

# Student Council Makes Yule Season Brighter

"Carrying out various charitable tasks to make Christmas more enjoyable for the people in the community has been the main goal of the Student Council during the holiday season," stated President Khalil Grimes.

A canned goods drive, begun this week, will provide food for needy families in the Richardson Park and Newport areas. Proceeds from the bake sale that was held Wednesday will be contributed as a gift from the council to the Family Fund Program which is held annually through the Wilmington News-Journal papers.

Council members will also hold a parent week for the children at St. Francis Hospital in Wilmington.

In addition, they have brought Christmas to Conrad by erecting and decorating the tree in the lobby. Besides these yuletide duties the

Council is working on additional projects. Members sponsored a kindergarten, "Willy McQueen and His Magic Machine" plus three cartoons, for the children of the community December 11.

A committee, under the direction of senior Scott Cross, is investigating the possibility of a student activity card which would be like a season ticket. It would allow students to pay a bulk rate for all basketball games or wrestling matches.

Another committee is in the process of establishing an evaluation for student exchanges. This year the Council has carried out exchanges with Concord, Dickinson and Kent.

The Council is also working on the organization of a student bulletin board, obtaining a bike rack for students, and setting up an open library system.

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## Area Students, Adults Tackle 'Rights' Topics For District

By Rayanne Baron

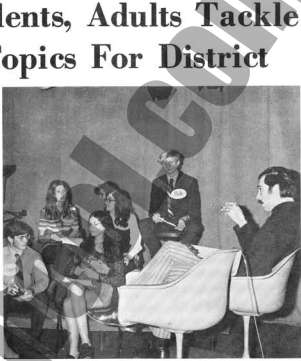
The Conrad Area School District began discussions on a student bill of rights November 16, following the distribution of the guidelines adopted by the State Board of Education.

A group of students, parents, teachers, administrators, and board members are studying and discussing such topics as student government, suspension and expulsion, student pregnancy, and student responsibility.

Members of the committee are students Mark Armstrong, Cindy Beckley, Kevin Coogan, Kenny Cooper, Duane Dankle, Denise Edwards, Hope Haddix, Sue Reynolds, Anna Trust, Jerry Turner, Patrick Walsh, and Theresa Wright; and parents Mrs. Betty Beckley and Mrs. Willie Mae Johnson.

Teachers on the committee are Mrs. Andrea Cassel, Mrs. Eleanor Dill, Mr. Duane Morningstar, Miss Carol Rice, and Mr. Howard Toliver; administrators are Mr. Jack Caum, Mr. William Cooke, Mr. William Hunsinger, Mr. William Kilmer, Mr. Hugh Pefano, and Mr. Rolfe Wemmer. Board members are Mr. Charles Hufnagle and Dr. Charles Young.

This committee is divided into five sub-committees, each of which will cover every topic in the guidelines—adding, changing, or deleting material to suit the needs of the Conrad district. After all topics are covered by each sub-committee, the group will meet as a whole to agree on an acceptable document.



Senior Rayanne Baron (upper left) and students from various other high schools throughout the state are briefed on television procedure before the start of the press conference, November 30, at which the students interviewed Mr. Robert McBride of the State Board of Education. Photo by Kathy Grimes.

This document must be submitted by February 1, 1972, to the State Board of Education for study. If accepted, the district policy must then be approved by May 1972, by the local board.

The guidelines set up by the State Board of Education list rights and responsibilities that Conrad's district may or may not approve.

Many of these recommendations have been Conrad policy before this, but some are new. For example, under the unrevoked document, students have the right to appeal any disciplinary decision using a standard appeal procedure.

In the guidelines students also have the right to participate actively.

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## Maintenance Program To Expand Next Year

Employing senior students in jobs outside the Conrad Area District, starting the seniors for their work, permitting sophomores to take the course, and slightly revising the classroom section of the course are a few alterations planned for the building maintenance course for next year.

Before Thanksgiving Mr. Charles Lykens, class instructor, sent letters to 80 prospective employers for boys who will take the course as seniors next year. So far replies have been received from St. Francis Hospital, News Journal, Wilmington Trust, the Delaware Memorial Bridge and several others.

Mr. Lykens has also been invited to discuss the program before additional employers at the January meeting of the Society of Planning Engineers.

"We plan to expand the program so that it won't be restricted to just working for the Conrad Area School District," commented Mr. Lykens. "Next year our program will be similar to that of distributive education and of the co-op business plan. Sophomore and junior years will be used for instruction and students will spend their senior year out working. Also, unlike this year, the students will be paid for their work."

The classroom portion of the course has been divided into 12 areas, each of which lasts about five weeks. Programmed instruction consisting of the use of slides and tapes is being used as much as possible.

Specific assignments must be completed in each area of study. Students are graded on how well they carry out what they have learned in doing various jobs.

At the beginning of the year the program had no tools of its own. The tools have arrived, however, and according to Mr. Lykens the program is now one of the best equipped in the school.

Christiana is the only other non-vocational school which has a building maintenance program. There is solely a classroom-type program with no actual work experience.

Mr. Lykens stresses that the class is not only geared to those interested in building maintenance but also is able to provide some background for those who are interested in various building trades. Mr. Lykens feels that the course could be valuable as a reference for future employers and could aid in attaining an apprenticeship in a trade.

Building a classroom for graphic arts at Oak Grove, rebuilding shops at Richardson Park, and working on the new library at Ryebo are just a few of the numerous tasks which have been completed by the boys assigned at each school. Since September a total of 520.5 man hours have been supplied by the class to the school district.

The program has been well accepted by the community, said Mr. Lykens. "The custodians are sold on the program, the administration is sold on the program, and now it's up to us to get the students sold on the program," he concluded.

## Innocents Beware

# Laws Can Be Broken Unknowingly

By Kathy Grimes

Are you aware that if you remove sand from a beach in Delaware, or if you injure a Holly tree, or even if you catch too many brown speckled trout you could be breaking the state law?

These laws, plus many others like just these, can be found throughout the Delaware Code. Annotated, a series of volumes containing all the laws for the state of Delaware.

The Delaware Code contains 15 pages of laws protecting everything from strawberry bushes to prairie chickens. There is even a law pertaining to the burial of fish. When a girl is interested in women's rights might be interested in knowing that the state has specific laws

for dressing rooms, drinking water, and lavatories for places where females must be employed. In addition, suitable places to sit must be provided for women while working, and they should be allowed to be seated at any time.

For those who enjoy the consumption of alcoholic beverages, 23 pages of the code have been devoted to this subject. They tell when, where, and by whom alcohol can be consumed. The code has laws permitting the use of alcohol by dentists, doctors and ministers.

The motor vehicles we drive around are protected by 36 pages dealing with the equipment and operation of the vehicle. Under this

category is a law dealing with the fastening of the doors of vehicles which transport meat, scrap and another prohibiting the tampering of a vehicle's speedometer in order to make an effective sale.

There seem to be laws for every city, town, and body of water in the state. If you have ever heard of the Murderkill River, let me caution you to never remove or obstruct any of the channel stakes or you might find yourself paying a \$100 fine.

If you ever decide to go on a riding rampage, first look twice for a justice of the peace. If he happens to find you swearing profanely and using the name of God, Christ Jesus, or the Holy Spirit, regardless of whether you are drunk or sober,

Seniors on the first honor roll include Mark Armstrong, Rayanne Baron, Cindy Beckley, Stephen Borowski, Thomas Bruns, Linda Capuano, Kevin Coogan, Susan Cross, Karen Dabson, Kathy Dewey, Mary Ann Eaton, Denise Edwards, Teresa Hanly, Mike Kelleher, Janet Lyons, Diane MacKenzie, Terry Robbins, Vicki Russell, Michael Ward, and Myri Wisniewski.

Juniors capturing first honors are

Ralph Boerstler, Felicia Ciuffetelli, Mark Comegs, Don Gibson, John Goldsmith, Stephen Johnson, John Kroes, Larry Lyons, Ruth McCallister, Sharon Paola, William Pendleton, William Prestowitz, Kimberlee Smith, Francis Stoneberg, and Samuel Swrod. Anita Roberts, and Samuel Whitaker.

Sophomores include Bethann Acton, Betsy Bow, Debra Dykes, Priscilla Goldsmith, Julianne Grandell, Kathryn Hawes, Sharon Hitchens, James Humphrey, Irene Janvier, Ellen Joseph, Barry Kelly, Cindy Kohler, William Greys, Donald Greover, Heather Haden.

Louise Liddicut, Gail McGinnis, Constance Moore, Patricia Murphy, Antoinette Palermo, Jerry Rosen, Kathleen Stanek, Loraine Smith, Marsha Stabnau, and Karen Ventura.

Members of the second honor roll are seniors Kathy Andrzewjicki, Sara Angelini, Laura Antonio, Kathleen Balfone, Peter Barnett, JoAnn Bender, Maryann Berkey, Margaret Brady, Terry Braxton, Lee Burgett, Catherine Cammock, Margaret Carney, Thomas Carr, Catherine Cataldi, JoAnn Cavender, Jean Celano, Paulette Chambers, Maureen Clawson, Donna Combs, Kenny Cooper, Judy Cox, Linda Cronshaw.

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## Guidelines to be Interpreted

The State Board of Education has taken a great stride forward in the development and distribution of guidelines for student rights and responsibilities.

How successful the final product (that is, our district's interpretation of the guidelines) will be cannot be determined at this point. However, one positive result should come from this modification, and that is that more consideration will be given to students' ideas on matters which affect them.

One of the provisions in the guidelines under student government states: "The decision of the government association (or, student council) shall not be influenced by the faculty and may not be arbitrarily vetoed by the administration. Appeal of a decision by students or staff should be reviewed by a committee of administrative, faculty, and student representatives to assure compliance with the purpose of the student organization."

In the past administrators and teachers have made arbitrary decisions concerning student participation. Students have been forced, often unwillingly, into non-thinking, conforming robots, typical of totalitarian regimes.

The guidelines should change all this. A declaration from the Delaware State Board of Education says, "Our schools can best educate for democratic citizenship by themselves being models of a participative community." Hopefully, in the future students' ideas will be considered when decisions concerning their rights and responsibilities are being made.

After Conrad Area's policy is completed, approved, and put into effect, someone will be needed to decide if and when a violation occurs. Students should participate in this decision.

If the interpreting of the rights is done solely by the administrators, a lot of effort will have been wasted in drawing up the guidelines. "Student rights" which are only those rights the administration wants to give are not rights in any sense of the word.

What will be needed is a local board of students, teachers, administrators, and parents who will act as judges to see that the rules are followed once they are established.

## Christmas Mystique Missing

Bah, Humbug! Plastic mistletoe, fake fireplaces, aluminum trees, and cans of pine-scented spray have drained Christmas of much of its traditional holiday flavor.

Usually beginning in late September, Christmas sales last right up until Christmas Eve. Throughout the stores women push, tug, and haul; husbands grumble; kids scream; babies howl; and the sales persons grin and bear it.

What have we done to Christmas? Have we become too hung up with its material rewards and forgotten that magical, mystical, deafening silence when we tiptoed down the steps at 6 a.m. at the tender age of nine?

The hushed expectation of Christmas Eve, the exhilaration of standing in a field of newly-fallen snow, the delicate moistness of snowflakes gently brushing past your eyelashes — these are memories that should not fade with childhood, but strengthen with maturity.

Enjoy the mad, mad rush of the holiday season; bask in the lively glow of laughter, friends, family, love, gifts, and the star on top of the Christmas tree. Remember how shining and eager with anticipation your eyes were when you were little? Try, for just a moment, to recapture that elusive emotion, and you will discover the hope that is Christmas.

# CONRAD CAPERS

## Reindeer Deliver Sleigh Full of Capers

Mr. Casto was especially nice this issue, for, as his Christmas gift to the Smoke Signal, he submitted all of the Conrad Capers. Making his rounds and checking up on his "boys" he took notes on the Redskins' frolics and presented them to us with a "Merry Christmas," and a "HO, HO, HO!"

**ANTLER ANTICS** — During a discussion of Wilfred Owen's poem "Arms and the Boy" in Mrs. Eleanor Dill's fifth period English class, Mrs. Dill asked, "What animals have antlers?"

"Deer, moose, donkeys . . ."  
"Donkeys? Did I hear someone say donkeys? If I did, pardon the expression, but who was the jackass who said that?"

**INTERESTING ISSUE** — Mr. James Kaut was so engrossed in reading the last issue of the Smoke Signal that he didn't see the ladder that was obstructing his path. After stumbling into it, he regained his composure and went on his way. Thanks, Mr. Kaut. We had no idea our paper was that interesting.

**RACE AGAINST TIME** — With only two minutes remaining in his

first-period chemistry class, Mr. Edward Main rapidly continued the day's lesson. Amid cries of protest he stated, "Well, this is the accelerated class, isn't it? I'm just accelerating!"

**FUTURE FORECASTS** — Mr. George Poole, social studies teacher, surprised his fifth period class recently when students were asked to fill out 1980 census forms. Most girls were caught at wondering what their last names will be then, every boy expects to be married; no one will have more than two children; one guy will be divorced three times; and, in general, all hope to be millionaires.

**QUESTIONED PROFESSION** — Tom Zeger, during a report on prostitution in the honors history class, was mentioning the names of several arena business concerns which, along with their legitimate activities, are reported to be hang-outs for prostitutes. Mrs. Cassel remarked that he should not mention the names of those places because "some of the people here might work there."

**SUPER SHAVER** — When Mrs. Goddin asked Melinda Crosswell about the topic for his speech would be, she probably didn't give much thought to what he would say. Most red-blooded American boys talk about sports on their personal hobby.

Well, Mark asked if he could demonstrate how to shave a girl's leg. Is that a sport? Is that Mark's personal hobby?

Yes, most interesting it would have made an interesting demonstration, especially since Rhonda Dale was going to be the shaver. Nevertheless, Mrs. Goddin suggested that Mark pick another topic.

**CANDID CAMERA** — At the 1971 Homecoming dance, Victor Venetresca was holding a camera while standing around talking to Karen Dabson, Bill Schaub and Cindy Beckley. Karen suddenly reached up to scratch her nose and brought her elbow down on top of the camera. The result: one great original picture of Karen's stomach. And it's a close-up!

## Kindness, Love, Joy Abound In True Christmas Feeling

By Kevin Coogan  
"It's Christmas, I'm so happy  
and I've cut it out!"

"What did you mean you never noticed it? Are you dead and blind?"  
"I mean I never saw all those things you mentioned!"

"Are you saying I dreamed all this up, because if you are I'll . . ."  
"Wait a second, I'm not disputing the fact that all of these exist, I'm just saying that I never see them."  
"I don't follow."  
"It's simple, I just blank all of it out. I shut my eyes, close my mind, and turn off my ears."

"You mean to tell me that when you go to a shopping center you can't see thousands of people running around in a frenzy? You don't hear the cash register ringing up tons of money spent on meaningless I spent more than you did" competition?"

"O.K. I do see it, but I just don't let it get me down. Those people will never find Christmas that way."  
"What do you mean they can't

find Christmas? All they have to do is open any good calendar to December and . . ."

"No, no, no. You're missing the whole point: Christmas is a feeling. A beautiful feeling that doesn't come from glittering lights and expensive gifts."

"But this feeling, how . . ."  
"It's got to overpower you — the whole Christmas emotion of kindness and love has got to enthrall you. Breathe it, smell it, taste it, think it, live it. Slack Christmas in your head and lock it there for the whole year. Get Christmas in your soul."

"I could try it but . . ."  
"Start now!"  
"Well um, Merry Christmas."  
"Good."  
"Peace on Earth."  
"Better."

"Joy to the World! Good will to all men! Merry, merry Christmas!"  
"Fantastic!"  
"Feels pretty good, too."

### SMOKE SIGNAL

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### Readers Write

## Band Needs Recognition

Dear Editor:

I wish to voice my disgust at the way the band and Mr. Casto were treated at the Thanksgiving pep rally. The cheerleaders, football players, and students were thanked for their support, but everyone forgot about the band. Too many people, including myself, take the band for granted at times. It's about time someone gave them a little thanks for all the time and effort they put forth for the school.

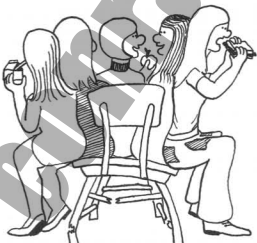
The band goes to every football game after they have spent hours of practice throughout the week preparing for the half-time shows. They are also "expected" to play at all the pep rallies. I think the band needs some recognition.

Another inconsiderate thing that the school does is to present all the coaches and Mr. Smith with a rump, but not Mr. Casto. I know Mr. Casto works very hard trying to make the band a good one, and he does an excellent job. He deserves a rump as well.

Did you know that our band was voted Band of the Month in a nationwide magazine and that Mr. Casto is one of the top band directors in the country? I doubt that many students (except maybe band members, of course) know or care about the band's accomplishments.

So even if no one else appreciates the band, I would like to say thank you to Mr. Casto and the Conrad band.

Janet Lyons



# Stores Stock Unusual Gifts For Last-minute Shoppers

By Cindy Stabnau

With only eight days left until Christmas, many last minute shoppers are racing frantically throughout the stores trying to find that perfect and unusual Christmas gift. But many times this unique gift cannot be found, and shoppers must settle for the same thing that was bought the year before.

For those of you who are undecided as to what to buy this year, this article may offer some helpful suggestions.

If you want to buy something different for your little brother or sister? How about a life-sized stuffed donkey for only \$500? A little too expensive? A life-sized sheep can be purchased for only \$250.

For those who like to solve puzzles, there are many toys that can be purchased. For example there's the Phoney Baloney, a plastic ring balogna consisting of ten different sized pieces which come apart. The only problem is trying to fit the pieces of balogna back together again. Another toy which has the same principle is Soma, a block containing seven different sized cubes. There are one million ways to put the cubes together but finding just one is very difficult.

The John Wamamaker gift shop has many unusual items. An antique black-and-orange trunk can be purchased for \$250. Or maybe you would like to go into the stamp-making business. Eighteenth-century stamp molds are sold in the gift shop for only \$185.

Hand-decorated Pekin duck eggs can also be purchased at this shop for \$8 a piece, a bit more expensive than a regular egg.

For those who like to dress differently and set the trends in fashion, a suit of armor can be bought at Almart. You can even buy a matching sword for only \$25. If you would

rather have a smaller sword, exact miniature replicas of those used by famous warriors can be purchased for \$6.

And finally for those poor friends who are trying to quit smoking, an ash-tray that makes a coughing sound when pressed on the bottom would make an ideal gift for \$7.50.

## Boy Scouts Go Co-ed; Girls Join Explorers

By Kathy Dewey

The Boy Scouts of America have gone co-ed. The Explorer program, which involves both boys and girls, has recently been initiated in Delaware. The purpose of this program is to acquaint young people with the different opportunities in many professions.

Last year a survey was taken of students' career choices. A selected number of students were then notified of the formation of Explorer posts in their fields of interest. Social sciences, chemistry, engineering and medicine were a few of those established.

Many of the people belonging to the medical Explorers post at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Elsmere, are students at Conrad. This group includes seniors Jack Dickerson, Jane Larson, Janet Lyons, Diane MacKenzie, Jean Mahoney, Kathy Mahoney, Karen

Nagle, Linda Robinson, Paula Seiple, and Kathy Shearer. Their career choices encompass medical research, medical technology, dental hygiene and nursing.

"I think it's a good idea to join the Explorers if you're planning a medical career because you get a more accurate picture of what working in a hospital is actually like," stated Janet Lyons.

So far this year, the Explorers have toured the Veterans Hospital and participated in two sessions of cardiology.

Kathy Mahoney, who is planning a career in medical technology, commented, "Since the staff involved is professional, they can tell you what it's like to work in the medical profession."

The Explorers not only listen to lectures and watch movies, but actually take cardiograms, which measure the electrical impulses of (Continued on Page 6)



Junior Mary Lee Doyle displays a doll she purchased in Okinawa during her three-year stay there. Photo by Rayanne Baron.

## Birthday Suits?

# Okinawans Run Free

By Rayanne Baron

"The people in Okinawa are carefree and mind their own business, but they will help anybody who is in trouble," reminisced former resident of Okinawa, Mary Lee Doyle.

The petite, brown-haired, green-eyed young girl has traveled a great deal for a girl her age. "That's because my father is in the service," explained Mary Lee.

Born in Delaware, she began her travels at the age of four when her family moved to Texas. After living there for about a year they moved to Georgia where Mary Lee attended first grade. Next she came with them to Delaware, where they lived for a year. During this time she attended Holy Spirit School in New Castle. Fourth, fifth, and sixth grades were completed in an American school in Okinawa.

For the first semester of seventh grade Mary Lee found herself attending a school in South Carolina and then completed the year at Richardson Park Junior High. "And I've been here ever since," she added with a sign of relief.

According to Mary Lee the Okinawan schools are very strict. The students attend school all year, receiving a one-month vacation in the summer and a three-day break for New Year's. Okinawans do not believe in Christmas.

The high school students wear uniforms consisting of dark pants, white shirts, and black hats for the boys, and plain dresses for the girls.

"The people have some weird customs," stated Mary Lee. "Little kids up to the age of eight go naked on their birthdays. This is known as the birthday suits."

Another act that is seen com-

monly in Okinawa is people "going to the bathroom" on the street.

One of the favorite pastimes of the kids is racing the huge snails that can be found everywhere. "Those things are about four and a half inches long," added Mary Lee, her voice rising in disbelief.

"The cities are just as modern as American cities. Outside Naha, where I lived, the streets were very narrow. It seems the cars always stop so fast, especially the taxis.

And they didn't stop for people crossing the street," she added. To avoid being hit the people always "ran real fast."

When asked what she liked more about Okinawa than the United States, Mary Lee replied, "the people are nicer." Her reply to what she likes most about the United States was, "Here I don't have to speak two languages."

In her spare time Mary Lee enjoys drawing and archery, and has been taking karate lessons for the past eight months in Arden Guild Hall. Her plans for the future include any occupation in which she can go into the Air Force and go to Germany, something she has always wanted to do.

# Bikes, Buses, Cars, Feet Satisfy Transportation Needs

By Kevin Coogan

Every morning as early as 7 a.m., a daily migration begins for over 1500 students headed for one common destination, Henry C. Conrad. Exactly how do all of these people get to school by 8:13 a.m. every school day?

The majority of students take the familiar yellow school bus each morning. Their opinions vary considerably on the buses.

"I hate the bus," screamed Debbie Fontello. "It's such a awful yellow and it comes so early. I hate it!"

Sophomore Larry Hanna also laments this strong dislike. "The bus driver is ridiculous. He never puts the heat on; he hits every bump in every road, and he makes the girls sit on one side and the boys on the other."

Sue Barnes feels the same way.

"Anything that comes to take me to school at 7:30 in the morning has got to be bad," she stated. Of course, some students do like the bus. Senior Mary Wisniewski found that her bus was "fine as far as buses go."

Not all Conradians suffer the perils and pitfalls of bus riding. Some venture the journey on foot.

Sophomore Priscilla Goldsmith laments walking to school. "I'd rather walk than ride," she stated. "The scenery is really pretty." Senior Peggy Brady also enjoys walking although cold winter mornings seemed to get her down.

Senior Denise Edwards despises walking to school. "I hated walking one and a quarter miles to school every day until I got a car. Now I drive a '63 Ford and I hate it too."

Of course, there are other fortunate scholars who drive to school. Mark Armstrong has a real thing in his Mercedes Benz while senior Kathy Dewey is truly in love with her beat-up Rambler.

In a category of their own are senior Maureen Clawson and junior Monica Supiecki. They both ride bicycles to school.

"Because I work after school," said Maureen, "I ride to and from school because it's quicker. Not having my license also is another reason for riding."

Maureen also finds bike riding relaxing mentally and at the same time very healthy physically. "It's funny," added Maureen, "but people look at me like I'm strange. They're the strange ones in their cars because they continue to pollute the atmosphere!"



Senator Maureen Clawson launches her anti-pollution campaign by riding her bicycle to school. Photo by Kevin Coogan.

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# Cagers Prepare Season; To Meet Alumni Tuesday

Captained by senior Bob Ryan, the basketball team will greet the alumni on Tuesday. They will open the regular season December 30 against William Penn.

The Redskins, hoping to improve on last year's 3-15 slate, will feature a team with no extra tall players. Returning lettermen are Ryan, Bob Kelley, Bud Finney and Steve Warren.

"Right now, there is a big problem, getting the starting squad set," commented Coach Vincent Scott. "The progress is very good on the team, though," he added.

After final cuts the squad, besides the lettermen, consists of Jim McManis (transfer from Salines), Rick Brown, Dave Powell, Mike Givens, Skip Billips, Mark Lenza, Butch Sowden, Scott DeBoda, Jamie Webb, Dave Hayes and Glenn Taylor.

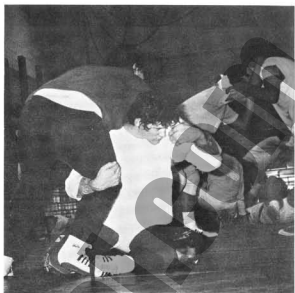
On the team's present situation, Mr. Scott commented, "There's a lot of intangibles, such as how much these guys are going to hustle. It will depend on how much we want to sacrifice."

Concerning the season he noted that "I hope we'll be respected in

the conference. I feel, though, that we'll probably get better as the season goes on."

Mr. Scott believes that the conference race this season will be a lot like the football race, very unpredictable, and changing each week. He noted, however, that Mt. Pleasant, Brandywine, Dickinson, Concord and defending champion Wilmington have largely the same personnel as last year.

As for Conrad's place in the standings, Coach Scott felt that it was "much too early to determine anything; nothing is concrete."



Is this a new dance? No, it's (left to right) junior Terry Massey and seniors Wayne Anderson, Jim Duran and Larry Lorenzoni warming up during wrestling practice. Photo by Kevin Cogan.

## Gridders Lose to Rams; End Frustrating Season

The final score? 155-130. The final record, 3-7. Conrad obviously had a disappointing year on the gridiron. The Redskins, who early in the season appeared to be serious title contenders, finished the frustrating season in eighth place in the Blue Hen Conference.

"We were a better team than the record indicated," commented senior Mark Armstrong. "We could have had five more wins, but it seemed that the breaks always went against us."

"The personnel was there but we rarely put it all together," added junior Don Meyer.

Conrad's 44-8 romp over Newark

brought hopeful Redskins fans to their feet. However, they quickly sat down as Conrad dropped its next two games to Wilmington and Mount Pleasant respectively.

"It was a tough season, and we should have had a better record," summed up senior Tom Mashington. "But I feel we lacked self-discipline and a proper attitude. We didn't have enough team leaders, and the ones we had didn't get paid enough attention."

The Skins were defeated in the season finale, 14-8, by the Dickinson High Rams. The Thanksgiving Day battle was played in extremely adverse weather conditions. Despite

the snow, wind, rain, etc., Mike Paglia, senior fullback, managed a 1-yard touchdown run late in the game. Conrad was stalled on the Rams' 1-yard line as the gun sounded.

Perhaps the Redskins will redeem their winning reputation next year. At least junior Paul Hrazda thinks so. "We'll have a lot of experienced players next year, and the guys that aren't experienced will make up for it with hustle. I think we'll need a lot of cohesiveness."

Another optimistic junior, Gary Lafferty, stated, "I think we'll have a better attitude next year to add to the talented personnel."

## Gymnasts Look Strong; Best Prospects in Years

The gymnasts will open their season against Mt. Pleasant January 7 at home.

Mr. David Kasner, coach, says, "This year's team has the potential to be the best team I have ever coached at Conrad." He adds, however, that the physical stature of the team is small and one injury could ruin the season.

Returning from last year's team are five letter winners, four seniors

and one junior. Four of the five seniors could possibly be chosen as "all around man." This gymnast competes in tumbling and vaulting. He also must have routines on the high bar, horse, parallel bars, and rings.

The four senior candidates for all-around man are Chris Amalitano, Mike Bernhardt, Paul Clark, and Dean Rusham. At press time, Coach Kasner was undecided on his choice.

Senior Tom DiNetta and junior

Rockey DeMaio also lettered last

year. Rounding out the squad are juniors Carl Baker, Clifford Clark, Rick Davis, Ray Subach, and sophomores Timko, Wyatt Rash, Jim Villenraux, Gregg McCabe, Don Wood, Ken Wilson, Al Blyman, Chris Baker and Doug Conway.

Last year's team went 5-4 despite a key injury to Ken Kehrer. Besides losing their all-around man, the injury "... didn't help the team much either," stated Coach Kasner.

About league play Coach Kasner said, "There is no conference for gymnastics because Mt. Pleasant, Concord, Brandywine, and Concord are the only teams from Delaware that have gymnastic teams."

The Redskins meet all of these Delaware teams twice. The remaining meets will be with Pennsylvania teams, the toughest of which is Northampton.

Northampton and other teams from Pennsylvania practice 12 months a year. Conrad's practices extend from November 15 to March 15.

Last year Redskins gymnasts traveled to Pennsylvania to meet high schools there. This year, however, Conrad will not be allowed to travel out of state for financial reasons. Consequently, most Redskin meets will be at home.

The rest of the season, after Mt. Pleasant, was not completed at press time.



Members of the all-conference fall sports awards are, from left to right: Bonnie Lane, Sheila West, Mary Wisniewski, Julie Grandell, and Kim Smith. Mary Wisniewski (center) is all-conference volleyball star; the other girls are all-conference hockey stars. Photo by Kathy Grimes.

## Blue Hen Crown Eyed By Redskin Grapplers

"With a little luck, we should have a good chance at the conference crown — as long as we suffer no major injuries," stated Mr. Ed Baker, coach of the 1971-72 wrestling team. "Our strong competition will come from William Penn and Concord," he continued.

Returning senior letterman are Wayne Anderson, Bob Baker, Mike Vanello, and Gary Minker. Returning junior lettermen are Butch Colazzo and Don Meyer.

we could use some back-up men."

Mr. Maurer also noted that the team looks strongest in the light and heavy classes.

The team will hold two scrimmage meets at home, a tri-meet with Delaware and Henlopen champ Smyrna December 27, and a meet with Salines December 29. Both matches begin at 10:30 a.m.

The first conference match of the season will be at Newark January 5. The program will begin at 6:30 p.m.

"We don't have as many boys as 'We'd like,'" commented Assistant Coach Letter Maurer. "We need some 145-150 pound JV's. We could have a tough time with injuries and

with the JV match.

"It's a shame that many football players would qualify, but don't come out," Coach Maurer concluded.

## Coach Eyanson Optimistic; Track Season Looks Good

"The bodies are here, but there is plenty of work to be done," commented Coach Paul Eyanson concerning the winter track team.

The track season will open December 30 with a meet against a strong Northristown team.

The rest of the season is filled out by triangle and relay meets with McKean, Dickinson, Salesianum, and Wilmington. The state meet, held on the University of Delaware indoor track, will top off the season. "Last year's team of 22 looked good," said Mr. Eyanson, "and this year 30-35 boys have come out, including many veterans."

He feels that the strength of the team will lie in the distance events and sprints. He expressed concern for the half mile where the team could be weakest. He also will have an especially difficult job replacing Chuck Rhodes and state record holder Billy Bryan in the pole vault. He feels, however, that Earl Parker and Don Meyer should provide adequate replacements.

Among the members of the team are Mark Armstrong in the shot

put, Robbie Furness and Steve Gendek in the high jump; Preston Jennings and Bernie Dougherty in the mile; and Ryan Deshong in the sprints and low hurdles.

Making some predictions to the spring track season, Mr. Eyanson said, "It will be a good deal like last year. We should be in it. But, of course, we can't afford to lose even two games. If we do we could end 7-2 and third in the conference."

Coach Eyanson and Assistant Coach William Legge are very optimistic about this year's team and think it will go far.

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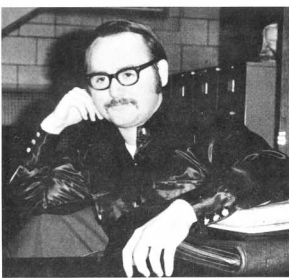
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Gary Delasser pauses for a moment while revealing his unique hobbies and varied experiences. Photo by Mike Goldsmith.

## Senior Gary Delasser Digs Antiques, Books

By Mike Goldsmith

Vital statistics on senior Gary Delasser according to Gary Delasser, are as follows: waist, 37 inches; weight, 180 pounds; hair and eyes, brown.

Gary has a collection of antiques which includes almost everything from a ball whip to a World War II Nazi officer's dress sword. His pride and joy is his "upright Samara 75 rpm record player that's operated by a crank." On this he plays his collection of Uncle Josh records.

Along with collecting and purveying antiques, Gary, an avid reader of science fiction, collects books and magazines. His prize book is *Five of Sitting Bull and the Recent Indian Wars* published in 1898. He also owns complete sets of "Conan the Barbarian" books and of National Lampoon magazine. Gary also owns his own business, a soda machine, from which he nets

about \$4 a week. "It fluctuates according to the temperature, humidity, and relative thirst of the people involved," he stated.

Gary cites his best quality as his "fertile" imagination. "I have no 'worse qualities,'" he added. "They are all thoroughly mediocre." He does, however, admit to health problems. He has bronchial asthma and is allergic to at least 42 different things.

Gary's attitude towards life shows him to be the type of person who takes things as they come. "I just travel down life's highway, and try to adapt to changing traffic conditions," he said jokingly.

Viewing himself 10 years from now, Gary admits, "I don't know what is going to happen to me two weeks from now, let alone 10 years."

His plans for the future include going to college and becoming a teacher or a truck driver.

# Sophs Dominate Honor Roll

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Dickerson, Susan Dunkelberger, James Duran, Roger Fernandes, Bud Finney, Carol Flowers, Deborah Fontello, Deborah Gagnon, Mary Galanes, David Granville, Donald Griffith, Donna Griffith, Kathy Grimes, Donald Haas, Kenneth Hall, Jacquelyn Hayes, Ken Henry, Deborah Hilyard, Wendy Hitchens, Connie Hughes, Patricia Janczewski, Patricia Janiewicz.

Elaine John, Deborah E. Johnson, Deborah M. Johnson, Janet Johnson, Loren Johnson, Edith Jones, Rod Justis, Bonnie Kelley, Robert Kelley, Susan Kusak, Carolyn Kulesa, Robert Kutchen, Bonnie Lane, Jane Larson, Leah Larson, Kathy Lind, Diana Locke, Roger Longest, Patricia Lutz, Jean Mahoney, Kathy Mahoney, Maria Mairano, Susan Maloney.

Tim Malandrucolo, Valerie Martin, Barbara Masarik, Barbara Mason, Susan Mayr, Robin McCay, Sharon McElroy, Sheila McElroy, Jim James McMahon, Vickie McMahon, Marsha Meidling, Terrie Moore, Alice Morgan, Catherine Newlon, Harry Nicholson, Linda Ouley, Michael Paglia.

Albert Papalen, Mark Paris, Sandra Patton, Stephen Poot, James Powell, Jennie Powell, Kathy Price, Suzanne Pyley, Joyce Radzinski, Renaezelli, Maria Robinson, Linda Robinson, Eva Ruiz, Thomas Ryan, Anna Marie Salak, Monica Spay, Gail Sarvis, Paul Saling.

Kathleen Shearer, Pamela Shillingford, Karen Shore, Michelle Sivanich, Nelson Smith, Kathleen Snyder, Deborah Spencer, Cynthia Stabona, Patricia Sleen, Monique Siskin, Elizabeth Szabo, Brenda Thomas, Sharon Toomey, Joyce Turner, Mary White, Diane Wicko, Tom Williams, Brenda Wilson, Joan Witkowski, Pamela Wood.

Junior Elaine Drodzowski, Kristin Fletcher, Candy Frank, Lois Galbes, Dean Gary, Susan Geary, Gail George, Kathleen Graham, Pam Harwood, James Howell, Raymond Griffith, Carol Haigh, Debbie Hayes, Karen Hedrick, Marianne

Hehman, Martha Heining, Toni Hewitt.

Carol Hickman, Diana Hitchens, Linda Hitchens, Beth Ann Holliday, Donna Huff, Linda Hughes, Jessie Jones, Laura Jones, Leigh Knuffman, Beverly Kozkowski, Vicki Langford, Barbara Lantis, Edward La Rock, Barbara Law, Katherine Lynch, Barbara Marciniak, Deborah McCollum, Kathleen McElroy, Rosemarie McElroy, Linda Micicic, John Monaghan.

Diane Myers, Larry Neil, Phillip O'Connell, James Polombo, David Powell, Deborah Quinn, Deborah Scheie, Susan Smyth, Paul Sorensen, Alfred Soward, Karen Stanley, Cathy Strawbridge, Stephen Surawiec.

Daniel Talmo, Patricia Teague, Arthur Tur, Patti Trembino, Robin Roberts, David Robinson, Donna Rose, Roseline Salenti, Andrea Sarnecky, Cindy Scheibe, Lu Venuti, Susan Wade, Keith Wargo, Andrew Wash, Luashang Wang, Susan Wisniewski, Karen Wrightson, and Anna Zabinko.

Rounding off the list are sophomores Kathleen Antonio, Linda Atkinson, Kathleen August, Christopher Baker, Susan Barczewski,

Barbara Becker, William Bennett, Susan Berry, Thomas Bladwin, Patricia Borowski, Katherine Brown, James Brown, Thomas Burke, Donna Dominick, Dorcas Doran, Francis Duda, Gail Eaton, Karen Faux, Laura Fernandes, Paul Fiore, Lu Ann Firch, Deborah Gaunt, Stanley Gork, Debra Graham, Wayne Hall, Lesley Habel, Pamela Hufnagel, Robert Hutayan, Jacqueline Johnson, Jane Johnston, Kristine Lamborn.

Mark LaRock, Yvonne Durham, Melba Galletti, John Hadfield, Janice Marchlewski, Cynthia Martin, Greg McCabe, Deborah McKeever, Sheila McKinney, Thomas Meade, William Michaels, John Moore, Guido Pamboni, Elsie Pappi, Jovite Pili, Deborah Barnes, Eileen Ren, Dawn Reno, Patricia Reynolds, Barbara Rivello.

Jean Sacchetti, Richard Shaw, Anita Smith, Loraine Smith, Jeffery Scores, James Stewart, Barbara Succarotte, Glenn Taylor, Connie Thorp, Ratha Tucker, Diane Van Dyke, Joyce Wagner, Linda Wilson, Donald Wood, Lynne Chericio, and Michael Cuffetelli.

## Student Rights Discussed

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in the development of school rules and regulations.

Under the topic of student government, the board recommends that the student government constitution be approved by a student majority every three years. Also any student government decision arbitrarily vetoed by the administration can be appealed to a committee of students, faculty, and administrators.

According to the unrevised bill, a student being expelled has the right to a private or public hearing and the right to have a legal attorney, witnesses, and the cross examination of a complaining witness. He also has the right to show evidence and to testify for his own defense at this hearing.

The guidelines have also worked their way into the news. They were the topic of the Delaware Scholastic Press Association's press conference aired on Diamond State Profile over channel 12, November 30.

Mr. Robert McBride, president of the State Board of Education, was questioned by editors of 12 high school papers from throughout the state. Senior Rayanne Baron, Smoke Signal editor-in-chief, represented Conard.

Throughout the press conference Mr. McBride stressed the need and importance of student participation

in interpreting the guidelines. "If the philosophy of the administration is to increase the development of the students, it should not oppose the right of student participation in the interpretation of the guidelines," stated Mr. McBride.

When the case of Sussex Center, where the guidelines for the school were written solely by the administration, was brought to Mr. McBride's attention, he urged the students to stand up for their rights and to approach the administration about any parts of the guidelines which they felt had been interpreted unjustly.

Regarding the right of a student to appeal, Mr. McBride feels that only a small percentage of cases should be appealed because too many appeals could cause the system to break down.

Definitions for words like obscene and inflammatory, plans for enforcing the guidelines, and a process for amending the guidelines if they should become outdated, rounded out the discussion.

"One of the problems of the conference," commented Rayanne, "was that there really wasn't enough time to go into detail on any one point. For this reason, all of Mr. McBride's answers were very general and did not say much more than was already known about the guidelines."

## Smoke Signals

By Gail Dickerson

Less cigarette smoke is coming from the faculty rooms lately. Apparently many teachers have "kicked the habit."

Mr. Frank Bonasso, French teacher, quit about six years ago after smoking for 12 to 15 years. He stopped cold after the Surgeon General's report linking cigarette smoking and cancer was released. "I don't regret it and have no desire to smoke again," he stated.

The possible health hazard also changed math teacher Mr. Edgar Baker to a non-smoker after he had smoked for 10 years. "I was concerned about smoking as a health hazard, and so I just quit," he commented.

English and journalism teacher Mr. Raymond Cashe quit about six years ago. "The cancer information had just come out," he stated. "My

kids were in their teens, and I wanted to set a good example. I just quit cold. After the first year, I lost all desire for a cigarette."

Social studies teacher, Mr. George Poole, quit for a different reason. "I stopped two and a half years ago primarily because my wife quit. It was a challenge," he grinned. "I figured if she could stop smoking so could I." He added with a devilish twinkle in his eye that he has no desire for a cigarette, but his wife still does.

Non-smokers, also, have their opinions on smoking. Social studies teacher Mr. Charles McVaugh tried smoking once when he was 13 and has ever since been "thoroughly against it."

History teacher Mr. Jerome Stewart was a little more vocal. "I think it's stupid, dirty, and expensive. I don't want to mess up my

lungs. I want those seven or eight extra years of life smoking is supposed to take away from you," he stated emphatically.

Some teachers have tried to quit and have failed. English teacher Mr. Bernard Geaghan is representative of this group. "Once I tried to give it up for six weeks," he explained, "but I had such a bad temper my wife requested that I start again."

And of course, some faculty members still smoke and are not really concerned about quitting. Among these are Mr. Mathews Sullivan, guidance counselor; Mrs. Eleanor Dill, English teacher; and Mrs. Louise Goddin, theater arts and speech teacher.

"I don't feel any ill effects from the amount of smoking I do," reasoned Mr. Sullivan. "However, I do not think one should smoke to excess."

Mrs. Goddin agrees with the idea. "I smoke a limited amount, only about a pack a week," she stated.



Coach James Pletcher congratulates senior Ryan Deshong and junior Tony Glenn on their selection to the first team All Blue He Conference. Senior Tom DePaul was named a second team all-conference and junior Don Meyer received an honorable mention. Ryan was also placed on the third team all-state. Photo by Rayanne Baron.

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### Babes in Toyland

## Tiny Tots Deck Halls

No, all the toys in room 104 are the remains of a nursery class conducted December 2 and 3 by the child development classes.

The experimental nursery session was held for three periods each day and involved brothers, sisters and friends, between the ages of two and three, of students taking the course.

A total of 25 tots participated in the program: 15, Thursday and 20, Friday.

"I think our main problem was that we had too many students and not enough tots," commented Mrs. Marie Allen, class instructor. "After Christmas I hope to have several sessions involving four- and five-year olds. I would like to see the nursery run for an entire week, but due to my additional teaching responsibilities next semester I will have less time to spend with the nursery."

The students planned the schedule of activities for the nursery which included active play, art and table activities, snack time, and rest time.

Puzzles, puppets, bean bags, dolls, finger paints, and additional play materials were made by the students.

In the spring Mrs. Allen hopes to gain access to a small fenced in area to be used as a playground for the children.

A trailer may be obtained for the nursery next year. Children of the community could attend for a small registration fee.

If the trailer can not be obtained, the nursery will continue to be held in room 104.

According to Mrs. Allen, "the nursery was very successful and the enthusiasm of the girls and cooperation of the faculty and administration was overwhelming."

### School Board News



## School Board Tightens Belt

According to Mr. Leon B. Elder, district superintendent, the financial status of the district is tight.

The School Board decided November 22 to hold a substitute teachers' meeting in January to determine an answer to the problem concerning money needed for substitutes.

"If we spent only \$108.16 a day for substitutes we would have enough for the year," explained Mr. Elder. "But by the end of November we had exceeded the proposed amount for that time (56 teacher days) by \$908.24."

In addition, cafeteria prices in the district had to be raised beginning

December 1 to pay the cafeteria workers their raises which went into effect November 15.

To help alleviate the financial problem "we are asking students and teachers not to use any water or electricity that is not needed," stated Mr. Elder. This includes useless acts such as opening windows in the winter if classrooms are too hot.

The Federation of Delaware Teachers was chosen over the Conrad Area Professional Association as the exclusive negotiating representative for the professional employees of the Conrad Area School District in an election December 8.

### News-in-Brief

## Alice to Debut in January

"Alice in Wonderland" will be presented at the Alfred I. Institute and Conrad district elementary schools by the theater arts class January 13, and 14. The play will be under the direction of theater arts teacher, Mrs. Louise Goddin.

The title role of Alice will be played by Plummer and Melanie Green. Jim Bryner will portray the White Rabbit, The Mad Hatter and the March Hare will be played by Doug Ennis and Pete Barnett, respectively. Terrie Moore and Kathy Price will play the Doo-moo and the Cheshire Cat, respectively.

Other members of the cast are Peggy Carney, Doug Croce, Mike Hillis, Kathy Carey, Tony Williams, Ruth Hopkins, Peggy Cael, Sue Barczawski, Donna Kotowski, Kirk Johnson, Kathy Snyder, Bob Filippowski, Steve Ruark, and Ernie Ercole.

### BAND INVITED TO GERMANY

An invitation to take part in the Olympic Marching Band Tour and Competition in Germany, August, 1972, has been extended to the band. Only ten bands in the United States were nominated to perform on the tour, but it is doubtful that the band will be able to attend because of the \$80,000 cost of the trip.

The band has already raised approximately half of their \$25,000 goal for the Florida trip from the candle, candy, and fudge sales.

The band received a trophy for the best high school band in a parade celebrating the Wilmington Fire Company's fiftieth anniversary.

### Conradians Join

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the heart, and take blood pressures. Along with a movie of the interior of the heart, the Explorers learned how to detect certain malfunctions of the heart by the sound.

"The program gives the students a good opportunity to find out about the many facets of the medical profession. If alloy students to find out more about medicine, so that they can make a better career choice," said Jean Mahoney, who hopes to be a dental hygienist.

Future sessions of the post will include topics such as drug abuse, mental health, nursing, dentistry, and careers in medicine.

Recently, Conradians, students from Newark, Dickinson, McKean, and Christiansa take part in the program. The enrollment, which is 30, is now closed at the Veterans Hospital branch.

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### STUDENT LEADERS CHOSEN

Jenelia Cluffettell, Leigh Kauffman, Pattie Teague, Linda Keith, Lisa Wilson, and sophomores Michelle Lattonis and Lori Smith were chosen student leaders November 18.

Tryouts consisted of leading exercises, teaching skills, taking a written test, and working out on a piece of apparatus.

In November, newly elected student leaders, along with former members of the club, elected senior Connie Hughes vice-president and juniors Marcia Tjaden, Sharon Paula, and Sheila West as secretary, treasurer, and sergeant of arms, respectively. Senior Bonnie Lane was elected president of the club at the end of school last year.

### MR. PALERMO IS CO-AUTHOR

Conrad faculty member Mr. Joseph Palermo has co-authored a booklet entitled, "Tactics of the Peace in Early Delaware."

Mr. Palermo, who teaches United States history, also spoke to a West Chester garden club recently concerning the Brandywine Valley Conservation Workshop.

### CONRADIANS ATTEND FORUM

Seniors Mark Armstrong, Bobby Baker, Debbie Fontello, Kathy Grimes and junior Paul Rizzo represented Conrad in the annual Pilgrimage and Forum, sponsored by the Delaware and Eastern Pennsylvania District of Optimist International, in conjunction with Youth Pageant Week, November 20.

Guided tours of Valley Forge, the Freedom Foundation, and the George Washington Memorial Chapel, highlighted the pilgrimage, while Miss Florrie Fisher, an ex-drag addict who has appeared on three major TV networks, highlighted the dinner and forum held at Western Country Club in Jeffersonville, Pennsylvania.

### RUSSELL HEADS JCL

Senior Vicki Russell was re-elected president of the JCL. Seniors Debbie Tennant and Kathy Dewey were elected vice president and secretary-treasurer respectively.

Saturnalia, a Roman feast held at the end of the year, something like Christmas, will be celebrated this year by the club.

## Drug Training Team Starts Community Aid Program

The drug training team has branched off into two phases, the Community Aid Program and the drug workshops.

"Drugs aren't the only problem students have today," explained Mrs. Marie Stranahan, coordinator of the Community Aid Service. "They have other problems which we are trying to solve."

The Conrad Area School District has broken open up into junior high districts to help with community action. The Richardson Park, Oak Grove and Krebs-Richey districts have been formed.

"Each community district will decide the needs of the community and decide how to meet those needs," stated Mrs. Stranahan.

Suggested Community Aid areas are counseling, Big Sister-Big Brother, temporary living accommodations, emergency food and clothing, and transportation and assistance for the ill or elderly.

High school students are tutoring children in the elementary grades.

Pertaining to this area of aid Mrs. Stranahan stated, "You don't have to be a super-brilliant genius student to work with these kids, you simply have to have interest."

Mr. Tom McKevey, program director of Richardson Park Community Aid Program (CAP), opened Thursday night "rap sessions" which are held at the CAP home to better serve youth of the Richardson Park area.

"We hope to get the programs in action within a few months," announced Mrs. Stranahan.

Mr. Jack Cunn, Mr. John Strobel, and Miss Sibam Shahade have petitioned for \$44,000 of Federal funds to help Community Aid Services for a three-year period.

Drug workshops will be held February 7 and March 18 in the Conrad Area School District.

"The people involved in this program are committed to others in all respects; drug counseling, community aid, whatever the problem is," concluded Mrs. Stranahan.

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