two, three, or four years may be obtained by academically and physically qualified students. Under the scholarship all tuitions, fees, and textbooks are completely paid for and the student receives a \$50 per month stipend for the entire period of the scholarship.

When asked what he likes about ROTC, Brigade Commander, Cadet Colonel Earl Mikolitch said, "Not only has ROTC afforded me great experience in discipline and the military art, but it has given me invaluable leadership opportunities not available on campus."

Big Squeeze Jams Students

Remember three years ago when the Conrad student enrollment had just passed the 1400 mark? We thought Conrad was big then! Current figures (allowing for the usual number of transfers from other districts) predict a student population of more than 1600 for 1970-71.

What all this means is that Conrad is slowly but surely becoming overcrowded. Each year for the past three years studies of projected enrollment have indicated that the number should level off, but each time a surprise crop of unexpected transfers has shown up.

The administration has commendably succeeded in maintaining high educational standards. Classes number, except in a few cases, under 30 pupils per teacher, and the number of courses is the largest in the state. However, general student life is feeling a squeeze. The parking lot is overflowing; the library has to turn students away; some study halls are more like assemblies; the cafeteria often lacks enough seats to go around; and there is no student lounge at all.

Last year the hallways were jammed daily, so that it sometimes took a legitimate six minutes for some students to change classes. This year is not so bad, but another combination of schedules plus more students could easily throw the jam time up to eight or ten minutes and raise the hallway temperatures a good ten degrees in the process.

The crowding is not now serious, but the general trend is. We of the *Smoke Signal* believe that the student atmosphere is an important part of the learning process. We don't particularly like crowded facilities or the fact that the auditorium cannot accommodate the entire student body for an assembly. Yet, improvement is not the immediate prospect.

Winning Isn't Everything

In the past year a winning tradition has been established at Conrad High School. Athletic teams and school organizations have been successful in attaining statewide recognition for their accomplishments.

Conradians can and should take pride at the success of their fellow students. However, when pride in winning becomes an obsession to win everything, everywhere, all the time, the true spirit of sportsmanship is being defeated.

The simple fact is that no one can win all the time. When we become obsessed with the monomania of being "number one," anything short of "top dog" is often misconstrued as failure. When one has put forth his best effort, there is as much dignity in finishing second, third, and even last as there is in finishing first.

The inability to accomplish a task or a lack of talent is no reason for shame or ridicule. When an obsessive desire to be "number one" is allowed to overshadow the enjoyment derived from the sport, winning is wrongly established as the sole objective of interscholastic sports.

Camelback Ski Slope Challenges Conradians

By Janice Armento

Skiing appears to be extraordinary fun, but one look at the mountain at Camelback, Pennsylvania, will immediately turn any beginner a pale yellow.

The skiers along with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Stranahan, Mr. Ned Landis, and two teachers from Oak Grove departed from Conrad at approximately 6 a.m. After hearing numerous tales of people falling off ski lifts, one's skiing career could have started and ended while on the bus, but the group was of sound minds and bodies and paid no heed to the stories.

Once at Camelback the beginners were sent to a one-hour skiing class which consisted primarily of snowplowing, a method of skiing and stopping. To snowplow, one positions his skis in a 45-degree angle using the front of the skis as the vertex point. To stop one merely digs the inner side of the ski into the snow. Sounds simple, and it was on the little mound at the ski school. But now it was time to try the slope.

This reporter found that the most difficult part of skiing was managing to stay on the ski lift. One type of lift, the J-bar, pushes the standing skier from behind while his skis drag on the snow. The unaccustomed force of the lift pushed me quickly to the ground. I was rescued by a lift operator who started to scold, but a whimpering "I tried" phrase changed

the operator's mood to "That's all right, honey."

At the top of the lift I met my colleagues who gazed down the slope in awe. Not intending to increase their fears by staring I immediately skied down the slope in snowplow position. The thrill of the moment caused me to forget how to slow my speed of 75 m.p.h., and I uttered a sound which my peers distinguished as "help." At the bottom of the slope, with speed reduced to 15 m.p.h., I mentioned to a woman in my path, "I'm going to ski over you." The woman casually replied, "Oh, dear." A fall ended the first and all my other downhill trips.

Two experienced skiers, Linda Armento and Sam Venuti boasted of their ability to stay on the T-bar, and double J-bar which carries two persons—but even experienced skiers have trouble. Unlike the J-bar, the T-bar does not stop for those unable to maintain their balance. Linda and Sam were compelled to remove their skis in order to proceed up the slope.

Other capable skiers, Mr. and Mrs. Stranahan, Mr. Landis, Ricki Stubbs, and Linda Cunningham successfully encountered bigger slopes.

At 4 p.m. the crew prepared to leave glistening Camelback. Only one sprained ankle resulted from the day's events. As the soggy, sore, and exhausted skiers entered the bus Mr. Landis commented sarcastically, "And you all like Chadd's Peak better."

Teacher-of-the-Month

Travel Captivates Mrs. Allen

By Beverly Bove

"My husband and I would like to visit Trinidad, since he was born there and still has relatives there," smiled Mrs. Marie Allen, home economics teacher.

In the past Mrs. Allen has visited parts of Canada and Germany. She has relatives in Bavaria.

After graduation from high school, she attended the University of Delaware for four years, where she received a bachelor of science degree.

"When I got out of college, I had tremendously high expectations, but I quickly changed from the idealistic to realistic," she remarked. "I expected much more from high school students than I should have."

Mrs. Allen was married in July after graduation and came to teach at Conrad the following September, 1967. "I like it here very much. The students are very natural."

As sophomore class adviser, she finds that the lack of enthusiasm in school and its activities proves the apathy of students. She finds being an adviser a rewarding experience.

Sewing, movies and the theater hold Mrs. Allen's interest during her spare time. *Dr. Zhivago* and *Funny Girl* are her two favorite movies. "I also enjoyed *Easy Rider*. I liked the non-violence and the closeness to nature."

The thought of non-violence turned the wide-eyed brunette's attention to Viet Nam. "I don't see the sense in it. We're trying to impose our values on them when we really shouldn't."



Mrs. Marie Allen, teacher of the month, demonstrates one of the new touch-and-sew machines in the home economics department.

Photo by Sue Meginniss.

In connection with the moon shot, Mrs. Allen bubbled, "I'm all for new explorations in every area!"

Mrs. Allen claims that her main

"hang-up" is "getting too emotionally involved" where she shouldn't. "I guess my best quality is being able to get along with people—all types—especially students."

Alumni Head For Broadway After Cummings Auditorium

By James Broomall

In the fall of 1954, the first major production was presented in the Cummings Auditorium. The play was "Great Big Doorstep" and was produced and directed by Miss Phyllis Shaw.

Miss Shaw was also responsible for the organization of the Sock and Buskin Club. This club, which still flourishes at Conrad, was designed to give interested students a background in the various aspects of theater production.

In 1956 Mr. Donald Morgan took over the job of staging plays at Conrad. His first production, "Meet Arizona," was presented in the spring of 1956. Although Mr. Morgan does not list this staging

among his more memorable efforts, it was the start of better things.

"I think the plays we have staged in the past five years have been our best," Mr. Morgan says. "I don't know if the performers have been more talented, or the material has been better," he adds. When asked some of his personal favorites, Mr. Morgan named "The Miser" and "The Diary of Anne Frank" among others.

In 1966 Mrs. Louise Goddin assumed co-sponsorship of the dramatics program at Conrad. The first play staged under her direction was "Dark of the Moon." Since her arrival, Mrs. Goddin has staged the spring play, while

Mr. Morgan handles the play given in the fall.

Several former Conradians have followed careers in professional acting. Two former students particularly stand out in Mr. Morgan's mind. Kathleen Widdoes had a co-starring role in the movie production of Mary McCarthy's "The Group." She also appeared with Art Carney in the television presentation of "Our Town."

Celia Kay Burkholder is now under contract with Universal Pictures and has made frequent appearances on television.

Through the combined efforts of faculty advisers and students, both the spring and fall plays have become highlights of Conrad's school year.

J.A.'s Crowd Atlantic City; New Ideals, Goals Discussed

By Sandra Lelsey

Atlantic City filled with 1,200 teens in two hotels for a weekend—sounds like trouble? Not really!

Atlantic City was the site of ROJAC (Region One Junior Achievement Conference) 1970. Over 1,200 teenagers from areas all over the Eastern sea coast spent February 26-28 at the Shelburne and Dennis Hotels on the boardwalk at Atlantic City.

Delegations of Achievers came from such areas as New York City and Buffalo, New York; New Haven, Bridgeport, and Hartford, Connecticut; Providence, Rhode Island; Washington, D.C.; and cities from Virginia, Maryland, New Jersey, Delaware, and Pennsylvania.

The delegation from Wilmington included 21 teens and 5 advisers. Delegation members from the Wilmington areas came from A.I. duPont, Brandywine, Christiana, Conrad, Corpus Christi, Howard, Mt. Pleasant, Newark, P.S. duPont, St. Elizabeth's, St. Peter's, and Wilmington High School.

The primary purpose of this

conference was to strengthen and improve the J.A. program and its companies, to stimulate interest and knowledge about J.A. and to gain a better understanding of the free enterprise system, its operation and benefits.

The obligation of each of the Achievers was to bring this knowledge and experience back to his area for use in the advancement of their companies and programs. During these three days delegates attended Workshops I, II, and III. The topics for these workshops were J.A. and the Teenager, J.A. and the Company Operation, and J.A. and the Community. They also discussed their products and how they were assembled.

During the first two days, Achievers took tests and attended interviews to run for offices of the conference. The four offices are president, first vice president, second vice president, and secretary. The voting for these offices was done by delegations as in Presidential conventions.

The number of votes each delegation was allowed to cast was determined by the number of companies in that area. Wilming-

ton had 21 votes, which was a small amount compared to Hartford, Connecticut, which had 101 votes.

Votes were cast Saturday morning. A member of the Wilmington delegation Sharon Waterman, junior at St. Elizabeth's, won the office of first vice president.

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Student-of-the-Month

Sports, Drafting Lure Senior

By Debbie Dzielak

"If I had the chance, I'd do my three years of high school over again," reflects senior Alton Coleman, "especially because of basketball. I didn't seize the chance to better myself in sports."

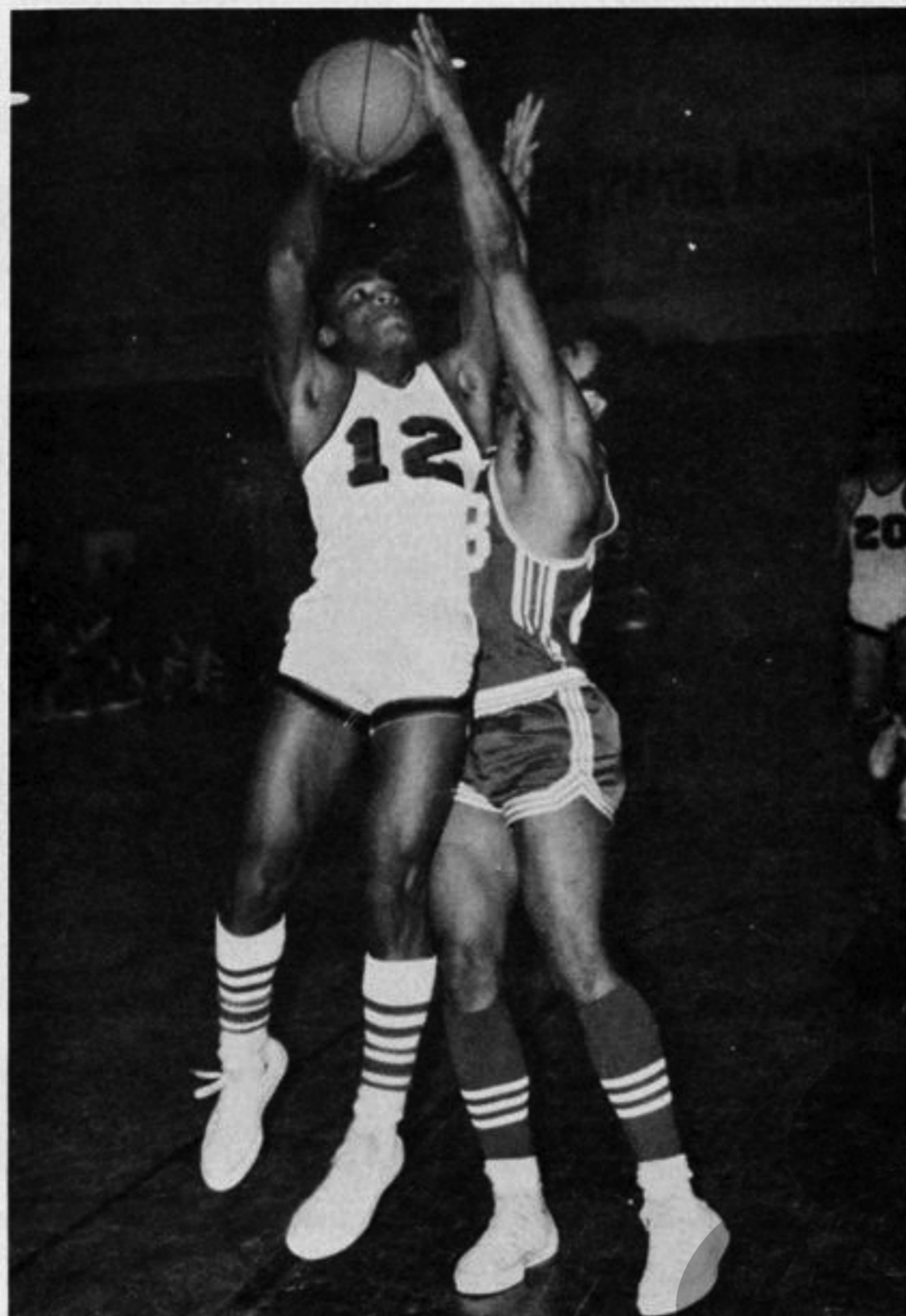
Alton, however, who is Conrad's student of the month, apparently has achieved some success in sports. He plays varsity basketball this year and was a two-year member of the JV team. At Krebs Junior High School he was awarded letters in both basketball and track. Alton also received a basketball trophy from a summer team on which he played.

But sports are not the only extra-curricular activities which occupy his time. He likes drawing, and at one time he wanted to be an artist. Drafting, however, has captured his attention, and Alton plans to enter a career of drafting and design at Delaware Technical and Community College.

"If I could get a job without going to college," grins Alton with one of his numerous spreading smiles, "I'd get the best possible job I could. I'm not the college type," he confessed, "and that's another reason why I'm going to Delaware Tech."

Several things bother Alton and, of course, losing basketball games is one of them. But on the serious side, Alton is deeply disturbed by prejudiced people. A Negro himself, he wants more than anything to change the prejudice of people today. He does, however, feel that racial relationships are improving. "People say a lot more and feelings are out in the open. At least everyone knows how they feel."

As for the future, Alton only wants the best. Ten years from now he sees himself as married with a small family, and as a successful draftsman.



Student of the Month, senior Alton Coleman, displays his basketball talent in a recent game against a Wilmington High School defender. Photo by Sue Meginniss.

Area Karate Trainees Strive For Black Belt

By Joe Hogentogler

Looking for a sport that takes skill, patience, lots of practice, and is good for the smaller man? Then you should try Karate.

The Wilmington School of Karate, located on 2712 Kirkwood Highway, offers courses in the sport for any interested male or female. According to head instructor Mr. George Taylor, "Karate is an art and way of life."

Mr. Taylor possesses a second-degree black belt. The school (which opened in 1966 and is currently the largest in Delaware) also has two other qualified instructors. It is affiliated with the Japanese organization.

Karate got its start in China. It later worked its way to Okinawa, and in the early 1900's it was introduced in Japan.

Karate is broken up into two levels, the Kyu and the Dan. The Kyu is the lower grade with a classification of 8, 7, and 6 for a white belt; 5 and 4 are green belts; 3, 2, and 1 are different degrees of brown. Dan level is for black belts. If you achieve a degree of 5, you are a political black belt, and 4 is a master black belt.

"Through physical training you learn what your body can do," stated Mr. Taylor. To point this out, Mr. Taylor said that the first six months is spent on physical conditioning. After this period the sport becomes more enjoyable.

The first step is learning the basic blocks and kicks. Next you learn the more complicated combination movements. Then your goal is for perfection of technique. Says Mr. Taylor, "Through per-

fection of technique you gain perfection of character."

For those interested in getting started, Mr. Taylor said, "You must have a burning desire to learn. Those who want a quick course in self defense are wasting their time. It doesn't work, it takes much practice."

Mr. Taylor feels karate is the best sport for conditioning because you must stay in shape the entire year.

The club holds inter-club matches throughout the year. The Del-MarVa Open Karate Championship is the big event which is held in September. Last year it was held at the gym of Stanton Jr. High. There were 150 participants and 800 spectators. Participants came from as far north as New York and as far south as Virginia.

Ten-week introductory courses are now being offered in the Y's in this area. Courses at the Karate school are held two nights per week. Each lesson lasts for 2 hours. The cost for adults is \$20 per month, and for children the price is \$10 per month. Beginner classes are given on either Monday and Wednesday nights or on Tuesday and Thursday nights. Advanced courses are given on Monday and Wednesday nights. Children's classes are held on Saturday from 12 noon to 2 p.m.

Readers Write

I think students should be able to have a student lounge to go on their free period, study hall, instead of sitting in the study hall getting on the "poor teacher's nerves." We could go and relax in the lounge. If teachers can do it, why can't we?

Concerned

I think we should have more teachers like Mr. Scott. We should have teachers that treat students like young adults, also treat each person as equal. There are no "pets" in his classes. He doesn't yell at his students. He's always "cracking" jokes. He lets us express our opinions by discussion, not just a question-answer type thing. And yet he keeps his classes under control. I think teachers should not give homework because, we work all day in school, when you go home you'd like to relax, not do homework.

An Admirer

Editors note: All letters submitted to the Editor should be signed with the student's full signature. Names will be withheld from publication upon the request of the student.



CONRAD CAPERS

Spring Fever Strikes

By Mary Ann Jackson

In our second endeavor to portray the roles of column and columnist, "Conrad Capers" and I would like to kindly thank Mother Nature for her very timely seasonal change. Spring has arrived just in time to serve as background coordinator for this issue's items.

BIGAMY ENACTED. Students were paired off into couples and each equipped with a marriage problem during a study of family living in Mr. Rolfe Wenner's third period sociology class. Due to an excess of wives, most boys were granted two of them.

"THAT WAS THE WEEK THAT WASN'T" was the week of February 23 for Mr. Jerome Stewart, who began the week with a three-day solo of laryngitis. The encore came on Thursday, when in haste to see his students, he came to school wearing a different style shoe on each foot.

GEORGE HONORED. Belated honorary birthday dinners were held for George Washington February 24 and 25 by the home economics department. Mr. Smith, Mr. Wenner, Mr. Ott, Mr. Owen, Mr. Morningred, Mr. Scott, Mr. Poole, and Mrs. Dill dined to the likes of baked ham, macaroni, baked beans, cherry pie, and Lincoln log.

WILBUR TIMOTHY has been selected as Conrad Capers' Who's Who for March. He resides in the math lab, has a liking for cheese, is employed by Dr. Isabel Miller, and specializes in circle running.

MR. CASTO BLOWS OUT CAKE. Jon Fletcher, band president, jumped up in the middle of practice to lead the band in a happy

birthday salute to Mr. David Castro. Senior Margaret Combs then ushered in the cake, which was by that time flaming at the icing pillars.

CHEM TALE. In an attempt to explain chemical reactions to his third-period chemistry class, Mr. Edward Malin gave the following illustration. "Once upon a time there was a handsome reactant who courted a pretty young reactant, and lo and behold, they had a little precipitate."

DOGS AND STARS. Mrs. Verna Trivelpiece's threat of "Do I have to treat you like third graders" resulted in an honorary dog and star system to incite participation from her fourth period English class. Poodles and German Shepherds (stickers) were awarded to students who answered above and beyond the call of duty.

CRASH WITNESSED. Engulfed in one of his stimulating lectures, Mr. Howard Work and his classroom wall were involved in a collision during his sixth-period English class. Witnesses on the scene reported both Mr. Work and his wall to be in good condition.

CRUTCH CRUSADERS. I would like to congratulate the following for their successful penetrations through Conrad's halls single-footedly: seniors Mickey Kelley and Karen McAvaney, juniors James Picarro and Mari Ellen Baker, sophomores Kevin Coogan and Michael Puit.

ATTENTION CLARK KENTS! Through "Conrad Capers" you can see your news tips in print. If you have an item about a student, teacher, club, or group, you can submit it via the War Whoop.

'Squares Must Round Out Abusers,' Claims Sgt. Citro

By Larry Head

"The good kids, the squares, are the ones who have to turn the abusers around," explained Sergeant Angelo Citro of the Delaware State Police in a recent interview about the soaring rate of drug abuse.

Arrests for the previous year amounted to over 235, of which 90 were juveniles. Over 100 pounds of "grass" were confiscated in 1969, and the estimate given for this current year is about 150 to 200 pounds. According to Sergeant Citro, "this is probably about one-tenth of that which is actually peddled." Also among the confiscated goods were over 500 tabs of LSD.

This evidence shows that drug abuse is on the rise, and the statistics seem to point out that the trend will continue.

Why bother the drug abuser? Isn't he just hurting himself? "Well," Sergeant Citro says, "the abuser affects our whole society. Drugs are expensive, and where does the abuser get the money to support his habit? It comes all too often from stealing. The surge in purse snatching, muggings, and robberies of all types are in correlation with the surge in drug abuse."

The problem today exists on all socio-economic levels and centers around the age group of 13 to 25, according to State Police statistics.

Speaking of those who say that the use of marijuana isn't too bad in the sense of addiction, Sergeant Citro remarked, "I have never talked to a heroin user who started with heroin. He has usually started with pills or pot and as his tolerance increased, he graduated to the stronger stuff (heroin) known as "scag" or "schmack."

Sergeant Citro went on to say that his duty as a police officer "is not to run a scare campaign, or to punish, but to make kids aware of the trouble they're getting into and act as a referee for society."



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Cagers Finish Fourth In Tournament

The Conrad Redskins completed a highly successful basketball season last Saturday night with a fourth place finish in the Delaware High School Basketball Tournament at the University of Delaware Field House.

The fourth place finish came as a result of the 43-53 loss to the Mount Pleasant Green Knights in the consolation contest, a preliminary match to the championship game with Christiana meeting De La Warr.

The fourth annual state tournament began on March 6, with 16 teams in eight contests throughout the state. Conrad's first opponent was the Lake Forest Spartans who were boasting a 18-2 record in downstate competition.

Lake Forest dominated play for three quarters in the Caesar Rodney gym but was unable to control the game in the final quarter as Chuck Haney and Jim Logullo sparked the Redskin comeback to a 70-66 victory.

Haney, who had been forced to sit on the bench for a portion of the fourth quarter because of four personal fouls, re-entered the game with 5:43 remaining and Conrad trailing 62-57. It was his three-point play along with Logullo's three free throws that enabled the Redskins to overcome a 66-63 deficit and move into the quarter finals. The 6'4" center Chuck Haney finished up with 22 points and Logullo added 19 for the victors.

Lake Forest's attack was spearheaded by the quick guard Ken Copper who shot almost faultlessly from the floor while tabbing 24 points. Chris Moore, the all-time leading high school scorer finished with 18 points.

Conrad coach, James Hagan, in his last year as head coach of the Redskins, commented after the game on the effectiveness of Haney and Logullo in that game plus all of the regular season games. He cited experience as the key in stating, "They've been through the wars. What they did tonight isn't anything new. Many a game in the past couple of seasons they've brought us back from sure defeat."

In other first round games, defending state champions De La

Warr outlasted P. S. DuPont 69-56; flight A champion Mount Pleasant stomped Archmere 74-51; Gunning Bedford beat Indian River 86-72; Milford nipped St. Elizabeth's 46-45; undefeated Concord killed Woodbridge 85-36; Christiana defeated Dover 55-44; and Seaford lost 66-47 to Salesianum, Conrad's opponent in the quarter finals.

The Redskins moved in against Sallies with a 15-4 record and the position of favorites against the independent team who sported an 11-7 slate. It was evident that in order to win the Redskins would have to contain Sallies' Dave Clark and Dave Okoniewski.

Conrad effectively did so, holding Clark down to a minimum while Okoniewski was forced to contend with Chuck Haney, Nick Maccari, and Roy Peacock who compose the strong Redskin front line. The Redskins started slowly but roared back in the third quarter to overwhelm the Sals and coast to a 74-52 victory.

Center Chuck Haney, a prime candidate for All-State honors, once again provided the impetus in scoring 31 points to lead Conrad into the semi-finals against the very team which had tied the Redskins for second place in the Blue Hen Conference, the Christiana Vikings. Christiana advanced via their 59-50 win over previously unbeaten flight B champions Concord.

The competition now moved to the University of Delaware fieldhouse with only 4 teams remaining from the original field of 16. The Blue Hen Conference proved its superiority, since these teams were the four entries from Flight A—Mt. Pleasant, Christiana, Conrad, and De La Warr.

First place Mt. Pleasant squared off with De La Warr in the preliminary contest but came out on the losing end as the Lions took a thrilling 62-61 decision on guard Rich Simmon's shot with only 8 seconds remaining. This put De La Warr in a position to repeat as state champs the following night against the winner of Conrad-Christiana.

The game between the two rivals was billed as a defensive struggle. Christiana coach Al Mann expressed worry at Con-

rad's half-court press, while the Redskins were concerned with the vaunted Christiana man-for-man. It turned out to be just that as both teams battled evenly throughout the regulation four quarters.

The first quarter saw Conrad choosing its shots carefully and jumping out to a 23-16 lead at half-time. The Redskins had connected on 7 of 17 field-goal attempts, while the Vikings managed only 8 for 26 from the field. Freeman Williams, the Vikings top scorer was held to a mere two points in the first half.

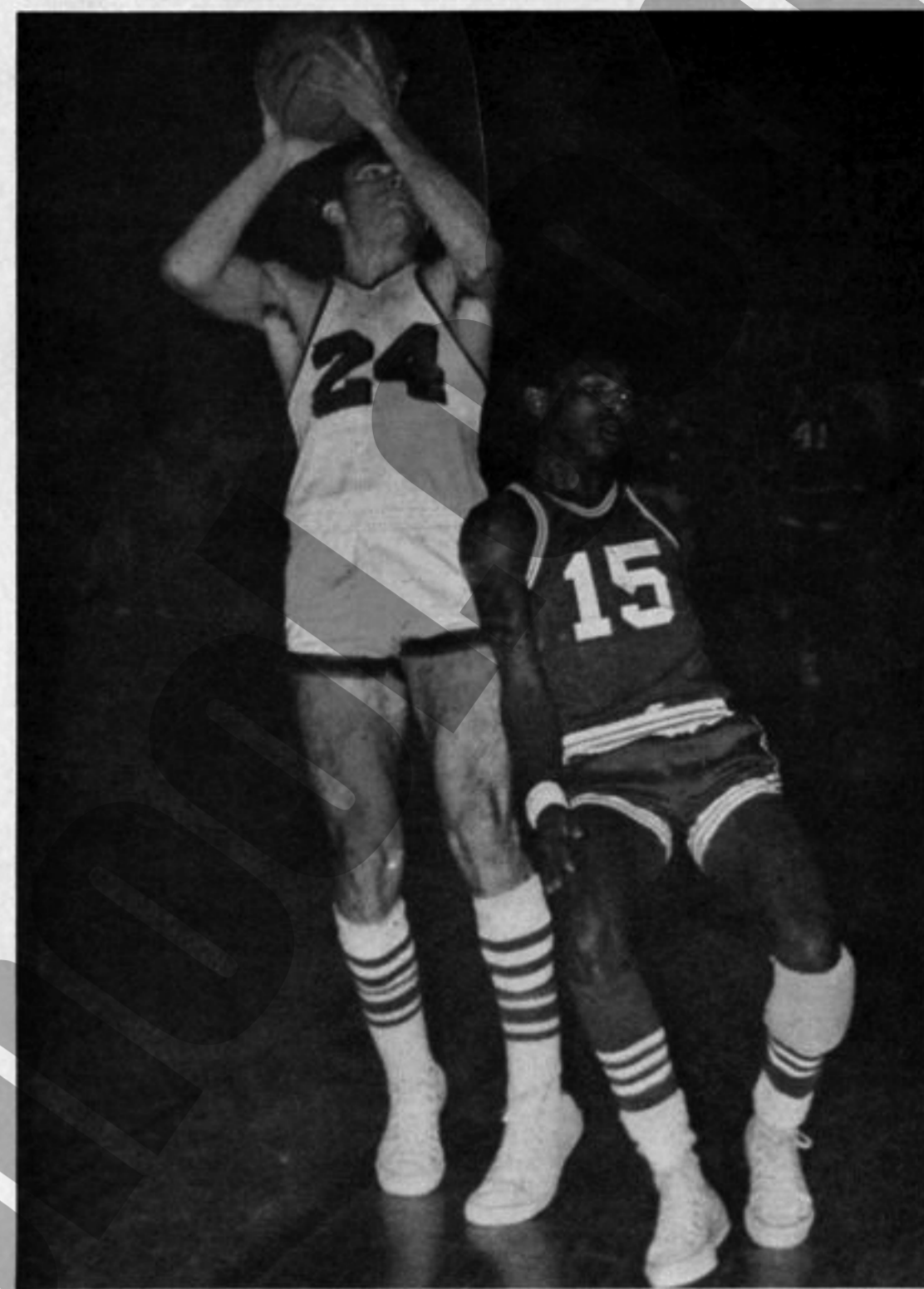
However, it was Williams who led the third quarter surge that brought the Vikings back to a 29-29 tie at the end of the period. Both teams fought evenly, each scoring ten points during the final quarter, to throw the game into a three-minute overtime period. Christiana's Ken Ryser was the first, and only player, to score during the overtime. He netted a jumper after only 18 seconds to pull the Vikings away for good.

Conrad had numerous opportunities to tie the contest but the ball refused to fall as the 4,000 fans remained on their feet. The score ended at 41-39 and moved the Vikings into the state championship match with De La Warr. Conrad and Mount Pleasant both losers by only two points moved into the consolation game to determine third and fourth places.

Earlier in the year, the Redskins concluded their Blue Hen Conference season with two victories which immediately followed two tough defeats at the hands of Christiana and Mount Pleasant. The victories came against Wilmington, 69-56 and William Penn, 81-50.

Before that, however, the Redskins dropped two decisions which dropped them from their spot atop the Blue Hen Conference Flight A. The first loss came against the red-hot Mount Pleasant Green Knights who upended the Redskins 64-50. The loss threw the league into a three way tie. The tie was broken the next game when Christiana squeaked out a 49-48 decision over Conrad.

The season ended with Mt. Pleasant the champs, and Conrad and Christiana tied for second. A coin flip decided tournament positions.



Senior Denny Cline tries for two, despite the obstruction of a Wilmington High defender.
Photo by Sue Meginniss.

Bruce Stelle Matches Indoor Record

Senior Bruce Stelle equaled the state high school indoor record for the mile by tying the previous mark of 4:36.2 in the winter track state meet February 28.

Other Conrad standouts in the meet, which was held at the University of Delaware Field House, were Bob Wijkowski who finished fourth in the 60-yard dash and Otis Evans who finished fifth in the 880.

The winter trackmen rounded out the season at Tower Hill March 4, by competing in the annual Frostbite meet. Eighteen teams from New Castle County participated in this year's running. Bruce Stelle placed third in the mile, while Bob Wijkowski again finished fourth in the 60-yard dash. Fred Ceccotti placed fifth in the two mile, Otis Evans was third in the novice 880, and the mile relay team (Chuck Bradford, Mike Herbin, Otis Evans, and Bruce Stelle) finished fourth.

The Conrad track team will open its spring season April 15 in a non-conference meet against perennially strong rival Salesianum. The first Blue Hen Conference action of the season will be a home meet with Christiana April 22.

Returning lettermen who will spark this year's squad are Bruce Stelle— $\frac{1}{2}$, 1 mile; Jerry Downes—high and low hurdles, high jump; Chuck Haney—high jump; Mickey Kelley—high jump; Fred Ceccotti—2 mile; Bob Gilmour—2 mile; Bill Bryan—pole vault; Joe

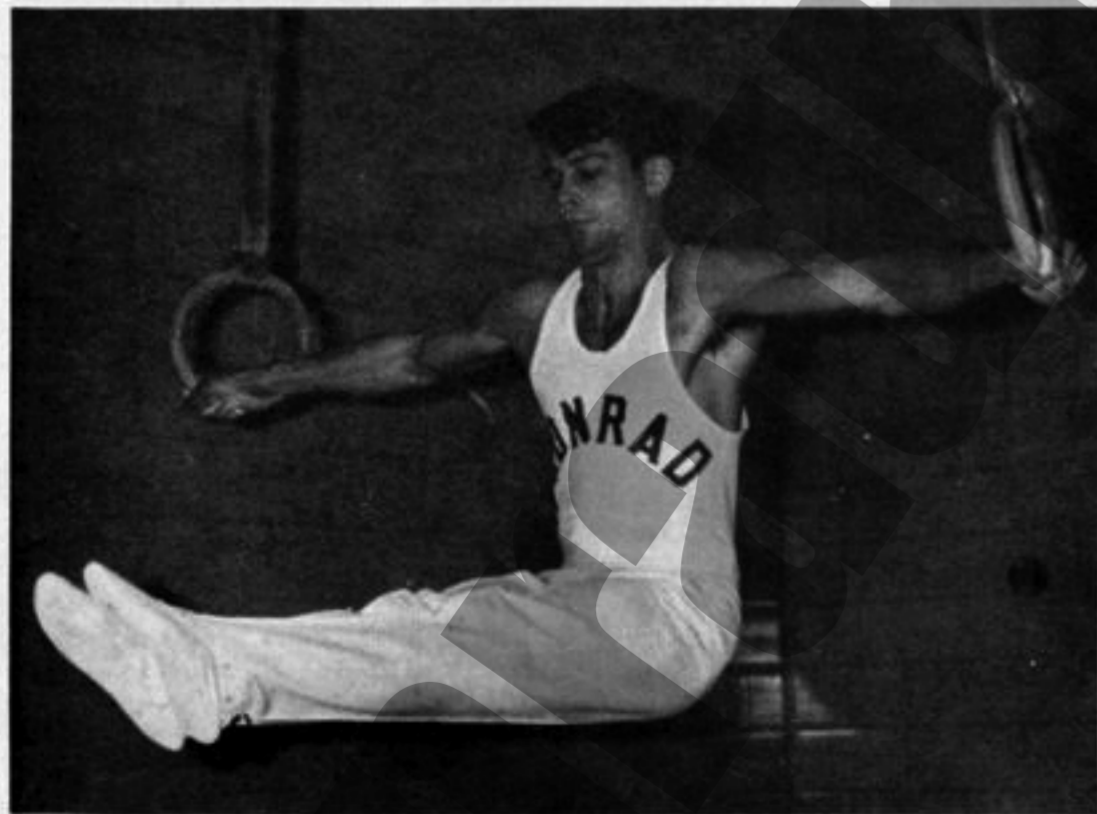
Pacchioli—100-yard dash, 220, 1 mile relay; Chris Walker—shot put, discus; Mike Herbin—100 yard dash, 220, 880 relay; Skip Johnson—low hurdles, high jump; Chuck Bradford—440, 1 mile relay; Ed Jackson—pole vault; Bob Wijkowski—100-yard dash, 220, 880 relay; Nick Maccari—triple jump, long jump; Joe Gilbert—880.

Coach Hilton Cohen sees Christiana, Mount Pleasant, Dickinson, and Newark as this year's toughest opponents. "We're going to miss the talents of Jim Burdett in the shot put and discus," noted Coach Cohen. He analyzed that the team will be fairly strong in the high jump and the pole vault.

"The crucial events in this year's competition will be the sprints," he added. "Since 37 total points are awarded to sprint winners, whoever controls them will have a definite advantage." Sophomore turnout for this year's team has been unusually good. "The degree to which our sophomores are successful will probably decide our final standing," said Coach Cohen.

Last year's track team finished with a 6-4 record.

Senior Gymnast Captures Third Place in State Meet



Senior Mike Kwiatkowski performs the difficult "L" cross.
Photo by Sue Meginniss.

Conrad's ace gymnast, Mike Kwiatkowski finished out a fine high school career March 4 by taking third place all-around in the Delaware Police Association's gymnastics meet.

He received this ranking through first place finishes on the horizontal bar and the rings. Gymnasts from four schools—Mount Pleasant, Brandywine, Concord and Conrad—participated in the meet, held at Mount Pleasant High School.

The gymnastics team ended the regular season with a 3-5 record, splitting their last two meets. The Redskins whipped Mount Pleasant 228-204 February 13 as Tim O'Connell, Mike Singles and Mike Bernardo swept the top three positions in tumbling, and Mike Kwiatkowski took first on the rings.

In their final meet February 16, Conrad lost to Brandywine, 92-76, despite winning the vaulting and parallel bar categories.

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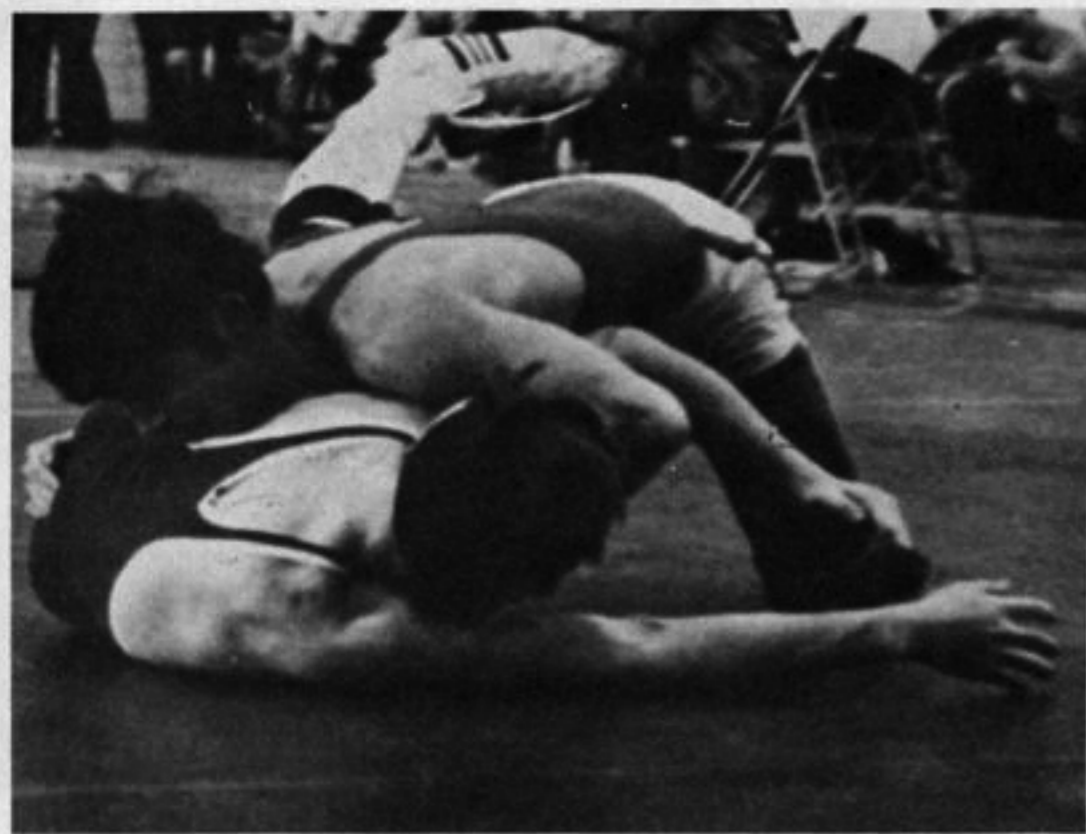
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Senior Bob Del Campo, rated second in the state in the 145-weight class, works his way to the conference championships. Photo by Dave Gibson.

Bob DelCampo Takes Second in State Meet

Senior Bob DelCampo was the top wrestler from Conrad this year, placing first in the Conference and second in the state meet held at the University of Delaware March 6-7. Junior Joe McGinness placed third in the conference.

DelCampo lost a thrilling match in the finals by a score of 11-7. It was his only defeat of the year.

The team closed its season with a record of 7-4. Wins were recorded against Christiana, Concord, De La Warr, Wilmington High, Mt. Pleasant, Brandywine, and Dickinson (a thrilling come-from-behind victory).

Next to DelCampo, the grappler with the best record was Ed Janvier with a record of 8-1-1. Other good records were 98-pound Dave O'Neill at 5-2-1 and Joe Mc-

ginness who started varsity in the middle of the year and won 3 of the 4 matches he was in.

This year's team was burdened with injuries and the fact that of 8 lettermen returning from the '69 team, only 1 member went out for wrestling this year. Commenting on this, Coach Ed Baker said, "Considering everything that happened, I am fairly well pleased with our season."

Looking forward to next year Coach Baker said, "If everyone comes out next year that should, we should be in contention for the conference championship."

Sophomores who wrestled with junior varsity and who might break into the starting line-up next year are Bob Baker, Ryan Deshong, Gary Minker, Larry Okoniewski, and Mike Vanella.

Redskins To Face Middletown, Defend Conference Crown

The baseball team and Coach Harry Davies have equally tough acts to follow when they open the season against Middletown April 3. Last year's squad went 10-3 and took the Blue Hen Conference Flight A championship in Mr. Davies' first season as coach.

Since practice just began Monday, the team's status is still uncertain; however, Coach Davies and his assistant, Mr. William Legge, expect pitching to be the Redskin's strong point this year. A fine group of hurlers including Mike Evans, Greg Lacy, and John Witkowski, return from last year's championship team.

Other returning lettermen ex-

pected to play key roles in defending the title are Jim Mensinger, Bob Benson, Bill Scullion, Dennis Cline, Roy Peacock, and Dean Burrows. Reports indicate that there may also be some promising sophomores waiting in the wings.

Coach Davies expects Flight A to be strong overall this year. He considers Christiana, McKean, and De La Warr to be the major stumbling blocks in what he terms "the most challenging schedule ever undertaken at Conrad."

In addition to ten conference games starting with Christiana April 24, the Redskins will take on four non-conference foes, playing two games each with Middletown and Salesianum, and one each with Lake Forest and Claymont.

The junior varsity team also

faces an ambitious schedule, with 11 games on tap. Their opener is tentatively scheduled for April 8 against McKean.

Algonquin Nears Publication Date

Debbie Dzielak, editor, is now in the process of choosing articles for Conrad's literary magazine, the Algonquin.

Debbie has to choose from approximately 100 short stories and 50 poems which have been submitted by Conradian students.

Subscriptions, at 25 cents each, will be taken in the English classes.

The Algonquin is expected to be ready for distribution in April.

Girls' Tennis Begins Practice

The girls' tennis team, coached by Mrs. Marie Stranahan, started practice March 5. This is an earlier start than last year even though rain and bad weather postponed the team's start from March 2.

Mrs. Stranahan is not a new face to the game of tennis. She coached the team in 1967 when the Conrad girls won the conference title.

There are 28 girls trying out for this year's team, most of them sophomores. Returning veterans include seniors Janet Adams, Nancy Forman, Gail McKeever, and Ricky Stubbs. Returning juniors are Donna McBride, Roxanne Ritchie, and Tish Wolskee. Due to the large number of girls trying out, there will definitely be cuts.

Mt. Pleasant, Brandywine, and A. I. du Pont are cited as the teams to beat this year.

The team's first game will be against Gunning Bedford, April 13, at Gunning Bedford.

Girls Finish in Third Place With Overall 8-3 Record

The girls' basketball team, coached by Mrs. Jean Barnett, ended its season with an 8-3 record and a tie for third place.

The varsity team fell from the top of the standings as it lost decisive games with Brandywine 30-57 and with Mount Pleasant 24-29. Conrad stunned Gunning Bedford 35-15 and Christiana 20-17. Rallying the team to its third-place tie were captain Judy Scholato and co-captain Patty Donovan.

The last game of the season was played against Christiana on February 17. Diane Pietuska sparked the team to its final victory. Diane was a consistent performer in many games as she

scored 93 points for the season. Patty Donovan tallied 82 points as second highest scorer for the season. Both Diane and Pat were high scorers in the Christiana game with 9 points.

The JV team, captained by Mary Wisniewski and Connie Hughes, defeated Gunning Bedford 24-16, Brandywine 6-2, and Christiana 20-17. They lost to Mount Pleasant 18-22.

Connie Hughes was high JV scorer with 88 points for the season. "I think we all had fun," reported Coach Barnett. "The girls adapted well to the new rules."

The team ended its season festively with a pizza party at Cindy Coogan's home.

'O.K. Class...'

Tykes Strain Teacher's Wits

By Jim Dykes

"Hello class. My name is Jimmy . . . what did you say? . . . you what? . . . well, lots of guys are named Jimmy and they don't think it's a stupid name . . . okay, I'll change it the first chance I get . . . aw, you already know, I'm here to teach you five-year olds how to swim.

"Now Mike, if your mommy ever heard you say that she would wash your mouth out with soap. Whoever taught you that word in the first place? . . . oh, I see . . . well, you don't have to repeat everything your daddy says.

"If your mommies would like to stay and watch, they're more than welcome . . . okay, now I want to get your names down on my clipboard, here . . . hi there,

sonny, what's your name? You don't know? I see . . . oh, your mommy doesn't know either? . . . okay, we'll call you Tommy.

"No, Bobby, I wouldn't like to get my shorts wet . . . yes, I'm sure . . . aw come on, Bobby, that wasn't very nice . . . anybody got a towel? . . . what's that Donnie? You have to go where? . . . it's right through the door where it says "men's room" . . . aw come on! Don't do it in the pool! I told you where it was!

"Okay class, the first thing we're going to learn today is . . . Chris, would you sit down, please? . . . Thank you . . . is how to float on our tummies . . . you don't want to do that? . . . okay, how about our backs? . . . I see. Well, what would you like to do? . . . now, Tony, you know you can't leave

until I say so . . . Tony! . . . aw, come back Tony, I was only kidding!

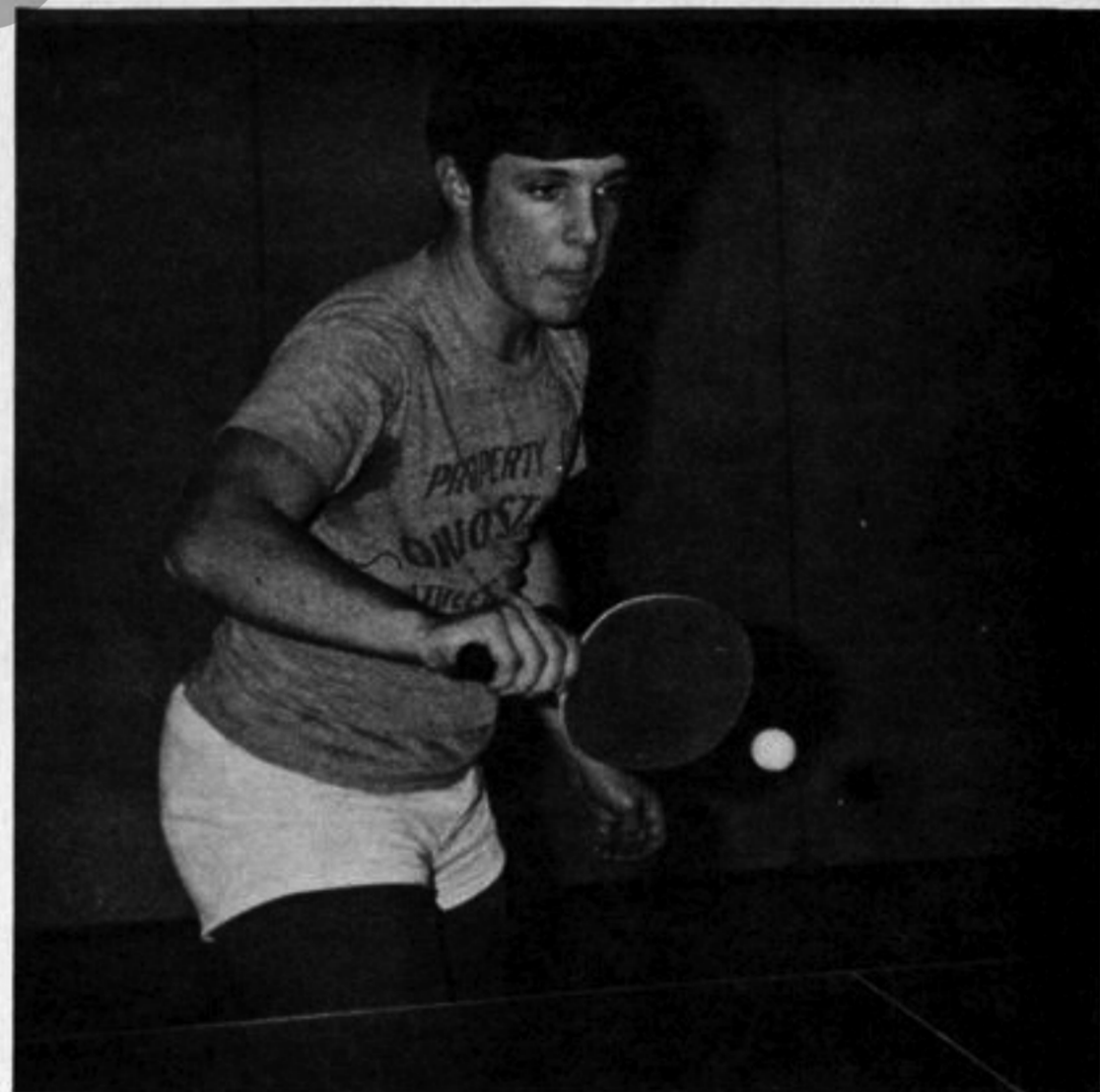
"What's that, Mrs. Smith? . . . your Johnny is afraid of the water? . . . but it's only two feet deep . . . oh, I see . . . I was wondering why he was so quiet . . . he what! . . . Fainted! . . . now calm down Mrs. Smith, no need to call an ambulance, I'll help you carry him out . . . all right, class, now who can show us how to hold our breath under water? . . . Very well, Janet, you show us . . . see how Janet does it class? . . . that's good . . . okay, Janet . . . Janet!"

Softball Vets Show Promise

Mrs. Jean Barnett, new girls' softball coach, feels that this year's toughest competition will come from Christiana, Brandywine, and William Penn. She thinks Conrad's chances in the conference are good and backs up her opinion with the fact that most of the positions will be filled by returning players.

The girls will meet former conference champ, Christiana, May 14. They will be seasoned from their battles with William Penn and Brandywine on May 7 and 11 respectively.

About 40 girls will have to be cut from this year's team. With 66 girls trying out it would be impossible to hold worthwhile practices. Practice started March 16; the first game is slated for April 13 at Gunning Bedford.



Junior John Previtera returns a shot en-route to intramural table tennis championship. John beat runner-up Dave Johnson two games to none in the championship match. Eighth-period tournament competition lasted approximately three weeks. Jim Dykes captured the third-place position while Red Justis finished fourth.

Conrad Golfers Tee-Up Against Mount Pleasant

The golf team began their practice on Monday of this week with five returning veterans from last year among the eleven boys vying for positions on the squad.

The veterans from last year's squad include seniors Mike O'Hara, Jon Fletcher, and Joe Hogentogler; and juniors Wayne Jackson and Vic Ventura. Others out for the first time are senior John Czerwinski, juniors Joe Lenza and Jack Steen, and sophomores Jim Durnan, Bob Ryan, and Wayne Alphin. Of these boys, only nine will be kept with the top five men

playing

Mr. Hugh Patterson, in his first year as coach, cites Mount Pleasant and Brandywine as the tough teams in the conference. As to his own team's chances, Mr. Patterson predicted, "I think our first three men will be able to hold their own. A lot will depend on our fourth and fifth starters."

The linksmen have their first match on April 14 against Corpus Christi, and their Blue Hen Conference opener takes place on April 27 against the Mount Pleasant Green Knights.

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News-In-Brief

Bruce Baker Wins Tourney

Senior Bruce Baker placed first in the 1970 Delaware Junior Chess Tournament March 14 at the Wilmington YMCA.

The Conrad team finished second in the overall tourney action behind Henderson High School of West Chester, Pennsylvania. Dave Johnson and Paul Luoma finished second and third respectively in their age divisions.

Thus far the team leads the New Castle County Chess Conference with an 8-2 win-loss record. Bruce remains undefeated and has added to his national rating by playing at the Liberty Bell Open Tournament in Philadelphia, February 28.

THREE SENIORS REPRESENTED the Conrad DECA chapter in state-wide competition at the State Leadership Conference held last weekend at the Hotel Dupont.

Highlighting March, National DECA Month, this annual event sponsors individual contests, such as salesmanship and decision making, along with Chapter-of-the-Year competition.

Tri-Staters To Attend Job Fair

The Job Fair, a traditional spring event at Conrad, will be held April 28-30 in the gymnasium. Mr. Paul Capodanno, guidance director, has assumed the responsibility of organizing the affair.

"The main objective of the Job Fair is to make students who are not going to college aware of the opportunities in business and industry," Mr. Capodanno reported.

Hercules, Atlas, and DuPont are among fifty companies that are expected to participate in the Fair.

Students from throughout Delaware, as well as Pennsylvania and New Jersey, will be attending Conrad during the three-day session.

Conradians will serve as hosts and hostesses.

Seniors Robert Finney and Michael Morine competed in the salesmanship contests. Senior Larry Pollitt participated in the decision-making competition.

Winners of the individual State Leadership competitions will travel to the National Leadership Conference at Minneapolis, Minnesota, in May.

This year's officers, elected previously, are as follows: Steve Simone, president; Karla Wiengarten, vice president; Carolyn Quinn, secretary; and Susan Citro, treasurer.

THE "HOUSE OF THE AMERICANS," the Pan-American Building in Washington, D.C., will be the object of the Spanish Club's annual field trip scheduled for May 1.

According to Miss Mildred Morrison, who co-sponsors the club along with Mrs. Jacqueline Rofel, the members will go on a guided tour of the building, which is the permanent headquarters of the Organization of American States.

Among its outstanding features are the meeting chamber of the O. A. S., the Hall of Americas, a concert and reception hall considered by many to be one of the most beautiful rooms of its kind in Washington, and a unique tropical patio. The club may also make side trips to the Smithsonian Institution.

3 Juniors Represent Conrad at Conference

Juniors Gwen Ross, Gail Raty, and Jim Broomall represented Conrad at the 1970 Delaware White House Conference on Children and Youth March 4 at the Student Center of the University of Delaware.

The purpose of the conference

Officers of the Spanish club, which was organized in December are as follows: Kathy Grimes, president; Rick Fernandes, vice-president; Mike Syzmanski, treasurer; and Bonnie Lane, secretary.

MOVIES ANYONE? Dr. Miller's sixth period junior math class was the subject of a film taken March 5. The film is part of a project by Mr. Richard Crouse, supervisor of secondary math teachers at the University of Delaware.

Through a series of tapes of various math teachers, Mr. Crouse will show his student teachers different teaching techniques.

Dr. Miller's accelerated math course was chosen as the subject of one film since several of the University's top math students were graduates of Dr. Miller's classes.

"SEW IT LIKE IT IS," theme of the Simplicity fashion show of the newest looks for spring, held Tuesday, highlighted his and her styles. Miss Linda Long, Simplicity Pattern Company's Educational Stylist, hosted the affair.

The show also featured skirts, shirts, jiffy-pattern designs, mix and match coordinates, and sportswear. Suggested materials included knits, sheers, and terry-cloth.

Names of the models were unavailable at press time.

was to assess the quality of life for children and youth in Delaware.

Representatives attended workshop sessions dealing with social and medical problems facing today's youth. After these sessions reports of priority recommendations from workshop groups were accepted at a general session.

The Conrad delegation, under the direction of Mr. John Strobel, attended workshops dealing with health, recreation, quality of life, and preparations for marriage.

AFS Tries Coupon Crusade To Gain Funds For Abroad

AFS has recently discovered a new means of attaining funds to send American students abroad to study. Americans Abroad for New Castle County is starting a project, which will help raise the money needed, by getting refunds from all General Mills coupons.

Conrad's AFS urges everyone to retain these coupons, which can be found on almost any General Mills product, and place them in the box in the main hall. The goal of the project is to raise \$1000 in a period of 18 months. For every 200 coupons turned in \$1 will be refunded. "This is a very worthwhile program," explained AFS president Linda Jewell. "It will help us send more American students abroad who may have good grades, yet may not have the money to pay for it."

AFS itself is planning to sell greeting cards to reach its goal of \$800 needed to have a foreign exchange student next year. The



Seniors Margaret Combs, Jon Fletcher, and Paul Croney are Conrad's representatives to the All-State Band. Photo by Sue Meginniss.

Conrad Musicians Play In All-State Assembly

Jon Fletcher, Paul Croney, and Margaret Combs are representing Conrad High School in the 1970 All-State Band, which is currently playing at Newark Senior High School. The performances, which began yesterday, continue through tomorrow.

Jon and Paul, along with Tim Hanson, also represented Conrad in the first annual All-State Orchestra held at Mount Pleasant High School February 26-28. Members were selected by audition and represented the best symphonic instrumentalists in Delaware.

The 72 young musicians performed "Haydn's Symphony No. 104 in D Major," "Bratislava" by Holesovsky, "Catskill Legend" by Paul Whear, "Nocturne" by Karl

A. Forssmark, and "Hoe-Down" by Coplands under the direction of guest conductor William Smith. Mr. Smith is assistant conductor of the Philadelphia Orchestra.

Band pictures were taken recently for two national publications. The first, *School Musician*, has selected Conrad as band-of-the-month from high schools throughout the United States and Canada. It is published monthly for band directors and members.

The second set of pictures was taken for a national honor organization for bands, orchestras, and choruses, *First Chair of America*. This yearbook has for the past 30 years honored first chair band members of the bands selected as outstanding by state counselors.

Dave Gibson Attends Presidential Classroom

Dave Gibson, Smoke Signal Editor, spent last week, March 7-14, in Washington, D.C., participating in a Presidential Classroom for Young Americans.

The program, designed to give American high school seniors an opportunity to study in depth the intricacies of the United States government in Washington, is run on a non-partisan, non-profit basis.

The program is relatively new, having existed only since 1968. Conrad graduate Ron Talmo (class of 1969) attended last year.

The program includes a series of eight seminars dealing with U. S. Government. Most of the daily seminars are held in the actual location of the government branch, agency, or department being studied. Classroom discussion is supplemented by lectures, seminars and meetings with key government officials.

Ample opportunity for exchange of ideas and questions between fellow students, teachers, and government officials from all over the country underscore the impact of the "on-the-spot" involvement.



Four Conradians have been chosen to take part in the All-State Chorus. They are Judy Linen, Mary Ellen Baker, John Loble, and Charles Dorsey. The students were chosen after performing in a state-wide audition before a group of music teachers. The chorus will travel to Dover where they will stay April 9, 10, and 11. A concert will then be held on the night of April 11. Photo by Sue Meginniss.

Conrad Contributes \$1366 To Heart Fund Clinic

Conrad, with a total collection of \$1366, took second place in the WAMS Heart Fund race which ended March 2. Dickinson placed first with \$1549, a total of \$183 more than Conrad.

WAMS had set their goal at \$5,000, but by March 2 a total of \$9040 had been counted. With the extra \$4040, the teen representatives from the participating schools voted to buy a phono-cardio scan machine. The machine will be used in the clinic as well as in Delaware schools to detect any malfunctions in children's hearts.

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