

Study Lounges to Open November 1

By Gail Raty

Open-access study halls, unscheduled work periods, advanced studies, and scheduling changes are innovations for the 1970-71 Red-skin year.

Open-access study halls will begin operation on November 1, according to Mr. Rolfe Wenner, assistant principal. Three areas will be opened for students during scheduled study periods.

The main cafeteria will be set aside as a student lounge during study periods not conflicting with lunch. Mr. Wenner said it cannot be equipped with lounge facilities, because it must still continue to serve as an eating area.

Group work and quiet study are to be conducted in the cafeteria annex. One teacher will supervise both study areas.

The library will continue to be available as a research and develop-

ment area. Principal Earl J. Smith mentioned the possibility of utilizing some available classrooms as study areas.

The open-access system is the result of a combined effort of the administration and student council.

"Open-access is a student responsibility," Mr. Wenner said. "We're offering the students the opportunity for self-initiative and self-discipline." Students found roaming outside of these areas will be suspended.

Mr. Smith said Conrad sponsored a similar study hall situation for seniors three years ago. He said it failed and resulted in some damage to unsupervised areas. "We'll only try it," he said, "as long as the students benefit and cooperate."

The eighth period, instituted last year, is continuing this year. Mr. Smith attributes last year's low failure percentage to it. The class of '70 had only two non-graduates.

Two advanced, individual instruction courses have begun. Advanced senior science and English classes are a trial attempt for loosely structured classes. Students do not meet in a regular class in either subject. Study periods are set aside for this research.

The senior advanced science course is all individual work and initiative according to Mr. Louis Ott, assistant principal and coordinator of the course along with Mr. Hugh Patterson, physics instructor.

Students are free to seek help from teachers in the industrial arts, math or science departments. Students are required to submit a

weekly progress report to Mr. Ott.

Cooperation within the math and science departments has enabled new scheduling for chemistry and math students. Mr. Edward Malin, biology and chemistry teacher, runs a new lecture-lab-seminar chemistry course.

All his classes meet for double period lecture sessions. Tape recordings are made of the lectures for future reference. In this way Mr. Malin hopes to make efficient use of his time for individual work.

According to Mr. Malin, the students are being subjected to a college type lecture period. During the individual sessions, students may

discuss any questions or work on their projects.

In the math department, Miss Maureen Thackrey, Mr. Thomas Coder, and Mr. Robert Poskitt have double period classes to compensate for the science scheduling changes.

Dr. Isabel Miller, math teacher, now holds two double-period lecture sessions for her senior advanced math class. "One period is insufficient for discussing many math theorems," Dr. Miller said. "Much repetition will be avoided in our double period sessions."

"Students will also be introduced

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Junior, Senior to Share 'Miracle Worker' Leads

Senior Melinda Neal and junior Jo Anne Cox have captured the lead roles in this year's fall play, "The Miracle Worker."

The three-act drama will be presented November 20 and 21 in Cummings Auditorium. Rehearsals began October 5 under the direction of Mr. Donald Morgan.

The nineteenth-century drama depicts the life of Helen Keller, portrayed by Jo Anne. The role of the deaf, mute, and blind girl will be a great challenge for the blind Jo Anne, according to Mr. Morgan.

"I feel," he said, "that Jo Anne will have little trouble with the role. Her enthusiasm and aptitude will more than compensate for her blindness." He also thought it would give Jo Anne a better insight into the character she'll portray.

However, he mentioned that steps would have to be taken in order to give her a complete feeling of ease

on-stage. "There is only one thing that worries me," he commented. "If Jo Anne does not acquire this sense of ease, her presentation could be a little stiff."

Melinda, who starred in "The Diary of Anne Frank" in her sophomore year, will take on the role of Annie, Helen's teacher.

Helen's family consists of the following: Mr. Keller, senior Reese Robinson; Mrs. Keller, Georgia Kaharoukas; half-brother James, junior Doug Ennis; and Aunt En, senior Peggy Battaglia.

Minor roles include a doctor, sophomore Glenn Bleakney; and Viney, junior Lynda Webster.

The parts of a Negro servant, two small Negro children, several blind children, and a dog remain to be casted. Mr. Morgan said that he would cast all the children from elementary and junior high schools.

Conrad Marching Band Receives Varied Awards

Four trophies were awarded to the Conrad marching band as a result of their performances in competition with other area bands at the Crisfield Crab Derby September 6.

The band received awards for best majorette (Debbie Allen), best high school band, best marching band in field competition, and best all-around band.

The band also represented Conrad in the annual Labor Day parade in Wilmington September 8 and earned a trophy for the best musical band.

In Milford, September 19, the band won second place in the annual State Firemen's Parade.

The band has been practicing since August 1, the beginning of summer band. This included section

practices in the afternoons and marching practice at night.

The band also traveled to Camp Hilltop in Pennsylvania September 10 - 12 for a weekend of drilling on their pre-game and half-time routines for the football season.

The annual candy sale began October 7. A Honda motorcycle, a color television set and \$200 cash are among the prizes offered.

Krebs, Oak Grove, and Richardson Park Junior High bands will participate on Band Day tomorrow during halftime of the Mt. Pleasant football game.

Conrad band marched in the Pulaski Day Parade October 21.

Baton twirlers will present their annual Christmas show at Alexis I. Dupont Institute December 13.

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Photo by Roxanne Ritchie

Student Council adviser, Mr. Rolfe Wenner, discusses proposed plans with council officers. Left to right:

Ellen Haden, Karen Jones, Janice Armento, Joe Stevens, and Linda Grimes.

Reorganized Council Seeks Greater Voice in Student Life

By Laurie Russell

"Change everything that needs to be changed." This is the goal set forth by Student Council president, Joe Stevens, for the coming year as the new council begins its first year of operation after three major constitutional revisions were adopted last May.

These amendments were a product of a series of AD HOC meetings in the wake of a crisis which came to light last spring.

The meetings were first planned when it became apparent that only one student had submitted a petition for Student Council office.

Organized by social studies department head, Mrs. Marjorie Mabrey, the first meeting was held

April 15 with the purpose of producing a series of recommendations to aid in renovation of the council.

At the AD HOC Student Council improvement meeting held April 17, it was suggested that social studies classes donate 15 minutes of class time for discussion of the proposed recommendations. Student Council members conducted these discussions and brought back ideas to the AD HOC committee meeting April 29.

From these ideas the committee drew up the following list of reorganization suggestions to meet student demands: "The students feel that the council adviser position should be abolished, and the students should go directly to the prin-

icipal. There should be student representatives at all school board meetings. Regular bulletins on student council business were also urged. Decisions should be made on the basis of student referenda, rather than by representatives. Council meetings should be open to all students who want to attend them, and an agenda should be published in advance of each meeting."

Three proposals were ratified by student vote after approval by the council.

The first, involving membership, provides that any student who wishes to become a member must attend only two consecutive meetings to be accepted. Members would be removed if they missed more

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Mr. Earl Smith congratulates winners of letters of commendation in the National Merit Scholarship Tests. From left to right: Keith Irwin, Kevin Casey,

Paul Luoma, Leonard Zabinko, and Bobbie Fesler. Not pictured, Lawrence Hanna and Ellen Haden.

Photo by Roxanne Ritchie.

Castle, Clouds, Stars To Highlight Homecoming

A medieval castle on clouds, a star-dotted sky, and velvet-draped archways will carry out the theme "Castle in the Sky" at the annual Homecoming Dance to be held November 7.

Sponsored by Student Council, the dance is formal with semi-formal option and will be held in the gymnasium from 9 p.m. to 12 p.m. Tickets will be sold for \$3 per couple.

Chosen from 22 nominees by student vote October 9, the 11 members of the 1970 Homecoming Court are Debbie Allen, Janice Armento, Debbi French, Lorrie Grodzicki, Mary Anne Janczewski, Debbie Lord, Judy Maloney, Sue

Nicholson, Sue Storm, Debbie Vari, and Debbie Woodward.

Highlighting the day's festivities will be the coronation of the queen during halftime of the McKean game by the 1969 Homecoming Queen, Beverly Bove.

Preceding the game, senior class president Ed Polaski will lead the floats and the band in a parade through Woodcrest. A \$25 certificate will be awarded to the best float, to be judged by three faculty members.

Homecoming committee chairman Janice Armento believes "the dance should be an all-around success — both in attendance and appearance."

Constitution Merits Priority

The 1970-71 Student Council is carrying a heavy load on its shoulders this year. Aside from inheriting the problems of past Councils, it has the additional task of modeling a new organization around last year's major constitutional revisions.

We of the Smoke Signal sympathize with the rebuilding job Student Council faces. The Council already has made significant strides in areas concerning dress code, study halls, and curriculum. The initiative and enthusiasm certainly seems to be here.

Unfortunately the machinery is not. New ideas and good intentions are not enough for productivity. An adequate machinery is essential for carrying out these ideas and intentions. We believe this is the job of the constitution.

For the past three years the student council constitution has been undergoing revision. Each year constitutional revisional committees were set up and never heard from again. Council problems continued and an inadequate constitution remained. We can see a link between the two.

This year the machinery is in even worse shape, because the constitution which failed to serve the needs of the past councils cannot be expected to meet the needs of our new revised one.

With a constitution so far out in left field, the council has no pattern for organization and no guiding format to follow. With a council the size of ours, there is always the danger that disorganization and lack of direction might throw the council into chaos.

We urge the student council to make constitutional matters its prime priority. After establishing a constitution providing the needed machinery, organization, and direction, it will be ready to employ those new ideas and good intentions.

We hope that students and faculty will keep careful watch of the situation and give their support toward making the 1970-71 Conrad Student Council the first in a long line of successful ones.

Lax Dress Code Favored

Almost three-fourths of Conrad students favored either liberalization or abolishment of the present dress code in a recent spot survey conducted by the Smoke Signal.

We of the Smoke Signal feel that this statistic along with the repeated violations of the present dress code speak for themselves.

According to this evidence the majority of Conradians want more than the two recent dress-code modifications allowing pants-suits year-round and slacks after daylight-saving time.

Seaford High School in southern Delaware is in the midst of a dress-code controversy similar to ours. Conrad sentiments are reflected in the following editorial excerpt from Seaford's *Blue Jay*.

"The dress code as it presently exists is merely an arbitrary list of apparel deemed unacceptable by a small group of people. Why should the personal tastes of these individuals be forced upon the entire student body?"

The distance between Conrad students' dress standards and those set by the official dress code is a wide one. We hope both the administration and student council together will produce a meaningful and enforceable dress code for Conrad.

Are Conradians Responsible?

Conrad has scored a major breakthrough in the area of student responsibility. The new open-access study-hall system will prove whether or not Conrad students are ready to meet this responsibility.

Through the efforts of the administration and student council, the open-access plan, with absence of roll-taking and limited teacher supervision will provide students with a relative amount of study hall freedom.

Students will be entitled to reap the freedoms of open-access study hall only as long as they can handle the responsibility, self-discipline, and cooperation involved.

Some select students will obviously see the open-access study hall system as too much of a temptation. Then we will be forced back to the old ball and chain atmosphere.

We of the Smoke Signal do not feel that responsibility, self-discipline, and cooperation is too much to ask for study hall freedoms. We hope that Conradians will be able to pay the price.

English-born Artist Moves From Scotland to 'Flat' State

By Sue Osmond

"I've always been fascinated with America, and I figured the best way to get to know it would be to live there," said Conrad's cute, freckled, foreign exchange student Liz Wilcox.

Liz was born in England but has lived in Scotland since she was 9 years old. While staying in the States, she is living with senior Melinda Neal's family.

She plans to go into the field of painting and sculpting which is how she spends nearly all of her spare time. In September she will attend Kingston Art College in England. At home her other interests include "walking for miles and miles," and going to films and plays with her friends.

Liz said that school here is like she expected and there is not much difference except that in Scotland school is much more rigid. Regarding Conrad she said, "I like it because it's so free. You can be on the same level with the teachers. At home you're afraid to say anything!"

What impresses her most about America is "The friendliness of the



Foreign exchange student Liz Wilcox finds time for work on an intricate oil painting during the eighth period.

Photo by Laurie Russell

people." American food and drive-ins have also made an impression on her. "We don't have anything like drive-ins over there," she laughed. Liz also made a remark

that we seem a bit behind the times fashion-wise.

Regarding her thoughts on Delaware, she said in a serious tone, "It's very flat!"

Small Budget, Large Numbers Plague Cafeteria Management

By Roxanne Ritchie

Picture: Ladies hurrying about carrying on their daily chores at the inhuman hour of 7:30 a.m. They arrive on the job at 7:00 a.m.

These ladies are Conrad's cafeteria workers preparing the daily lunches. Mrs. Mary Collings, cafeteria head, is already on the phone trying to order meat for the week. I pull up a chair and begin the interview.

"The cafeteria is in the same situation as your parents are," begins Mrs. Collings, "except that their problem is on a much smaller scale. The rising cost of food and of labor wages has caused this cafeteria problem at Conrad."

When Mrs. Collings arrived four years ago, lunches were thirty cents a platter, but many students brought their own lunches. Since then the number of students buying lunches has increased about four times. Even though the cost of labor and preparation has increased, the price of the lunch has not.

Mrs. Collings stops to call up the poultry company again, but they still don't answer. "Since we start work here at 7 a.m.," she began, "I keep thinking that everybody else should be open."

She explains that the only price increases this year are in coffee, buns, and salads — all costing 5 cents more, and milk — costing a penny more.

Many students may be complaining about the food, but Mrs. Collings has one answer, "Any student in any school can complain about cafeteria food, but here at Conrad we make sure it's well-balanced."

A student walks in and interrupts our interview. He has not had any breakfast. The cafeteria gives him his breakfast. Mrs. Collings feels that no Conrad student should go hungry. "The cafeteria will feed him as long as he can help himself,"

she said.

One reason for the cafeteria's problem is that the government is not sending the amount of surplus that they used to send. Combine that fact with the fact that there is inflation and that adds up to one big problem.

"Just ask your parents," Mrs. Collings began, "how much their food bill has gone up in the last year and then remember that the cafeteria serves more than 800 platters and 400 sandwiches a day. That's a problem!"

But students are still buying. When hamburgers, hot dogs, or pizzas are served, 1,300 pieces are sold in a day.

Boys' State Described As Exciting, Paradoxical

Senior James Broomall was elected governor of the twenty-third annual Boys' State Convention held June 15-19 at Delaware State College.

He described his experiences as "exciting, thought-provoking and paradoxical." Jim and 68 other delegates from throughout the state spent a week learning as well as

enacting the legislative process.

"Boys' State was an excellent learning process but I disagreed with many aspects of the legion's organization. I feel the organizers were unable to relate to the delegates," Jim commented.

After an orientation session, the delegates, two from each school in the state, were divided into the Senate and the House of Representatives. Discussion followed on the subject of several current bills as well as bills they had drawn up themselves. Controversies arose within the walls of the legislature when the Senate passed bills concerning the legalization of the use of marijuana and the constitutionality of the Vietnam War.

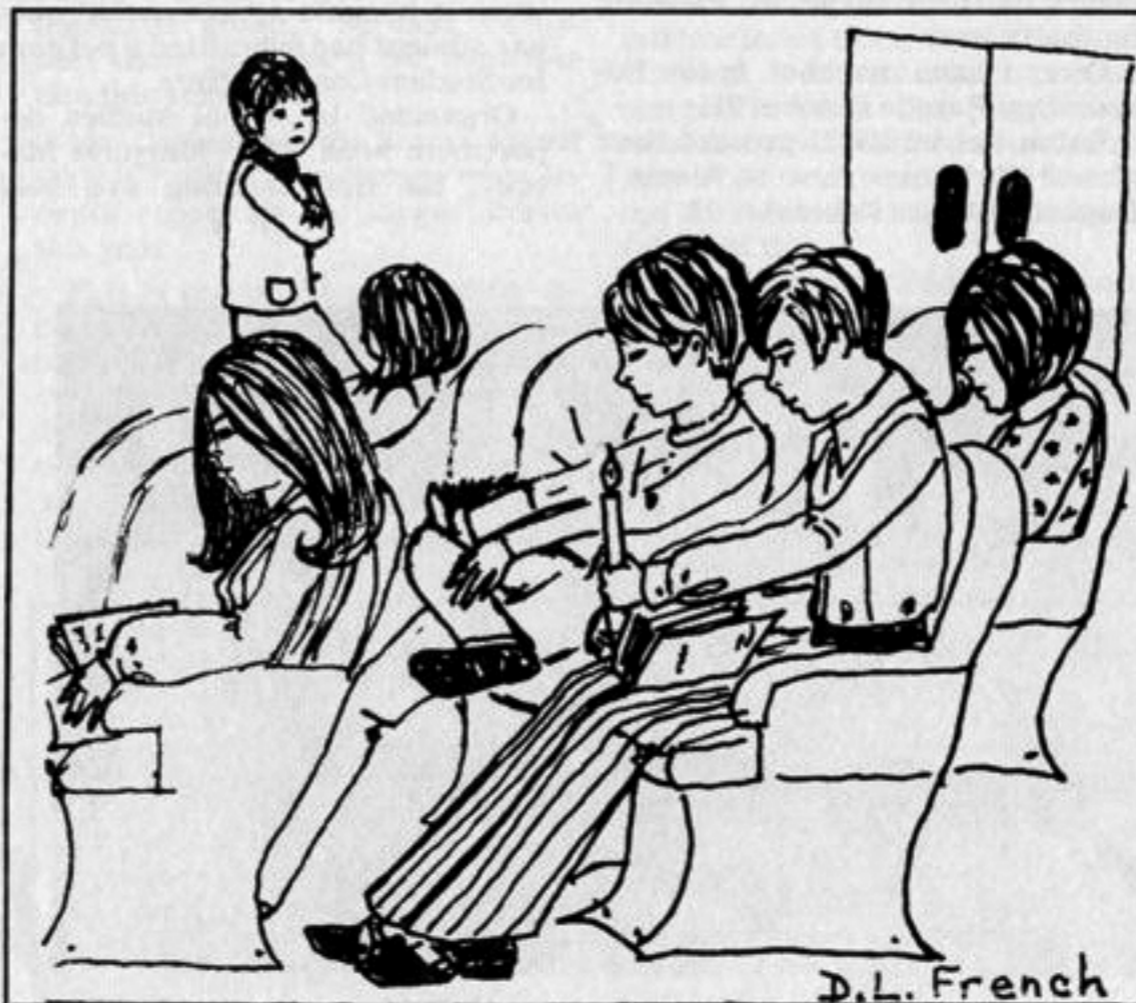
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Faculty Newcomers Add Talent and Life to Staff

Six women and three men teachers, including five University of Delaware graduates and two native Delawareans, are new to the Conrad faculty this year.

Two of the Delaware graduates, Mrs. Jane Ciabattoni and Mrs. Rebecca Paul, have moved into the English Department this year. Mrs. Ciabattoni, holder of a B.E. degree, was born in Wilmington, but began her teaching career at Rising Sun, Maryland.

She believes that an English teacher "should try to make the content more interesting to the students." "I think that most students are willing to learn," says Mrs. Ciabattoni. "You have to realize that everybody is different, and we all have to learn at different levels."

Mrs. Paul also holds a B.E. from the University of Delaware, although she hails originally from Washington, D.C. She is an accomplished musician, having been a member of the marching band at Delaware. "English should be an approach to life," she points out, "a method whereby we may learn to survive in the world. In other words, I don't see any reason for studying English unless it can help you to become a better person, and reach better goals."

Mrs. Joan Wysham, is a newcom-

er to the social studies department. A native of Bluefield, New Jersey, Mrs. Wysham was a substitute teacher at Mount Pleasant High School before coming to Conrad.

"I get bored easily, I like to do many different things," she says, explaining her wide range of interests. Included among her many hobbies are sewing, knitting, swimming, sailing, camping, and making candles.

Mrs. Joyce Wasson, who teaches three home-ec and two art classes, may be the most traveled of the group. She was born in Elmira, New York, received a B.S. in home ec at Purdue University, got her masters degree from Towson State, College in Baltimore, and began teaching at Aberdeen, Maryland.

"We have a token economy in which the kids earn points, with which they can buy certain privileges or items," says Mr. Robert Horton, describing his unique way of teaching special ed, or "occupational education," as he prefers to call it. "This is like offering some tangible reward for school work, thus bringing it closer to a true-to-life situation."

Mr. Horton, from New York City, received a bachelor of psychology degree from the State University of New York at Stony Brook, and a masters degree from the University



The new additions to the Conrad faculty, standing, left to right, are Mr. Robert Horton, Mr. Wayne Von Stetten, Mrs. Jean Whysham, Mrs. Rebecca Paul, Mr. Michael Lehane, and Mr. Bayard Horn.

Seated, left to right, are Mrs. Diane Angelini, Mrs. Joyce Wasson, Mrs. Jane Ciabattoni, Mrs. Mary Jane Weldin, Miss Joan Robinson.

Photo by Larry Hanna

of Delaware. He previously taught at the Wassoic State School in New York.

Another Wilmington native joining the faculty this year is Mr. Bayard Horn, who received his B.S. from the Kutztown State College in Pennsylvania. Being an art teacher, he feels that "he has the responsibility to revive the creativity that high school kids had when they were about six years old. Art should make them re-perceive the world."

Three of the new teachers have also been employed as additions to the athletic staff. Mr. Wayne Von Stetten, a biology teacher and avid sports enthusiast, will coach the JV

baseball team this spring. He was born in Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania, and raised in West Orange, New Jersey. He received a B.A. degree from the University of Delaware and was a student teacher at Conrad last year.

Mrs. Mary Jane Weldin, health and physical education teacher, will coach the girls' volleyball and softball teams this year. She is yet another Delaware graduate, holding a B.S. degree.

Miss Joan Robinson, physical education teacher who will coach the girls' basketball and field hockey

teams, is also well-known to many Conradians, having taught at Oak Grove Junior High School. A native of Boothwyn, Pennsylvania, she holds a B.S. degree from West Chester State College.

Also new at Conrad this year are teachers' aides, Mr. Michael Lehane and Mrs. Diane Angelini, and secretaries; Mrs. Erma Podgorski, Miss Mary Ann Clawson, and Miss Sandy Hedrick. Both Miss Clawson and Miss Hedrick were recent Conrad graduates.

Pom-Pom Routines Bring Sparkle to Cheerleading

Pom-pom routines set to "Aquarius" and "Spinning Wheel" are among innovations the '70-'71 varsity cheerleaders have added to diversify their performances.

Eight of the ten varsity cheerleaders attended Golden Eagle Cheerleading Schools at Wesley College in early August, making it the first year of camp for any Conrad cheerleading squad.

Chuck Robertson, camp director, in association with the National Cheerleading Association, provided four days of cheering, discussion of ways to improve squads, and competition. The Redskin team received one outstanding and two

honorable mention ribbons now on display in the showcase.

Spirit stick, chants, short quick cheers with strong motions, and pom-pom routines were readily adopted by the squad.

Back on the home front the squad has shown its initiative by setting up the Pep Club. Keeping the spirit of CHS alive and making posters are the goals of the club.

Norma Robertson, elected captain of the varsity squad in June, heads seniors Sue Storm (co-captain), Debbie Vari, Debbie French, and Janice Armento; juniors Joanne Cavender, Chris Drozdowski, Patti Janulewicz,

Maria Maiorano and Gerri Renai.

An idea suggested by Mr. Paul Capodanno, sponsor, that gymnasts accompany the varsity cheerleaders has not been adopted.

A boomeranged joke caused Mr. Capodanno, former gymnast in his high school and college cheering squads, to become sponsor.

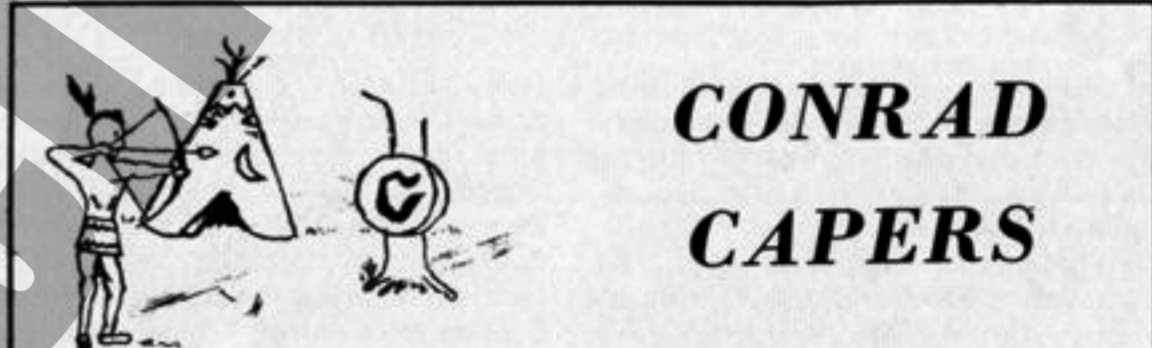
Mr. Capodanno explained, "Debbie Dzielak, last year's captain, explained to me that the cheerleaders were without a sponsor, and if they didn't get one there would be no cheerleaders next year. Jokingly, I said 'I'll do it.' Two weeks later Mr. Smith told me 'You're it.' I must admit I'm having a great deal of fun and enjoying my job. I'm not the least bit sorry."

Along with their male adviser, the junior varsity is also a novelty. In order to cheer for football, the JV's were selected in late May rather than the usual October.

Junior Margaret Dykes, is captain of this year's JV squad, which also includes sophomore Barbie Albers (co-captain), juniors Linda Becker, Mary Galanes, Janet McCullin, and Eileen Naughton; sophomores Laurie Baldwin, Rhonda Dale, Tinker Simperts, and Gail Ventresca.



Members of the 1970 Varsity Cheerleaders are left to right: (Bottom), Janice Armento, Chris Drozdowski, Patti Janulewicz, Sue Storm, Gerri Renai, (row 2) Debbi French, Joanne Cavender, Maria Maiorano, (row 3) Norma Robertson and Debbie Vari. Photo by Barbara Smithey.



CONRAD CAPERS

Puzzled Sophs Make Debut

Along with the sizzling heat and those merry school bells, September brought us sophomores. Approximately 508 new Redskins inhabit our teepee walls. Their initial days as sophs yielded Conrad some of its most unforgettable capers.

GOING UP? Who was the obliging upperclassman who told soph Sue Valenti all about the great new Conradian elevator. Poor Sue spent her first soph days peering into every archway in hopes of finding it.

CUISINE LESSON. In response to Mr. Robert Poskitt's plane geometry question "What's pi?", soph Clifford Clark presented his sixth-period classmates with a step-by-step recipe of America's favorite dessert.

SOPHS' WHO'S WHO. Sophs sport a real warrior this year in Sue Meade. She's the fourth cousin of the famous Civil War General George Gordon Meade.

BAND RAID. Mattresses on the floor, potato chips under the sheets, and unmentionables everywhere

was the scene after senior twirlers made their initiation raids on twirling sophs at band camp. Senior boys, using similar raid tactics were caught and given clean-up duties.

UPPERCLASSMEN DIRECTIONS were really wild and woolly this year. One set of directions read "Go through the lavatory, out the lavatory back door, and hang a left at the hall."

HOT POLAR ROUTE. During the heat wave last month, Mr. David Williams, cross country coach and Polar Bear Club sponsor, decided to let the team run the Polar Bear Club Route because it would be a lot cooler.

VELVEETA MADNESS. Hysteria hit twirlers, flags, and color guards when senior flag twirler Judy Maloney brought along a box of Velveeta cheese to band camp. The Velveeta cheese inspired such new hit tunes as "Velveeta Maria" and "This Cheese was Made for Eating."

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Redskins Face Green Knights' Tough Defense Tomorrow

Coming off a stunning 22-0 upset over Wilmington last week, Coach Jim Pletcher's Redskins take on Mount Pleasant tomorrow in what has developed into a crucial Blue Hen Conference contest.

The Green Knights, who rolled over Concord 34-0 last week, feature a rugged defense which has given up only 47 points in five games and has posted two shutouts. Led on offense by quarterback John Jancuska and halfback Dave Pearl, they have beaten Claymont, William Penn, and Concord, lost to McKean, and tied Newark.

The surprising Redskins, who many observers thought were too decimated by graduation to successfully defend their conference title, have now taken sole possession of second place in the wide-open Blue Hen Conference Flight A Race. Brandywine, another surprise team, is in the lead, and Dickinson, Mt. Pleasant, McKean, Wilmington, and possibly Concord are also in contention.

Conrad's defensive squad played its second good game in a row to spark the win against Wilmington. They not only held the Red Devils deep in their own territory for most of the game, but also scored the first Conrad touchdown when end Tony Deptula fell on a blocked punt in the Wilmington end zone.

Mike Nardo scored his third touchdown of the season in the third quarter and Joe Saggione went in on a one-yard run in the fourth to complete the scoring.

The victory gave Conrad a 2-2-1 over-all record and a 2-0-1 conference record. The Redskins have now gone 16 games without a defeat in Blue Hen Conference play.

The football team's winning streak (dating back to November, 1968) came to an end September 18

at Baynard Stadium, as Salesianum took revenge for last year's 20-0 defeat by thrashing the Redskins 28-0. Hard-running fullback Dan Bathon was the big gun for the Sallies, scoring their first touchdown and piling up over 100 yards in rushing.

The Redskins stayed in the game throughout the first 30 minutes, holding the Sals to the lone touchdown by Bathon. Junior running back Ryan DeShong continually ripped off big gains as the Conradians picked up five first downs and recovered two fumbles against the tough Sal's defense. However, at no point could they push beyond the Salesianum 30-yard line.

But the roof fell in on Conrad in the second half. On the second play of the third quarter, Salesianum recovered a fumble on the 12-yard line and, two plays later, John Garniewski scored, giving Sals a 14-0 lead. From this point on, it was all downhill for Conrad as the Sals scored twice more, first on an interception and then on a 12-yard run by Mark McClain.

The following week, Conrad came within a few minutes of a victory in its Blue Hen Conference opener. The Redskins entered the fourth quarter leading Christiana 14-7 on the strength of touchdowns by Ryan DeShong and Mike Nardo, but, with three minutes remaining, Christiana intercepted a Greg Dambach pass and marched back to the Conrad 46. On the next play Walt Perry rambled all the way to the end zone, breaking numerous tackles, to bring the Vikings within a point of Conrad. Clyde Webster kicked the extra point as Christiana settled for a moral victory against the favored Redskins.

The Redskins finally broke through for a win October 2 in their

first contest ever with Concord High School. Mike Nardo, who led the Conrad rushers with 70 yards, also scored the first touchdown following a 44-yard drive in the first quarter.

But the Raiders, who scored a stunning upset over Wilmington the following week, came back for two quick touchdowns in the second quarter, both as results of blocked points. Quarterback Holt Moran scored the first on a two-yard run following a blocked punt at the Conrad 44, and guard Bob Connolly took another blocked point 48 yards for a touchdown giving Concord a 12-6 lead.

In the last two minutes, however, John Previtera recovered a fumble at the Conrad 43 and on the strength of three passes from Joe Saggione to Steve Warren, Previtera, and DeShong, the Redskins advanced to the two-yard line. Joe Pacchioli went in for the game tying score on the next play, and the Redskins took the lead for good as Saggione passed to Warren for a successful two-point play.

The second half was devoid of scoring although Conrad drove to the Raider 15 in the third quarter before being stymied by an interception, and Concord drove to the Conrad 17 late in the fourth quarter but was stopped on downs.

An unfortunate result of the game was the loss of junior quarterback Greg Dambach, who suffered a broken arm. According to Coach



Mike Nardo hits Concord line behind blockers Ryan DeShong (22), Fred Ceccotti (80), Tom Mashington (70), Mike Webb (63), John Previtera (83) and Steve Warren (82). Photo by Kevin Casey.

Jim Pletcher, he will be out "about six to eight weeks," which would no doubt keep him out of action for the rest of the season.

The Newark contest October 10 was a heartbreaker for Conrad fans. The Redskins, decided pre-game underdogs, outplayed the Yellowjackets throughout the game and got plenty of breaks, but continually bogged down within the 30 yard line, finally going down to a 14-0 defeat.

Newark got the only touchdown it needed in the opening minutes of the game. The Redskins fumbled a Newark punt on their own ten-yard line, and, following a 15-yard penalty, Ray Bias passed to Bob Henry in the end zone for a Yellowjacket touchdown.

On the very next series of downs, Conrad drove to the Newark 34 before being stopped, and sub-

sequent Redskin drives carried to the Newark 30, 20, 28, 30, and 6 yard-lines before they were halted by the stubborn Yellowjacket defense.

Conrad fans had one last ray of hope in the closing minutes. After several near-interceptions as Newark, living dangerously, passed even though deep in their own territory, the Yellowjackets fumbled at the mid-field stripe and gave Conrad one last shot at a tie or win. But, on the first play, Bill Records picked off a Saggione pass, and, adding insult to injury, the Yellowjackets drove for a second touchdown with only seconds remaining.

The Conrad defense showed marked improvement in the game, many times throwing quarterback Bias for losses, and holding Newark's vaunted offense to five first downs and five pass completions.

Runners Break Even In Conference Meets

The Conrad Cross Country team was edged out by Salesianum with a score of 15-47 in their first match.

The Salesianum team had five of their men across the line before Bob Gilmour, the first Conrad runner, finished. Since only the first five runners from each team count, this gave Salesianum a shut-out.

"Salesianum is the type of team no one should have to meet early in the season," said Coach Dave Williams. "They seem to have the spirit that enables them to meet as a team and run during the summer so that they're in end-of-season shape in the beginning of the season."

The harriers then lost to Newark 22-35 in their first Blue Hen Conference meet. In the following meet the team defeated Dickinson's Cross Country team by a score of 26-29.

The harriers lost to Concord 26-29 despite Bob Gilmour's first place effort. In this meet Bob ran 12:33 for his best time so far.

Concerning the Concord meet Mr. Williams said, "They ran one of their best races to lose to Concord, an all senior squad; they just lacked experience."

Coach Williams says "Newark, Concord, and Conrad are evenly matched but both Newark and Concord have more power up front which led to our losses."

"We beat Mount Pleasant because we had more power in the

back," said Mr. Williams. The Mt. Pleasant meet ended in a 29-29 tie. In case of a tie, however, the sixth and seventh men from each team are scored thus giving us a 49-57 victory over the previously undefeated Mt. Pleasant.

Bob Gilmour placed first and Mike Manlove placed third to lead the Cross Country team to a 26-29 victory over Brandywine.

So far this season the Cross Country Team has a 3 win-4 loss overall record. In the conference the harriers have a 3 win-3 loss record.

"Although we have lost three meets in the conference and can't win the conference we expect to show well in the state meet," said Mr Williams.

Bob Gilmour, Mike Manlove, Preston Jennings, Bernie Doherty, John Murray, Dan Talmo, and Mike Kelleher are expected to run in the state meet.

Dave Bair is out with mononucleosis at the present time. According to Mr Williams his presence might have helped in the Concord meet and his absence may be felt in the state meet.

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Redskin Soccer Players Travel to Christiana Today

The Conrad soccer team will travel to Christiana today to battle the Vikings. At press time, the booters had a 3-5 record in Blue Hen Conference play and a 2-2 record over-all.

The Redskins began their season by dropping a 3-0 decision to Avon Grove and followed with a 4-1 loss at the hands of a tough Ridley squad.

In a defensive struggle the booters broke through the win ranks September 25 by squeaking by Friends 2-1 on Wayne Jackson's goal. Conrad's first tally was contributed by Ed Podgorski.

In the Blue Hen opener the Redskins blanked Mt. Pleasant 1-0 on Bob Mays' penalty kick and the performance of goalie Bob Kelley.

The Concord Raiders handed the Redskin booters their first conference loss, 2-0, on October 7

Conrad snapped back October 10 by white-washing William Penn 2-0. The shut-out was the combined effort of Ed Baker and Bob Kelley. Both goals were scored by John Simmons.

SCHOOL CALENDAR 1970

Oct. 30.	Teachers' Meeting (School Closed)
Nov. 3.	Election Day
Nov. 4.	Early Dismissal
Nov. 18.	Inservice Day
Nov. 26-27	Thanksgiving Recess
Dec. 2.	Early Dismissal
Dec. 24-31.	Christmas Recess

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Bud Finney makes a corner kick against Mt. Pleasant. Photo by Kevin Casey.



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Jane Larson battles Mt. Pleasant opponents. Photo by Roxanne Ritchie.

Opponents Dazzle Inexperienced Team

The Reds' varsity hockey team, coached by Miss Joan Robinson and co-captained by Donna McBride and Tish Wolskee, hold a 0-4 record at press time.

The team lost its first match against Mt. Pleasant 0-3 and then lost to Concord 1-2, Christiana 2-3, and Brandywine 0-2. Donna McBride scored the only goal in the Concord game. This game is under protest because the winning goal for Concord went in the side of the net.

Connie Hughes scored one of the points against Christiana and Becky Collins scored the other with an assist from Donna McBride.

The co-captains feel that the team's problems lie in its inexperience. "We have a lot of skill as individuals, but we're not accustomed to playing together," they said.

Members of the team include seniors Cathy Cochran, Donna

McBride, and Tish Wolskee; juniors Linda Capuano, Becky Collins, Connie Hughes, Bonnie Lane, Jane Larson, Jean Mahoney, Susan Walraven, and Debbie Waters.

Sophomores Sherrill Ardis, Sharon Brittingham, Diane Chappius, Debbie Doris, Kris Fletcher, Carol Haigh, Linda Hughes, Karen Hedrick, Leigh Kauffman, Donna Onley, Sharon Paola, Anita Roberts, Kim Smith, Sherila West, Kathy Witsil, and Anna Zabinko. Managers are Kathy Durran and Mel Symonds.

The JV team lost to Mt. Pleasant 0-1, tied Concord 0-0, and defeated Christiana and Brandywine 4-0 and 2-0, respectively.

Summarizing the hockey outlook, Tish Wolskee said, "I can't say we've had any moments of joy, but we'll keep fighting to the end of the season."

Study Lounges To Open

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guidance department this year. According to Mr. Paul Capodanno, director of guidance, the addition of a guidance counselor and of the new secretary, Mrs. Erma Podgorski, should give the counselors more time for individual work. Mr. Capodanno said students have been using to a more college-like math course. Hopefully, they will benefit from the experience," she said.

In the English, social studies, and distributive education departments, a new coordinated curriculum has been developed. In this program D.E. students study a specific topic in English, history, and D.E. simultaneously.

The curriculum was developed by Mrs. Andrea Cassel, social studies teacher; Mr. George Froehlich, distributive education teacher; Mr. Frank McDermott, business education teacher; and Mr. Donald Morgan, English teacher.

In this way the studies will follow a more logical pattern, according to Mr. Froelich. Conflicts between subjects should be avoided.

Mrs. Doris Terranova, guidance counselor, is a new addition to the the guidance area more effectively this year than last year.

The honors course in social studies is starting its third year. Revolution throughout history is the basis for class studies, according to Miss Lucy Kendikian.

Woodcarving, stitchery, and tie-dyeing are only 3 of 15 new areas being offered in the new arts and crafts course.

Manual dexterity and an interest in handicrafts are the only prerequi-

sites for the course, according to Mrs. Joyce Wasson, new instructor. Specialization and long term projects are also available.

Regarding his new urban geography course, Mr. Vincent Scott said, "Unlike traditional high school geography courses involving lecture and memorization, urban geography puts an emphasis on group activity."

Cities, manufacturing, environment, and resources are among planned topics.

The course developed after Mr. Scott employed an experimental urban geography unit in his world geography classes.

Mr. Wenner has plans for an individual research social studies course, if he can find interested and capable students.

Mr. George Poole, social studies teacher, participated in a summer district teacher social studies workshop directed by Mr. Wenner. Courses presented from grades 10-12 were studied and evaluated. The main aim of the project was to eliminate conflicts among curriculum in all district schools.

With the opening of the new Votek school this fall, Conrad lost between 105-110 students, according to Mr. Smith. Despite this loss, Conrad's enrollment climbed to 1539, an increase of five students over last year.

"We're jammed," Mr. Smith said, concerning crowding. "Utilization of rooms is set as 98 per cent; less than 2 per cent of our rooms are available at any time. One third of the faculty moves from room to room."

Dress Code Controversy Erupts in Conrad's Halls

by Barbara Smithey

Bell bottoms, flared slacks, pantsuits, jeans, and tee-shirts have brought both color and controversy to Conrad this year.

The dress code dispute can be traced back five months to the time when the first "rebels" defied Conrad's dress code by wearing slacks to school. The administration quickly intervened and squelched the attempt by sending the violators home.

When school re-opened, the controversy arose again. Three days after the start of school Principal Earl J. Smith announced, "At this time jeans and slacks will not be permitted, however, pantsuits are acceptable. Anyone not dressed accordingly will be sent home." Many continued to wear outfits not considered acceptable by the administration's standards.

"The way one dresses has a definite correspondence to one's behavior," Mr. Smith said.

"Our chief goal is to prepare students for future employment, and we want them to realize that they cannot wear just anything then. We are allowing girls to wear pantsuits because they are considered acceptable by many employers."

Many Conradians were confused as to what exactly constituted a pantsuit. In reference to this Mr. Smith explained that a pantsuit could be made up of either a matching vest, jacket, or dress over a pair of matching slacks.

"However," he said "a student can-

not go out and buy a pair of pants and throw a vest over them and call it a pantsuit." In cooperation with student council, Mr. Smith agreed that it would be wise for student council to draw up a dress code and submit it to the administration.

According to a spot survey taken by the *Smoke Signal*, of 387 students, 278 favored either liberalization of the dress code or no dress code at all. Out of the remaining 105, 76 favored pantsuits only, 15 wanted last year's dress code (no slacks), and 18 had no opinion at all.

Not all students favor liberalization of the dress code. Sophomore Bill Prestowitz spoke for some when he said, "I think if a student doesn't look decent anywhere else, he could look decent in school."

On the other hand, some students

want no dress code at all. Senior Mary Appel said, "I don't think that dress has anything to do with the way you study. You can learn just as well in slacks as you can in a dress."

Junior Valerie Martin echoes her sentiments when she said, "Individuals should be free to wear what they want, that is part of freedom. To people of our age, clothes are a form of expression."

A majority of Conradians feel the dress-code should be liberalized. "It is my opinion that students work better when they are more comfortable. I know I do," commented senior Rick Benson.

As things stand now, the problem remains unsolved. On October 2 Mr. Smith announced that slacks could be worn after daylight savings time.

Girls' Volleyball Team Spikes Mt. Pleasant

The Conrad volleyball team opened its season September 29 with an impressive 2-1 victory over Mt. Pleasant.

The team is working with a new coach this year, Mrs. Mary Jane Weldin.

The Conradians lost to Concord 0-2, Christiana 0-2, and Brandywine 0-2.

Regarding their losing problem, varsity captain Linda Cunningham said, "We have problems getting

our serve over, and the serve counts." Other members of the varsity team include senior Pat C. Barnes; juniors Kathy Andrezewski, Kathy Kraszewski, Diane Wilson, and Mary Wisniewski; and sophomore Marcia Tjaden.

The JV team lost to Mt. Pleasant 1-2, Concord 1-2, Christiana 0-2, and Brandywine 0-2. Commenting on the games, Mrs. Weldin said, "They had no enthusiasm whatsoever."

Council Tackles Problems

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than three meetings following majority approval by council.

At the beginning of this school year, there were over 150 members on council rolls. As of October 1, 42 members had missed three meetings and received warnings to this effect. All student council meetings are open to any student or faculty member.

The second amendment dealt with candidate grade requirements. By ratifying this proposal the student body approved that "any bonafide student of the school may be a candidate for any office regardless of his grade average."

A change in election methods, the subject of the third amendment, provides that officers be elected within the council itself during May.

Last May nominations were completed and the following officers were elected: Joe Stevens, president; Janice Armento, vice-president; Karen Jones, secretary; and Linda Grimes, treasurer.

"My goal," commented Mr. Rolfe Wenner, new Student Council adviser, "will be to get this student council to realize that it's most effective when it gets involved in something concerning the whole student body."

"We've got lots of plans," he added. At a recent council meeting a curriculum committee was set up to discuss the arrangement of a student council voice in curriculum changes and new courses.

Mr. Wenner hopes the council will become more active in student life along with the other usual social activities.

Concerning the evident gap be-

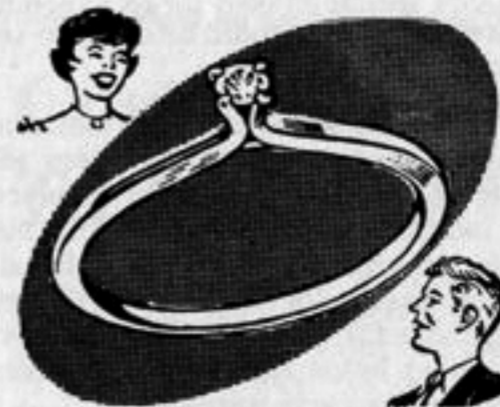
tween student and faculty, he reported, "I see no reason why a faculty-student advisory committee couldn't be set up to bridge this gap."

President Joe Stevens also sees communication as a major problem and cites a faculty-student forum as a possible solution.

Due to the confusion and length of time involved with roll call, the suggestion has been made to provide metal name discs for all council members. Before meetings each member would place his disc on a board bearing members' names and attendance would be taken by reference to this board.

The recent dress code controversy prompted a six-member committee to begin work on drawing up a dress code to be submitted to the administration after receiving full council approval.

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Election Spotlight

Ed Polaski Tops Seniors

Elections took the fall spotlight at Conrad this year. The following are some of the winners.

Seniors elected Edward Polaski, class president; Keith Irwin, vice-president; Lorrie Grodzicki, secretary; and Bernie Sparco, treasurer.

Kevin Coogan was chosen junior class president. Other officers include Debbie Hilyard, vice-president; Cindy Beckley, secretary; and Nini Joyce, treasurer.

Mark Comegys was elected president of sophomore class. Other winners were Gary Lafferty, vice-president; Joanne Celano, secretary; and Susan Geary, treasurer.

Choir members selected senior Charles Dorsey president of their 38 member group. Other seniors filling choir posts are Judy Citro, vice-president; Charlene Miller, secretary; Mary Ellen Baker, treasurer;

and Pauline Roosa, student director.

Senior Connie Naughton was elected president of the newly-formed Pep Club. Other officers include seniors Mary Ann Janczewski, vice-president; Charlene Miller, secretary; and Kathy Dunlap, treasurer.

Seniors Paul Luoma and Keith Irwin head this year's Chess Club as president and secretary-treasurer respectively.

Student Leaders' presidential duties have been awarded to senior Patty C. Barnes.

Sophomores Susan Granville and Barbara Jones were chosen secretary and treasurer respectively of library aides. They have joined with last year's elected president Debbie Wetzler and vice-president Lorna Black as this year's library aides' officers.

Multi-Talented Sophomores Invade Redskins' Teepee

Members of the class of '73 have invaded Conradian halls 508 strong, bringing with them the experience of talents and awards received throughout junior high school.

Joining the spirited Conradians from Oak Grove are Sharon Paola, Bill Prestowitz, Anita Roberts, Rhonda Dale, Vicki Langrell, and Lisa Wilson. Sharon was vice-president of the Honor Society and French Club and a member of the basketball and hockey teams.

President of the French Club was Bill Prestowitz who also participated in Honor Society, Latin Club, Student Council, and soccer. Another president was Anita Roberts. She earned the title in Honor Society. Anita's other activities included band, French Club, hockey, and basketball.

Cheering the Oak Grove teams on to victory was Rhonda Dale who is a JV cheerleader at Conrad. Rounding out her schedule were the Student Council vice-presidency, Honor Society, and the lead in the class play.

Vicki Langrell was kept busy by basketball, choir, and duties as Student Council secretary. The post of treasurer was filled by Lisa Wilson who also edited the Oak Grove newspaper, *The Acorn*.

From Krebs came Kris Fletcher, Gail George, Ruth Burkum, Joanne Thorn, Donna Roosa, Kathy Trieble, Sam Whittaker, Ed La Rock, and Barbara Albers.

Band, sports, and Student Council are but a few of the activities Kris



Sophs Ed LaRock, Rhonda Dale, and Rosemarie McKelvey take time out for a Smoke Signal picture. Photo by Janice Armento

Fletcher participated in last year, while Gail George, Kathy Trieble, Joanne Thorn, Ruth Burkum, and Donna Roosa won typing awards for speed and accuracy.

Science awards were won by Sam Whittaker and Ed La Rock. Krebs also sent Barbara Albers, captain of cheerleaders last year and now a member of Conrad's JV squad.

Frances Stoneberger and Karen Conaway were valedictorian and

salutatorian respectively at Richardson Park. They also wrote the class history. David Russell and Carol Haigh tied for third honors. David received the PTA Award for the boy with the highest scholastic average.

Art and student journalism occupied much of Rosemarie McKelvey's time. She won the art award and was a reporter on "The Spirit of the Eagle."

Delaware Students Organize New State-wide Union

To enable high school students to work within the "system," the Delaware Student Union has been formed. The product of the ideas of several local youths, the organization will attempt to give students an opportunity to make their opinions known to the State's lawmakers.

"The organization is not affiliated with any similar organization, past or present," said Mt. Pleasant senior Skip Rafal, one of the Union's organizers. "Its success will be determined by the amount of interest and time the members put into

it." The Student Union is comprised of concerned students whose political ideas differ greatly. Its basic aim is not to gain power but to distribute it fairly.

"We hope to enable Delaware students to acquire an interest in the governmental affairs of their state," said Conrad senior Jim Broomall.

Other students responsible for the organization's formation are Curt Johnson of A. I. DuPont and Mike May of Mt. Pleasant.

Conrad Publication Staffs Attend DSPA Workshops

The Smoke Signal and Conradian staff joined with high school newspaper and yearbook staffs from throughout the state at the Fourth Annual Delaware Scholastic Press Association Workshop October 14 at the McKean High School.

An afternoon workshop-and-evening dinner session set the pace for this year's fall workshop. Newspaper staffers attended a wide

range of workshops conducted by professional journalists in the afternoon.

Students had a choice of attending three of 14 workshops in areas ranging from newswriting and interviewing to public relations and advertising. Yearbook participants attended various workshops and clinics.

A special after-dinner student press conference featuring Mr. John D. Daniello, Democratic candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives highlighted the evening.

Some changes and additions have been made on the Smoke Signal staff by Mr. Raymond Cashel, adviser. Lauren Russell was named associate editor, Barbara Smithey, business manager; Roxanne Ritchie, photography manager; and Kevin Casey, assistant editor.

The following senior girls have also joined the staff as typists: Pat A. Barnes, Joanne Domolevich, Carol Mahoney, Charlene Miller, Connie Naughton, Joanne O'Neil, Nancy Rosiak, Debbie Spurlock, Janet Taylor, and Ellen Whiteside.

The Journalism 1 team composed of 23 students will start work on the paper next issue, according to Mr. Cashel. "It's a very talented and enthusiastic group," he said. "I expect them to make a big contribution this year."

Mr. Cashel said the Smoke Signal staff is trying to encourage more in-depth reporting and larger stories this year.

This is one of the ideas editor-in-chief Mary Ann Jackson brought back to the staff from her five-week stay at Northwestern University during the summer. She attended the National High School Institute's journalism division in Evanston, Illinois, on a New-Journal scholarship.

3 Senior Girls Selected Editors of 1971 Conradian

Seniors Norma Moore, Janice Polecaro, and Linda Welsh are the newly-named editors of the 1971 Conradian.

Because the position of business adviser has not been filled, the 1971 Conradian will not solicit advertising this year. Due to this lack of advertising, the cost of the yearbook has been raised to \$6.50, an increase of 50 cents over that of last year.

"Advertising covered approximately 35 per cent of the cost for the 1970 Conradian," said Mr. George Froelich, last year's busi-

ness adviser. The 1971 Conradian will be on sale until November 20. Patrons' contributions of \$1 and the money made from yearbook sales will make up the bulk of the staff's budget.

Distribution is expected to start near Memorial Day for underclassmen and earlier for seniors.

"This year's Conradian will be better than the previous editions," said Mr. David Owen, faculty adviser. "There will be a decrease in size because of the lack of advertising and activities," he added.

James Broomall To Attend Presidential Classroom

Jim Broomall, Smoke Signal assistant editor, has been selected to participate in a Presidential Classroom for Young Americans. The program will be held February 13-20, in Washington, D.C.

The program is designed to give qualified American high school seniors an opportunity to study the intricacies of the United States government. It is run on a non-partisan, non-profit basis. The program has existed since 1968. Previous Conradians who have attended are Ron Talmo (class of 1969) and Dave Gibson (class of 1970).

The Classroom consists of semi-

nars and discussions as well as involvement in American government. Students will have an opportunity to study the branches and agencies of the government. Meetings with key government officials will supplement the classroom sessions.

Students from all 50 states and Puerto Rico will attend the week-long session.

School Board News



District Enrollment Drops

Enrollment decreased in the Conrad Area School District this year for the first time in this area's history, according to District Superintendent Leon B. Elder.

Mr. Elder attributed the decrease of approximately 46 students to the opening of Delcastle, the new Votch high school on Kiamensi Road, and to a drop in kindergarten enrollment.

Plans to renovate Conrad lavatories are now under the consideration of administrative assistant John R. Shaw. New ceilings, tile, and lighting are among the renovations under study.

Conrad's six original tennis courts are going to undergo resurfacing.

The posts will also be reset. Conrad is also going to receive several chest-type freezers in the cafeteria.

Concerning Conrad's cafeteria financial problems, Mr. Elder said maintenance and salary adjustments which caused large expenditures last year should be of a non-recurring nature.

"The school administration, and cafeteria staff will make every effort to avoid an increase in the price of food," he said. "Students may aid the cafeteria in providing well-balanced meals for themselves if they purchase the platter." The U.S. government helps supplement platters but not a la carte items.

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