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Junior Mary Ann Jackson glances through booklets about her "summer school." Photo by Gail Raty.



Senior Sandi Leisey proudly displays silver setting she won in recent home economics competition. Photo by Beverly Bove.

Three Conrad Scholars Receive Varied Awards

Three Conradians recently received awards in home-ec, journalism, and sewing. The winners are senior Sandy Leisey, junior Mary Ann Jackson, and sophomore Rayanne Baron respectively.

Senior Sandy Leisey has been named winner of the Sterling Silver Homemaking Award presented by the Silversmiths Guild of America in cooperation with the Conrad home-ec department.

The Sterling Silver Homemaking Award is a place setting of silver flatware awarded to the outstanding graduating senior home economics student in the school.

Selection was handled by Mrs. Ellen Brown and Miss Marie Allen of the home-ec department on the basis of contribution to the home-ec department, interest in the field of home economics and written paper.

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students selected the silver pattern which Sandy will receive. The silver was available for the rest of the year for use in studying flatware design, construction, and buying principles. The project is intended as a year-round course in consumer education and is intended to stimulate interest in home-ec.

Conrad's Mary Ann Jackson and Seaford's Sam Jones have been granted scholarships to the Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University. Scholarships were granted by the News-Journal Company.

Mary Ann will be among 112 students attending the journalism session at Northwestern. The campus is located in Evanston, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago.

From June 28 to August 1, students will attend group lectures, seminars and workshops. Guest

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Students Show Talent At Speech Festival

During the past weeks Conradians have been spreading their talents beyond the walls of Conrad.

The Conrad Debating Team took third place in a field of twelve in the Fourth Annual Speech Festival May 9 at Cape Henlopen High School, Lewes, Delaware.

Jim Broomall and Bill Schaub, Conrad's affirmative team, placed first in the debating category.

Kevin Casey and Larry Head, the negative team, placed second in the debating.

The topic for the debate was "Resolved: That Congress should prohibit United States' unilateral military intervention in foreign affairs."

Tim Hanson finished third in the "Humorous Interpretation" category.

The Speech Festival was sponsored by the Delaware Speech Association and the State De-

partment of Public Instruction.

Charles Dorsey, Linda Law, Judy Linen and Jayne Stoneberger presented a two-and-a-half hour show at the 32nd annual spring luncheon of the Suburban Century Club, May 2.

Charlie Dorsey opened the show with "Old Man River" from Showboat. Judy Linen followed with "Climb Every Mountain" from The Sound of Music. They finished their program with a duet, "You'll Never Walk Alone" from Carousel.

A scene from Anastasia was performed by Linda Law and Jayne Stoneberger. The story is centered around Czar Nicholas II's mother, the Empress, and her search for her true grand-daughter during the Russian Revolution.

Linda Law said that the whole thing went off very well. "Judy was wonderful, and Charlie had everybody crying."

Swim Team, New Teachers Highlight Coming Year

New faces, courses, and ideas are in store for returning Conradians this fall.

Swim meets may be a part of Conrad's sports calendar next year, according to Principal Earl J. Smith. Funds and facilities are two foreseen problems.

For the first year swimming, labeled as a boys' winter sport, will operate on the club level. It will advance into the interscholastic ranks the following year, according to Mr. Jesse Malin, Conrad athletic director.

Mr. Smith indicated the district would like to work swim-

ming into the elementary school curriculum in future years.

Redskins will welcome five new faculty additions this September.

Three of these vacancies are a result of the following resignations: Mrs. Jean Barnett, gym; Mrs. Ethelbert Ott, art; and Mrs. Elizabeth Webber, English.

Mrs. Doris Terranova will relinquish her gym teacher post and enter into the guidance department as a counselor this fall. A combination biology-chemistry teacher will round out the full-time roster.

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Next year's student council will operate on the basis of three overhauling amendments approved by the council April 30 and ratified by student vote May 11.

The Conrad student council shall consist of any student who wishes to be a member, according to the newly accepted membership amendment. Students signing up through their social studies and English classes and attending two consecutive meetings are eligible for member voting privileges. A total of 160 students had signed up for membership at press time.

This revision replaces the for-

Seniors Bow Out Gracefully June 1

Seniors will bid farewell to Conrad later this year than usual. An act passed by the State Board of Education has set the minimum number of senior school days at 172. The last senior day will be June 1.

About 448 students will graduate this year at the June 11 ceremony. Guest speakers have been eliminated from the program with senior volunteers taking the podium.

Baccalaureate will be June 7. If weather permits, graduation will take place outside. If bad weather forces it inside, about 700 people could comfortably watch graduation in the auditorium facilities.

mer membership article stating that the council shall consist of one elected representative per 50 students in each class and approved non-voting members.

Candidate grade requirements was the subject of the second amendment. The original requirement of a 2.5 average in major subjects was replaced by "any bona fide student of the school may be a candidate for any office regardless of his grade average."

Election dates and procedures were revised in the third amendment. Previously officers and representatives were elected by Australian ballot in a general election the last week of March. According to the new amendment, officers shall be elected within the council itself during May.

The first week of October remains as the sign-up period for next year's sophomores.

A Student Council crisis became apparent this spring when only one student presented a petition for a Council office.

As the result of this crisis two emergency ad hoc meetings for interested students and teachers were organized by Mrs. Marjorie Mabrey, social studies department head.

The newly adopted amendments grew out of the discussions of

these two meetings.

Junior Ellen Haden was chosen by the Student Council to attend the Thirty-fourth Annual National Conference of the National Association of Student Councils.

The conference will be held June 21-29 at Arlington High School in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Approximately 800 students from all over the nation will attend the conference.

Basically it is supposed to be a leadership conference and workshop dealing with student councils in such areas as parliamentary procedure, election methods, and functions which student councils can take on.

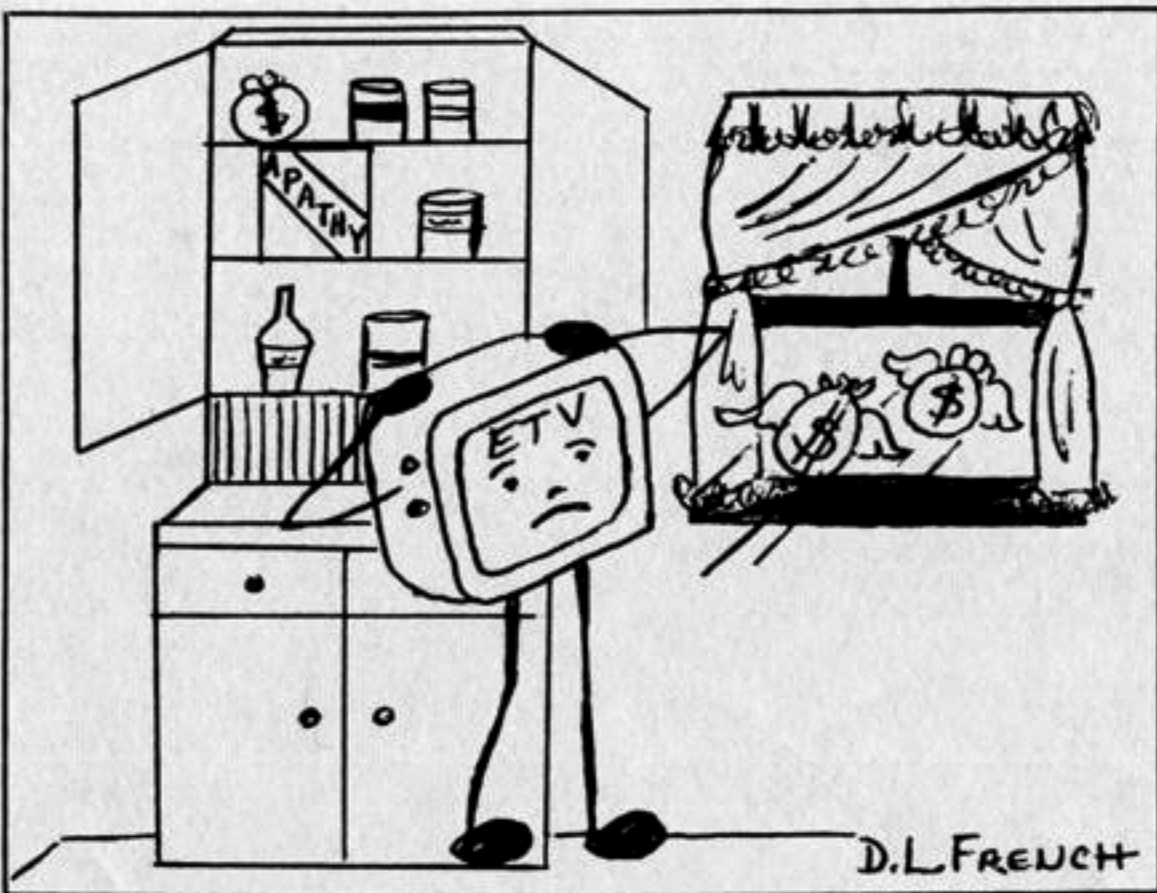
The students representing either their county or state in addition to their high school, are then expected to impart their newly gained knowledge to student councils in their area.

The schools are chosen by a drawing and are different each year. Two schools including Conrad were chosen to represent Delaware at large. In addition four schools were chosen to represent Delaware's three counties.

Other schools chosen to send representatives were: Laurel High School, John Bassett Moore High School, Claymont High School, Gunning Bedford High School, Kent County Vo-Tech, and Salesianum.



For the 3rd consecutive year, Conrad has hosted Job Fair, a program designed to help non-college bound seniors in the search for work. The exhibit, representing 40 local industries, businesses, and the Armed Forces was visited by approximately 2,500 students from 34 schools in Delaware, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey. Photo by Roxanne Ritchie.



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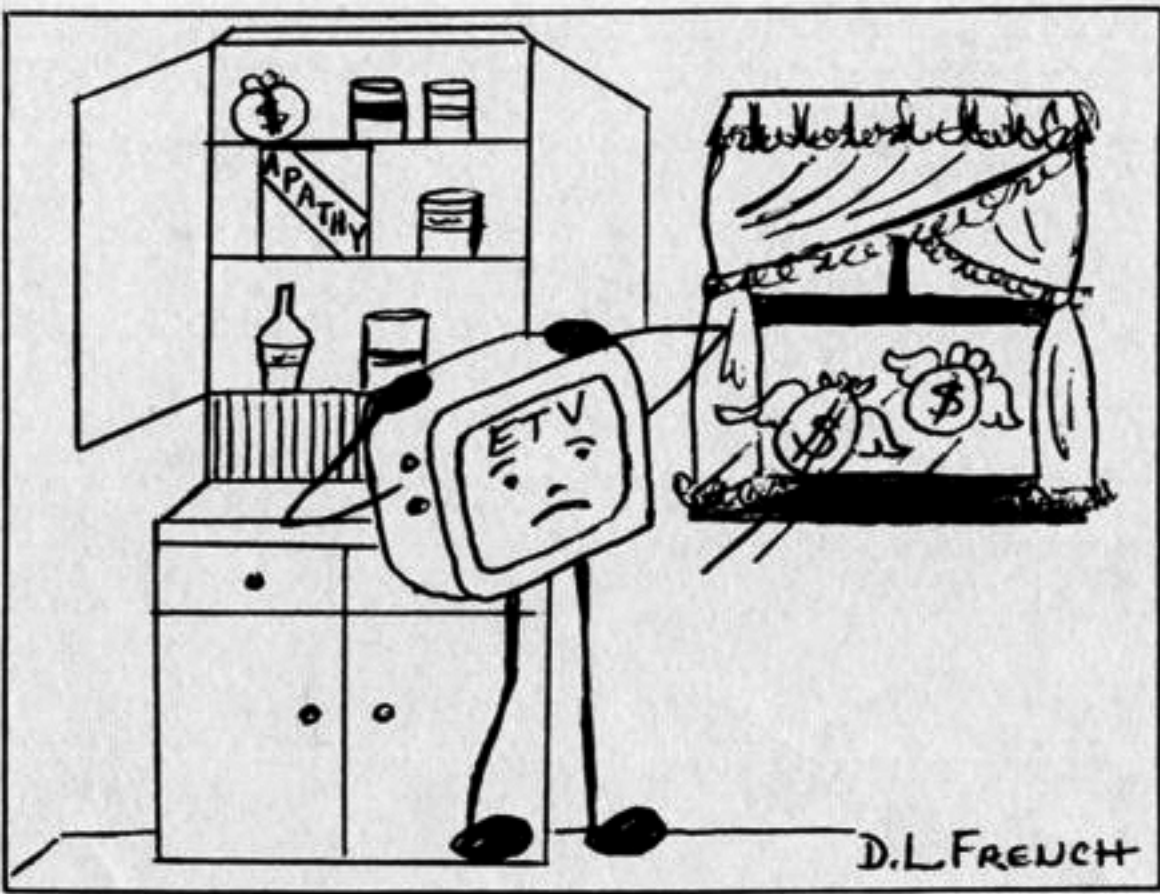
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In conference action last week, the Redskins defeated De La Warr, 4-1, Friday, and Brandywine, 6-2, Tuesday. Bill Scullion led the attack in the Brandywine contest, getting two hits, one run, and two runs-batted-in. Mike Evans was the winning pitcher, allowing the Bulldogs only two hits as he evened his season record at 2-2.

Conrad got equally good pitching from Greg Lacy in the De La Warr game. Lacy struck out ten, walked none, and gave up only four hits, losing a bid for a shut-out in the last inning when the Lions' Bob Charles tripled and scored on a sacrifice fly.

Denny Cline surprisingly bloomed into Conrad's most effective starting pitcher in the first half of the Blue Hen Conference season. Cline, originally slated to play mostly at shortstop and pitch only when needed, hurled consecutive shut-outs against Mt. Pleasant May 1 and William Penn May 8 for the Redskins only two victories in their first five conference games.

The Conrad hitters, who had their troubles against the other four Blue Hen foes, really cut loose against Mt. Pleasant, scoring 12 runs. Al Rappaport led the attack with three hits and two runs batted in, and Cline, Bill Scullion, and Joe Palermo all contributed two hits in the rout. Cline had a considerably hard-



Greg Lacy takes a vicious cut at William Penn hurler's offering. Photo by Larry Hanna.

er pitching task against William Penn, as the Redskins could score only one run against the Colonials' Bill Webb. The deciding tally came across in the first inning as Greg Lacy singled and subsequently scored on Roy Peacock's double.

In the conference opener versus Newark April 24, the Yellow-jacket's ace hurler Dave Chapman overcame early control difficulties to pitch his team to a 6-2 victory. Newark scored all the runs it needed in the first, getting five runs on starter Mike Evans.

The game with league-leading McKean May 4 developed into a pitching duel between Conrad's Greg Lacy and the Highlanders' Dan Foraker. McKean took an early 1-0 lead, but Conrad came back to tie it in the fifth on a bases-loaded walk to Len Za-

binko. The Highlanders finally regained the lead for good in a nightmarish sixth inning in which they loaded the bases on three consecutive Conrad errors, and then scored the go-ahead run on a wild pitch. Final score was 2-1.

In another conference game April 28, the Redskins were drubbed 11-0 by the Christiana Vikings. Dan Dolphin picked up the shutout victory for Christiana, while Greg Lacy was the starter and loser for Conrad.

The Redskins lost a return match with Salesianum 8-4 April 24 in their final non-conference action of the season. They won the earlier game 7-5 April 18, with Greg Lacy getting the victory. Art Thursby's two-run homer and Rich Lenoir's two-run triple were the big blows for the Sallies as they chased Conrad starter John Witkowski early in the game.

Netmen Face Tourney As Season Concludes

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Coach David Hipp expects the team to improve greatly on its record next year, since six lettermen will be returning. The returnees are Gordon Gawronski, John Shaw, Mark Paris, Bill Schaubert, Dave Darone, and Tom Ryan.

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Conrad also triumphed in their conference opener against Christiana, 4-1, April 29. Hosan and Shaw defeated Hudson and Row,

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The courtmen went into a tailspin in their next four conference games, losing to Newark, 4-1, April 28; Mt. Pleasant, 5-0, May 1; McKean, 3-2, May 5; and Brandywine, 5-0, May 12.

Only Hosan was able to break through for a victory against Newark, defeating Bill Snell. Shaw and Gawronski lost to the Yellowjackets' Stan Gwinn and Nick Phillips in the singles, while Newark's Baker-Berg and Herzog-Berg combinations swept the doubles.

The McKean match turned into a real heartbreaker, as the Highlanders rallied for the 3-2 win after victories by Hosan and Shaw had staked the Redskins to a 2-0 lead.

Conrad was completely dominated by tough northern foes Mt. Pleasant and Brandywine. In the Mt. Pleasant match, Hampton, Levin, and Cohen defeated Hosan, Shaw, and Gawronski in the singles, while Sarvan-Heidreich and Schell-Malmberg took Walls-Paris and Darone-Ryan in the doubles. Against Brandywine, owners of a winning streak that stretches over four years, Hosan, Shaw, and Gawronski lost to Robbins, Gavron, and Zolin in the singles; while Walls-Paris and Darone-Schauber were swept by Daning-Levlon and Sanders-Setterthrate in the doubles.

Spirit Is Name of Game For Gridiron Prospects

Although faced with the loss of 23 seniors, including six members of the all-state team, Coach-of-the-year Jim Pletcher anticipates a successful football season next year. "We're going to surprise a lot of people," he said.

With only three returning starters, fullback-linebacker Mike Nardo, flanker Len Zabinko, and guard Mike Webb, Mr. Pletcher points out that the name of the game will be determination. "We've built a winning tradition at Conrad and I don't think the boys will be willing to see it disappear."

Running backs Mike Nardo, Joe

Pacchioli, Vic Ventresca, Ryan Deshong, and Mike Paglia, along with receivers Len Zabinko, Mike Herbin, Sam Ableman, and Steve Warren, should provide the nucleus for next year's team. Joe Saggione and Greg Dambach will be at quarterback.

Mr. Pletcher expects J.V. line-men such as Tom Mashington and Jamie Webb to step right in and join Mike Webb, Jim Burrows, and Ed Paradee in replacing this year's standout line. "We won't be quite as big, and so the emphasis will have to be placed on speed and mobility," Mr. Pletcher reported.

Trackmen Head for State; Finish Seventh in County

The track team will round out its season in the State outdoor meet to be held today and tomorrow at the University of Delaware.

Mr. Hilton Cohen, track coach, feels that Bruce Stelle in the one mile, Nick Maccari in both the long and triple jump, and Bill Bryan and Chuck Rhoades in the pole vault all have a chance of doing well in the meet.

Conrad's trackmen captured seventh in the New Castle County track championship May 16 at Alexis I. du Pont High School.

Mt. Pleasant, a strong favorite for the state meet, finished first.

Bruce Stelle ran third in the mile, while Bob Gilmour took third in the two-mile. Bill Bryan and Chuck Rhoades finished second and fourth respectively in the pole vault. Chuck Haney took fifth in the high jump.

Nick Maccari was second in the long jump and fourth in the triple jump.

As of press time, the track team had a 5-3 overall and a 5-2 conference record having won five meets in a row. At press time the results of the final two conference meets held Monday against Wilmington and Wednesday at Dickinson were unavailable. Mr. Cohen, however, expressed confidence in the outcome of Monday's meet against Wilmington, though he expressed uncertainty over the outcome of the Dickinson meet.

The track team defeated De La Warr 74-53 taking nine first places. Bruce Stelle, Bernard Doherty, and Mike Manlove swept the mile while Bob Gilmour, Fred Ceccotti, and Ken Pierce swept the two mile.

Jerry Downes took first place in both the 120-high hurdles and the 180-low hurdles, while Bruce Stelle won both the mile and the half mile.

Chris Walker placed first in the discus, Nick Maccari took first in the long jump, and Bill Bryan won the pole vault.

In previous meets, Conrad lost to Christiana and Newark in

conference meets by scores of 66-61 and 78-49 respectively. In addition the team lost to Salesianum with a score of 74-53.

The track team won five consecutive meets beating Mount Pleasant 65-63; William Penn, 76-51; McKean, 85-42; Brandywine, 71½-55½; and De La Warr, 74-53.

However, the team did poorly in the Peninsula Relays held May 9 at Baynard Stadium.

In the Mount Pleasant meet

Bruce Stelle ran the mile in 4:27.4 breaking the previous record of 4:29.7. In the same meet Bill Bryan broke the previous 11' 4" by two inches. Both Bruce and Bill came in second in their events.

Two weeks later in the Brandywine meet Chuck Rhoades cleared 12' setting a new record.

In the De La Warr meet Bill Bryan tied Chuck's record while Jerry Downes tied the 120-high hurdles record of 15.1 seconds.



Chuck Haney strains to clear high-jump bar in Mt. Pleasant meet. Photo by Larry Hanna.

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Golfers To Tee-off Today In Crucial Blue Hen Match

The golf team meets Brandywine today in the match that will probably determine first place in flight A of the Blue Hen Golf Conference.

"It all rests on the Brandywine match whether we win the conference," said Mr. Hugh Patterson, the coach. "We have a good shot at it."

Presently the team's record is 6-1 over-all and 6-0 in the conference.

The golf team lost to Salesianum by a score of 5½-1½, for their only loss this year. In conference play Conrad beat Mount Pleasant

5-4; Concord 7½-1½; Newark 5-4; Christiana 9-0; De La Warr 9-0 and McKean 8½-½.

Members of this year's team are Jon Fletcher and Mike O'Hara, co-captains; Bob Ryan, Vic Venturana, Wayne Jackson, Joe Lenza, Joe Hogentogle, Wayne Alphin, and Jack Steen.

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Girls' Tennis Team Ends Banner Season

The girls' tennis team ended its season yesterday against Mount Pleasant. The score of the game was not available at press time. A win against Mount Pleasant would give the team a 10-1 record for first place. A loss would leave the team in third place with a 9-2 record. The team defeated Gunning Bedford by default; Concord 5-0; McKean 5-0; A. I. duPont 4-1; Claymont 5-0; William Penn 5-0; Christiana 3-2; and De La Warr by default. They lost to Brandywine 2-3.

Scores of the non-conference match against Newark and the match with Mount Pleasant were not available at press time.

The team, captained by seniors Janet Adams and Gail McKeever, fought two tough matches in strong winds and near-freezing

weather during the month of May.

Mrs. Stranahan coached a first-place team in 1967. The team as well as the coach felt that they could match this honor.

The girls' tennis team played the boys' tennis team May 8. Since many of the players were out with the band at Rockford Park, only two matches could be played. The boys defeated the girls 2-0. Dave Hosan defeated Roxanne Ritchie 6-1, 6-0. Gordon Gawronski defeated Donna McBride 6-1, 6-1.

After finishing conference play, the team will enter interscholastic competition the week of May 25.

The team will end its season by splurging at an outdoor barbeque with the coach.



First singles, Roxanne Ritchie, returns a backhand volley against Brandywine. Photo by Gordon Gawronski.

Big Freeze Hits Team, Injuries Plague Season

The Conrad softball team, plagued with injuries and conflicts within the team itself, managed a 4-5 record at press time. The score of the De La Warr game was not available.

The team lost to Christiana 3-9, May 14. In the A. I. DuPont game Karen Hardy suffered a bruised knee cap which sidelined her for the remainder of the season.

Conrad defeated Concord 21-7 April 16 to extend their winning streak to two games. After that bad luck and several errors led to the team's downfall. According to Coach Jean Barnett, "The

team has great potentials at critical moments, but we just freeze." The freezing consists of misjudged balls, overthrown balls, and simple mistakes.

The team proceeded to lose to A. I. DuPont 6-13, April 27; and Dickinson 10-13, April 30. Again the light shone as the team defeated McKean 22-11, May 6, and Claymont 13-9, May 11. As injuries piled up, Conrad fell into a losing streak, bowing to William Penn 6-29, May 7 and to Brandywine 6-15, May 11.

Connie Hughes was the big gun of the McKean game as she hit three singles, one double, and a grand-slam homer.

Weight Room Attracts Fitness-minded Boys

By Larry Hanna

A small, dimly-lit room adjoining one of the two subordinate gyms has become the meeting place for a group of about 50 Conrad boys, most of them football players and wrestlers, who use the weightlifting and conditioning equipment kept there.

The "weight room," formerly used for storage purposes, was established as a facility for conditioning workouts last year, according to Mr. Vincent Scott, new basketball coach. He, along with five other coaches—Mr. Pletcher, Mr. Coder, Mr. Reeder, Mr. Baker, and Mr. Craig—supervises the gatherings.

"We have the regular meetings eighth period on Wednesdays, the prescribed time for activities and clubs, but we have boys coming in to use the equipment throughout the week," said Mr. Scott as he entered the weight room one Wednesday afternoon several weeks ago. "The facility is used mainly by athletes, but it's open to anyone in the school."

"Because several of the coaches involved with the weight room are also involved with the football program, we really can't run these workouts during the football season," he went on; "but from November on we can hold them regularly."

Mr. Scott then turned his attention toward an object in the

center of the room, which appeared to be a huge Rube Goldberg contraption. This turned out to be the weight room's newest and biggest attraction, a universal weight-lifting machine, purchased about six weeks ago. Resembling a wildly complicated jungle gym, the machine is rectangular in shape and about six feet in length, width, and depth. All sorts of weights, bars, and other such conditioning devices are attached here and there.

"We can do 14 different activities on this one machine," Mr. Scott said with pride, gesturing toward a chart on the wall detailing each one. The universal machine can also accommodate quite a number of exercisers at once, proven by the fact that about a half dozen boys were all engaged in different exercises on the machine at that very moment.

"We have also an olympic bar as well as six or seven other bars," he explained, "but these have not been used much since we acquired the weight-lifting machine."

Mr. Scott reported that the room has proved "most beneficial" to the students who have taken advantage of it. Pointing out football lineman Mike Dougherty, he grinned, "That fellow there used to be 5-2 and 120 pounds until he started working out down here."



Seniors Jim Malin, Bradford Laramore, Mike Dougherty, and Jerry McNesby work-out in weight-lifting room. Photo by Kevin Casey.

Awards Given

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speakers, such as Ann Landers, will speak and criticize for these workshops.

Dormitories have been set aside on campus for student use, and all college facilities will be available. A nearby beach will be a haven to the students after work hours.

Every facet of journalism will be covered in the five-week period with concentration on news writing and reporting.

In order to be eligible for the scholarship, applicants had to write a 500-word essay stating how their trip to Northwestern would benefit themselves, their school and community, along with examples of their journalistic work. Applicants were also judged on their extra-curricular activities.

Sophomore Rayanne Baron will receive a \$200 scholarship, upon graduation from high school, as a 1970 National Winner of the Intermediate Sewing Competition of Girls' Club of America.

The award was made by Simplicity Pattern Company, April 14. The Girls' Club and Simplicity express their hope that Rayanne will use the money for further studies.

Swim Team Planned

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gym teacher, is the only known new faculty addition. Other candidates are still in the interviewing phase and awaiting board approval.

A few resident Redskin teachers will trade and acquire new roles next year.

Mrs. Eva Milbouer will add a physics class to her agenda of biology classes this fall. In order to cope with the expanding distributive education program, Mr. Frank McDermott, special-ed teacher, will take on a junior DE class in September.

Concerning Conrad's approaching "mod" trends, Mr. Louis Ott, assistant principal, verified that the large-group assembly idea for Mr. Edward Malin's chemistry classes will be a reality this fall if the computers can handle the scheduling.

One integrated algebra and trig class, two Algebra II classes, and one intermediate algebra class are scheduled to meet six periods next year in coordination with the chemistry scheduling.

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Area Civic Association Ponders Incorporation

By Mary Ann Jackson

The Five Points Civic Association, encompassing an area within the Wilmington and Elsmere lines and Boxwood Road, is an example of a community in action.

The civic association is now studying the pros and cons of being incorporated. According to association president, Joseph Truitt, the Richardson Park area is one of the largest unincorporated districts in New Castle County.

He explained that one major advantage of incorporating into a town is a lower tax rate. County executive William Connor is proposing a measure which would raise the tax rate by 16 cents per hundred dollars of assessment for all unincorporated areas such as Richardson Park.

A town also has the advantages of handling its own zoning, garbage collection, housing codes, police enforcement, ordinances, and other community services.

The Five Points Civic Association was born last July during a rezoning dispute in the Elmhurst area. The dispute began over an attempt to rezone an R-1 area to a R-4 area, which would permit apartment buildings.

The community's main objection to the apartments was the fact that the Richardson Park area already has one of the

highest density factors in the county.

After the rezoning fight the citizens agreed to organize into the first Richardson Park area civic association since 1954. The Five Points Civic Association, with a membership of over 200, meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 in the Richardson Park School cafeteria.

Since its official formation in January, the association has received action on a rat problem in Middleboro Manor and ordinances barring all trucks except for local deliveries from the Richardson Park area. They also sponsored the Easter egg hunt in the Richardson Park school yard. Mr. Truitt cited the average meeting attendances of between 75 and 100 as good.

"We need more people involved to distribute the load and take a project and see it through," he added. Along with president Truitt, officers are Paul Womack, vice-president; Norma Allen, secretary; and Mary Nowell, treasurer.

Cleaning up Williamsville and the creek, and tree planting are among the association's future projects. "There's a lot to be done," Mr. Truitt added.

"People are not aware of the things they can do," he emphasized. "The civic association provides a ready-made organization for their ideas to be acted upon."

Girls' Diamond Yields 'Gem of Experience'

Run-away bags and slippery plates don't dampen Redskins' spirits. Conrad may lose a few and bruise a few, but the team goes on.

At Dickinson April 30 the girls' softball team faced unheard-of hardships. During one inning, Diane Koterwas, senior short-stop, made a backside slide into second. A beauty of a slide it was, but the base just seemed to disappear. When Diane noticed the second baseman coming with the ball, she quickly jumped for the runaway bag. It seemed to have moved two feet out of position.

No one seemed to pay any attention to that minor disturbance until the last inning. Kathy Ross,

senior fielder, looked as if she couldn't live without the elusive bag, when the second baseman came after her with the ball. She dived for that sneaky bag as if her life depended on her protecting the bag from the second baseman's fat feet. Happily for the team and Kathy, she made it with seconds to spare.

Finally, someone tied down the runaway bag and the game proceeded with Conrad losing. No one was hurt during the frolick in the Dickinson fields.

Unfortunately, at the April 27 game with A. I. duPont, Karen Hardy, senior catcher, wasn't so lucky. As she slid into home, she managed to tear up her leg and sideline herself for the season. Maybe if the bag was a runaway, the mishap would never have occurred.

Through all the fearsome hardships that plague any sports season, the Conrad teams still seem to maintain their good humor. The softball team was a good example of this as they chuckled away on the sidelines over the mysterious bag incident.

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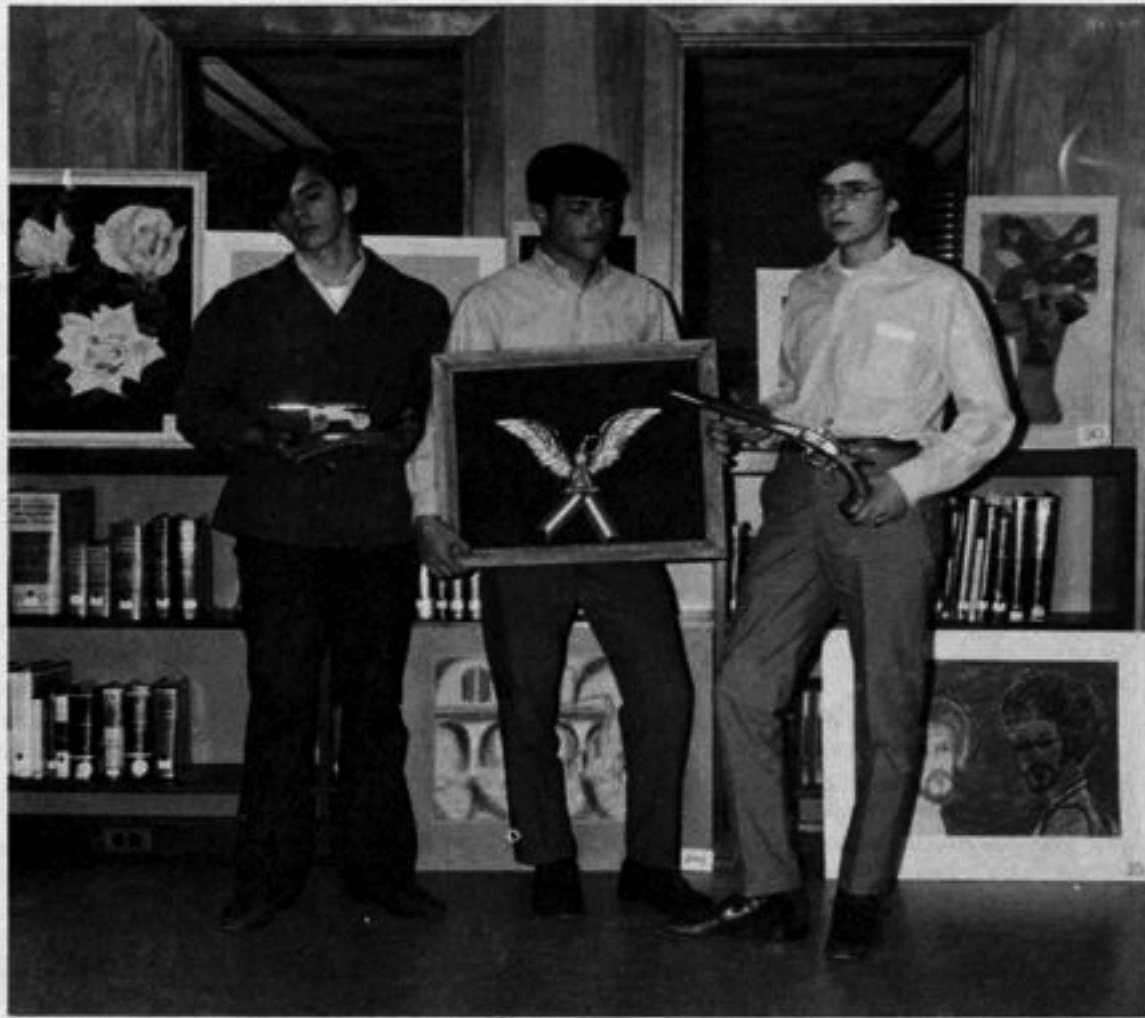
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Emil Seichepine, Joe Palermo, and Mark Wingate display projects fabricated in metal shop. Photo by Gail Raty

Shop Crafts Featured At PTA Exhibition

A chess table and a scale-model Civil War cannon were among the metal and wood shop projects exhibited in the library May 6 as part of the PTA Arts and Crafts Show.

"We had offers to buy all the projects we put on exhibit," said woodshop teacher Mr. Cornelius Sach, "but all the students plan to keep them for their personal use." In addition to the chess table, a year-long project made and designed by junior Tom Borgia, a colonial bookshelf and a "rustic" coffee table were also exhibited.

The bookshelf was constructed by sophomore William Still from a pattern, and took two marking periods to complete. The coffee table was hand-carved from an original design by senior David Frankel, and was another year-

long project.

The metal shop projects exhibited were an assortment of bowls, coffee tables, lamps, gun racks, and miscellaneous projects, according to metal shop teacher Mr. William Kean. "The projects in the show were not a full compliment of the projects made in the metal shop this year," said Mr. Kean. "They were just to give the public an idea of what we turn out."

Some of the more unusual projects on display were the model cannon, made by junior Emil Seichepine; a brass hammer, made by senior Ralph Ryan; an American eagle casting, made by senior Joe Palermo; an antique pistol, made by sophomore Mark Wingate; and a pair of candlestick holders made by junior Mike Singles.

J. A. Members Profit From Mock Business World

Would you like to own a share of stock that increased 80 percent in a nine-month period? You could have, if you had invested in the company Astro-Plaque, a Junior Achievement company. Or perhaps a 50 percent increase would be pleasing to you. This is the dividend rate for Totyle, another J.A. company.

In October of last year, approximately one hundred people purchased one share of stock priced at \$1 to help the Achievers capitalize their companies. Now in May, nine months later, the companies are liquidating and stock dividends are being mailed.

"To find out how much a dividend check will be, you take your total in the bank (for sale of products), pay all outstanding bills, and then pay 52 percent for corporation tax, just like a regular business," explained John Griffiths, junior from Mt. Pleasant and president of Astro-Plaque.

"But the corporation taxes go to a good cause," commented JA director George A. Freytag. "The money is put in the JA fund for scholarships and the betterment of the whole program."

"We have only two or three companies this year which cannot afford to return the full dol-

lar. The remaining eighteen companies have done extremely well," beamed Mr. Freytag.

SCHOOL BOARD NEWS



Diefenderfer Elected

Mr. Rolin Diefenderfer won a seat on the school board in an election held May 9 at Richardson Park School. This election rounds the school board membership out to 16.

The Glen Berne Civic Association spoke to the school board April 27 on the low-cost housing projects being considered for two Kirkwood Highway areas. The Civic Association asked the board to study the problems which would result from such projects.

The study estimated that the proposed apartments would bring 550 more children into the school district. According to District Superintendent Leon B. Elder, this increase in the already overcrowded district would require approximately 22 new classrooms, which is the equivalent of a new school.

A controversy arose over the lengths of district junior high school periods. Richardson Park's

News in Brief

Thespians Elect Melinda Neal

Melinda Neal, junior, was elected president of the Sock and Buskin Club at a meeting May 13.

The other officers elected were Karen Jones, vice-president; Peggy Carney, treasurer; Carol Bowers, secretary; and Ellen Haden, historian.

Plans for next year include buying headsets and refinishing the stage floor.

JOURNALISTS COMPETE

Junior James Broomall placed third in editorial writing and junior Janice Armento received an honorable mention in news reporting at the twenty-sixth annual Temple Scholastic Press Tournament April 4.

Schools from Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania competed in the tournament. Other Smoke Signal writers competing were seniors Dave Gibson, science writing; and Debbie Dzielak, page makeup; juniors Larry Hanna, sports inter-

viewing; Mary Ann Jackson, news editing; Sue Osmond, speech reporting; and Lauren Russell, editorial cartooning.

The winner of the tournament with 32 points was Cheltenham Senior High School in Wyncote, Pennsylvania. A panel of 10 judges were chosen from the journalism faculty of the School of Communications and Theater at Temple and from three Philadelphia papers.

LAWYER SPEAKS OUT

"Law: Bridge to Justice" was the theme of the 12th annual Law Day May 1.

Ten Conradians attended a luncheon held in the Hotel Du Pont's Gold Ballroom. Those in attendance were seniors Sharon Asquith and Katharine Ross; juniors Joyce Baumgarten, Kevin Casey, Deborah Phillips, Edward Polaski, Norma Robertson, Thomas Rodenhiser, John Simmons, and Leonard Zabinko.

Mr. William Campbell, local Wilmington lawyer, spoke at a junior assembly on the changes taking place in law.

NYLON STOCKINGS SOLD

The Conrad Student Store will close up shop this year with the help of their new cash register.

Mr. George Froelich, DECA adviser, announced that their old register is up for sale to any interested buyer.

Nylon stockings is the other new year end addition to the student store. Mr. Froelich explained they are just the answer for girls and their between-class-stocking runners.

The student store will soon finish out another in a recent series of successful years. Refusing to disclose any profits, Mr.

Froelich joked, "We'd make the other clubs jealous."

Citing reasons for the store's success, he vowed, "We have the lowest price in the world on pencils." He listed their wide product selection and shirt collection as two other factors.

Despite the recent inflationary trends, Mr. Froelich reports that next year's store prices should remain fairly stable.

ANTHONY LEACH SPEAKS

A speech by University of Delaware classics professor Anthony Leach highlighted a banquet held May 11 by the university's Classical Association. Attending were 10 Conradians from Mrs. Marie Field's second and third year Latin classes.

The theme of Mr. Leach's address was "Lessons of the past and their relativity to political conditions of today." He compared the political ideas of such classical figures as Horace with the ideas of today.

The banquet was held in the Ewing Room of the Student Center.

TRAPSHOOTERS COMPETE

An interscholastic trapshooting contest will be held May 28 at the Brandywine Rod and Gun Club. The contest was also held May 14 and 21 at the same location.

Mr. James Kaut, acting as Conrad's trapshooting faculty adviser stated; "It's just a bunch of guys who like to shoot and who are going over to compete for prizes."

Some of the students competing are Ed Jackson, Don Kozlaski, and James Maltman.

Portraits To 'Pop-Art' Highlight Spring Art Show

The Art Show, held at the May 6 PTA meeting, climaxed Conrad art students' efforts throughout the year.

"We have the Art Show so that other students can appreciate what their fellow students do," announced Mrs. Ethelbert Ott.

Displayed at the art exhibit were over two hundred paintings of various types. The paintings ranged from floral designs to portraits to "pop-art."

"Several students did not enter any pieces of art because they could not find frames to enter the pictures in time," admitted Mrs. Ott.

Students price and sell their own works. Mrs. Ott sees that the price is reasonable, although she never tells the students definitely yes or no. Grinning she adds, "This show is the only sale where students can keep all the commission without taxes."

Three art students from Conrad had art work accepted for display in the Second Annual Art Exhibit at Brandywine College. The entrants were judged by three professional artists. Each school was allowed to submit eight pieces of art. Four of the eight Conrad entries were accepted. The winning artists were senior Jayne Stoneburger, junior

Vickie Haggerty, and sophomore Robert Filipkowski. Two of Robert's entries won. The actual show will be held May 10-24 at Brandywine College.



Bonnie Provin displays her art show exhibit. Photo by Gail Raty

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